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Tubing fun in Motley

The Crow Wing River in Motley was a popular destination for those looking to cool off during the recent hot streak. On July 7, Ashley Warzecha (center) had fun tubing with her sons Riley Lemke (left) and Logan Nelson, starting their journey near the Highway 210 bridge. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Summertime fun - spikeball tournament in Staples

A 26 team spikeball tournament materialized at the Pine Grove Park baseball field on July 11, organized by Elijah Rick, who brought in friends from Dassel, Duluth and Willmar to play the tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 15	79°	59°	Sunny
July 16	82	58	P. Cloudy
July 17	85	67	M. Sunny
July 18	88	62	M. Sunny
July 19	81	59	M. Cloudy
July 20	80	60	M. Sunny
July 21	81	60	Sunny

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
July 15	88°	65°	Sunny
July 16	85	63	M. Sunny
July 17	88	65	Cloudy
July 18	78	66	Rain
July 19	79	64	Cloudy
July 20	77	63	Cloudy
July 21	73	54	Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 81° Low = 60°

Rain for Week: 1.40"

Year total rain: 9.35"

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

Summer rec youth sports jamboree

The Staples-Motley Summer Recreation program has scheduled multiple activities over a two week period for students in pre-K to fourth grade. Tennis, baseball, softball, volleyball, cheerleading and track and field will be offered to area youth. Due to COVID-19, the regular summer rec programs were canceled, but many of the youth sports/camps will be held in a two week evening jamboree. Parents can register for the jamboree at the Staples-Motley school web site's community education page. See page 5a for details.



Firefighters prevent fire from spreading

Staples firefighters inspect the siding of a house after a fire started on the outside of a home owned by Megan Haber on Ravilla Ave. NE in Staples. The fire started near a wood pile and traveled up the siding to the roof. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

CLC to host online orientation July 27-31

Central Lakes College students and their families are invited to attend All Set For Fall 2020, a virtual event held July 27-31, 2020. This unique event is similar to an open house for newly enrolled students. ASFF helps students and families address lingering questions related to college finances, campus supports and resources, course registration, schedules, academic programs, student life and more. "Our All Set For Fall event is designed to make sure students feel confident about the start of fall semester and feel connected to staff, faculty and campus services and supports," said Paul Preimesberger, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success. "Faculty and staff will provide information on a wide range of topics related

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Ruby's Pantry food distribution Aug. 4

The Staples United Methodist Church and Central Lakes College are partnering to bring Ruby's Pantry to Staples. They will be bringing the first food distribution August 4, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Central Lakes College Staples Campus. To insure that the event is safe and complies with COVID-19 guidelines, it will be an outdoor, drive-thru distribution. How the distribution works is simple. There is a cash donation, attendees will receive a food bundle, typically valued between \$100-\$150. There is no income or residency requirement to participate. Ruby's Pantry is open to anyone who eats. Attendees need to bring their own totes or boxes for their food bundle. If attendees would like to receive more than one bundle, they can pay an additional fee. "We are incredibly excited to bring this valuable resource to Staples and the surrounding communities," said Erich Heppner, co-coordinator for Ruby's Pantry of Staples. "It's no secret that our local economy and families have been hit hard by COVID-19. This is our way of giving back and ensuring that people have a place to go for reliable, affordable food. Moving forward, we

plan to hold monthly distributions the first Tuesday of each month at the Central Lakes College Staples Campus." Ruby's Pantry is not government funded and is a 501 C3. Each donation is used to cover operational costs of trucking, gas and warehouse staff. All food is donated by corporate food donors, making it possible to reach more families each month at locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Questions and information about the distribution and fees can be directed to co-coordinators, Pastor Greg Leslie; 218-731-9302 or Erich Heppner; 952-807-3279.

Motley’s new park pavilion nears completion

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The pavilion at Converse Park in Motley is nearly complete, offering the public a place to hold picnics and other group gatherings.

Although a few things still need to be completed on the building project, things were ready enough for a community picnic to be held at the facility July 8.

Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director for the city, said that ceilings and electricity still need to be installed, as do bathroom fixtures, doors, countertops and handrails. Landscaping and a few other miscellaneous details are still on the agenda as well.

The project was instigated over a year ago by the Motley Free Methodist Church, whose members had come to the City of Motley with the idea of building a shelter at the park, along with a donation of \$10,000 toward the project.

Brotherton said that the city’s parks committee (of which he is a member), along with support from the city council, decided to expand on the church’s shelter idea to include a kitchen and restrooms as a way to make better use of

the park layout.

Ultimately, the project (estimated to cost around \$50,000) was approved by the city council. In addition to the church’s donation, the council agreed to use money in the capital projects fund already set aside and dedicated for park projects.

Contractors who worked on the project to date include Jordahl Concrete and Masonry, who built the walls and floors; and DHC (Derek Holst Construction) of Lakes Area, Inc., who did the roof and will be finishing the siding, trim work and ceiling.

It was fitting that the Motley Free Methodist Church was the first to host an event at the new pavilion, as they were the ones to spearhead the project.

Jessica Judd, church member and volunteer at the picnic, said that they had 103 people come through the park that day. Some felt more comfortable picking up their ‘to-go’ boxes and eating at home (due to the coronavirus), but others stuck around to enjoy outdoor fellowship, she said.

“It went real well,” Judd went on, “considering the heat, storm and the COVID scenario we all find ourselves in.”



Celebrating the new pavilion at Ernie Converse Park

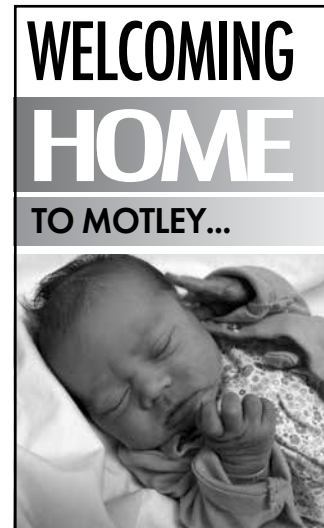
With construction nearly complete, a community picnic was held at the City of Motley’s new pavilion July 8, hosted by the Motley Free Methodist Church. Over 100 people came to the celebration that day, enjoying grilled

hamburgers and hot dogs, outdoor fellowship and musical entertainment. Social distancing measures were observed due to government regulations during COVID-19. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Burger time

Alex Griffith helped grill burgers for the community picnic.



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Church volunteers

The Motley Free Methodist Church hosted a free community picnic July 8, at Ernie Converse Park in Motley. This was the first event to be held in the newly constructed pavilion located at the park. Pictured above are church volunteers who

helped prepare the picnic meal and set up for the event. From left are Marisela Vasquez, Kevin Swecker, Alex Griffith, Jessica Judd, Traci Birkholtz and Carol Weigel. Not pictured is Verna Krantz who also helped out at the picnic.



Getting to-go boxes ready

Traci Birkholtz (right) and Carol Weigel, pictured in the kitchen of the new pavilion at Ernie Converse Park in Motley, prepared to-go boxes of food for the community picnic July 8. A total of 103 people came through the serving line (with social distancing measures in place) to pick up a to-go container of food. Each box contained chips, a cookie and grilled hamburger or hot dog.



Taking a break

Bryan Stevens, Maintenance Assistant for the City of Motley, takes a short break on July 7 from his work building the retaining wall at the city’s new pavilion

located at Ernie Converse Park. It was completed in time for the community picnic, held the next day.



Picnic entertainment

Cliff Cline (left) and Tim Cline, cousins, shared their musical talents at the community picnic in Motley July 8. The event was held at the new pavilion at Ernie Converse Park. They are scheduled to perform at the next community picnic as well on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Tri-County makes Top Workplace list

Tri-County Health Care, Wadena was named a 2020 National Standard Top Workplace by The Star Tribune. Tri-County Health Care was also included in The Star Tribune's Top Workplaces publication.

The Top Workplaces publication recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. The analysis included responses from more than 76,000 employees at Minnesota public, private and nonprofit organizations.

The rankings are based on survey information collected by Energage, an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention.

"This recognition reflects our dedication to building a culture that contributes to the physical, emotional and overall well-being of our entire team," said Teresa Johnson, Tri-County Health Care Chief Human Resources Officer. "By earning this designation two years in a row, it demonstrates we are committed to meaningful and sustained success as an organization."



Cool kids, cool treats

Tyrell Trey Davis (left) and Jace Lee Davis of Motley enjoyed an ice cream treat at the Motley Dairy Queen July 7, when temperatures lingered in the high 90's. They found a picnic table near a large shade tree which also offered respite from the heat. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Families invited to Zoom

to their programs and areas, and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions. We highly recommend this event for incoming students and their families."

ASFF will be held virtually via Zoom from 9 a.m. - noon each day. It's designed to accommodate students' busy personal

lives. Students can attend any number of sessions on any of the days. Only a one-time RSVP is required.

Students can sign up at www.clcmn.edu/new-student-orientation-day/.

Prospective students can still apply for fall semester at clcmn.edu.

Correction

Both Faith Lutheran Church in Staples and Bethany Lutheran Church in Cushing will hold services Sunday, July 19, at 9 a.m. The service at Faith will be held in the church's parking lot; and the service

at Bethany will be held indoors.

Last week's Staples World incorrectly stated that Bethany's service would begin at 10:45 a.m. The World regrets the error.

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75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• July 19, 1945 - Mrs. Virgil Spencer, a resident of May township in Cass county, near Pillager, was killed between six and seven o'clock Tuesday evening at her farm home, the result of a run-away team.

Mrs. Spencer was assisting with the field work and driving a cultivator. What frightened the team will never be known.

When Mrs. Spencer did not come in at supper time her husband went to look for her. He found her under the cultivator with the horses

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standing quiet, still hitched to the machine.

Thinking that she was unconscious, her husband took her to the house and called the Huff ambulance from Staples. A coroner was later called by Mr. Huff, and she was pronounced dead from the accident.

Mrs. Spencer was born Edna Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Green, at Battle Creek, Iowa. She was educated in the schools at Oto, Iowa.

On August 26, 1944, she was united in marriage to Virgil Spencer, and in January of this year they came to May township, where they settled on a farm.

• July 19, 1945 - Staples Boy Scout Troop 61 can now boast of two more Eagle scouts in their troop since the week of camping at Camp Clyde has been completed. Sixteen members of the local troop attended the week's outing.

Francis Peirce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Peirce, and Edward Sadusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sadusky, are the two scouts who were awarded the honors of Eagle Scouts at the court of honor held at Camp Clyde Saturday evening of last week.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• July 23, 1970 - The 60th annual Morrison County Fair at Motley will begin its 3-day run Monday, July 27, and will continue through Wednesday, July 29.

Included in the scheduled events of the exposition will be many exhibits, attractive booths, the Junior Miss Motley contest, 4-H and FFA Judging contests, free entertainment, tractor driving contest, greased pig contest, 4-H Dress Revue, turtle race, a band concert, a carnival on the midway and the presentation of awards.

• July 23, 1970 - Plans and preparations are being made by the Rainbow Riders Saddle Club of Motley for the staging of their fourth annual rodeo. The event will be held Aug. 1 and 2, with performances to get underway each afternoon at 2 p.m.

• July 23, 1970 - The Staples North team, coached by Jerry Riewer, successfully defended its championship of Babe Ruth Tournament play as they downed a tough Verndale squad 1 to 0 in an exciting finale Tuesday afternoon.

Warren Mertens picked up the win for the Staples team as he pitched a one-hitter. Mertens was also the recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award. Paul Seaton of Verndale copped the batting championship, with an average of .500.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• July 20, 1995 - A local doctor who has not forgotten the meaning of house calls was one of four finalists for the 1995 Family Physician of the Year award presented by the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians.

Lakewood Clinic's Dr. David Freeman was nominated for this award by his patients and his colleagues,

according to Academy President, Dr. Paul Van Gorp of Long Prairie.

Dr. Freeman has practiced in Staples for just over seven years. He sees patients both at the Lakewood Clinic and Greater Staples Hospital, and also visits about once a week at satellite clinics at Browerville and Eagle Bend.

Freeman and his wife, Mary, have two children, seven year old Amy and nine year old Daniel. He enjoys golf and basketball and singing and is described by his nurse, Margie Anderson, as having a "wonderful sense of humor, a little bit weird but wonderful."

But he says, "I like medicine most. I like to work. I don't know what else I'd do."

• July 20, 1995 - A Cushing man accused of the Nov. 1 shooting of another man in Rail Prairie Township pled guilty Monday to first degree murder and two lesser charges and was sentenced to life in prison.

"We're obviously pleased with the resolution of this case," said Assistant Attorney-General William Klumpp, Jr., from the Minnesota Attorney General's office, who helped prosecute the case against David Marshall Pingeon, 34.

The charges stemmed from a shooting incident which took place Nov. 1, 1994 near Lake Alexander in Rail Prairie Township, in which Bradley Scott Tweeter, 36, rural Cushing, was killed and Lynn Pingeon, 30, also of Cushing, was injured.

On Monday, Pingeon entered a guilty plea to one charge of first degree murder for the killing of Tweeter, one charge of first degree assault for the shooting of his estranged wife, Lynn Pingeon, and one charge of second degree assault against Brian Tweeter, 34, Brenda Johnson, and Johnson's eight-year-old daughter.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• July 22, 2010 - Winds of over 70 miles per hour blew through the Staples area Saturday evening, July 17, causing over 100 trees to be downed or damaged, roof damage to a few buildings and other problems in Staples.

Emergency sirens were activated in Staples and surrounding areas as the area was under two separate tornado warnings.

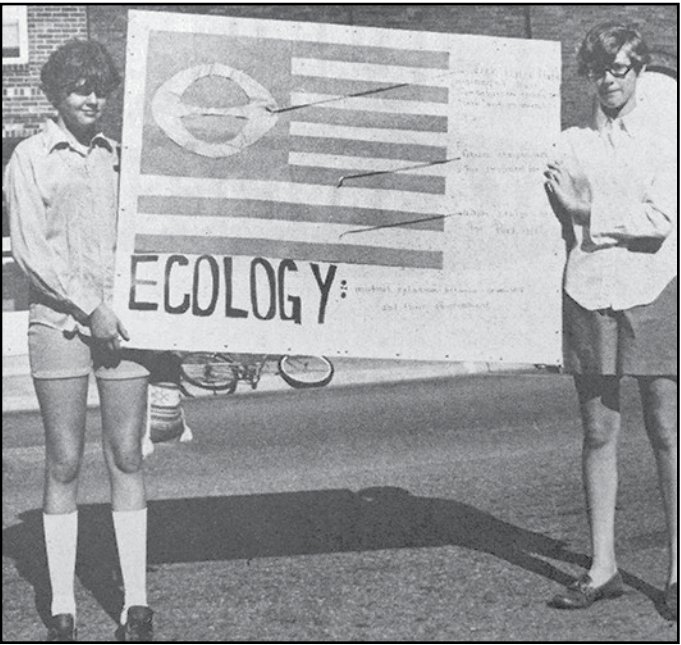
• July 22, 2010 - 'It's a Y in the trail, not the end of the road,' written by Tom Crawford, News Editor, was a front-page story that week. The story goes on to say:

The byline above has graced (or disgraced, depending on one's point of view) the pages of the Staples World since mid-May of 1981, when a 35-year-old reporter walked into the Staples World office to begin a new job. The byline won't appear, with any regularity at least, after July 30, when this writer retires.

I'm hoping to move on to golfing, fishing, some travel involving genealogy and another trip (or two) to Africa in the future. And a trip to England and Europe.

It's been a great ride for a guy who didn't plan to stay here for more than three or four years, as that had been my longest tenure at previous news writing jobs. But plans change, as they say. It's interesting that the news writer's job at this newspaper is now open for only the third time in probably 50 or 60 years. Gordy Sellnow held this post for many years prior to his unexpected death in 1977. Pat Misener replaced him and worked here for four years prior to moving on to a pastoral position (quite a switch in roles) in 1981. That's when I was hired by the then-publisher Paul Caquelin.

Looking back



Mystery photos

Hello readers. This week's archive photos are from our July 23, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photos, published in the March 28, 1957 edition of the Staples World, featured Staples High School students who received superior ratings at the District 24 speech festival.

Pictured above, front row are Virginia Cross, pantomime; Dorothy Jackson, original oratory; Kathy Simon, serious interpretative reading alternate to the regional; Wendy Stone, discussion alternate; and in the back, Carol Chapin, pantomime; Dick Bryce, extemporaneous speaking.

Pictured below are Darlene Jelinek, original oratory; Marilyn Martin, alternate to the regional contest in humorous interpretative reading; Deloris Olson, extemporaneous speaking. In back are Wayne Judd, memorized oratory; Wendel Toedter, alternate in original oratory; and Marlys Hopkins, humorous interpretative reading.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified a few of the students pictured, including Simon, Chapin, Stone, Jackson, Jelinek, Toedter and Olson. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Staples World

DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy
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Letter to the Editor

Refusing to wear a mask

I'm sorry Lisa, but I feel that I must respond to your letter to the editor in last week's Staples World. I have a very different view regarding the wearing of masks.

First, I also strongly urge the support of our local businesses. I was once the President of the Staples Chamber of Commerce. My wife Carmen and I also ran a successful business here for over 40 years. Secondly, I at 80 years of age would be considered one of those "vulnerable persons" with regard to the virus. I have refused to wear a mask and have also refused to enter a business that demands that I wear one. I have even thanked some local businesses for not forcing me to do so.

When I see the masses masked up, the phrase "sheep being led to the slaughter" comes to mind. I am not at all convinced that the news reports regarding the number of tests, infections and deaths give us an accurate picture. The CDC (Center For Disease Control) informs us that 71

persons died from the virus during the week ending July 4. Not hundreds or thousands. I wonder how many died that same week from cancer, heart attack, strokes, drunk driving, diabetes or abortion. We are constantly told of the number of new infected cases. Obviously, the huge increase in testing will show more positive cases.

I refuse to live in fear. The Bible says "it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgement." I do believe that God is in control. Does that mean that I live my life with reckless abandon? Of course not. I obey the speed limit, I wear my seat belt, I wear my helmet when motorcycling, I am not morbidly obese and I don't smoke or drink. Do we care about those who are dealing with this virus pandemic? Yes we do. But I also care about the increasing loss of freedom and governmental controls.

So I respect your thoughts put forth in your letter Lisa, my thoughts are simply different from yours as listed above. But, we're still friends, right?

Gary Schimpp
Staples, Minn

Quote of the week

"If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity."
— John F. Kennedy

Predictions for 2020 falling short

The year 2020 was supposed to be the year of vision. We always associated 20/20 with excellent eyesight. Good vision is a metaphor for being able to predict the future. So how did 2020 turn out to be the worst year ever for predictions?

When the coronavirus hit Minneapolis, we expected it to follow to the small towns in Minnesota. We heard that it was going to surge in this area in May, then it was pushed off to July and now September.

Todd County had a huge outbreak in May, but after that, the disease has returned to low numbers in this area.

Another prediction was that the spread of the virus would be dependent on our

behavior. While that is still likely true as a whole, the results are not evenly distributed. Some places that didn't follow guidelines became super-spreader hotspots. Other places allowed large gatherings but didn't get the outbreaks.

This is now a long-term issue. Perhaps instead of looking for surges in the state and nation, we should be guarding against outbreaks in specific locations. When an outbreak is detected, the strictest guidelines should be followed in that area. Where cases are extremely low, we should follow common sense to prevent the large scale outbreaks.

What this comes down to is that we may not be able to hold school or have sports seasons this fall because there is still a surge in the Twin Cities and the nation, plus outbreaks in other locations around the state.

It will be hard to predict what the state will look like a month from now, especially this year when all of our predictions have been blinded by what we thought we knew, until 2020 turned our predictions upside-down.

Informed communities are healthy communities

By Reed W. Anfinson
Swift County Monitor • News, Benson, MN; President National Newspaper Association Foundation

America is still a nation of small towns. There are over 19,500 incorporated cities in the United States with 76 percent -14,782 -with fewer than 5,000 people, according to the U.S. Census. There are 1,669 cities with between 5,000 and 10,000 people bringing the total under 10,000 to 84.4 percent of the country's cities.

You would think with such an overwhelming majority of the nation's cities small townsthat theywould be a dominant political force able to have considerable impact on the laws enacted instate legislatures and Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, that isn't the case and our influences is dwindling with each passing year.

While small town America has the number in cities, it is the metropolitan areas that have the population.

"Urban areas make up only 3 percent of the entire land area of the country but are home to more than 80 percent of the population," the Census reports. "Conversely, 97 percent of the country's land mass is rural, but only 19.3 percent of the population lives there."

These numbers have a profound impact on the information we all have, and will have access to in the future, that enable us to be involved and informed citizens. A recent University of North Carolina study found that since 2004, 1,800 newspapers had disappeared in America -1,700 of the community weekly newspapers.

In the metropolitan areas

of America, there is a relatively rich media culture with commercial television stations, public radio and television stations, internet web sites devoted to covering both the urban region and communities within it, and daily newspapers. A vibrant community newspaper can mean the difference between a healthy community and one that is poorer, more divisive, less informed, and more open to corruption.

In Healthy communities

Residents are connected by the stories of their families, neighbors, schools, local governments, religious institutions, health care facilities, social organizations, and the business community.

Its citizens are aware of what is happening and encouraged and motivated to participate in making their communities a better place to live and work.

Connected communities create a sense of belonging. Living in a connected community is nurturing, inclusive and rewarding. Connected communities give their citizens a sense of common purpose that binds them together to face challenges.

Citizens are knowledgeable about who their elected officials are, what they are doing, and how to influence their decisions for the betterment of the residents of a community.

Residents inspired to make improvements and address failings in their communities.

Are empowered by the information newspapers provide to hold those in power accountable.

Citizens have a trusted

source of information with the authority to challenge power; the knowledge of the laws that protect a citizen's right to attend meetings and access to the information elected officials study to make their decisions; the financial strength to go to court, if necessary, to protect the rights of citizens; and the reach within a community to ensure that public officials know that news of their actions will be widely disseminated among the electorate.

In towns across America, it is the local newspaper that provides these essentials that create an informed and healthy community. There is no substitute that replaces what is lost when a community newspaper disappears.

In Unhealthy Communities

What happens in communities that are not informed by a common, trusted source of information a newspaper provides? Studies have found that:

Fewer people vote.
Fewer people run for office.

Fewer people volunteer to serve on boards and commissions.

Interest rates go up for bonding because the investors know that when the government watchdog is gone, there is a greater likelihood of financial malfeasance.

Citizens become less connectedto their community.

Citizens know less about the challenges their communities face. Not knowing those challenges could lead to a steady decline in the quality of life, resident safety and the economic vitality of the community.

Small businesses will lead the way

By Shaundell Newsome

GoFundMe pages, idled workers and "good-bye and thank you" signs popping up on one long-standing storefront after another. America's Main Street businesses are on the ropes and many of our moms and pops are facing early retirement. Sadly, an overwhelming eight in 10 small business owners say our nation's leaders don't understand their needs, and favor big business anyway, during this time of crisis, according to a new survey of 1,200 entrepreneurs from Small Business for America's Future.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the protests around the murder of George Floyd and so many other black Americans have exposed and highlighted the structural racism that exists in our healthcare and economic systems. For small business owners—and for all of us who rely on them for

jobs and essential and enjoyable services—the after-shocks could be profound. Shutters and closures raise the specter of Main Streets that more resemble the first years of the Great Recession, or the aftermath of an extreme weather event, than a rebounding recovery.

Small businesses—particularly small business owners of color—are suffering and the Trump Administration's confusing, uneven and lackluster response has left many entrepreneurs feeling poorly understood and left behind. There has been little progress on advancing a comprehensive recovery plan that will help our nation's primary job creators survive and rebuild over the long term.

This is an unacceptable state of affairs. We cannot let our small businesses bear the economic brunt of the turmoil in our country. It was small businesses—not giant corporations—that led the country out of

the Great Recession. They created nearly two-thirds of new jobs following the recession, according to the Small Business Administration. With a long-term recovery plan dedicated to helping small businesses, they can lead the way out of the COVID-19 recession, too.

But we have a lot of work to do. Small business owners were already feeling betrayed by the 2017 Trump tax cuts, citing windfalls for corporations and lip service for them. The feeling only intensified when, under the administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) implementation plan, it became known that chains like Ruth's Chris Steak House and Shake Shack had an easier time getting a PPP loan than your neighborhood bistro or barber shop.

For entrepreneurs of color, emergency aid has fallen far short. A recent poll of Black and Latino business owners from Color of Change and UnidosUS found just 12% of the owners who applied for aid from the Small Business Administration — most seeking a PPP loan — reported receiving what they had asked for and nearly half say they will be permanently out of business by the end of the year.

The result, unfortunately, is that small businesses have lost faith that government leaders care about them. We can't go on like this. Our leaders must commit to helping small business owners recover and rebuild over the long-term. To help the small business community in this effort, a coalition of business owners and leaders have come together to launch Small Business for America's Future.

We need a strong small business voice in Washington committed to ensuring policymakers prioritize Main Street by advancing policies that work for small businesses and their employees. If we don't empower our job creators, our economic recovery will be much slower and more painful.

People in the community become more self-interested and less community-minded, resulting in less motivation to work together as a community to get important things done.

Communities without newspapers are more polarized.

Environmental laws get rolled back with little attention or outrage.

Local governments can levy for millions of dollars on construction projects voters do not support. If the newspaper isn't covering the meetings and writing the stories, decisions would be made without citizens given the opportunity to raise questions.

Citizens lack the information they need to make decisions on bonding proposals, whether it is for their children's education or the expansion of broadband to rural communities.

Public officials deceive citizens on their right to attend an open meeting, or their right to review public documents.

Citizens don't know who is running for office, or what theywould stand for if elected.

Citizens don't know if their elected officials are serving their interests, or cheating them; if they are diligent, or derelict in their duties.

Open meeting laws and data practices access would be curtailed, hiding vital information from citizens.

In the digital world, people can know more about what ishappening in the world than they do about what is happening in their back yards. However, it is what is happening out the back door that has the greatest impact on our daily lives.

Our survey shows the need for a long-term recovery plan for small businesses is undeniable:

Nearly a quarter (23%) of small business owners have considered closing their business permanently and 12% are facing the possibility of having to declare bankruptcy because of COVID-19

53% have new debt related to COVID-19. Of those one-third have \$50,000 or more in new debt.

Three in 10 small businesses will dip into their personal savings to finance reopening while 2 in 10 will use credit cards to do so

Small business owners are in this situation for doing their part to prevent the spread of the virus. Now it's time for policymakers to do their part to make sure small businesses can rebuild.

In our survey, small business owners identified three primary areas of concern that need to be addressed in the recovery: lowering healthcare costs, creating common-sense tax policies that put small businesses on a level playing field with big businesses, and ensuring a just and equitable recovery and economy.

The virus has not gone away and the road to recovery will be steep. Small business owners will have to struggle through lower sales volume and depressed consumer demand as people cautiously test the waters. Only 38% of small businesses expect revenue to increase over the next 12 months, according to a CNBC survey.

We need our leaders to dedicate themselves to creating policies that give Main Street a chance to get off the ropes. And we'll be in their corner fighting for small business and America's future.

Shaundell Newsome is co-chair of Small Business for America's Future, and owner of small business Sumnu Marketing

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Sh-Boom and Wonderettes cast

Front, left to right; Lydia Halbach, Nicole Rothleutner and Rachael Kline. Back, Jaydon Friedel, Noah Barnhart, Sharon L. Hartley, Emily-Rose Severson, Macy

Judd, Jacob Hanson and Oliver Knudson. Not pictured, Brianna Lynne Engels. (Submitted photo)

Judd, Friedel in outdoor theatre

Staples-Motley graduates Macy Judd and Jaydon Friedel will be appearing in two outdoor productions of Brainerd Community Theatre (BCT), at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

Two bouncy, up-beat musicals featuring popular songs will be performed outdoors when BCT presents 'Sh-Boom, Life Could be a Dream' and 'The Marvelous Wonderettes.' The shows will be held the week of July 20 ('Sh-Boom') and August 3 (Marvelous Wonderettes'), beginning at 6:30 p.m.

BCT Producer Patrick Spradlin and his team (George Marsolek, Lucy Peterson, and Curtis Jendro) saw the closing of indoor theatres due to COVID-19 as an opportunity. "We agreed that to not do anything at all was not an acceptable alternative," said Spradlin. "So we started imagining theatre in different formats."

One format was a totally streamed performance held

the week of June 16. Moving theatre outdoors was another idea, which has led to the production of these two musicals.

"We will be taking all sorts of safety precautions for the performance," Spradlin noted. "The first row of seating is 15 feet from the stage; audience size is limited to the State's guideline of 250 and seating areas with appropriate distancing will be marked. We encourage audience to wear masks, and we will have hand sanitizing stations available. All of our staff will be masked and gloved. Outdoor activity has been shown to be far less dangerous, especially with these precautions in place."

The two shows are, according to Spradlin, perfect for this time. "They are both upbeat, shows with fun characters and songs that the vast majority of our audience will know. There may be sing-along happening. Right now, we

all needs some kind of return to normalcy, along with fun, uplifting entertainment. These shows fit the bill."

Sh-Boom

'Sh-Boom—Life Could Be a Dream' follows the journey of Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop group, as they vie to win a local radio contest. The trio has some talent but they need a certain something to really sell the group. Duke Henderson walks in from a potential sponsorship with Big Stuff Auto and quickly becomes the leading heartthrob of the group. But life needs a little drama. Enter Lois, the daughter of the owner of Big Stuff Auto. Each man has an immediate attraction to Lois but Duke seems to have caught her eye.

'Sh-Boom' is directed by Travis Chaput. The cast includes Jaydon Friedel as Denny, Oliver Knudson as Eugene, Noah Barnhart as Wally, Jacob Hanson as

Duke, Lydia Halbach as Lois and Sharon Hartley as Mrs. Varney.

Wonderettes

'The Marvelous Wonderettes' is a cute, campy show about four glee club girls we first meet at their senior prom and then 10 years later at their high school reunion. The girls get the honor of performing for their student body as the prom entertainment after the boys' glee club leader gets caught smoking. The show features some of the most well-known "girl group" songs of the 50's-60's and a storyline that is both funny and charming.

'Wonderettes' is directed by Amy Borash. The cast includes Rachael Kline as Cindy Lou, Nicole Rothleutner as Betty Jean, Macy Judd as Missy and Emily-Rose Severson as Suzy.

Todd County Museum open for research now, tours in August

The Todd County Historical Society Board and Curator met on June 24, 2020 to decide how to proceed with re-opening the museum. It was decided to open in July, 11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., for research only.

It will be open in August on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. for research and tours of the museum.

It will be by appointment only because of requirements for the number of people allowed in the museum at one time. Masks will be required, and are available to purchase at the

museum, hand sanitizer is available and a per person COVID-19 clean-up charge as well.

The Todd County Museum is located in downtown Long Prairie at 333 Central

Ave. The building is located on the site of the former Winnebago Indian Agency in Long Prairie. For more info on the opening you may call; 320-732-4426, leave your name and phone number.

Mark Your Calendar

July 15

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD Mtg Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited to attend and asked to bring a mask to wear.

Staples-Motley Community Education Presents the:

2020 SUMMER JAMBOREE

July 27th-30th & August 3rd-6th

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to run our traditional Summer Rec programs this June, but are pleased to offer a two-week jamboree the last week of July and first week of August. Elementary students can keep up with their favorite summer sport, or try something new! Sign up for as many skills sessions as you'd like, space is limited!



Tennis Skills - Red Ball

Tennis Courts | Mondays
July 27 & August 3 | 6-7pm
PreK-1st Grade | \$10



Softball & Baseball Skills

Baseball Fields
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6:30-8pm
July 28, 30 & August 4, 6
PreK-3rd grade | \$15



Tennis Skills - Orange Ball

Tennis Courts | Wednesdays
July 29 & August 5 | 7-8pm
2nd-4th Grade | \$10



Volleyball Skills

South Gym - High School
Tuesday | August 4 | 6-7pm
Kindergarten-3rd Grade | \$5



Cardinal Cheer Skills

Football Field
Wednesdays | 6-7pm
July 29 & August 5
PreK-5th Grade | \$10



Track & Field Skills

Track | Tuesdays
August 4 | 6-7pm
PreK-4th Grade | \$5

REGISTER ONLINE @ bit.ly/20SummerRec OR CALL LORI

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A COVID-19 WAIVER ON FILE WITH COMMUNITY ED

ADULT OFFERINGS



Paint & Sip @ Holst Acres

Tuesday | August 11 | 6-8pm
Ages 21 & up | \$35 | BYOB
Grab your friends, a drink & join art teacher Jill Schneider to have some fun while social distancing! Jill will guide you through a floral-still life painting.



Lori Nienow, Community Education
Administrative Assistant 894-5400 x3120
Loren Walz, Community Education
Coordinator 894-5400 x3002

Immunization clinics set for Todd County

Todd County Health & Human Services

Immunizations are one of the most important ways to protect individuals from serious diseases. During this COVID-19 pandemic it is even more important that children and adults receive their routine vaccines to help prevent future outbreaks of preventable diseases.

We know that COVID-19 has caused some concerns for parents and guardians who may not want to visit a clinic or hospital at this time. Know that all clinics and hospitals are taking the necessary safety measures so that you and your children will be safe when at their facility. Todd County Health and Human Services is also offering by appointment only vaccine

visits for those who meet eligibility requirements.

For more information on eligibility requirements or free or low-cost immunizations, call Todd County Health & Human Services at 320-732-4542. There is a cost. Minnesota Health Care plans are accepted (card must be provided at time of clinic). No one will be refused services due to inability to pay.

Upcoming immunization clinic at Todd County HHS are:

Monday July 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday Aug. 4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday Aug. 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday Sept. 1, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to the Todd County Sheriff's K-9 unit. Funds will be used for training. From left, Staples Lions President Mike Gold making the presentation to Todd County Sheriff Steve Och. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Census help

If you haven't filled out your census form, come to Staples City Hall Monday to Friday

July 20-24, 2-5 p.m.

It only takes 10 minutes

Located at 122 6th Street NE

From the Staples Complete Count Committee

Family Vacation Bible School
July 27-31
6-7 p.m.
Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Birch Street E, Motley | 218-352-6888

AUCTION

As we are fully retiring we will sell the following items. Located at:
From Staples, Mn., Hwy. 210 South to Cty 7, South four miles to 460th St. (fire #46278)
From Lincoln: Hwy. 10 to Cty 7, West 11 mi., to the site. FOLLOW SIGNS ON:

Saturday, July 18, 2020

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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, with campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena, has announced its Spring 2020 Graduates. Local students listed include:

- Ashley Hull, Staples, Nursing
- Olivia Leslie, Staples, Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Amber O'Keefe, Staples, Nursing
- William Schroers, Staples, Electrical Line Worker Technology
- Brittany Swanson, Staples, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Brittany Swanson, Staples, Psychology Transfer Pathway.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Mercedes and Gregory Fagereng of Baxter, a baby boy, Grayson LeMay weighing seven pounds, six ounces on July 6, 2020.

Born to Molly and Luke Mertens of Staples, a baby girl, Audrey Annette weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on July 6, 2020.

Born to Brooke Mogensen and William Buchanan of Brainerd, a baby girl, Kyzlee Aida weighing eight pounds, six ounces on July 7, 2020.

Born to Karen Kehn and Christopher Banaka of Staples, a baby girl, Astrid Ruth weighing nine pounds, three ounces on July 7, 2020.

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Born to LaTeesha Rieck of Staples a baby girl, Mae-lynn Kay Rieck on July 4, 2020.

Obituaries

Michael Whistler

Michael "Mike" Edward Whistler, 54, of Brainerd died unexpectedly July 2, 2020 at his home in Brainerd.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

Mike was born April 21, 1966 in St. Paul to Vernon and Edna (Jackson) Whistler. He graduated from Oakdale High School and continued his education at Central Lakes College obtaining two associates degrees in computer science. Mike was currently employed at CTC as a purchaser; he enjoyed the challenges of his job and finding ways to improve business. Mike was a music aficionado, electronics enthusiast and had a curiosity for astronomy that was out of this world. He taught his family to laugh, care for one another and stop and listen to the music. Michael was caring, kind-hearted and a brilliant smart aleck. Above



all else he loved his family and friends beyond words; he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Mike is survived by four siblings, two brothers, Jim and Bob, both of Brainerd and two sisters, Patty (Bob) Taylor of Wichita, KS and Cheryl of Staples and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two dogs, Chika and Chaz; and many aunts, uncles and distant relatives.

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Richard Roberts

A service for Dick Roberts' will be held at 5 p.m., Friday, July 17 at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Celebration of Life to follow, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Lefty's Bar, Staples. Join us, have some food and share stories.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

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

WEDNESDAY

AWANA 6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Church of Christ

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

WEDNESDAY

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

First Congregational Church, UCC

firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street. NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

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

Seventh Day Adventist

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

Thomastown Covenant

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran

25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 6:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

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

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

United Methodist

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church

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

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

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

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

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

Family Life Church

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

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central United Methodist

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

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Many offer remote services.

"Pray for Healing"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. --1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV

Since Easter I've a done a noon time live-stream message and prayer on Facebook five days per week. Most of the ideas I share now come from my July 4 noon prayer.

Our nation is in turmoil. It's a mess in fact. Pandemic - to mask or not to mask? Shelter at home or get together and PARTY? Protests over police brutality, riots, arson, and looting. Not to mention the senseless murders of innocent children in random shootings in several cities. Finger pointing, the blame game - social media inciting more and more of the same from ALL SIDES.

There is a better way to address our nation's problems. PRAYER.

In the verse above St. Paul urges us to pray for all people, especially those in authority. It makes

no difference if you like them, or agree with them or not. In fact, Jesus said "pray for your enemies. Bless them."

As to the content of your prayer, I would suggest softer voices and ears that listen starting with yourself; for patience and compassion towards those with whom you may disagree; and that you might see people, all people, the way God does, the way HE SEES YOU AND ME - a sinner, who is broken, in need of forgiveness, for whom HE WAS WILLING TO DIE.

For ultimately healing can be found only in God and in the forgiveness of sin which He gives to us in Christ, and that He would have us share with one another.

To God be the glory. Amen.

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When all you believe in
And thought to be true
Is trashed, torn,
and taken away from you.

When what you thought could
happen only in nightmares
Is all that's in view.

When the world in which you
strive to return exists no more.
Why not embrace the darkness?
For I can see this future
and there is no light there.
Not anymore.

Could death be the only
true road to happiness?
Is there nowhere to run?

When all you have left
is to wonder,
Is living just existing
or is just existing living?
Is there nowhere to run?

Where you rest,
may there always be light.
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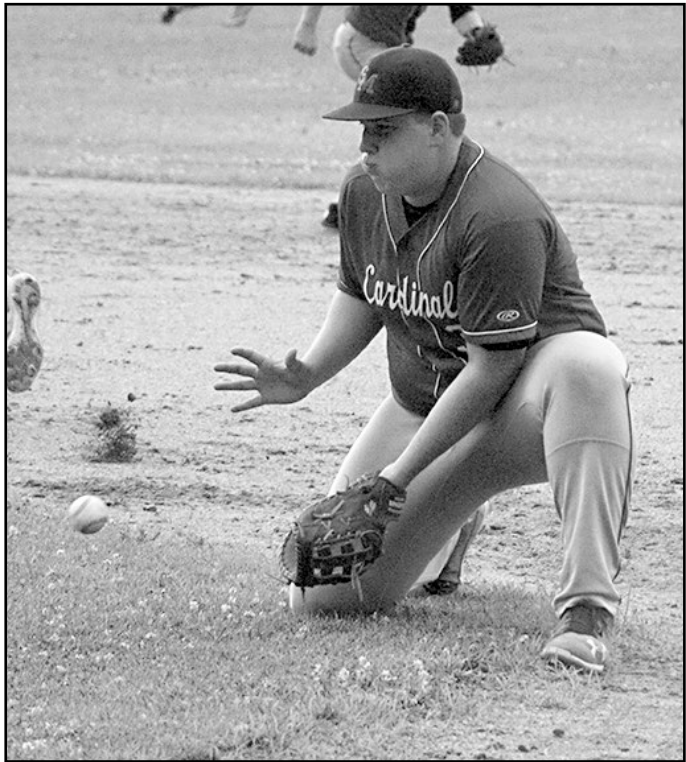
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The Staples-Motley Babe Ruth 18U league started their shortened season July 8, with a game against Pillager. Pictured at left, Sam Sauber; above, Nate Nyhus; right, Josh Kossan; below left, Cole Winkels; below right, Payton Bjerga. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Baseball season started



Songbird babies offer survival lesson

Scientists tell us that when we look at a bird, we're seeing a descendant of the dinosaurs, a branch of that evolutionary tree that survived the asteroid or meteor impact with Earth 65 million years ago that doomed the rest.

The resemblance seems most evident when we see a songbird without the feathers that keep it warm and give it beauty, and—most important—allow it to fly. Before a nestling is fledged it is almost grotesque in its naked, helpless state. Bare, rubbery skin, outsized goblin eyes, and a yawning beak give it a look that is almost reptilian.

We rarely see a young bird in this state, except when some mishap finds it prematurely out of its nest. It could happen when a predator raids a nest. If there are red squirrels in the neighborhood, they—the most omnivorous of our squirrels—might get the blame, deserved or not. Cowbirds are parasites that lay their eggs in other birds' nests, rather than raising their own. Their young hatch before and grow faster than the offspring of the host, and—in competing for food—are said to sometimes push out the host's own young. Unfledged nestlings rarely survive, and are even more likely than the rest of the 70 percent of songbirds that do not live through their first year.

There are less devilish but equally consequential causes of nestling ejections, like the recent high winds that were so unusual in their persistence and ferocity.

Tree boughs bearing nests can be whipped by the wind enough for a young bird to fall out. A week ago, while picking up my granddaughter's yard toys, my eyes were drawn to a dark object in the grass under the 50-foot spruce that towers over our yard. What I thought might be a toad proved instead to be an unfledged songbird. Its size suggested a robin or a blue jay, but the absence of feathers made identification uncertain.

The nestling was alive, with no visible injuries. Young birds can survive falls from a considerable height, although—lacking feathering to provide wind resistance—an unfledged bird would land with more impact. There was no nest in any of the spruce's lowest branches, and—even if I had entertained the thought of putting it back—there was no way to reach the interlaced branches so far above where the nest might logically be.

As I watched the young bird I could see the faint vibrations of breathing. At the same time, I had little doubt that it was unlikely to survive. Even if its parents came to it there in the grass, it was so far from being fledged that it seemed impossible that it could be nursed there long enough to actually attain flight.

The all-too-human idea of "putting it out of its misery" crossed my mind. I even got the garden scoop with which I pick up after our dog, and considered scooping it into the trash. Yet it was alive, even if only barely. I also considered "Nature's way," which—even in the artificial environment of the backyard—would be to let some predator or scavenger decide the issue if the bird's parents didn't.

I moved it to a place in some taller grass where my granddaughter would be unlikely to encounter it, a place where a parent

bird could find it if such an effort was made, and where a member of Nature's clean-up crew might also find it, if it should come to that.

Later that day, with those fierce winds continuing to blow, my visiting son mentioned that there was a baby bird out on the lawn. I wondered if the bird I had relocated had managed somehow to flop or crawl its way to where my son had found it.

Not so. Bird #1 was where I had placed it. This one differed in one notable way. The tips of tiny tubular feather sheaths could be seen where real feathers would soon emerge. They had a blue cast to them, which I took as an indication that this was—that both of them were—blue jay nestlings. Perhaps this one was more developed because it had been born before the other. Or maybe it was better positioned in the nest to intercept the meals that a parent had been bringing, and had grown faster.

Though I was now more certain of the nestlings' identity, I was no more able to help this one than its nest mate, so I carefully scooped it up and set it beside the other. If there was anything that a parent's intervention could do for their predicament, doing this would offer the best opportunity.

The attempt wasn't long in coming. As dusk was overtaking the evening and we sat watching a setting sun tint the eastern shoreline with the richest color of the day, a blue jay dropped down from the tree and landed where I had placed the pair of nestlings. Having the benefit of elevation on the deck, I could see a tiny head stretch upward, and the adult bend toward it. I could only presume it was to place a morsel of food in its eager mouth.

I did not see the feeding act repeated, but soon after

that I watched an adult blue jay dive bomb a gray squirrel that was clinging to the trunk of the tall spruce. The squirrel beat a hasty retreat across the lawn with the blue jay in hot pursuit.

As darkness fell, I pondered what the night might bring for those two nestling jays hidden in the grass, far from the safety of the nest high above them. The cast of night creatures would include several that could make a meal of them, including silent-winged owls, a raccoon, a skunk, or a fox. Blue jays are themselves opportunistic feeders. And while seeds, berries, nuts, and insects are their primary food, they've been known to raid a nest and eat the eggs—even the nestlings—of smaller birds. Such are the ironies of Nature.

Perhaps it was overly sentimental to ponder the fate of these two infant blue jays, knowing as I did that their chances of survival were slim and none; and, as a friend says in long-shot situations, "Slim just left town."

Next morning, out on the deck for the first coffee of the day before starting work, I walked to where I had left the pair of nestlings. Neither was anywhere to be found. The most obvious conclusion was that a predator or scavenger had found them. Perhaps I had not done them any favor by saving them for such a fate. But neither had I intervened in the natural order of things; instead allowing another creature to profit from their demise.

Heavy hitters in tournament

Lefty's Softball Tournament was held at Dower Lake in Staples July 11 and 12. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Central Building Supply celebrates 37 years in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Central Building Supply, Staples, is celebrating their 37th year in business with the same family, but a new ownership structure this year. Jeremy Reeck took over the business when his father Bob Reeck retired, this past winter after nearly 50 years in the business. Jeremy has been working along side of his dad since 1994. He said the business will continue on as always, with the focus of taking care of the needs of customers and contractors in the area.

Central Building Supply started in 1983, when Bob Reeck opened his own lumber yard after having working for Lampert Building Center.

Central Building Supply has always been a full service lumberyard and building supply store, also offering personalized services to customers in designing their building and remodeling projects.

Jeremy Reeck said he

considers it a local business, but they also get a lot of customers from surrounding communities.

“I would like to thank the local community for working with us all these years and we work well with other communities,” said Reeck.

Central Building Supply teams up with other local businesses making products available to customers for their building projects.

“We’re lucky we live in an area like we live in,” said Reeck. “Businesses are always looking out for each other.”

The business has been growing over the 37 years. The current showroom was built in 2001, and has kept up with trends in building and technology.

Currently, five employees have a combined 66 years at Central Bldg. “We retain employees, we’re like a large family. We do things outside of work, in the community, volunteering with the fire dept., scouting, youth sports, as well as other local activities.



Family framework at Central Building Supply

Employees and their families gathered for a photo in front of the store. From left, Manager Jamie Dolezal and family; William, Jennie and Hannah; Lead Truck Driver, Todd Hoemberg, Heather and Amelia; Owner, Jeremy Reeck and family; Jodi, Jacob and Connor; Yard Foreman, Tim Holmberg and family; Christina, Lilly and Alex; salesman Tim Nieminen, Cade Schmidt and Alex Giza, yard workers. (Staples World photo by M Anderson)

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**NOTICE
MOUNT ROSE
CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING**

July 20, 2020, 10 a.m. at the Countryside Restau- rant, Motley, MN.

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**BECKER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE
FILING DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, Novem- ber 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. on Tues- day, August 11, 2020. You may call Mary Fitcher, 218- 352-6498 for an appointment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Can- didates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

- One (1) Township Clerk - four (4) year term
 - One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (seat 2)
- Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
- 28-29pnc

**NOTICE OF
FILING DATES FOR
ELECTION TO THE
SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 2170
STAPLES-MOTLEY
STATE OF
MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candi- dacy for the office of School Board Member of Inde- pendent School District No.2170 shall begin on **July 28, 2020** and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on **August 11, 2020**.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available at the School District Office; 905 4th ST NE, Staples MN 56479; between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. on Aug. 11)

The filing fee for this office is two dollars (\$2). A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affi- davit on file for any other office at the same (primary or next ensuing) general election.

The affidavits of candi- dacy must be filed in the District Office, and the filing fee paid, prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Greg Frisk
School District Clerk

28-29pnc

**BYRON TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE FILING
DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the state General Election to be held Tuesday, Novem- ber 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Byron Township Clerk, 8991 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

One (1) Township Clerk - two (2) year term filling an appointment

One (1) Township Treasurer - four (4) year term

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 1)

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 2)

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

29-30pnc

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on Novem- ber 3, 2020:

- Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)
- Township Clerk (Special Term expiring January 3, 2023)
- Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)
- Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Beverly J. Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,
Cass County

29-30pnc

**MAY TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE
FILING DATES**

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, Novem- ber 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Please call the Clerk, Bianca Wyffels, at 218-820- 6430, for an appointment. Or the office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020 for candi- dates to file: May Township Hall Building, 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager, MN.

Candidates must file at the office of the township Clerk, May Township Hall Building, 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager, MN. Can- didates must complete an affi- davit of candidacy and pay \$2 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

- Township Clerk - 4 year regular term
 - Township Supervisor Seat 1 - 4 year regular term
 - Township Supervisor Seat 3 - 2 year term (fill an appointment)
- 28-29pnc
- MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE
FILING DATES**
- The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, Novem- ber 3, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. You may call Ty Peterson, 703-209-2678 for an appoint- ment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 7969 65th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.
- Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020:

One (1) Township Clerk - two (2) year term filling an appointment

One (1) Township Treasurer - four (4) year term

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 1)

One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 2)

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
May 5, 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 5th day of May, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Alle- giance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as pre- sented with the addition of item 11.2 Update on COVID- 19 Situation.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the fol- lowing motions and resolu- tions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commis- sioner's Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2020 as pre- sented.

To approve the resigna- tion of Zeke Nava effective January 13, 2020.

To approve the resigna- tion of Carole Schoenrock effective January 13, 2020.

To approve the resigna- tion of Sarah Hunter effec- tive March 1, 2020.

To accept the resigna- tion of Douglas Johnson as Todd County Chief Deputy Recorder effective 4/24/2020.

To hire Kellen Pulliam for Seasonal Water Patrol.

To hire Riley Mounsdon for Seasonal Water Patrol.

To hire Melissa Morazan for part-time Correctional Officer.

To approve the hire of Kim Bosl as Chief Deputy Recorder.

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 April 2020 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900760 through 900781 in the amount of \$129,181.38, (Manual) 537 through 544 in the amount of \$50,670.80 and (Regular) 235294 through 235401 in the amount of \$321,503.89 for a total of \$501,356.07.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was intro- duced and adopted by unan- imous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 400617 through 400627 in the amount of \$15,112.35 and (Regular) 53440 through 53489 in the amount of \$24,683.19 for a total of \$39,795.54.

On motion by Neumann 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) 600177 through 600183 and (Regular) 515805 through 515813 for a total amount of \$51,864.54.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the 2019 Voting Equipment Grant Award and authorize the County Auditor-Treas- urer to sign the Grant Award contract for and on behalf of Todd County and its Municipalities.

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

**2020 MEMORIAL DAY
APPROPRIATIONS**

W H E R E A S , Todd County has budgeted in 2020 for an appropriation to support the expenses for conducting Memorial Day Services by organizations within Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Com- missioners hereby approve the 2020 payment of \$10 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of County lots in said Evergreen Cemetery; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the payment of \$50 to each regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses in connection with the proper observance of Memorial Day Services conducted within Todd County and the amount to be paid by warrant to each organization provided that in cases where any of the above mentioned do not have an organization, the amount will be paid to the organization conducting the Memorial Day Service.

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

2020 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

APPROPRIATIONS

W H E R E A S , Todd County has budgeted for 2020 an appropriation of \$200 per Senior Citizen Center in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Com- missioners hereby approve the 2020 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County.

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER PARTIALLY ABATE THE PENALTY ON LATE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Execu- tive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime State of Emer- gency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Execu- tive Order 20-02, ordering the temporary closure of all public and private schools to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Execu- tive Order 20-04, ordering the temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of accommodation to help slow the spread of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Execu- tive Order 20-05, providing certain relief to employers and unemployed workers during the COVID-19 emer- gency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Exec-

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

utive Order 20-20, requir- ing Minnesotans to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-05 rec- ognizes that the economic insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will be a major concern for many Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-15 rec- ognizes that the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will result, either directly or indirectly, in the closure of many of Minne- sota's small businesses; and

W H E R E A S , Todd County desires to provide temporary relief to its residents and businesses within the County that have been directly or indirectly impacted by the economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Todd County recognizes that as a result of unemployment, lost or reduced wages and the loss of business income, the prompt payment of property taxes will be a major economic pressure for many County residents this year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board may, with the concurrence of the County Auditor-Treasurer, abate the penalty for late payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that imposing the full penalty for late pay- ment of property taxes in 2020 would be unjust and unreasonable, and further finds that partially abating the penalties associated with the late payment of property taxes in 2020 fur- thers the economic inter- ests of the County and its residents and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer has indicated that she concurs with the Board's findings and its desire to partially abate the penalty for late payment of taxes in 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Todd County Board of Commis- sioners as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board hereby delegates to the Todd County Audi- tor-Treasurer the power to abate the penalty provided in Minn. Stat. § 279.01 for the late payment of prop- erty taxes payable in 2020, to the extent provided for in this Resolution.
2. The County Board further requests that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer impose the following mod- ified penalties for late pay- ment of property taxes due and payable in 2020 for all applicable property classi- fications:
 - a. For taxes paid between May 16, 2020 and May 31, 2020: a penalty of 0% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing.
 - b. For taxes paid between June 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020: a penalty of 0% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing
 - c. For taxes paid on or after July 1, 2020: the pen- alty otherwise imposed by law. For reference purposes only, the penalty schedule currently in effect is shown below.

Property Type:	2020											2021
	May 16	June 1	July 1	Aug 1	Sep 1	Oct 1	Oct 16	Nov 1	Nov 17	Dec 1	Jan 2	
Homesteads and Seasonal Rec.	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	-	8%	10%	
1st half	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	4%	-	5%	7%	
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	6%	-	5%	7%	
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5%	8.5%	
Agricultural Homesteads	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	
1st half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	4%	6%	
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	6%	6%	
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	8%	
Nonhomesteads	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	-	12%	14%	
1st half	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	8%	-	9%	11%	
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	10%	-	10.5%	12.5%	
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Agricultural Nonhomesteads	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	14%	
1st half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	8%	10%	
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	10%	12%	
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Personal Property	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	
Manufactured Homes	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	
1st half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%	
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

PUBLIC NOTICES:
Your Right to Know



Common food safety mistakes

Don't be one of the 48 million Americans sickened each year by food poisoning. To avoid 10 of the most common yet dangerous food safety mistakes the following includes.

- #1: Tasting food to see if it's still good
Never taste your food to check if it has spoiled.
- #2: Putting cooked foods on a plate that previously held raw meat
This can cause cross-contamination.
- #3: Thawing food on the counter
ONLY thaw foods in the refrigerator or in cold water.
- #4: Washing meat
Never wash raw meat as the water can easily spread bacteria to your sink and other kitchen surfaces.
- #5: Letting food cool before putting it in the refrigerator
DO NOT leave food out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.
- #6: Eating raw cookie dough
NEVER eat any uncooked food containing raw eggs. They may contain Salmonella or other harmful bacteria.
- #7: Marinating meat on the counter. Never marinate meat on the counter or use the same marinade for raw meat and cooked food.
- #8: Undercooking meat, poultry, seafood or eggs
Cooked food is safe only after it's been heated to a high enough internal temperature to kill harmful bacteria.
- #9: Not washing your hands
ALWAYS wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap/warm, running water before AND after handling food.
- M #10: Be sure to replace kitchen sponges and dish rags
SPONGES and DISHRAGS are some of the dirtiest tools in your kitchen.

-Modified from eatright.org

Public Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given, that the Regular Election of the United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to elect members to serve on the District Board of Directors.

Any person desiring to be a candidate for member of the District Board shall file with the clerk of the city or the township in which he resides, an application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election as a member representing such city or township that is included in the Hospital District.

Filing opens Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and closes Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Members will be elected as follows: The election of one member of District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2024 representing from each of the following cities and townships:

- Staples Township
- Villard Township
- City of Staples
- City of Motley
- Poplar Township
- Moose Lake Township
- Meadowbrook Township

and, the election of one member of the Hospital District for a term expiring, December 31, 2024 representing a member at large. Persons filing for the position of a member at large can reside in any of the governmental units of the United Hospital District and the entire Hospital District which will vote for a member at large are:

- Staples Township
- Villard Township
- City of Staples
- Moran Township
- Becker Township
- City of Motley
- Meadowbrook Township
- Byron Township
- Moose Lake Township
- Poplar Township
- Motley Township
- Thomastown Township

By Order of the District Board of Directors
United Hospital District,
Staples, Minnesota.
29-30pnc

VILLARD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING

Villard Township will hold their Officer Township Election in conjunction with the state general election to be held November 3, 2020.

Villard Township will open filings for the following positions:

•One Supervisor:
Supervisor B -
4 year term

•One Clerk - 4 year term
Filing for these positions will begin on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 through Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (call ahead, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the last day of filing call ahead from 1 - 5 p.m.) Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing. The Villard Town Hall is located in Philbrook.

Contact the Clerk for Candidate filing at 218-640-6115 or Connie, Deputy Clerk at 218-414-0323.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk, Villard Township
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load, timing of hire and internal efficiencies, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon full review of these factors, the Personnel Committee will authorize the initiation of recruitment, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners will continue to review and approve each hire through consent agenda or other formal board action prior to the date of hire, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, newly created positions will continue to require approval by the Board of Commissioners prior to recruitment, and after review by Finance and Personnel Committees. Per MN Statute 387.14, and as documented in the Personnel Policy, prior Board authorization is not required for the Sheriff's Office in filling vacancies.

Jackie Och, HHS Director, provided an update on the COVID-19 situation to the County Board.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Neumann reported regarding Todd County's upcoming role in selecting an appointment of a Sauk River Watershed District Manager.

Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until May 19, 2020.

AUDITOR WARRANTS		
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$2,584.00	
1 PAYMENT LESS		
THAN \$2,000	1,346.87	
2 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	83.03	
1 PAYMENT LESS		
THAN \$2,000	150.00	
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	39,825.02	
1 PAYMENT LESS		
THAN \$2,000	779.00	
US BANK	5,075.73	
1 PAYMENT LESS		
THAN \$2,000	827.15	
HEALTH PARTNERS		
DENTA	4,874.26	
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	4,242.17	
MORRISON CO DEPT		
OF PUB WORKS	24,790.52	
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	4,540.00	
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI		
SOLID WASTE AUTH	82,637.00	
SCHLEY/ESTATE		
LOUIS JAMES	50,379.60	
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	2,491.11	
VERIZON	4,007.30	
30 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	14,346.03	
COUNTIES PROVIDING		
TECHNOLOGY	5,085.00	
COUNTYSIDE REST.	3,179.75	
MORRISON COUNTY	46,275.10	
REGENTS OF THE		
UNIV OF MN.	34,122.14	
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,737.68	
VOYANT COMMS, LLC	3,915.97	
25 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	11,365.85	
CENTRACARE HEALTH		
LONG PRAIRIE	12,562.96	
EDENLOFF/KARLA	2,539.40	
FLEET SERVICES/		
WEX BANK	5,457.89	
HEALTH PARTNERS		
DENTAL	4,810.11	
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	9,709.91	
MINNESOTA POWER		
& LIGHT	13,775.76	
MINNESOTA UI	3,038.26	
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	5,974.50	
MOTOROLA	10,184.14	
ROLYAN BUOYS	6,589.10	
STEP	5,341.05	
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	10,321.56	
WENCK ASSOC., INC.	3,943.00	
33 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	13,640.55	
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,367.15	
GALLAGHER BENEFIT		
SERVICES INC.	4,000.00	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	2,082.77	
TODD TRAILS ASSOC	33,105.81	
11 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	2,251.87	
Total	\$501,356.07	

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS		
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
LITTLE FALLS		
MACHINE INC.	8,110.14	
LONG PRAIRIE		
LUMBER, LLC	4,395.00	
MORRISON CO PUBLIC		
HEALTH SERV	2,175.77	
NOW MICRO INC.	3,544.00	
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	4,976.00	
56 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	16,594.63	
Total	\$39,795.54	

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS		
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
DHS - SWIFT	\$3,989.78	
PERISH/ALAN	2,159.19	
SHELLEY FUNERAL		
CHAPELS - LF	3,000.00	
TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT.	2,465.00	
47 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	9,292.72	
Total	\$20,906.69	

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
CENTRAL MN MENTAL		
HEALTH CTR	2,450.00	
DHS - ANOKA METRO		
RTC - 412	20,775.00	
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX		
OFFENDER PROGRAM	6,091.50	
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	9,982.00	
WEST CENTRAL REG		
JUVENILE CTR	5,094.00	
PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	7,472.04	
Total	\$51,864.54	

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 5, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 19, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
28pnc

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 19, 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 19th day of May, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.4 Temporary Staffing at Solid Waste, item 5.5 Discussion on Reopening of Todd County Offices, and item 5.6 Discussion on Status of Businesses in Todd County.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2020 as presented.

To accept Mark Turner's resignation from Correctional Officer effective 05/15/2020.

To hire David Gritz for PT Correctional Officer.

To accept the resignation of Brian McCann effective March 20, 2020.

To approve the hiring of Jacob Noshush as the Planning and Zoning Specialist at a Grade 7 Step 1.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400628 through 400651 in the amount of \$115,690.51 and (Regular) 53490 through 53550 in the amount of \$51,008.42 for a total of \$166,698.93.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800667 through 800738 and (Regular) 706691 through 706756 for a total amount of \$88,657.30.

On motion by Neumann 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) 600184 through 600197 and (Regular) 515814 through 515844 for a total amount of \$66,426.00.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve working with Doherty at Solid Waste and authorize Chris McConn to sign the agreement.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To commence a phased reopening, by appointment only, beginning May 26, 2020, as departments are ready.

Discussion was held regarding the recent Todd County survey of the public to gain insight into the community's opinion regarding the opening of businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion was held on what role Todd County may choose to take to support the business of Todd County and potential effects of the Board declaring such action to the County.

After consensus of the County Board was reached, the Chairperson directed Coordinator Pelzer to prepare and send a letter to Governor Walz with Todd County's concerns.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2020 GRAVEL SURFACING & CRUSHING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on May 12th, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 20:89, CP 20:107 and CP 77-20-05, said projects for gravel surfacing and crushing located on County Road 89, County Road 107 and the Northern Shop in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Sanders Construction, Inc., Randall, Minnesota, \$183,261.70

Hard Rock Screening, LLC, Little Falls, Minnesota, \$187,794.50

William D. Scepaniak, Holdingford, Minnesota, \$225,314.00

D.L.L. Excavating, Inc., Little Falls, Minnesota, \$261,343.70

Central Specialties, Inc, Alexandria, Minnesota, \$287,726.00

J.R. Ferche, Inc., Rice, Minnesota, \$313,747.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Sanders Construction, Inc. of Randall, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$183,261.70.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, to acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Ron Hoemberg to install a private crossing on County Ditch 20 on parcel 22-0012800, Staples Twp Section 13.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority approves a brush control project on County Ditch 18 to be performed by Central Applicators, Foley MN at an estimated cost of \$15,794.69. The bid is for driving 15 miles of ditch with ATV units, spraying approximately 10 miles of brush. This ditch had a maintenance project done in 2017 and 2018 and now has small brush growing back that needs to be controlled to prevent future tree removal costs.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Central Applicators from Foley to spray Twp road ROW that have been identified as having Wild parsnip, and, to spray the Twp road ROW that are surrounding the Palmer Amaranth fields. The total will not exceed \$10,000. Any funds not needed to spray Twp road ROW will be used on Wild parsnip in County road ROW.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted

by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit with the proposed conditions for Robby Lemke to establish an onsite gun sales business to engage in intrastate sales of firearms on parcel 18-0024800.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit with the proposed condition for Greg Marthaler to construct a grain bin that will exceed 100 feet in height on parcel 27-0022700.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit with the proposed conditions for Tyler Schlieff to establish a vehicle salvage yard, scrap metal salvage, and vehicle repair shop on parcel 28-0010700.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Sibells Subdivision Three Preliminary Plat with no conditions.

Health & Human Services

Jackie Och, HHS Director provided the County Board with an update on the COVID-19 situation.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Mn Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(a) beginning at 10:12 a.m.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting and provided positive summary of the County Coordinator's evaluation.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported the results of the Current Tax Collection period and Candidate Filing for Federal, State, and County offices opened on May 19, 2020.

Adjourn

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS		
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
ALL STATE COMMS	\$5,619.00	
ARC ELECTRIC SERV	7,626.59	
BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.	2,458.45	
DOUGLAS CTY		
PUBLIC WORKS	2,725.00	
HEARTLAND TIRE INC.	5,111.66	
MN DEPT OF TRANS	3,366.19	
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,091.16	
PHILAN CPA/FRANCIS	2,275.00	
STAPLES WORLD	2,446.51	
TIERNNEY BROTHERS INC.	3,241.28	
TOWMASTER	107,562.50	
74 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	20,175.59	
Total	\$166,698.93	

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS		
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
DHS - SWIFT	\$18,205.34	
HANDI-XPRESS LLC	\$2,097.80	
V#11880 - COST EFF		
HEALTH INS.	2,619.96	
RURAL MN CEP INC	7,158.46	
TODD COUNTY ATTY'S		
OFFICE	2,833.30	
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	2,016.98	
132 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	53,725.46	
Total	\$88,657.30	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount	
#15998	\$2,928.90	
#14593	3,127.50	
LUTHERAN SOCIAL		
SERVS OF MN-ST PAUL	2,746.80	
NEXUS INC - MILLE LACS		
ACADEMY	10,914.90	
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL		
HLTH CTR INC	2,500.00	
#13887	2,721.90	
#16014	2,408.40	
VILLAGE RANCH INC	7,369.80	
PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000	31,707.80	
Total	\$66,426.00	

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 19, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on June 2, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
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Reflections in the waters

Kayakers Aiden Gosiak, Baxter and Megan Doose, Buffalo reflections are on the waters of the Crow Wing River near McGivern Park July 7. The pair had started their journey at Old Wadena Park. Gosiak is the Youth Ministry Associate at Timberwood

Church, Nisswa and Doose was visiting when they decided to explore the river. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

CLC announces fall sports cancelled

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference announced July 7, 2020 that fall sports have been cancelled, including football and volleyball at Central Lakes College, in light of COVID-19 and the importance of player and coach safety.

“We are wholeheartedly disappointed that our Raider athletes won’t be able to compete this fall, but we have always put the health and safety of our students first,” said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. “We

are so proud of each of our amazing athletes. Each student has a great deal to be proud of, both in the classroom and on the court or field. We look forward to seeing them back out there as soon as possible.”

Jim Russell, CLC Athletic Director, said any time a game or a season is canceled, it’s disappointing.

“We provide such a great venue at CLC to give these students leadership and direction in life. But everything we do in athletics has always been about safety. This is, right now, the best

decision that had to be made.”

Mary Sam, CLC Dean of Students, Equity and Inclusion added, “Our coaches and staff will continue to inspire, transform lives, develop leaders and support our student athletes during this unprecedented time. We strive to field champion teams and players, both on and off the field and court. This fall will be different. There will be no games won or state titles awarded, but we are always Raider strong.”



Spikeball sweeping the nation

Spikeball is a backyard recreational game that has become popular across the country. The game is played between two teams who bounce the ball off a small

trampoline using three hits like in volleyball. Pictured, the spikeball tournament at Pine Grove Park July 11. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Johnson involved in local communities

Rachel Johnson, a Staples City Council Member and long-time community leader, has filed for candidacy for the District 2 seat on the Wadena County Board of Commissioners.

Johnson is employed with the Department of Military Affairs for the National Guard Family Programs as the Yellow Ribbon Outreach Coordinator with the State of Minnesota. The Yellow Ribbon program provides support and bridges gaps with services for prior and current service veterans and their families. She oversees the local program out of Camp Ripley, along with developing, advocating and supporting all 95 Yellow Ribbon Networks throughout the state.

Johnson’s background has prepared her to be a productive and effective Wadena County Commissioner. She has extensive experience in community development and has a strong history of working with local government and private businesses to solve complex issues. She was



Rachel Johnson

elected to the Staples City Council in 2016 and is running out her first term. As a city council member, she acts as a liaison between the city and the general public. She has assisted with numerous community-wide projects, such as the comprehensive plan, parks and trail plan, Batcher Building project, Welcoming Communities, Child Care Initiative, rental code for the City of Staples, Paint the Town and Safe Routes to School. In addition, she serves on the Economic Development

Authority, Staples Chamber Board President and previously was on Planning and Zoning and is the founder of Sisters With Sass, a non-profit that provides tools and resources to help people in the Staples area with career development, expand educational opportunities and improve their overall well-being.

Moving forward, Johnson plans to host listening sessions throughout the district to hear from her neighbors about their needs and concerns. Due to current conditions, she is looking at alternative routes such as Facebook Live or Zoom “I want to hear from anyone that would like to talk, and to be accessible not just to those who happen to agree with me”

Rachel and her husband Chris live in Staples where they have lived and raised their children. Chris, is a member of the MN National Guard and works at Camp Ripley. They are truly proud and grateful to have had the opportunity to build their life in this community.

Weyer has experience on township board

I would be honored to serve you in the District 2 seat on the Wadena County Board of Commissioners. I hope to advance through the primary election on August 11 and win the seat in the general election in November.

I have been a resident, hunter and farmer in District 2 for 45 years and I love our community. I met my wife and raised four children in the Staples-Mottley School District and am active as a board member at Staples Assembly of God Church. If elected as commissioner I will utilize my years of government experience to bring timely decision making, common-sense policies and responsible spending to the board of commissioners.

For the past 29 years I have served Thomastown Township as an elected offi-



Mike Weyer

cial on the Board of Supervisors as well as a board member of the Wadena County Township Association. For most of those years I was the chairman of the board which involved leading every meeting, training new supervisors and handling the concerns from residents. Throughout the years on the township

board I have encountered many conflicts and I am not scared to face them head-on and work quickly to find a solution. I have a strong conviction to not overburden residents with taxes and will hold that conviction if elected as commissioner. My experience also extends to the county level, as I have been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission since 2018.

Becoming a commissioner would be a change for me, but I welcome the challenge; my experience in small government, problem solving skills, financial responsibility and strong sense of conviction make me qualified, but I need your vote on August 11 so that I can serve you and the rest of Wadena County as Commissioner.

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Open for water aerobics and other activities

The Staples Community Center is now open with their swimming pool already having the water aerobics and other social distance activities. The controlled opening also included pickleball and the fitness center. The

center is open until 2 p.m. Swimming lessons are still scheduled to start July 20, with a maximum of 30 people in the pool at one time. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)