



Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Frosted beauty

(Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 13	39°	30°	Cloudy
Jan. 14	35	24	Snow
Jan. 15	26	14	Cloudy
Jan. 16	19	12	Cloudy
Jan. 17	24	13	M. Cloudy
Jan. 18	25	11	Cloudy
Jan. 19	23	15	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019			
	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 13	24°	16°	Snow
Jan. 14	26	11	M. Sunny
Jan. 15	22	8	Snow
Jan. 16	-6	-22	M. Sunny
Jan. 17	24	7	Snow
Jan. 18	7	1	Cloudy
Jan. 19	6	4	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 20° Low = 3°
Total Snow:
For week: 0"
For year: 29"

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*

Public Notices

City of Staples:
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Obituaries

Daniel Anderson
Jane Gedde
Ralph Windschitl



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School board oath of office

Three school board members took the oath of office as the first order of business at the Jan. 4 board meeting. From left, Bryan Winkels, Jeremy Reeck and Lisa Anderson. This is the first term for Reeck and Anderson, while Winkels is an incumbent board member. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

School board holds organizational meeting

The Staples-Motley School Board held their organizational meeting on Jan. 4, the first meeting for new members Lisa Anderson and Jeremy Reeck.

The board elected Bryan Winkels as chair, Bruce Lund as vice chair, Mary Freeman as clerk and Brad Anderson as treasurer.

The board approved the same yearly salary as the

previous year, which is \$3,377.

The board designated members for committees and appointments, including:

- Freshwater - Lund
- Sourcewell - Winkels
- Minnesota State High School League - Winkels
- QCOMP - Freeman
- Minnesota School Board Association legisla-

- tive liaison - Lisa Anderson
 - Community Education Advisory Council - Winkels
 - Economic Development - Superintendent Shane Tappe
 - Finance Committee - Brad Anderson, Reeck
 - Policy Committee - Winkels, Lisa Anderson
 - District Technology
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Coping with Covid

Restaurants and bars in Staples

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit Minnesota in the spring of 2020, the coronavirus has continued to affect everyone in some way or another. In the coming weeks and months, the Staples World will reach out to a variety of people to find out how they have been impacted by Covid-19 and what they are doing to cope with the situation.

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Minnesota restaurants and bars have faced a number of challenges with the onset of Covid-19, the most obvious being the mandatory shutdowns imposed on them as coronavirus cases surged throughout the state.

The first shutdown took place March 17, 2020, with outdoor and partial indoor seating made available the following June. Then this past November, just prior to Thanksgiving, the governor ordered they be closed again due to another surge.

On Jan. 11, 2021, after a nearly two-month shutdown, Gov. Walz lifted restrictions on hospitality businesses as Covid cases and hospitalizations have continued to decline.

The Staples World reached out to several restaurants and bars in town recently to see how

they've been affected by all that's transpired since the onset of Covid-19.

Tower Pizza

Roger Houselog, owner of Tower Pizza, said that they have been fine. Of course, things could be better, Houselog went on, but he said that the shutdowns have affected his business much less than they have a sit-down restaurant like Spot Cafe, located on the west end of town. "We're made for to-go and delivery orders," Houselog said of his pizza place.

Since last March, they've only been open to sit-down diners for two weeks. Because they don't have a large space to begin with, when the governor allowed restaurants to operate at 50 percent capacity, Houselog said, "It wasn't worth it."

During the first shutdown, Houselog used the time to do some remodeling, including putting in a new floor. Then on Dec. 18, he had a waterline break which ruined the new floor. "Now we have to do it again," Houselog said.

In spite of the struggles, Houselog said he has much to be thankful for. He's been able to keep all of his employees and they've had faithful customers that have continued to order off the to-go menu.

Stomping Grounds



Closed for now

A sign at the Spot Cafe in Staples indicates they plan to reopen in the spring. The doors have been locked since the mandatory shutdown this past November. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

"It's been one day at a time...one week at a time," said Lindsey Hirschey, owner of the Stomping Grounds coffee shop. She said that they are holding

For 29 years, Longbella worked to improve the school district

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

As the Staples-Motley School Board started their first meeting of 2021, at 6 p.m. several board members looked toward the door to see if Chad Longbella was coming. But for the first time in 29 years, Longbella stayed home.

"It was kind of strange for me, too, to be sitting at home," said Longbella. "I texted the superintendent afterwards to see how the meeting went."

Longbella did not run for the school board in the past election because he said it was a good time to step down. "The board is in a good place right now," he said.

Longbella first got on the board 29 years ago when he was appointed to a vacancy.

"A spot came up and I threw my name in there," he said. He remembers two different factions on the board wanted two different candidates, and he was the compromise solution. It became part of his legacy, to try and unite two opposing sides, even at a young age

for a board member.

"I was just 10 years removed from school and four years removed from working at the school," he said.

Because of his close connections to the school "I thought I would be their voice on the board," said Longbella, "but it turned out I was more or less on the opposite side."

He attributes that to learning what it means to be a board member. "Barb Schmitt took me under her wing, that is where I learned fiscal responsibility," said Longbella. "She taught me a lot."

But it took years of experience to develop his own philosophy of his reason for being on the board.

"A board member shouldn't be there for a purpose other than the betterment of the district," said Longbella.

His tenure included seeing many of the challenges that resulted from the merger between the Staples and Motley schools.

"We had the 12 member

See **IMPROVE**
on page **10A**

COVID-19 turning deadly in Todd County

After recording 15 COVID-19 deaths in the first nine months of the pandemic, Todd County now has witnessed 14 deaths in the past one month.

Minnesota Department of Health statistics show new cases near the same level the past three weeks for Todd (36), Wadena (32) and Cass (54) counties. Morrison County saw an increase this past week with 108 new cases.

All the area counties had an increase in the death rate since Dec. 13. Todd County had 14 COVID-19 deaths, Wadena five, Morrison eight and Cass nine. Total deaths from the virus are 29 in Todd County, 13 in Wadena, 43 in Morrison and 22 in Cass.

Nearby counties are seeing an increase in new cases after a December slowdown. Crow Wing has 108 new cases, Otter Tail 148, Douglas 122, Stearns 406 and Hubbard 39. All those are higher than the previous week's number of new cases.

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Back on the court, back on the mat

Staples-Motley high school winter sports started practices Jan. 4. Athletes will have restrictions on their play because of COVID-19, including basketball play-

ers wearing masks during practice and competition. Pictured, the Staples-Motley winter athletes in their first week of practice.



Winter sports schedules

Winter sports schedules are always subject to change because of weather, but this year's schedules may change more frequently due to COVID-19 protocols and schedule changes at the schools involved. For updates, go to the Staples Motley School District web site, isd2170.k12.mn.us, or to the activities schedule page, msconference.org/public/genie/57/school/1164/.

As of Jan. 10, these are the schedules for Staples-Motley winter sports:

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 15, Triangular 5 p.m. At Isle High School	Tuesday, Feb. 2, Triangular 5 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Thursday, Feb. 25, Triangular 5 p.m. At New York Mills
Tuesday, Jan. 19, Triangular 5 p.m. At West Central Area, Barrett	Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 p.m. At Holdingford	Saturday, Feb. 27, Triangular 11 a.m. Multiple Schools (home)
Friday, Jan. 22, Triangular 5 p.m. (home)	Tuesday, Feb. 9, Triangular 5 p.m. At BHVPP (Verndale)	Tuesday, Mar. 2, Triangular 5 p.m. At Lake Park-Audubon
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 5 p.m. At Pierz	Thursday, Feb. 11, Triangular 5 p.m. At Pine River	Saturday, Mar. 6, Mid State Conference 1 p.m. At Aitkin
Saturday, Jan. 30, Triangular 3 p.m. (home)	Friday, Feb. 19, Triangular 5 p.m. At Wadena-Deer Creek High School	

Girls basketball

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1:30 At Pillager	Friday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Pequot Lakes	Friday, Mar. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Detroit Lakes
Monday, Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. At Upsala	Friday, Feb. 12, 7:15 p.m. Detroit Lakes (home)	Monday, Mar. 8, 7:15 p.m. Lake Park Audubon (home)
Friday, Jan. 22, 7:15 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Monday, Feb. 15, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lake (home)	Thursday, Mar. 11, 7:15 p.m. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle (home)
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m. Wadena-Deer Creek (home)	Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:15 p.m. Browerville (home)	Friday, Mar. 12, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton (home)
Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:15 p.m. Aitkin (home)	Friday, Feb. 26, 7:15 p.m. At Aitkin	Tuesday, Mar. 16, 7:15 p.m. Park Rapids Area (home)
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7:15 p.m. At Park Rapids	Monday, Mar. 1, 7:15 p.m. Barnesville (home)	

Boys basketball

Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:15 p.m. Pillager (home)	Aitkin (home)	Upsala (home)
Saturday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. At Detroit Lakes	Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:15 p.m. Park Rapids (home)	Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:15 p.m. At Browerville
Monday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. At Menahga	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:15 p.m. Frazee (home)	Tuesday, Mar. 2, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton (home)
Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lakes (home)	Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:15 p.m. Detroit Lakes (home)	Friday, Mar. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. At Lake Park Audubon Lake Park Audubon High School	Thursday, Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. At Wadena-Deer Creek Wadena-Deer Creek High School
Friday, Jan. 29, 7:15 p.m. At Aitkin	Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:15 p.m. At Pequot Lakes	Tuesday, Mar. 16, 7:15 p.m. At Park Rapids
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 5:45 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:15 p.m.	



All-Conference volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team earned four All-Conference awards for the Mid State Conference. From left, Heidi Lombard, libero, All Conference; Tabetha Allen, outside / middle hitter, All Confer-

ence; Leah Bestland, setter, All Conference Honorable Mention; Morgan Becker, outside hitter, All Conference Honorable Mention. (Submitted photo)



Volleyball season awards

The Staples-Motley volleyball team held an awards ceremony recently, where they gave out season awards. Pictured, front row from left, Abby Dukowitz, Madysen Hull, Morgan Becker - Lettered, All Conference Honorable Mention; Heidi Lombard - Lettered, Most Digs, Cardinal Award, All Conference, Captain; Ava Schneider - Lettered, FIGHT Award, All State Academic Award, Captain; Maggie Claussen - Lettered; Libby O'Neil - Lettered; Leah Bestland - Lettered, Most Set Assists, Most Ace Serves, Highest Serving Percentage, All Conference Honorable Mention;

Back row from left, Bo Erholtz - Lettered, Most Blocks, Most Improved; Grace Jennissen, Brooke Heldman - Lettered; Klaire Story - Lettered; Tabetha Allen - Lettered, Most Kills, All State Academic, All Conference, Varsity MVP, Captain; Emilyya Case, Jayce Kobliska,

The team received the State Gold Academic Awards for a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Jan. 10, 1946 - ‘Kwit Kickin’; now don’t shove me; Ouch, there goes a runner in my last socking; Stand Back old man, I was here fist;” remarks, and many others, were heard at Woodward’s store Saturday morning of last week, from the long line of customers, both men and women who were lined up near the counter in the Ladies department of the store, waiting for their turn to purchase a pair of precious nylon hose for either themselves, or their wives, or sweethearts.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

Customers were lined up out into the street waiting for their chance to make the purchase, but alas, the supply of nylons ran out, and there were some pretty grumpy looking faces as the news came back along the long waiting line that the last pair had gone. All waited, and almost held their breath in hopes of getting a pair of the valued hose.

To acknowledge of the people of Staples, this is the first time in many years that nylons have been on the shelves of any store in Staples, and it was not very long before the news was spread around the town that “Nylons had come to Staples.”

On several occasions near fatal accidents occurred as people “rushed” to the store to get in line. Some fell down, some slipped on the sidewalk or street, but no real casualties occurred that has come to the attention of The World.

It was an exciting day in Staples maybe it should be said only 35 minutes, as the 95 pair that the store had in were completely sold out in just 35 minutes, according to the clerks at the store.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971 • Jan. 14, 1971 - The Trumpet, a one act play will be presented by the Motley high school at the District One Act Play Contest at Staples on Saturday, Jan. 16. Pat Sullivan, a senior, will play the lead role. Paula



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Dec. 31, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from

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

Bremer, Jim Ward and Tom Galligher, also seniors, will have parts. The other members of the cast are: Tim Galligher, junior; Linda Griffith, junior; Gary Ward, sophomore; and Kathy Jenkins, freshmen. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Foster.

• Jan. 14, 1971 - “Paint Your Wagon” is the title of the spring musical play, which will be presented by the Vocal Music Department of Staples high school, Stanley Carlson, director, said today. Casting will begin sometime in February, Carlson said.

• Jan. 14, 1971 - The City of Staples lost 49 persons and Todd County lost 1,005 during the past ten years, according to the official census figures released to The World by the St. Paul Census Bureau by telephone last Friday.

The official figure listed for the City of Staples is 2,657 as compared to 2,706 in 1960. The 1970 census of Todd County is listed at 22,114, whereas the county’s population in 1960 was

23,119.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• Jan. 11, 1996 - “We’re trying to teach the right way to do things, not the wrong way,” Dave Bartylla said.

Bartylla was talking about snowmobile safety and the snowmobile safety courses he and other members of the Staples Sportsman’s Club instruct every winter. This year’s class sessions are taking place this week. They are intended for youngsters from 12 - 16 years of age, because those young operators cannot legally operate a machine on public property unless they’ve had this course.

• Jan. 11, 1996 - A Nashville country recording star right here in our own backyard? That might be the case, if a young man’s dreams become reality.

Hank Larson Jr., a 1989 Staples High School graduate whose previous claim to fame came as a diver on the high school swim team, last week made his first recording at a Nashville music studio.

Hank, who got started singing with a local high school group called Vacancy several years ago, will be recording his first demo tape, a two-song recording for Star Born records, this week in Nashville.

Star Born is a recording label that is part of the Don Reed Productions business.

Hank has appeared twice on talent show auditions held on the Grand Old Opry House stage, the first time in August, 1994.

• Jan. 11, 1996 - “There’s nothing better than singing for the Lord.” That, says Mary Duberowski of Motley, is where her talent and continued singing ability comes from. But it’s not only her voice that lends peace and harmony to a group called “Sisters by Grace.”

Two sets of sisters “grace” the singing group which consists of Duberowski and her sister, Jean Maninga, of Menahga and Duberowski’s three daughters, Tina, 13; Anna, 10; and Emily, eight.

They formed their family gospel group about a year

ago, singing in churches and at community events. They depend mostly upon their voice blends and harmonizing with only a guitar and a violin for instruments. Sisters by Grace will be in concert at the United Methodist Church in Sebeka Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Jan. 13, 2011 - After discussing all the things they would like to see done in 2011, the Staples EDA narrowed it down to five that they consider priorities for the city.

The planning session was held Jan. 6 and was facilitated by Neil Lindscheid of the University of Minnesota Extension. EDA Director Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator Nate Mathews and board members Tim Rice, Al Kolling, Doyle Yoder, Chris Etzler, Mark Schmitz and Rob Schmieg all contributed to the planning session by offering their suggestions. Board member Stan Carlson was not in attendance.

Two of the top priorities were to fill buildings where businesses left in 2010. The Hellings grocery building and T Maxwell’s received the most votes, even though the board also talked about hoping to fill downtown storefronts.

A third priority is to get another hotel to come to Staples. The fourth goal was to create a development plan for the blocks adjoining 8th and 9th Street NE alongside the new Hwy 10.

The fifth goal started out as a need to be ready to help Stan Widmer and Associates in case a big contract comes in and the business needs to expand. but as the conversation grew, the goal turned into a willingness to help any business with pressing needs that come up during the year.

• Jan. 13, 2011 - The Stomping Grounds coffee house in Staples will be featured in a new video about Youth Social Entrepreneurship, “Changemakers: Teens Who Learn and Earn” premieres Jan. 16, 8 p.m., on Lakeland Public Television.

Staples Police report

Recent reports from the Staples Police Department (SPD) included the following:

Dec. 21 - Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver for an outstanding warrant.

Dec. 22 - Staples Police received a report of a theft of a \$200 JCB speaker.

Dec. 22 - Staples Police assisted Todd County with a medical involving a suicide attempt

Police were called to the for a suspicious person walking carrying an ax. Police spoke with the subject and they indicated they were going to split wood on the northeast side of town.

Dec. 27 - Staples Police responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch, just east of U.S. Highway 10 and 14th Street intersection. A driver had been westbound on US Highway 10, when they left the roadway, went into the ditch, and struck a light pole. The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating the crash.

Dec. 27 - Staples Police received information regarding a death at the Lakewood Hospital.

Jan. 1 - Staples Police observed a suspicious vehicle leave the road and drive down a field behind businesses on the 800 block of Prairie Ave. NW. Police advised Wadena County and assisted in attempting to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was unable to be located.

Jan. 1 - Staples Police

responded to the 1400 block of 3rd Street NE for the report of a domestic. Timothy Lehmeyer, 34, of Staple,s was arrested for misdemeanor domestic.

Jan. 1 - Staples Police responded to the Stapleton Apartments for the report of a hit and run property damage accident. Keith Harmening was cited for misdemeanor hit and run.

Jan. 2 - Staples Police responded to a dispute regarding an intoxicated male. Keith Harmening, 46, was arrested for DWI.

Jan. 2 - Staples Police conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle with no tail-lights. Police learned the driver was a juvenile missing person. Police made contact with the juvenile’s father who advised he could be released and would allow the juvenile to return home on his own the following day.

Jan. 3 - Staples Police received an animal complaint regarding the complainants dog killing another one of their dogs. The complainant wanted the dog removed. Police advised of their options on where to take the dog if they no longer wish to keep it.

Jan. 3 - Staples Police responded to the 100 block of Dakota Ave. SE for a report of a hit and run accident. The suspect vehicle is described as a white dodge caravan with front end damage. Police are investigating the incident.

Rollover on Highway 10

A rollover accident occurred on Monday, Jan. 4, along Highway 10 near 243rd Ave., west of Staples, around 3:18 p.m.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Raymond Greenwaldt, 79, of Bertha,

was westbound when he fell asleep and went into the ditch. The car rolled and Greenwaldt suffered non-life threatening injuries. He was transported to Lakewood Health System.

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Committee appointments

Committee - Winkels
Meet and Confer - Lund, Freeman
• Facility Committee - Freeman, Reeck
• Superintendents Evaluation - Winkels, Brad Anderson
Contract negotiation teams:

• Instructional Group - Brad Anderson, Freeman
• Support Staff & Professional Group - Winkels, Brad Anderson
• Principals & Transportation - Winkels, Lisa Anderson
• Superintendent - Lund, Freeman
The board approved several yearly tasks, including:

• Official school attorneys, Pemberton Law

Office and Kennedy & Graven;

• Official depositories, First International Bank, Unity Bank, Mid-Central Federal, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund Plus and MN Trust;

• Official newspaper, Staples World.

The board will continue to meet the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the District Office. Two exceptions will be January and February, when they will meet the fourth Monday of the month.

The board will hold work sessions on the first Monday of each month, except January, February and September.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Jan. 7, 1971 edition of the Staples World featured the first baby of the new year, Heidi Ann Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Nelson of Staples. Heidi Ann was born at 1:31 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. The article notes, “She has a sister, Jacqueline, 3, and a brother, Todd, 2.”

Mary Sperley, Dianna Smith and Linda Heier, all of Staples, correctly identified both Dee Nelson and her newborn daughter Heidi. Heier noted that at that time, the Nelsons were living in the house where the new hospital in Staples is located, and she lived at the top of the hill in the white stucco house. Jeanne Leifermann (longtime Staples resident, now of Florida) recognized both and also mentioned that she shared a hospital room with Dee Nelson at that time, as her daughter Jill was born Dec. 31. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

WADENA COUNTY HOUSING STUDY TOWN HALL
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Fischbach votes against house rules package, electoral certification

U.S. Representative
Michelle Fischbach

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to approve a package of rules that will govern the body in the 117th Congress. In response, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-07) issued the following statement:

“I voted against the ‘rules’ package propagated by the Democrat majority, which is a shameful attempt to quell minority dissent and suppress the voices of the millions of Americans represented by Republicans. Instead, Democrats are throwing a lifeline to Nancy Pelosi, whose inability to rally her own caucus is the primary driver of their desperation. This isn’t the right way to govern.

“At a time when respectful, open discourse is more important than ever, these rules erode the rights of the minority party by suddenly changing longstanding procedural rules, censoring speech unfavorable to Democrats, and further concentrating political power among a select few. Even more, the rule changes will increase reckless spending and lay the framework for radical policies like the Green New Deal to be enacted with little discussion. Such unilateral changes are antithetical to a society

governed by free and fair debate.

“There are many reasons Americans are so frustrated with Congress – and these shenanigans are chief among them.”

Electoral count

From Jan. 6 press release, at 1:20 p.m., from the office of U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach

Michelle Fischbach (MN-07) issued the following statement as the joint session of Congress meets to formally consider the electoral votes for the President and Vice-President of the United States:

“Today, I plan to vote for the objections to the certification of electoral votes in certain contested states. This election was shrouded in allegations of irregularities and fraud too voluminous to ignore. In order to fulfill my duty to the constitution and my constituents,

I believe there must be a proper investigation to consider these claims.

“Perhaps most fundamental to the rights of an American is the right to vote, and we must do all we can to protect that franchise. If the American people lose faith in the integrity of their elections, the impact would be an irreversible and catastrophic blow to the exercise of free and fair democracy.

“Minnesotans can count on me to continue being a vigorous defender of election integrity and our democracy.”

Capitol mob

Michelle Fischbach statement on Facebook on Jan. 6, at 1:47 p.m., during the seige of the U.S. Capitol.

“Respectful disagreement is fundamental to our democracy. The violence that we’re seeing, especially toward law enforcement, is unacceptable.”

Quote of the week

“Cautious, careful people always casting about to preserve their reputations ... can never effect a reform.”
— Susan B. Anthony

Fischbach, Stauber share blame, according to DFL

Minnesota DFL Party
Chair Ken Martin

Today, Minnesota DFL Party Chairman Ken Martin condemned Minnesota’s Republican congressional delegation for fueling the baseless conspiracy theories around the 2020 election that are at the heart of the numerous violent protesters taking place on the steps of the United States Capitol.

“For months, Congressmen Stauber, Emmer, Hagedorn, and Fischbach have been fueling the fires of conspiracy and paranoia that now threaten to engulf our nation’s Capitol,” said DFL Party Chairman Ken Martin. “Each of Minnesota Republican members of Congress has worked to sow distrust in the American electoral process and each of Minnesota’s Republican members of Congress bears responsibility for the violence their actions have helped unleash.”

One month after the presidential election results came in, none of Minnesota’s Republican members of Congress were willing to declare President-elect Biden the rightful winner of that election, a senti-

ment shared by Congresswoman-elect Fischbach.

In December, Congressmen Stauber, Emmer, and Hagedorn signed an amicus brief in support of a lawsuit asking the Supreme Court to overturn the results of the 2020 elections. Stauber claimed, without offering any evidence, that he did so because there were “questions on the integrity of this presidential election” that needed to be addressed. Today, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach said she would object to certifying the results of the presidential election.

Following numerous clashes with law enforcement, Republican-aligned protesters have breached the United States Capitol and are engaged in an armed standoff with law enforcement at the door to the House chamber. Mem-

bers of Congress and staff have been asked to evacuate their offices and one member even received a bomb threat.

“The sustained attack on the integrity of our democracy by Representatives Fischbach, Stauber, Emmer, and Hagedorn has done serious harm to our ability to function as a nation and resolve our differences peacefully via the ballot box,” added Martin. “Today is one of the darkest days I have witnessed. Donald Trump poured the gasoline and Republican leaders lit the match that ignited this dark time in our history. I pray our nation can recover from the wounds inflicted on us by cowardly politicians who would sooner incite violence and sedition than stand up for American democracy and the rule of law.”

Quote of the week

“An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory.”
— Millard Fillmore
(13th U.S. President)

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From the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Blueprint for Economic Recovery

There are several recognized strengths of Minnesota’s economy that should be relied upon to spur short- and long-term growth. Continue to focus on innovation-Policies to increase and encourage investments in new equipment; to fund new products and services; to fund start-ups and expansions will be critical both for Minnesota’s economic recovery and for our long-term success. Minnesota is known as innovative, ranking 7th in Milken Index Technology and Science Index and 6th best in patents per capita. However, Minnesota ranks low on entrepreneurship, at 49th in the nation for the percent of the population starting a business according to the Kauffman Index. Private sector investment will be essential to help Minnesota recover from the devastating economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the short term, priority should be on encouraging investments in productivity and innovation, such as the following. Retool existing economic development programs to focus on improving productivity and innovation – for example. This could be grants for robotic upgrades or technology investments to help growth of existing businesses and job retention versus old models of job creation. The guidelines for the incentives should focus on maintaining current employment levels and not result in eliminating jobs. Reduce barriers for businesses to invest in new equipment and technologies that increase output by reducing regulatory barriers and reducing permit delays. Leverage suppliers and resources that help businesses implement productivity and digital strategies. COVID-19 has accelerated digitalization and automation in businesses across industries and sizes. Such strategies are particularly imperative for small businesses that have lacked digital capabilities, such as e-commerce platforms. Programs like the Chamber’s MN Supplier Match shine a spotlight on the suppliers Minnesota businesses can turn to for help with their digital or automation needs. Ad-

Minnesota’s Economic Strengths

HIGH VALUE
Per capita income, GDP per capita and labor productivity levels.

HARD WORKING
Labor force participation and lowest unemployment rates in the United States.

EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE
Education levels and concentrations of highly-skilled workers.

INNOVATION
High rate of patent activity.

CORPORATE HUB
Fortune 500 headquarters and industry leading firms.

DIVERSE ECONOMY
Jobs spread across major industry sectors.

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS IN KEY SECTORS
Health care and medical technology, food and agriculture, headquarters, finance and insurance and high-tech.

ditionally, business mentorship and peer learning programs may help smaller firms navigate such strategies. Targeted retention strategies to the state’s fastest growing firms may help spur job creation in the short term while seeding the ground for the state’s future Fortune 500 companies. Increase efforts to support start-ups and early stage businesses. New business filings have risen dramatically in 2020. Strategies to provide technical and financial assistance may pay dividends through new tax revenues, jobs, innovation, and wealth creation. Policies aimed at reducing the barrier to entrepreneurship and spurring new business investment can play an additional role.

MN Chamber writes ‘Blueprint for Economic Recovery’

The Minnesota Chamber released a report called the Blueprint for Economic Recovery today, which outlines the impact that COVID-19 had on Minnesota’s economy, early signs of recovery and recommendations for lawmakers to help Minnesota find post-pandemic economic strength.

“An economic imperative stands before us,” said Doug Loon, President of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. “We have a shared responsibility to enter this legislative session with Minnesota’s economy front-of-mind.”

The Blueprint for Economic Recovery provides an in-depth look at the impact of COVID-19 on Minnesota, including the disparate impact among regions and industries throughout the state.

“We must work to stabi-

lize at-risk businesses and take strategic actions to accelerate economic recovery in the short-term. The future of businesses and the livelihoods of Minnesotans depend on it.” said Loon.

The report and the Chamber’s priorities for this legislative session will be formally released at tonight’s virtual event, Session Priorities: Leading Minnesota’s Economic Recovery. This annual event is the informal kick-off to the legislative session and brings together legislative leadership and Governor Tim Walz.

The Chamber’s priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session stem from recommendations in the Blue-

print and include:

- Supporting employers and employees throughout the remainder of the pandemic by avoiding additional business restrictions or costs, providing cash flow and tax relief, easing restrictions on assistance and supporting public health and the health of employees and customers.
- Preserving the right of private employers to design benefits specific to their workplace and industry.
- Ensuring high-quality, affordable health care for employers and employees.
- Promoting cost-efficient energy and sustainability.

“We look forward to working with policymakers to ensure that policies passed this year help employers and employees, and the economy as a whole,” Loon added.

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Letters to the Editor

Childish behavior

When my son was two years old he created a new word: dis-be-follow. I played a lot of games with him at that time. On the rare occasions in which I did not let him win he would say, “No no no Dad you disbefol-

lowed the rules.” He would then dream up a new rule that nullified all of the points I had scored.

Coming from the lips of a toddler, that was amusing and cute. Coming from the President of the United States, not so much.

Jerry Miller
Sebek, Minn.

Quote of the week

“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.”
— Eleanor Roosevelt



Staples-Motley High School students recognized by MSHSL

Three high school students at Staples-Motley were nominated for the ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) Award, and the AAA (Arts, Athletics, and Academics) Award which are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

ExCEL Award

Addison Lorber is a junior at SMHS who was selected as the school's 2020 - 2021 ExCEL Award winner. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, ExCEL is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school juniors. Students who are active in fine arts and/or athletics, who show leadership qualities and who are model citizens in their community are eligible for the award.

Lorber is the daughter of Jeffery and Tiffany Lorber. She is active in cross country, track and field, basketball, choir, band, FFA, student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, CLC Energy Committee and is on the honor roll. Lorber also volunteers with Special Olympics, food shelf, church activities, and at Acorn Hill

Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT), Inc. This past year, Lorber donated her photography skills, taking senior photos for several students who could not otherwise afford them. She has volunteered at a variety of other areas, including painting a neighborhood house, babysitting for parent/teacher conferences, mowing lawns for the elderly, pumpkin carving, and helping out with children during 'Santa Day' at her church.

Lorber will be going on to represent SMHS at the state level.

Three other juniors from SMHS were nominated at the local level for the ExCEL Award. These include Leah Bestland, Madysen Hull and Bo Erholtz.

AAA Award

Cole Winkels and Tabettha Allen are seniors at SMHS who were selected as the school's AAA Award winners. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, AAA is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school seniors. Students who are active in fine arts, athletics, who show leadership qualities,

who are model citizens in their community, and excel with their academics are eligible for the award.

Both Winkels and Allen will be moving on to the Section 6 Contest.

Cole Winkels is the son of Bryan and Amy Winkels. He is an A Honor Roll student and has lettered academically. In addition to being a great student, he is a mentor to other students. Winkels is active in both fine arts and sports, participating in band, choir, one-act play, basketball, wrestling, football, baseball and the trap team. He plans on attending Minnesota State University, Moorhead to study pre-chiropractic, and will participate in football and choir.

Tabetha Allen is the daughter of Kerry Allen. She is an Honor Roll student and has lettered academically. She is described by her teachers as being a great student. Allen is active in both the fine arts and sports, participating in choir, orchestra, volleyball, basketball, track and field. Allen plans to attend a four-year college to pursue a degree in psychology, and to play volleyball.

Former Staples librarian has died at age 115

Iris Westman, a librarian at Staples High School in the 1940s, has died at age 115.

Westman died Jan. 3, 2021, at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center in Northwood, N.D., where she'd lived since 2012.

According to an article in The Gleaner newspaper, Westman was the oldest North Dakotan to ever live, the second oldest recorded U.S. resident, ranked in the top 10 supercentenarians in the world, and was a proud alumna of the University of North Dakota.

The Staples World ran an article about Westman this past November, noting she had celebrated her 115th birthday on Aug. 28, 2020.

Included in the article were memories shared from Mary Sperley of Staples, who had gotten to know Iris over the years through her mother, Marie. Sperley explained that the



Iris Westman

two women, who were both in education and about the same age, had become good friends when Iris lived in Staples. Although they spoke by phone in recent years, Sperley last visited Iris in person at her 111th birthday celebration.

What's the secret of living such a long life? "It's all the Lord's doing," was the answer given to the reporter of a local news station when Iris turned 115.

Wadena Economic Alliance launches guide on how to start a business

A new resource is available to help entrepreneurs and business owners in Wadena County. The Starting a Business in Wadena County Guide contains important contacts and resources for helping individuals plan, build, and expand their businesses. It can be found on the Economic Alliance website at <http://www.thealliancemn.org/resources/for-businesses>.

The guide is comprised of four sections. The "Plan" section lists organizations that are able to help with business planning and resources for employee training, business services, and tax increment financing and tax abatement. Next, the "Build" section has local and state government information, as well as utilities. The "Grow" section is designed to help business owners get connected with local loans, grants, and other financing options. Finally, under "Other Resources" there is a list of professional services to get connected

with for a variety of business needs.

The concept for the guide came about through the 2019 Wadena County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) project, which involved surveying 98 businesses throughout the county. The survey showed that there is a need to help cultivate the new entrepreneurs; 11 percent of respondents were considering retirement, and 12 percent were considering selling their business. Further, the survey revealed a significant gap in business planning amongst business owners. 70 percent of respondents did not have a written business plan.

"Planning, building, and expanding a business can be a daunting task. One of the biggest hurdles can be simply not knowing where to start or who to contact. This guide is an attempt to help solve that issue and to empower entrepreneurs," said Katie Heppner, Executive Director of The Economic Alliance. A small

local committee helped The Economic Alliance develop the guide. Andrea Haverinen, owner of AH Graffix, designed the guide and provided input from a small business owner perspective, while Curt Kreklau, Menahga City Administrator, provided feedback from a municipal and community partner viewpoint. "Knowing both what business owners and community partners wanted to see from the guide helped to strengthen the overall end product," Heppner added.

The Economic Alliance is a nonprofit that focuses on economic development in Wadena County. Their mission is to give a voice to the economic and business interests of Wadena County providing educational, networking, and advocacy resources and opportunities. For further business planning assistance, contact Katie Heppner by email at wceda@wcta.net or by phone at 218-929-3015.



ExCEL, AAA nominees

Six students at Staples-Motley High School were recognized recently for their academic and extracurricular achievements. Pictured, back row from left, are Cole Winkels, Tabettha Allen, Bo Erholtz. Front row, from left: Leah Bestland, Addison Lorber, Madysen Hull. Lorber was selected as the school's 2020-21 Ex-

CEL Award winner and will be going on to represent SM at the state level. Winkels and Allen were selected as the school's AAA Award winners and will be moving on to the Section 6 contest. Bestland, Hull and Erholtz were also nominated for the ExCEL Award. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Foundation awards to be announced on video

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation Annual Awards video was released on Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. The video will premier on the Foundation Facebook page with a recording of the awards event to be published later on www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

For the past many years, the Foundation has hosted an Annuals Awards Banquet. The banquet showcases individuals and organizations, nominated by their peers, who've made an impact in the Staples-Motley School District Region during the year. This year, the Foundation made the difficult decision to forego a banquet and do the awards event online.

"We're very pleased with how the Awards video has come together," said Nick Trout, Board Treasurer for the Foundation. "Since we were unable to have our traditional banquet, we wanted to find a different, meaningful way to recognize the individuals and organizations in our community that made an impact this year, especially in light of the pandemic. I think

we've done that."

To view the video, search for "Staples Motley Area Community Foundation" on Facebook and go to the homepage. The video will be live starting at 6 p.m., with a recording available later on the Foundation website, www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

For questions, or further directions on viewing the video, please contact the Foundation at smacf@ifound.org, or calling 218-296-2565.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation, serves as a philanthropic vehicle for accumulating and distributing financial resources to benefit our communities within the physical boundaries of Staples Motley School District. The entire principal of the Staples Motley Community Foundation shall be held as a permanent endowment. The interest income shall be distributed in the Greater Staples Motley area to support local charitable endeavors.

Poston named to labor, education committees

Minnesota's 2021 Legislative Session officially began January 5 with District 9A Rep. John Poston and 133 other state representatives being sworn into office during a ceremony at the State Capitol.

"As the 2021 legislative session begins, I remain committed to working hard to end Governor Walz's peacetime emergency powers and restore the legislature as a constitutional co-equal branch of government," said Rep. John Poston. "Additionally, I plan to

hold the line on increased government spending and will continue to fight for taxpayers and protect the pocketbooks of hardworking Minnesotans."

Most of Rep. Poston's work during the first months of session will take place in House committees. For the 2021-2022 legislative biennium, Poston has been appointed to serve on the following committees:

Labor, Industry, Veterans, and Military Affairs
Finance and Policy
Public Safety and Crimi-

nal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

Education Policy
Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Poston encourages area residents to contact him if they have any legislative questions, concerns, or ideas. He can be reached by phone at 651-296-4293. He can also be contacted via email at rep.john.poston@house.mn, or via U.S. Mail at 317 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Kresha named GOP lead on education finance

Representative Ron Kresha was sworn in Jan. 5 for his fifth term as the State Representative for House District 9B. Kresha, a former school board member and current chief operating officer of an economic development company, lives in Little Falls with his wife Wendy and five children.

"I am honored to be sworn in for another term as State Representative for District 9B," said Kresha. "While this session will look different than it has in the past, I look forward to getting to work for the people of our community, and as always I look forward to hearing from constituents about the

issues that are most important to them."

Kresha was named to three House committees: Education Finance, and Higher Education Finance and Policy, and Ways and Means. He was also named the Republican Lead member on the Education Finance Committee.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kaitlin Bounds and Brandon Lorentz of Wadena, a baby girl, Charli Kaye, weighing eight pounds, six ounces on January 1, 2021.

Born to Carly and Patrick Carkhuff of Verndale, a baby boy, Coyer Joseph weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on January 7, 2021.

Born to Allie and Robert Koval of Baxter, a baby girl, Rosalie Allison weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on January 7, 2021.

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Born to Dylan and Becca Arceneau of Alexandria, a baby girl, Kennedy Harriet Arceneau weighing eight pounds, 15-1/2 ounces on November 16, 2020. She was welcomed home by big sister, Myra.

Maternal grandparents are Lloyd and Julie Nelson, Atwater; paternal grandparents, Dean and Betsy Arceneau, Elrosa; maternal great-grandmother, Shari Christiansen, New London and maternal great-great-grandmother, Iras Chapin, Staples.

Obituaries

Daniel Anderson



Daniel L. Anderson, 57, of Staples passed away December 25, 2020, at the

Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A family graveside service will be held at Scandia Valley Cemetery at a later date.

Dan was born January 22, 1963 to Richard and Barbara Anderson in St. Paul.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara; three brothers, Don (Becky), Doug (Kim) and Russ (Diane) and one sister, Bev Otte.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard D. Anderson (2019).

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Ralph Windschitl

Ralph Windschitl, 67, passed away at his home on January 3, 2021.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Interment will be at the Motley Public Cemetery.

Ralph was born to Arnold and Loretta (Faerber) Windschitl on March 23, 1953 in New Ulm. He graduated from Stewart High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1971 and was proud to serve our country. Ralph married Jenny Sjostrom, in Long Prairie. He was a construction worker most of his life. There was no better carpenter than Ralph; he could make anything you requested. He also enjoyed cooking, reading, fishing, nature and the history channel. Ralph could always be seen with his four legged companion, Buddy - there is no doubt the two of them are now reunited.

Ralph is survived by three daughters, Jill (Blaine) Tate and their children, Lilly, Robin, Carley, Nate, Mack, Halaina, Henry, Hadley and Gavin; Ellie (Luis) Acuña and their children, Solaña and Solice; Kacey Tubbs (Joshua) and their children, Wyatt Dunn and Riley Tubbs; two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Hazel Schrader; the love of his life, Jenny; seven brothers, Gary, Tony, Bob, Leo, Paul, Tom and Roger; two sisters, Joan Arango and Rita Miller; many nieces and nephews and his lifelong friend, Ron Hagmen.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Carol and one brother, Jim.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples, www.brenny.com.

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Jane Gedde

Jane L. Gedde, 91, of Pillager, died December 30, 2020, at Sterling Pointe Senior Living in Princeton.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Nelson - Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to services and to stay for a luncheon to follow.

Interment will take place at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager.

Jane was born May 16, 1929 to Earl and Pearl (Peterson) LaPorte in Brainerd. After graduating from Pillager High School, Jane furthered her education at Brainerd Junior College and obtained an Associates of Arts degree. She moved to St. Paul where she began working for the State of Minnesota. After two years, her parents grew tired of her not being at home and introduced her to the nice man next door who worked at the hardware store. Not long after, she and Raymond Gedde married. The couple made their home in Pillager and Jane worked full time; she ended her career at Pillager School District. Jane was active in her community and was a member of the Pillager American Legion Auxiliary and First Lutheran Church. She and Ray enjoyed traveling and spending a few months each year in Arizona. She was an avid shopper and liked to sew. Jane cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to dance and she and Ray spent many nights kicking up their heels to the sound of a polka band.

She will be dearly missed and is survived by one daughter, Mary (Gerhard) Bergmann, Milaca; one son, Ron (Melanie) Gedde, St. Cloud; six grandchildren, Amanda Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Nichole Horbach, Eric Johnson, Scott Gedde and Madison Gedde and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; parents; one brother, Harlan LaPorte and granddaughter, Katrina Rae.

Arrangements by Nelson - Doran Funeral Home, www.nelson-doran.com.

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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE has announced its Fall 2020 graduates. Local students named include:

- Erica Johnson, Motley
- Robert King, Pillager
- Bobbi Loucks, Pillager
- Kallee Abbas, Staples
- Erika Gilb, Staples
- Crystal Poppenga, Staples.

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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
914 3rd Ave. NE, 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
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 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 Smea
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

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SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 6:30 p.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew 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@fbpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.

Check with your church to be
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remote services.

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Sell 218-371-7189
Children's 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

"The Spiritual Imagery of Snow"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

It seems like we have varying opinions about the world of snow. I am even thinking that our own opinions about snow can change. If we were "Dreaming of a White Christmas" during any given Christmas season, we would openly anticipate and welcome it, especially if the ground were brown before hand.

On the other hand, if we are about to tackle shoveling a heavy snow or are about to head out for a trip near or far and the road conditions are slippery with snow, then we may not be feeling quite as warm about the presence of snow.

I know that Florida and Arizona are "hot" spots to get away from the snow and cold in winter, but overall, I think we share a common affinity as Minnesotans to the beauty of God's creation including all four season... even the snow one!

Like all of creation, the physical world is a reflection of the greater spiritual world... all of which comes from God and is ultimately all for His glory. Psalm 19:1 is among those tremendous Scriptures that reflects this daily reality as we hear David say, The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 8 is sure another great Psalm

about this.

On Tuesday, evening, January 5, 2021, several of us guys were returning from our men's group. Going north on 6th Street about 8:30 p.m., we all of a sudden saw in the sky going from our east to west, the most brilliantly green colored meteorite and tail that I have ever experienced! It reflected the glory of God!

The snow does the same. Its physical beauty of covering brown ground and trees never gets old (except for maybe our April snow falls in past years!) even pause to ponder about Who creates snow in each season that they are put up.

Even better yet, is how the imagery of snow points us to the coming Messiah in the Old Testament Who will (and now has) fulfilled these two final Scriptures by dying on the cross in each of our places. In confession of sin, David asks God: "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." In Isaiah 1:18 we hear, "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow: though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Thank you, God!!

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Todd County Commissioners

Public Notices

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Nov. 30, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 30th day of November, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve funds to Great River Regional Library to assist with distance learning.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve funds to CentraCare as allowed through CARES Act CRF Funds, assistance to nursing homes.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To award grants approved for Todd County Extended 2nd Round Small Business and Non-Profit Relief Grant Program, including exceptions to the program.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve additional grants of up to \$10,000 per small business directly affected by EO 20-99.

A progress report was provided by the County Coordinator regarding the CARES Act Funds projects for the County Board's review and discussion.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the special meeting was adjourned.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held November 30, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Dec. 1, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of December, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020 as presented.

To approve Anna Herke to fill the open Office Support Specialist I position.

To approve Jodi Bass to fill the open Social Worker position.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400935 through 400952 in the amount of \$96,054.15 and (Regular) 54161 through 54213 in the amount of \$75,361.72 for a total of \$171,415.87.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801202 through 801213 and (Regular) 707308 through 707338 for a total amount of \$26,454.16.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600300 through 600300 and (Regular) 516089 through 516092 for a total amount of \$4,222.29.

Public Works

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

2025 AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN NOMINATION – CSAH 2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) annually solicits projects for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding which provides for improvements to the transportation systems, with money requests being project specific, and;

WHEREAS, project nominations must meet eligibility guidelines and qualifying criteria as established by the Central Area Transportation Partnership, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Public Works Department recommends that the following project be submitted and nominated for inclusion in the 2025 Area Transportation Improvement Plan, which is a prioritized list of transportation projects that the Central Minnesota Partnership recommends for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP),

County State Aid Highway 2 - from County State Aid Highway 11 to Trunk Highway 28

SP 077-602-01X: Bituminous Mill & Overlay, Aggregate Shouldering and Pipe Maintenance Project,

and;

WHEREAS, this project is listed on the Todd County Public Works Department Proposed Five Year Construction Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the recommendation of the Public Works Department for submittal and nomination of the above noted project and requests said project be included in the State Fiscal Year 2025 Area Transportation Improvement Plan.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the updated policing contract with the City of Cla-

risa.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the abatement on parcel 25-0034500 in the amount of \$586.

Solid Waste

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota requires Counties to develop and adopt a Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 115A.46, 115A.471, 115A.551, subd 6-7, 115A.552, 115A.557 subd 2-3, MS 115A.63, 115A.84, 115A.914, 115A.96 subd. 6-7, 115A.917; 115A.97; Minnesota Rules 9215; and any other applicable Statutes and Rules; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota requires said Solid Waste Plans to be reviewed and/or modified periodically. Said timeline for Solid Waste Plan updated is every 10 calendar years.

WHEREAS, Todd County recognizes the need to plan for and implement various strategies, programs or facilities to promote the proper management and disposition of solid waste generated within the County, and encourage the reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and/or advanced processing of that solid waste as may be available based upon the type of solid waste materials generated and the integrated solid waste management system in place; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2020 Todd County Solid Waste Plan does describe the integrated solid waste management system currently in place to meet the needs of Todd County's citizens and the requirement of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has placed on public notice the draft 2020 Todd County Solid Waste Plan in accordance with the requirements for publication, notice and comment period; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the public comment period no comments were received in objection to the adoption of the draft 2020 Todd County Solid Waste Plan from any member of the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2020 Todd County Solid Waste Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby submits the 2020 Todd County Solid Waste Plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for final approval pursuant to applicable Minnesota Statutes and Rules.

The setting of the all-board biannual Solid Waste meeting was postponed to a future meeting.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021-2022 Sanitarian Services Contract with Morrison County Public Health.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of a Health Education Coordinator.

Katherine Mackedanz, Community Health Manager presented an update on the COVID-19 Situation for discussion.

Administration

A progress report was provided by the County Coordinator regarding the CARES Act Funds projects for the County Board's review and discussion.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINAL CARES ACT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Federal CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and was in part available to qualifying local, state, and federal agencies to cover expenses related to unbudgeted expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz on June 26, 2020 formally allocated funding for counties, cities, and townships in the State of Minnesota,

WHEREAS, Todd County applied for and received \$3,000,085 in CARES Act funding in July 2020 to directly apply to a broad range of necessary expenditures incurred as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, townships and cities with a population over 200 in the County were allowed to request CARES Act funding directly from the State of MN and according to guidelines issued, are to return unspent funds as of November 15, 2020 to Todd County. Unspent funds received will be applied to the total dollars available for Todd County to distribute and included in the attached breakdown when received;

WHEREAS, Todd County allocated funding to other entities such as libraries to assist in distance learning and assistance to nursing homes, according to guidelines identified by the US Treasury and the State of Minnesota. The County Board approved the funding for these entities as necessary;

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WHEREAS, according to guidance issued by the Department of Treasury and the Minnesota Office of Management and Budget, CARES dollars can be used by County Government to be reimbursed for necessary expenditures incurred or costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, including personnel costs;

WHEREAS, Todd County identified and purchased various supplies and equipment to ensure an appropriate and safe work environment for staff and the residents we serve. The relevant expenses needed for the pandemic response have been charged to a designated account in the Todd County Integrated Financial System;

WHEREAS, Todd County prioritized various technology, modifications and other investments that will help ensure a safe and appropriate response to the pandemic and the ability to conduct business in a safe manner. Those priorities were discussed within established Committees and the County Board and recommended according to the

attached spending breakdown;

WHEREAS, Todd County personnel in nearly all departments, in particular Public Health and Public Safety, have been actively involved in a direct response to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 or have been tasked with substantially different duties and responsibilities. Those personnel costs are eligible to be reimbursed by CARES dollars so as to not negatively impact the Todd County 2020 budget. The balance of funds not dedicated otherwise on the attached schedule, will be used to offset respective personnel costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Todd County Board of Commissioners that, all CARES Act Funds received have been distributed or allocated according to the parameters identified above, in the attached spending breakdown, with no funds being returned to the State.

Closed Session

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 for Negotiation Strategy at 9:28 a.m.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. this evening and due to COVID-19 regulations appointments are encouraged.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Neumann reported that dead zones in Broadband services within Todd County should be addressed with legislators especially during the COVID-19 situation.

Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until December 15, 2020.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
CARGILL SALT DIV.	\$19,019.69
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, LLC.	36,990.82
DIAMOND MOWERS INC.....	4,575.00
EMERGENCY AUTO. TECH 13.815.17	
GARY'S AUTO GLASS INC.....	3,885.20
HILLYARD.....	2,018.54
INTEREUM INC.....	4,805.47
KRIS ENGINEERING.....	4,752.00
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC.....	12,140.07
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	2,581.04
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP.....	2,073.89
TRIMIN SYSTEMS INC.....	15,905.00
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	22,078.40
WADENA ASPHALT CO.....	3,444.00
WATCHGUARD VIDEO.....	4,877.00
WORMS LUMBER & READY-MIX INC.....	3,645.00
55 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	14,809.58
Total.....	\$171,415.87

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
#15686.....	\$2,053.75
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	2,168.54
Total.....	\$4,222.29

Vendor Name..... \$ Amount	
FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT.....	12,775.00
ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE.....	3,500.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,731.76
40 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	7,447.40
Total.....	\$26,454.16

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 1, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TOWN HALL COMPUTER ROOM

The computer room at the Moran Town Hall will be opening for residents use starting January 18, 2021.

Below is a list of guidelines to be followed when using the computer room. Thank you.

Computer Room Guidelines

- Hours of operation: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Days of operation: Open 7 days a week
- Computer room will begin operation on Jan. 18, 2021
- As per COVID guidelines, it will only be one (1) family occupancy
- Each family is to supply their own sanitation (hand sanitizer and wipes)
- This is a community area - please clean up after yourself
- WIFI is available 24 hours a day by parking in the parking lot and using your electronic device
- WIFI is NOT password protected - no password is required
- NO SMOKING
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Public Notices

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DOWER LAKE RECREATION AREA STORM SHELTER

Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Owner, The City of Staples, will ONLY receive and accept bids through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service for the construction of Dower Lake Recreation Area Storm Shelter in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by:

ARCHITECT

Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc. Inc.
7804 Industrial Park Road
Baxter, MN 56425

SITE VISIT INFORMATION

Bidders may contact Tricia Jasmer, Parks & Recreation Director to schedule a site visit.

Phone: W. 218-894-2553 or
C. 218-296-0878.

BID DATE INFORMATION: FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Bid Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Staples City Hall, 122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN
Attn: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator
at which time the bids will be opened online, reviewed and accepted. Preliminary bid results will be posted on QuestCDN within an hour after the bid opening.

Bids will be received for the following Prevailing Wage project:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves general, civil, mechanical and electrical work for the construction of a 2,400 total sf storm shelter building. Construction will be poured concrete foundation and slab-on-grade floor, concrete masonry walls with precast concrete roof. Water is to be connected to an existing deep well and the sewer is to be connected to an existing septic system. Electrical work will include lighting, power and communications material and installation and include a backup generator.

Each bid must be accompanied with a cashier's

check, bid bond, U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. Security is payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the contract in accordance with the proposal and Contract documents, along with furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds of One Hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount acceptable to the Owner.

BIDDING PROCEDURES - ELECTRONIC BIDDING: The contract documents are available at <https://widseth.com>. Click "Bid Documents" in the top right corner of your screen or go to www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number **7488672**. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a Planholder. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$30.00. Registering as a Planholder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as Planholder's will receive automatic notice of addenda and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

An optional paper set of project documents is also available from Cadd/Engineering Supply (CES) 1701 James Circle N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Please contact CES's Repro Dept at (763) 560-9098 or (800) 831-8587 for pricing and if you have any questions.

The successful bidder

must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Bids may not be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids without consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

No bid will be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this invitation and/or other bidding and contract documents. Any deficient bid submitted will not be considered.

By: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator,
City of Staples, Minnesota
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Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$132,639.27

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 07-0027201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412170200270

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2022.

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

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

Dated: November 25, 2020

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

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(19-1521-FC02)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 11/18/20 Wadena, MN

Meeting held electronically, permitted under Minn. Stat. 13D. 021

Called to Order at 5 p.m. by VanDenheuvel, Vice Chair.

Roll Call-BOARD: R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt; K. Howard-Menahga; B. Lund-Staples-Motley; C. Funk-Sebeka; C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; B. Tumberg-Wadena-Deer Creek; S. Veronen-Verndale. ABSENT: J. Hillmer-Browerville; R. Thalmann-Henning. Supt.: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka; Admin: E. Weber, L. Murdock, J. Anderson, S. Thiel. Guest: T. Bruggeman, CPA of Brady Martz

Adoption of the Agenda- MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by Tumberg to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C.

Visitor Comments- FY20 Audit presentation by T. Bruggeman, CPA.

Old Business

MOTION BY Lund and seconded by Wolf to approve the 10/28/2020 minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C.

MOTION BY Howard and seconded by Tumberg to acknowledge receipt and review of the 10/14/2020 Supt. Advisory Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C

New Business

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Wolf to approve the 10/24/2020 - 11/13/2020 voucher claims

as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C

The following Resolution is hereby MOVED BY Howard and seconded by Veronen: To recognize and gratefully accept the following donations as identified: Merickel Lumber, Wadena - Dado Blade Kit; Anonymous - Graphing Calculator, FEF, Wadena - \$2,496.67; J. Karemer, Wadena - \$1,000; M&M Craig, Wadena - \$1,000; Sourcewell, Staples - \$2,500.

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: VanDenheuvel, Howard, Lund, Funk, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hillmer and Thalmann.

WHEREUPON, said Resolutions were declared duly Adopted.

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Tumberg to set the 2021 FED Board Organizational Meeting on 1/27/2021, starting at 5 p.m. at the FED Admin. Office, Wadena. Roll Call Vote-U/C.

REVIEWED the 2021 Supt. Mtg Dates; The Annual submittal of the Title IV MDE Report has been submitted.

MOTION BY Wolf and seconded by Lund to approve FED Student Hotspot Checkout Agmt. as presented. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

MOTION BY Howard and seconded by Tumberg to accept the 1/1/2021-12/30/21 Voluntary Vision Rates as presented. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Veronen to accept the 1/1/2021 - 12/30/21 Voluntary Dental Rates as presented. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Lund to acknowledge receipt and re-

view of the FY20 financial audit. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

Department Reports- SpEd; *Update of districts are allowed to re-assign staff and will still receive full funding; Update of districts in D-Learning and students with high need can attend in-person learning. ALC/TS; Update of ALC's currently in In-Person Learning; 20/21SY enrollment is down five to seven percent (5 - 7%) from previous year; TS Prog. are down 75 percent (%) from last year due to pandemic.*

Tech; *Update of posting internet and fiber lease RFP's for 21/22 SY.*

Bus. Mang.; *Update on 65% of COVID funding has been drawn; Recommendation of Auditor to Amend Post Emp. HRA/HRA Plan into a Trust.*

Ex. Director; *Update of FED Leg. Forum to be held on 12/9/2020 starting at 9AM; COVID Updates: Academies & ALC's will move into Distance Learning for 2 wks following the winter break; Update of Ex. Director's Goals.*

Personnel Agenda- MOTION BY Tumberg and seconded by Funk to approve the items as follows: Hiring of K. Bleu Andrews, FMLA request of J. Allen. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

Adjournment-

MOTION BY Howard and seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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whether or not they've had customers.

During this time of full and partial closures, Hirschey said she's had to reduce the hours of her employees. Like Tower Pizza, her coffee shop is not a large space...so half capacity only allows for five to 10 customers at a time. It hasn't paid to have a full slate of employees scheduled during these shutdowns.

Hirschey worries how her employees are making ends meet. During the first round of shutdowns, she received a PPP (Payment Protection Plan) loan and her employees were able to obtain tax-free unemployment insurance. However, she's not certain if they will receive any financial assistance during the next wave of shutdowns. Hirschey also noted that her employees depend on tips to help make ends meet. Having the governor close them down right before the holidays made things especially difficult for all.

Hirschey said she has also been frustrated with which businesses are considered "essential." To her, the coffee shop is essential not only to her employees, but to her customers who come there for social interaction. She understands the real concerns about Covid-19, and the Stomping Grounds has adhered to all of the rules and regulations that are in place. However, Hirschey feels that these closures of restaurants and bars will result in more cases of depression and suicide as people have been isolated. "What's essential for one person might not be for another person," she said.

Hirschey went on to say she is working hard to keep the Stomping Grounds going for her community. "If there are no businesses in a small town, then there's no small town."

Beck's Burger Co.

Devin Becker opened up Beck's Burger Co. last August, as the state mandate for bars and restaurants was at 50 percent capacity.

During those first months of operation, Becker said it was difficult to stay within the 'capacity perimeters' for their space. They'd get calls from the county saying they were over-capacity, and at the same time they were trying to keep their customers happy and make some money in the process. It's been a "pain in the butt," Becker said of the partial closures.

But, the worst part was the complete shutdown, he went on. "It killed us," Becker said. He went on to note that although they were still able to offer take-out orders, much of their revenue is generated through in-house alcohol sales.

Becker's relieved about the partial opening on Jan. 11, but notes the earlier closing time of 10 p.m. that's been mandated. That equates to several hours of sales each week that they will be missing.

They've survived, thanks to the state and federal relief funds they've received. However, they're often "in the dark" as to how much they'll receive and when. As a result, it's difficult to know how many employees they can schedule at any given time. "A lot of times it's just me," Becker went on, noting he answers phones, takes orders and does the cooking.

And what if there's another (coronavirus) spike? Becker wonders. It's hard to be prepared for that, in terms of ordering enough food, or perhaps ordering too much.

He also wonders why restaurants and bars have been on the mandatory shutdown list during the coronavirus surge in Minnesota, but not some of the other big businesses. "Why is it just us? Why not malls?"

"It stinks," Becker said of the situation.

Dairy Queen

Doyle Yoder, owner of the Dairy Queen in Staples, said he feels fortunate that they've not had to cut any of their employees during the coronavirus pandemic. "In fact, we did some hiring," he said.

During the closures, they've spent a lot of time making sure they were up to code with all of the mandates...both from the state, as well as those from Dairy Queen. Keeping their customers safe is a number one priority.

Many of the state mandates that were issued in response to the pandemic were things they were already doing, Yoder said, but it has helped to be more conscientious of these items.

They're "thankful and grateful" that they were still able to offer drive-thru and take-out orders during the complete shutdown, Yoder said. He said they plan to have a "soft opening" on Jan. 11 and see how it goes. He understands that guests would like to come in and sit down, and they look forward to seeing everyone again as well. "We'll be careful," Yoder said, as they move in to the partial opening.

They've learned a lot through this process, Yoder said. He credits their great



Ready for customers again

The Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples was looking forward to having a few sit-down customers again beginning Jan. 11, when Minnesota restaurants and bars were allowed to open at half-capacity. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

management team, plus employees who have really stepped up to the plate. It's not easy to work in a hot kitchen for hours on end wearing a mask. "They've been great," Yoder said of the staff.

Yoder acknowledged the struggles that the hospitality industry has faced during this time, but understands that steps were taken to help combat the surge of coronavirus. With numbers beginning to go down, Yoder said he sees "light at the end of the tunnel."

Legend's Bar

Mark Bounds owns Legend's Bar, along with Don Ludovissie. Bounds said that they were open (partially) from June 4 - Nov. 20, 2020. Now, he said they will wait to see what happens as they are allowed to reopen (partially) on Jan. 11. They've basically had one other employee besides themselves, and he doesn't see that changing at this time. "Hopefully we'll be back to normal sooner than later," he said.

Lefty's Bar

Dominique Seely is a bartender at Lefty's Bar in Staples, owned by Brian and Tasha Olds.

Seely said that "people in Staples have been awesome," in terms of ordering to-go lunch and dinner items. Plus, the adjoining off-sale business (also owned by the Olds) has helped them stay afloat since last March.

During the closures, staff has taken the time to do a thorough cleaning, Seely said. The owners have been working really hard, she went on. "We're doing the best we can."

Los Corrales

"It affected just about everything," Bryan Barajas, owner of Los Corrales, said of the coronavirus and subsequent government shutdowns.

For starters, they used to have 15 or 16 staff scheduled during a given shift, Barajas said; and now they are down to around seven.

This all happened during the first year they were open, Barajas went on. Certainly not the easiest of circumstances to contend with while getting a business off the ground.

Barajas said they are grateful for the curbside orders that were allowed during the shutdowns. "That helps pay the light bills, some supplies we need," he said. But, that was about all.

They received some government funding during the first wave of the PPP loans and have not heard if they've received anything from the second wave. At the moment, they've dipped into their savings in order to pay the necessary bills.

During the closure, they used the extra time to do some extensive remodeling, which Barajas is happy about. "We took out all of the carpet and put in tile flooring," he said.

They're looking forward to being able to reopen Jan. 11 and seeing some familiar faces. "We're so thankful for the local support," Barajas said. He's also hoping that they will be able to increase their staff again in the near future.

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combined board and then we got it back down to six members," he said.

He remembers meetings that lasted until midnight. "At least we understood where everyone was coming from," he commented.

There were times when there were strong feelings coming from the community and from other board members, but he never took it personally.

"It's how you treat people. Whether they were on one side or the other, you told people what you knew and didn't lie," Longbella recalls as the way to get through contentious times. He said that it comes down to respect among members of the community. "We don't need to agree, but we do have to respect viewpoints, as long as everything is above board. If I don't agree, it stays at the table. Outside the board meeting we can still say 'hi' and respect each other."

Board member Mary Freeman appreciated that aspect of Longbella's tenure on the board. "It is wonderful to agree to disagree and still be good friends. Chad votes his conscience," said Freeman at the Nov. 23 meeting. "I respected Chad's ability to separate his job as a parent with his job as a board member."

Even with that philosophy, the board and district didn't always run smoothly.

"There were some tough times and some ugly moments, but you learn from them," said Longbella. "You might be thinking 'that didn't go so well,' but then you try to prevent it from happening again."

There are no longer any board members left from the consolidation era, which Longbella said is a positive for the district. "We are Staples-Motley: one school district, two communities," he said.

Longbella feels one reason the current board is in a very good spot right

now is just because of the makeup of the board. He pointed out there are now two members with younger children, two with older children, two grandparents and two women. There are people with education backgrounds, financial people and a lot of community experience. "There is a broad perspective on the board, it's a good represen-

on the district, Longbella said it is just one of many aspects of the job. "I'm not into it for the buildings, it's more about the educational part of what we can offer," he said.

Longbella kept his steady, humble approach for 29 years.

"I'm not the most educated, not the smartest person," he said. "A board



Participation award

At his last school board meeting in December, Chad Longbella was presented with a trophy to commemorate his 29 years serving on the board. Superintendent Shane Tappe said "I commend you for your willingness to work side by side with staff and community." Board Chair Bryan Winkels said "You will be missed."

tation of the district," he said. "Diversity is not a bad thing, you can look at everything from different sides." He also feels that Superintendent Shane Tappe brings accountability to the board and to the community.

Longbella is leaving the board at the same time the school is planning a building proposal. While some people see a new building as an opportunity for a board to make their mark

member is only one of six, I was not a salesman when it comes to the board. I voted for what I thought was best and if it didn't work out, that's what the board wanted."

Freeman summed up Longbella's legacy on the board: "Thank you for being strong ethically and morally, a good friend and leader. You have been a role model for all board members."

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