



Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Regional Science Fair

held at Sourcewell in Staples.

(Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fourth place ribbon winners

A number of parents and other interested community members attended the 2019-2020 Regional Elementary Science and Engineering Fair Feb. 25, at Sourcewell in Staples. Pictured above, sixth grader Alaina White (center) stands near the display of her research project, "How the Grand Canyon was formed," for which she received a fourth-place ribbon. She is pictured with her parents, Shawn and Bonnie White from the Leader area. In lower photo, fifth-grader Thomas Johnson and his mom, Natalie Johnson of Staples stand near the display of his research project, "Astronaut Training," for which he received a fourth-place ribbon. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Area needs 265 child care slots

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

A study by First Children's Finance shows a need for 265 more child care slots within the Staples-Motley School District. Of those, 154 are needed in the Staples zip code and 59 in the Motley zip code.

The study was presented at the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting on Feb. 25. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said they are continuing to hold meetings to determine how to best use grant money that has been approved for child care.

Radermacher said the Batcher Block Opera House will be featured in the spring IQ Magazine, published by the Initiative Foundation.

The SEDA board approved purchasing an advertisement in the magazine. Radermacher said if the shovel ready project is approved by the deadline, that will be the focus of the ad.

The board approved a recommendation that Steve Gerten fill the open position on the board. Gerten works at First International Bank and Trust in Staples and will be filling the retail/commercial board position for the SEDA, replacing Doyle Yoder. Wade Bendson of Staples Precision Metalcraft joined the board earlier this year, filling the manufacturing slot on the board. The education slot is being filled by Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe and Central Lakes College Dean Adam Hayashi.

Hayashi told the board that the college has received a Minnesota State Innovation Grant for \$10,000 that will purchase Learn to Live online counseling software available for all CLC students. "You don't have to have insurance, just call, you don't need an appointment," said Hayashi.

Radermacher told the board that the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency was impressed with the effort Staples has put in last few years. "We put in 115 units of housing, which is really an impact for our community," said Radermacher. She said the housing agency has talked about featuring Staples in one of their newsletters.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

Mar. 4	38°	27°	P. Cloudy
Mar. 5	34	15	M. Sunny
Mar. 6	35	23	M. Sunny
Mar. 7	44	31	P. Cloudy
Mar. 8	43	21	Cloudy
Mar. 9	26	14	Snow
Mar. 10	32	18	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

High Low Cond.

Mar. 4	0°	-18°	Sunny
Mar. 5	12	-1	M. Sunny
Mar. 6	10	-16	Sunny
Mar. 7	18	-20	Sunny
Mar. 8	31	10	Sunny
Mar. 9	32	-20	Cloudy
Mar. 10	30	19	Snow

Average Temp.:
H = 33° Low = 7°

Total snow: 53"

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Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Senior killed in snowmobile accident

The Wadena County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call Feb. 29 reporting a snowmobile crash on the river just north of the Wahoo Valley Bar & Grill. The caller stated that CPR was in progress.

Law enforcement and medical personnel arrived on scene and provided medical care to the injured party. Once on scene, it was learned that the snowmobile driver, Paul Weston Peterson, age 18, of Motley, had just been at the Wahoo Valley Bar & Grill with his family and they were leaving the establishment around 1:24 p.m. to continue riding snowmobile.

Peterson took off before the rest of the riders and was found crashed, by his father, less than a minute later. Lifesaving efforts were not successful and Peterson was pronounced dead on scene. He was wearing his helmet at the time of the crash; alcohol was not a factor. Peterson was riding a 2000 Polaris 600XSSP his first time riding a snowmobile.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, Staples Ambulance, Staples First Responders, North Air Care, Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and K&K Towing.

A statement was



Paul Peterson

released by the Staples-Motley School District March 2 stating, "We are saddened to share the news that Paul Peterson, a gifted student-artist at both SMHS and CLC, died this past weekend as a result of a snowmobiling accident while out with his family on Saturday afternoon. Paul was a talented trumpet player and a driven student. He was a friend to many and a mentor to his bandmates.

His parents, Ty and Kelly, own and operate Acorn Hill Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies. Paul was their only child. School faculty were prepared this morning to assist students and staff with their grief.

Arrangements are pending with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Lakewood prepared for COVID-19

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Should there be an outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Minnesota, Lakewood Health System, Staples, is prepared.

Tim Rice, President/CEO at Lakewood, said recently that they are continually working to be prepared for whatever comes their way at LHS...including the coronavirus.

Rice and a few other staff members met with the Staples World March 2, to address this novel (new) coronavirus, answer questions about it, and share what Lakewood is doing and has done to prepare for it.

What is Lakewood doing?

Within the last three months, they've conducted four infectious disease training exercises with staff, noted Rod Opheim, Emergency Preparedness Manager at Lakewood. These drills have taken place at the care center, with the Emergency Department (ED) staff and at Lakewood's satellite clinics.

A handout provided to the Staples World by Matt Jensen, LHS Director of Marketing, also noted the following:

- Every healthcare system in the state is required to have a pandemic preparedness and response plan. Lakewood Health System reviews these plans on an annual basis and in light of current events these plans are front and center in our planning and prepared-

ness process.

- At Lakewood we are employing protective measures to ensure the well-being of both our patients and staff. We ask all patients about their travels, specifically if they have been to China or elsewhere across the globe in the past few weeks.

- Lakewood has at-the-ready, a trained Incident Command Response Team in the event a coronavirus patient were to present at Lakewood Health System.

- Within the last three weeks Emergency Department staff have received respiratory protection and personal protective equipment training needed in the event a coronavirus patient were to present at Lakewood Health System.

- We are in regular contact with our regional emergency preparedness partners and the Minnesota Hospital Association to ensure adequate supplies, information and support if needed.

- Lakewood provides weekly updates to providers and staff regarding influenza and coronavirus to keep them informed and up-to-date.

- Corrine Neisess, Vice President of Nursing, said that to learn more about COVID-19, they recommend people go to the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, located at www.cdc.gov.

- This is where they get a lot of their information, Neisess said, noting that it's a situation that's ever-evolving and Lakewood's staff monitors it daily to ensure they have the very

latest information. "Be careful to go to a credible resource," Neisess cautioned. In addition to CDC, she said that the Minnesota Department of Health is doing a good job at updating people about the coronavirus situation.

What is the COVID-19?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this coronavirus is part of a large family of viruses. These viruses are estimated to cause about one third of all cases of the common cold. The COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus that has not been found in people before. It was first detected in Wuhan, China.

As of March 2, information at CDC notes that in the United States, the total cases of COVID-19 are 43; total hospitalized are 17; and two deaths have been reported as the result of COVID-19. So far, the coronavirus does not seem to have affected children.

Dr. John Halfen, Chief Medical Officer at LHS, noted that in contrast to influenza, which is a known virus, there is no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019.

Symptoms for COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet), via respiratory droplets

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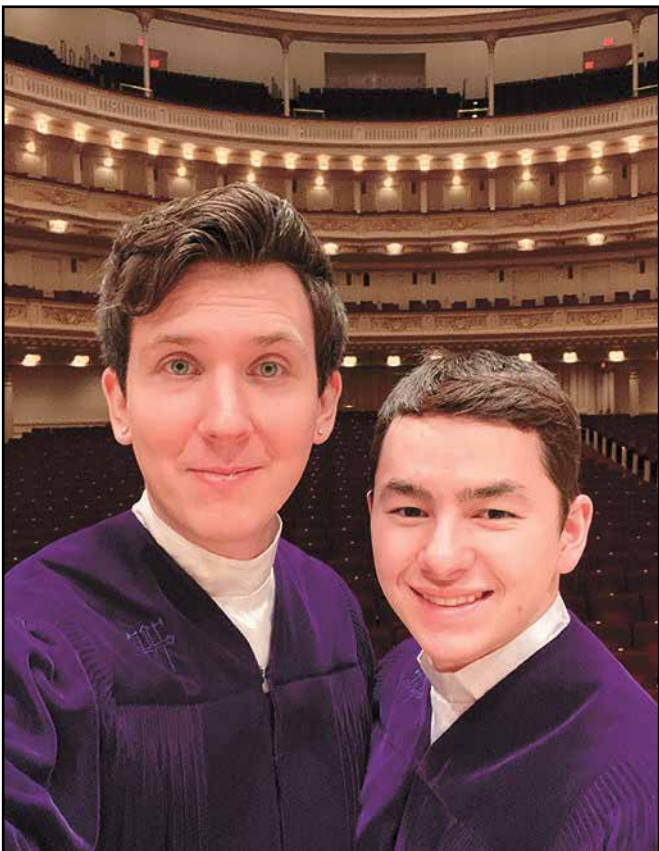
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Staples natives sing at Carnegie Hall



Center photo: Staples-Motley High School alumni Lucas Jimenez (left) and Noah Han had the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City Feb. 6, as part of the St. Olaf Choir under the direction of Anton Armstrong (above). Jimenez graduated from SM in 2016; and Han in 2017.

A few of the young men's family members were able to attend the performance. Pictured below after the concert are, from left, Kathryn Edwards of Staples; Noah Han; Megan Han (SMHS Class of 2015); Lucas Jimenez; Francis Jimenez (SMHS Class of 2008) of New York City; and Tracey Kloeckl-Jimenez of Staples. "The performance was fantastic," Edwards shared, going on to note

that one of the more impressive pieces was "Our Father" with a vocal range that went as low as B-flat two octaves below middle C. The concert at Carnegie Hall was part of the choir's 2020 National Tour. (Submitted photos)



Todd County DFL's scholarship contest

Todd County DFL has announced a \$1,000 scholarship contest for Todd County resident high school seniors and first-year college students.

Qualifying students will be given the opportunity to create a video or written essay about "The Importance of Local Elections."

Applications will be accepted until May

31. Only local elections will be considered and must be non-partisan in nature. Winners will be announced at the Todd County Fair, in local newspapers and on the radio.

For more information on rules and guidelines, email toddcountydfl@gmail.com, or visit the website www.toddcountydfl.org.



A great day to play hockey

With warmer temperatures on the scene, it's been a great time for sports enthusiasts to get outside. On Feb. 25, three heavy equipment students at Central Lakes College in Staples took a break from their studies to enjoy a game

of hockey at the ice rink in Motley. Pictured above, from left, are Brady Berg, Thief River Falls; Kurt Herder, Freeport; and Matt Courtright, North Branch. Below, from left, are Berg and Courtright. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying food and fellowship

A number of people enjoyed a free supper at St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley Feb. 25, that included scalloped potatoes and ham, coleslaw, green beans, and a variety of desserts. The meal was sponsored by CARE Ministry. Pictured above, from left, are Bernie Wartner, Arline Nelson, Maryann Trantina, Lorraine Macho, Pat Biddle, Dee Carlson, Barb Gilstad, Barb Fore. In lower photo, Pat Quance of Staples (far right) goes through the buffet line. Servers included, from left, church volunteers Steve and Betty Lorber. The next CARE Ministry Community Meal will be held Tuesday, March 24, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at Assembly of God Church in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison

County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Feb. 21 - The MPD responded to a report of a domestic incident at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley. Subsequently, Thomas James Avant, 42, was arrested and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Feb. 22 - Deputies from the MCSO were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle complaint. The caller had reported a vehicle that had been driving around and was now parked on the road near the 2000 block of White Pine Ln., Motley. The deputies made contact with the driver, Chloe Alyce Olson from Becker, who had a warrant for her arrest. She was placed under arrest and transported to jail. When asked what she was doing there she stated she had left her friend's house and couldn't get up the hill. She subsequently got stuck. The MCSO noted in their report that the vehicle had a completely shredded tire due to her trying to get out.



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March is Food Share Month

Food shelves in Staples and Motley accepting donations

Staples

Staples Area Food Shelf would like to call attention to the Annual March Food Share Month. During March, Minnesota food shelves conduct their major campaign for funds and food shelf items. The funds and food items collected in March help determine the grant amounts available from Hunger Solutions of Minnesota. The non-donated items are purchased from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank in St. Paul; and Ernie's Market and Jon's Family Foods in Staples.

The Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS) again needs your help "to provide food and essentials for the many families and individuals who need our assistance," said Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS Director. He went on to note that, "This service can only be continued with the very kind and generous donations and support of our service organizations, community, churches, businesses and individuals. This past year, we served 239 new families, 2,819 total individuals, 352 total families, by providing over 65,000 pounds of food items, and other household necessities such as toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap and personal hygiene items."

Donations can be left at your church; and checks can be mailed to the Staples Area Food Shelf, PO Box 82, Staples, MN, 56479 or by calling 218-894-1935 for assistance.

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m.; and the fourth Thursday of the month from 5 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 218-894-1935.

Motley

Minnesota Food Share Month is a unique opportunity that we have each year to truly stretch our dollars, allowing us to feed more people. The Minneapolis Council of Churches has an allocation fund, which matches proportionally the amount of donations received at each local food shelf during the month of March.

Statistics show that nearly one in 11 Minnesotans experience food insecurity and 12.5 percent of children in Minnesota are food insecure, meaning access to adequate food is inconsistent and limited by lack of money and other resources throughout the year. Food insecure households report their diets to be of reduced quality, variety, or desirability; and/or experience disrupting eating patterns and reduced food intake.

A recent survey taken at the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) shows nearly 60 percent of its clients are food insecure. "It's real, we see it every week," said Sherry (Miller) Frisk, Director of the MAFS. "Fifty-seven percent of our clients are households with

children, 39 percent of the households include seniors and live on set incomes. With the reduction in the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) we expect to see the use of our food shelf increase," Frisk said.

Minnesota Food Share envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food, with no struggles of insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly; and we invite you to join in our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our community. The Motley Area Food Shelf purchases their food from Second Harvest Heartland in Brooklyn Center. "From them, we can purchase three-four times the amount of food, to meet our needs."

The Motley Area Food Shelf's goal is to raise \$22,000. "Last year we were able to put more meats, fresh fruit and vegetables in the diets of those in need," Frisk said. "With your help, we believe we can continue to do so. Together, we can build a stronger, healthier community."

According to information from Hunger Solutions Minnesota, 90 percent of people who are food insecure responded 'yes' (in a survey) to having one or more health conditions. These health conditions include high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. Many are overweight.

People interviewed gave a number of reasons as to why they need to use the food shelf. These included:

- Because I am on SSI and \$661 a month covers my bills and that's it.
- Helps feed us and keep us healthy
- Helps fill in the gaps, helps us make it through another month.
- Because times are hard for some single parents
- Because I am retired and live on set income.
- I sometimes need food I cannot afford, especially meat.
- My fiance lost her job and looking for work. So things are very tight. My hours are cut back.
- It helps me between making the food last, so I spend most money on meat.
- I am a seasonal worker.
- We need the food help, both of us out on disability and are low income. Have a hard time making our ends meet from month to month.

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

Both the Motley Area Food Shelf and the Staples Area Food Shelf are thankful for the support they have received in the past and are hoping people will give generously again in 2020.



Motley Food Shelf volunteers

Volunteers help stock shelves each week and assist clients as they fill their carts with food and other items. Pictured above, from left, are Sherry Mudgett, Sherry Miller Frisk and Florence Berndt. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• March 8, 1945 - 'Cushing man is killed in mid-air plane crash,' was the top headline of the week. The outline of the accompanying photo said, "Pilots questioned at crash scene. Willis Snyder, pilot of the plane involved in a mid-air crash with one flown by Royal H. Warinner, explains his version of the accident while Virgil McNabb, pilot of a third plane, examines wreckage where it fell on the Louis Trombley farm, four miles north of Osseo, Minn. Both

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men will be questioned by civil aeronautics inspectors at a hearing Wednesday morning.

• March 8, 1945 - Orvel Gritz, formerly a resident of Staples, but for the past few years a resident of Bancroft, Ia., will be the manager of the Staples Produce Hatchery, according to Mr. Hall of the Staples Produce Co.

Mr. Gritz is now overhauling the equipment of the hatchery and will have it in shape by Friday to begin operation. The Staples hatchery will be in operation soon and will take orders for chicks and custom hatching from farmers of this community from now on.

• March 8, 1945 - Minnesota's State Senate left no doubt this past week that it wants to help farmers of the state get rid of daylight saving. Following passage a week ago by both houses of a resolution asking Congress to repeal the daylight saving law, the senate this week passed a bill, sponsored by Senators J. V. Weber, Henry Wagener and Henry C. Stiening, which will require the state of Minnesota to return to sun time in May regardless of what Congress does on the matter for the nation as a whole.

Pointing out the difficulties which daylight saving have brought to Minnesota farmers, authors of the repeal bill obtained passage of their measure by a vote of 46 to 11. Results in the House doubtless will be much the same.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• March 5, 1970 - A rabid skunk attacked a dog on



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 1, 1945 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.

the Pete Roth farm four miles southeast of Nimrod on the evening of Feb. 16. The skunk's head was sent to be tested and when the results returned positive, Mr. Roth disposed of the dog.

Concerned with the possibility of more rabid animals, the community was quick to act and a dog clinic was organized. On Feb. 26, Dr. Dunne, veterinarian of Wadena went to Nimrod and starting there he went to individual homes as far south as Oylen and was able to vaccinate 21 dogs that day.

• March 5, 1970 - The students taking private voice and instrumental lessons at the Staples school will present a recital Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the cafeteria.

According to Stan Carlson and Mark Evans, directors, the recital will consist of solos, duets and small ensemble groups. It is open to all parents and others interested, with no admission charge.

• March 5, 1970 - On Friday, March 6, millions of people will join in a bond of prayer spanning six continents for the annual observance of World Day of Prayer.

In Staples, this worldwide fellowship will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the United Methodist church. Participating in the celebration will be Mrs. M. A. Kupitz of The Congregational church, Mrs. Eugene Floistad of Faith Lutheran church, Mrs. Duane Hurd of Sacred Heart church and Mrs. Ronald Beachy and Mrs. C. Richard Longbelle of the United Methodist church.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• March 9, 1995 - Nine employees are without work at McKechnie Tool company in Staples, as of Feb. 23. Six individuals were told they were terminated and three were laid off, according to both employees and management. John Tachen, manager of the McKechnie Tooling and Engineering plant located in the city's Airport Industrial Park, said that economic conditions forced what he called "work force adjustment." He said the action amounted to about a 15 percent reduction, leaving the company with around 80 employees in Staples.

• March 9, 1995 - The Staples Motley girls repeated as champs of the Sub Section 4 with a 55 - 49 win Friday night over the previously unbeaten Pequot Lakes Indians. Staples Motley will play Thursday night at Morris, in the second game of the Section 6A girls (basketball) tournament. Their first round

opponent in the 8:30 p.m. game at the University of Minnesota-Morris Fieldhouse, will be Minnewaska.

• March 9, 1995 - Cardinal Junior Eric Kramer finished third Saturday in the state wrestling tournament, avenging a loss suffered earlier in the meet with a 3-0 win in the finals.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• March 11, 2010 - Ann and Robb Peterson of 275th Ave. just south of Staples had a surprise visitor just before 5 p.m. Tuesday. A pickup driven by Tim Mears of Staples left Hwy. 210 on the curve, crossed a ditch and the avenue before crashing into the side of their two-car garage. Mears was taken by Staples Ambulance to the Lakewood Health System Hospital.

• March 11, 2010 - Cass County authorities and the family of a missing Leader-area man are increasing and extending the reward in the hopes it may lead to new clues about his disappearance.

Peter Achermann, age 82, was last seen in the Staples Motley area July 24, 2009. His vehicle was located the following day on a minimum maintenance road roughly five miles northeast of Staples in Becker Township in Cass County.

The reward of up to \$20,000 is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for Achermann's disappearance, if it is determined it happened as the result of foul play.

• March 11, 2010 - Staples Motley forward Derek Wolhowe found his scoring range last week, leading the Cardinal boys cage team to wins over Detroit Lakes and Sebeka with some of his best point production of the year.

Behind the 29-point scoring of Wolhowe, the Cardinals defeated Sebeka 69-66 Friday night in a Staples gym that was packed with basketball fans, the last to arrive standing behind the top row of seats.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Feb. 15, 1990 edition of the Staples World, featured officers in the Staples FFA chapter and two of the Minnesota FFA officers at a recent FFA gathering. In front are State Treasurer Jeremy Freking and State President Michael Busch. In back are Mark Uhlenkamp, Kirk Janssen, Secretary Marci Mertens, Sentinel Darla Davis, President Keith Olander and Advisor Kerry Lindgren. Not pictured were Treasurer Brenda Fonteyn and Reporter Kory Kruse.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified everyone in the back row, except for Darla Davis whom she thought was Jeanne Hawley. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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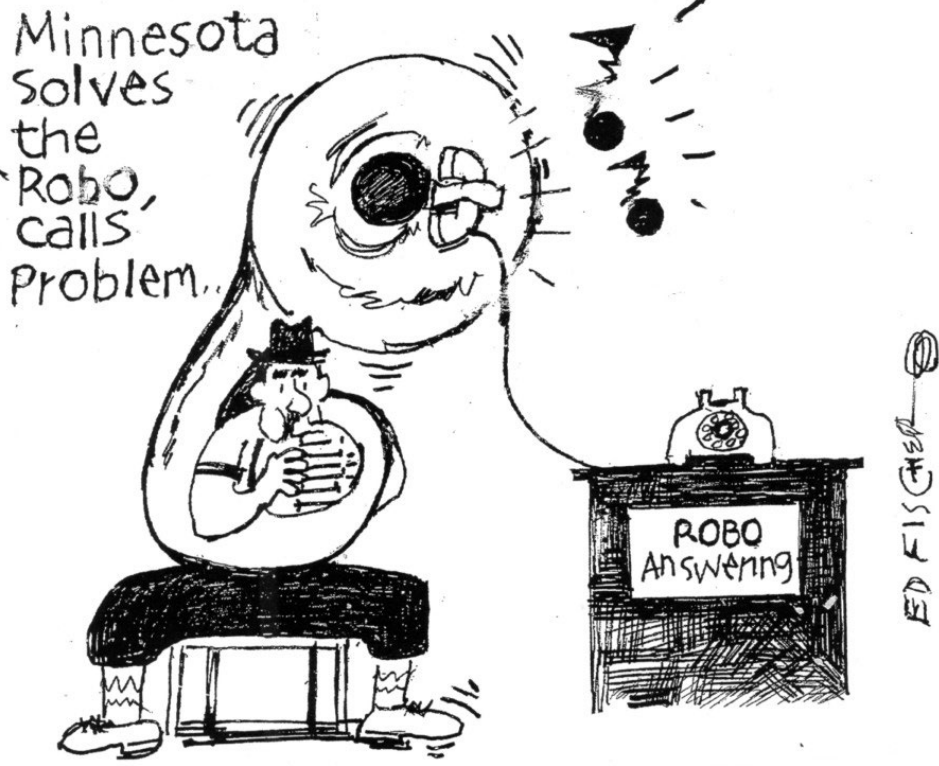
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Gazelka gives update on Minnesota session

Legislative update from Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, District 9

The first two weeks of session have sped by – I’m grateful to those who have reached out on many issues coming up this year as well as to those who have made it up to the Capitol for their Day on the Hill. The passion our citizens have for their organizations and the issues impacting their communities is encouraging and infectious. Their stories matter significantly to their legislators.

I want to take a moment to discuss a few issues that have come up more frequently. I have received many calls, texts, letters, and emails and I hope this newsletter serves as a helpful response.

Red Flag Laws / Universal Background checks

I said this last year, and I will repeat it this year: the Senate will not pass any Red Flag Laws or Universal Background checks that the House is trying to force on law-abiding firearm owners in Minnesota. Many have expressed concerns about different reports being pushed – by Minnesota Gun Rights, Minnesota Right to Life, MAGAsota and Trump Club of MN – I would encourage everyone to go to mnsccammers.com to find out the truth of these false reports.

Loon Protection

Due to the oil spills in recent years – the Valdez oil spill and the BP oil spill in 2010 – the resulting lawsuit money was sent to various states for Loon studies. Loons are an integral part of Minnesota’s natural environment, and the Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency (MPCA) received \$1.2 million in funding for their Get the Lead Out program to help protect our beloved State bird. Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen brought the MPCA into his committee, the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Finance Committee, to report on where and how they were using that money. Commissioner Laura Bishop complied and as a result, Senator Ingebrigtsen removed his concerns.

Presidential Primary Election Data Protection

Several of you have expressed concerns about your privacy as you prepare to participate in the primary elections. This first came about in 2016 – Senator Ann Rest carried a bill, SF 2985-Rest, which changed us from a caucus system to a primary. More importantly, the bill allowed the voter data collected to be public data. The final vote 46-11 passed the bill. I voted against the passage of this bill – as did several other Republicans.

Because we want to protect the personal data of Minnesotans, the Senate Republican Caucus passed a law in 2019 that enacted stricter data privacy on voter information. We took the presidential nomination primary data out of the Public Voter Information List and ensured the info was only shared with the major parties.

We are currently working on a solution to make our voter data even more protected in this situation. Senator Mary Kiffmeyer has introduced SF 3482 – a bill that would protect the privacy of Minnesotans who choose to participate in the presidential primary elections. Here’s a link to

her press release outlining the bill, and I will provide updates as this develops – we are working with anyone who would like to be heard and are listening to all sides of the argument to present the best option to protect voting data in Minnesota.

A few quick facts: a voter can vote for any person (under any party) during the general election. They are not bound by their Presidential Primary party choice when casting a ballot in November. Only major parties are eligible for the Presidential Nominating Primary. The Republican and Democrat Parties submitted candidates. The other two major parties notified they will not participate in the primary, which is their right under the law. I also want to make sure that everyone is aware that who you choose on your ballot, regardless if you cast a Democrat or Republican ballot, is not collected data. The only information collected is which party’s ballot the voter chose. A Democrat could vote in the Republican presidential primary or vice versa.

Conclusion

As we move through these short few months of the 2020 Legislative Session, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have with a State or Legislative issue, and I will do my best to help.

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Letters to the Editor

Daylight savings should not be permanent

For many years, educators and legislators have discussed school start times to be later for the benefit of students. Now there’s a bill in our state legislature to make daylight savings time permanent year round. While this may seem great in the summer months, the health effects on all of us are negative.

Students will be starting school an hour earlier, rather than later. And no, we do not get used to this because our circadian rhythms (natural sleep/wake patterns) are based on light and dark, not on man’s clock. Noon is noon, no matter what the clock

says. Studies have shown students’ performance suffers when they start school earlier.

Buses start picking up students between 6:30 and 7 a.m. During December and January, many students are getting picked up in the dark. This isn’t really safe for students or bus drivers, as it doesn’t get light until 8 a.m. when they’re getting dropped off at school.

If we stay on daylight time, these dark morning pickups will extend from October through March. Students and teachers will be in their classrooms for an hour before daylight arrives.

This is a quote by Dr. Andrew Stiehm, Allina Health sleep specialist at the United Lung and Sleep Clinic in St. Paul, who says that change isn’t good for the body.

“That’s been well-defined medically as having conse-

quences. We know the incidents of heart attacks rises by about 15-25 percent the week after we spring forward,” said Stiehm. “Light is what tells us it’s the day. Light is what tells us to wake up, we need that light in the morning. And shifting it more to the afternoon makes our mornings harder.”

That’s why the backers of daylight saving time aren’t usually from the medical community.

“The general consensus among the scientists are that our bodies are much more in tune with standard time than they are daylight saving time,” said Stiehm.

Contact your legislators and let them know you would like the healthier, safer standard time as our year around time.

Norma Elvine
 Staples, Minn.

Township day March 10

Nearly one million township residents in Minnesota will have the opportunity to participate in their local government by attending their township’s upcoming Annual Meeting.

On Township Day, held this year on Tuesday, March 10, citizens attending their local township meeting will discuss issues

with their town board and vote on their annual tax levy. Many townships hold their township officer elections on Township Day as well.

This is true grassroots government, as township residents have an annual face-to-face meeting with their locally elected officials and the right to vote up or down the tax levy proposed by those officials.

If you are a township resident, I encourage you

to take advantage of this exercise in participatory democracy. Mark your calendar, find the location and time by checking your local newspaper or contacting your township clerk, and bring your neighbors to your annual meeting on Township Day, March 10.

David W. Hann
 Executive Director,
 Minnesota Association of
 Townships

MN Chamber: use surplus to grow jobs

Minnesota Chamber President Doug Loon issued the following statement in response to Minnesota’s budget forecast:

“Minnesota is enjoying its seventh consecutive year of budget surpluses, the state’s two-year budget is set and the rainy-day reserves exceed \$2 billion.

Taxpayers should be the priority in deciding how to use the budget surplus in the 2020 legislative session.

“Policymakers have an opportunity to enact a tax reform that received bipartisan support in the 2019 session and will encourage small businesses and farmers to invest in and grow

their operations. The Minnesota Chamber, as leader of the Invest in Minnesota coalition, calls on legislators to join the majority of other states that have fully conformed to the federal income tax business expensing rules.”

We must address America’s child care crisis

By: U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

One of the biggest concerns that I hear from constituents here in Minnesota is the lack of access to affordable, quality child care. Indeed, our state ranks fourth in the country for having the most expensive child care – behind only California, Massachusetts and Washington, DC.

Throughout our state I’ve heard from parents who have had to make difficult decisions just to get their children quality care. Many parents have left the workforce entirely because the cost of child care would mean they’d either lose money or just break even paying for child care while they worked.

And it’s not just a matter of affordability – even parents who have the resources for child care can’t always find a licensed facility to watch their children. Today, more than half of Americans reside in areas classified as “child care deserts.” These are communities that have more than three children for every licensed child care slot.

The lack of available child care in our state was even highlighted nationally when in December The Washington Post wrote about the struggles families in Northern Minnesota have with finding any child care.

Lack of quality, affordable child care is also holding back the economy in parts of our state where businesses can’t attract potential workers because care is either unavailable or unaffordable in the area. Millions of working families pay more for child care than they do for their mortgage, college tuition, or even food every month and many more do not have access to licensed care at all.

This is clearly a challenge facing far too many families here in Minnesota and across the country. That’s why I teamed up with Alaska Senator Dan Sullivan and Minnesota Representative Collin Peterson to introduce the Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Our legislation would provide incentives for states and communities to develop and expand the child care workforce or child care facilities, increasing the availability and affordability of quality child care in areas that need them the most.

One such community with an innovative

approach to this crisis is Benson, where I met with city officials, community agencies and local businesses who’d worked together to create a child care center within an unused portion of the local high school. Their approach greatly reduced the cost associated with paying for rent, utilities and maintenance so that the child care center could focus on staffing and care, significantly lowering the cost for local families.

Benson’s model was so successful that the center is now at nearly full enrollment, serving over 125 children. In 2018, the community approved a ballot measure to expand the facility and provide even more children with quality care at an affordable price.

We need more communities to be able to do what Benson has done. The bipartisan Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act is one way to help ensure that more families have options available to them when planning for their careers and their children. And we shouldn’t stop there. I have also cosponsored legislation to ensure that no family making under 150 percent of their state’s median income spends more than seven percent of their income on child care and to provide workers with up to 12 weeks of paid family leave solutions that would make a big difference to working families. Affordable, quality child care must be available to every family. Child care shortages across the country pose a moral and financial issue for communities when parents are forced to decide between working and staying at home with their children. This is an issue that is far too costly to ignore.

Quote of the week

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people’s thinking.” — Steve Jobs

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Author Allen Eskens to join book club discussion via Skype

Minnesota author Allen Eskens will join the Books, Bites & Brews book club via Skype at their March 19 meeting at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 6 p.m. so food and drinks can be ordered before the program begins.

The book club is reading "The Life We Bury" by Eskens for their March selection. A limited number of copies are available at the Staples Public Library or it can be ordered online through the Great River Regional Library system and picked up at the library.

"The Life We Bury" tells the story of Joe Talbert, a junior at the University of Minnesota, who receives a class assignment to write a biography of someone who has lived an interesting life. At a nursing home he meets Carl Iverson, a man dying of cancer who has been medically paroled after spending thirty years in prison for the murder of a fourteen-year-old girl. Carl agrees to tell Joe his story, and Joe sets out to unravel the tapestry of the thirty-year-old murder. The book is full of tension, twists and turns, and has a powerful, climactic ending.

A reviewer from Suspense Magazine wrote,

"Set against the backdrop of a brutal Minnesota winter, 'The Life We Bury' is much more than a satisfying, suspenseful novel. This story kept me turning the pages, and it touched my heart. The characters are as real as my next-door neighbors, the story compelling, and the writing superb."

"The Life We Bury" has won the Rosebud Award for Best First Mystery Novel; the Barry Award for Best Paperback Original Novel; and the Silver Falchion Award for Best First Novel: traditional. It was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best First Novel; the Anthony Award for Best First Novel; the Minnesota Book Award for Best Genre Fiction; and the Thriller Award for Best First Novel.

Allen Eskens is the bestselling author of "The Life We Bury," "The Guise of Another," "The Heavens May Fall," "The Deep Dark Descending," "The Shadows We Hide," and "Nothing More Dangerous." He is the recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award (Left Coast Crime), and Silver Falchion Award and has been a finalist for the Edgar Award, Thriller Award, and Anthony Award. His books have been translated into 26 lan-



Allen Eskens

guages and his novel, "The Life We Bury" is in development for a feature film.

Eskens has a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota and a law degree from Hamline University. After law school, he studied creative writing in the M.F.A. program at Minnesota State University-Mankato, as well as the Loft Literary Center and the Iowa Summer Writer's Festival. He grew up on the hills of central Missouri. He now lives with his wife, Joely, in greater Minnesota where he recently retired after practicing criminal law for 25 years.

The Books, Bites & Brews book club is organized by the Friends of the Staples Public Library. For more information email FOSL56479@gmail.com.



First place trophy for team at Walker

The Staples Motley speech team placed first out of 37 teams at the 47th Annual Chuck Beckman Speech Invitational meet held in Walker Feb. 29. The second place team was Melrose; third place went to Bemidji. There were 37 teams in attendance, and 605 entries.

Placing first in their categories were Luke Bates, Humor; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, Duo and Caden Mrazek, Storytelling. Second place winners were Lilly Niemi, Informative and Alex Brings, Great Speeches. Third place winners were Jack Tyrell, Discussion; Iain Sams and Cy Johnson, Duo and Samantha Mrazek, Prose. Fourth place honors went to Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, Duo; fifth place

medals went to Samantha Mrazek, Ex. Reading; Torii Nienow, Informative; Caden Mrazek, Humor and Connor Judd and Jaydon Friedel, Duo; sixth place finishers were Alex Brings, Original Oratory and Luke Bates, Poetry. In honor finals, second place went to Ari Brings, Great Speeches and she placed third in Original Oratory. Placing fifth in honor finals were Brooke Ferdon, Discussion and Cy Johnson, Drama. Placing sixth in honor finals of both Humor and Storytelling was Laken Hines. Red ribbons for Excellence winners were AJ Nienow and Jacob Schmitz in Humor, Jaydon Friedel in Prose and Keegan Bestland in Storytelling. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

Mark Your Calendar

March

- POLAR PLUNGE March 6
- MS DANCE March 6, 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- MS PLAY MATINEE March 12
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 13, 7 p.m.
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 14, 2 p.m.
- FFA CHAPTER BANQUET March 15
- HS CHOIR CONCERT March 16, 7 p.m.
- MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS March 19, 8 a.m., cafeteria
- MS BAND & CHOIR CONCERT March 19, 7 p.m.
- REGIONAL SPELLING BEE March 25, at Sourcewell

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

Easter eggs, crafts classes offered at SM Community Education

Staples-Motley Community Education offers a variety of classes and activities for lifelong learners. Activities for March are listed.

• Kids Ceramic Easter Eggs. Saturday, March 17, 9:30 - 11 a.m., SM High School art rm. Instructor: Karen Moyer. All ages welcome. If 12 or younger, a parent should accompany to assist.

Jewish festivals observed

Three major festivals in Judaism will be observed in the coming months. These include the Festival of Passover on April 8 - 14; Shavuot on May 20 and 31; and Sukkot on Oct. 3 - 10.

For more information, or to observe these festivals with others in the area, call Michael at 218-766-8176.

• Funny Bunny Deviled Egg Tray. Monday, March 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., SM High School art rm. Instructor: Karen Moyer. All ages welcome. If 12 or younger, a parent should accompany to assist.

Stay tuned... Summer Rec Brochure will be hitting your mailboxes in early April.

For class descriptions and rates or to register see the Community Education website www.isd2170.k12.mn.us Click on "Webstore". You can also register in person at the Community Education office, located on the northeast side of the high school, Centennial Auditorium entrance (door #1). Office hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

March 4

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 15, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

March 5

STAPLES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #70 Mtg Thursday, March 5, 1 p.m., at the Staples Lions Bldg. Regular mtg. Must approve budget and will have memorial service for lost members. Bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for the food shelf. For info., 218-894-2254.

March 17, 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tuesday, March 17, 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, Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

Thank you... for reading the Staples World

By Todd County SWCD

Farmers, got your corn combined yet? The Todd County SWCD 2020 Feedlot Meeting and Farmer Appreciation Buffet is betting on the fact that many of you do not. The theme for the 2020 meeting is "Too Wet Behind the Ears!" (Corn ears, of course.) It may seem that rules and regulations for feedlots, farms and livestock owners are a little wet behind the ears.

This year's meeting will be held at Central Lakes College in Staples on March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Find out a little more about

why and how these rules are established. We will run a live MinnFARM with farmer participation to see first hand the tools used to determine the compliance rating at your farm. Is it all wet? You decide. Hear from the Senior Climatologists, Kenny Blumenfeld, if corn is predicted to be "too" wet in years to come and other precipitation trends. Hear from Kent Solberg how to best operate a beef farm with the soil and precipitation factors in mind, his recommendations and research for those who are starting up or who are transitioning from dairy to beef opera-

tions, a trend itself right here in Todd County. Mike Starkey, MDA, will speak on a trend we don't want which is the spread of foreign animal disease. In a presentation titled, "It is Not If, It is When", Mike will discuss the realities behind Foot and Mouth Disease in bovines and the Asian Swine Flu.

Extension will be present to discuss the Secure Supply programs in animal production. Other topics, door prizes and a catered meal are in store for the 2020 Feedlot Meeting. Call 320-732-2644 to reserve a seat.

Have You HEARD?

Presented by Brian Hillesland, BC-HIS



IRON DEFICIENCY AND HEARING PROBLEMS

While there is no evidence that anemia causes hearing loss, several studies have found a link between certain iron deficiency anemia (IDA) and loss of hearing. Iron helps our blood carry oxygen. The tiny hairs in our cochlea that translate sound require a healthy flow of oxygen-rich blood to survive. When the hair cells are deprived of the proper amount of oxygen, they die and cannot be regenerated. This results in permanent damage to our hearing. IDA can affect anyone. Often there are no symptoms, although some people do feel shortness of breath, lethargy, or chest pains. For most people, a healthy diet that includes iron rich foods like poultry, seafood, leafy vegetables, and beans can resolve an iron deficiency.

New research suggests that certain nutrients may actually decrease your risk of developing hearing loss. For example, potassium plays a large role in the way that the inner ear functions and converts sounds into signals for the brain to interpret. Visit us at 17474 STATE HWY 371, BRAINERD, for a free hearing test...the first step to better hearing. Call 1-800-458-0895 for an appointment. PREFERRED HEARING provides this information as a public service. If we become aware of any unusual condition during a hearing consultation that warrants additional professional attention, we can provide an expert referral.

P.S. People with iron-deficiency are twice as likely to have hearing loss than those without the disorder.

PREFERRED Hearing Aid Center

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Kindergarten ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Thursday, March 12th 5:00-7:00 p.m. Staples-Motley Elementary School 1025 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479

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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 7 & 8 at 1:15 pm

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"THE CALL OF THE WILD"
Held Over 3rd Week!
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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
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Hello World

Obituaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

80th

Birthday Party/ Open House for Butch Goltz

Happy Birthday Butch Goltz

Sunday, March 8
Community Center, Staples, 1-4 p.m.
(No gifts, please)

Staples World newspaper deadline for news, copy, advertising is Friday by noon.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Roni and Jacob Denning of Staples, a baby boy, Asher Jackson weighing nine pounds, 13 ounces on February 21, 2020.

Born to Chelsea and Christian Ornelas of Baxter, a baby boy, Mateo Bryant weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on February 22, 2020.

Born to Jenessa Bock of Brainerd, a baby boy, River Rainier Leroy weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on February 22, 2020.

Born to Hailey and Tyler Muehler of Wadena, a baby boy, Colton Thomas weighing nine pounds, four ounces on February 22, 2020.

Born to Amber Wendt and Lucas Nelson of Motley, a baby girl, Riley Katherine weighing six pounds, nine ounces on February 22, 2020.

Born to Logan Hanson and Cody Drone of Staples, a baby girl, Harper Grace weighing five pounds, 14 ounces on February 26, 2020.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Alexandra Borcher and Mitchel Norwood of Browerville a baby boy, William Kenneth Norwood weighing eight pounds, three ounces on February 21, 2020, at Tri-County Health Care hospital in Wadena. Siblings are James and Anne.



Loren Vetsch



Loren Arnold Vetsch, 63, of rural Monticello and formerly of Browerville passed away February 21, 2020 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 28, at St. Albert's Catholic Church in Albertville.

Loren was born Jan. 29, 1957 in Princeton, to Cletus and Delphine (Kasper) Vetsch. He graduated from St. Michael-Albertville

High School in 1975. On November 16, 1991, he married Kristin M. Schacht at St. Albert's Catholic Church in Albertville. God blessed their marriage with two children.

For 20 years, Loren had a hobby farm near Browerville. He raised beef cattle, a garden and chickens. Loren enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors and playing cards with friends. He was known for always having a joke and would do just about anything to make people laugh. The biggest joy in his life was being a father to Jake and Megan and being Papa to Brecken.

Survived by his loving wife; one son, Jacob Loren (Chelsey) Vetsch of Motley; one daughter, Megan Marie Vetsch of Monticello; one grandson, Brecken; five siblings, Ronald Vetsch of Buffalo, Betty (Phillip) Horsch of Monticello, Patty (Gary) Lenz of Albertville, Marvin (Brenda) Vetsch of Silver Lake and Keith (Tara) Vetsch of Winsted; brother-in-law, Ed Brabec of Howard Lake; father-in-law, Waldo Schacht of Annandale; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Aaron (Lynn) Schacht, Stephanie (Jeff) Kraus of Kasson, Bethany (Mark) Boyat of Maple Grove, Melanie Schacht of Champlin, Mary Schacht of Annandale, Angela (Jeff) Bergstrom of Maple Lake, Colleen (Jeremy) Wallen of Stockholm, WI and Arleen Schacht of Minneapolis; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Annette Vetsch and Dorothy Brabec; two brothers, Allen and Mark Vetsch; mother-in-law, Carol Schacht and brother-in-law, Chuck Schacht.

Casket bearers were Randy Horsch, Andy Vetsch, Scott Brabec, Danny Brabec, Weston Vetsch, Kyle Vetsch and Jeff Lenz.

Arrangements were with the Peterson Chapel St. Michael-Albertville Funeral Home, www.thepetersonchapel.com.



Russell Johnson

Russell "Russ" D. Johnson, 83 of Plymouth passed away February 13, 2020, in his home in Sarasota, Florida, surrounded by family.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020, at 11 a.m. at The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN, 55318 (612-624-2200).

He was born in Pontiac, MI, on November 12, 1936, to Lymond and Marie (Schintgen) Johnson.

Russ served two years in the U.S. Army, then developed his career by working on commercial masonry projects. He was passionate about working as a bricklayer and stone mason. Russ was a self-employed contractor for over 50 years and specialized in building artistic stone fireplaces. He was a masterful craftsman who took pride in perfecting his work. The scrape of a trowel against the brick and mortar and the clink of the chisel while he sculpted stone will always be fond reminders of him.

He was a devoted and loving family man who enriched so many lives with his charismatic presence and sense of humor. Russ cherished his children and nine grandchildren, who called him "Papa", and he supported them in their sports, music, camps, school activities and other endeavors. Other special memories include family time at the cabin on Lake Alexander and winter breaks in Sarasota. He had a sense of adventure and loved tennis, fishing, family dinners and bargain hunting.

The last few years of his life were compromised by a rare lung condition. He faced his mortality with bravery, dignity and a healing spirit.

Russ is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bonnie; five children, Brian (Jenny), Amy (Paul), Melissa (Michael), Lori (Ray), Eric (Michele); nine grandchildren, Sam, Taylor, Joe, Ella, Ike, Eva, Jordy, Jack, Leo; six siblings, Bob (Eloise) Johnson, Jeanne (Don) Peterson, Ron (Bev) Johnson, Chuck (Paula) Johnson, Kevin (Dian) Johnson, Mary Kay (Mike) Ming.

He was preceded in death by parents; three brothers, Doug, Terry and Bill and two sisters, Joan and Peg.

Memorials for "access to food" programs can be made to Hope in a Backpack, 8109 Camminare Dr., Sarasota, FL, 34238, or Interfaith Outreach, 1605 County Rd. 101 N., Plymouth, MN 55447.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081

Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609

Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571

Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546

Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296

Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033

Saturday Worship.....10:45 am.
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923

Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2372

Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
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

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1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
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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.....320-749-2583

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
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cy 34 to Cy. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com

Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert

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

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

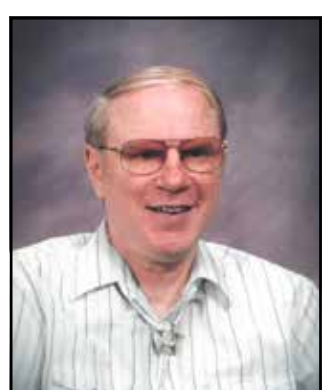
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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 Cy Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.



Dennis Hall

Dennis "Denny" D. Hall, 77, of Staples died February 27, 2020 at Lakewood Health System's Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held March 3, 2020, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Robin Collins officiating.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Denny was born September 5, 1942 in Staples to Leonard and Helen (Rachow) Hall. He grew up on the family farm and enjoyed doing chores. He would remind his brother "you got to think in the future." Denny found his faith at a very young age and held onto his Christian passion throughout his life. One of his last requests was a sermon. Denny enjoyed playing games, listening to country and gospel music. He always had a positive attitude on life and lived each day to its fullest. Denny will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Denny is survived by one brother, Roger (Jeri) Hall of Fridley; one sister, Charleen Sadusky of Holiday, FL; five nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

"The Free Gift of God"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 6:23 ESV

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. -1 Thessalonians 4:14

February 28 - I received word this morning that a longtime member of Trinity congregation had died during the night. His death was not unexpected. But for me it serves as a reminder of why Christians celebrate both Lent and Easter.

Lent is traditionally a dark period in the Church calendar. During this time we reflect upon the darkness of our sin; it's impact on our own lives and the lives of those around us. But the real focus is upon our Lord Jesus Christ. It is upon His saving work - His incarnation; His tempting by the devil and His not falling to the devil's schemes; His obedience

to God's Law and to the Father's will that took Him to the cross; and of course His suffering and death, offering Himself as a sacrifice for sin, to bear God's judgment that sin - yours and mine - deserved.

My church member died because he was a sinner. The same will one day be true for you and me. It's what we deserve, what we've earned; death and condemnation. But because of Christ, because of His sinless life, His suffering, death and resurrection; through faith in Him it is not what we will receive. By God's grace we are given the gift of eternal life - because of Jesus. Even though we will one day die, we have the promise that because Jesus died and rose again, we too will be raised up to live eternally with the Lord. My Church member believed this promise.

Sin and death - resurrection and life; Lent and Easter; God's free gift in Jesus Christ.

To the glory of God. Amen.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN
218-894-3794

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value
"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

The Family of

Vern Johnson

wishes to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support, messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We especially wish to thank Dr. Benson for all the years you cared for him; the Hospice Care team for your caring and loving ways. You gave him respect and dignity... you are truly angels. The Brenny Family Funeral Home who helped ease the pain of our loss and grief. It will be impossible to thank all concerned individually... please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our heartfelt appreciation.



At the Winter Workshop

Farmers and ranchers who attended the recent Winter Workshop presented by the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council had the opportunity to hear from experts in the field, as well as exchange ideas and information with others in attendance. Pictured above, Jon Giberson (left) a board member of the Cass County Farm Bureau (one of the event sponsors) speaks with Mitchell Janson, Wadena County Soil & Water; and Jake May, a Long Prairie producer who stopped by

his information booth. Pictured below enjoying a lunch catered by Timbers in Staples are, from left, Sheila Boldt of Brainerd, Crow Wing County Soil & Water Conservation District; Nancy Benson of Nimrod, Wadena County Soil & Water Conservation District; Ken LaPorte of Pillager, Cass County Soil & Water Conservation District; Tom Kuschel, Cass County rancher; and Molisa McCoy, Pine River, farmer. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Marketing opportunities panel

Dozens of farmers and ranchers attended the 2020 Winter Workshop sponsored by the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council. Held at Central Lakes College in Staples Feb. 20, the workshop was entitled, "Top Dollar Marketing." Pictured above, a question and answer session is held following the morning panel, 'Marketing Opportunities.' The

panelists included Mitch Barthel, Perham Stockyard; Walker Kahrer, Thousand Hills Cattle Company; and Bobbie Hendrix, NFO. Vickie Kettlewell (at far right on the stage), public relations officer for the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council, served as moderator. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



First in General Livestock 4-H

The local Todd County 4-H team traveled to Crookston Feb. 1 to participate in the Northern MN Project Bowl. The team competed in the General Livestock category. Seven other 4-H General Livestock teams were represented with the local team awarded first place. The team will now head to state competition on March 7.

Above, left to right with their plaques, team members Bernadette Sauer, Joseph Sauer (Golden Gophers 4-H) Nathan Trantina (A-1 4-H) and Rebecca Berscheit (Golden Gophers 4-H). (Submitted photo)

Todd County Board, SWCD hold joint meeting

By Karin L. Nauber
karin@inhnews.com

Every year the entire Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisors meet in a joint session to discuss SWCD business.

After the February 18, 2020 meeting was called to order by both boards, SWCD Manager, Deja Anton gave the 2019 Annual Report, a presentation of the annual work plan and the SWCD trust fund account and policy and information about the Long Prairie One Watershed One Plan.

Anton also gave a staffing update.

In other business

- Approved the retirement of Nancy Becker. She has served as an administrative assistant for the past 32 years in the sheriff's office.
- Approved; for the American Legion 417 Jacobson Post Little Sauk Legion:
 - One day dance license for July 11, 2020
 - One day on sale temporary liquor license for July 11, 2020
 - One year club on sale and Sunday liquor license effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.
- Approved; for the Clarissa Ballroom effective April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021:
 - One year on sale and off sale 3.2 malt liquor license
 - One year dance license
 - One year set-up license
 - One year wine license (including strong beer)
- Approved a seasonal on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Greystone Golf Club effective April 1, 2020 through October 1, 2020.
- Approved a one year off sale, on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Hub Supper Club, the Long Prairie Country Club and Rhodes Midway Bar and Grill; all effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.
- Approved a gambling permit for the Main Street Ducks Unlimited to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Supper Club on March 28, 2020.
- Approved; increase for the 4-H Extension Educator from .875 Full-Time

Equivalent (FTE) to 1.00 FTE.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that he had done some research and found that for every \$1 spent in extension, the return on the investment was \$6-\$7.

- Approved; Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) agreement for the detour of Hwy 71 when the bridge near the former bowling alley is replaced.

The detour will be to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 56, also known as Riverside Dr. MnDOT will reimburse Todd County \$1,185.24 for the road life used by the detour.

- Set the spring road meeting for April 14, at 9 a.m. to be held at the Long Prairie shop.

- Public Works Engineer Loren Fellbaum also shared that they had been approved for a 2024 Federal Transportation Block Grant for work to be done on CSAH 2. The grant amount is \$1,080,000. The county will be responsible for approximately \$250,000 additionally to complete the project.

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit application from Thirteen Acres, Inc. in Burtrum to increase the total number of animal units from 492 to 552 with the following conditions:

1. Land application of manure must be done in accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 7020 rules.

2. Feedlot owner shall abide by all other applicable federal, state and local rules.

- Approved the job description update of the child support supervisor to financial support services supervisor.

The financial support services supervisor plans, implements and supervises staff within the Financial Support Services Unit under the direction of Unit Manager Lisa Chapin.

The supervisor role includes supervising department staff, programs, providing budgetary and financial monitoring for a group of services and collaborating and coordinating programs with county, community resources and partners.

It also assists the unit

manager in developing and refining goals and guidelines for established priorities to assure programs are implemented to meet the needs of the public.

This updated job description was submitted to Baker Tilly for review. Their recommendation was Grade 11, same as the child support supervisor job description.

Chapin described the options and the board agreed that Option 3, which was the least expensive way to go. This moves the former child support supervisor into the role as financial support services supervisor with more supervisory roles.

- Approved hiring a child support officer. The salary is approximately 66 percent reimbursed from the state.

The child support officer performs paralegal functions pursuant to Minnesota Statute 518.46, related to the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support orders for public assistance and non-public assistance clients; locates absent parents; interviews mothers, alleged fathers to establish paternity, explaining rights, obligations and negotiates settlements; initiates necessary legal actions; works closely with the county attorney, judges, court administrators, child

support magistrates, local attorneys, income maintenance, social services staff, employers and a variety of other resource personnel; testifies in court proceedings, maintains all necessary and legal documentation.

Due to a change in duties/assignments of the child support supervisor and due to increased case loads, the need for a full-time child support officer exists.

The position is budgeted for; \$ 21.45 -\$27.17 per hour and is Grade 7.

- The board authorized the hiring of one social worker to provide Children's Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (CMH-TCM).

The purpose of CMH-TCM is to improve behavioral functioning, reduce the risk of out of home placements, for identified children with severe emotional disturbances.

At the January 2, 2019 board meeting, it was approved to provide CMH-TCM services in-house using a phased in approach.

At the October 1, 2019 board meeting, Health and Human Services (HHS) began the phasing in process by hiring one social worker to provide CMH-TCM. Due to the demanding high caseload, there's need to hire an additional social worker to provide

these services.

- At the recommendation of the personnel committee, the board proceeded with the separation of employment with Employee #848, effective February 18, 2020, having exhausted all Family Medical Leave Act and Medical Leave of Absence under the union contract. The individual has been off work continuously since December 27, 2018.

The union contract states; "The leave of absence period shall not exceed one (1) year, except

by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union."

- Held a closed session to do an employment review of Planning and Zoning and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Adam Ossefoort.

Upon the commissioners' return to the meeting, County Coordinator Chris Pelzer reported that Ossefoort received a favorable review and that he has a high level of commitment and work that suits the needs of the county.



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- Loan Officer - Lake Lillian
- Operations Lead II - Howard Lake
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- Loan Admin Clerk I - Granite Falls
- Teller/Personal Banker I - Clara City

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NOTICE WADENA COUNTY APPEAL FOR A VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 19th day of March, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Wadena County Courthouse Multi-Purpose Room, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on the application of **John D. and Linda L. Kaiser, 18722 Cottingham Drive, Staples, MN 56479** for a variance on the following described property: Gov't Lot 1, Section 23, Township 135 North, Range 33 West, Bullard Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture Forestry District with Shoreland Overlay.

Application, if approved, would allow a structure set back less than 150 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level of a Forested River.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Access to the public hearing will be allowed through the Sheriff's department on the South side of the Courthouse only. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day before the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

Wadena County
Board of Adjustment
10pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFY THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 12, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Meyer, a single man

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 07-0027201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412170200270

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 24, 2020

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

TROTT LAW, P.C.
*N. Kibongni
Fondungallah, Esq.*
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Michael Van Muelken, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(19-1521-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 9-14pnc

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

**TODD COUNTY
2020 BITUMINOUS
PROJECTS**
Closing date:
March 31, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 31, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-601-022
SAP 077-603-009
SAP 077-611-033
SAP 077-614-018
SAP 077-632-006
SAP 077-593-001
SAP 077-598-028
CP 77-20-01

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

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer
10-12pnc

TODD-WADENA ELECTRIC CO-OP SECTION 00 10 00 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Sealed bid proposals will be received in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by BHH Partners for:

Name of Project:
Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op

Address of Project:
550 Ash Avenue, Wadena, MN 56482

The work will be accomplished through multiple contracts with Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, with Contegriy Group Inc. acting as the Construction Manager. The following categories of work will be bid (subject to change): **Earthwork/Demolition/Exterior Improvements/Utilities, Concrete, Masonry, General Construction, Case-work, Sectional Doors, Aluminum Entrance & Glazing, Acoustical Treatments Gypsum Board, Tile, Flooring, Painting, Mechanical/Plumbing, HVAC/Controls, Testing/Adjusting & Balancing, Electrical/Communications.**

BID TIME: Bids will be received at the office of Dan Carlisle, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative President/CEO, 550 Ash Avenue, Wadena, MN 56482 until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020** and will be opened privately. All late bids received will be returned unopened to the submitter. **No faxed or electronic bids will be accepted. Sealed bid envelopes shall be marked with the Bidder's Name and Category of Work being bid.**

BID LOCATION: Sealed Bid Proposals for the Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op construction work to be provided in accordance with the construction contract documents, as prepared by BHH Partners, will be received at the office of Dan Carlisle, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative President/CEO, 550 Ash Avenue, Wadena, MN 56482 until the date and time as stated above. **No faxed or electronic bids will be accepted. Sealed bid envelopes shall be marked with the Bidder's Name and Category of Work being bid.**

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents for this construction work may be examined at BHH Partners, 650 3rd Ave. SE, STE. 10, Perham, MN 56573; and Contegriy Group, Inc., 101 1st St SE, Little Falls, MN 56345.

BID DOCUMENTS: Bid documents will be available to contractors on or about February 17, 2020. Bid documents can be obtained online through Contegriy Group's plan room at www.cgiplanroom.com where **electronic download of these documents is free.** If ordering printed bid documents, a plan deposit check in the amount of \$75.00 per set, made payable to Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative and a separate non-refundable check in the amount of \$35.00 per set made payable to Contegriy Group, Inc. for mailing fees will be required. No partial sets of bidding documents will be issued. Plan deposit will be returned upon receipt of all bidding documents returned in useable condition within (20) days after the date bids have been received. Plan documents are to be returned to Contegriy Group, Inc., 101 1st Street SE, Little Falls, MN 56345

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference for all interested contractors will be held on **Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative Office Conference Room (project site), 550 Ash Avenue, Wadena, MN 56482.

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative reserves the right to reject any or all bids received or parts thereof, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if,

in the discretion of the Owner, the interests of the Owner will be best served thereby, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the closing time and date.

8-10pnc NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Villard Township Annual Meeting will be held March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn in Motley.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
10pnc

NOTICE OF WADENA COUNTY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS

Information regarding the amount of overpayment and affected property may be obtained from the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

If Proof of Claim is not presented to the County Auditor/Treasurer within 90 days from the date of publication of notice, the overpayment will be considered abandoned and all claims to property tax overpayment will be forfeited.

James and Tina Schluttner
23764 104th Street
Staples, MN 56479

Wadena County
Auditor/Treasurer
415 Jefferson Street South
Suite 225
Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-7621
10pnc

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The polls will be open at the Thomastown Township Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 for the Thomastown Township election of:

one (1) Supervisor and one (1) Clerk.

The Annual Meeting will be held following the Canvassing of the election at 8:10 p.m.

The Election and Annual Meeting will be held on March 17 at the same times if there is bad weather on March 10.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
10pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Becker Township Annual Meeting will be held March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

In case of bad weather it will be held the following Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Byron Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

In case of bad weather, the annual meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 17, 2020, same time and place.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,
Cass County
10-11pnc

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

May Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall.

In case of bad weather, the annual meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 17, 2020, same time and place.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9-10pnc

1. Exhibit A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Todd County, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing of the Board beginning at 9:15 a.m., on March 17, 2020, to be held at the County Courthouse, 221 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on the proposal that the County abate property taxes levied by the County on the property identified as tax parcel number:

36-0132800

The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the County on the property for up to a five (5)-year period is estimated to be approximately \$199,470. The Board will consider the property tax abatement in connection with financing the construction by D.W. Jones, Inc. of a 37-unit apartment building in the City of Long Prairie in the County, which project is to be known as the 2nd Avenue Apartments, which will be 100 percent (%) market-rate and contain no income restricted units.

All interested persons may appear at the March 17, 2020, public hearing and present their views orally or in writing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer
10pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 525 AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE "APS" FROM SECTION 16.161 (B)

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN:
Sec. 16-161. Statement of policy.

(b) To help the police department better regulate current and future pawn businesses, decrease and stabilize costs associated with the regulation of the pawn industry, and increase identification of criminal activities through the timely collection and sharing of pawn transaction information, this chapter also implements and establishes the required use of an automated pawn system.

Effective Date. The ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:
Diane Archer, City Clerk
10pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Fawn Lake Township will hold an election for the following Township offices:

One (1) Supervisor for a two (2) year term
One (1) Supervisor for a (3) year term
One (1) Clerk for a two (2) year term

The election will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will follow the Board of Canvass.

In case of inclement weather, all events will

take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the same given times as above.

Questions please call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Meadowbrook Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

In case of inclement weather the annual meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 17 2020, same time and place.

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
10pnc

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP 2020 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Moose Lake Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road maintenance and cemetery maintenance. Please send bids to:

Moose Lake Township
Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW,
Pine River, MN 56474.

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
9-10pnc

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, March 9, 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
10pnc

NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Staples Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Staples Town Hall. The Polling Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Positions to be filled are:

One (1) supervisor, three (3) year term;
One (1) Clerk, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will follow the election with the Annual meeting immediately after that.

In case of inclement weather, the election and Annual meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
9-10pnc

EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY, STAPLES BOARD MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold their board meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas.
Evergreen Hill Cemetery
Board
10pnc

Staples Motley School Board

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

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Longbella, Frisk, Freeman and Lund present (comprising a quorum.) Also attending: Superin-

tendent Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; approximately 30 staff, students and community members; Staples District Office Manager, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to add
See **ISD#2170**
on page 9a



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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

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agenda items #7, #12 and #13. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda MC

Chair Winkels recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

School/Community Forum

Erik Johnson gave a short presentation on the importance of Census 2020 as it affects funding for communities and schools. He also shared ways the school district can help get the word out. Be watching for official Census Bureau mail coming in mid-March; your household will be able to complete the census by mail, on-line or by phone.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Approve the Resolution for Accepting Grants and Donations \$ 5,940.76
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Resolutions for Accepting Grants and Donations. MC

Build 2170

An update from LHB on the project scope, costs and summer schedule for the HVAC projects at the elementary site and HS shop area was presented.

Finance Items:

The audit firm of Schlenner Wenner & Co presented the 2018-19 audit report and gave the district an Unmodified (Clean) Opinion.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to accept the 2018-2019 Audit. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella,

to approve the 2019-2021 Transportation Agreement. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the MOU with ICS for Long Range Facilities Master Planning Services. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve going out for construction bids for Jan. 30, 2020 for the HVAC projects. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54. MC

Complete minutes may be viewed at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #19 FEB. 10, 2020 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Bryan Winkels, Greg Frisk, Chad Longbella and Brad Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herd-egen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Communications & Marketing, Walz; Curriculum Coordinator, Ferdon; Activities, Boran; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; several community and staff members and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP)

Deb Ferdon gave an

overview of how the planning process has advanced. Over 50 people, including administration, staff, community members and students have been involved. Ferdon and Walz have taken information from those sessions and created a Continuous Improvement Plan document. This document is still in the draft stage and Board members were asked to review and give feedback.

The document will be brought back to the Board Feb. 18 for approval. Following approval, a press release will go out and the plan will be circulated to the community. Action plans will be written and the plan will be reviewed annually.

The CIP creates an intentional response to community concerns and needs and builds a framework of accountability for the district.

Athletics

Blake Boran gave the Board an update on Girls Swimming participation this past season.

We are currently in a cooperative agreement with Verndale; SM had 10 swimmers and Verndale had five (5). The majority of the swimmers were in Jr Hi. This created difficulties in scheduling meets as there are not enough participants to compete in all events. The number of meets had already been reduced for the fall 2019 season.

Financially, it cost about \$1,000 per participant this year (which does not include pool costs). This season the pool was \$120 per hour for 247 hours. Next year would see a significant jump in program costs with the addition of

pool rental fees.

Boran advised the Board that the district should look at other options.

The Board will be asked to make a decision regarding the Girls Swimming Program at the March 23 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn. MC

10 pnc

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - #20 Feb. 10, 2020 Immediately Following the Work Session District Office MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Members Bryan Winkels, Greg Frisk, Chad Longbella and Brad Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herd-egen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Communications & Marketing, Walz; Curriculum Coordinator, Ferdon; Activities, Boran; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; several community and staff members and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to approve the MSHSL Application for Cooperative Sponsorship for Golf: Staples-Motley and Verndale. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longbella, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. MC

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Seniors shine in season ending win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team ended the regular season on a positive note with a 51-38 win over Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Feb. 27. On Feb. 24, the team lost 66-60 at St. John's Prep.

The team played their first playoff game on March 2, after this newspaper went to press.

At St. John's, the Cardinals started flat and dug a 20 point hole.

"They shot well and deserve credit, but we were also not ready to play hard," said Coach Nick Doll.

The Cardinals cut the deficit to three in the second half, but couldn't complete the comeback.

"I was proud of how we fought back and didn't write the game off. Isaiah DeMars came off the bench and gave us a big lift. He had a great game," said Doll. DeMars scored 14 points.

The LPGE game started out low scoring, with the Cardinals emerging with a 17-11 halftime lead.

"That was our best defensive result this year," said Doll. Both teams were patient on offense, which paid off for Staples-Motley.

"It was especially fun to see us get some high low passes against their zone and we were able to force them into some turnovers with our press that we con-

verted into points," said Doll.

The Cardinals also limited LPGE's chances. "We grabbed 40 percent of potential offensive rebounds and 75 percent of defensive rebounds," said Doll.

In the second half, the seniors began to shine in their last game on their home floor. Ryan Wick finished on an assist from DeMars, then rewarded DeMars with an assist of his own. Not to be outdone, DeMars dumped another pass to Wick for another basket and an 18 point lead.

"This was a fun team win for us," said Doll.

The two other seniors on the team, Issac Kronenberg and Ben Olander, also played well and kept the bigger LPGE players off the boards.

"The four seniors' legacy will be that they helped us turn the ship in the right direction," said Doll. "They have demonstrated leadership with their work ethic, attendance, persistence, academics, and their ability to accept their roles and be good teammates. They are leaving the program better than they found it, and we are grateful for their efforts."

Team results

Staples-Motley 60, St. John's Prep 66
Scoring: Izaiah DeMars 14, Max Strickland 10, Sivert Klefsaas 10, Issac Kronenberg 8, Isaiah Schultz 7, Ben Olander



Tracking the rebound

Ben Olander and Izaiah DeMars corral a rebound. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

4, Adam Oberlander 4, Ryan Wick 2
Staples-Motley 51, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 38
Scoring: Klefsaas 18, Schultz 11, DeMars 6, Olander 5, Kronenberg 5, Wick 4, Strickland 2

GARAGE SALES

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Pillager Annual Spring Rummage Sale: 20 Families. Fri., March 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., March 21, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Center, Pillager Fairgrounds, 207 East Second St. S. Household, furniture, books, knick knacks, oils, Western items, baby items, crafts, too much to list. Come, look, find. 10-12c

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Staples World

Sports

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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State wrestling (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Owen Bjerga gets ready to take the mat with the help of coaches Mark Carlson and Isaac Novak.

Bjerga dominates state wrestling

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

With four decisive wins at the state tournament, Owen Bjerga was the champion in the 160 pound weight class. He beat the second, third and fourth place wrestlers with two falls and a major decision, leaving no doubt in his run to the title.

"I didn't expect to be that dominant," said Bjerga. "I thought it would be closer, but I felt the best I have all year and everything worked."

This was Bjerga's fifth trip to the state tournament, finishing in sixth and second place the past two years. He said his experience may have helped him stay on point throughout the tournament.

"I'm just on auto-tune once the match starts," he said, "everything else in my mind is blurred out and I do the same as I've done all year."

In the first round, Bjerga scored a 19-4 technical fall against Tate Lange of Holdingford.

In the quarterfinals, he won 20-9 against Sawyer Schwartz of Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove. He started out ahead 20-7 with the help of eight takedowns and was going for another last second takedown but slipped on his attempt and ended up being taken down himself, the only score against him in the entire state tournament other than escapes that he allowed.

In the semifinals, Bjerga faced Max Ehrich of Blue Earth. After two takedowns, Bjerga won with a pin at the end of the first period.

Going into the cham-

pionship match against Anthony Maher of BOLD (Bird Island, Olivia, Lake Lillian), Bjerga said he was feeling anxious.

"I was trying not to let my emotions get to me, knowing this was the last match in my high school career," he said.

In the warm-up room, assistant coach Isaac Novak kept telling him to control his breathing, while Coach Mark Carlson kept the mood positive and loose, said Bjerga.

Once he got to the mat, just like in all four matches Bjerga forced the action, continuously shifting his feet to get a better angle and pawing the head and shoulders of his opponent with heavy hands. Then, whenever he felt an opportunity, he would shoot in or duck under to get a takedown. He had very few misses on his takedown attempts.

In the title match he started with his skilled ankle pick to grab a leg and turn it into a takedown. He scored two more takedowns by creating angles to get around to the side.

"I like to keep things exciting, keep going and score a lot of points," said Bjerga.

Up 6-2 in the score, Bjerga was able to turn his opponent and forced a pin to win the state title with five seconds left in the first period.

"He not only avenged his loss in the state finals last year, but he won the state title in a dominant fashion, leaving nothing to chance" said Coach Carlson.

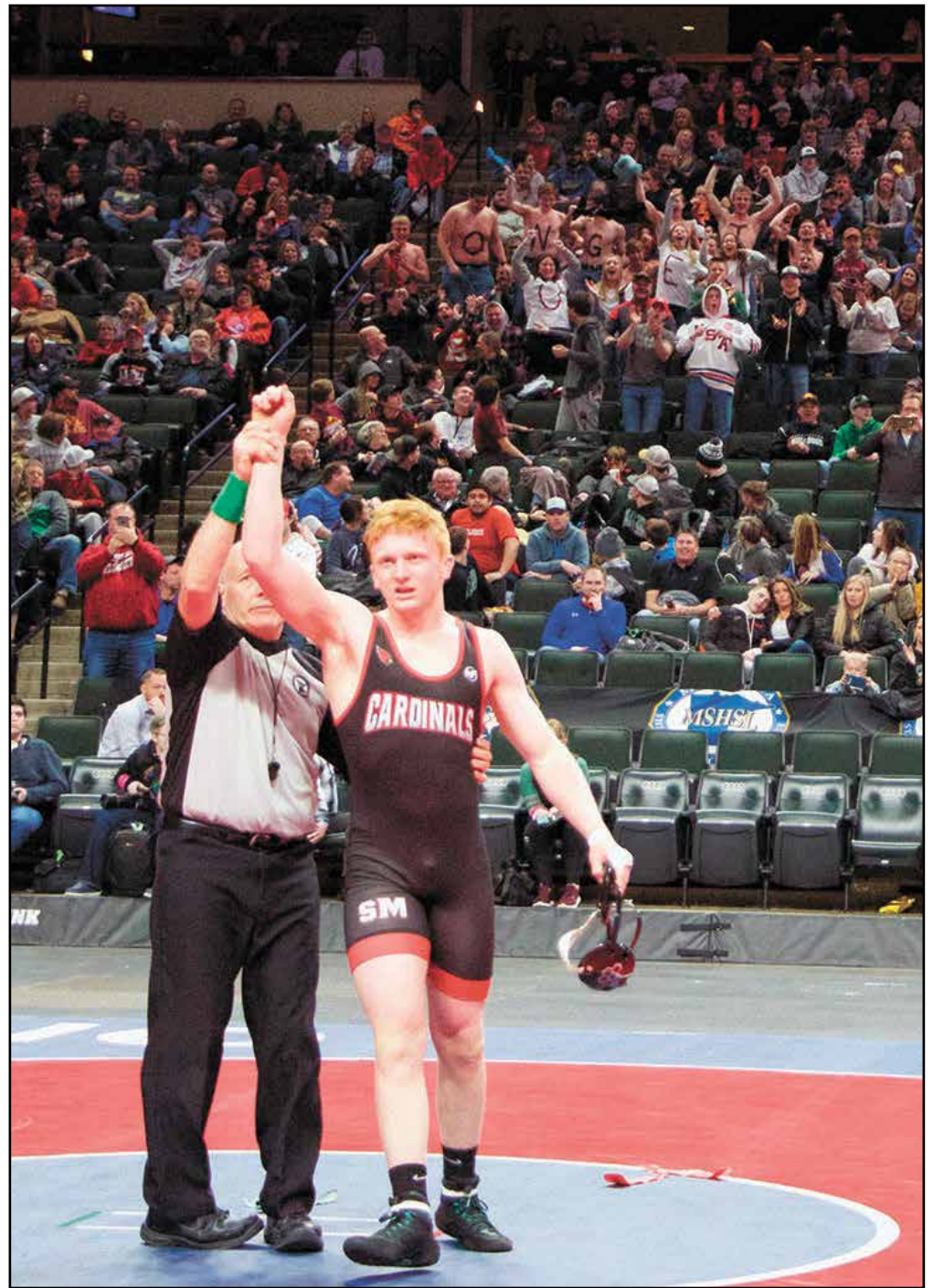
Bjerga finished the season with a 47-1 record, his only loss a 3-2 decision against the state champion at 170 pounds, a higher weight class.

Bjerga's career school records include wins (201), pins/falls (113), single season wins (47), single season takedowns (162) and he is the career takedown leader. He has a career record of 201 wins and 32 losses.

"His work ethic, determination, technique and effort are what wrestling coaches dream of having from their wrestlers," said Carlson. "He cemented his legacy in Staples-Motley wrestling and is ready for the next level, as he will be a great addition to the St. Cloud State wrestling program."

"Owen has been a phenomenal captain for us these past two years and exemplified tremendous leadership in his action and words. He has been a mentor and role model for the next generation of Cardinal wrestlers. The life lessons and skills that Owen developed and learned from wrestling will benefit him for years to come. I wish Owen the best in his future endeavors," said Carlson. "Owen has been an absolute pleasure to coach."

Bjerga said looking back on the state championship, one thing that stood out was the fans that came to see him. "All that support was great," he said.



Coaches Carlson and Novak applaud Bjerga's effort in the finals.



Who's got your belly?

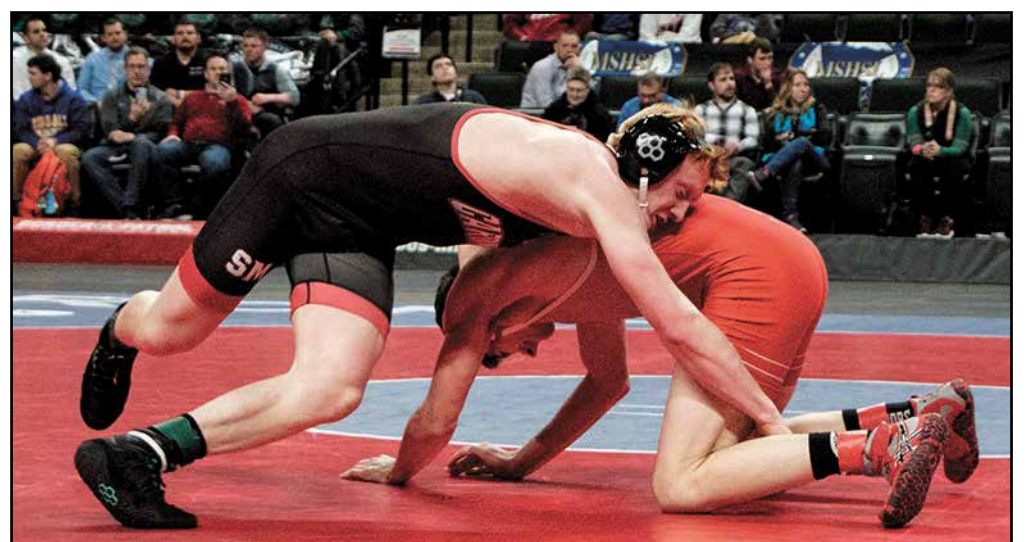
Staples-Motley wrestling fans had Owen Bjerga's back by painting "Congrats Owen" on their stomachs and shirts. As soon as he pinned his opponent in the fi-

nal match, the shirts came off, revealing their message. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Parade of state finalists

Bjerga, center, walks out with the other finalists.



Master of the takedown

Bjerga scores one of his takedowns in the championship match.



Future scientist

Lilith Tester, a fifth grader at Staples-Motley Middle School, took home a third-place ribbon at the 2019-2020 Regional Elementary Science and Engineering Fair Feb. 25, at Sourcewell in Staples. Tester's project, "Terraria," was in the challenge category, which was new this year. Fellow fifth grader Dallis Parker (not pictured) received a first place ribbon for his experiment project, "Oil Spills." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples applies for environmental program

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved a request to join the Region Five Development Commission's Community Energy and Environment Planning Program.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city meets the criteria set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to take part in the project. He said there will not be any cash commitment, but city staff will participate in developing a plan for a small scale project.

In other news, the board

- Approved bingo gambling permit for Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- Approved ordinance to increase tobacco purchase age to 21 to comply with federal law.
- Approved continuing with Short Elliot Hendrickson as the consulting engineering firm for the Staples Airport.

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Everyday health practices

produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Because of this, Dr. Halfen urges people to use precaution. If you have a cough and a cold, it's best to stay home. Drink a lot of fluids, get plenty of rest and take care of yourself, Dr. Halfen said.

Preventative actions

Other everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases include:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.

If a patient has symptoms of the coronavirus, and/or has traveled outside the United States, Neissess asks that they call Lakewood with this information ahead of time. This allows Lakewood to look at the space available, find an isolation room to ensure the safety of all other patients as well as staff.



'A Daughter's Love' celebrates strong helping hearts



A Daughter's Love in Staples held an open house celebration as a way to show their appreciation for all who have provided help at their facility in the past, including firefighters, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) workers, police officers, hospice workers, county case managers, the Lakewood Health System care teams, A Daughter's Love care team, as well as loved ones who have passed on. Pictured above from left, row one: Carla Kuchinski (Daughter #3), Jerry Nichols. Row two: Orville "Jim" Sletton, Gloria Schumacher, Ruth DeWald, Judy Resch. Row three: Melissa Shriver (Daughter #4), Chuck Horsager, Wadena County Commissioner; Christine Tollefson (Daughter #5), Matt Ament, Brenda Lattie, caregiver. Pictured in lower photo, Steven Thomson, resident at A Daughter's Love, receives a bag of treats from owner Christine Tollefson. For more information about services offered at A Daughter's Love, visit www.DaughtersLove.com, or call 218-296-2090. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Girl's basketball team "plays" games at Care Center

The Staples-Motley girl's basketball team visited the Lakewood Health Care Center, Staples on Feb. 17

for an afternoon of playing games with the residents. Resident were, left to right: Margo Hoemberg, Bessie Huff, Betty Jo Nichols, Shirley Griffith, Joann Current, Iras Chapin, Bev Zinter, Elaine Radniecki and Betty Tepley. (Submitted photos)



Large Group Instrumental Contest held in Staples

Staples-Motley High School hosted the Large Group Instrumental Contest Feb. 26. Nine schools performed for the judges at the Centennial Auditorium. Staples-Motley Symphony Orchestra earned an Excellent Rating; the Chamber Orchestra, Excellent; Concert Band, Superior and the Symphnic Band earned a Superior Rating.

under the direction of Kristina Haataja. Above second: Staples-Motley Concert Band under the direction of Dan Spandl. Above left: Seniors Jaydon Friedl, Ari Brings, Morgan Swecker and Keyliegh Bartle were volunteer student helpers for the day and also performed with their respective groups. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

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