



Baseball win

The Staples-Motley baseball team celebrates after winning a game. See page 7a.

Happy Mother's Day

Area residents share reflections on 'mom'

With Mother's Day around the corner on May 9, the Staples World caught up with a few area residents recently, asking them each a few questions about their own moms. Their responses are included below.

Preston Hange, 10, Staples

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR MOM TAUGHT YOU?
How to swim.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?
Her meatloaf. She always adds in potatoes and corn.

Ashley Dickmann, 32, Staples

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR MOM TAUGHT YOU?

My mom's name is Theresa. She taught me how to read and write, how to tie my shoes.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?

She makes the best roast beef...it's always moist and tender.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY MEMORY OF YOUR MOM?

She is known for always cracking jokes...she keeps us laughing.

DO YOU RECALL A TIME YOUR MOM HAD TO USE TOUGH LOVE?

Oh, yeah, quite a few times when I was a kid. If I got into trouble, she always talked to me first...then usually grounded me or took stuff away. (At this question, Ashley's son, Preston, added the comment, "Sounds like someone I know.")

IS THERE ONE MOTHER'S DAY THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY WAS IT SPECIAL?

I'm hoping it will be this year. My mom is dying of stage 4 cancer...we're going to go see her in Little Falls. I'm so glad we will all be together.

Larken Hirschey, 20, Staples

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR MOM TAUGHT YOU?

My mom, Sharon, taught me how to bake.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?

Her red velvet cake with homemade icing...it's the



Grateful for 'Mom'

Ashley Dickmann of Staples enjoyed taking a walk recently with her children Preston, 10; and Spencer, nine months. Both she and Preston shared some Mother's Day reflections; and Ashley added that she is grateful for the opportunity to spend the upcoming holiday with her own mother, Theresa, who is battling cancer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

best, no can make it like her.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY MEMORY OF YOUR MOM?

There are too many to choose just one. I remember one time she tried to ride a ripstik and ended up falling over. It was hilarious, she has no balance. When my mom does something funny, it's not on purpose.

DO YOU RECALL A TIME YOUR MOM HAD TO USE TOUGH LOVE?

I remember when I didn't want to do sports (in high school) she kept encouraging me to keep trying. I ended up rejoining basketball for awhile, which I'm grateful for now.

IS THERE ONE MOTHER'S DAY THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY WAS IT SPECIAL?

It seems like I'm usually working, so I'll try to bring

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Double dose of love

Larken Hirschey (left) and Addison (Hirschey) Schlosser, twin sisters from Staples, shared stories about their mom, Sharon, recently, at Los Corrales in Staples. They look forward to spending time with her on Mother's Day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Danculovich honored for 50 years on Ski Patrol and saving a life

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

In 50 years on the Ski Patrol, Tom Danculovich brought hundreds of Staples students and local residents to the slopes to learn how to ski. At a recent ceremony to honor his 50 years, Danculovich was also presented the Critical Care Award from the National Ski Patrol for saving a life on the slopes.

Danculovich got onto the Ski Patrol because of fellow Staples High School teacher Stan Carlson, who was the head of the Ski Patrol at Quadna Mountain, near Grand Rapids.

"I had never been on skis before," said Danculovich.

But Carlson convinced him that he could learn and that the main criteria to become a Ski Patrol was advanced first aid. Besides, Carlson needed another adult on the force.

"It was mostly college kids, Stan had his hands full," said Danculovich. "He needed someone he could count on."

Danculovich found a first aid course in Nimrod that was taught by Mel Nefstead, another Staples area teacher. Once he was fully certified, Danculovich said "With Stan's instructions, I got so I could survive getting down the hill. It just mushroomed from there."

Since Danculovich had his bus drivers license that he used to drive his track and cross country teams to meets, they devised a way to get Staples High School kids to go skiing.

"I would drive a busload of kids for a two or three day trip and we formed a ski club," he remembers.

Quadna would give the ski club discounted rates and Danculovich would ski for free as the bus driver. Carlson would give the students free lessons. Other helpers included Greg Leif-



Ski Patrol honors

Tom Danculovich with his awards from the National Ski Patrol, for 50 years as a patroller and the Critical Care Award for saving a life on the slopes. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

erman and Kerry Lindgren. The ski club operated for years, with hundreds of students getting the chance to ski.

"People don't realize how fortunate it was for a small town to have that many kids get instruction on a life-long sport," said Danculovich.

Even today, past graduates often talk to him about their ski trips, and how that was an important part of their high school experience.

The club grew so that by the end, they started including some middle school students and once had 150 on a trip. While that sounds like a recipe for chaos, Danculovich said "We never had problems with all the kids we took."

Part of that was the warning given before they started that if there were any problems, the students'

parents would be called to come pick them up. Carlson had high expectations and made sure the students followed them.

One year the ski club took a three day trip to northern Michigan. They found a good rate to stay at a bowhunters lodge, but the weather turned so cold the mercury was not visible on the thermometer. At the lodge, the propane froze and stopped flowing to the heater. "They were out there with a torch, heating the propane tank," Danculovich remembered.

Despite the cold, the lake effect brought in new powder snow every day, and the skiing was great.

The two of them also organized trips with the local Jaycees. They would take them to Ski Gull to

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Staples-Motley FFA members qualify for state convention

The 2020 Minnesota State FFA Convention was cancelled due to COVID-19, however the Staples Motley FFA Chapter has been hard at work and has come back strong and is excited to announce that 18 teams and a total of 47 members have qualified for the 2021 Minnesota State FFA Convention.

During a normal year the State FFA convention would be held in-person at the University of Minnesota. This year it is going to look a little different. Contests will be held virtually here at Staples-Motley High School over the course of two weeks, rather than the usual three days.

Within FFA there are two different types of contests. Career Development Events (CDE) and Leadership Development Events (LDE). CDEs are structured to demonstrate the

connection between classroom and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for potential careers in agriculture. As FFA member Brooke Converse, the Staples-Motley FFA Chapter Officer-at-Large says, "There are a wide variety of CDEs that students can try, and if you don't like it this year, try a different one next year."

Converse has participated in many different CDEs over the past couple years and each year tries at least one new CED event. "I really enjoy being able to take advantage of all of the opportunities within FFA. As I've competed in a variety of different contests, I've learned a variety of different skills. Although I am undecided as to what I want

to do in the future, CDEs can be a great way for students to get some insight or what a career in agriculture could look like."

Members of Staples-Motley FFA Chapter made it to the FFA State Convention in the CDE contests Nursery and Landscape, Best Informed Greenhand, Soil Evaluation, Farm Business Management, Fish and Wildlife, Food Science and Technology, Small Animal and Vet Science, Milk Quality and Products, and Agricultural Sales.

An LDE contest helps a student develop skills that can be utilized throughout the rest of their lives. Skills such as public speaking, job interview, and research are important as students begin to think about college and what career they

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 5	53°	30°	Cloudy
May 6	57	33	M. Sunny
May 7	59	37	Sunny
May 8	56	36	M. Cloudy
May 9	58	36	M. Sunny
May 10	60	40	P. Cloudy
May 11	63	42	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
May 5	55°	39°	Cloudy
May 6	61	38	Sunny
May 7	56	31	Sunny
May 8	47	28	Sunny
May 9	37	34	Snow
May 10	46	35	Cloudy
May 11	48	28	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 64° Low = 28°
No rain for week
Let's all pray for rain

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Public Notices

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Thank you for subscribing!

Variety of issues discussed/ acted on at council's April mtg

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting April 12, the Motley City Council voted to accept the 2020 audit report, as presented via livestream by Jon Archer of Schlenner Wenner & Company, certified public accountants from Little Falls. They also heard from Lisa Bjerga, Chief Financial Officer at Lakewood Health System in Staples, who presented Lakewood's 2020 Annual Hospital District Report.

In other matters the council:

- **APPROVED** a motion to donate \$600 to the Sprinkle & Sprout Garden Club, which maintains several barrels of flowers throughout town, after hearing request from club member Bernice Thomson. Both council member Steve Johnson and Mayor Al Yoder thanked Thomson, noting that the flowers help beautify the city.
- **APPROVED** a request by the Motley Historical Society to reserve a room at city hall on Memorial Day. The room rental fee will be waived.
- **LEARNED** that June Fest, which is now organized by local volunteers, will be held June 19. In addition, the council approved the June Fest committee's request for the city to

offer support for the event, including a financial donation of \$6,000.

- **ACCEPTED** Motley Police Officer Joshua Pestta's resignation from his full-time position, and approved his request to stay on as a part-time officer for the time being.
- **APPROVED** the Motley Police Department's request for a membership to the MN Police & Peace Officers Association.
- **SET UP** a hiring committee for a new full-time police officer. The committee includes MPD Chief Jason Borash, council members Pat O'Regan and Steve Johnson; and City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski. Chief Borash noted that this position will be tough to fill, with the current climate.
- **APPROVED** Bob Koenig's request to use the meeting room at city hall for a Spring Firearm Safety Class. The fee will be waived.
- **APPROVED** donating \$500 to the Staples-Motley High School Grad Blast. The money will be taken from the city's 10-percent fund.
- **HEARD** from members of the Tri-County American Legion Post #124 during the public forum, regarding the Thin Line Flag they had donated to the city in honor of the city's police department, fire department and the military.

At the council's regular meeting in March, a citizen had expressed his belief that the flag was illegal and that it should not be flying in Veterans Park. The council said they would check with their attorney before making any decision. Although not on the April 12 agenda, the council told the American Legion members that the city's attorney advised against flying the flag, as it would open the door to other groups requesting their flag be flown.

Mayor Yoder suggested that the Thin Line Flag be used in parades. He expressed his appreciation to the members of the American Legion and to all veterans who have served the United States.

- **HEARD** from Motley resident Konrad Alexander during the public forum portion of the meeting as well. Alexander, who has been battling cancer, asked for an extension in cleaning up his property. He'd received a public nuisance citation stating he needed to come into compliance by May 17. After a short discussion, the council agreed to give Alexander until Aug. 15, 2021, to get his property cleaned up.
- **SET** next regular council meeting for Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.



LAPS banquet well attended

A total of 315 guests attended this year's LAPS banquet fundraiser (from both the noon and evening seatings) held at Timbers Event Center in Staples April 20. Pictured above, from left, are Rachel

and Chris Bounds, Verndale; Wayne and Carol Wendel, Eagle Bend; and Lisa Boie, Staples Branch Director of LAPS (Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center). (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



LAPS continuing strong in Staples area

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Over \$60,000 was raised during the 2021 fundraising banquet for Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS), held April 20, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Lisa Boie, Staples Branch Director of LAPS, said that they were very happy to be able to gather in person this year (with restrictions in place), as last year's event was held virtually, due to Covid-19.

Two seatings were offered to accommodate banquet guests - one at noon and the other at 6 p.m. A total of 315 guests were in attendance, offering their interdenominational support for the services and ministry of LAPS in Staples

and the surrounding area, Boie said. She went on to note that LAPS is a 501c3 non-profit organization and relies on this banquet gathering as its main support in sustaining their work for clients in need of pregnancy support.

"We do not have any income-based requirements for mom and dads in need. We offer physical baby supplies like diapers, formula and clothing," Boie shared, going on to mention that LAPS also offers educational curriculum for parents, including prenatal information and life/parent skills to help them parent their children in a more confident way. "We can do pregnancy testing when needed and all of our services are free and confidential," Boie said.

In addition to the meal at Timbers, guests in attendance at the banquet heard ministry updates from Ginny Rogers, LAPS Executive Director, as well as Boie. The main speakers for the event were Rev. Mark and Kathy Johnson of Baxter; and client testimonies were given by AuriAnna Mooers and Haley Jones. Invocations were given by Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ; and Pastor Jason Knoll, New Life Church of God in Bertha.

Boie mentioned that although they had less people in attendance this year, this was the largest dollar amount they've ever received at the annual LAPS banquet. "That is God and his goodness. Always above and beyond what I can think or imagine," she said.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 21 - 28

April 27 - While patrolling in Motley, the MPD observed that the end of Meadow Ave. had been torn up by an ATV where it appeared to have been done burnout and donuts. The tracks led to a nearby residence. The MPD stopped at the residence and a subject said that it was his ex-girlfriend's house and she had been the one riding the ATV. The MPD could tell that the damage was very recent and that the subject was probably the one who had caused the damage but would not admit to it. The subject was advised that if there was any more damage done in the future he would be charged with damage to public property.

April 27 - The MPD was advised by the owner of the motel at 948 Hwy 10 S. in Motley that two people had moved into one of the rooms without permission. One of the subjects stated she needed a place to sleep and that the people in one of the units stated she could stay in one of the other units. She knew she did not have permission to stay there but stated she was

homeless. She also said that her boyfriend was at work but he was unable to reach by phone. The subject was advised to gather her belongings and leave with both of their vehicles and not return. A trespass notice was given to the subject for herself and her boyfriend at the owner's request.

April 24 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to a juvenile.

April 23 - 24 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Bryce Euteneuer, 24; Claire Ernst, 30.

April 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Jacob Cordova, 21, for no working lights on after sunset.

April 25 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Paul Peterson, 40.

April 24 - The MPD received a report of a missing juvenile with Down Syndrome. The subject had walked away from a residence at the 2000 block of East River Rd., Motley, near the river. Motley Fire was paged out to assist in the search and Staples Ambulance was paged for stand-by. The juvenile was found about a quarter-mile to the east at her grandmother's residence. The juvenile was cold but otherwise in good health.

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Students put in countless hours for FFA projects

want to pursue. This year the Staples-Motley FFA Chapter had several teams and individuals qualify for state level LDEs, including Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Farm Bureau Discussion Meet, Parliamentary Procedure and Conduct of Chapter Meetings.

Joe Ramstad, the Staples-Motley FFA Chapter Advisor and the Staples-Motley High School Agriculture teacher, has been hard at work helping teams and individuals prepare for their contest. When asked about his thoughts about the success within the chapter Ramstad stated, "I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our students. The students have put in countless hours to set and accomplish their goals that will prepare them for their future career or personal endeavors."

Students began competing in their contests at the end of April. There are over 45 students competing in the following events:

- **Agricultural Communications:** Colton Converse, Brooke Converse, Cy Johnson, Keegan Bestland
- **Agricultural Sales:** Keegan Bestland, Grace Allen, Drew Berg, Addison Lorber
- **Best Informed Greenhand:** Dustin Converse, Kris Taylor, Gavin Chenoweth, Brynn Bestland
- **Conduct of Chapter Meetings:** Dustin Converse, Kris Taylor, Gavin Chenoweth, Charles Dabbs,

Brynn Bestland, Kierra Zivkovic, Cory Watland

- **Dairy Cattle Evaluation:** Landon Mertens, Caleb Jasmer, Brandon Hove, Cory Watland
- **Extemporaneous Speaking:** Cy Johnson
- **Farm Bureau Discussion Meet:** Caden Mrazek
- **Farm Business Management:** Dustin Converse, Colton Converse, Brooke Converse, Caden Mrazek
- **Fish and Wildlife Management:** Sam Sauber, Alexis Tweeter, Owen Hageman, Ellie DiGiovanni
- **Food Science and Technology:** Abbie DiGiovanni, Keegan Harvey, Raf Caudillo, Cy Johnson
- **Forestry:** Gavin Chenoweth, Kris Taylor, Kora Wells
- **Milk Quality and Products:** Heidi Zimmerman, Jessica Lundquist, Estella Bock, Mariah Sullivan
- **Nursery/Landscape:** Charles Dabbs, Brynn Bestland, Kierra Zivkovic, Andrea DiGiovanni
- **Parliamentary Procedure:** Colton Converse, Abbie DiGiovanni, Frankie Hanson, Alli Olander, Addison Lorber, Brooke Converse
- **Poultry:** Gabby Case, Kattera Barnhart, Kyanna Burton, Cadynce Ferris
- **Small Animals/Vet Science:** Alli Olander, Kenzie Erickson, Camryn Ferris, Luke Brownell
- **Soils:** Maddy Beto, Brooke Beto, Frankie Hanson, Emery Lorber
- **Talent:** Lauren Rutten

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• May 2, 1946 - Miss Alice Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, suffered a broken right leg, just above her ankle, a broken toe and severe bruises Sunday afternoon when the horse she was riding slipped, throwing her to the ground on the bridge south of Motley. Alice is an excellent rider, but it seems that a car passing at a terrific speed, frightened her horse. Noticing what had happened, the car turned around and the passengers brought Alice home, where she was then taken to the Staples hospital.

• May 2, 1946 - F. W. Perry of McClusky, North Dakota,

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Dawn Timbs

who has been identified with the Edward Tapley interests in that place, became a partner of the Tapley's store in Staples the first of May.

Mr. Perry is a son-in-law of Mr. Tapley, and will move his family to Staples as soon as the school term is out at McClusky.

• May 2, 1946 - Mrs. Maurice Burke, arrived in Staples April 30 with her husband, who had gone to New York the week previous to meet her after her voyage from Southhall, Middlesex, England, and as far as The World has been able to learn, she is the last of the War Brides who will be coming to Staples to make their home.

Mrs. Burke, was before her marriage, Miss Victoria Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Andrews of Southhall, England, which is a little village about ten miles from London. She and Mr. Burke were married on June 6, 1945, and their wedding was one of the great social events of the summer season in her home town back in England.

It had been about five months since Mr. and Mrs. Burke had seen each other, and it was a happy reunion on the afternoon of April 27, when they were reunited after this long separation.

Mrs. Burke was one of 1,234 war brides who came to the United States from foreign countries. Her voyage took over eight days, and she stated that she had a very good time while aboard ship, as she did not get the least bit seasick.

Her greatest thrill, while at sea, was to see the halo of light around the head of the Statue of Liberty. It was dark when their ship came into New York harbor, but yet the light of the torch in the hand of the Statue of Liberty was so bright that it illuminated the upper part of the statue for the first time.

Mr. Burke recognized Mrs. Burke from the dock, but she did not recognize him at first, having never seen him in civilian clothes. Soon after her landing, Mr. and Mrs. Burke left by train to come to Staples, arriving on No. 3 early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Burke said she is very pleased with Staples and with the splendid hospitality she has received since she has been here, just for three days. "It is such a beautiful little city," she said, going on to note the beautiful churches, the nice homes, the wonderful school building, the nice boulevards. "I am so happy that I am in America, the land of opportunity, and particularly in Staples, because my husband's people and all of his friends are here."

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• May 6, 1971 - Lambert Klose, French, Latin and Social Studies instructor at Staples public schools, was elected chairman of the Todd County Republican Executive committee at the Todd County Republican convention in Long Prairie April 24.

Long active in Republican party politics on the local and state level Mr. Klose is currently precinct chairman of Ward #2 in Staples.

• May 6, 1971 - Two groups of school children from the Little Falls area came to Staples last Friday on the

last passenger train west through here. They had expected to return to Little Falls at noon, but the east-bound train was 2-1/2 hours late in arriving. These 130 students and teachers were fed an impromptu picnic lunch by the food preparation class at the vocational school.

• May 6, 1971 - The eighth annual Clinic-Concert of the Department of Music at Staples high school will be held May 9, in the Staples Auditorium.

Featured on the afternoon program will be the Chamber Choir and A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Stanley Carlson, and the Cardinal Concert Band and the Cardettes Stage Band, directed by Mark Evans.

Dr. Theodore W. Thorson, director of bands at Bemidji State college, will be the guest clinician and conductor for the Staples bands and Dr. Paul Brandvik, director of choral activities at Bemidji State college, will be the guest clinician and conductor for the vocal groups.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• May 2, 1996 - One tangible result of the 1996 state legislative session will be added funding for research at the Staples Irrigation Center.

Researchers will hope to find a solution to a new problem, but one very similar to the disease that caused the Irish potato famine of the 1840's.

Sen. Dallas Sams and Rep. Ken Otremba were the chief authors of legislation that matches \$75,000 in state money with \$37,500 provided by potato growers checkoff money for finding a way to prevent late blight in potatoes.

• May 2, 1996 - Plans for the establishment of an environmental and historical learning center just north of Staples have seen a few small steps closer to reality in recent weeks.

A fledgling group called WHELP (WahDeNah Historical and Environmental Learning Project) has received a \$5,000 planning grant and hired a coordinator since the first of the year.

The group, which had its meeting Monday night at Wahoo Valley north of Staples, hopes someday to establish an educational complex at the Old Wadena county park site along the Crow Wing River just five miles northwest of Staples.

• May 2, 1996 - ReNaye Seaton, secretary in the high school principal's office, received the 1996 Outstanding Layperson in Education (OLE) award Monday morning. Staples Motley Education Association President Rollie Penfield presented Seaton with a bouquet of flowers. Seaton has worked in the principal's office since 1985. Seaton and Teacher of the Year candidate Judy Tollefson will be honored at a Recognition Tea at 3:30 p.m. May 8, at the high school cafeteria.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• May 5, 2011 - The state speech meet was held April 15, at Chanhassen High School. Staples Motley High School students who competed were Aaron Carter, Tera Weyer and Alek Paske-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 25, 1996 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 photo, published in the April 29, 1982 edition of the Staples World, featured members of 'The Regular Grinds' who earned the top spot in the Wednesday Koffee Klutch league that year. Team members, from left, included Virginia Mueller, Linda Heier, Anne Sadusky and Jody Farber. According to the article, they "beat out the Hot Pots in a rolloff for first place, with Anne Sadusky rolling a 611 series to help her team win."

Linda Heier of Staples recognized all, adding that, "That photo brings back a lot of memories...I believe it was at State Bowling. We bowled together and all the bowlers were known as the Koffee Klutch group. We even won some money a couple of times. We did always have a good time at state bowling." Anne Sadusky of Staples recognized herself as well as Jody Farber and Virginia (Ginny) Mueller. She guessed the other gal to be Karen Burnham, who was on her bowling team. Anne recalled that she had bowled at four state tournaments with her team. Stephanie Heier of Waconia, formerly of Staples, recognized her mom and the other women in the photo. She also mentioned that, "I found it ironic that my uncle's obituary (Allen Haugen) and my mom would be in the Staples World the same week." Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

witz. Carter and Paskewitz competed in the Drama Duo category; and Weyer in Original Oratory. They spoke in three rounds but did not advance to the final round of competition.

• May 5, 2011 - "Diary of the Staples Motley High School Music Trip," submitted by student Ashley Kurys, included photos and stories from their music tour to Memphis and New Orleans.

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Memories of mom

something special to her later. Spending time with my mom is always special.

Addison Schlosser, 20, Staples

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR MOM TAUGHT YOU?

My mom, Sharon, taught me to treat other people how you would want to be treated.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?

She makes the best chicken alfredo. Her sauce is super cheesy.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY MEMORY OF YOUR MOM?

When she tries to sing and dance (neither of which she has a talent for, Addison added). We try to teach her a few dance moves and she's always a good sport. She usually makes it up as she goes along.

DO YOU RECALL A TIME YOUR MOM HAD TO USE TOUGH LOVE?

There have been multiple times for both me and Larken (Addison's twin sister). I remember her saying in certain situations, "Trust me, it won't end up good." She's usually right. She's a wise lady.

IS THERE ONE MOTHER'S DAY THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY WAS IT SPECIAL?

We usually do the same thing every year...bring flowers to our grandmas and our mom. We try to wait until she's not looking.

Ethan Donnay, 18, Randall

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR MOM TAUGHT YOU?

My mom's name is Heather. She taught me how to be responsible. She's always been a good example.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?

I love her tacos. She makes them with just the right seasonings.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY MEMORY OF YOUR MOM?

She always starts a birthday cake fight. Then we all have to have a second piece.

DO YOU RECALL A TIME YOUR MOM HAD TO USE TOUGH LOVE?

Probably those times my dad and I got into a fight. My mom would usually say, "You'd better apologize." I'm grateful for the discipline...I've deserved a lot of it.

IS THERE ONE MOTHER'S DAY THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY WAS IT SPECIAL?

When she doesn't have to work, those are the best ones. We usually take her out to eat, maybe to a movie.

Mike Etzler, 64, Staples

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOUR



Thanks, Mom!

Ethan Donnay of Randall said he hopes the family will be able to take his mom, Heather, out to eat for Mother's Day. Donnay works at the Clark Station in Staples.

MOM TAUGHT YOU?

To put the toilet seat down.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ITEM YOUR MOM COOKS OR BAKES?

Her chocolate cake and tater-tot hotdish.

DO YOU HAVE A FUNNY MEMORY OF YOUR MOM?

I can't think of something funny at the moment, but I do have a lot of wonderful memories of my mom. Her name was June... she was born on June 12 and had 12 children. She was everyone's mother and everyone's friend. She always had a recipe and a smile to share. She also loved going to garage sales. My mom was a real positive person, which I always appreciated. She died about eight years ago at the age of 83. I miss her.

DO YOU RECALL A TIME YOUR MOM HAD TO USE TOUGH LOVE?

Well, back in my teenage years, there were some nights I'd come home (after curfew) and the door was locked. I recall a time or two I had to sleep in the barn. Did her discipline help? Oh yeah...until the next time I stayed out too late. Back to the barn.

IS THERE ONE MOTHER'S DAY THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY WAS IT SPECIAL?

We liked to take her out to the Friendly Inn in Motley...that was her favorite place. Those times when all 12 kids were there, plus the grandkids, were really special.



One of June's 12 kids

Mike Etzler of Staples was one of 12 children born to the late June Etzler. He has wonderful memories of his mom, and shared a few of them with the paper recently. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Deer disease is accelerating its escape from Pandora’s Box, could threaten hunting industry

For many years, the always-fatal deer-killing ailment called chronic wasting disease (CWD) seemed a remote and distant problem, confined as it was to Minnesota’s Southeast region near Rochester. Today it is becoming a border to border epidemic-in-the-making, a potential disaster for Minnesota deer hunters and for the tourism that deer hunting generates; an epidemic that might have been contained—but wasn’t.



Mike Rahn

CWD is a neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose that causes brain deterioration, leading to emaciation, loss of bodily functions, abnormal behavior, and early death. A recent study by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources suggests that the death rate of CWD-infected deer may be three times the death rate of healthy deer. The news that CWD was recently found in captive deer that died on a game farm in northern Minne-

sota’s Beltrami County—in the Bemidji area—means that the disease has a known presence in Houston, Winona, Olmsted, Dakota, Stearns, Crow Wing, and now Beltrami Counties, stretching from the Southeast, through the Twin Cities, the St. Cloud area, and on up to Northern Minnesota. What most of these areas have in common is captive deer and elk farms, and infected “livestock” found on them.

If infected deer were found only on these farms, the issue would not be as problematic. But—as has been the experience in neighboring Wisconsin—the highly infectious disease spreads readily when wild and tame deer make contact through fences, or when wild deer encounter the disease vector, which can be shed when infected deer urinate. These vectors can remain in the soil for years. As of last November, when a hunter-harvested deer in Dakota County tested positive for CWD, 95 wild Minnesota deer have been confirmed post-mortem to have been infected. This is almost certainly an under-estimate of the total with CWD. In Wisconsin, a state that has been less aggressive than Minnesota in attempting to control the disease, well over half

its counties have had confirmed CWD cases in wild deer.

Can CWD infect humans through the consumption of venison? Most believe that it can’t, or that it can certainly be avoided by not consuming a deer’s neurological tissue. A much-publicized study by the University of Calgary—which suggested that CWD could be transmitted to a species of monkey—has been largely discredited. But even if humans are immune, if CWD triples the death rate of whitetail deer, that’s a huge problem.

The security measures taken by the state’s deer and elk farmers to control the spread of CWD have been mixed at best. Only some farms have the double fences that are intended to keep captive and wild deer apart. Instances of fences in poor repair, and of dead captive deer not being timely reported for testing, are not a rarity. One of the deer recently found dead on the Beltrami County farm was reported to be too decomposed for testing, which is likely a violation of rules for these farms. Such deaths are to be reported within 14 days so that CWD testing can be done.

The State Board of Animal Health, which has oversight over diseases in state

livestock, has responsibility for ensuring that these farms comply with safety requirements. But the agency has been criticized for what critics have contended is a bias in favor of deer and elk farmers, and inadequate concern for protection of the state’s wild deer herd.

As a result of the CWD discovery in Beltrami County, a surveillance zone will be set up in the area around the infected farm, and hunter-harvested deer will be tested by personnel from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This will be done over a three-year period, and would be discontinued if no wild deer are found infected with CWD.

The 77-animal Beltrami County captive herd is under quarantine, which means that no animals can be removed from the farm. A common practice among those who raise captive deer and elk is inter-state and intra-state farm-to-farm sales and transfers, which has become the leading suspect in the spread of CWD into, and within, Minnesota.

Elsewhere in Minnesota, discovery of infected wild deer near captive deer farms has led to intensive special harvests—“culling”—outside the framework of the deer seasons, in

order to eliminate other potentially infected deer, and thereby reduce the risk of further CWD spread among wild deer. It’s a precautionary practice that is understandably unpopular with deer hunters.

The irony of CWD management in Minnesota is that one agency—the Board of Animal Health—has responsibility for oversight of the deer and elk farms where CWD has been most in evidence, and a different agency—the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources—has the mission of protecting the wild deer herd for hunters and the general public.

As has been the case elsewhere in Minnesota with previous CWD discoveries, the burden falls on the DNR to conduct the CWD surveillance that will take place during the deer hunting season in Beltrami County, taking tissue samples from harvested deer for testing. This is an expense in manpower and other DNR resources, apparently to be absorbed by an agency whose budgets are already stretched thin, and routinely contested in the Minnesota Legislature.

Case in point: the GOP-controlled Minnesota Senate is proposing that the vital fight against CWD be funded not by targeted ap-

propriations aimed at this threat, but by taking dollars from the DNR’s Game & Fish Fund. This means that license dollars from the state’s hunters and anglers would be fighting CWD instead of being used as intended, which is to manage fish and game resources. This, despite the fact that Minnesota hunters and anglers did not create the CWD problem.

The most foolproof solution would be to buy out and eliminate existing captive deer and elk farms in Minnesota, and prohibit the establishing of new ones. Simply owning land does not entitle anyone to pursue a livelihood that carries such large risks that could reach so far beyond their own fence lines. Unfortunately, that kind of political risk is not something we’re used to seeing most Minnesota politicians take.

Is it realistic to expect that Minnesota will fare better than Wisconsin, and will somehow get the upper hand and contain the spread of CWD? Hope springs eternal, but will take more than hope. It will take a willingness to pay the price in both dollars and political courage.

Gazelka supports Senate tax relief bill

From the office of State Senator Paul Gazelka

On April 28, the Minnesota Senate Tax Committee approved a \$681 million tax relief bill aimed at jumpstarting the economy and helping workers and small business owners recover from COVID-19. The comprehensive legislation delivers tax relief and reform without raising taxes, a sharp contrast from tax plans from House Democrats and Gov. Tim Walz, both of whom have proposed more than \$1 billion in tax hikes.

“Senate Republicans are going to focus on Minnesota’s priorities,” Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said. “Minnesota is already a high tax state. We should not be considering raising taxes, especially when we have a huge surplus and billions more coming in from the federal government. Minnesotans want the shutdowns to end, they want their jobs to come back, and they want our struggling small businesses to get relief. Our tax bill focuses on getting Minnesota open and getting our state back on track.”

The bill empowers Minnesotans and encourages economic growth. Several key initiatives include full conformity to federal tax rules for the forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans many businesses used to survive the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a bipartisan compromise allowing those who need relief most to exclude a portion of their pandemic unemployment benefits from their taxes.

The bill also lowers statewide property taxes for job creators by increasing the statewide property tax exclusion from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The bill supports Minnesota industries working to emerge from the pandemic, including high-tech restaurants, brewers, and ethanol retailers. Re-

lief is also targeted to support affordable and workforce housing, to address the ongoing crises of adequate daycare throughout the state, and to communities seeking to construct public safety facilities.

Other highlights of the bill:

- The bill indexes the K-12 credit and K-12 subtraction to inflation so working families can keep more of their hard-earned money.

- The bill extends the Angel Tax Credit by \$10 million, which encourages investments in startup companies focused on high technology, new proprietary technology, and other groundbreaking fields.

- The bill helps struggling hospitality businesses by providing a temporary sales tax exemption to restaurants for materials, supplies, and equipment used to adapt to COVID-19 guidelines, as well as a temporary tax credit for brewers and retailers for liquor spoilage caused by COVID-19 restrictions.

- The bill extends the Historic Structure Rehabilitation Credit, the hugely successful job-creating tax credit that helps rehabilitate historic buildings. A study found that every \$1 spent on the tax credit generates \$9.50 in private sector economic activity.

- The bill establishes a new in-home childcare provider property tax credit to address the childcare shortage in Minnesota and incentivize more people to join the profession. The credit for providers will be equal to 50% of the net tax amount owed on the property for the current tax year.

- The bill emphasizes affordable housing and workforce housing with a new tax credit to bring private money into the marketplace. Through various property tax reductions, the bill also incentivizes low-income rental development.

Census allows Minnesota to keep congressional seat for 10 more years

From the Minnesota Department of Administration

On April 26, the U.S. Census Bureau released the first population data from Census 2020, showing that Minnesota’s population grew by 7.6 percent to 5,706,494, outpacing most Midwestern states and keeping pace with the national average. The nationwide head count showed that the country’s population on April 1, 2020 was 331,449,281, up from 308,745,538 in 2010, for a 7.4 percent increase. The state grew just enough to hold on to all 8 of its congressional seats.

“I want to thank Minnesotans for their nation-leading civic engagement, which made us the number one state in responding to the Census,” said Governor Tim Walz. “Because of that participation, we will be fully represented in Washington and will have access to federal resources we need to improve our infrastructure, fund our schools, and support our health care

system.”

Minnesota hung on to the 435th seat in Congress by a close margin—less than 1,000 people. Keeping all 8 representatives in the U.S. House means maintaining the clout that helps bring home federal funding for schools, highways, and healthcare.

“Losing one district would have been a serious blow to the state,” said Susan Brower, State Demographer. “Had Minnesota lost that seat, each of the remaining 7 districts would have had to grow by 102,000 people, setting off a complex realignment or redistricting of the state’s political map. The impact in Greater Minnesota where the districts are already very large would have been especially difficult.”

Minnesota led the nation in self-response to the census, with 75.1% of households returning their census form without additional follow up from a census taker. Efforts by governments, non-profit groups, and advocates ensured

that residents that are typically undercounted, like college students, the homeless, apartment dwellers, snowbirds, rural areas, and black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) were motivated to fill out their census forms.

“Our great self-response rate gave Minnesota an edge over other states that didn’t respond as thoroughly,” said Brower. “Minnesotans are historically very civically-engaged and that carried through to their participation in the 2020 Census.”

States losing one seat in Congress included: California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. States gaining one or more seats in Congress included Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, Oregon, and Texas (+2).

Block level census data that are used in the redistricting process to create new map boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts will be released in August 2021.

Quote of the week

“The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.” — Dorothy Parker

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COVID-19 spread more slowly in counties without interstates

By Al Cross
Institute for Rural Journalism

The coronavirus spread primarily along interstate highways, according to a study published in the Journal of Rural Health. That could explain why its major impact in remote rural areas came late in the pandemic.

“Counties that are intersected by interstates had an earlier arrival than non-intersected counties,” the researchers report. “The arrival time difference was the greatest in the most rural counties, and implicates road travel as a factor of transmission into rural communities.”

The study was done by two professors at West Virginia University and one at the University of Texas. They looked at data through May 17, 2020 and concluded, “Interstate travel restrictions and road travel restrictions would have supported stronger mitigation efforts during the earlier stages of the Covid-19 pandemic and reduced transmission.”



Staples Rotary celebrates ‘Healthcare Heroes’

The Staples Rotary Club recently delivered signs to Lakewood Health System as a show of appreciation of the work being done by healthcare workers for the Staples community. The signs read: Thank you healthcare heroes, and will be posted at employee and provider entrances in all Lakewood facilities for the next few months.

“During our weekly Rotary meetings, we have a great deal of discussion about COVID-19, whether it be testing, vaccinations, or most importantly, receiving medical services in the middle of a pandemic,” said Rotary member and Lakewood System Board Chair, Jim Hofer. “Rotary members and their families have received outstanding services from Lakewood providers and

employees who are putting themselves on the front line.”

“The general sentiment of the Rotary was that we needed to show Lakewood employees how appreciative we are of them. They deserve to be called ‘community heroes’ for being there for the whole community. We reached out to Lakewood administration about posting the signs and they were very receptive.”

Rotarians are business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary motto is ‘Service above self, they profit most who serve the best’.



Presenting signs to LHS

The Staples Rotary Club presented ‘Healthcare Heroes’ signs to thank Lakewood employees. From left: Lakewood President and CEO, Tim Rice; Rotary members Jim Hofer and Jerel Nelsen. (Submitted photo)

National Day of Prayer

The Staples Motley Area Ministerial invites you to join together with them and millions of individuals across our nation on Thursday, May 6 for the annual National Day of Prayer. This local prayer event will take place at the Staples Government Center (122 6th Street NE) from noon to 1 p.m.

At this gathering, prayer will be offered on behalf of our government, churches, military, families, educational institutions, media and our businesses.

Mark Your Calendar

May 6

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP MTGS are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

May 10

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 20

CONFERENCE ON AGING - VIRTUAL CELEBRATION will be held Thursday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event is a collaboration of the Todd County Council on Aging and Wellness in the woods. The virtual event includes musical entertainment, vendor/sponsor highlights and door prizes. Free registration through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-you-tickets-141052769631>. For more info., call 320-468-6451.

Staples Police report April 5-18

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept include:

April 5, Staples Police were called to the 600 block of 4th St NE for a suspicious person. A person in that area appeared to be having mental health issues or was under the influence of drugs. The subject was located and they were transported to Lakewood Health System emergency room for evaluation.

April 7, Staples Police were called to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. NE for a individual having mental health issues and requested transport to the hospital as he didn’t transportation to get there. The subject was transported to Lakewood Health System emergency room.

April 7, Staples Police responded to a report of a two vehicle accident on the 500 block of 4th St NE. The first vehicle was making a left hand turn and the vehicle behind them did not see them stop. The first vehicle was rear ended causing moderate damage to

both vehicles. One vehicle was towed from the scene by Scotts SouthTown. No injuries were reported.

April 9, at 3:56 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 1000 block of Hwy 10 for a report of a female having mental health issues and yelling at passing vehicles. Police spoke with the individual who refused help. The subject later boarded Amtrak and police cleared from the scene.

April 9, Staples Police arrested Robert Sero, 31, for domestic assault and felony domestic by strangulation.

April 10, at 12:18 a.m., Staples Police responded to Lefty’s bar for a report of a fight. Officers arrived on the scene and separated some intoxicated individuals who were arguing on the 200 block of 5th St NE. It was determined that no assault had occurred. Also responding was the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept.

April 10, Staples Police received information regarding a scam phone call. The reporting party was advised it was a scam and to

not give any personal information over the phone.

April 10, Staples Police responded to the Timberlake Hotel for the report of drugs that were left in a hotel room.

April 12, Staples Police responded to an out of control student at the Staples-Motley Middle School. Police cited a juvenile for damage to property.

April 12, Staples Police responded to the Staples-Motley Middle School for a fight between two students. Both students were cited.

On April 12, Staples Police assisted Todd County Child protection with a home visit at the Mill Townhomes. Police were unable to locate the child in need of protective services.

On April 13, Staples Police took a report in person of some harassing behavior. All parties involved were advised.

April 13, Staples Police received information about an individual harassing voters at the Staples Community Center. Police did

not find the subject. Police stood by until voting had finished at 8 p.m.

April 14, Staples Police assisted Morrison County Child protection at the Mill Townhomes attempting to locate a juvenile in need of emergency placement.

April 15, Staples Police received a report of threats and harassment on the 100 block of 4th St NE. The suspect was reportedly on meth and threatening his ex-girlfriend. The reporting party was advised to apply for an order for protection.

April 16, Staples Police responded to a domestic dispute. Police made arrangements with the caller to go someplace safe for the weekend.

April 16, Staples Police received a report of loud pounding coming from a hotel room. The hotel owner informed police that no one was currently staying in the room. It’s believed the complainant is having mental health issues.

April 16, Staples Police responded to the depot for

a report of a individual pounding on the building. Police identified the person who was intoxicated and waiting for a train. Police were unable to locate any damage and warned the subject about his actions.

April 17, Staples Police responded to Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of gunshots. It was found that fireworks were being shot off.

April 18, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. on a traffic stop. Shortly after, police assisted again in arresting a passenger during the traffic stop who had outstanding warrants out of Pennsylvania.

April 18, Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health System emergency room for a disorderly patient. Police assisted the patient with purchasing a train ticket. When it was time to be transported to the train depot, the subject refused.

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Bjerga gets the win on the mound

Payton Bjerga pitched a masterful game against Park Rapids after coming in as a relief pitcher in the second inning on April 29. Staples-Motley won the game 11-3 as Bjerga kept batters off the base-paths. The Cardinals opened the season with a 3-1 at Long Prairie. Josh Kossan was the winning pitcher. The second

game was a 8-7 win at Crosby-Ironton. Joe Tyrrell was the winning pitcher and Hunter Martin got a key double in the 6th inning. The team split the doubleheader against Park Rapids and lost 10-0 at Royalton, bringing their season record to 3-2. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Going with the pitch

Cole Winkels reaches out to tag a low outside pitch, which he pushed into right field for a two RBI single. Winkels had three hits in the game.



Foul play

Third baseman Sam Sauber reaches over the side fence to pull in a pop foul.



Laying out for the team

Sam Opheim completes a diving catch to save a hit in the second game of the doubleheader against Park Rapids on

April 29. The Cardinals ended up losing the game 7-1.

Track teams get third at PR

The Staples-Motley track and field teams competed at Park Rapids on April 27.

The girls team had two first place finishers, Aften Robinson in the 400 and Kyanna Burton in the 1,600. The two of them were also on the winning 4x800 relay, along with Audrey Brownell and Ashley Robben.

The boys had one individual winner, Emmet Anderson in the 1,600. Remington Converse had two second place finishes in the 100 and 200.

Team results

Girls results

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 105, Park Rapids 96, Staples-Motley 34, Wadena-Deer Creek 53, United North Central 34

100 - 12. Beatrice Bonazza 14.63, 16. Madison Bartle 14.87, 26. Avery Japke 15.50

200 - 2. Aften Robinson 27.78, 12. Bartle 30.88, 14. Cami Anderson 31.31, 29. Serena Petralia 34.21

400 - 1. Robinson 1:01, 10. Petralia 1:22

800 - 5. Addison Lorber 2:45,

12. Addisyn Cichos 3:03, 13. Sabina Moe 3:04

1,600 - 2. Audrey Brownell 5:58, 3. Ashley Robben 6:04, 5. Naila Mikhaeil 6:20, 8. Cichos 6:37

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:33, 3. Mikhaeil 13:21

100 hurdles - 2. Jayce Kob-liska 18.47, 7. Leah Danilyuk 20.21, 8. Bailey Weiland 20.24

300 hurdles - 3. Ja. Kobliska 52.02, 9. Weiland 1:01

4x100 - 4. (Ja. Kobliska, Dani-lyuk, Lauren Rutten, Ander-son) 57.66

4x200 - 4. (Dukowitz, Wieland, Anderson, Jorja Kobliska) 2:06

4x400 - 2. (Dukowitz, Robben, Lorber, Brownell) 4:30

4x800 - 1. (Brownell, Burton, Robben, Robinson) 10:18

High jump - 9. Rutten 4'2", 12. Jo. Kobliska 4'0"

Long jump - 12. Weiland 12'5", 16. Anderson 11'11", 17. Bartle 11'10", 18. Madysen Hull 11'9"

Triple jump - 2. Ja. Kobliska 30'9"

Shot put - 2. Tabetha Allen 30'8", 6. Hull 26'6", 9. Grace Jennissen 25'8", 16. Frankie Hanson 19'4"

Discus - 3. Hull 85'1", 9. Jen-nissen 77'9", 11. Allen 71'1", 13.

Lorber 64'5", 17. Hanson 52'10"

Boys results

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 117, Park Rapids 87, Staples-Motley 62, Wadena-Deer Creek 60, United North Central 46

100 - 2. Remington Con-verse 11.46, 3. Corey Hansen 11.68, 9. Austin Weite 11.90, 18. Wyatt Kobliska 12.88, 20. Ashton Johnson 12.93, 21. Ramiro Gal-lardo 13.15, 22. Dakota Hen-nagir 13.24, 23. Connor Judd 13.28, 28. Eli Carlson 14.00, 29. Chase Mikel 14.15, 30. Owen Winter 14.43

200 - 2. Converse 23.94, 4. Hansen 24.66, 8. Johnson 25.94, 9. Connor Judd 27.15, 16. Winter 29.28, 17. Turner Beachy 29.40, 18. Ivan Lozano 29.49

400 - 9. Will Dolezal 1:04, 10. Issiah Tabatt 1:04

800 - 6. Lyle Brownell 2:15, 9. Grant Johnson 2:21, 11. Blaine Plattner 2:33, 13. Reid Judd 3:01

1,600 - 1. Anderson 4:40, 7. Johnson 5:24, 9. Dillan Robben 5:25, 12. Plattner 5:41, 18. R. Judd 6:36

3,200 - 3. Logan Robben 10:44, 4. Tabatt 10:44, 5. D. Robben 12:05

110 hurdles - 6. Tanner Robben 19.40, 7. Thien Nguyen 22.58

Cardinal golfers face top competition

The Staples-Motley girls golf team played a strong match against some top teams, finishing fourth in a meet at the Legacy course in Brainerd on April 26.

Adriana Dickey placed fifth with a nine hole score of 45 and Mallory Uselman was ninth with 48.

The Cardinal boys won their home meet on May 1, at The Vintage in Staples. Beck Erholtz won the meet with a two under par 70, shooting 35 for each nine. Carter White shot even par 36 on the front nine and finished at 76. Grant Bestland had 39 and 39 to finish in eighth place at 78.

Team results

Girls results

Detroit Lakes 172, Elk River 199, Pequot Lakes 208, Sta-ples-Motley 220, Park Rapids 225, Crosby-Ironton-Aitkin inc.

Staples-Motley scores: 5. Adriana Dickey 45, 9. Mallory Uselman 48, 25. Kenzie Erick-son 61, 29. Walker Johnson 66, 32. Ava Schneider 74

Boys results

Staples-Motley 309, Prince-ton 309, St. Cloud Cathedral 329, Pequot Lakes 332, Crosby-Iron-ton/Aitkin 350, Foley 373, Pine River-Backus 387, Pierz 417,



Touch near the green

Beck Erholtz watches his chip shot during the home match May 1. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wadena-Deer Creek inc.
1. Beck Erholtz 70, 4. Carter White 76, 8. Grant Bestland 78, 18. Adam Oberlander 85, 22.

Payton Mithun 87, 28. Isaiah Schultz 93
JV: Keller Anderson 97, Cy Johnson 108



Avoiding the water

Grant Bestland chips onto the green after hitting his first shot near the water on the par 3 hole 8 at The Vin-tage. Right, Adam Oberlander fires a tee shot.



Playing for the gallery

Carter White tees off in front of a crowd of onlookers.



Accurate iron

Payton Mithun tees off on hole 8.



Youth football event coming to Brainerd

Local students took part in the first Midwest Premier Football League (MPFL) at the Fargo Dome in April. The next MPFL event will be July 23-25 in Brainerd. The first event had players from seven states. Players come for practices and are drafted onto age group teams for the showcase games.

Above, the Caldwell brothers at the practice session. Right, Jayden Rogers at the Fargo Dome.

The event is being organized by JJ Kern, formerly of Wadena, now living in Brainerd. Kern said he is modeling it after events in southern states. For more information, call Kern at 218-831-1400.



Ready for FB

Area football players signed up for the MPFL Showcase in Brainerd in July include, from left, Preston Caldwell, Jayden Rogers and Jacob Reek; back row, Gavin Caldwell, Adrian Caldwell, Isaiah Caldwell, Turner Beachy, Brayden Kern and Tanner Current. Students are from Staples-Motley, Brainerd and Verndale.



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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS March 16, 2021

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 16th day of March, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 4.10 Transfer Station Officer Manager Resignation.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2021 as presented.

To approve a one year Setup License for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a one year On Sale and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve a one year Wine License (including Strong Beer) for Rebecca L. Pratt dba Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC at the address of 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve Kimberly Wuollet's retirement effective March 12, 2021.

To approve the resignation of Jesse Cebulla effective January 19, 2021.

To approve the resignation of Erika Schwartz effective March 26, 2021.

To accept the resignation of Heidi Sudbeck, Office Manager.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401100 through 401142 in the amount of \$38,619.42 and (Regular) 54553 through 54609 in the amount of \$89,173.13 for a total of \$127,792.55.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801455 through 801525 and (Regular) 707632 through 707684 for a total amount of \$107,972.47.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600358 through 600370 and (Regular) 516239 through

516266 for a total amount of \$61,630.61.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant permission to Benson Air Ag, Inc. of Benson, MN for spraying tent worms in Todd County in the calendar year 2021 with public notification made within 48 hours prior to a spraying event.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COUNTY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Todd County received \$486,777 on January 6, 2021 via the State of Minnesota County Relief Grant Program, and;

WHEREAS, the County Relief Grant program allots up to 2.5 percent (%) (\$11,872) to be retained by the County for administering said program, and;

WHEREAS, the County Relief Grant program awards and expenditures have been summarized and the amount of \$4,816.72 remains in the program funds for administrative use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,816.72 from Fund 19-Cares/County Relief Grant Program to Fund 01-General Revenue to finalize the realignment of eligible administrative expenses into the County Funds.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Kircher, the following was introduced and tabled: Acting as Todd County Ditch Authority, acknowledges receipt of an Outlet Petition from the Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) for County Ditch 41. This topic will be brought to the April 6, 2021 board meeting for further consideration.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2021 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 9, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-611-034, said project for bridge construction work located on County State Aid Highway #11 near the City of Clarissa, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Marvin Tretter, Inc., Pierz, Minnesota, \$446,326.90
Landwehr Construction, Inc., Saint Cloud, Minnesota, \$464,606.35

Gladen Construction, Inc., Laporte, Minnesota, \$471,283.65

Houle Excavating LLC, Little Falls, Minnesota, \$472,905.50

Riley Bros. Construction, Inc., Morris, Minnesota, \$472,934.25

Blombeck Construction, Eagle Bend, Minnesota, \$478,854.50

Central Specialties Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota, \$494,635.63

Midwest Contracting, LLC, Marshall, Minnesota, \$566,732.95

RL Larson Excavating, Inc., Saint Cloud, Minnesota, \$593,712.45

J.R. Ferche, Inc., Rice, Minnesota, \$641,273.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Marvin Tretter, Inc. of Pierz, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$446,326.90.

Planning & Zoning

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 six proposed conditions for Daniel Lambright on parcel 05-0002300 for a wholesale greenhouse operation.

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

PLANNING BOUNDARY ESTABLISHMENT FOR ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN PROGRAMS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SARTELL AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER ST. CLOUD WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS, integrated comprehensive watershed planning is a benefit for our water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Watershed Districts (hereafter "Local Government Units") within the Mississippi River Sartell / St Cloud Major Watersheds, as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map (Exhibit A, #11), have interest in developing a coordinated, major watershed-scale implementation framework for this area; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies related to "Boundary Establishment and Adjustment Procedures (Operating Procedures Document Version 2.0, section B.1.a.ii) which specify the process to adjust One Watershed, One Plan planning boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the staff from the noted Local Governmental Units have shared their board and supervisor's opinions for a desired planning boundary for future One Watershed, One Plan projects during a February 18, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Local Governmental Units are in agreement that a split between the Mississippi River Sartell and Mississippi River St Cloud watersheds for One Watershed, One Plan planning boundaries was consistent with precedent 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code boundaries utilized by watershed-based programs overseen by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Intensive Watershed Monitoring, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies) and best reflected the intent of the One Watershed, One Plan program from a local perspective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Local Governmental Units included within the BWSR Suggested Boundaries Map #11 watershed support the splitting of this planning boundary into two separate planning boundaries (Exhibit B) named the Mississippi River Sartell (8-digit HUC #07010201) and the Mississippi River St. Cloud (8-digit HUC #07010203) for future One Watershed, One Plan related programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Todd County, specifically, agrees to this adjustment in the planning boundary and supports future One Watershed, One Plan programs within these boundaries.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the

following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2021 TODD COUNTY GENERAL FUND LOAN TO SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Todd County has made application for a capital assistance program grant to construct a new Transfer Station Building, Scale house and associated exterior improvements at the existing Transfer Station Facility in Browerville, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County is preparing a final grant application. This project as proposed has an estimated local cost of One Million, Five Hundred Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,512,210).

WHEREAS, The final grant application requires Todd County to identify how it will pay for the local cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Todd County's Board of Commissioners that the Solid Waste Department will pay Five Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$540,000) of the local project cost from its own account balance during construction of the project and the Todd County General Fund will loan the remaining estimated local cost of Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Two hundred, Ten Dollars (\$972,210) to the Solid Waste Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Solid Waste will pay an interest rate of zero percent (0%) per year on the principal borrowed from the general fund, and will make principal payments back to the general fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year or as can be afforded until the remaining principal is zero dollars with the first payment to be made no later than the calendar year 2023.

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

2021 TODD COUNTY TRANSFER STATION FINAL GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Todd County has made application for a capital assistance program grant to construct a new Transfer Station Building, Scale house and associated exterior improvements at the existing Transfer Station Facility in Browerville, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Todd County's Board of Commissioners that Applicant will implement the project, provide necessary local financing, and accept and exercise the governmental powers necessary to develop and operate the project.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Todd County's Board of Commissioners authorizes the Director of Solid Waste to sign the Final Capital Assistance Program Grant Application and the Capital Assistance Program Grant Agreement on behalf of Todd County.

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

unanimous vote: To sign the Film Plastic Collection Program Agreement with Otter Tail County.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for FFY 2022.

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

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the LELS Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2021.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer had no data to report.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator updated the Commissioners regarding the new Federal American Rescue Plan funding with details to be provided at a future meeting once solidified.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the meeting was adjourned for the month of March 2021.

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BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.....	\$3,359.74
CARGILL SALT DIVISION.....	33,734.83
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FRIEDRICH'S TIRE & OIL CO.....	5,136.25
INTRAYDYN.....	4,700.00
JENKINS IRON & STEEL INC.....	5,416.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC.....	3,389.31
MENCH/JAMES.....	3,805.00
NORTHERN STAR COOP.....	2,394.83
ONSOLVE, LLC.....	7,950.00
SELLNOW LAW OFF PA.....	4,500.00
STAPLES WORLD.....	3,157.37
SUMMIT COMPANIES.....	4,280.00
85 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	32,582.13
Total.....	\$127,792.55

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TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER.....	15,096.10
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF.....	2,428.60
USPS- POC.....	3,393.00
117 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	48,110.85
Total.....	\$107,972.47

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
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#16413.....	\$2,087.68
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GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS.....	10,115.92
HOLISTIC FAMILY ED. SRVS.....	3,941.45
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL.....	2,497.60
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....	2,500.00
#16183.....	2,372.16
#16658.....	3,495.42
STEP.....	5,781.96
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	22,523.03
Total.....	61,630.62

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 16, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 6, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY BOARD

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold a board meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck
Secretary/Treas.

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NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom
Secretary

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NOTICE MONT ROSE CEMETERY BOARD

The Mont Rose Cemetery Board will meet Monday, May 10, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Countryside Restaurant, Motley.

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STAPLES HIGH RISE NOTICE OF HEARING FOR REVISIONS TO 2020 PLAN REVIEW

The Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Staples will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the Staples High Rise Dining Room for acceptance of revisions made to the 2020 PHA Action Plan. The Plan is available for review at the Staples HRA office located at 615 4th Street NE.

Available during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bobbi Blanchard
Executive Director

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NOTICE WADENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 20th day of May, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider the application of **Sammy and Dorothy Davidson, 18877 Wilderness Dr., Staples, MN 56479**, for a Conditional Use Permit for the property described as follows: E1/2 of NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 22, Township 135 N Range 33 W, Bullard Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture & Forestry District.

The application, if approved, would allow a second family dwelling.

The hearing will be held at the Wadena County Courthouse at 415 Jefferson Street S, Wadena, MN 56482. To conform with MDH and CDC guidelines to minimize gatherings the public may only participate in this meeting via Zoom. Information on how to join this meeting can be found on the County website on the Public Calendar. **www.co.wadena.mn.us**. Written public comment may be sent by email, or by sending written correspondence to: Wadena County Zoning Office, Room 234, 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena, MN 56482, before close of business the day of the hearing. In order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission, correspondence must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence**.

By: Wadena County Planning Commission

Date: April 29, 2021

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Freshwater Education District

MINUTES BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED DIST. # 6004 3/24/21 Wadena, MN

CALLED TO ORDER by
Chair VanDenheuvel.

Board Present: R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt, C. Funk-Sebeka, C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, B. Tumberg-Wadena - Deer Creek, S. Veronen-Verndale, J. Hillmer-Browerville. Members Absent: R. Thalmann-Henning; K. Howard- Menahga; B. Lund-Staples-Motley. Supt.: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka. Admin: E. Weber, L. Murdock, J. Anderson.

Agenda- MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Tumberg to approve the agenda as modified, with the request by VanDenheuvel to vote on item 11.2e separately due to conflict of interest. VOTE- U/C.

Old Business

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Wolf to approve the 1.27.21 min. as presented. VOTE- U/C.

MOTION BY Hillmer, seconded by Tumberg to approve the Supt. Adv. Mtg. min as presented. VOTE- U/C.

New Business

MOTION BY Hillmer, seconded by Funk to approve the 1.26.21 - 3.10.21 voucher claims as presented. VOTE- U/C.

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Funk and seconded by Wolf to gratefully accept the following donation as identified: *WALC: MN Ag in the Classroom Foundation ~ \$1,000 for Sq. Ft. Gardening & Honey Bee Project. Academy: MN Ag in the Classroom Foundation ~ \$500 for Hydroponics Stem Lab; Ed MN ~ \$3,000 for Nutritious Breakfast. RFF: Pillager Area Fireman's Dept. ~ \$1,000; VFW of Wadena ~\$25; Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club ~ \$300.* VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows;

ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Hillmer, Funk, Wolf, Veronen, Tumberg and VanDenheuvel. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lund, Thalmann, Howard. WHERE-UPON, said Resolutions was declared duly Adopted.

MOTION BY Tumberg, seconded by Veronen, WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in overall student enrollment, WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment may necessitate the discontinuance or reduction of programs and/or the discontinuation or reduction of positions, and WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to whether programs or positions must be reduced and/or discontinued, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of FED #6004, as follows: That the School

Board hereby directs the Supt. & Admin. to consider the discontinuance and/or reduction of programs or positions as a result of a reduction in enrollment and make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, reduction of programs, discontinuance of positions, or the reduction of positions. VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows;

ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: Hillmer, Funk, Wolf, Veronen, Tumberg and VanDenheuvel. NAY: None. ABSENT: Howard, Thalmann, Lund. WHERE-UPON, said Resolutions were declared duly Adopted.

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Tumberg to approve the 3-Yr Network Agmt. between TCHC & FED. VOTE- U/C.

MOTION BY Hillmer, seconded by Tumberg to approve to advertise for an RFP for Mental Health Svcs. for the 20/21 SY Academy Prog. VOTE- U/C.

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the renewal of the SR/ECFE Consulting Agmt. between S/M #2170 & FED #6004 with a 3 percent (%) increase for the 21/22 SY. VOTE- U/C.

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to accept the RFP response from Steller for Mental Health Serv. VOTE- U/C.

Department Reports-

Bus. Mngt.: Reviewed ALC/TS/CR Serv. Hrs. compared to past years. ALC Admin. are encouraging member districts to run their summer program through the ALC.

Ex. Director: Update of WALC entrance needing repairing; Possibility of land donated to the ALC for a school forestry. Bd. encouraged Admin. to continue to explore this option; Update of activities held at the Principals Mtg.; Reviewed Health Benefits Mtg. Minutes.

Personnel Agenda

With sincere appreciation for the commitment and good work upon their retirement, Funk made the MOTION and seconded by Tumberg to approve the items as follows: Retirement of S. Speed, C. Carter and J. Noddsle; Decrease in Hrs.: B. Johnson. VOTE- U/C.

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the increase in hrs. S. DeMars. VOTE- U/C with Abstention of VanDenheuvel.

MOTION BY Tumberg, seconded by Hillmer to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Pre Approved Publication Summary

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED:
Katie Howard, Clerk

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‘Goodbye’ to Mr. Ed’s

Although the restaurant off of Highway 10 in Motley underwent a few names over the years, it was known as ‘Mr. Ed’s’ for at least 20 years.

Ed Jordahl of Motley shared recently that he had bought the place in July of 1980 from LaVerne Jenkins, who ran a gas station and a small restaurant there. “It was a shack,” Jordahl said of the restaurant, going on to say that they tore it down and rebuilt what was to become ‘Mr. Ed’s.’

When he decided to get out of the restaurant business, they rented the space to Mike Stevens, who kept the original name. Stevens purchased the business in time, and later sold it to Dave Doll, who renamed it ‘Dave Doll’s Diner.’ After Doll, it was purchased by the McFedries, owners of The Spot Cafe in Staples, who decided to open a second business of the same name in Motley.

When the owners of the Spot decided to close the Motley location, the bank eventually took over the property. About a year ago, Ed’s son, Shawn Jordahl of Motley, purchased the property from the bank. He’s recently decided to start tearing down the place, but has not said what, if anything, he decides to put in its place.

He has a lot of good memories from the ‘Mr. Ed’s’ days, but Ed Jordahl said it does not bother him to see the building torn down, adding that it took a lot of money to keep it going. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #15 March 22, 2021 6 p.m., District Office

MINUTES

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
for Referendum Discussion**

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, B. Anderson, L. Anderson, Reeck, Freeman and Lund present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen and Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several employees, students and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to add agenda item #10. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC
School/Community Forum

A time was designated for discussion on the Commissioner’s Review and Comment on Proposed Building Bonds as required by M.S.123B.71, Subd. 12. No questions or discussion arose.

Consent Agenda:

Winkels asked to have item #4 pulled from the Consent agenda to be acted upon separately.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to approve the Consent Agenda items 3 and 5-10. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve agenda item # 4 (Approve the renewal of the SR-ECFE Service Agreement with Freshwater for the 2021-2022 school year: \$10,300.00)

Motion Carried; Winkels abstained.

Donations, Grants and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to Approve the Resolution to accept monetary donations in the amount of \$1,657; and in-kind contributions in the amount of \$6,959. MC

Finance Items:

Financial Report provided by Mr. Regan.

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

Personnel

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to accept the retirement of Stacey Carter; effective June 7, 2021. MC

Thank you to Stacey for 33 years of dedication and service to the district and our elementary students.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to accept the retirement of Penny Olsen, effective June 2021. MC

Thank you to Penny for 20 years of service and dedication to the district, students and families.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund to NOT extend the request from Lisa Frisk to extend her Leave of Absence through the 2021-22 school year. MC

Other

Motion by Winkels, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (ATTPPS/QCOMP) MOU for 2021-22. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to Approve

the Annual Compliance Overview of the American Indian Advisory Committee Vote of Concurrence. MC

Superintendent Tappe reported that the Business Office is working through budgets; more ESSER money will be available after July 1, which can be used for summer programming; interviews will be held for the Head Gardener position for the farm2school garden; and the district is looking at moving forward with purchase of an additional lift bus.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. MC

19pnc

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #16 April 5, 2021, 6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, B. Anderson, L. Anderson, Freeman, and Reeck present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were: Supt. Tappe; Business Services Herdegen and Regan; Principals Schmidt and Johnson; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda. MC

Summer Programming

Special funding (GEER) will be available for summer programming. Administration has been planning for a model that

will include two three-week sessions throughout the summer. Mornings will be based around summer recreation and the afternoons will include enrichment sessions The intent of the programming is to ensure grade progression for students.

Some form of transportation will be provided, and participants must be enrolled in Staples-Motley schools.

Extended School Year for Special Education will be a separate program.

Credit Recovery will be available through the ALC for High School students.

Budget and planning for the 2021-2022 School Year

Herdegen reported that the goal is to have a balanced operating budget for the next year as the district works to right size the district based on the number of students being served.

Distance Learning requirements for 2021-2022 school year are unknown at this time so flexibility is needed.

The elementary school’s goal is to maintain their current programming and hope for a “normal” start to the year with Open House and orientations.

Administration will continue to work on details regarding 2021-22 school year and staffing.

The district continues to wait on legislative action for state funding levels and clarification on the amount, and uses for CARES II and III funds.

Adjournment

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. MC

19 pnc

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Family of Ski Patrollers

learn to ski, then take several cars to Quadna for some more advanced skiing. The ski club and trips ended after Carlson retired.

“Many people learned to ski thanks to Stan,” said Danculovich. “Townpeople, graduates ... a lot of people in this area.”

When he wasn’t managing trips, for years Danculovich would drive to Quadna for regular weekend patrols. Quadna put the patrollers up at a hotel so they would stay the entire weekend.

“We became a close-knit family. We would eat together, party together and work together,” he said. “We got to know people and their kids.”

Danculovich said his son Scott grew up there, learning to ski before he even started elementary school.

“The Quadna patrollers would take him on hills I didn’t think he could handle. But when you’re that small, you don’t have so far to fall,” said Danculovich.

Scott became such a part of the extended family he also became a Ski Patroller. He now is up to 30 years. Tom’s grandson Cole also started extremely young. Having been on skis their whole lives, “They can ski circles around me,” said Tom.

The patrollers at Quadna devised a harness to help teach children how to ski. Danculovich said now most ski areas have something like that for beginners.

Danculovich kept improving his skills and certifications. He eventually became Patrol Director and achieved the status of Senior Patroller. He was an examiner for the first aid portion of the test for others who wanted to qualify as Senior Patroller.

For five years he was a Nordic patroller on Quadna’s cross country ski trails. He remembers that those trails had a lot of up and down skiing, it was not flat at all.

When Quadna closed, Danculovich joined the Ski Patrol at Ski Gull in Brainerd, but that didn’t last long.

“I might as well ski down my driveway,” said Danculovich, “it’s a great place for beginners,” but he needed a bigger hill.

He had a friend who worked at Buena Vista in Bemidji and decided to try that. They would meet in Sebeka and drive the rest of the way together. But the long ride on both ends of an eight hour shift got to be too tiring.

At that time, Scott was working at Powder Ridge, south of St. Cloud, and convinced Tom to join him there. Ski Patrol shifts are always needed so Danculovich said he never had a problem going to another hill.

Critical Care award

The life of a Ski Patrol varies every day. They might go a week without having to help a skier, but also could have four or five incidents in a single day. They usually tend to lower leg and knee injuries, but with more snowboarders on the slopes, they are seeing more upper body injuries, to arms, shoulders, wrists and head.

In the early days, if a skier needed to be helped off the mountain, they would put them on a toboggan with one patroller holding a rope in the front and another with a rope on the back. Now Powder Ridge has a snowmobile to hook on to the toboggan, but they still have the tail skier to keep an eye on it.

One day when Tom and Scott were both working, a college-aged foreign student had a ski accident. When Danculovich arrived, things started taking a turn for the worse.

“He had agonal breathing, which is what people get prior to dying,” he said. “We had to keep him coming out of that and called an ambulance.”

Danculovich recognized the severity of this case and asked for advanced life support with a medic on the ambulance. He then decided an even bigger upgrade was needed and called in a rescue helicopter.

“The next day, the doctors told Scott and me that without what the Ski Patrol had done, this patient would not have made it,” said Danculovich. “Hearing that makes this all worthwhile.”

For saving that life, Tom and Scott were given the Critical Care Award from the National Ski Patrol. It is one of the highest honors a Ski Patroller can get.

“It makes it very special to share it with my son,” said Danculovich.

Most ski accidents come when an inexperienced skier tries a steep or tricky hill. “Don’t let friends talk you into going down a hill you are not ready for,” said Danculovich. “Several times every year we help people who were egged on by better skiers.”

Danculovich sees skiing as a sport anyone can do, especially in Minnesota.

“Skiing is something you can do with your family. You don’t have to be a great skier,” he said. “Anybody can do it if they have the will. Minnesota is a good place to learn and not that expensive.”

Now the big thing at Powder Ridge is tubing. “They have to walk up the hill, but it gets people outside for the activity,” said Danculovich.

He has taken a few trips to the giant ski mountains out west. “The runs are phenomenal, but the costs are phenomenal,” he said. “On Minnesota hills you are down in less than a minute.”

Looking back on his 50 years in the Ski Patrol, Danculovich appreciates his beginning even more.

“If it wasn’t for Stan, none of this would have been possible. I loved to hunt and fish, and I was coaching track and cross country, but 50 years was something I never could have imagined,” he said.



Taking the plunge for Special Olympics

A total of \$6,665 was raised for Special Olympics during a polar plunge event at Staples-Motley High School April 20. Principal Mike Schmidt (pictured at top with bucket of water) said, “It was a great event,” going on to express thanks to the SM School community for their support as well as the Staples Fire Department for filling up the tank. Coordinators for the event were Abby Dunn, Tony Spandl and Lorna Klefsaas. Dunn said,

“This year’s Polar Plunge was a huge and fun success, greater than years past.” She noted it was the first year Staples-Motley had hosted Polar Plunge. She also expressed gratitude to the jumpers (students and school staff) and to all who contributed financially. “The money raised will be used to support our local Special Olympics teams, as well as the Special Olympics organization.” (Submitted photo)



Jumping for a good cause

Staples-Motley High School juniors Bo Erholtz (left) and Morgan Becker spread their wings and took the plunge for Special Olympics April 20. (Submitted photo)



Ski family

From left, Scott and Nancy, Cole, Diane and Tom Danculovich, enjoying the slopes as a family.



Ready to take the plunge

Cole Greenwaldt, a senior at Staples-Motley High School, was excited to hit the water during the recent Polar Plunge at the school in Staples. (Submitted photo)

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