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Coffee klatch observes COVID-19 guidelines

With Spot Cafe closed during the coronavirus pandemic, members of the WOW (Women of Wisdom) coffee group in Staples have met periodically in the driveways of their homes, being sure to sit six feet apart from each other. Above, the women enjoy meeting on the afternoon of April 30, when temperatures reached nearly 70 degrees. Clockwise from left are Mary Dravis (in front), Bev Nelsen, Carmen Nordell, Karen Anderson, Mary Sapp, Doris Amundson and Ellen Nelson.

(Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

Day	High	Low	Cond.
May 6	58°	29°	M. Sunny
May 7	54	27	
May 8	50	26	Sunny
May 9	52	34	M. Cloudy
May 10	50	28	M. Cloudy
May 11	49	29	P. Sunny
May 12	54	35	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

Day	High	Low	Cond.
May 6	52°	34°	Sunny
May 7	57	26	Sunny
May 8	48	45	Cloudy
May 9	55	39	Rain
May 10	57	28	M. Sunny
May 11	64	48	M. Sunny
May 12	57	45	P. cloudy

Average Temp.:
H = 60° Low = 36°

Week total rain: .80"
Year total rain: 2.37"
Cool Fishing opener

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Envisioning reopening

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Outdoor seating is one tool to help local businesses be able to reopen when the COVID-19 crisis starts easing.

Although Minnesota's stay at home order was extended to May 18, the April 29 video conference held by the Staples Chamber of Commerce contained talk about reopening after the order is lifted.

LEAP Marketing Coordinator Renee Kröll said hair salons may only be able to have one customer at a time, so they will need outdoor seating for people to wait. Restaurants also could use more outdoor seating and shade umbrellas so customers can eat comfortably and still comply with social distancing requirements that could still be in place when they reopen.

Kröll said some of the city's marketing money is being redirected to COVID-19 shutdown issues. "Any other needs or holes we can fill, we are trying to figure out what we can do for the community," said Kröll.

They are also working on immediate needs such as quality masks for essential workers and food shelf needs, said Kröll.

Lakewood update

Lakewood Health System President and CEO Tim Rice told the group that the number of clinic patients increased by around 400 in one week.

Rice said part of that could be people delaying a visit to the doctor because of the stay at home order.

"There are situations where patients have been waiting and need care, then it becomes time sensitive and harm can occur," said Rice. He added that the clinic has options for patients to call in and receive alternative methods for care, such as e-vis-

its, phone visits and drive through labs.

"We feel it is safe for the community to come in, we are screening all employees and everybody is masked," said Rice.

Lakewood is also doing time-sensitive surgeries for patients whose conditions could worsen without it. One of the safety procedures is to test the patient five days before the surgery, then they will self quarantine until the surgery.

Rice said Lakewood has seen 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with none of the patients requiring hospitalization so far. For every patient with a positive test, Lakewood coordinates with the Minnesota Department of Health to trace who that person may have been in contact with and determine if they need to be quarantined.

Plea to wear masks

Participants in the videoconference came to a consensus that it is now time to start wearing face masks in grocery stores and other public places in the Staples area.

Since Minnesota started ramping up testing on April 23, the number of positive cases shot up to 594 new cases on May 1, and the state is averaging 500 new cases every day since. The number of COVID-19 deaths is also rising, with 428 total as of May 4, 100 of them in the four days preceding.

With the spread of the virus accelerating, Lee Jenkins reported that some stores are requiring masks when customers enter.

Rice said the Brainerd Chamber is getting feedback that safety measures are proving good for business. "If they are not responsive to safety needs, customers notice and they start losing business," said Rice.

Kröll said it would be

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Assessing the situation

Allen Hanley, who lives on the west end of Lake Shamineau in Motley, says he has lost 20 ft. of shoreline at his property since the family purchased it in the 1970s, due to the rising water levels. On

April 22, he worked to pump two inches of water out of his basement and continue building a sandbag dike. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Frustrations mount as Lake Shamineau's water level rises

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Pat Held of Motley has been sheltering-in-place since January, long before it was a requirement due to COVID-19.

In fact, he hasn't dared leave for more than an hour or two at a time in case one of the sump pumps at his property goes out and his basement floods again.

Held is one of several residents on Lake Shamineau who has been affected by high water levels and flooding.

"About 40 homes and cabins have flooded," Held said in a recent interview. He went on to note that because of the situation some people have moved, some have abandoned their residences and others, like himself, are trying to do what they can to save their properties.

These efforts include sandbagging, building cement dikes and installing sump pumps, all of which Held has done over the past several years. It's been a strain both finan-

cially and mentally.

This past winter was especially tough, he said, going on to describe the stress of avoiding flooding during sub-zero temps. To keep the pumps from freezing, Held would have to go pour hot water on them every few hours. "It's like having a newborn," he said.

He made it through that rough spot, Held said, thanks to the above-mentioned protective measures, plus some good friends who offered to keep watch over the pumps on occasion so he could sleep.

But, the high water is still there, with concerted efforts being made by the Lake Shamineau LID (Lake Improvement District). According to information at their website, "A LID is a special-purpose district formed around a lake in accordance with Minnesota Statutes. It is a local unit of government established by resolution for the implementation of defined lake management projects and for the assessment of the costs. Property owners elect the govern-

ment board of the LID and pay an annual assessment fee to pay for projects that the LID chooses for Lake Shamineau."

They've had "road block after road block," Held said of the LID's efforts to solve the high water problem...a plan that includes constructing a water level control outlet and removing excess water by pumping to an environmentally safe infiltration site.

Bob Koll, one of the LID board members, has lived at Lake Shamineau since 1970 and recalls that the surface water was eight feet lower than it is now. He and his wife Cheryl are among those who have been affected by flooding in recent years and are in the process of putting in a drainage system in their basement and building a two-foot concrete buffer, neither of which is a cheap undertaking.

The process has been a long one, Koll said of the LID's efforts to try and pump water from the lake.

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VerNel Anderson
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COVID-19 spreading locally

As of May 4, Todd County has 15 lab confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and Wadena County has two. Both those numbers have doubled in the past week. Local transmission of the virus is occurring.

Due to an increase in available testing, local health care systems are able to provide COVID-19 testing for those who have symptoms of COVID-19. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of the following:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or

smell

Appointments are required at all health systems and must be scheduled in advance. Do not show up at your health-care system without an appointment to get tested for COVID-19.

Area clinics include:
Lakewood Health System: Call 218-894-1515 or visit Click Care at <https://lakewood.zipnosis.com/> available 24/7

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Tri-County Health Care: Call 218 631-3510 or visit TCHC eClinic at <https://tchc.zipnosis.com/> available 24/7

Todd County has set up a website with information for the public at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/coronavirus-disease>. As this is a

rapidly changing situation, continue to check back to the website for updates.

The following COVID-19 hotlines are available to answer questions:

- School & Child Care questions**
651-297-1304
1-800-657-3504
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Seven days a week
- Health questions**
651-201-3920
1-800-657-3903
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Seven days a week
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Spreading the love in Motley

Messages of hope and love adorn the windows at TRB Sewing in Motley, owned by Tami Brotherton. Many area businesses, as well as individuals at their homes, have jumped on board the 'Hearts in the Window' movement,

helping to spread love and hope (instead of germs) to passers-by during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brotherton's shop is located at 164 Hwy 10 South in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Motley Area Food Shelf donation

The Leader Lions recently donated \$1,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Above, MAFS Director Sherry Frisk, right, receives the check from Lion Deb Alexander. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 29 - The MPD assisted at a fire near the 27000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.

April 29 - The MCSO received a report of a fire in the woods near the 34000 block of Hwy 10 in Motley. Scandia Valley was paged out and the DNR contacted.

April 29 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle fire at the 27000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing. The fire

had spread into the grass but it was not endangering buildings. Randall Fire was paged.

April 26 - The MCSO received a call regarding a grass fire with buildings nearby, located at the 11000 block of 79th Ave. SW, Motley. The Motley Fire Dept. was paged.

April 24 - The MCSO received a report of a small grass fire. Caller also stated that her husband was down on the ground, unresponsive. Scandia Valley Fire and First Response was paged and the DNR notified. Mayo dispatched. First

responders found the caller's husband was deceased.

April 24 - The MCSO received a report of a burglary at the Angler's Corner on Bear Rd., Cushing.

April 23 - The MCSO responded to a fire at Island View Dr., Cushing. In speaking with a contractor at the scene, the deputy learned that the contractor had been cutting the old roof off of a boat house and hit a hidden power line which sparked and caught fire. Scandia Valley Fire arrived and found it almost out.

SEDA donates to relief, sets up crisis loan

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) approved donating \$5,000 to the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) for emergency grants to businesses and nonprofit organizations.

At their April 28 meeting, held by videoconference, the board approved donating to the SMACF emergency grant fund and also convert up to \$75,000 of their development loan funds to special loans for businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the loan program is for businesses that do not qualify for the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or EIDL loan programs. The loan will be up to \$7,500 per business and is payable over a seven year period with six months deferred.

Board member Rachel Johnson expressed concern that if the crisis continues, businesses that are hurting may not be able to pay the loan back.

Board member Shane Tappe, Staples-Motley School Superintendent, said the loan could be a difference in keeping businesses open. "There is a point where businesses are living in the now. If they close the door, what does that mean to the community?" asked Tappe.

The board approved both loan requests unanimously.

The SMACF grants have a maximum of \$2,000 and are intended for businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Radermacher also said the Initiative Foundation's child care grant is changing to fit the new reality of the state stay at home order. She said three child care businesses in the community applied for additional Initiative Foundation grants, but just one got a portion of what they requested.

Economic development 2019

Radermacher presented the yearly report of economic data for Staples.

She showed that the city's population is trending up, there are more housing units available and more people are moving to Staples. They are also working more in Staples because the average commute time is trending down and the number of local employees is trend-

ing up.

To go with all that, the median income also rose in 2019.

Radermacher pointed to some of the development trends that were discussed during strategic planning.

In the category of economy, the community is taking part in the Wadena County Business Retention and Expansion program, and has increased marketing efforts. The city has also completed the Shovel Ready Certification that will streamline the ability for manufacturing businesses to build. Rader-

macher said there were 29 business permits for Staples in 2019, representing at total investment of \$2,316,384.

In the category of residential growth, Radermacher cited the completed 38 unit Cardinal Pines apartments and the 42 unit affordable housing being built, plus the Habitat For Humanity home in Staples. The report also noted rural broadband growth with CTC supplying Moran Township and WCTA doing Staples and Villard Townships. Radermacher said there were 84

residential permits representing a total investment of \$9,595,627.

In the category of social vibrancy, the report included the trail feasibility study that will help in planning for a trail from Staples to Pillager. Other vibrancy advancements included the daycare grant, community festivals and Region Five's Welcoming Communities Program.

In other news, the board approved STEP's request to freeze payments for three months for the downtown business they are purchasing from the SEDA.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• May 10, 1945 - Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies at 2:41 French time on Monday, May 7. (This was 8:41 p.m., eastern war time Sunday, 7:41 Staples time).

The surrender took place in a little red school house which is the headquarters of General Eisenhower.

The surrender which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months, and six days of bloodshed and destruction was signed

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for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl. Jodl is the new chief of staff of the German army.

It was signed for the supreme Allied command by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower. It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Susloparoff for Russia and by Gen. Francois Seves for France.

The entire world waited Tuesday morning for the simultaneous announcement from President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill, and Marshal Stalin of V-E Day. When this announcement came, bells rang and whistles blew throughout the nation, and in some places there was great hilarity.

In Staples, sirens were sounded and business places closed for the day. During the afternoon, religious services were held at the high school auditorium, and in some of the churches solemn prayer services were held in the evening. The proclamation came on the 61st birthday of President Truman, a day which will go down in history as one of the greatest days the world has ever known.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• May 14, 1970 - The preliminary population figures for the counties in the area were announced today by District Manager Luther W. Wilkinson, who supervised the taking of the 1970 census of Population and Housing in the district.

According to the preliminary figures released, Todd and Cass counties showed a decrease in population, whereas Wadena county indicated a slight increase.

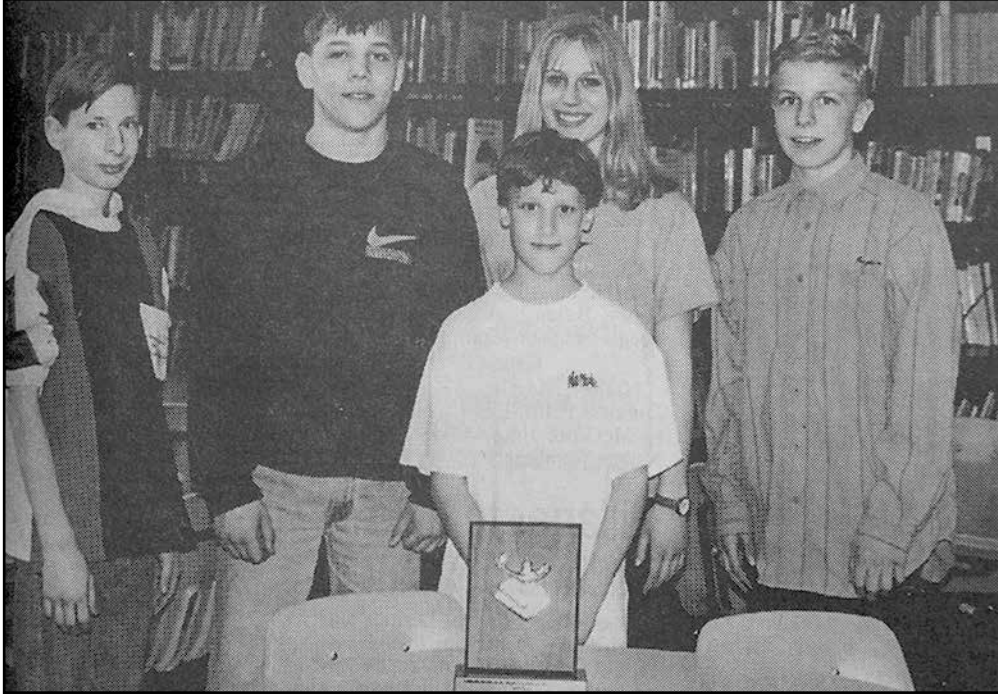
The official census of 1960 in Todd County was 23,119. The preliminary count of the 1970 census is 21,580, which indicates that Todd lost 1,539 in the 10-year period. The population in Cass county decreased 105 in the preliminary figuring; and Wadena county gained 42.

• May 14, 1970 - Dallas Sams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sams, Staples, was elected to a state office of the Minnesota Future Farmers of America at their convention in St. Paul May 3-5. Sams was chosen State Reporter. It was reported that Dallas is the first state officer from the local school system since the election of Howard Tyrrell to State presidency in 1944.

• May 14, 1970 - Dennis Jenkins, son of Mrs. LeRoy Jenkins, Staples, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant for this summer to do advanced study at Calvin college, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He has taught the past three years at Robinson school in Puerto Rico as an instructor of Jr. high mathematics and science. He graduated from Staples high school in 1962 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He will return to Puerto Rico this fall to resume his teaching duties.

• May 14, 1970 - Donald Kristenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Kristenson, received the State Farmer



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 27, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Degree at the State Future Farmers of America Banquet held on Monday, May 4th, in St. Paul. This degree is awarded to only two percent of the state FFA membership.

Don has been very active in FFA work during his years at Motley high school. He is a senior and plans to enter Brainerd State Junior College in September.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• May 11, 1995 - Step into the classroom of Judy Gross and you know you are in the lair of an educator, in the den of someone who loves to teach children.

Frau Gross, a pint-sized power-house of the German language, is a no-nonsense instructor who believes even more strongly than Baptists in total immersion. Her students, from the signs on the doors, the poster and banners filling the walls, to the words they speak in the classroom, are totally immersed in speaking German and learning the German culture.

"As a teacher, I prepare kids for the future," Frau Gross explained. That she does...And she does her job so well that this year, her ninth year on the faculty at Staples, her peers selected her as the Staples Motley Education Association's Teacher of the Year.

• May 11, 1995 - Three grass fires a week ago and one this weekend kept the Staples Fire Department busy.

Firemen were called to the Old Wadena County Park area about seven miles northwest of Staples Sunday at 4:50 p.m.

A grass fire there burned about two acres, including some smaller pine trees. Staples Fire Chief Doug Case said the Old Wadena fire, which kept fire fighters busy for about an hour, was definitely a case of arson.

• May 11, 1995 - The fourth and fifth grades at Staples Elementary combined for their spring musical last week, singing the Rainbow Connection. Virginia Hegre directed the approximately 210 students in what was her last major musical in the school district. She is among several educators planning to retire this spring.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• May 13, 2010 - Staples Motley High School Principal Dean Ogg last week announced that Emma Motl is the valedictorian of the SMHS class of 2010, while Emma Shaffer is the class salutatorian. The two young ladies with the best grade point averages for the three years of high school will lead the class at commencement ceremonies on May 28.

• May 13, 2010 - Is there a need for more campsites at Dower Lake? Should there be a long term (month-long) rental sites at the Dower Lake campground? Do we need better softball facilities (four fields) at the

park?

These and other questions might be considered at an upcoming planning meeting on the future of the popular Dower Lake Recreational Area.

Kevin Grondahl is looking forward to this May 17 meeting on Dower Lake. The session at the new Staples City Hall is a major step in the formation of a Dower Lake Recreational Area Facility Plan.

• May 13, 2010 - Retiring Central Lakes College deans Judy Richer and Wendy Schluender shared Administrator of the Year honors awarded April 29 from students at the Staples campus.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 23, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured Earl Mergens, chairman of the Honey Sunday event (sponsored by the Jaycees and Boy Scout Troop No. 51) and Ruby Kittilson (school nurse in Staples), who purchased the first jar of honey. The event was held to raise funds for Camp Friendship.

Greg and Jeanne Leifermann of Florida (long-time Staples residents); Mel Nefstead of Baxter and Kevin Roline of Nevis (both longtime Staples residents as well), Linda Bartylla of Motley; and Doris Dumpprope, Diane Japke, Ruth Voeltz, Tom Wolhowe, Frank Leidenfrost, Pat Neznik, Bev Nelsen, MaryAnn Riewer, Jean Hayenga, Rosemary Petrich, Judy Wolak, Mike Koppes and Elizabeth Capistrant, all of Staples, correctly identified Mergens and Kittilson.

Ruby Kittilson herself called in with the correct answers. She went on to say that after leaving Staples, she and her husband Dan Kittilson (a former P.E. teacher at the district) spent 25 years in Park Rapids prior to their move to Perham, their current home, to be closer to their daughter Teresa. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

SM sets graduation, equipment dates

The Staples-Motley School District is planning graduation for Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. A school press release stated they hope to hold a graduation that will include some traditional components to it. "We will strive to honor the graduates as best we can within the parameters of the governor's executive orders," said the press release.

The district is also asking students to return school-owned items during a drive-thru drop-off zone at the high school during the week of May 18-22. Equipment includes text books and Chromebook computers issued by the

school. The school will provide a map and hours of the drive-thru drop-off one week prior to the start.

Meal delivery

The school's current meal distribution system will end Friday, May 22. The Summer Food Program will begin Monday, June 1. The summer foods program will be **pick-up only, at the high school between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday**. All school age children are encouraged participate and to pick up meals for the Summer Foods Program.

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Masks show care

a good idea to have a conversation with Staples and Motley businesses about asking customers to wear masks and requiring all employees who interact

with the public to wear masks. "We want them to show that they care about community members and employees," said Kroll.

Lakewood care options

From Tim Rice
President and CEO
Lakewood Health System

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "Every cloud has a silver lining. You just have to go through the darkness to get to it." With the COVID-19 pandemic monopolizing our thoughts, work, family and media, it can be difficult to see past the darkness and clouds. But slowly, silver linings are emerging. In healthcare, times like this give us the opportunity to think innovatively and consider new ways of doing things we have not previously explored.

At Lakewood Health System (LHS), we continue to remain accessible to serve our patients. We temporarily closed our Motley and Eagle Valley Clinics, but the rest of our clinics are open. It is important to continue coming in for ongoing care and treatments such as well-child appointments with immunizations, diabetic foot care, and other needs as directed by your primary care provider or specialist.

We have implemented new or revised methods of medical care delivery to ensure we continue to meet your healthcare needs while preserving the safety and comfort of everyone we encounter. For instance, telehealth is becoming more widely used and accepted by healthcare systems and patients alike. Everyone is getting more comfortable using technology due to the pandemic, which is a positive change. Many of our providers have jumped on board and are now doing virtual visits with their patients who seem to be embracing this new method. This is one change we plan to continue.

These new care delivery options are outlined below. Please keep in mind not all these services will be available to everyone, as each patient's situation and needs are different. Check with your care team (218-894-1515) to determine

which services are available to you:

Virtual Visits:

- Patients have direct access to their provider through online video visits. Phone visits are also available.
- Most appointment types can now be completed from the comfort and privacy of your home.
- Visits can be scheduled through our Clinic Patient Access Team: 218-894-1515.

Click Care:

- Online diagnosis and treatment for common medical conditions, such as pink-eye or ear infections.
- Accessible 24 hours-per-day, seven days-per-week at lakewood-healthsystem.com
- Provides free COVID-19 screening and free visit for respiratory symptoms.

Home Visits:

- Offered to our most immunocompromised people under the direction of their primary care provider.

Drive-Up Laboratory Services:

- Offered to patients under the direction of their primary care provider and specialists.
- Currently available by prescheduled appointment only.

Traditional In-Person Clinic Visits:

- LHS Staples Clinic (Main Entrance), Browerville Clinic and Pillager Clinic are dedicated "well" clinics.
- LHS Staples Clinic (Entrance B) is dedicated for patients with symptoms or illness consistent with COVID-19.
- Scheduled through our Clinic Patient Access Team: 218-894-1515.

With our lives turned upside down because of this pandemic, it may seem difficult to imagine what positives could come from it. But now is the time to think about the silver linings - such as new, innovative ways of delivering healthcare that may continue, and change things for the better.

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Ask any angler what it takes to make a fishing opener memorable, and it's likely that fish-catching success will be part of the answer. Some might wax philosophical about time spent on the water with a friend or with family, or cite seasonably fine weather, or the scenic qualities that make Minnesota such a fine state to call home. But when it's time for angling true-confessions, the tell-tale tug on the other end of the line is the surest predictor of etching a fishing opener in memory.



Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors

This year's fishing opener will most certainly be memorable, no matter how many or how few fish are caught. It will be so because of the disruptions to everyday life and activities caused by the coronavirus—COVID-19—pandemic that is still sweeping the country, infecting many thousands, and with more than 68,000 American deaths and still climbing.

To avoid being infected with the virus, and potentially being one of those that becomes quite sick—or dies—requires avoiding contact with the virus spread by someone who is infected. This could be someone who has few symptoms, but can nevertheless pass it on. It is this need to avoid contact with the virus in order to remain healthy that has changed our lives, and has created complications for our fishing opener.

COVID-19 is spread by direct contact with the virus, which can be acquired from an infected person via their sneeze, their cough, and—some speculate—even in microdroplets released when

speaking. The virus can live for varying amounts of time on surfaces in our environment; several days, in some cases. Merely handling something with COVID-19 virus on it can infect you unless precautions are taken; precautions like washing hands thoroughly, using hand sanitizer, and avoiding touching eyes, mouth, or nose. Or before touching, wiping down potentially contaminated surfaces with bleach wipes.

New terms or expressions enter our vocabulary out of need or circumstance. "Artificial intelligence" (AI) describes sophisticated computer logic; "robotic" is an act performed by a machine without human assistance, like welding components on an automobile assembly line. "Social distancing" is also new, but has been used and heard so much in daily COVID-19 pandemic news briefings and media reports that it hardly seems new anymore. But its social distancing—avoiding close contact with others—that is making this fishing opener different.

The common forms of influenza, or flu, will kill substantial numbers of us every year. The toll was 80,000 Americans in the 2017-2018 flu season, the highest in more than 40 years, while less than 50,000 is more typical. Already, COVID-19 has killed more than 68,000 Americans, and has not peaked in most states; 247,000 have died worldwide.

Not for more than a century has the world seen anything like it, the closest comparison being the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic that killed at least 50 million people. How a virus is spread was not as well understood then, and inadequate isolation and social distancing are believed to have led to as many as one-third of the world's population contracting Spanish flu, though most recovered. Healthcare is better today,

but even now viruses must run their course, and as yet there are no proven vaccines to prevent our getting COVID-19 in the first place.

Prevention is the best medicine, and this is where social distancing comes in, but with a price. The Governor's Fishing Opener event to kick off the tourism season was cancelled. The annual Minnesota DNR spring walleye egg-taking to provide hatchery fry and fingerlings for 2020 stocking was also cancelled, out of concern for spreading COVID-19 among fisheries crews, and from there to others.

More broadly, Minnesotans are being urged not to travel long distances for recreation, including fishing. In a recent Executive Order from Governor Tim Walz, state residents were told that "to protect our neighbors, Minnesotans should stay close to home and are strongly discouraged from unnecessary travel, including long-distance travel to engage in outdoor recreational activities, and travel to and from cabins, commercial lodging, and vacation homes and rentals."

In other words, the Governor is asking fishermen to "bloom where they're planted." Fish waters close to home, rather than make a two or three-hour pilgrimage to your traditional fishing opener lake. Especially if you rely on a lodging establishment, but even if the lodging is your own cabin. Speaking from personal experience, that boat left the dock long ago. Having converted the family cabin to year-round lodging, every weekend evening we see a different "light-scape" as seasonal properties elsewhere on the lake become occupied for the next several days, then will wink-out until the next weekend.

The other side of the coin is that if metro anglers heed the Governor's advice and fish waters close to home, the boat launches,

bait shops, and tackle purveyors there will become high-traffic areas and potential choke-points, too. If I were to make an educated guess, it would be that nothing short of roadblocks will keep most Minnesota anglers from fishing where they traditionally have on opening weekend.

Minnesota anglers who fish in Canada commonly do so later than on the Minnesota opener, but the international border with Ontario is closed to non-essential travel—which includes angling—until May 20th, or possibly later. That is beyond the May 16 Ontario walleye opener, which some Minnesota anglers ritually attend.

Minnesota fishing guides have reason to be anxious, too. They may be hosting a client who could be COVID-19-infected. They may be unsure of whether they should provide—if they can—or require that a client wear a face mask. How will the usual social amenities take place? Can you rig a rod for a client, or net his fish, without getting closer than the recommended six-foot distance? These things apply not only to guides, but to angling acquaintances who fish together. If you hand me a beer after we stow our gear and clean our fish, should I wipe it down with a bleach wipe, or slather it with hand sanitizer? Yum!

There have even been some hard-to-imagine events complicating the normal pre-fishing opener routine. One North Central Minnesota installer of docks for year-round and seasonal residents and small resorts had a crew member test positive for COVID-19. This required that the remaining crews be quarantined for 14 days while docks and boat lifts stand silent on shorelines.

Here's wishing you a safe and satisfying Minnesota fishing opener, and a fillet or several sizzling in an old cast iron frying pan.

Letters to the Editor

History every week

I appreciate including the mystery photos in the local paper. Many of them bring back a lot of memories.

Big thanks to Pete Card

for sharing his photos of historical value. I hope I am not guilty of something, but I cut them out to save for my grandchildren.

These are the first things I look for in the paper.

Roger Dukowitz
Browerville, Minn.

Prosperity built on debt

A friend of mine recently opined that those of us who are not fans of Donald Trump should return out stimulus checks. Now just a dag-nabbed minute. Are the checks a gift to us from the Trump fortune? Maybe so, I'm told that Trump's name will be on them.

Over the past three years our economy has

prospered. Yet we have added around a trillion dollars a year to our national debt during that time. That makes no sense. If you feel guilty about getting your stimulus check I suggest that you use it to set up a trust fund for your grandchildren. Due to the GOP's fiscal irresponsibility, it's the grandkids who are on the hook for all this.

Jerry Miller
Sebeka, Minn.

Cracks in meat supply

As large corporate meat-packing plants close across the nation, the pandemic exposes deep cracks in the nation's monopolistic meat supply. Allowing a handful of multinational corporations to control the meat supply impairs the public safety during our hour of need. The combination—monopolistic control and sick laborers—does not work well to ensure production and public safety in a pandemic.

During his 90-year lifetime, my father farmed in southern Minnesota. He watched as multinational corporations forced inde-

pendent farmers off the land, replaced by industrial-sized factory farms. As 11 swine factory farms circled our farm within a 3-mile radius, my father frequently proclaimed that "Small farmers will feed this country when it gets into trouble." My father was right. The country is in trouble and small farmers are feeding this country—not multinational corporations.

As America slowly emerges from this crisis, we must re-examine the sick dependency upon corporate titans to feed America and rely, once again, upon small farmers to feed America.

Sonja Trom Eayrs,
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Social responsibility for kids

By SEARCH Institute

Social distancing efforts have led us to see connection as a threat rather than a strength. Yet, the health of our communities depends on each of us taking individual actions to help others. This includes kids, as much as adults.

If you're like many families, you may be feeling a bit (Okay, let's be real, a lot) overwhelmed by all of the lessons we suddenly find ourselves needing to teach our children as many schools move from in-person to online distance learning platforms. Yet, we have an unprecedented opportunity in this pandemic to teach our kids the REALLY important lessons not often found in worksheets or reading assignments that could fundamentally shape the way they think about and contribute to our communities.

Some good will have come from this crisis if, we've taught our kids . . .

- that our community works together to take care of one another;
- about their responsibilities for the greater good even if they're still little;
- to notice (and show gratitude for) the people who serve our community

in important and diverse ways; and

- to see and understand injustice, and that even in times of crisis not everyone is afforded the same protections and resources.

Here are a few ideas for teaching social responsibility:

- Grab a trash picker upper tool and head to a local park. This activity creates a lot of opportunities to talk about our responsibility for taking care of the environment and the dangers that littering can cause for animals.
- Volunteer to help neighbors. Kids could help an elderly or sick neighbor with spring yard work or other chores to help minimize their exposure. Brainstorm ideas with your kids and make a point to talk about how their actions positively impact both kids and adults in your community.
- Reach out. The toll of this pandemic on the mental well-being of society is serious and many will need professional and/or medical intervention. If you or your child are struggling with the stress, ask for help. The disconnection that comes with social distancing can be disorienting. While we need to maintain physical distance to stop the spread

of COVID-19, we need social connection more than ever.

• Spread joy and kindness. Kids and families are finding small ways to spread joy and kindness in the midst of this crisis, including public art displays with words of encouragement. Sidewalk chalk, painted rocks, and artwork (rainbows, hearts) in windows are reminding people that we're in this together. Others are creating fun (and safe) ways for their neighbors to connect like scavenger hunts that promote social distancing. Some are sending notes and artwork to nursing homes where physical visits are not possible, and "hugs" to socially isolated grandparents.

Rather than feeling helpless in a time of crisis, they help you feel hopeful. Rather than feeling isolated, you will feel inspired. Rather than feeling overwhelmed, perhaps you'll feel more optimistic that your children, our children will shape a world that is better than the one they are inheriting.

Submitted by Todd County CAD;
Contact Connie Burns at connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.

By Paul Gerde
MRC Chairman

With broadband demand surging from home-bound Americans using the internet for work, shopping, school, telemedicine, and a social media bridge to family and friends, it's good to know the system is holding up pretty well under the COVID-19 strain.

But that system only works if you have access, and without any clear pandemic end in sight, hundreds of thousands of primarily rural Minnesotans are stuck in digital darkness while the gigabyte world streams by.

We all feel the isolation brought about by social distancing and sheltering in place orders, but those orders hit people harder who are cut-off from work, school and loved ones due to lack of adequate broadband access. With the rural economy already lagging, this is not good news.

Our member counties are on the front-line of the public health, public safety and economic security battle to get a grip on this unprecedented outbreak, and we stand in unified support of the shelter in place directives from the state and federal government. But those directives turned a spotlight on the farms, businesses and homesteads, primarily in rural areas, being left-behind through no fault of their own due to lack of access to high-speed broadband.

The Office of Broadband Development reports the percentage of Minnesota households without access to wired broadband that meet the FCC minimum speed threshold dropped from 15% in 2015 to roughly 7% in 2019. But the number of un-served households in Greater Minnesota is closer to 17% under current speed goals - and balloons to a whopping 33% when 2026 revised speed goals kick-in! The 2026 speed goals reflect current accepted business speeds.

Slow or no access means your child can't do school work at home and is at risk of falling behind the rest of the class. If you run a business, it means your competitors have worldwide access and you don't, reducing your marketability and reducing the odds of keeping your head above water. The same holds true for farmers, who compete in an international marketplace. And with telemedicine emerging as a new cornerstone of health care delivery, the prognosis is bleak for anyone who can't connect to the data centers that allow providers in small practices and large health systems to communicate with one another.

If you suggested to the 83% of people in the state who are connected to high-speed, reliable and affordable internet under this national security threat, that their connection is not a luxury but a virtual necessity, I'm sure they would agree. We know there are nearly 20% of un-served people in rural Minnesota who would wholeheartedly agree.

There is a \$30 million bipartisan broadband bill waiting for passage at the Legislature, and \$50 million in unfunded projects sitting on the sidelines that could work as a much-needed kick-start for the rural economy.

Without taking anything away from the need to mitigate the immediate health and economic impacts of COVID-19, while also recognizing nearly one-in-five rural residents are being asked to shelter in place until further notice with virtually no access to adequate internet service, we urge Governor Walz and state legislative leaders to consider broadband funding as a priority this session and sustain that funding until state speed goals are met.

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Staples Food Shelf hours

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 - 4 p.m.; and the fourth Thursday of the month from 5 - 7 p.m. The food shelf is not open on weekends or holi-

days. Frank Leidenfrost, SAFS Director, asked that people "be aware of the new procedures we must now follow that are posted on the door."

Free potatoes to be given out May 7, in Staples

Ruby's Pantry out of Sauk Centre will be in Staples on Thursday, May 7, giving out a truck load of potatoes beginning at 5 p.m. There is a possibility that

eggs may be given away as well. They will be set up outside of the high school cafeteria on 3rd St. NE. All are welcome.



Taking a break from their studies

Twins Mandy and Nicki Carter of Staples, freshmen at Staples-Motley High School, enjoyed rollerblading near their home the afternoon of April 30. The sisters said that they've adjusted fairly well to distance learning, but miss inter-

acting with their friends at school. With temperatures in the high 60's that day and much of their coursework behind them, the Carter sisters decided it was a good time to enjoy being outdoors. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Bookends Preus interview online May 9

Children's author Margi Preus will be the featured guest for the May 9 BookEnds Online Edition. Her interview will be recorded and will be available at WadenaCountyHistory.org.

Her book, Village of Scoundrels, is based on the true story of the French villagers in WWII who saved thousands of Jews. Forging documents, smuggling people over the border, carrying messages for the French Resistance-- the teenagers of Les Lauzes found ways of helping the refugees in their midst.

She is the author of the Newberry Honor book Heart of a Samurai and other books for young readers including the Minnesota Book Award winning, West of the Moon, and the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award book, The Clue in the Trees, part of the Enchantment Lake mystery series.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more about Margi Preus visit margipreus.com. To learn more about BookEnds and upcoming

BookEnds Online Edition programs visit WadenaCountyHistory.org or email 603wchs@arvig.net or leave a message at 218-631-9079.

Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall, 122 6th St NE.

The meeting will be held primarily through video-conference. To find out how to participate, call 218-894-2550.

Agenda includes:
 • Public Hearing: consider street vacation of Front St adjacent to Parcel 38-0052200.
 • Consider request for an on sale liquor license credit

for period of time On sale establishments are closed due to COVID-19 pandemic (tabled from April 28).

- Consider approving liquor licenses for 2020-20201.
- Consider request for gambling permit from Knights of Columbus.
- Committee reports: Staples Economic Development Authority; Public Works.
- COVID-19 pandemic update.

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Obituaries

VerNel Anderson

VerNel "Nellie" Anderson, 84, of New Hope and formerly of Staples, passed away April 27, 2020 at St. Therese Home in New Hope.

A private memorial service with inurnment was held in Staples.

Nellie was born February 12, 1936 to Hans and Anna (Frigaard) Haraldson in Elbow Lake Township. She married Waldemar Anderson on October 3, 1955. Nellie worked at the Staples Post Office for 46 years. She was the first ever female mail carrier and held the position for 15 years; and then served as a

window clerk up until the time of her retirement in 2013.

VerNel is survived by three daughters, Cheryl Kosowski, Kim (Paul) Gerou and Pam Eckland; two sons, Dar Anderson and Mike (Angela) Anderson; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wally; one sister, Aldora and one brother Herbert.

Arrangements were by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

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David Sweeney

David Stanislaus Sweeney, 93, of Staples, passed away at his home with family by his side on April 27, 2020.

A private family burial was held at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, Moran Township, Minnesota.

David was born to James and Mary (Adametz) Sweeney in Staples on May 17, 1926. He grew up on the farm near Staples.

David was a man of uncommon strength and a good sense of humor. He served our country fighting in the Pacific Theater during WWII, what has often been called the fiercest fighting known to mankind. If anyone ever deserved a 21-gun salute, it was him. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, he will silently be buried with a prayer. Thanks for every-



thing, Dad, you were great.

After the war he worked construction in St. Paul. He married Genevieve Dukowitz on October 12, 1948. The couple lived for a short time in St. Paul, before returning to Staples where they raised their family and farmed. David was also a brakeman for the Northern Pacific Railroad, which later became

the Burlington Northern.

David is survived by and will be missed and lovingly remembered by three sons, David J. (Carrie) Sweeney of Rice, Daniel (LuAnn) Sweeney and Mark Sweeney, both of Staples; one daughter, Lucinda "Cindy" Sweeney of Osakis; seven grandchildren, Brandon, Erik, Luke, Paul, Ryan, Jennifer and Michelle; three great-grandchildren: Aidan, Atticus and Jaxan; many nieces and nephews.

David is preceded in death by his parents; wife; seven brothers, Robert, John, James, Donald, Hughie, Cletus, Gerald and two sisters, Veronica and Mary.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home; itenfuneralhome.com.

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Josephine Newkirk

Josephine "Josie" Muriel Newkirk of Pillager passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020.

A private family service will be held May 8, 2020 followed by a celebration of life in July.

Born in Longlevens, Gloucester, England to Samuel James Lionel Harris and Lillian Marie (Hawker), Josephine Muriel Harris came into this world with fortitude being born under an oak table amidst a World War II bombing raid. She grew up in Longlevens and graduated from Ribston Hall High School for Girls. She was united in marriage to Kenneth Lester Newkirk on November 9, 1963. They traveled the world together and made many wonderful memories in the Netherlands, England and the United States.

Josie was known for her generosity, wisdom, kindness, wit, moxie and warm demeanor. She will be fondly remembered for her amazing cooking, eye for decorating and fashion, as well as her deep love for family. She loved playing board and card games, always with a twinkle in her eye. An avid reader and history lover, Josie could discuss everything from classical music and books, to all you needed to know about England's history.

Dolores Ann was born in Motley on December 2, 1932 to Raymond and Elgia (Holub) Ackerson. She was raised on a farm north of Motley in May Township along with two sisters and a brother. She graduated from Motley High School in 1951 and Normal school (teacher) training in 1952. She was united in marriage April 20, 1954 to Arthur Manning at the Casino Assembly of God Church, rural Pillager. Dolores and Art made their home in Staples where together they raised four children. Along with raising a family, Dolores truly enjoyed her career as a country schoolteacher, teaching at Meadow Brook, Philbrook and other surrounding rural schools. After the country schools closed, she spent the next 25 years at Staples Elementary as a teaching assistant, retiring in 1995. She also enjoyed volunteering over the years as a Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Staples Food Shelf, Staples '93 Lions, a trustee and organist at the Staples Church of Christ where she was also a member. She enjoyed and loved being around her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many hours were spent getting ready to entertain everyone for holidays and special occasions.

Dolores is survived by three daughters, Susan (Dale) Adams of Aldrich, Pamela (Joseph) DuBay of Richfield and Debra (Peter) Fink of Staples and one son, Timothy Manning of Staples; one brother, James Ackerson of Motley; brother-in-law, Ronald Manning of Palm Springs, CA; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gerald Harris.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to a charity close to Josie's heart - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, www.brenny.com, 218-828-5051.

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<p>Staples</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Assembly of God Teleconferencing: Toll-free: 844-855-4444, after the greeting, use Code 8742383# No internet needed. Join us for a time of praise, prayer and Bible study.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongregational@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p>Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE, Staples..... 218-894-1546 Pastor: Carl Larson Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Aldrich</p> <p>Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp..... 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship..... 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Cushing</p> <p>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</p> <p>Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Swan Valley Lutheran Leader 218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July 9 a.m. July - January 11 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 . Open by arrangement</p>	<p>Motley</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Oylen</p> <p>Oylen Alliance City, Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pillager</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. 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.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Hewitt</p> <p>Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Verndale</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard SUNDAY Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m. Prayer 9:20 a.m. Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Celebrate Recovery 6-8 p.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. ...Groups 11-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p>
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Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Most are adapting to remote services.

"Be Quiet"

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

-Author, Unknown

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10
Some people can't stand silence. They turn on the radio the minute they're up in the morning and the instant they get into the car. They sit in front of a blaring TV all evening or have stereo music booming throughout the house. They have become so adjusted to our noisy age that they are uncomfortable when it's quiet. As a result, they never hear the sweet, tranquil melodies of nature in the early morning. They never hear the nightingale's song in the evening. They never hear the still, small voice of God.

The blessedness of silent interludes in a noisy world is vividly expressed in Psalm 46. The writer opens with an affirmation of confidence in the protection of God in the face of destructive forces beyond man's power. The psalmist was speak-

ing of erupting volcanoes, angry tidal waves, and powerful earthquakes that send great masses of rock tumbling into the sea. Next, he portrays a softly flowing river that distributes its life-giving water throughout the land. This scene is followed by a portrait of violent, antagonistic world powers raging against the Lord but being destroyed. After reviewing God's majestic triumph, the writer then says, "Be still, and know that I am God." The whole psalm is an eloquent call to silence so that we may sense that the Lord is at work amid the clamor and tumult of our restless world.

God's voice can be heard in the soft sounds of nature and in the comforting promises of His word. He wants to let us know that He is present and in control. But we must be quiet.

GOD STILL SPEAKS TO THOSE WHO TAKE TIME TO LISTEN.

Much Appreciated

The Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS) would like to thank our Staples area churches, businesses, service clubs and individuals for their kindness, generosity and support during our extended March Food Share Campaign.

The extent of our community's support has truly been heart-warming and we are greatly appreciative. We would also like to thank our many volunteers for their dedication and numerous hours of service. Our Staples Area Food Shelf is extremely honored to be a part of our Staples area community.

Together, we can get through the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

<p>Longbella Drug Store "The Prescription Store" 2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242 Motley and Pillager</p>	<p>Ernie's Food Market Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more Staples, MN 218-894-1072</p>	<p>Staples Veterinary Clinic "Complete Animal Care" Staples, MN 218-894-1775</p>	<p>Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900</p>
<p>Central Building Supply Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN 218-894-3794</p>	<p>Staples World Your community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 218-894-1112</p>	<p>Tower Pizza Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches Staples, MN 218-894-3299</p>	<p>Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental" Open 7 days a week. Staples, MN 218-894-3263</p>

The Church Directory is supported by the advertisers listed above and the Ministerial Association.

To update your church information or to advertise on the Church Directory, call 218-894-1112 - Jan or email: jjwinter@staplesworld.com. Continue to email your pastoral message to: jjwinter@staplesworld.com



**CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE
CASS COUNTY MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR
AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

The following federal, state, judicial and county offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Note: Filing offices will be closed May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. The place of filing for state offices (including judicial offices) is the Office of the Secretary of State or the office of the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. The place of filing for Cass County offices is the Office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer, Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Avenue W, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484-3000. See COVID-19 announcement below.

Candidates may file in person or by mail during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State:

FEDERAL OFFICES Ten Presidential Electors*, One United States Senator, and One United States Representative for District 8. (*On or before August 18, 2020 for non-major party elector candidates, or August 24, 2020 for major party elector candidates, presidential electors are nominated as governed by Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, Subd. 1 (c) and 208.03.)

Candidates for the following offices must file either at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or the office of the county auditor of the county in which they reside:

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES One State Senator for each of Districts 5 and 9, One State Representative for each of Districts 5A, 5B, and 9A.

JUDICIAL OFFICES One Supreme Court Associate Justice seat 4 (Thissen); four seats Court of Appeals - seat 3 (Hooten), seat 9 (Slieter), seat 13 (Cochran), seat 15 (Ross); twelve seats Ninth District Court Judge--seat 2 (Mallie), seat 4 (Halverson), seat 5 (Wahwassuck), seat 6 (LeDuc), seat 11 (Rasmusson), seat 12 (McBroom), seat 14 (Tiffany), seat 15 (Yon), seat 18 (Remick), seat 19 (Austad), seat 21 (Aanes), and seat 22 (Rivera-Spalla).

Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer:

COUNTY OFFICES One County Commissioner four-year term for each of the following districts: Districts 2, 3, and 5; one Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor four-year term for each of nominating Districts 2, 3, and 4. This notice is published pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33.

COVID-19 announcement: There may still be limited public access to county buildings during the candidate filing period due to COVID-19 (coronavirus). State officials may take actions that affect these procedures. Candidate filing forms, instructions, and materials will be posted on the Cass County website for persons wishing to file by mail. For questions or to set up an appointment to file in-person if the stay-at-home order is still in effect, call 218-547-7295. If filing by mail, the Affidavit of Candidacy must include a check for the candidate filing fee when submitted and requires a notary or an election official to attest to the candidate's signature. Filing fees are: Soil and Water Conservation District Board-\$20, County Offices-\$50, State Senator or Representative-\$100, Judicial Candidate-\$300.

**NOTICE OF FILING
FOR THE 2020 STATE GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Todd County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing candidates for the Federal, State, Judicial, and County offices listed below. The filing period for the offices listed below begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

The filing period for presidential elector candidates begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020, for non-major political party candidates and independent candidates. The certification deadline for major political party presidential elector candidates is August 24, 2020.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2020, in observance of Memorial Day and Friday, July 3, 2020, in observance of Independence Day.

The place of filing for Federal Offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1299.

The place of filing for State Offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the County in which the candidate resides.

The filing place for County Offices is with the County Auditor.

Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state. Candidates are encouraged to contact the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 320-732-4414 to ascertain the safest means for affidavits to be filed at our office location.

This notice is sent based on current law. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor may take actions that could affect some of these processes due to the COVID-19 situation.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33.

FEDERAL OFFICES

**Presidential Electors (Ten)
United States Senator
United States Representative for District 7**

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

**State Senator for District 09
State Representative for District 09A
State Representative for District 09B**

JUDICIAL OFFICES

**Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 4
Judges of the Court of Appeals**

- Seat 3
- Seat 9
- Seat 13
- Seat 15

Seventh Judicial District Judges

- Seat 2
- Seat 8
- Seat 9
- Seat 11
- Seat 12
- Seat 13
- Seat 14
- Seat 15
- Seat 21
- Seat 22
- Seat 23
- Seat 24
- Seat 26
- Seat 27
- Seat 28
- Seat 30

COUNTY OFFICES

**County Commissioner for District 1
County Commissioner for District 3
County Commissioner for District 5
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District II Supervisor
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District IV Supervisor**

Witness my hand and official seal this 27th day of April, 2020.
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer
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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting Notice
May 11, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Remote Participation
Northern Todd County
Services Center,
Staples, MN**

Section 13D.021, subdivision 1, permits public bodies to hold meetings via telephone or other electronic means if the conditions of this section are met.

Section 13D.021 requires a public body to make a determination that an in-person meeting is "not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or emergency declared under chapter 12." At this time, the governor has declared an emergency under chapter 12.

Requirements for holding a meeting via telephone or other electronic means include:

- All participating members can hear one another.
- Members of the public at the physical meeting location can hear all discussion "unless attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the health pandemic."
- At least one member of the public body is present at the meeting location, "unless unfeasible due to the health pandemic," and
- All votes are taken by roll call.

**Join Conference
Bridge Call:
Phone Number:
320-533-4630
Conference ID: 954003**

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
19pnc

**NOTICE OF
PROPOSED
DECOMMISSIONING
STAPLES SAZ NDB
Non-Directional Beacon
(NDB)**

This notice is to serve as announcement that MnDOT Aeronautics intends to decommission STAPLES SAZ NDB and opens up a 30-day comment period for interested parties to comment on this decision.

MnDOT Aeronautics owns, operates, and maintains the STAPLES SAZ NDB as part of the national airspace system.

STAPLES SAZ NDB serves; STAPLES SAZ Airport with an NDB approach to Runway 14. Decommissioning will cause the cancellation of the following approach NDB RWY 14.

NDB technology is older and is not included in the FAA Next-Gen plan for the future of aviation. NDB approaches are no longer required on any flight test for pilot certification. Most manufactures of NDB systems are not supporting the legacy systems and FAA is not supporting commissioning of new/replacement systems. By decommissioning this older and less used technology, it will open up the ability to support modern RNAV approaches. Given the direction the FAA has taken with Next-Gen and because of the declining use of this technology by pilots, MnDOT Office of Aeronautics has determined that the cost of maintaining the existing state owned NDB's is not a good use of public funds.

**OPPORTUNITY
TO COMMENT**

Interested parties who would like to comment on this subject should respond to this proposal by submitting written comments, or opinions to the address(es) indicated. Comments should address the overall aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. To ensure your comments are considered, please respond on or before the stated closing date. This proposal may change because of comments received.

Comment period closes: June 8, 2020
Send comments to:
MnDOT - Aeronautics
John Dalton, Aeronautics Navigation Systems Engineer
222 East Plato Boulevard
St. Paul,

Minnesota 55107-1618
For more information contact:

AeronauticsNavigationSystems.DOT@state.mn.us and/or <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/>

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is committed to increasing transparency and collaboration and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate in public engagement.

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**OFFICE OF THE
MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF
STATE
Certificate of
Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333**

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
**GAEFT
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
BUSINESS:
15086 County Rd 13
Menahga MN 56464
USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):
**Gunderson Academy
of Excellence Firearms
and Training LLC**
Address:
**15086 County Rd 13
Menahga MN 56464
USA**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Adam Gunderson

MAILING ADDRESS:
**15086 County Rd 13
Menahga MN 56464
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL
NOTICES:
gus16146@gmail.com**

DATE: April 23, 2020
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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #24
March 23, 2020
6:00 p.m.
District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Schmidt and Regan; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to add agenda items # 13.1 and VIIa MC

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

School/Community Forum - none

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Longbella, second by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC

Donations, Grants and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution to accept Donations, Grants and In-Kind Contributions in the amount of: \$4,698. MC

Finance Items:

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the AIA contract with LHB for the summer LTFM project at Elementary and High School. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the AIA contract with Eagle Construction for the summer MC

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

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the recommendation to dissolve the Girls Swimming Program. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2020-21 Reduction List as presented. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund to authorize the submitting the Farm to School Grant for the Initiative Foundation; matching funds up to \$2,500. MC

Personnel Retirements

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to accept the retirement of Robert Shaffer, HS English; eff. May 26, 2020. MC

Thank you to Bob for his 38+ years of service and dedication to Staples-Motley.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to accept the retirement of Sandra Otteson, HS Clerical; eff. May 22, 2020. MC

Thank you to Sandy for her 21 years of service and dedication to our students.

Other

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the MOU between SMEA and ISD #2170 for Over limit of PTO with Prior

Approval MC
BUILD 2170

ICS, Consulting Demographic Study presentation (remote presentation) John Powers gave a remote presentation on district census, enrollment, open enrollment and projected enrollments which are projected to continue to decline.

At this time, it was requested that information be shared regarding the bid alternates for the HVAC project.

The Board was then asked to approve projects for window replacement and fire suppression at the Elementary site.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longbella, to approve window replacement at the Elementary \$126,665. MC

LTMF dollars will be used.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to move forward with the interior sprinkler/fire suppression project at a cost of \$138,900. MC. This project will mean dipping into the reserve fund.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to move forward with the exterior sprinkler/fire suppression project UP to \$60,000. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
March 17, 2020**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 17th day of March, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson

**Public
Notices**

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Staples Town Hall for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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

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

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
19-20pnc

Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 5.7 Parks & Trails Board Appointment, 11.3 Public Health Update, 12.2 Temporary Change to County Personnel Policy, and 12.3 COVID Emergency Executive Committee Appointment.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2020 as presented.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

To approve an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge Sportsbar & Supper Club Inc at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

**GAMBLING PERMIT -
ST MARY OF MT
CARMEL**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for St Mary of Mt Carmel through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the St Mary of Mt Carmel to hold a raffle event at The Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on April 24, See **TCC** on page 8a

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

TCC continued from page 7a

2020. GAMBLING PERMIT - TODD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold raffle events at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on May 16, 2020 and October 31, 2020.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400568 through 400585 in the amount of \$5,702.61 and (Regular) 53209 through 53297 in the amount of \$68,809.48 for a total of \$74,512.09.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800507 through 800576 and (Regular) 706470 through 706542 for a total amount of \$221,011.75.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600144 through 600157 and (Regular) 515717 through 515748 for a total amount of \$64,116.11.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To provide acknowledgement to Benson Air Ag, Inc. of Benson, MN for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the Calendar year 2020 and along with the Public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to a spraying event.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the appointment of Jenny Crider as the District 2 member representative on the Todd County Parks & Trails Board to fill the existing vacancy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price or minimum of \$1.65)

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

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$25 will be collected.

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

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

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

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the appointment of Les Levin as a Member-At-Large on the Todd County Parks & Trails Board to fill the existing vacancy.

County Commissioners

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

“SECOND AMENDMENT DEDICATED COUNTY” RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the People of Todd County, Minnesota, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearm recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within Todd County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, certain legislation, beyond existing laws to date, that has or may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature in the future, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress in the future, could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any new legislation containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Todd County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Todd County to keep and bear arms, except those prohibited by current law, and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners wishes to express opposition to any law in the future, beyond existing laws to date, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Todd County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Com-

missioners wishes to express its intent to stand as a County Dedicated to Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, any efforts in the future to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Todd County to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Todd County Minnesota: That the Todd Board of Commissioners hereby declares Todd County, Minnesota, as a “Second Amendment Dedicated County”, and

That the Todd Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Todd County, Minnesota, and

That the Todd Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Todd County, or to aid Federal or State agencies in the restriction of said rights, and

That the Todd Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

Property Tax Abatement - Public Hearing

The County Board held a public hearing to gather public input regarding the proposed property tax abatement on the property identified as tax parcel number 36-0132800 of a project to be known as the 2nd Avenue Apartments.

DW Jones Inc. & City of Long Prairie

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

RESOLUTION RELATING TO A TAX ABATEMENT; GRANTING THE ABATEMENT

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

Section 1. Authorization and Recitals.

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

1.02. The County proposes to assist in 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, at 100% market-rate and no income restricted units (the “Project”).

1.03. Pursuant to the Act, on the date hereof, this Council conducted a public hearing on the desirability of granting an abatement of property taxes on certain properties expected to be benefited by the proposed Project, which properties are identified as tax parcel number 36-0132800 (the “Properties”). Notice of the public hearing was duly published as required by law in the Long Prairie Leader, the official newspaper of the County, on March 4, 2020, which date is no fewer than ten and no more than 30 days prior to the date hereof.

Section 2. Findings. On the basis of the information compiled by the County and elicited at the public hearing referred to in Section 1.03, it is hereby found, determined and

declared:

2.01. The Project is in the public interest because it will increase or preserve the tax base of the County, provide employment opportunities in the County, and help provide access to services for residents of the County.

2.02. The County expects that the benefits of the proposed abatement are not less than the costs of the proposed abatement. The public benefits that the County expects to result from the abatement are the provision of improved internet access for the benefit of residents of the County.

2.03. The Properties are not located in a tax increment financing district.

2.04. The granting of the proposed abatement will not cause the aggregate amount of abatements granted by the County under the Act in any year to exceed the greater of (i) ten percent (10.00%) of the County’s net tax capacity for the taxes payable year to which the abatement applies, or (ii) \$200,000.

2.05. It is in the best interests of the County to grant the tax abatement authorized in this Resolution.

2.06. Under Section 469.1813, Subdivision 9 of the Act, it is not necessary for the County to obtain the consent of any owner of any of the Properties to grant an abatement.

Section 3. Granting of Tax Abatement.

3.01. A property tax abatement (the “Abatement”) is hereby granted in respect of property taxes levied by the County on the Properties for a period of five (5) years, subject to satisfaction of the conditions for such duration described in Section 469.1813, subdivision 6(b). The Abatement will reduce all of the taxes for each of the Properties, and the total amount of the Abatement is estimated to be approximately \$199,470.

3.02. The County shall retain the Abatement and apply it to payment of all or a portion of the costs of acquiring or constructing the Project or to the payment of bonds of the County issued to finance costs of acquiring or constructing the Project.

3.03. The Abatement may be modified or terminated at any time by the Board in accordance with the Act.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

2020 NOXIOUS WEED AND INVASIVE PLANT GRANT

WHEREAS, the MDA released the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant Proposal Application on October 1, 2019 and;

WHEREAS, November 19, 2019 the County Ag Inspector (CAI) brought a Board Action to the Board meeting asking for approval to apply for the Grant. The completed Grant application was submitted to the MDA on November 22, 2019. \$10,000 was requested to hire a contractor to do treatment of the Township roads surrounding the Palmer amaranth fields, and to hire a contractor to do treatment of Wild parsnip in County Road ROWs and Township road ROWs that are identified to have Wild parsnip, and;

WHEREAS, the CAI was informed on January 24, 2020, that Todd County has been awarded the \$10,000 requested amount, and on March 3, 2020 the CAI received the grant contract by email, and ;

WHEREAS, this year the grant is reimbursement only, there will be no funds given to Todd County up front. The expenses will need to be covered by the general fund until invoices are submitted to the MDA and the County is reimbursed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners accepts the 2020 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant from

the MDA in the amount of \$10,000, and authorizes the CAI to sign the Grant Award contract for and on behalf of Todd County.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Retail Store on parcel 18-0050700 with proposed conditions: 1. Applicant must complete the variance process for the addition to the structure. 2. Applicant must abide by all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for hosting of wedding events on parcel 07-0007000 with the proposed conditions: 1. Abandonment of the onsite manure pit. 2. Onsite camping will be limited to 4 camp sites and the length of stay must not exceed two nights. 3. No onsite dumping will be allowed for temporary camping sites. 4. Vehicle parking shall not take place within the public road rights of way nor shall vehicles be parked along the access coming off County 78. 5. Total guests for each event will be limited to 198 guests. 6. All changes to the operation of this venue shall be presented to Planning and Zoning for further consideration. 7. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

Facilities Committee

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2020 TODD COUNTY EXPO BUILDING PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 10, 2020 by the Todd County Facilities Committee for the renovation of the Todd County Expo Building located at the Todd County Fairgrounds in Long Prairie MN, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Arnzen Construction, Freeport, Minnesota, \$708,454.00 (Base Bid + Alternates 1 & 2)

Eagle Construction, Little Falls, MN, \$1,456,000.00 (Base Bid + Alternates 1 & 2)

WHEREAS, the Todd County Facilities Committee has reviewed the bids and makes a recommendation to accept and award the contract to Arnzen Construction of Freeport, Minnesota, based on their low bid of \$708,454.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Arnzen Construction of Freeport, Minnesota, based on their low bid of \$708,454.00.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2nd Phase of the Rock Wall Project.

Health & Human Services

A Situational Update regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was provided to the County Board with discussion held.

Administration

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

Adoption of Changes to Todd County Personnel Policy

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for strong, up to date personnel policy, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article VII, Section 7.03

of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of March 17, 2020, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that this Resolution replaces and supercedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

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

Adoption of Temporary Changes to Todd County Personnel Policy

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for efficient and effective government, up to date personnel policy, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of March 17, 2020, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that this Resolution replaces and supercedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

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

CREATION OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic is requiring all levels of government agency to make immediate changes to their standard policies and procedures, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County is obligated to protect the safety and welfare of all the citizens and staff of Todd County which may require immediate action or change to policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby creates a COVID-19 Emergency Executive Committee that is granted authority to make time sensitive decisions on only Todd County Policies and Procedures that relate to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these time sensitive decisions be immediately brought forth to be considered for ratification by the full County Board of Commissioners at either the next regularly scheduled County Board of Commissioners Meeting or an Emergency County Board of Commissioners Meeting, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members the COVID-19 Emergency Executive Committee be the County Board Chairperson, County Board Vice-Chairperson, County Coordinator, County Attorney and the County Health/Human Services Director.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of March 2020.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts.



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Please print clearly, one word per space.

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Thank you for your order!

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102 In Memory	302 Lawn/Garden	REAL ESTATE
103 Lost & Found	303 Hay/Straw/Feed/Seed	601 Wanted to Rent
104 Give Away	304 Livestock	602 Apartments for Rent
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203 Childcare Wanted	310 Health/Beauty	608 Farms for Sale
205 Help Wanted	311 Firewood	609 Mobile Homes for Sale
206 Positions Wanted	312 Christmas Trees	610 Land for Sale
207 Equipment for Rent	313 Computers/Office Equip.	611 Business Property for Sale
208 Storage	314 Farm Services	612 Real Estate Wanted
209 Business Services	315 Camper Trailer	
210 Animal Care/Supplies	VEHICLES	GARAGE SALES
211 Work Wanted	401 Automobiles	701 Garage Sales
	402 Trucks/Vans	702 Flea Market/Crafts
	403 Recreational Farm Equipment	
	404 Farm Equipment	
	405 Heavy Equipment	
	406 Parts/Repair	

The Fine Print

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

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

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

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

HEARTLAND MARKET

Display ads: \$12.00 (per col. inch)
Classified Reader \$9.30 (first 25 words; additional 35¢ each word (one week))

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

Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday.
Reaching over 20,585 homes;
DISTRIBUTED in these paid NEWSPAPERS: Staples World; Barnesville Record-Review; Battle Lake Review; Clay County Union of Ulen; Northwoods Press, Nevis; Eagle Bend/Bertha/Clarissa Independent News Herald; Hawley Herald; Henning Citizens Advocate; Long Prairie Leader; Parkers Prairie Independent; Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.

NOTICES

100 Events/Announcements
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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205 Help Wanted

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

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

PERMIT TO CARRY CLASS
New: \$75 Renewal \$55
Ed Jose
Call 218-371-2151

FULL TIME MFIP JOB COUNSELOR

Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc. & Wadena CareerForce

Provide a variety of counseling services for the purpose of assisting agency clients to become self-supporting by planning for, securing and maintaining employment; to assist agency clients to meet MFIP participation requirements. See full position description at: MinnesotaWorks.net and www.rmcep.com
Submit a cover letter, resumé and RMCEP application to Brian Gapinski, Program Manager
204 Laurel St, Ste 21, Brainerd, MN 56401
Apply by 4:30 p.m. May 15, 2020
EOE/Program Provider

EBD/ASD TEACHER TEACHER

Freshwater Education District is seeking a full-time EBD/ASD Teacher for the 20-21 school year to work in our separate site behavior setting. Successful candidate will enjoy working in a team setting with students in small groups and individual instruction.

Application review begins: Noon on May 22, 2020

Please send Letter of Application, Resumé and 3 Letters of Reference to:
Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education
Freshwater Education District
2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482
218.631.3505, ext. 1042 - Fax: 218.631.3588
lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us

Freshwater Education District 6004 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Central Todd County Care Center Certified Nursing Assistants

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

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

Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12
Pick up an application in the Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

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

SQUARE SHOOTER

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

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

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

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

Staples World

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

All advertising may be directed to: Staples World, 218-894-1112, hwinter@staplesworld.com editor@staplesworld.com

FOR SALE

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

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

WANTED TO BUY

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

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

JUNK CARS & TRUCKS. 218-639-5509. 19-20c

REAL ESTATE

602 Apartment FOR RENT:
Aldrich - large 2-bedroom, remodeled, \$675/mo. 218-851-6798

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

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

VERNDALE: 2 bdrm. upstairs duplex. \$500 + util., dep., ref. No pets/no smoking. 218-639-5544. 17-19c

Sunny Pines Apts. in Motley

Tenant must be income eligible, 62 years or older, handicapped or disabled. Heat, water, sewer, electric provided.

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

FRONTIER TOWNHOMES

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

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

BRUTGER EQUITIES, INC.
Income guidelines apply.

EASTWOOD APARTMENTS

in Motley MN. is now accepting applications for FUTURE 2-3 bedroom apartments

Laundry facilities available on site. garage included with apartment. All utilities paid. Applications are available at: 956 Hwy 10 S., Motley

For information and qualifications contact Nicole at 218-751-6881
An Equal Housing Opportunity

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

DEADLINES

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

GARAGE SALES

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



MCAN Minnesota Classified Advertising Network

EMPLOYMENT FULL-TIME SCHOOL COUNSELOR KMS Public Schools - August 2020. Qualifications: Current Minnesota Licensure. Apply online: www.kms.k12.mn.us ; Attach: letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts and copy of license.	WANTED TO BUY WANTED: ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES Running or not. Titled or not. Prices will fall soon. Sell now while prices are high! Call Dan at 612/720-2142 NEED SOME CASH! Sell your unwanted gold, jewelry, watches & diamonds. BBB A plus rated. www.GetGoldGeek.com/mnna Request your 100 percent free, no risk, no strings attached appraisal kit. Call Gold Geek today: 844/467-0301	MISCELLANEOUS DISH NETWORK \$59.99 For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value & technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OPENING KMS Public Schools - August 2020. Qualifications: Current Minnesota Licensure. Apply online: www.kms.k12.mn.us ; Attach: letter of interest, resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, copy of license.	MISCELLANEOUS DONATE YOUR CAR truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501	MISCELLANEOUS AT&T WIRELESS Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give One offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER New London-Spicer Schools. Preference given for multi-categorical licensure in Special Education. For more information, see: www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment	ONLY \$279 to reach a statewide audience of 1.7 million readers!!! 1-800-279-2979	ENJOY 100% PERFECTLY TENDER and guaranteed! 20 main courses plus get 4 free burgers. Order the Butcher's Bundle - only \$69.99. Call 844/331-1614 mention code: 61086TVG or visit www.omaha-steaks.com/dinner397
		DIRECTV Switch & save! \$39.99/month. Select all-included package. 155 channels. 1000s of shows/movies on demand. Free Genie HD DVR upgrade. Premium movie channels, FREE for 3 months! Call 877/350-0094



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THAN \$2,000.....	30,796.14
Total.....	\$74,512.09

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT.....	\$134,919.28
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	6,744.90
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR	
/TREASURER.....	15,096.10
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	4,672.00
139 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	59,579.47
Total.....	221,011.75

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 17, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 7, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

File by June 2 for Todd County SWCD supervisor

District 2 (Stowe Prairie, Bartlett, Bertha, Wykeham, Eagle Valley, and Burne TWP) and **District 4** (Bruce, Round, Burnhamville, Birchdale, Grey Eagle TWPs)

People interested in nature, trees, lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, irrigation, groundwater and overall water quality and those passionate about soil health, agriculture, pollinators, soil erosion, cover crops and livestock grazing in Todd County should consider filing by June 2, 2020 to run for the position of Supervisor of the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

"Supervisors play an important role in how our community approaches a wide variety of resource management concerns, including soil management, water planning, lake shore and riparian land use, ditching, livestock farming, tree plantings, windbreaks and also youth and community education," noted Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager with the Todd SWCD.

"Serving as a supervisor is a terrific opportunity for people who want a voice in how we manage our environment," she said. "As a spokesperson and representative, you bring to the table the concerns of your community in the area of natural resource protection, conservation and enhancement. Supervisors also provide local level leadership with other county and state partners in broad based decision making. Living within county boundaries as a citizen themselves, supervisors are aware

of the local issues and often act as common sense barometers in difficult situations. In short, they support a lot of the good that is happening in Todd County."

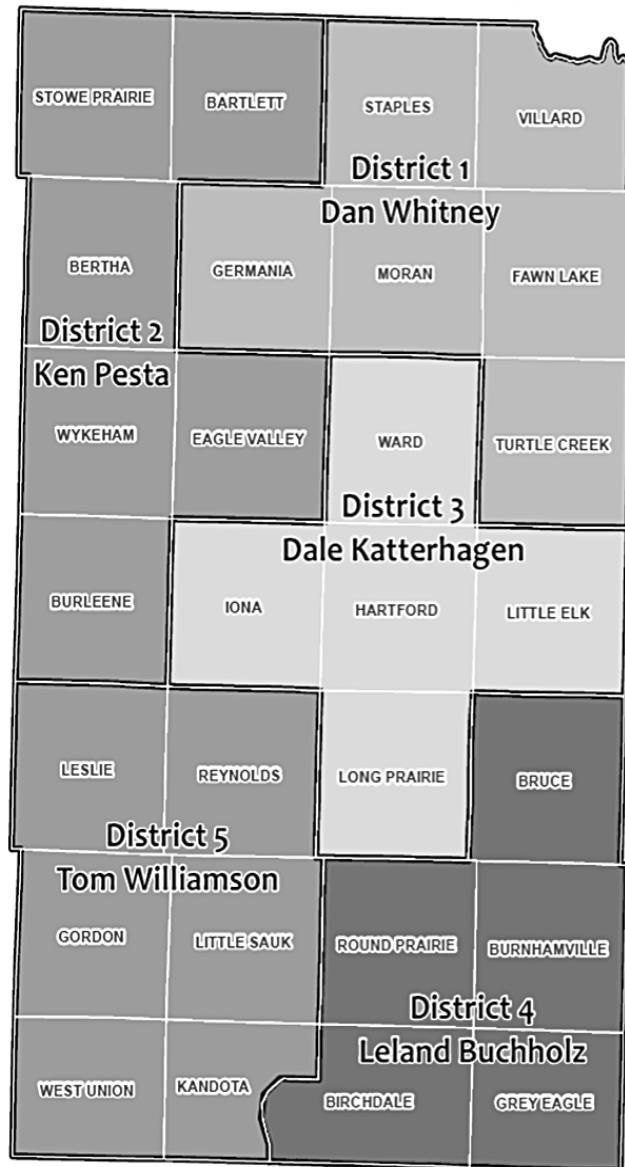
SWCDs are special purpose units of government that manage and direct conservation programs, such as the state Cost-Share Program, RIM, AIS and MN Ag Water Quality Certification. An elected board of Supervisors governs each of Minnesota's 88 SWCDs.

This year, Todd SWCD has two supervisor positions up for election. SWCD candidates appear on the ballot for the general election which will take place November 3, 2020. Candidates are elected county-wide, but must reside in one of the nomination districts up for election. SWCD Supervisors serve four year terms. The 2020 district Supervisor positions up for election are the NW District #2 and the SE District #4.

Supervisors meet monthly to discuss the business of the SWCD, including state grant allocations to landowners, district conservation priorities, coordination with other local units of government and state agencies and legislative priorities. Supervisors do not receive a salary, although they do receive compensation for attending meetings and are reimbursed for expenses.

Those interested in running should file at the county auditor's office May 19 through June 2, 2020.

Additional information about the SWCD can be found online at www.co.todd.mn.us > Divisions > Soil and Water or by calling District Manager, Deja Anton, 320-732-2644.



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Staples Council makes C-19 adjustments

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved providing a credit to on sale liquor licensees for COVID-19 business closures.

At the April 28 council meeting, the request was brought by Local Legends bar, which has a liquor license but they do not serve food during the stay at home order, so are not open.

The council also approved a 30 day delay in paying the city lodging tax. The request was brought by Timberlake Hotel.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said playground equipment and temporary camping are shut down, but the seasonal sites at Dower Lake are still allowed to open under the Minnesota stay at home order.

Nelsen said no decision has been made for many other summer recreation

activities, including baseball and softball leagues, park shelters, swimming lessons and kids camps. The city wide cleanup and Music in the Park are also undecided. Railroad Days is currently scheduled to be held August 20-23, and the chamber of commerce is planning to hold it as scheduled according to whatever rules might be in place at that time.

In other news, the council approved an engineering agreement for the

airport lighting project. Nelsen said because of coronavirus funding, FAA is now covering 100 percent of the project plus a \$30,000 grant for maintenance at the airport.

Council member Doug Case suggested the city look into a security system with bulletproof glass at city hall. Case said sometimes angry customers come into city hall and the workers have no protection.

State officials on rural response

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Minnesota state officials have learned from the the COVID-19 epidemic that has been concentrated in urban areas but is now spreading to rural areas in Minnesota. They are using that information to help rural areas prepare to fight the disease.

A video conference hosted by Center for Rural Policy and Development on May 1 gave three state officials a chance to talk about what they have learned and what they are doing for rural communities.

Steve Grove, Commissioner for the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), said Minnesota has been providing safety nets faster than most states, especially for unemployment. He said the first unemployment checks are starting to go out and advised everyone to be patient because the funding will be coming.

Grove said the most important communities are those that rely on one or two major businesses for much of their employment.

A new law allows self-employed and independent contractors to qualify for unemployment benefits. Grove said that means most people affected by the stay at home order are likely eligible for benefits.

"It is harder to make sure we are making payments to the right people and prevent fraud," said Grove.

When asked about the child care industry that has been taking care of the children of essential workers, Grove groaned and said "It's so hard."

He assured the group that child care is one of the main priorities of DEED and the governor's strategic plan for this crisis and for their long term plans. He said the best bet for child care providers and families is to apply for grants and check out DEED's child care page at mn.gov/childcare.

Grove was asked about rural newspapers that have been covering the local impacts of the crisis but are losing advertising revenue. He said he has been a journalist so he knows how critical it can be to a community.

"Good journalism never been more important," said Grove. "It is the only place any of this is covered."

He said other states have been sponsoring ads in local newspapers, but Minnesota has spending issues to work out first.

"I'm very sympathetic, I don't have a great answer," said Grove.

Agriculture crisis

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Tom Peterson spoke on the videoconference just hours

after visiting the JBS meat packing plant in Worthington, which closed when hundreds of workers were diagnosed with COVID-19.

"Right now we are in a triage situation," said Peterson. "We are making plans to open plants that are closed and keep the open ones running." He said four of the state's 24 large scale packing plants are closed because of the crisis.

Peterson said they are trying to move some business to small scale processing but gave an example of one independent butcher shop that is processing 10 hogs a day but agreed to move up to 12 per day and add Saturday processing. That would equal an extra 22 hogs per week, barely a dent in the scale of the crisis with JBS processing 80,000 hogs a day before they closed.

"Before COVID-19, we had a backup at processing plants," said Peterson. "Farmers had a six to nine month waits."

With the lack of processing services, farmers are being forced to depopulate their animal herds because they can't afford to continue feeding them. Peterson said the NRCS has compensation for farmers but that program also has limited funding.

Rural epidemic

Zora Radosevich of the Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Rural Health said the epidemic is just starting in rural areas. Wadena County became one of the last 10 counties in Minnesota to have no reported cases, but they had the first one at the end of April and another was added in May.

"Once it is in an area, it moves exponentially," said Radosevich.

She said the state has data from New York and Washington, where the virus has spread widely, but it doesn't help predict where the next big outbreak will happen.

Radosevich said rural Minnesota has an advantage of a lower population density, so social distancing and isolating sick people works better to slow the spread of the disease.

Even with physical advantages, "We will have to deal with this disease," said Radosevich, especially with the older population in rural areas. "Make a plan for when the virus comes to your community: how to be tested, how to transport a loved one, you will have to make a plan for that," she said.

When asked about each community making their own local decisions about when and how to reopen, Radosevich said the state's plan will be driven by data. "The governor has a plan, we will look at what's happening around the state and make a determination on that," she said.

Property tax discussed by Todd County

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County Correspondent

The Todd County Board of Commissioners discussed what they would do about the upcoming 2020 Property Tax payment deadlines and potential impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic at their April 21, 2020 meeting, was whether delaying payments would help.

There were also questions on whether or not they should impose penalties or lessen them.

The problem with not taking in the taxes is it affects the payouts to the cities, townships and schools who rely on those payments to conduct business. The state's general tax is effected, as well.

Commissioner Barb Becker said that it would only be fair to lower the percentage across the board if that's what they chose to do.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that they already had collected a large portion of the first half property taxes.

The board decided they would make a decision at their May 5 meeting.

Becker also asked that they implement a hiring freeze and that every hiring decision come before the board.

"If we're going to do something about taxes, we should also do this with hiring," said Becker.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said they needed to take this step to show their constituents that they take this seriously.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said they currently had six or seven positions on hold right now.

Chair David Kircher said that they would wait until May 5, as well to give them more time to think about this.

In other business

- Approved the hire of Preston Oetterer for part-time road deputy.

- Approved the hire of Chad Olson as a part-time dispatcher.

- Approved a grant agreement and resolution

for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funds for County Road 83 Project near Lakewood Hospital in Staples. The grant has been determined to be \$450,000 by reason of the lowest responsible bid. According to Public Works Director Loren Fellbaum.

This project is expected to start in mid-May and the road will be upgraded to a 10 ton road.

- Approved a grant agreement and resolution for Bridge Bond Funds for County State Aid Highway 14 Bridge Project near Browerville. Fellbaum said it would be a standard box culvert and is expected to begin construction in mid-July. There will be a 100 percent detour. The grant amount is \$107,117.

- Approved another grant agreement and resolution for Bridge Bond Funds for County Road 74 Bridge Project. The grant amount is \$162,887.
- Awarded the contract for the pavement striping projects to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. of Maple Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$327,493.

- Awarded the contract for dust control on various highways in Todd County to Knife River Corporation based on their low bid of \$135,503.

- Awarded the contract for maintenance striping projects throughout the county to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. of Maple Lake, with low bid of \$42,354.

- Accepted grant funds from the state of Minnesota as part of the Federal NG9-1-1 CPE Grant to help offset the cost of upgrading the 9-1-1 equipment to be Next Generation compliant and allow Todd County to take Text to 911 calls.

The Central Region applied for the federal grant funds from the state of Minnesota on behalf of all counties in the region. Todd County's eligible grant award is \$7,500. Motorola/Vesta Solutions has already reduced the Non-Recurring Charges by \$1,200, leaving the balance of Non-Recurring Charges of \$6,300, therefore the eligible reimbursement

amount will be \$6,300.

Sheriff Steve Och said that the reduction of the \$1,200 is because of the many delays and covers the cost of having to pay for Mille Lacs County to take their text to 911 calls.

He said that they do not get a lot of those type of calls yet, but expected that to increase with the knowledge of this possibility.

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Justin Olson for operation of an auto repair and auto dealership. Upon review, the Planning Commission has made a recommendation of granting the CUP with the following conditions: Applicant must provide full screening of storage area; No more than ten vehicles on site at any time.

- A subdivision request was approved for preliminary platting. It is known as "Little Swan Lake Addition" Subdivision and is owned by Vernon Kröll.

- Planning and Zoning along with the Auditor/Treasurers Office has worked with Kennedy & Graven, Chartered to develop a General Obligation note and resolution as required for loaning funding through the Clean Water Partnership (CWP).

- Repayment of loans to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is secured through a special assessment on the applicants' property taxes. The commissioners approved.

- The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) pays Todd County approximately \$70,000 per year for its recycling operations. For the first time, the MPCA is requiring each county to sign a "SCORE agreement" before payment is made.

Chairman David Kircher asked if the county's recycling increased would the SCORE funding increase.

Solid Waste Director Chris McConn said that while that would make sense, that would not be the case.

Approximately \$90 million is collected in assessments by the MPCA, but only a small portion is returned to the counties for recycling operations.

- Approved a resolution establishing support for seeking funding from Sourcewell for a regional program that supports

families and children in need.

- Approved a resolution establishing support for seeking funding from Sourcewell for a regional program that supports Wired Kids Education. This is a program that supports establishing healthy screen time habits for young children. Neither program would continue if funding ended.

- The Local Government Pay Equity Act and Minnesota Rules Chapter 3920 requires political subdivisions to be in compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act. Todd County has been found to be in compliance. The board did approve.

- Approved glass enclosures on the main floor of the Historic Courthouse along with the lower level of the Historic Courthouse in the amount of \$11,250 from Alex Glass and Glazing.

- When removing roof and tin from Expo lean-to area, it was discovered that many of the wood wall girts and oriented strand board (OSB) were rotted. It is recommended to remove and replace rotted areas of the lean-to with new girts, new treated plates and new interior wall covering, and reinstall of electrical. This was approved.

- The interior walls of the lean-to have areas of rotted plywood, and need to be replaced. Along with this there is also rotted plywood above the east overhead door in the main arena area, along the north bay wall. The cost for these two areas (lean to and arena area) is \$7,680.

While this was perhaps the most cost effective, Kircher and the other board members wanted to take more time to think about this and do it correctly. This will come back to the board at a later date.

- It was assumed that there was a vapor barrier present at the existing exterior envelope of the Expo Building and that a new one would not be needed. After the contractor started the demo process it was determined that there is not an adequate vapor barrier present at the exterior envelope of the arena.

The board approved applying spray foam insulation at a cost of \$12,125 and applying standard paint at a cost of \$1,680.

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No more beach

Pat Held of Motley looks out at what once was a beach at his home on Lake Shamineau. Since he and his late-wife Carolyn purchased the property in 1991, the water table has risen several feet...

at least three or more feet in the last few years. He's not sure where to put in his dock, Held said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



More sandbags to fill

Lake Shamineau resident Allen Hanley gets some help from his dog Rosco (or at least some moral support) as he prepares to fill more sandbags.

He and his wife Sandy live on the west end of the lake, where homes are being threatened by the rising water level, (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cabin succumbs to flood water

A cabin located on the south shore of Lake Shamineau was recently destroyed as the result of the rising water levels. Prior to the destruction, sandbag-

ging efforts had been made to protect the cabin from flooding. The sandbags can be seen in the lower left portion of the photo. (Submitted photo)

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Emergency pumping plan set

At one time they had found a good property to pump the water to, but the property owner was reluctant. They found another place, but learned later the soil was too sandy. "It takes a lot of time to do assessments and work with property owners," Koll said, adding that everything is taking longer because of these setbacks.

And, the longer the problem exists, the more costly it becomes.

"It's well into the millions," Held said of what the flooding has cost in terms of damage to homes and roads. Then there is the concern of declining property values, he added.

The LID had approved the engineering services of Widseth, Smith and Nolting; and Koll said they were hoping to begin construction this fall, with pumping by November. But, it's not going to be happening any time soon, Koll said. "We take a few steps forward and then there are roadblocks again."

For starters, the LID has not gotten approval for their high water project from the DNR.

After reviewing the Lake Shamineau High Water Project EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet), the DNR stated in a recent letter to the LID, that "This project could shift existing problems occurring on Lake Shamineau to downstream wetlands, streams, and waterbodies, and

exacerbate the high water problems those areas are already experiencing."

In the meantime, an emergency task force has been formed to come up with an emergency pumping plan. The group has also worked to clear ditches, allowing the water to flow from the lake.

Because Lake Shamineau has no natural outlets, Held doesn't believe the problem is going to go away on its own, or any time soon.

In addition to individual homes, there are three commercial entities on the lake, including Auger's Pine View Resort, Shamineau Acres Resort and Camp Shamineau. They've been putting a lot of sandbags around their property and have pumps running, said Lyn Carter, owner of Shamineau Acres Resort. "Our playground is completely underwater," Carter said, adding that he was thankful none of their main buildings have flooded.

Herb Bloomquist, Executive Director at Camp Shamineau, said that they have lost quite a bit of their beach front at the camp, but their main buildings, which are situated on higher ground, have not been harmed by the high water levels.

He's lived at the lake since 1986, but first started attending the camp in 1964. During those years, he's

seen the lake's level rise and fall, Bloomquist said. "In 1964, it was incredibly low and 15 years ago it was low. This year it's probably the highest I've ever seen it."

Bloomquist agrees that the lake is high, "But it's high everywhere, so what are you going to do?"

There are a few other groups besides the LID that are trying to solve the high water level situation at Lake Shamineau, Bloomquist said. He went on to mention the Concerned Property Owners (CPO) group; the Options for High Water (OHW) group; a volunteer Ditch Clearing Group; and the Scandia Valley Protection Group.

Although they are in the process of disbanding, Maureen Anderson, president of Options for High Water, said their non-profit group received a permit from the DNR to pump water from the lake, after working on a proof-of-concept project, a plan that showed that the infiltration area that they used can handle a million gallons a day. They proceeded in moving 50 million gallons of water which resulted in taking an inch of water off the lake.

The main focus of the group, Anderson went on, was that they "not let our water problem become someone else's problem."



Water over the road

Construction crews worked to build up the road and neighboring driveways along West Shamineau Rd. in Motley, closed April 22, due to flooding from Lake Shamineau. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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