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Graduation day

Family and friends got a close-up view of the Staples-Motley graduating class, and made sure to record the moment with their cell phones.



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
June 9	96°	71°	P. Cloudy
June 10	97	70	M. Sunny
June 11	87	57	P. Cloudy
June 12	85	59	M. Sunny
June 13	86	56	M. Sunny
June 14	90	60	Sunny
June 15	92	63	Sunny

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
June 9	79°	67°	Sunny
June 10	65	55	Rain
June 11	72	54	Sunny
June 12	70	53	Sunny
June 13	70	45	Sunny
June 14	74	52	Sunny
June 15	74	63	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 77° Low = 56°
Another 'HOT' week!

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituaries

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Multiple fires in Wadena County

In the span of three days, Wadena County emergency personnel responded to three grass fires, one vehicle fire and one structure fire, from May 30-June 1.

Two of the grass fires were near Oylen, the third was in Thomastown Township, north of Staples. The vehicle fire was near Sebeka and the structure fire near Nimrod.

Reports from the Wadena County Sheriff's Office:

• On June 1, at approximately 12:20 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a fire located in section 10 of Thomastown Township.

Upon arrival of Staples Fire Department, it was learned that garbage, rubbish, and debris around the yard and outbuildings were on fire. A Deputy spoke with the property owner who claimed that he was cutting grass with a weed whipper when he set it down and went into the house. The property owner stated a short time later he looked outside and observed the fire. No weed whipper was located where the property owner stated the fire would have originated.

The property owner was cited for negligent or careless act causing a fire. Minnesota DNR Forestry and Staples Fire Department extinguished the fire hastily which burned approximately five acres of grass and other personal property.

• On May 30, at approximately 8 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a vehicle that was on fire in the area of 294th Street and 135th Ave., just north of Sebeka.

The Sebeka Fire Department found a 2001 Chevrolet Impala fully engulfed in flames. Deputies spoke with the vehicle driver who stated the vehicle was supposed to be dropped off at the scrap yard but they had not done that yet. They stated they were driving the vehicle when it started to have problems and smoke. The driver was able to escape the vehicle, unharmed. The vehicle was a complete loss as well as the personal property that was located inside of the vehicle.

• On May 31, at approximately 6:25 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a grass fire that had spread into the pine trees, in section 15 of Bullard township, which is in the Lyons State Forest.

Deputies arrived to find grass and trees on fire. The fire appeared to have started from a pile of hot charcoal that was dumped in the woods after it was used in a grill. Approximately 1.5 acres of woodland burned in the incident.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Staples Fire Department and MN DNR forestry division.

• On May 30, at approximately 1:39 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a structure fire in Section 2 of Orton Township.

The Sebeka Fire Department arrived on scene along with Menahga Fire Department for mutual aid. Law Enforcement arrived on scene to find a smaller, barn style shed caught fire. The Deputy observed a riding lawnmower along with other mechanical equipment burning amongst the rubble.

The property owner explained they were using their riding lawn mower that was put inside the shed when the mowing was done. The homeowner heard a loud squealing noise coming from the bearings and shortly after, the mower started on fire and spread throughout the shed.

No one was injured at the scene and structure fire was completely extinguished.

• On May 30, at approximately 1:26 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a grass fire off of County 9 at Wilderness Drive, section 23 of Lyons Township.

Upon arrival, there appeared to be a large section of grass that was burning on the north side of County Road 9 to the east of Wilderness Drive. At this time, a large number of bystanders were already on scene working together to put out different areas of the fire. Members of the Sebeka Fire Department arrived on scene.

The deputy on scene spoke with local property owner along with others who passed by on their ATV's and first noticed the grass starting to burn.

No one was injured at the scene and the grass fire was quickly extinguished. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Assisting on scene was the Sebeka Fire Department, Lakewood Health Ambulance on standby along with several members of the public.

Todd County Board opens meetings to public

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

It has been over a year since the Todd County Board of Commissioners has opened up their meetings to the public due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

It was in March of 2020 when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and executive orders from Minnesota Governor Tim Walz set a cap on indoor capacity. Many places closed completely for a time while others restricted visitors.

On May 28, 2021 Governor Walz ended capacity restrictions on indoor and outdoor activity.

At their June 1, meeting, the Todd County Commissioners voted to remove the capacity restrictions for all indoor settings, including public meetings as of June 1.

In other board business

• Approved a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sacred Heart Area School/Sacred Heart Church in Moran Township effective June 11.

• Approved the hire of Macoy Reimer, as a seasonal recreational assistant for the sheriff's department with a pending start date.

• Approved the hire of Cole Yungbauer for the position of full-time road deputy, also in the sheriff's department. Yungbauer's start date will be July 5.

• Approved the hire of Shayla Baken for the position of part-time correctional officer with the start date pending.

• Prior to approving the lease of the Expo Building to the Long Prairie Hockey Association (LPHA), Chair Barb Becker had several concerns including: the number of keys that are checked out for the building; if another month is really necessary for the LPHA to use the building; if the board wants to approve a three-year contract the first year of the contract; among other questions.

"We have put a lot of money into this and I want to make sure it is all covered (in the contract)," noted Becker.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said that he felt the negotiation had gone well and said he thinks everything that Becker was concerned about was put into the contract.

"We will look hard at it (building and contract) after the first year," added Erickson.

The lease was approved.

• Sheriff Steve Och brought forward information about updating their current dispatch mapping software to a server based mapping solution.

Och said that this will allow for better functionality and location validation for dispatch to provide more accurate information to responders and location data entry into the Computer Aided Dispatch System.

After his explanation

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Meaningful memorials at Motley park



Veterans Park in Motley is home to two new memorials, thanks to Ron Unger, Sgt. at Arms for the Motley American Legion Post #124; and Karen Morey of Motley, whose late husband, Eldon Morey, was a long-time member of the Motley American Legion.

Unger donated the bronze Battlefield Cross, a veterans memorial statue that symbolizes the honor, service and sacrifice of soldiers killed in battle. It was made by Viking Industries near St. Joseph. Unger said he'd wanted to do something for the Veterans Park in Motley for awhile, having been a member of Post #124 for 14 years or so; and since he already had a paver with his name on it at a park in his hometown of Swanville, he wanted to do something different in Motley. Initially, he'd wanted to donate the statue anonymously, but word eventually got out that it was him. He's pleased that so many people have said how much they like it.

Karen Morey donated the granite bench that bears the name of her husband Eldon Morey, a Motley native who served in the United States Navy active duty for three years and over 28 years in the reserves. He passed away Nov. 18, 2020. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Saluting the flag

Participants at the Memorial Day Service at Motley Public Cemetery saluted the American flag during the annual ceremony. Pictured, from right, are Chief Warrant Officer John Tabbatt, guest speaker at the event; Veteran Derek Prindle, who sang 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic'' and Pastor Jim Johnson, who gave the Invocation and Benediction prayers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Color Guard busy on Memorial Day

The Motley American Legion Post #124 provided the color guard and firing squad at three Memorial Day Services May 31. They are pictured arriving at the Motley Public Cemetery, with Sgt. at Arms Ron Unger at far right. In addition, the Motley American Legion participated in services at Bridgeman Cemetery and Poplar Cemetery. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Lunch at Leader hall

At left: Members of the Sowers family enjoyed lunch at Leader Community Hall following the Memorial Day Program at Poplar Cemetery. The lunch was provided by the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club. Pictured from left are Kathy (Sowers) Finn and her dad, Everett Sowers, both of Motley; and Everett's sister, Mae Monk of Babbitt.



Remembering their hero

The Sampson family of Motley paused by the grave of Korean War-era veteran Gordon Sampson who died on Thanksgiving Day of 2020. Kneeling by the wooden cross he built for his dad from an old oak tree at the family farm is Rob Sampson. Standing, from left, are Gordon's grandchildren Tianna and Tristan; his daughter-in-law Lorri; and granddaughter Isabella. Rob noted that his dad was a Navy veteran and had served aboard the CL-145 USS Roanoke, the last gunship ever made. Lorri, a Wisconsin native, said she was also remembering her own dad, the late Harold Deau, a World War II Air Force veteran. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Singing the National Anthem

Marissa Michalson sang the National Anthem at the Memorial Day service at Poplar Cemetery. Marissa is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Michalson and granddaughter of Tom and Linda Michalson, all of Motley. The teenager also offered a reading later in the program that day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1946

• June 6, 1946 - The first game for the season for the American Legion Junior Baseball team of Staples will be played on the Staples Diamond at Pine Grove park Sunday afternoon, June 9, at three o'clock when the locals will tangle with the Aitkin nine. This is the first game for both teams.

On the mound for Staples will be Billy Finn, and behind the plate will be Jerry Stevens. Although diminutive in stature, both of these boys have showed up good at the practices, and

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their selection came after a series of eliminations for these two important berths on the team. Other boys, who have just joined the team, will have an opportunity to prove their worth as the season advances.

The starting lineup for the first game, as announced by Forrest W. VanDorn, manager of the team, and athletic officer for the Ivan V. Sarff Post of the American Legion, is as follows: Peterson, cf; Kenny Johnson, 3b; Russ Dahl, ss; Irby, rf; Jerry Stevens, c; Bill Finn, p; Dinehart, 2b; Kaler, 1b; Wiltrout, lf.

• June 6, 1946 - Fire of unknown origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Minor (Wassom farm) Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Minor had gone to Staples and were informed of their loss by Martin Quade, who made a trip to Staples to tell them. Mr. and Mrs. Minor now are living with their son Kenneth and family on the Norman Kendall farm north of Motley.

• June 6, 1946 - John Larson, son of Mrs. John Larson of Staples was the boy of 1946 Staples High School senior class who was chosen to receive the American Legion Citizenship medal, which has been presented annually to the outstanding boy and girl in the class. Miss Lillian Sadusky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sadusky of Staples, was chosen as the girl of the 1946 Staples Senior class to receive the American Legion Award in Citizenship.

50 Years Ago - 1971

• June 10, 1971 - Frank Vasecka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vasecka, has finished his 10 weeks of basic training in the U.S. Navy at San Diego, Calif. After a 14 day leave he was assigned to the USSS Constellation in the Pacific.

During his basic training, Frank was a member of the Blue Jacket Choir and sang for a number of groups, including the Marine Base, The Gold Star Mothers, the Mike Douglas Show and the Navy's Graduation Class. Frank is a graduate of Motley high school, Brainerd Junior College and attended Bemidji State.

• June 10, 1971 - Third graders from both Staples Elementary and the Lincoln Model Nongraded School were presented awards for their outstanding achievement in physical fitness. The awards were given on the basis of the Minnesota Motor Performance Test. All award winners scored above the 60th Percentile in all tests given, the instructors said.

Students from Lincoln Model who earned fitness awards included Susan Johnson, Debbie Smith, Mary Trantina, David Pohl, Dennis Bacon, Mike Flansburg, Paul Mergens, Lonny Dumpprope, Greg Dravis and James Crawford.

Students from Staples Elementary who earned fitness awards included Tim Sanda, Darla Dickman, Cheryl Greenwaldt, Kevin Roline, Steve Cole, Mike Kennedy, Fred Frandson, Paul Huntsman, Brad Henkel, Gerald DeYonge, Craig Redemske and Donald Johnson.

• June 10, 1971 - Brenda Bredemeier, the 1970 Miss Vacationland of the Wadena Jaycees, will leave June 14, to compete in the Miss Minnesota Pageant at Austin.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. V. D. Bredemeier of Staples, Queen Brenda reigned as Miss Staples of 1969 and was then entered in the Miss Vacationland contest under the sponsorship of the Staples Jaycees.

Competing against 10 other area girls, Brenda received the coveted crown from Juliana Gabor of South St. Paul, the present Miss Minnesota.

Miss Bredemeier is completing her sophomore year at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She is a 1969 graduate of Staples high school.

• June 10, 1971 - Twenty-five boys and girls completed the sixth level of the Lincoln Model Nongraded School in Staples and were graduated at ceremonies held may 27. This is the first class to complete the course of education in the Model school and they will enter seventh grade at Staples high school this fall, Don Droubie, principal said.

Members of the class are as follows: William Jay, Alan Jensen, Donald Seel, Larry Fearing, David Trick, Richard Moe, Richard Nelson, Michael Fleisher, Scott Johnson, Mary Palmer, Brenda Nelson, Verna Busker, Nathan Sturre, Deborah Anderson, Cheryl Doucette, Suzanne Olson, Gale Yeske, Natalie Wise, Katherine Tomsich, Sheryl Britsch, Mary Cunningham, Roselle Rosen, Mary Prust, Susan Johnson and Laurine Miller.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 30, 1996 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• June 6, 1996 - Congratulations, Golf Teams! 1996 Staples Motley Girls Golf Team were North Sub-Section Champs, Section 6A Champs and Sixth at State! The girls competing at state included Dana Hasselberg, Amanda Sorenson, Tiffany Peterson, Corey Henrickson, Rachael Hofer and Tricia Schornack. They were coached by Glen Hasselberg.

The 1996 Staples Motley Boys Golf Team were North Sub-Section Champs, Section 6A Champs and Eighth at State! The boys competing at state included Shannon Schornack, Malcolm Gold, Jason Rohr, Steve Hoemberg, A.J. Bienusa and Brent Sorenson. They were coached by Rollie Penfield.

• June 6, 1996 - Two longtime drivers on Staples Motley bus routes are calling it quits this spring a they look forward to retirement. Donna Miller has been driving for 24 years on the same route south of Staples, while Reuben Hasselberg has driven four different routes over 31 years as a driver.

• June 6, 1996 - Jacqueline DeGeest, a 1996 Augsburg College graduate in International Business and a 1993 graduate of Staples High School, was one of 15 students nationwide to receive the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to Japan.

10 Years Ago - 2011

• June 9, 2011 - Julie Mertens got a thousand paper craned, and she got her wish. She will be a featured speaker at the Staples Motley Relay for Life on June 10.

Mertens taught fourth and fifth grade students at Staples Elementary School in 1996, when she diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. By 1997, it was determined that she would receive a stem-cell transplant in Seattle. Before she left, the students folded 1,000 paper cranes and gave them to her.

"I packed them all in a big bag and hung them up in my room," said Mertens. "Every time I saw them, it reminded me of all the people back home who were supporting me."



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the May 26, 2011 edition of the Staples World, featured Rose Han (left) and Bo Erholtz, Girl Scouts from Service Unit 22, enjoying some shenanigans while accomplishing their goal of bagging leaves to help clean up Lincoln Park in Staples. The girls, along with fellow Girl Scouts and members of Boy Scout Troop 61, learned that volunteering can be fun.

Deb Jordan and Kathryn Edwards, both of Staples, correctly identified both girls. Edwards, Han's mother, recalled taking this picture at the south side park in Staples, and it was included in a photo display at her daughter's recent graduation Open House. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Serious injury in ATV crash

On May 29, at 3:23 p.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV crash with injuries on the Sno-Way 1 Trail in Moose Lake Township, south of Spider Lake.

Deputies responded and located the crash scene and learned that an adult female, age 40 of North St Paul, was operating a 2008 Honda ATV when it left the roadway, striking trees and causing the operator to be ejected from the machine. Medical treatment was initiated on scene and the female was transported by helicopter to North Memorial Medical Center with serious injuries. Assisting at the scene were Pequot Lakes Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol, North Memorial Ambulance and Air Care.



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DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

BOARD continued from page 1a

Todd County looks for fraud in food program

the board approved the quote by CentralSquare to do the update for a total of $9,087.34 with an annual maintenance fee of $1,624.84.

Och added that this update is an allowable 9-1-1 fee expenditure and the maintenance fee will replace the current annual maintenance fee for mapping.

• Accepted the 2020 Federal Boating Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of $4,439. Och reported that they will be using the majority of the funds to purchase buoys for the lakes.

• Accepted the 2021 State Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of $6,129. These funds pay a part of the staff salaries to patrol area lakes. This amount has been getting smaller and smaller each year.

• Approved Deputy Tyler Thiel's employment status change from full-time to part-time, effective June 6.

• Todd County Health and Human Services (HHS), the Todd County Sheriff, and the Todd County Attorney desire to establish cooperative procedures for the effective enforcement of Food Support and Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) rules and regulations, investigation and prosecution of Food Support and MFIP fraud cases, and for the effective enforcement, investigation and prosecution of other public assistance program's fraud cases.

That desire became a reality when the board approved the Fraud Prevention Investigation Program Cooperative Agreement between the three entities.

Lisa Chapin gave the commissioners some details about their efforts at HHS since they started last February.

She said they have had 48 cases so far resulting in six disqualifications. There have also been three hearings with one ruling being upheld with two more pending.

This has resulted in a savings to the county so far of $97,700. They have also found that there were overpayments made of $94,991.

Commissioner David Kircher said that while he appreciated the collaboration, he wondered if any criminal prosecution was taking place?

Chapin said that four cases had been referred for criminal prosecution.

Kircher said that he wanted to see more of that so they could let people know that this (fraud) is illegal and the county won't put up with it.

Some of the ways the overpayments are being dealt with include revenue recapture and payment plans.

"We need to dig our heels in and let people know we're not going to tolerate this crap. The criminals are taking away funds from those who really need it," said Kircher.

There was a bit further discussion on the ever-increasing, complex rules.

Kircher said they should be simplifying these rules so that the enforcement officials can do their jobs.

The final item on the board agenda was an update on the COVID-19 situation in the county.

The numbers continue to lessen with "things ramping down," according to HHS Director Jackie Och.

She said that the Mobile COVID bus had the following results: Long Prairie-51; Clarissa-32. Bertha-17 and Staples-31. The number of people getting their vaccine this way was lower than expected.

She reported that her department will continue to wear masks, but hope that soon they can get away from that.

"I am ready to put this (COVID-19) in the rear view mirror," said Och, in a way, mirroring the sentiment of many.

After their regular session, the board also held a brief work session to discuss options to pave the Expo Building parking lot and commercial septic systems.

Correction

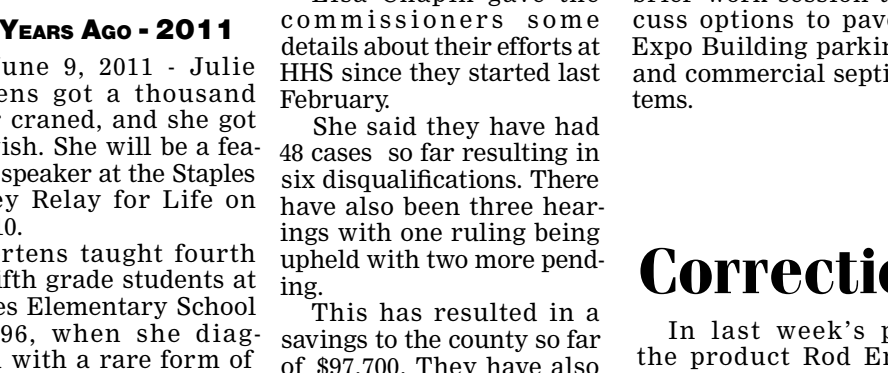
In last week's paper, the product Rod Enberg donated to the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club, Ready Char Energy, was incorrectly described as a fertilizer.

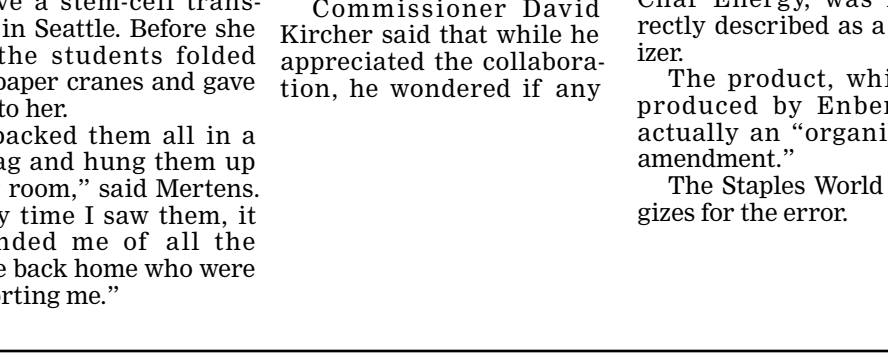
The product, which is produced by Enberg, is actually an "organic soil amendment."

The Staples World apologizes for the error.

Congratulations & best wishes...

to all the Lakewood Health System $1,000 scholarship recipients.
These 2021 graduates plan to pursue careers in healthcare.


Emmet Anderson, Staples-Motley
Megan Benning, Browerville
Hayden Captain, Bertha Hewitt
Haley Cichos, Staples-Motley


Abbigail DiGiovanni, Staples-Motley
Hannah Hinman, Verndale
Rachel Wilson, Pillager
Cole Winkels, Staples-Motley

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As loony as Minnesotans

When a person travels nearly half way across the country, he might expect to find many things to be different from the familiarities of home. But as a seasoned traveler could tell you, Americans in distant places are predictably more alike than they are different. A recent expedition by automobile to New York State to meet a new grandchild did nothing to cast doubt on that fact. One of the things shared by Minnesotans and many in the East is a fascination with—even a reverence for—our state bird, the common loon.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn
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Despite the world becoming more and more a place of digital communication, some who are old school like me are still drawn to the printed page, and when we're in new places we indulge our curiosity in the old-fashioned way. On a grocery store newsstand in the Hudson River Valley I found the New York state version of our own popular publication Outdoor News, in which I discovered some of the fishing, hunting, and conservation issues that are of interest to readers there. I read about the uptick in firearms hunting accidents during the pandemic year, about leaner prospects for spring turkey hunting success, as well as tips for catching early season crappies. Sound familiar?

Poised in front of this news stand, my eye was also caught by the glossy cover of a magazine entitled Adirondack Life. As implied in the title and confirmed in its plainly expensive production, Adirondack Life is a lifestyle publication that 'covers New York state's six million acre Adirondack Park," which the magazine's masthead claims "offers more wild country than Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Glacier National Parks combined."

This grand claim aside, it might surprise some to discover that only a few hours from the noise and crowds at the center of the financial universe—New York City—there is forest, lake, and river-blessed country that is not all that different from the most scenic and wild environs of Northern Minnesota. The park is named for the storied Adirondack mountain range in upper New York State, which happens to be the setting for the classic 19th century novel The Last of the Mohicans, by James Fenimore Cooper.

In an article highlighting the many water routes that canoe and kayak paddlers can take through Adirondack Park, a photo transported me right back to Minnesota. It was a large color image of a man-made loon nesting platform, complete with a rustic sign identifying its purpose. A Minnesotan would have known what it was without the signage. But, considering the potential Adirondack Park clientele—perhaps visitors whose natural habitat is the urban jungle of New York City—the zoo-like signage on the nesting platform could be forgiven.

Like Minnesota, with its National Loon Center that is located in Crosslake, New York has a counterpart in the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. This nonprofit organization has been conducting studies on the loon population in the Adirondacks since 1998, including research on the impact of environmental pollutants on loon survival and reproductive success.

Not by coincidence, New York is one of six states that have imposed restrictions on the sale and use of lead fishing tackle in the form of weights—"sinkers"—and jigs. There, as here in Minnesota, dead and debilitated loons have been found to have elevated levels of lead, and such items of fishing tackle have been discovered in post mortem loon examinations. Only dead loons found and recovered before decomposition can be tested, so the number that die annually of lead poisoning in Minnesota is an estimate, but is believed to be about 100 to 200.

The other states with lead tackle restrictions—all but one in the East—include Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Washington. All have some level of restriction on the use or sale of lead fishing tackle, at least in the smaller sizes that are most likely to be consumed by loons, swans, or other wildlife. Bills have been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature to eventually restrict the manufacture, sale, and use of lead fishing tackle here, but so far there has been insufficient bipartisan support for such restrictions to become law.

Those of us with "a few miles on us" will remember the Academy Award-winning 1981 film On Golden Pond, starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn, a film whose central themes include coping with aging and the specter of death, and family estrangement and reconciliation. Loons that nest on fictitious Golden Pond are conspicuous supporting actors in the film and inspire Ms. Hepburn's character Ethel Thayer to exclaim upon their arrival for the summer that "The loons ... they're welcoming us back."

On Golden Pond was filmed on a lake in New Hampshire, with the screenwriter's inspiration actually coming from summers spent at a cabin in Maine. Whether in real life or on the silver screen, it's not hard to find evidence that the common loon—a bird of rare beauty, haunting voice, and wilderness persona—has acquired a large fan base and an uncommon level of admiration, elsewhere as well as here in Minnesota.

Retiring SM school staff share thoughts and memories

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter



Stacey Carter



Penny Olsen



Lyn Vavreck

Stacey Carter

Name and Title: Stacey Carter, 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher.

How Many Years Have You Worked At Staples-Motley Schools? 33 years.

What Inspired You To Go Into Teaching? I have always enjoyed working with children. As a high school student, I spent time helping in a kindergarten classroom. I really enjoyed that experience and that is where my interest in teaching began.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At Staples-Motley? Some of my favorite memories are the ones that returned year after year. Traditions are strong here at Staples-Motley, and it's a part of what unites us as a district and community. Events in the fall such as Homecoming and our elementary Fall Festival, the winter music programs and Madrigal Dinners, and our elementary school field trips and last day "wave" to close out the school year are some of the events that come to mind.

What Will You Miss The Most About Your Work? I will absolutely miss the "family" that I have at Staples-Motley Elementary. Both the staff and students. I have been teaching my second generation of students for several years now. The connection of being able to tell my students that I was their parents' teacher in elementary school has been priceless.

What Were Some Of The Challenges You Experienced At SM? Like many careers, education is continually changing and working to improve. It can be challenging to keep up with these changes over the course of a 34 year career. Teaching practices in 1987 were quite different from those of teaching in 2021. The challenges we faced in dealing with the pandemic added a new layer of challenge. I'll have to admit, I don't remember a year with quite as many challenges as the last year has presented, but we did it!

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? I haven't fully decided what I will pursue after retirement, but I will have time soon enough to explore some options. For right now, I will be enjoying spending time with family.

Are There Any Other Thoughts You Would Like To Share? I have spent the majority of my adult years working in the Staples-Motley School District. My husband and I have raised our five children here. My oldest child started kindergarten here in 1998, and my last will complete high school here in 2023. I have felt invested in our school district not only as an employee, but as a parent as well. Though much has changed over the last 33 years, one thing has remained constant. We have always had staff here with great passion for what they do each day, regardless of the challenges they may face. I have witnessed this not only as a fellow staff member, but as a parent as well. We have something very special here. My hope is that we will never take that for granted.

Penny Olsen

Name and Title: Penny Olsen, School Social Worker.

How Many Years Have You Worked At Staples-Motley Schools? I am finishing my 20th year in the district. I have been a practicing social worker for 31 years, having worked in child protection and at the care center prior to working in the education setting.

What Inspired You To Go Into Teaching? My mom said I was born to be a social worker. When I was young, I thought I would one day run an orphanage. I guess I am happiest when I am helping others. However, I was fortunate to have subbed at Staples Elementary when Judy Bialka went on maternity leave and found I really loved working in the school setting.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At Staples-Motley? I enjoyed chaperoning music tours which sometimes allowed some students to participate because there was additional support available to them. We taped students into their rooms after checking on them one last time for the evening and then we took turns with hall supervision. There was the added perk of being on tour with my own children and sometimes my husband Kevin, as well. I also had the opportunity to help out with Speech, Madrigal, musicals and plays from time to time. I am in awe of the talent and hard work of students and community members that make productions possible.

Fun little memory: Shortly after starting here, I walked into a special education classroom on the second floor to find a student sneaking back into the building through an upstairs window. I have known students to skip but...return?

What Will You Miss The Most About Your Work? I will miss working with students and staff. It is always great to see students grow and learn strategies to help them to be successful after high school. I have learned from and grown so much in my practice over the years from the students who have been entrusted to my care. I have been mentored, encouraged, supported and befriended by some of the best staff, in and out of my profession. Thank you everyone!

What Were Some Of The Challenges You Experienced At SM? Staffing fluctuations have made it difficult, at times, to meet the social/emotional and academic needs of students. When I first started here, I had both guidance and social work responsibilities because one of the Guidance Counselor positions was not replaced. Later, I was alone trying to manage both positions. I am grateful we have more services available to students now.

I began my employment at Staples-Motley supporting students and staff as we navigated the tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001. Now, I end my career in what is hopefully the tail end of a pandemic, with consequences academically and emotionally that are yet to be fully imagined.

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? I hope to finish some projects around the house (maybe start a few new ones), volunteer, garden, craft, bake and do some traveling. I may end up working part-time at some point.

Are There Any Other Thoughts You Would Like To Share? I want to thank the staff and administration (past and present) who contributed to the school lives of our four children who graduated from Staples-Motley. We are all grateful for the opportunities (academics, fine arts and athletics) they had to learn and grow in this community. I continue to boast about the college courses and caliber of activities that are available to our students, in such a small community.

Lyn Vavreck

Name and Title: Lyn Vavreck, Special Education.

How Many Years Have You Worked At Staples-Motley Schools? Three years here, 27 years in St. Peter.

What Inspired You To Go Into Teaching? I've always had a love of learning and a desire to help at-risk children.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At Staples-Motley? I like to remember the funny things kids have said and the rewarding times they have little successes or tell me they appreciate me. I also enjoy lunch trivia!

What Will You Miss The Most About Your Work? Without a doubt I will miss the students a ton.

What Were Some Of The Challenges You Experienced At SM? Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning.

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? I'd love to find a way to work with kids that doesn't involve grading and paperwork. At home I like to boat, read, garden and play piano. I plan to enjoy being a grandma.

Are There Any Other Thoughts You Would Like To Share? It's been a dream of mine for a long time to retire on Lake Shamineau. It was a blessing to find a job to bridge the gap.

Postal service raising newspaper rates

By Al Cross
Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues

Public agencies often release bad news late on Friday afternoons, to limit questions and coverage. If it's a Friday that starts a holiday weekend, the news must be especially bad. That's what rural newspaper people thought when they saw the U.S. Postal Service announce a nearly 9 percent increase in the main lifeline to their audiences.

The rate hikes will take effect Aug. 29. The cost of mailing a First Class letter will go to 58 cents, from the current 55 cents. "For community newspapers using Periodicals mail to reach readers, the average rate increase will be nearly nine percent," the National Newspaper Association said in a news release. "The rate increase is part of a new USPS business plan that also includes a weakening of service standards for mail that is moving across the country."

The rates must clear the Postal Regulatory Commission, but it has already granted the Postal Service the authority to eliminate an inflation-based limit on rates, NNA notes: "It gave USPS a new set of parameters that allows it to charge more for mail that remains in the postal system while digital technology provides new competition for delivery of messages and advertising."

NNA said the announcement was "grim news for community newspapers that have been fielding months of complaints that subscribers are not receiving their copies on time."

Chair Brett Wesner said, "Nothing about this scenario is good. These increases will require many newspapers to increase subscription prices to cover this new cost, and readers will think we have lost our minds to charge more when USPS cannot get the paper to so many on time."

Wesner added, "The increase in the stamp cost will be felt most in a rural economy. People in small towns across America send checks through the mail to pay their bills. The stamp goes up and delivery goes down. I fear that just as economic hopes have started to rise for people returning to work, faith in the Postal Service's ability to serve the nation will put a damper on commercial activity for many of us."

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Quote of the week

"When you can't find someone to follow, you have to find a way to lead by example."
— Roxane Gay



Good day for a ride

Joe and Barb Hasselberg of Staples decided to take a road trip to Bemidji after a stop at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples June 1. Joe, who has been battling cancer, said he is grateful for medicine and prayers, both of which he credits for the improved health he's been experiencing. With blue skies and temperatures in the 70s that day, the Hasselbergs were looking forward to their motorcycle ride. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

'Books in the Park' are back this summer

The "Books in the Park" project is now back, after being closed due to COVID, and being sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church Social Concerns Committee.

The program will run June through September and is a collaborative project between the church in Staples, Lakewood Health System, and the Motley and Staples parks committees.

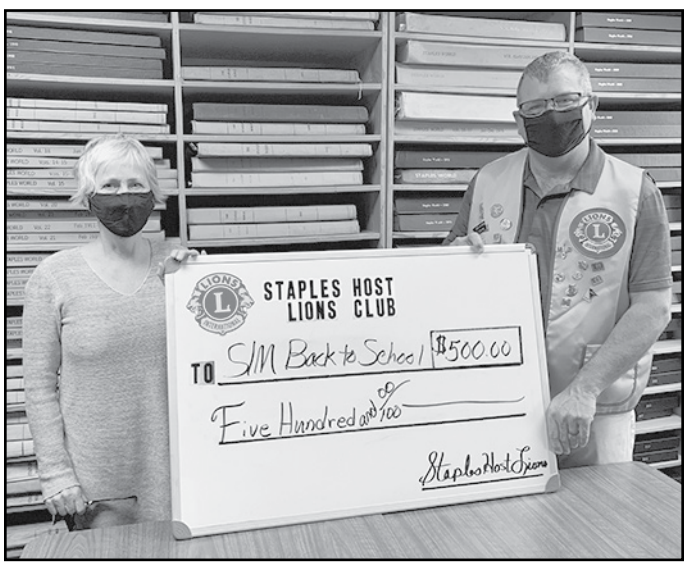
Children are encouraged to select a book from the containers, relax, READ and enjoy the scenery. If they like the book they can take it home and keep it, return it, or pass it on. We ask that the books are not sold or thrown in the trash. All books have been donated.

You can find "Books in the Park" containers at all of the parks in Staples, and in Motley at the school playground, Charlie Farber Park and Converse Park. Children's books are also available at the "Little Library" outside of Scandia Valley Town Hall. Contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906 for more information.



Ready to read

Zelise, four; and Morgan, six, grandchildren of Mike and Beth Gedde of Staples picked out some books to read this summer, thanks to the 'Books in the Park' program offered at locations in Staples and Motley. (Submitted photo)



SM Back to School

Jeannie Hajek, left, accepts a $500 donation for the Staples Motley Back to School program from Staples Lions President, Ken Christensen.

Pitch, Hit and Run event June 12, Staples

Free for boys and girls ages 7 - 14

Come join JCI Staples for their local Pitch, Hit, and Run event on Saturday, June 12, from 1:30 - 5 p.m. at the elementary school fields in Staples.

Pitch, Hit, and Run is a free Major League Baseball event for boys and girls ages 7-14 to show their skills in these three areas and possibly move on through four levels of competition including locals, sectionals, team championships and the national finals during MLB All-Star week.

Participants compete in either the Baseball Division or the Softball Division. Check in will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Varsity/Jerry Riewer field and the event will go from 2 - 5 p.m.

Competitors must register online at PitchHitRun.com prior to the event by creating an account, searching 56479 and choosing JCI Staples.

Participants will need to bring proof of age so that we are able to confirm the age of the competitors and place them into the correct age groups. For example, a copy or photo of a birth certificate is acceptable. Refreshments will be provided to competitors.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us run this event. Contact Ashley Hanson at 218-838-7622 if you are able to help.



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Hosting Post-Legislative Session

Saturday, June 12
10 am-noon
Browerville Community Center

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Senator Paul Gazelka
Representative John Poston
Representative Ron Kresha

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8AM
8am Run Registration Starts — Post Office
8-10am Bird House Building — Fairgrounds
8:25am National Anthem — Post Office
8:30am 4 mile Starts — Post Office
9AM
9am-5pm Vendors — Beaulieu St. W
9:15am 1 Mile Starts — Post Office
10AM
10am Parade Registration — United Methodist Church
10:30am Laser Tag Registration Starts — Converse Park
11AM
11am Parade Starts — Motley Water Tower
12PM
12:30pm Bounce House — Converse Park
Root Beer Floats — Converse Park
Laser Tag Starts — Converse Park
Pedal Pull - Registration — Converse Park
Bean Bags - Registration — 10 Hi
12:30-2:30pm Average Joe Car Show — Converse Park
1PM
1pm Pedal Pull Starts — Converse Park
Bean Bags Start — 10 Hi
1st Lumberjack Show — Between Smokehouse & Post Office
2PM
2:30pm FD Water Wars — 4th Avenue South
3PM
3pm 2nd Lumberjack Show — Between Smokehouse & Post Office
5PM
5pm 3rd Lumberjack Show — Between Smokehouse & Post Office
6PM
6pm Raffle Winners Announced — 10 Hi
7PM
7pm Fair Demo Derby — Fairgrounds
8PM
8pm DJ — 10 Hi
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The family of Eleanor (Ellie) Welling would like to extend a sincere thank you to Lakewood Care Center staff, workers and maintenance for Mom's compassionate care she received over the past seven plus years and especially during her final days.
We would also like to thank Lakewood Health System Hospice Care for their support and words of comfort. A special thank you to Dr. Julie Benson for attending to Mom's care during the pandemic and to the end.
Also thank you to Pastor Carl Lason for the comforting words, prayers and memorial service, to the members of Faith Lutheran Church for lunch after the service, to Lois Detloff Catering for the delicious food that was served and to Taylor Funeral Home for their comfort and professionalism.
To our family and friends for their comforting words, beautiful flowers and the memorials we received, a big thank you.
Ellie will be missed by many.

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Victor and Sue Soule
Steve and Rita Gaugert
Jerry and Gail Jasmer
Joel and Donna Jasmer
Rick Jasmer and families.

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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Louisa and Darin Fellbaum of Wadena, a baby girl, Ellie Lynne weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on May 22, 2021.

Born to Caitlin and Daniel Fisher of Verndale, a baby boy, Danny William weighing seven pounds, six ounces on May 22, 2021.

Born to Chloe Jackson and Jordan Denning of New York Mills, a baby boy, Cooper Thomas weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on May 23, 2021.

Born to Megan Fricke and Tyler Sonenstahl of Sebeka, a baby boy, Quade Thomas weighing nine pounds, two ounces on May 25, 2021.

Born to Kara and Reid Olson of Hewitt, a baby boy, Brennan Ragnar weighing nine pounds on May 26, 2021.

Born to Chantel Smith of Baxter, a baby girl, Jayda Marie weighing six pounds, seven pounds on May 27, 2021.

Born to Tristan and Seth Warwas of Brainerd, a baby boy, Thorin Norman weighing seven pounds, five ounces on May 27, 2021.

Born to Kiana Sickels and Devon Bickford of Brainerd, a baby boy, Cayden Scott weighing seven pounds, six ounces on May 27, 2021.

Born to Heidi and Matt Bollig of Fort Ripley, a baby girl, Madilyn Jo weighing seven pounds, six ounces on May 28, 2021.

Born to Melissa Storstad and Joshua Kelm of Brainerd, a baby girl, Maylee Grace weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on May 28, 2021.

Born to Ashley Blanchard and David Harris of Backus, a baby girl, Raylynn Sophia weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on June 1, 2021.

Born to Katelyn Anderson Hendricks and Robert Thurman of Brainerd, a baby boy, Arthur David weighing eight pounds, six ounces on June 2, 2021.

Born to Kimberly and Matthew Makela of Menahga, a baby boy, Tucker Charles weighing nine pounds, seven ounces on June 3, 2021.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA. .....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) ..... 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH .....6:30 p.m.

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion .....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group .....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups .....6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Leaf River Township

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

"Caring About Multiple Generations"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Can we encourage one another to look both back and ahead in the period of time that we are in? Yes, it is important to be aware of history behind us and the future ahead of us, but this emphasis is something even more specific. It has to do with our relationships with the generation(s) before us and the generation(s) unfolding after us.

Keeping in mind the apostle Paul's warning about unhealthy preoccupation with genealogies in I Timothy 1:4 and Titus 3:9, we still have great reason to appreciate, honor and thank God for the positive impact of the generations that have gone on before us. Some of the pictures on our home walls pay respect to those who came before us in our families. Especially those of our ancestors who passed the torch of faith in Jesus on to us, are incredible gifts from God.

I Timothy 5:1 speaks of encouraging an older man as your father. Leviticus 19:32 speaks of standing up before "The gray head" of our previous generation in the midst of deeply revering God. Of course, the standard of honoring your father and mother comes in Exodus 20:12.

As for our descendent generation, we are the ones who are responsible for pouring positively into their lives. I Timothy 5:8 has always been a humbling and needed admonition for the responsibility of a father to "provide" for his own household. I have taken that to be wholistic in pouring into the next generation that is entrusted to us as a gift spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The wonderful result of honoring our previous generation and pouring into the next generation is that we get ourselves out of the center. Only God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit rightfully belongs in the center of history. Having a "previous and next" generation perspective orients us to serve instead of being self-serving.

It is breathtaking to be aware that we are given this present time to have both past and future perspective in history. Let's be found faithful in that entrustment.

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Obituaries

Alice Sather



Alice Sather, 102, of Wadena and formerly of Staples went to be with her Lord and Savior May 27, 2021.

Services will be held Sat., June 19 at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples to celebrate Alice's long life, lived well.

Alice was born May 7, 1919 to Louis and Anna Beilke, just after the start of WWII. She grew up on the family farm near Bertha. Alice married Don Bergeson. Shortly after their marriage, Uncle Sam invited Don to take a trip overseas. He was killed in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Young Alice said goodbye to her first love. Years later, while working as an operator for Northwestern Bell, she met and married Henry Sather. Alice and Henry lived contently on 6th Street NE in Staples, just a few blocks from their beloved Faith Lutheran Church where the couple spent countless hours serving our Lord.

As one after another of her friends and family said their goodbyes, Alice held up very well - until her ever-so-special sister, Betty Judkins passed away on May 7, 2021. Alice had just celebrated her 102nd birthday with family and friends. As a close friend was quoted, "Our angel with the skin on has left us, but that's okay. She's where she want to be."

Alice is survived by one nephew, John (Jodie) Judkins, their son, Dan, their two daughters, Amanda (Mike) Dandle and Hannah Judkins and her son, Nathan Judkins; one great-niece, Brazia Dandle and many family and friends.

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Dean Paskewitz



Dean Paskewitz, 90, died May 17, 2021, at Lakewood Health Memory Care Center in Staples.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Staples Church of Christ with Reverend Barry Klein officiating.

Internment will occur immediately following the service at the Browerville cemetery.

Dean Arthur Paskewitz was born to Albert Paskewitz and Fae Henwood on June 2, 1930 at Bertha. He grew up on a farm in Browerville. He attended High School in Long Prairie and graduated in 1948. Dean attended the Spartan School of Aeronautics at Tulsa, Oklahoma where he obtained his airframe and power plant mechanic's certificate. He later obtained a bachelor of science degree in technical education from Bemidji State University.

Dean served in the MN National Guard which was federalized during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged.

In 1959 Dean married Marilyn Olson. He operated "Dean's Aero Maintenance Service" at the Brainerd airport for two years. From there he spent five years as mechanic/inspector at Flying Cloud field in Eden Prairie. He spent 30 years instructing aircraft maintenance at the Thief River Falls, MN Technical College.

In 1997 Dean retired from teaching and moved to Staples. He was a member of the Staples Church of Christ and served as a trustee.

Dean enjoyed playing piano, pinochle and completing crossword puzzles. He also enjoyed fishing and working in the woods.

Dean is survived by one son, Neil; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Larry and one sister, La Vonne Selleck.

Dean was proceeded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers, Jerry and Robert and one sister, Sharon.

Arrangements will be by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services.

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Student Achievements

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Academic Honors List. Students on the President's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 and students on the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 - 3.99. In addition, students needed to complete a minimum of six college-level credits to qualify. Local students named included:

- Nathanial Sanz, Motley, Dean's List
- Tanner Kruchten, Pillager, Dean's List
- Jill Quick, Pillager, Dean's List
- Jamie VanVickle, Pillager, President's List
- Braeden Wangsness, Pillager, Dean's List
- Alisha Amerud, Staples, President's List
- Annie Capistrant, Staples, President's List
- Rachel Connell, Staples, Dean's List
- Dennis Vasquez, Staples, Dean's List.

University of Minnesota Crookston, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Chancellor's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 4.00 grade point average. Locals students named include:

- Kelsie Hanson, Pillager
- Ben Olander, Staples

University of Minnesota Crookston, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Locals students named include:

- Melissa Hammer, Aldrich
- Tasha Achermann, Motley

The College of St. Scholastic, Duluth, has announced it's 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.75 grade point average or above. Locals students named include:

- Kristen Nemitz, Motley
- Hannah Guderian, Pillager

Levi Nagel, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Minnesota, Crookston, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

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Erholtz, boys team get off to first round lead

The Staples-Motley boys golf team took a first round lead in the Section 6AA golf meet, with Beck Erholtz shooting an even par 72 at Blackberry Ridge golf course on June 4.

The second round was played June 7, with results not in when this newspaper went to press.

Erholtz only had three bogeys in his first round, which he offset with three birdies. He parred the remaining 12 holes.

Carter White was in fifth place in the section, shooting 80, Adam Oberlander was 12th at 85 and Grant Bestland shot 86 to land in 18th place.

In the team race, the Cardinals were 14 strokes in front of Pequot Lakes, with ROCORI and St. Cloud Cathedral another stroke back.

The Cardinals finished their regular season as the Mid-Minnesota Conference champions, with the final round at The Vintage in Staples on May 27.

Beck Erholtz was medalist for the round with a 68 on the par 72 course.

In this multi-event conference format, each varsity golfer is scored against the same position on the other teams, with points awarded for each grouping. Based on previous rounds, Staples-Motley came into the final with a 118-103 lead over Pequot Lakes, and extended their lead with team depth being a major factor, as all six golfers contributed to the win. Besides Erholtz, Adam Oberlander, Peyton Mithun and Isaiah Schultz were the top golfers in their positions.

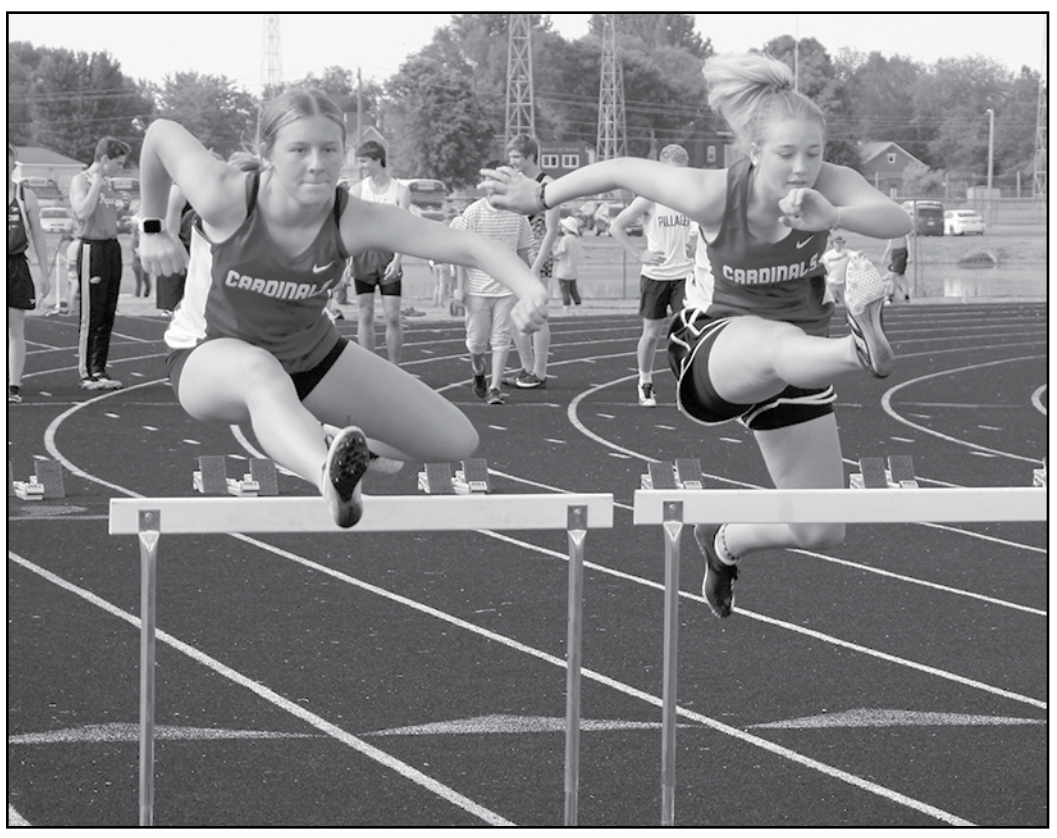
The Minnesota State Golf Tournament will be June 15-16, at Sand Creek in Jordan.

Team results

Mid-Minnesota Conference

Beck Erholtz 68, Adam Oberlander 76, Isaiah Schultz 86, Grant Bestland 86, Peyton Mithun 86, Carter White 89

Overall team scores: Staples-Motley 148, Pequot Lakes 127, Crosby-Ironton 85, Wadena-Deer Creek 45, Pine River/Backus 42



Jayce Kobliska and Bailey Weiland take the first hurdle in the 100 meter hurdles.

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Dickey leads section golf after first day

The Staples-Motley girls golf team is in the hunt for a trip to state as they finished in third place after day one of the Section 6AA meet on June 4 at Blackberry Ridge golf course in Sartell.

Adriana Dickey was the section leader after day one. She shot 84 for 18 holes, two strokes better than the second place golfer. Dickey had four pars and two birdies in her opening round.

Ava Schneider also had a big first round, shooting 91 to land in seventh place. Mallory Uselman shot 102 for 24th place while Kenzie Erickson and Walker Johnson each shot 109 to tie for 29th place.

The second round was played June 7, with results not in when this newspaper went to press. The Minnesota State Golf Tournament will be June 15-16, at Sand Creek in Jordan.



Kenzie Erickson



Ashley Robben



Lyle Brownell



Walker Johnson



Tabetha Allen

Nine girls, nine boys, relays advance in track

The Staples-Motley track and field teams advanced multiple athletes to the Section 6A meet by finishing high in their subsection meet on June 3. The top five individuals and top two relay teams advance, as well as relay teams that qualify by time.

Both Cardinal teams finished in second place in a very competitive subsection.

The section meet will be Thursday, June 10, at Fergus Falls, with field events starting at 11 a.m.

For the girls team, individual qualifiers included Jayce Kobliska in the 100 hurdles, Kyanna Burton and Audrey Brownell in the 1,600, Aften Robinson in the 400, Ashley Robben and Addison Lorber in the 800, Burton and Naila Mikhaeil in the 3,200, Tabetha Allen in the shot put and Madysen Hull and Allen in the discus. The girls 4x800 relay finished second to advance and the 4x400 relay advanced by time.

For the boys, individual qualifiers included Remington Converse in the 100, Emmet Anderson and Issiah Tabatt in the 1,600, Tanner Robben in the 300 hurdles, Lyle Brownell in the 800, Converse and Corey Hanson in the 200, Anderson and Logan Robben in the 3,200, Hunter Miller in the high jump and Noah Greenwaldt in the triple jump.

The 4x100 relay and 4x800 relay also advanced.

Team results

Subsection 21
Girls results

4x800 relay - 2. (Ashley Robben, Addison Lorber, Aften Robinson, Audrey Brownell) 10:45

100 hurdles - 3. Jayce Kobliska 18.41, 9. Leah Danilyuk 19.24, 11. Bailey Weiland 19.59

100 - 19. Avery Japke 15.61

4x200 relay - 6. (Weiland, Maddison Bartle, Camden Anderson, Abby Dukowitz) 2:04

1,600 - 3. Kyanna Burton 5:42, 4. Brownell 5:54, 6. Naila Mikhaeil 6:07

4x100 - 4 (Danilyuk, Lauren Rutten, Anderson, Dukowitz) 56.55

400 - 1. Aften Robinson 1:01, 14. Sabina Moe 1:12

300 hurdles - 6. Ja. Kobliska 52.52, 11. Japke 59.41, 14. Weiland 1:00

800 - 3. Ashley Robben 2:32, 5. Addisyn Lorber 2:39, 12. Addisyn Cichos 3:00

200 - 12. Dukowitz 30.70, 19. Serena Petralia 34.55

3,200 - 2. Burton 12:22, 3. Mikhaeil 14:09

4x400 - 3. (Robben, Robinson, Mikhaeil, Brownell) 4:27

High jump - 12. Jorja Kobliska 4'0"

Pole vault - 10. Jo. Kobliska 6'0"

Long jump - 12. Anderson 12'6", 17. Weiland 12'1"

Shot put - 2. Tabetha Allen 31'2", 10. Madysen Hull 26'8", 16. Grace Jennissen 24'5"

Triple jump - 7. Ja. Kobliska 30'1"

Discus - 2. Hull 94'11", 5. Alen 85'9", 6. Jennissen 85'1"

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 135, Staples-Motley 88, Pillager 80, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 80, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 61, Melrose 53, Upsala/Swanville 29, Pine River/Backus 19, Browerville 8

Subsection 21
Boys results

4x800 relay - 2. (Lyle Brownell, Grant Johnson, Issiah Tabatt, Logan Robben) 9:13

110 hurdles - 11. Thein Nguyen 22.69

100 - 3. Remington Converse 11.59, 7. Corey Hansen 11.98, 11. Austin Weite 12.31

4x200 - 3. (Noah Greenwaldt, Hunter Miller, Ramiro Gallardo, Ashton Johnson) 1:40

1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:38, 5. Issiah Tabatt 4:51, 13. Grant Johnson 5:33

4x100 - 1. (Hansen, Weite, A. Johnson, Converse) 45.48

400 - 7. Deven Kadus 58.67, 12. Will Dolezal 1:02

300 hurdles - 5. T. Robben 45.79, 11. Nguyen 52.70

800 - 2. Ly. Brownell 2:13, 7. Luke Brownell 2:22

200 - 2. Converse 23.86, 3. Hansen 24.13, 10. Miller 25.36

3,200 - 1. Anderson 9:46, 4. L. Robben 11:13, 6. Dillan Robben 12:00

4x400 - 5. (Kadus, Owen Winter, Dolezal, T. Robben) 4:06

Long jump - 4. Converse 13'4", 7. T. Robben 17'5", 19. Connor Judd 15'2"

Discus - 14. Bendeguz Pali 83'9"

High jump - 2. Miller 5'8", 7. Avandre Brandt 5'0"

Pole vault - 7. Turner Beachy 8'0", 11. Owen Winter 7'6"

Triple jump - 3. Greenwaldt 38'2", 14. Gallardo 32'4", 16. Sawyer Ferdon 31'6"

Shot put - 6. Pali 37'2", 15. Ferdon 31'3"

Team scores: Pequot Lakes 171, Staples-Motley 102, Pillager 91, Melrose 49, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 34, Pine River-Backus 34, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 29, Upsala/Swanville 25, Browerville 23



Naila Mikhaeil



Will Dolezal





Section baseball

The Staples-Motley baseball team lost in the first round of the Section 6A playoffs, falling 7-0 to Annandale. The Cardinals took a scoreless game into the third inning, with Damon Halverson (above) pitching. Annandale scored after getting some walks and a couple of soft singles to break the tie. Staples-Motley loaded the bases twice in the game, but couldn't come up with a timely hit to bring any runs home. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Joe Tyrrell

Section softball

The Staples-Motley softball team lost their first game in the opening round of the Section 6A playoffs, falling 17-0 against Milaca. The Cardinals fell behind early in the game and had a hard time stopping their opponent after the first inning. Above, pitcher Mikayla Richards fires to the plate. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Alli Olander



Emilya Case



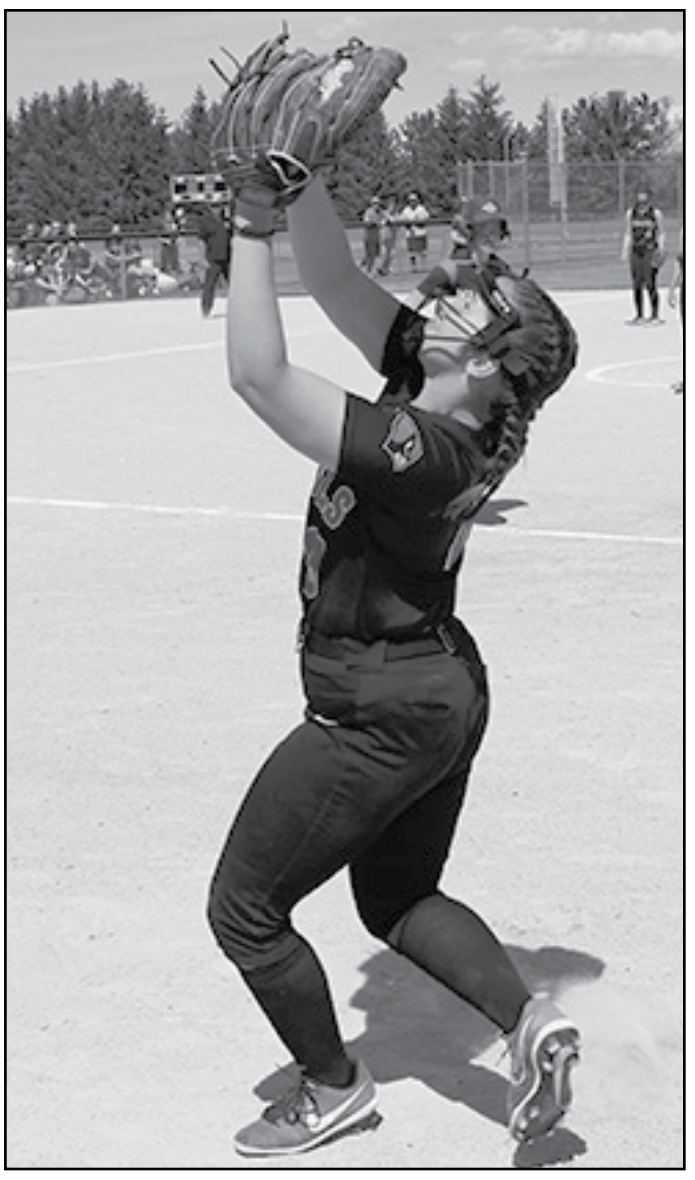
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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS April 6, 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 6th day of April, 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 Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 15 and 16, 2021 as presented.

To approve a one day Dance License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot and street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 10, 2021.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50 (parking lot and street area), Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective July 10, 2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT – SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Society of St Pius X through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Society of St Pius X to hold a raffle event at the St John Vianney Academy in Round Prairie Township at the address 18910 Ellipse Loop, Long Prairie, MN on August 8, 2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT – STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association to hold a raffle event at the Pine Grove Park in Staples Township at the address 1012 Pine Grove Road, Staples, MN on August 7, 2021.

To approve the hiring of Dylan Pratt as SWCD Resource Conservationist.

To approve Kristin Hayes to fill the open Registered Nurse position.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the March 2021 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901398 through 901447 in the amount of $511,469.63, (Manual) 612 through 617 in the amount of $68,669.91 and (Regular) 237200 through 237382 in the amount of $798,189.37 for a total of $1,378,328.91.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401143 through 401169 in the amount of $10,530.26 and (Regular) 54610 through 54674 in the amount of $50,872.34 for a total of $61,357.60.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801526 through 801537 and (Regular) 707685 through 707707 for a total amount of $34,360.65.

On motion by Kircher 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) 600371 through 600376 and (Regular) 516267 through 516282 for a total amount of $75,084.51.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO TODD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUND

WHEREAS, the Todd County Development Corporation has provided assistance to Todd County with the administration of the County Relief Grant Program, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board desires to allocate a portion of the administrative funds from the County General Fund to the Todd County Development Corporation for their services on this program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of $4,818.36 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 74-Todd County Development Corporation.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

APRIL 2021 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center in conjunction with the Todd County Board of Commissioners are dedicated to making and keeping our county and its communities a safe and welcoming area for all families, and;

WHEREAS, the voices of those who have been victimized by sexual assault need to be heard, and a clear message sent that there is no disgrace in being a survivor of sexual violence, as that shame lies only with the aggressor, and;

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center continues to advocate and support multiple victims of all ages of sexual assault, through personal advocacy, court and systems advocacy, referrals to other needed services, and by providing a caring, non-judgmental, and confidential space with respectful and knowledgeable individual advocates to assist them, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners joins Hands of Hope Resource Center in supporting and encouraging residents of Todd County to become part of the solution to eliminate sexual violence and to support and empower survivors. The first step in prevention is increased education, awareness and community involvement. We all need to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions, as well as holding perpetrators of sexual violence accountable for these life-altering crimes and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourages constituents to join those who work to provide justice and safety in their effort to eliminate sexual violence in all communities in our county.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Todd County Ditch Authority, acknowledges receipt of an Outlet Petition from the Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) to use County Ditch 41 as an outlet for their High-Water Outlet Project. Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter has reviewed the petition and said it was a valid petition.

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT- DITCH MAINTENANCE – COUNTY DITCH 33

WHEREAS, Pete Bosl is requesting to maintain approximately 828 feet of Lateral 1 on parcel –20-0037300. The maintenance will be done on his own property, at his own expense. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Todd County Ditch Authority gave Pete permission to replace this section of ditch with an 8" non-perforated tile. This tile installation was never done because he determined that an 8" tile would not provide the drainage needed, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch. .

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Pete Bosl to maintain approximately 828 feet of CD33 that is located on his property, at his own expense.

Public Works

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

FOR GRANT AGREEMENT TO STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND (LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM) – EXIHIBIT C GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAP 077-611-034

WHEREAS, Todd County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge #77J94, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be $196,712.25 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that Todd County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The Todd County Board Chairperson and Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the 2021 Spring Road Meeting for April 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Todd County Board Room.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2021 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 29, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 21:67, CP 21:70, CP 21:76, CP 21:78 and CP 21:89, said projects for gravel surfacing located on various County Roads in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Braaten Aggregate, Inc., Bertha, Minnesota, $224,312.50

Sanders Construction, Inc., Randall, Minnesota, $253,971.50

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota, $297,432.00

Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, $354,106.25

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Braaten Aggregate, Inc. of Bertha, Minnesota based on their low bid of $224,312.50.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2021 BITUMINOUS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 30, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-605-004, SP 077-612-011, SAP 077-614-020, CP 21:102, and CP 77-21-01, said projects for highway construction related work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, $3,747,542.68

Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd, Minnesota, $3,824,472.56

Duininck Construction, Prinsburg, Minnesota, $3,990,330.46

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota, $4,266,847.68

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota based on their low bid of $3,747,542.68, with said award being made contingent upon the contractor submitting the required EEO and DBE documents to MnDOT and subsequent approval of said documents.

Parks and Trails

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Battle Point Restroom Remodel Project and projected expenses of $19,515.61.

County Attorney

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF TODD ON BEHALF OF ITS COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County of Todd on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the County is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provides the County with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five year life of the agreement and obligates the County to pay the costs for the network connection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Todd, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Todd on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff are hereby approved.

2. That the Sheriff, Steve Och, or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Sarah Booker is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

3. That the Todd County Attorney, Charles G. Rasmussen, or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the County Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Sonja Pearson is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

4. That Barbara Becker, the Chair of the County of Todd, and Denise Gaida, the County Board Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota, Joint Powers Agreements.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the TCPR Training Grant.

Emergency Management

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

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING TODD COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF REGION V+ MULTI-USE RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY MOBILE COMMAND CENTER

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board sees the need for a Multi-Use Response and Communications command center, here on known as the MURC, to maintain communications, establish a command post, provide logistical support and improve responsiveness to all community hazards, and;

WHEREAS, modernizing the current 23-year-old mobile command center utilized in Sourcewell Region V+ and Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) Region IV, and;

WHEREAS, the unpredictability of catastrophic events requires collaboration, timeliness, and the functionality of equipment to increase effectiveness and enhance preparedness to provide support to the community, and;

WHEREAS, each year we see an increase in the number of incidents, being it manmade or natural, and;

WHEREAS, Region V+ needs to increase the capability to respond in a timely manner supporting the community and public safety, and;

WHEREAS, the complexity and type of incidents are changing requiring more support, technology and equipment that the existing command center is currently unable to carry, and;

WHEREAS, Region V+ Emergency Management (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Aitkin, Todd and Wadena Counties) takes pride in its responsibility to protect the community through reliable public safety entities by sustaining and maintaining standard operational procedures in times when mobility is warranted, and;

WHEREAS, Emergency Management will develop training, exercises and standard operating procedures with Region V+ partners, to be able to support these communities and state in an all hazards response, and;

WHEREAS, the exercise will be performance measures in the capability and evaluation of MURC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT TODD COUNTY, THROUGH THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, does hereby sign on to support Emergency Management in providing the community with functional public safety assets. We resolve to, apply for funding through Sourcewell to upgrade our current mobile dispatch center to a self-sustained highly functional command center.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To close Annex I and II for training on August 27, 2021 for the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the public.

Planning & Zoning

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

Final Plat Approval – "R & J Addition" Subdivision

WHEREAS, Applicant and owner Ronald and Ruth Pettit applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of SE4 NE4 SW4 and part of Government Lot 4 of Section 23 in Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as R & J Addition,

WHEREAS, R & J Addition consists of three residential lots, Block One, Lot 1 consisting of 6.05± acres, Block One Lot 2 consisting of 3.03± Acres, and Block One, Lot 3 consisting of 5.78± acres located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning of Sauk Lake in Birchdale Township,

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2020 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-23 TWP-127 RANG-34

SE4 NE4 SW4 & E 660.85 FT OF GOVT LOT 4 EX

PART PLATTED AS SCENIC VALLEY BIG SAUK LAKE THIRD ADD & EX N 35 FT OF SE4 NE4 SW4

16.91 ACRES

WHEREAS, On November 17, 2020 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the "R & J Addition" preliminary plat with no conditions

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "R&J Addition" subdivision be approved as presented.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and failed by majority vote with Erickson and Kneisl for and Becker, Neumann and Kircher against: To approve the title change from Office Manager to Administrative Assistant - Solid Waste for the attached job description.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the use of temporary staffing from Doherty for office help until the vacant position is filled.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize signature of the Fourth Amendment to the PLMSWA Joint Powers Financing Agreement.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with STEP.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with Liberty Tire.

See **TCC** on page 11a

NOTICE TODD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER BOARD CAR AND FOOT TOUR

The Todd County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors will be hosting and attending a car and foot tour of recent projects/activities in the Staples/Villard Township areas along the Long Prairie River and a NRCS Local Work Group Meeting on June 9, 2021. The starting location will be at the Motley Cemetery at 33935 Timberland RD, Motley, MN beginning at 9:00 a.m. The tour will end at Central Lakes College Ag. & Research Center, 26505 County RD 2, Staples.

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NOTICE STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD 2170 BID REQUEST FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sealed bids for the 2021-2022 school year for Milk and related Dairy products will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2021, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 905 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with **"Bid for Dairy Products"** clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 905 4th St NE., Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3164 or ext. 3005.

On June 28, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. the School Board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Mary Freeman, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley School
District, ISD #2170

24-25pnc

NOTICE CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE BID FOR SHEAR

Central Lakes College is soliciting bids for a Shear. Detail specifications may be obtained by contacting Dave Otto at 218-855-8086. Bids will be accepted at the Brainerd Campus until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021.

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR SHEAR".

Submit bids to:
Central Lakes College
ATTN: Kari Christiansen
501 W College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

23-24pnc

PUBLIC NOTICE
COUNTY DITCH 41 - LAKE SHAMINEAU LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISRICT (LSLID) OUTLET PETITION - HEARING NOTIFICATION

A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday June 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Todd County Expo Building located at the Todd County Fairgrounds, 203 9th St NE, Long Prairie, MN 56347. This Public Hearing is regarding a Petition that has been submitted by the LSLID requesting to use County Ditch 41 as an outlet for their High-Water Outlet Project. All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Informational Meeting. Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Neumann, Kneisl, Kircher, Attorney Kurt Deter and CDI Nancy Uhlenkamp will be in attendance for Todd County. The LSLID representatives, Attorney, and Engineer will be in attendance for the LSLID.

Landowners can join the meeting in the following ways.

1 - In person at the Todd County Expo Building, 203 9th St NE, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

2 - By phone/call-in.

3 - By Zoom (internet meeting). If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom you will need a computer, internet, microphone, and speakers. If you do not have a microphone built into your computer, you can call in as well to be able to hear and talk. **If you would like to join via Zoom and/or phone/call-in, please contact Nancy Uhlenkamp CDI by phone 320-533-4651 or email nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us, by June 23, 2021 for information needed.**

To see the entire Outlet petition packet, please type the link below into your browser and scroll down to page 31. **https://www.co.todd.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210316P.pdf**

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(Abbreviated Advertisement)
TODD COUNTY 2021 RECYCLED CONCRETE CRUSHING PROJECT
Closing date: June 29, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

C.P. 77-21-05
Recycled Concrete Crushing Project
Todd County Demolition Landfill

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

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer

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CASS COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS

Notice is hereby given that an Oral Auction will be held on the front lawn of the Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Ave. West, Walker, MN at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2021.

For information concerning specific parcels, contact the Cass County Land Department at 218-947-3338, or the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-547-7210.

Parcel information may be viewed on the Cass County Website: www.co.cass.mn.us

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DEADLINE for all classified ads and copy is 12 noon Friday For the Staples World

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HELP WANTED:
Staples-Motley School is taking applications for a Receptionist / Secretary in the MS / HS office.

This individual will be the first point of contact and assist parents, staff and students. Prior office experience is preferred.

A complete job description is available at
www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

Please submit resumé and letters of references by June 14, 2021 to: **District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479.**

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CENTRAL TODD COUNTY Care Center

To hear more or if you would like to sit down and visit, contact Amanda at 218-756-3636 ext. 12 or email arickbeil@ctcccinc.com

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

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Notices

101 Card of Thanks

A big "Thank You" to the person who paid for our noon lunch at the Countryside Restaurant on Memorial Day! We were blessed by your thoughtfulness.

Motley American Legion Post #124 Honor Guard
24p

Services & Employment

205 Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPING: Apply in person, America's Best Value Inn, 109 2nd Ave. NW, Staples. 24c

PART-TIME CASHIER: 40 - 45 hrs. every two weeks. Must be 21-years-old. Don & Dave's Store, 218-894-2014. 24-26p



--Help Wanted--

Feed mill manager at our Motley Store. Needs to make batches of feed, help bag feed, load and unload trucks, and make some deliveries. CDL is helpful.

Bjerga Feed Store, Motley 218-352-6383

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208 Storage

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610 Land for Sale

FARM FOR SALE: 85 acres, Eagle Bend area for farming or hunting. No house/no septic. 320-760-8602. 24-29p

Wanted to Buy

501 Miscellaneous

JUNK CARS & TRUCKS. 218-639-5509. 23-24c

Real Estate

601 Apartments for Rent

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

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Garage Sales

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LARGE, 5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Clothing: Jr. girls, adult women, men; misc. treasures, home décor, many more items. **Thurs., June 10, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Fri., June 11-Sat., June 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** 511 SW Brown St., Verndale. 24p

PREPARE TO MOVE SALE: Books, games, clothing, toy bin, kid's toys, housewares, 2 guitars, VCR/DVDs galore, TV/DVD player, TV/VHS player, bedding, tons more. **Thurs., June 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri., June 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** 27881 Vintage View, Staples. 24p

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Permit By Rule Application for the MPCA.

Health & Human Services

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

Administration

The County Board congratulated the Todd County Health and Human Services for being named a national best practice agency by Fazzi Associates and Home Health CAHPS Patient Satisfaction 2020 Award of Distinction.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To conduct Department Head evaluations on April 20, 2021 during the board meeting.

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

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article VII, Section 7.05 of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of April 6, 2021 and;

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

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher against:

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article IV, Section 4.07 of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of April 6, 2021 and;

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

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the ISD 2170 Staples-Motley Special Election is scheduled for April 13, 2021 and that our audit via Clifton-LarsonAllen was the week of March 29, 2021.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator provided an update regarding Mr. Sellnow's assistance with fairground matters and affirmation that the Ag Society's good standing rating with the MN Secretary of State's office has been resolved.

Recess

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until April 20, 2021.

AUDITOER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
1 PAYMENT LESS THAN $2,000	$1,723.00
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	58,650.06
1 PAYMENT LESS THAN $2,000	1,020.30
US BANK	6,439.58
1 PAYMENT LESS THAN $2,000	52.02
1 PAYMENT LESS THAN $2,000	784.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	2,928.72
CITY OF ST CLOUD	5,507.83
DOHERTY STAFFING SOLUTIONS	3,405.93
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	3,342.13
NORTHLAND SPORTS CENTER SALES, INC	26,167.10
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	82,386.00
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	16,871.45
STREAMWORKS	6,075.00
20 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	6,444.41
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP	4,515.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	5,323.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	5,729.18
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	20,707.37
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	4,536.32
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,760.00
STEP	9,719.50
TODD TRAILS ASSOC	32,767.25
VERIZON	4,761.17
VOYANT COMMS, LLC	4,217.85
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	4,278.10
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	6,800.00
32 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	10,627.53
CENTRA CARE	10,983.33
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	30,738.70
COUNTRYSIDE REST	2,100.40
EBSO INC	223,582.32
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY	82,710.25
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	5,284.64
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	14,420.97
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	6,229.50
MOTOROLA	6,300.00
NOW MICRO INC	3,287.01
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	5,062.66
TODD CO AUDITOR-TREASURER	78,706.91
36 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	14,391.83
AM. LEGION POST 12	10,000.00
B & B'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL	6,442.00
BATTLE LAKE OUTDOORS	10,000.00
BECKS BURGER CO	10,000.00
BHAGAVATI & CO INC	25,000.00
BHH PARTNERS	11,160.60
BROWERVILLE VETERANS CLUB	10,000.00
BUDGET HOST INN	10,000.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	6,551.77
CLARISSA BALLROOM	10,000.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	20,000.00
DETLOFF CUSTOM CATERING LLC	5,674.00
DOUBLE EAGLE GOLF COURSE	10,000.00
DOUBLE R SALOON INC	15,000.00
FARMHOUSE CAFE	10,000.00
GEORGE H ELLIOTT POST 7902 VETERANS OF	10,000.00
GRANNYS YOU ALL COME BACK CAFE	10,000.00
GROOVY GOODS, LLC	9,246.00
HWY 10 PAW SPA	3,273.00
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY	20,000.00
IRON PARADISE INC	10,000.00
ISLAND BREEZE	7,352.00
JEWL OF STAPLES DBA CURVES OF STAPLES	17,605.00
LONG PINES BAR AND RESTAURANT	10,000.00
LOS CORRALES MEXICAN GRILL LLC	15,000.00
MASWCD	3,635.68
METRO SALES INC	2,018.04
MI PUBLITO MARKET, INC	25,000.00
MIDWAY	25,000.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	2,455.09
SHADY'S GOLDEN EAGLE, INC	25,000.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,533.22
STAPLES WORLD	10,000.00
STEP	20,000.00
TAQUERIA CHAVEZ LLC	10,000.00
THE HUB SUPPER CLUB LLC	10,000.00
THE ROCK TAVERN	15,000.00
THE SPOT CAFE	25,000.00
THUNDER LODGE SPORTS BAR & GRILL	10,000.00
TIMBERS RESTAURANT & EVENT CENTER	25,000.00
TJ'S ON DIAMOND POINT INC	15,000.00
WENCK ASSOC., INC.	5,350.50
36 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	18,088.69
ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	2,079.96
BETMAR LANGUAGES, INC	5,180.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND & RESOURCE MNGMNT	2,460.75
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,000.00
31 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	9,883.34
Total	**$1,378,328.91**

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
CARGILL SALT DIV.	$22,375.02
SERVICEMASTER CLEAN OF LITTLE FALLS	4,992.44
ZIEGLER INC	2,452.12
89 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	31,538.02
Total	**$61,357.60**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	$27,198.93
PERISH/ALAN	2,630.28
33 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	4,531.44
Total	**$34,360.65**

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ANU FAMILY SERVS. INC	$4,950.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM	5,502.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	9,016.00
FAMILIES IN TRANSITION SERVICES INC	2,085.30
GERARD TRMT PROGRAMS	17,819.76
MORRISON COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	3,493.19
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SRVS	13,099.24
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC	3,489.08
VILLAGE RANCH INC	7,084.84
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	8,545.10
Total	**75,084.51**

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held April 6, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2021.

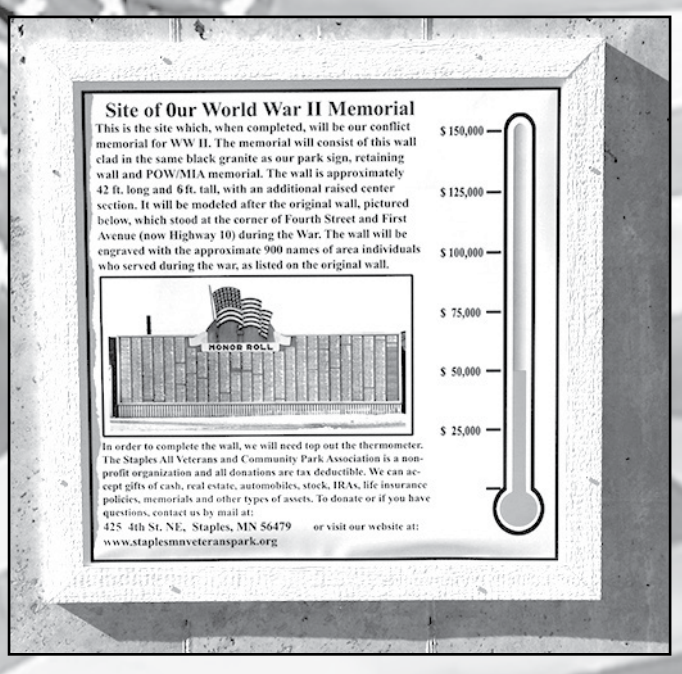
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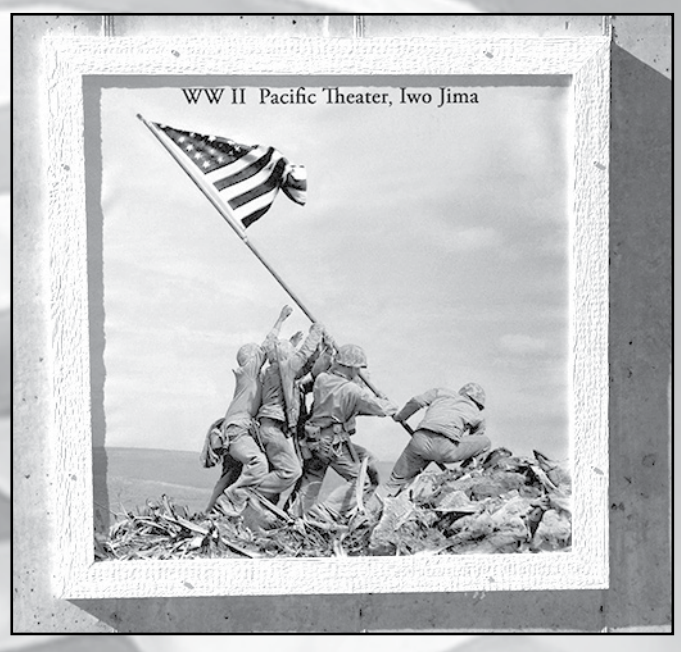
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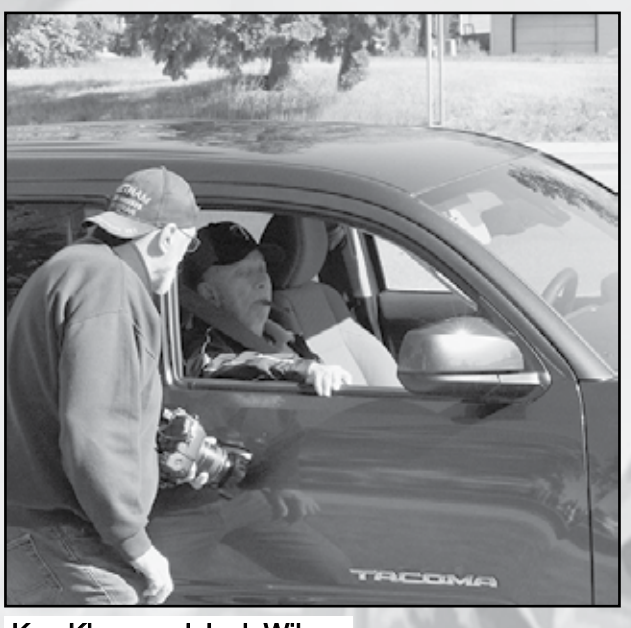
Monday, May 31, 2021 • Staples Veterans Park

Memorial Day Services were held in Staples Veterans Park May 31 at 9 a.m.

Above: The Staples All Veterans Park Board unveiled their plans for the World War II Memoial at the Staples Memorial Day program on May 31. The wall will be patterned after the wooden sign that listed World War II veterans from this area and stood in Staples for many years. Flanked by images from Iwo Jima and the Normandy invasion, the progress bar will show how close the board is to completing the granite face where the names of local World War II veterans will be inscribed. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Below: Scenes from the Veterans Day Program.





Ken Klose and Jack Wilson





Speaker Ray Gildow



Pastor Barry Klein





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Lake Country Insurance Inc., Motley	First International Bank & Trust	American Family Insurance, Trisha Larson
Unity Bank	Ernie's Food Market	Staples World



Freshwater graduation

Eric Weber, Executive Director at Freshwater Education District, welcomed the 2021 graduates of Freshwater Area Learning Center at their Commencement Celebration May 28. The event was held at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Graduates included Ryker Beckner, Dominick Carlson, Logan Hirschey, Adam Lindquist, Tyler Pierce, Justin Schmidt, Lenore Sheets, Zachery Stirewalt, Jaxen Waterman, Caroline Wickman. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Proud of their graduate

Caroline Wickman was flanked by family and friends following the Commencement Celebration of Freshwater Area Learning Center (ALC) May 28, at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Pictured from left are MaryBeth Wickman, Caroline's mom; her brother Tim Wickman; Caroline Wickman; her sister Colleen Wickman; and Andrew Vey. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ready to celebrate

Graduates from the Freshwater Area Learning Center, Class of 2021, posed for pictures with family, teachers and friends following the Commencement ceremony at Timbers in Staples. Pictured above, from left, are Tami Schmidt and her son, Justin Schmidt; and Logan Hirschey and his mom, Joline Olson. Pictured below, graduate Logan Hirschey (far right) gets a hug from grandparents Al Kolling and Dolly Hirschey. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Tri-County breaks ground on $72 million hospital in Wadena

Members of Tri-County Health Care staff and several guests gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony held May 21. After months of planning the event, Joel Beiswenger, President & CEO of Tri-County Health Care, kicked off the proceedings. Beiswenger took this time to describe the project, detailing the highs and lows associated with planning.

"The recipe for this has been creativity and passion for the people involved, a lot of intelligence and wisdom, a fair amount of stress, some hand-wringing and sleepless nights," said Beiswenger during his opening address. "But I'd say above and beyond anything else, a lot of courage for people to step out and take some risk to make this happen." He also thanked staff for their perseverance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Poston, Minnesota District 9A State Representative, congratulated Tri-County Health Care on its handling of the new building project. He was impressed with the design and architecture of the new facility, citing its focus on patient care. "It's so efficient and patient-centered; it's going to be a big step up in health care for everybody in this area," explained Poston. "It's also going to be a big step up for jobs in the area and be a good economic engine in the area."

A small group of people attended the groundbreaking. At the current facility, staff members watched while the construction of their new hospital and clinic officially began.

The recording of the groundbreaking and regular updates on the building project can be found at TCHC.org/build2023. The new facility has an anticipated completion of spring 2023.



Groundbreaking event

A mixture of dignitaries and Tri-County Health Care staff shared words of hope and congratulations before finally breaking ground on the health care center building project. Left to Right: Joel Beiswenger, Jolene Johannes, Terry Louwagie, Steph Larson, Benn Hess, George Deiss, John Poston, Terry Davis.

The new facility is located just outside the western edge of Wadena. The new facility has an anticipated completion date of spring 2023.

Tri-County history

1925: Jan. 30 - Wesley Hospital officially opened for business

1940s: Under threat of foreclosure, the Methodist Church transferred ownership to a community-based non-profit group.

1972: Aug. 2 – Groundbreaking for Tri-County Hospital across the street from Wesley

1973: Nov. 14 – Construction began on Wadena Medical Center

1974: Jan. 6 - More than 2,000 citizens attended an open house at the brand new hospital

1979: Building additions for Pharmacy and Radiology

1986: Building project started to add 6 beds on north, east wing, OB addition, surgical remodeling, and CT scanner dock

1989: Wadena Medical Center expansion

2002: Building project started

2006: New building project completed

2008: Jan. 1 - Integration of Wadena Medical Center and Tri-County Hospital to form Tri-County Health Care

2009: Wadena Medical Center expansion

New building project timeline:

Summer 2017: Master planning initiated

Fall 2018: Tri-County begins evaluation process for building new hospital/clinic

Spring 2019: Public announcement of project planning

Spring 2020: Project planning paused due to COVID-19 crisis response

Summer 2020: Project planning resumes

Spring 2021: Groundbreaking ceremony

Staples-Motley Middle School *Fourth quarter Students of the Month*

Fifth grade:



Kain Erickson - Kain is an amazing 5th grade student. He is always prepared for class, on task, polite and respectful. Kain works hard to be the best version of himself and is a role model for his peers. Keep up the great work Kain!



Brooklyn Winter - Brooklyn is a role model 5th grade student. She is dedicated to her learning, putting forth extra effort and energy to make sure all her assignments show her best effort. She is a great friend to her classmates and is willing to help anyone who might need an extra hand. Keep up the great work Brooklyn!

Sixth grade:



Kylie Wenzel - Kylie is a respectful and hard working student. She does what is asked of her and is a role model for her peers. Keep up the great work Kylie!



Jacob Hansen - Jacob is a quiet leader in class. He is a hard worker and hands all of his work in on time. He is always respectful to his teachers and his classmates. Keep working hard!

Seventh grade:



Eli Rutten - Eli goes above and beyond in his assignments to ensure he understands the material. He is respectful and kind to his classmates and teachers. He is a role model student and a great example of Cardinal Pride.



Annie Schlosser - Annie a role model student. She is responsible and respectful. She is helpful to her classmates and is always willing to volunteer in the classroom. She does exceptional work and always gives 110% effort in anything she does.

Eighth grade:



Oliviah Lorber - Oliviah is a fantastic member of the eighth grade team. She is conscientious, hard working, and kind. She is involved in orchestra and extracurricular activities and maintains a positive attitude and high expectations for herself. Keep up the great work, Livi!



Peyton Mithun - Peyton is an all-around outstanding young man. He is a positive role model to his peers and has a great sense of humor. He is a dedicated athlete who maintains high honors in academics as well. We can expect great things from Peyton in the future!

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Staples-Motley Class of 2021 graduates

After a complicated year of distance learning, hybrid learning and wearing masks in school, the Staples-Motley Class of 2021 graduated in their gym May 27. Judging by the smiles of the graduates receiving their diploma, they are happy to get through the year and proud of their accomplishments.(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Sam Jennissen



Brooke Heldman



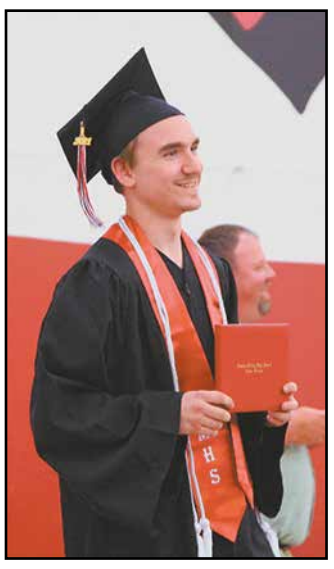


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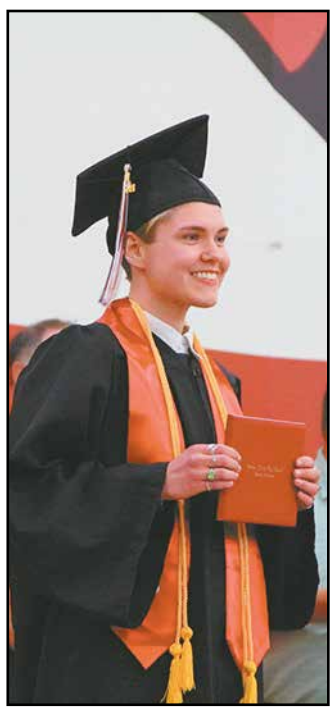




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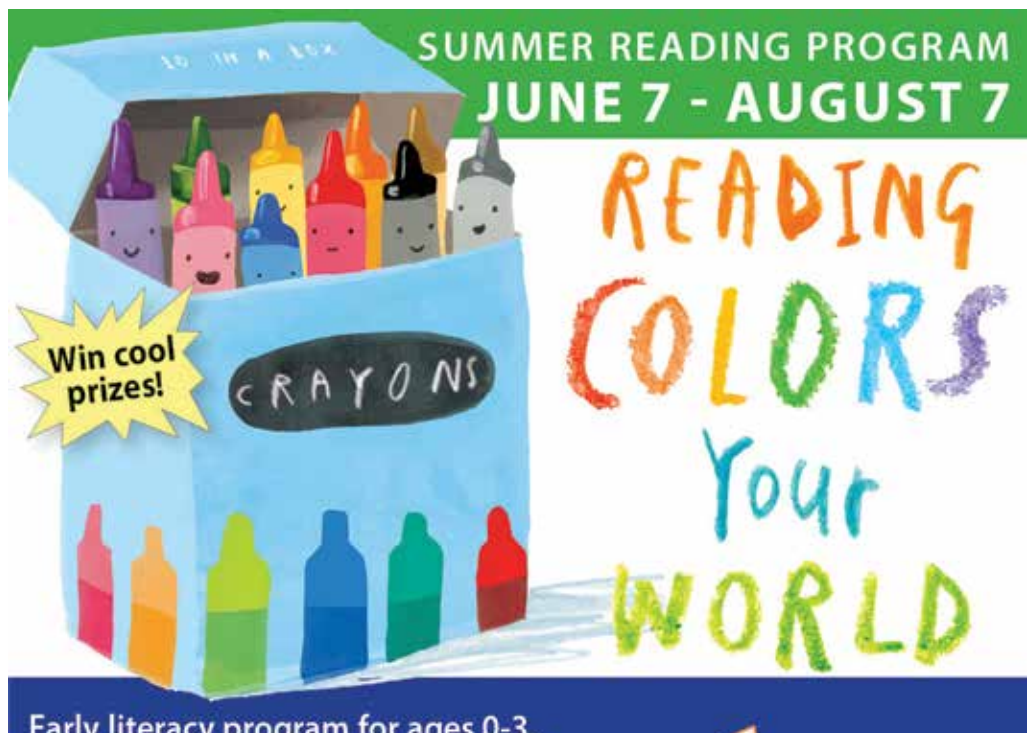
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