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Middle School play

Story page 5a (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School approves \$1.89 million in renovations

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At their March 2 meeting, the Staples-Motley

School District accepted a \$1.89 million bid from Eagle Construction of Little Falls for building and HVAC projects at the elementary school and high school. The projects had been recommended after a building study by LHB engineers. The final bid was lower than the estimated cost.

Work at the high school will include dust collection at the wood shop, improvements to the welding lab and electrical components that are out of date. The elementary school will update air handling elements, HVAC units on the roof and some patching needed on the roof. Alternate bids for fire suppression and window replacement at the elementary school were not discussed and will be brought to the board at another meeting.

Motley memorabilia

The board also approved transferring items from the Motley School District to the Motley Historical Society. An itemized list of trophies, plaques and pictures were presented to the board. Other items included graduation gowns, uniforms, band uniforms and choir robes. Two larger items on the list were a "Home of

the Rockets" granite sign and the concrete hitching post outside the school.

The board's motion included a time frame for the items to be picked up within 60 days.

Communication plan

The board heard an update from Todd Rapp of Rapp Strategies about the communication plan developed for the building process being conducted by ICS consultants, which could result in a building referendum if the process shows it is needed.

Rapp said the start of the communication plan is to roll out the school's continuous improvement plan, and show the community how the plan will impact the students.

Rapp said the school will use many different ways to engage with the community, including monthly newspaper columns and social media.

Board member Brad Anderson said a goal should be to answer information found on Facebook. "We really struggled with this a year ago," when the district was trying to pass a building referendum.

Superintendent Shane See **RENOVATIONS** on page 3a



Sharing memories of Paul

Ty and Kelly Peterson of Leader invited friends, relatives and classmates of their son, Paul, to their home at Upper Oak Farm March 5, where they shared memories, stories, songs and prayers around a bonfire. Eighteen-year-old Paul, a senior at Staples-Motley High School, was killed in a tragic snowmobile accident Feb. 29. He was Ty and Kelly's only child, born on Thanksgiving Day in 2001. The Petersons shared of their son's love of music (he played trumpet in the high school band), his great sense of humor (he loved to quote lines from the movie, 'Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels') and of his strong faith in God. Fellow classmates also shared stories of their bright, funny friend who kept them laughing at school with his quick wit. During the course of the bonfire, a member of the family who is part Native-American invited people to participate in a smudging ceremony as they remembered Paul. Pictured above, Kelly Peterson throws tobacco that has been ceremonially blessed into the fire, adding her own prayers as she remembers her beautiful boy. Paul Weston Peterson's funeral was held March 6, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples-Motley educators inspired by Sourcewell's Literacy Leaders Academy cohort

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

More than 40 educators took part in a completion celebration of the first-ever Literacy Leaders Academy (LLA) cohort Feb. 12, at Sourcewell in Staples.

The program, sponsored by Sourcewell, builds school-wide sustained growth in literacy instruction.

According to Mary Jacobson, Sourcewell Sr. Education Consultant, "The LLA has been a tremendous opportunity for Sourcewell to collaborate with many great teachers in our region to develop their knowledge and practices around literacy

instruction. The combination of engaging in both professional learning and on-site coaching allowed us to maximize our time together. We know that the number one factor in student success lies in the hands of a student's classroom teacher. The teachers in the LLA are models of what it means to be an exemplary teacher."

Jacobson credited Rynell Schock for being the visionary of the Literacy Leadership Academy. Now retired from Sourcewell, Schock saw a need for literacy support in our region, Jacobson said. "She had a vision for the project and worked with Dr. Deb Peterson (Minnesota Center

for Reading Research) to develop the content. Rynell was also instrumental in recruiting teachers to participate."

Participants in the program included Staples-Motley Elementary, Royalton Public Elementary, Park Rapids Century, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Elementary, Dr. Knight Elementary, Lindbergh Elementary and Lincoln Elementary.

Laurie Paskewitz, Title 1 Reading Specialist/Coordinator at Staples-Motley Schools, was one of six participants from SM. The others included Kathy Johnson, Jody Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Jenny

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Graduates of Literacy Leaders Academy

Educators from the Staples-Motley School District participated in the first ever Literacy Leader's Academy cohort at Sourcewell in Staples. Graduates of the academy were honored by Sourcewell at a completion celebration Feb. 12. Pictured, from left, are Shane Tappe, Superintendent of SM Schools; and graduates Laurie Paskewitz, Title 1 Coordi-

nator at SM Elementary; Jody Johnson, 3rd grade teacher; Natalie Johnson, 1st grade teacher; and Jenny Pantzke, 2nd grade teacher. Missing from the photo were Kathy Johnson, SM Elementary Principal; and Ginger Stiner, kindergarten teacher. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Mar 11 41° 27° Cloudy

Mar 12 36 17 Cloudy

Mar 13 26 12 M. Cloudy

Mar 14 31 17 M. Cloudy

Mar 15 28 15 Cloudy

Mar 16 31 14 Cloudy

Mar 17 33 19 Snow

Last Year, 2019

High Low Cond.

Mar 11 30° -1° Sunny

Mar 12 40 16 P. Sunny

Mar 13 30 23 Cloudy

Mar 14 38 30 Rain

Mar 15 33 21 Sunny

Mar 16 25 9 Sunny

Mar 17 39 27 Cloudy

Average Temp.:
H = 37° Low = 12°

Total snow: 53"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Staples Airport generated \$1.7 million in 2019

Minnesota's public airport system generates \$18.2 billion in annual economic activity statewide, according to a study by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) that details the economic impact of the state's 133 public airports.

According to the study, the Staples airport brought in 598 visitors in 2019 and provided employment for 16 people with a payroll of \$716,290. The estimated economic activity supported by the airport was \$1.7 million, including \$981,140 in spending and \$62,220 in state and local tax revenues. The economic impacts include activities associated with management of the airport, business tenants, capital investment in the airport and spending by visitors.

"The Staples Municipal Airport does provide substantial economic benefit to our community," said Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen. "Trips are generated by many local businesses and organizations. I speak with many pilots who are planning their trips. They ask about gas prices (which we keep on the low side to draw pilots to Staples), whether the courtesy car is available, where they can go and eat, etc."

Nelsen said among the common visitors are "parents of CLC students, owners and vendors of

local businesses and many others who plan their trip through Staples because they like our airport and our community. We provide a courtesy car in order to provide pilots easy access to our local businesses while they are in town. Precision Aircraft Services also creates a draw and customers often visit our downtown."

"This study shows that Minnesota general aviation and commercial aviation provide outsized value to the communities they serve," said Cassandra Isackson, MnDOT Office of Aeronautics director. "Every airport serves its community in a unique way, from supporting local commerce and jobs to supplying essential emergency and medical services."

Additional study findings include:

- The 126 public airports in Greater Minnesota support more than 13,000 jobs and more than \$570 million in annual payroll.

- Public airports create economic efficiencies that help many Greater Minnesota businesses compete nationally and globally and create local jobs that support local economies.

- Public airports support medical services essential to Greater Minnesota hospitals, including medical airlift, quick access for doctors and fast organ delivery.

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Obituaries

Darlene Marte
Paul Weston
Peterson
Paul Twardowski



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First time voter

Francisco Jimenez of Staples cast his vote during Super Tuesday's primary election March 3, at the Staples Community Center. A native of Spain, Jimenez moved to the United States in 1988, after marrying Minnesotan Tracey Kloeckl. He recently became a U.S. citizen, allowing him to vote for the first time. Jimenez, 55, said that "It was a great day," going on to share that after 31 years of being a part of this great nation, he felt assured that with his vote, he can make a difference. (Submitted photo)

Nesland named "staff member of the year"

Jerald R. Nesland, Executive Director of Freshwater Education District has received this year's Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs "Staff Member of the Year" Award.



Jerry Nesland

Nesland has more than 50 years of service in education. Since Jerry's arrival to Freshwater in 2010, the ALC has developed a sense of collaboration with our member districts. This stems from the respect that Jerry has earned from the leaders of those districts. Since Jerry's arrival, the ALCs have moved from bus garages, to college settings, from mechanical shops to schools where students can assist in elementary classrooms.

Nesland has served education in varying assignments for a long time. According to colleagues, he's always thinking of others as he pursues his continuous goal of making education his priority, as he always demonstrates professionalism and courtesy to all.

Motley area police reports

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

March 4 - The MPD issued a citation to Gregory Hennum, 40, for a hands-free violation.

March 3 - The MPD issued a citation to Tinisha Early, 26, for no proof of insurance.

March 2 - The MPD responded to a report of theft at Orton's BP in Motley and subsequently arrested a juvenile.

Feb. 29 - The MCSO responded to a report of a subject who was banging on doors of other apartments at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley. Upon their arrival, deputies met with Dustin Anthony Cestnik who was intoxicated. The subject was belligerent and denied banging on the doors of other people's apartments. Dispatch was advised that the subject was on parole and was required to submit to random alcohol testing. Cestnik blew .14 on the preliminary breath test.

Feb. 26 - The MPD issued a citation to Kyle Shepperon, 31, for driving with a revoked license, uninsured vehicle and failure to provide insurance information upon demand.

Feb. 24 - The MPD issued a citation to David Johnson, 48, for hands free violation.

Feb. 24 - The MPD responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 200 block of Cedar St. E., Motley.



Packing up her desk

Lacey Smieja has worked as Motley's City Clerk/Treasurer since November of 2016. She decided to leave her position to be able to spend more time at

home, and has been busy training in her replacement, as well as packing up her desk at city hall. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lacey Smieja says 'goodbye'

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

After three-plus years serving as the City of Motley's Clerk/Treasurer, Lacey Smieja is saying 'goodbye.'

She's enjoyed her job, but Smieja is looking forward to being a stay-at-home mom for awhile. She and her husband Jon have two young daughters; Mayzie is in kindergarten and Sophie is seven months old. The family resides in Little Falls.

"I'll miss my co-workers and interacting with residents in the community," Smieja said recently at city hall, where she was busy helping to train in the new city clerk/treasurer, Curt Bryniarski.

As she reflected on her work these past three years, Smieja said quite a few highlights come to mind. These include:

- Helping to recover state sales tax monies that belonged to the city which totaled \$25,000.
- Increasing the interest earned on the city's money by roughly \$70,000 over a one year time period.
- Helping to secure grant funding for several small projects in the city, including a few holiday lights displays and radar signs.

- Helping to update the city's ordinances.
- Being a part of some major projects, including the repainting of the city's watertower and the building of an electric vehicle charger in Motley.
- Working with Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton to conceptualize the new pavilion currently under construction at Converse Park and finding ways to finance it.
- Helping find ways to cut costs in the city.

Most recently, Smieja helped the city get through their final audit. Motley has had three clean audits during her time as clerk/treasurer, Smieja noted, adding that the city is currently in "a good financial position."

Smieja's hard work has not gone unnoticed. "Lacey has done a lot for the City of Motley and I want to wish her the best in all her future endeavors," said Motley Mayor Al Yoder.

As much as she's enjoyed her work in Motley, Smieja is happy for the opportunity to have more time with her family, including some camping trips this summer.

CLC adds biology, chemistry to Transfer Pathway Degrees

Central Lakes College announced the addition of two new Transfer Pathway Degrees in biology and chemistry. Both will be available in the fall.

Transfer Pathway degrees are created by teams of educators from the Minnesota State system. These degrees allow students to earn Associate in Arts Degree at Central Lakes College and then transfer seamlessly to Minnesota State universities and earn a bachelor's degree in four years. Students who complete Transfer Pathway degrees will be guaranteed junior status upon admission to a university and can complete their degree in an

additional 60 credits. Students must still meet any special admission requirements for the major.

"Central Lakes College is delighted to add two new transfer pathway degrees to our four existing transfer pathways," said Martha Kuehn, CLC's Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "Starting this fall, students can earn an A.S. in Biology or an A.S. in Chemistry that will transfer seamlessly to Minnesota State universities."

These two new transfer pathways will join CLC's existing transfer pathways of Psychology, Sociology, Economics and Exercise Science. Additional Transfer Pathway degrees will be announced in the near future.



Irrigators of the Year

Central Lakes College Ag & Energy staff were recognized as the "Minnesota Irrigator of the Year" at the annual meeting of the Irrigators Association of Minnesota (IAM) on Feb. 20. This award was given for the center's role in research, education, advocacy, and demonstration to support environmental sustainability along with farmer viability around irrigated production. Pictured from L to R is Todd Pollema, Research Scientist, Keith Olander, Director, and Jake Wilder, President, IAM. (Submitted photo)

Reading For The Future at Freshwater

Freshwater Education District's Early Childhood programs strongly support increasing literacy-rich opportunities for families with young children, by providing books supporting children in their school readiness goals.

Freshwater's Reading For The Future program strives to help children discover the joy of reading and works to build a more literate community and nation, one child at a time. The district's goal is to secure funding, purchase literacy-rich books and distribute books to as many children as possible.

It is critical to help young children be school ready by reading and developing early literacy skills. Children who have been read to at home, come to school with the foundation needed to succeed in school and have an advantage that carries with them throughout their school years. Strong reading skills form the basis for learning in all subjects.

Reading is an essential skill for success in school and later in life. The positive impact of literacy



Boost from Lions

Lisa Wick of Freshwater Education District accepts a \$250 donation from the Staples Host Lions Club to use for their Reading For The Future literacy program. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

on self-esteem not only enriches an individual's life, but it creates opportunities for people to develop skills that will help them provide for themselves and their family. A better education will improve

employment opportunities and can contribute to a healthier community.

Freshwater distributes approximately 4,000 books annually to students in the surrounding communities.

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• March 15, 1945 - Tragedy again struck in the Motley vicinity early Sunday morning, March 11, when fire completely destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montgomery, residing about three miles east of that village.

Mrs. Montgomery was fatally burned when the fire destroyed their home. She was starting the fire in the kitchen. Using a three-gallon can filled with kerosene to hasten the blaze in the kitchen stove, the blaze

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ignited the kerosene in the can and exploded, showering her with fire.

Mrs. Montgomery, clad only in night clothes and a bathrobe, immediately rushed outside and rolled in snow to put the blaze out. Hearing the terrific explosion, Mr. Montgomery started for the kitchen but the room was already a blazing inferno. He saw that his wife was out of doors and rushed to her aid, finally putting out the blaze, but not before she had been fatally burned.

Roland, their eight-year-old son, who was asleep, was also awakened by the explosion and he had to break out a window in order to get out of the burning home. In so doing he cut the bottoms of both feet, but this did not stop this brave little lad from running across the road, clad only in his night clothes, to the Martin Rosvold home, where the family called the fire department from Motley and also called an ambulance for his mother. The presence of mind of this eight-year-old son deserves a great deal of credit.

The fire department arrived but the home was too far gone, and nothing but a washing machine was saved from the burning structure.

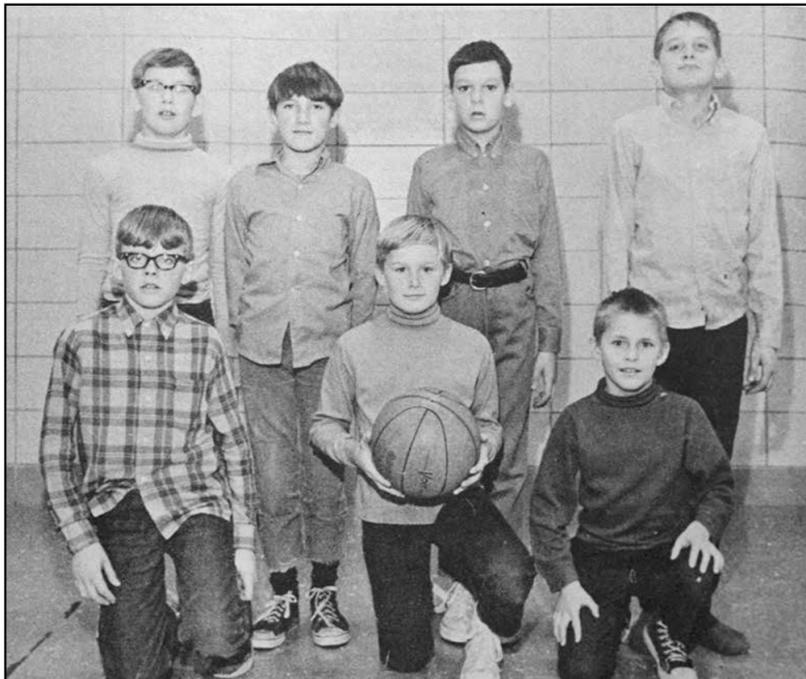
Mr. Montgomery would not wait for an ambulance and got his wife into the family car and, accompanied by Martin Rosvold, drove to the Staples Municipal hospital. Mr. Montgomery was seriously burned trying to put out the fire enveloping his wife. He is suffering with second degree burns and is still confined to the Staples hospital. Mrs. Montgomery suffered third degree burns. She was conscious until about 11 o'clock Sunday evening, and passed away about 4:35 o'clock the next morning.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• March 12, 1970 - Paul and Martha Boesing, folk singing duo, will be featured in a performance of "The Wanderer: A Ballad of Now," a contemporary folk opera which they wrote on commission from the Center Opera Company of Minneapolis. "The Wanderer" will play Staples on Thursday, March 12, under the sponsorship of Staples Fine Arts Council at Staples High School Cafeteria. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

• March 12, 1970 - Phil Anderson's Our Own Hardware in Staples advertised its March of Bargains: A lettuce crisper, 49 cents; Fuller's Glue, 19 cents; 10-quart pail, 69 cents; and carpet shampoo, \$1.17.

• March 12, 1970 - Batchers' Department Store in Staples advertised its Cat-As-Tro-Phe Sale...Just for the sell of it! Zingy sparkling spring fabrics, 2 yards for \$1; Men's short sleeve dress shirts, perma-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 5, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

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

ment press, \$3; Dish cloths, 15 for \$1; Ladies Koratron slacks, \$3; Western flair leg jeans (big this spring!) \$3; and girls opaque panty hose, \$1.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• March 16, 1995 - The Staples Volunteer Fire Department has successfully raised most of the money needed to purchase a set of rescue tools commonly called "Jaws of Life."

The fire department, which has in the past had to rely on other nearby fire departments if and when they needed such equipment, decided late last year that the time was right for Staples to buy their own.

• March 16, 1995 - On Thursday, March 9, the Staples Motley junior high speech team traveled to Park Rapids. Ribbon winners were Inga Storbakken, Jill Mertens, Bobbi Dolezal, Ken Swecker, Scott Smith and Justin Windschitl.

• March 16, 1995 - The Cardinals are the 1995 Sub Section 4 (boys basketball) champs.

Coach Lynn Peterson's squad took the honors last week by first defeating Pine River-Backus in the Tuesday semi-final contest and then downing Bertha Hewitt 74-46 in Friday's finals. Top scorers in

the game, as noted in the article, included Blaine Joerger, Erik Kelly, Dan Otteson, Cy Bestland.

• March 16, 1995 - A house fire Thursday, March 9, left a May Township family with nothing but the clothes they were wearing.

The Pillager Fire Department received the fire call for a structure fire at the Jim Morrow residence near Casino in May Township at about 12:02 p.m. Pillager Fire Chief Randy Lee said he called for mutual aid from Motley even before arriving on the scene. "I saw black smoke when I got onto County Road 34," he said. "That's when I called Larry Converse for mutual aid."

Even with two fire departments on the scene, the house and all its contents were destroyed.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• March 18, 2010 - A Staples Motley High School graduate has big plans coming up this spring and summer. She's graduating from college in May and getting married in July, but in between, Hannah Landecker plans to run a grueling 56 mile, ultra marathon in July.

She plans to join with 16 other members of a

Team World Vision to compete in Africa's Comrades Marathon. They are running, not just for themselves, but running to raise funds to sponsor 1,500 African children through the World Vision organization. Hannah credits her high school cross country coach, Gene Mattila, for getting her started in running.

• March 18, 2010 - Some 200 people came out on a rainy night to help the Lakewood Health System celebrate the opening of its new clinic in Browerville on Thursday, March 11, where an open house was held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

• March 18, 2010 - Rising water along the Crow Wing River south and east of Motley caused at least one person to be evacuated Tuesday afternoon. Mary Rudolph had to be helped from her home by members of the Pillager Fire Department.

Neighbor Verde Pepin said ice flows formed a dam at a bend in the river just downstream from Rudolph's home, causing the Crow Wing's water to back up. Several low-lying homes and cabins in the area had water closing in. By Tuesday evening the ice dam had broken and the water had receded.

Wellebrate in Wadena on March 14

Tri-County Health Care invites everyone to attend Wellebrate, an event that combines the fun of Men's Night Out, Women's Day Out and February Festival of Health to promote and celebrate wellness in local communities. It will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at M State in Wadena.

This free family event will feature more than 60 health-related and interactive booths by local businesses and organizations. Each booth provides hands-on learning and community health, wellness and safety information for all ages. There will be free water testing, blood pressure checks, vision screenings and blood glucose testing. Entertainment and demonstrations will also take place throughout the day, including Just For Kix dance performances, Tae Kwon Do and self-defense demonstrations by Mid-Minnesota Tae Kwon Do and Master Lolita, face painting, caricatures, chair massages and a free light lunch.

The featured presentation will begin at 11:15 a.m. Carisa Rasmussen, Clean and Lean Founder, will

highlight five easy ways to keep families healthy in the kitchen by providing tools, guidelines and tips based on what can be purchased locally and online. She has been a Fox 9 morning show on air contributor for seven years teaching Minnesota her wellness tips. Her focus on creating a winning mindset and leading with laughter has been presented at many local and national events and she was nominated for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine Women in Business award.

There will also be an opportunity to learn about updates on Tri-County Health Care's new building project. Joel Beiswenger, president and CEO, will be available to answer questions and there will be artist renderings that include the project site, road changes, interior and exterior images and a virtual tour.

Wellebrate is sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, Tri-County Health Care Foundation and M State Wadena. No pre-registration is required. For more information, visit TCHC.org or the Tri-County Health Care Facebook page.

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School moving forward

Tappe said online information should be funneled through the district's page. He said Communications and Marketing Director Loren Walz will be monitoring Facebook and helping direct people to the district.

Rapp said the board will also need to engage with the people as elected officials. "Make sure people always get the right answer," said Rapp. He also said to keep consulting staff and parents because they give the best feedback. Rapp shared strategies

for the facilities planning process, including community conversations and research.

Tappe said the message he would like to emphasize is the dynamic and culture they are trying to improve in the school buildings.

"Our job is to share the great things that are going on. We have fantastic staff and kids who are doing great things."

In other news, the board approved the contract to hire John Tkalcich as technology director.

Kids shine for Kinship Partners

Kinship Partners will host Kids Shine on Tuesday, March 27, from 7-9 at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria.

The event will feature local youth performing musical numbers and speech pieces.

This is a free event with a free will donation to support Kindship Partners, a youth mentoring program in the Staples and Motley area.



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 1, 1945 edition of the Staples World, featured students and faculty at Staples High School. Seated, left to right: Marilyn Eddy, Lavina Amundson and Wesley Haugen. Standing, from left, Vernon Drake, Alice Hotchkiss, Senior High Student

Council Adviser (and high school principal); James Randgaard, Geraldine Haugen, Miss Bertha Sperley, Junior High Student Council Adviser.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Alice Hotchkiss and Lavina Amundson. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Wadena County Republicans meet

Precinct caucuses started the beginning of the official political process in our area recently, after so much news coverage of candidates vying for attention and votes in other states.

Wadena County Republicans elected delegates and alternates to their County and State House and Senate Endorsing Conventions, talked about issues and proposed resolutions. Since there were no hotly contested races for President or in the State House or Senate, turnout in Wadena County was more reflective of a non-Presidential year like 2018, rather than 2016, when the long list of Presidential hopefuls created correspondingly long lines of caucus attendees.

Next for Wadena County Republicans will be the

Endorsing Convention, followed by the County Convention. At the County Convention delegates will be elected to attend the Congressional District and State Conventions, general business will be handled, resolutions will be proposed and voted on. A County Convention Resolutions Committee is currently going through the process of reviewing resolutions, determining which ones have already been addressed in the Platform, and call for specific legislation and which do not fit into a document of general principles. The County Convention will start the process of winnowing down the resolutions that will ultimately make their way into the party platform, a process that will be repeated at the Congressional District and State Conventions.

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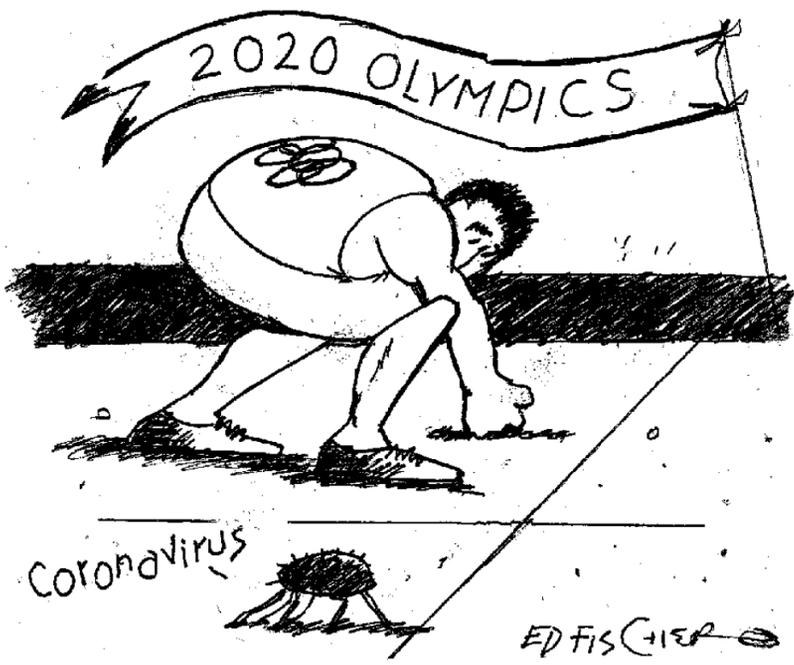
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Can Main Street save us all?

By Quint Studer

The last few decades have been a whirlwind. Globalization has redrawn boundaries we've long lived by and counted on. Technology has transformed everything about how we work, shop and even socialize. There's turmoil on the political front. At times it's easy to feel a little lost. But here's the good news: When things get scary, we tend to get focused on what matters most.

In times of rapid change, it's only human to seek a foothold. We look homeward. We forge deeper connections with our families, friends and neighbors. No wonder so many of us are looking to revitalize and reinvent our communities.

Thomas Friedman addresses this subject in Thank You for Being Late. He quotes from a ballad by Brandi Carlile, "You can dance in a hurricane, but only if you're standing in the eye." The "eye" in this context is the local community. They provide a firm place to stand and find stability while all this change is swirling around us.

I agree with Friedman. In the midst of uncertainty and chaos, strong, functioning communities make us feel grounded, safe and empowered. And it all begins with a vibrant downtown filled with thriving businesses; a lot of places to eat, drink and socialize; and plenty of fun things to do. Downtown is the living, breathing heart and soul of any healthy community.

In my work with cities, towns and communities on revitalization efforts across the U.S., I've seen it firsthand: Downtowns are making a huge comeback. I've walked up and down many Main Streets with many leaders and citizens. I've seen "ghost

town" areas slowly come back to life with the help of a vibrant downtown. And what I've come to believe is that Main Street is more than a collection of restaurants, shops, apartments and office buildings. Main Street is our salvation. When we can get this piece right, it can change lives for the better.

To build a stronger America, we need to invest in our communities. We need to empower entrepreneurs, build a strong local business presence and make sure leaders are well trained so they can succeed long-term. We need to improve our education systems. We need to improve civic IQs and get citizens engaged and excited. We need to change the conversation about what our communities can become. And—this is essential—we need to start by creating vibrant, walkable downtowns and thriving Main Streets. Here's why:

Investing in Main Street encourages entrepreneurship and creates more small businesses. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses create two out of every three net new jobs in the private sector. Plus, over half of all Americans own or work for a small business. Small business is the engine that powers communities.

When a business community is strong, its leaders can be galvanized to solve problems. These are the smart, influential people Jim Clifton, author of The Coming Jobs War, calls "tribal leaders." They have social capital and know how to get things done. Plus, they have a personal interest in the community's well-being.

It keeps young people at home and attracts talent. More and more young people are choosing small towns (for various rea-

sons). This creates a great talent pool, which makes smaller towns attractive for entrepreneurs and all types of business investors.

It reconnects us on a human level. In a dehumanized age when so many people feel isolated, this factor is really important. Walkable Main Streets and good downtown programming bring people together. Trading face-to-face keeps the human interaction. This is a critical factor in creating a strong sense of community.

People see they really do have the power to change things. Once you get a few quick wins, the conversation changes. Citizens see it's up to them (not government) to reinvent themselves. They suddenly get more optimistic and confident. They get more civic-minded and connected to one another. There's a growing sense that we're all in this together.

It makes us better people. Coming together as a community makes us more inclusive, more compassionate. Our neighbors' problems become our problems. We're more willing to give our time and resources to make the community better.

We need to invest in our Main Streets, downtowns and communities because it's where life happens. It's where we work, play, laugh, cry, love, meet new friends, learn, and create. It's home. And we have a human responsibility to make our home the best it can be—not just for ourselves and our families but also the friends and neighbors who live there too.

Quint Studer is author of Building a Vibrant Community: How Citizen-Powered Change Is Reshaping America

March 13 is 'Text Our Snowbirds Day' in Minnesota for census

The Minnesota State Demographic Center is celebrating Text Our Snowbirds Day on March 13. The public's participation is encouraged, to help raise awareness of census response guidelines for people who have multiple residences.

Minnesota is home to over 44,000 snowbirds – people who call this state home but live elsewhere for part of the year. For Minnesota to achieve a full and accurate count in the 2020 Decennial Census, a complete response from snowbirds is needed. Friends and relatives of snowbirds can help spread the word by taking part in Text Our Snowbirds Day on March 13. Participants will send text messages to snowbirds, encouraging them to respond to the census and to report their address as their usual residence, even if they are elsewhere when they respond.

"We want our snowbirds to remember that they should respond to the census as Minnesotans – even if they're out of state when the count begins," says Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota's State Demographer. "We created Text Our Snowbirds Day in March, right after the Census Bureau's first mailing goes out, to help capture their attention."

Census Bureau guidelines require that you identify your "usual residence" in your census response – that's the place you live most of the time. For example: if you primarily live in Minnesota but stay in Florida for three months in the winter, your "usual residence" is your home in Minnesota. Under these circumstances, you should use your Minnesota address when you answer the census, even if you are in Florida when responding.

"By accurately reporting your usual residence to the Census Bureau, you help ensure that your home state gets the funding it needs for hospitals, schools, and roads," says Brower. "Census responses will also impact the state's congressional representation. Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat in Congress, but a complete and accurate census count can help us maintain our current level of representation. Every Minnesotan snowbird counts!"

In early March, the Census Bureau will send mail to households across the country, inviting residents to respond to the census online or by phone. In mid-April, forms will be mailed to people who have not yet responded.

Starting March 12, snow-

birds can easily respond to the census online by visiting my2020census.gov, or over the phone by calling 844-330-2020.

Respondents will be asked for the Census ID printed on mail they received from the Census Bureau, or to provide their address if they do not have the ID. It is important to understand that the unique tracking code will be tied to the address to which it is mailed.

Snowbirds should use the Census ID from Census Bureau mail delivered to their usual residence, or enter their usual address if they do not have access to that ID. They should NOT use the Census ID from mail delivered to their winter home.

Snowbirds often receive census forms at both their usual and their seasonal addresses. Minnesota snowbirds who prefer to respond to the census in writing should complete the questionnaire delivered to their Minnesota residence instead of the one at their seasonal address.

If they use the form that was mailed to their temporary seasonal residence, they could be counted as a resident at that address – even if they write their Minnesota address on the form.

Kresha update on legislative session

From State Representative Ron Kresha about what he is working on for the Minnesota legislative session

Closing the achievement gap

I continue to support closing the achievement gap in Minnesota. A recent study conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that the state's achievement gap is among the worst in the entire nation and that disparities are evident across race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status. This affects kids in all counties

in Minnesota.

I led a press conference to call attention to this issue and to encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting a "quality education" for all children. I will continue to support quality education and parental rights to educate their children.

Bonding bill hearings

I presented three local bonding bills in the Capital Investment Committee. The bills I presented were to provide bonding funds for the Lake Shamineau High Water Project and storm sewer infrastructure improvements in

Royalton and Flensburg. I know how important these projects are to our communities.

Rural Finance Authority funding

We passed a bill authorizing funding for the Rural Finance Authority, which does important work supporting our local farmers as they face financial difficulties. The RFA's funding ran out recently, shortly after GOP representatives tried to suspend the rules to make sure there was no interruption in their ability to serve our farmers.

Coronavirus could hurt rural hospitals

By Heather Chapman
The Rural Blog

Rural hospitals are starting to feel the effects of the coronavirus, and it could get a lot worse. "They sit furthest from international airports and urban hubs where outbreaks are more likely, but they are at the tail end of supply

chains for vital medical goods such as protective masks and gowns," Christopher Rowland reports for The Washington Post. "In addition to preparing for victims and the demands of protecting health-care workers from infection, fragile hospital networks also are readying for disruptions to the bottom line. If the spreading coronavirus puts heavy demand on health systems, billable work that keeps revenue flowing on a weekly basis to hospitals small and large will be curtailed, executives said."

That could devastate rural hospitals, many of which are already operating on thin margins or in the red.

The American Hospital Association asked Congress to pass emergency funding, between \$4 billion and \$8.5 billion, to help hospitals deal with anticipated costs.

"In the event of widespread sickness, costs would soar for isolation rooms for infected patients, equipment, and training," Rowland reports. "Rural facilities, far from medical warehouses, are feeling the effects first as the health systems has begun rationing certain supplies. The likelihood of a coronavirus victim showing up in the emergency room remains low in these places but the possibility of economic ripple effects are real."

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Quote of the week

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
— Nelson Mandela

March 15-21, 2020
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'Hollywood Hillbillies' to be performed March 13 - 14



Staples-Motley Middle School will present 'Hollywood Hillbillies' Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Kevin Olsen and Mike Kincaid are co-directing the show, described as a "laugh-provoking mixture of spoofing and non-stop action."

Pictured above at a recent rehearsal are, from left: Walker Johnson (Cindy Lou), Ceci Moe (Gram Hawley), A.J. Nienow (Sheriff Tom Applegate), Kristofer Taylor (Larry Houston), Sophie Schlosser (Vera), Catherine Dodge (Isabelle Phelps).

Lower photo, from left: Laken Hines (Bubba), Isabelle Dobson (Charlotte), Isabel Birkholtz (Josephine Seabury), A.J. Nienow (Sheriff Tom Applegate).

Tickets for the show are available in advance at Ace Hardware and True Value Hardware, both in

Staples; First International Bank & Trust, Motley; online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us - web store; and they will be available at the door. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Cardinal Calendar Staples-Motley School events

March

- MS PLAY MATINEE March 12
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 13, 7 p.m.
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 14, 2 p.m.
- FFA CHAPTER BANQUET March 15
- HS CHOIR CONCERT March 16, 7 p.m.
- MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS March 19, 8 a.m., cafeteria
- MS BAND & CHOIR CONCERT March 19, 7 p.m.
- REGIONAL SPELLING BEE March 25 at Sourcewell
- MS ACTIVITY DAY March 27, 7 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Mark Your Calendar

March 11

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 15, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., March 11, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. Public invited to attend. The March meeting has been moved forward one week to accommodate the park board's annual fundraising event March 12.

March 12

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., March 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Fruetel, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

'A Musical Night at the Movies' presented by Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses

Music/dinner at Timbers Event Center March 21

The Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses are combining their talents to present 'A Musical Night at the Movies' on Saturday, March 21, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

Enjoy a delicious meal while listening to a number of favorite songs from the silver screen, including, "Soul Man" "Go the Distance" and "Dancing Queen."

The Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) is directed by Steve Hoemberg; and the Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) is directed by Nathan Thelen. Accom-

panists for the evening include Sandy Paskewitz and Kim Prestridge.

In addition to performances by each individual choir, expect to hear a few songs by the combined choirs, as well as some special pieces performed by smaller ensembles, including solos and duets.

This is the first time the two choirs have joined forces for this sort of event, said Judy Jenkins, member of the SAWC. "You don't want to miss this opportunity," she said, adding that the program is filled with "a lot of fun music."

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They can be purchased in Motley at Markus Hair Design; and in Staples at Nelson Insurance and the Staples World. They can also be purchased from choir members.

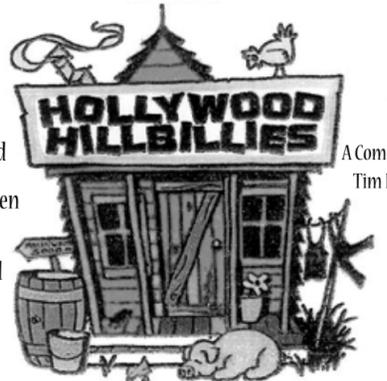
Timbers Event Center is located at 1220 2nd Ave. NE in Staples.

Educational Opportunities

March 30

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE (REFRESHER) sponsored by the MN Hwy Safety Center, Mon., March 30, 1 - 5 p.m.; and 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info. or to register, call 1-888-234-1294 or visit their website, www.mnsafetycenter.org.

Staples-Motley Middle School Presents



Directed by Kevin Olsen and Mike Kincaid

A Comedy by Tim Kelly

CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM
Staples, MN

•Friday, March 13...7 p.m.
•Saturday, March 14...2 p.m.

Adults: \$6 Students: \$3
(No Reserved Seating)

Tickets available online: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us Web Store
--ACE Hardware, Staples --True Value, Staples
--First International Bank & Trust, Motley and at the door.

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Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 14 & 15 at 1:15 pm

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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinees Sat. & Sun. March 14 & 15 at 1:25 pm

Screen "ONWARD"
Held Over 2nd Week!
Fri. thru Thurs. March 13 - 26
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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
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kindergarten ENROLLMENT NIGHT
Thursday, March 12th
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Left to right: Alexis Jensen, Alisa Olson, Jennifer Donohue, Sherrie Trantina and Andrea Wickstrom

Jennifer Donohue RN, Alexis Jensen-Close RN and Andrea Wickstrom RN, Home Health/Hospice
Nominated by Debbie Foster, Janet Leehy and Kendel Roline, "Jennifer, Alexis and Andrea, started in Home Health/Hospice during the end of summer and have been a blessing to the department. The three nurses immediately immersed themselves with home care and hospice knowledge. There is so much to learn in this profession because of the specific guidelines and regulations that are required for Home Health/Hospice. They eagerly took on extra visits relieving some of the pressure that our seasoned RN's had been experiencing for months. We appreciate Jennifer, Alexis and Andrea for being so flexible with their schedules and taking on extra patient visits. They jumped right in; it feels like we have an amazing team and future ahead of us. These nurses are valuable and bring joy to their patients; and they bring happiness to the team."

Sherrie Trantina RN, and Alisa Olson RN, Emergency Department
Nominated anonymously, "Sherrie and Alisa had a busy weekend working nights in the Emergency Department (ED). They had multiple codes while caring for other patients. Each of them specifically took time with a patient and family to prepare them for an unexpected outcome. Sherrie and Alisa continued to provide outstanding customer service by rounding and updating the other patients in a busy ED. They also took the time and recognized the staff that helped them during the busy weekend (radiology, ED tech and day shift ED staff). Their amazing work and care aligns so strongly with Lakewood values. The brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others."

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Obituaries

Paul W. Peterson

Paul Weston Peterson, 81, of Motley died unexpectedly February 29, 2020 as the result of a snowmobile accident.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2020 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Rev. Carl Larson officiating.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

A bonfire celebrating Paul's life was held at his parent's home March 6. Students brought their instruments as a tribute to Paul.

Paul was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2001, in Bethesda, Maryland to Ty and Kelly (Reis) Peterson. At the age of three, he began making "music" on his dad's trumpet and by age four had his own computer and started gaming. At the age of 15, Paul started trap shooting, riding snowmobile on the family farm, enjoying riding alongside his parents. He was a senior at Staples-Motley High School and was taking classes at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Paul was a

great mentor to younger students; was eager, determined, artistic and exuded excellence. He had been accepted to the University of Minnesota, where he planned to follow his dad, playing his trumpet in the U of MN Marching Band - "Go Gophers!" He was very patriotic and extremely proud of his father's service to our country in the United States Air Force. Paul learned how to play Taps on the trumpet and was honored with the privilege of playing for the high school Veterans Day celebration; he had a pure, beautiful sound when he played. Paul was proud to be a Cardinal, earning varsity letters in Band, Trap and Academics. Paul was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and walked deeply in his faith at a very young age. Above all else, Paul was happy, loving, caring, thoughtful, selfless, kind, funny ("... Argh! it's driving me nuts"), brilliant, compassionate and gentle. He was his parent's greatest accomplishment and will be deeply missed by all



who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Ty and Kelly (Ries) Peterson of Motley; grandparents, Dale and Emilie Peterson and Bob and Dotsy Ries, all of Bemidji; aunts and uncles, Tracy Hollister of Burnsville, Jody (Shawn) Miller of Hancock, Jenny Ries of Baltimore, MD; five cousins, Luke (Alicia) Hollister, Andrew Hollister, Riley Miller, Quinn Miller, Kyan Ries; as well as many extended family members, and THOUSANDS of friends.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Brainerd.

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Darlene Marte

Darlene "Punk" Marte, 81, of Jordan, passed away February 28, 2020, at Fairview Southdale Hospital, Edina surrounded by her loving family. During a peaceful prayer service in her hospital room Darlene moved on to her heavenly home.

A Celebration of Life service was held March 6, at Hope Lutheran Church in Jordan with Pastor Steve Thompson and Intern Pastor Hans Peterson presiding.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples on March 10.

Darlene Janice Farber was born October 22, 1938 in Staples, to Lloyd and Ida (Fornshell) Farber, the second of five children. She loved growing up on the family farm with her siblings, Spud, Mickey, Delores and Sharon. At a young age Darlene earned the nickname "Punk" because she was as cute and plump as a pumpkin.

Darlene married Gene Marte. Their marriage was blessed with six wonderful children (Peggy, Bobby,

Craig, Steven, Kevin and Mark). They settled in Jordan to raise their family. Darlene loved snowmobiling with her kids. They spent a lot of time enjoying Spring Lake and Fish Lake on their family pontoon. Years later Darlene and Gene went their separate ways. Darlene met her long-time companion, Dick Spencer and they spent many happy years together.

Darlene worked hard to provide a good life for her family. She was a factory worker at Anchor Glass for many years. She also ran the Elf Factory Ceramics from the upper level of her garage. She had the largest selection of hand-crafted ceramics in the area. Later, she started Elf Factory Day Care and was the ultimate caregiver providing excellent care for many children during the 20+ years of her day care business.

When not working Darlene spent time with her family and enjoyed being active in her faith community. She was a long-time member of Women of Hope and the Who's Coming to Dinner group. She organized countless bake sales and fundraisers for Hope. She frequently filled the employee break-rooms at US Transformers and By the Yard with her delicious homemade breads and cookies.

Darlene's life was filled with happiness, but there was also much sorrow. Darlene's strong faith helped her through the death of three sons (Bobby, Kevin and Steven) and her long-time companion Dick. She also took comfort in the love and support that came from her family, friends and her beloved cat, Troubles.



Darlene reconnected with a former coworker, Milton and there was an instant connection between them. They enjoyed their time together and she experienced great love in her last year of life. Darlene was a strong-willed woman, with a kind and loving heart. She will be remembered for her loving and compassionate nature.

She is survived by three children, Peggy Marte, Craig (Darlene) Marte, Mark (Cheryl) Marte; 10 grandchildren, Ben (Colleen), Ernest (Amber), Brett, Chris, Tony, Nikki, Sierra (Justin), April (Dallas), Whitney, Savannah (Derek); several great-grandchildren; two brothers, Art "Spud" (Carol) Farber, Mickey (Donna) Farber and soul-mate, Milton.

Darlene was greeted in heaven by her three sons, Bobby, Kevin and Steven Marte; long-time companion, Dick Spencer; daughter-in-law, Kristine Marte; two sisters, Delores (Gary) Wing and Sharon (Rollie) Smith.

Arrangements were by Ballard-Sunder Funeral & Cremation, Jordan.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA..... 6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program)..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples..... 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstconourstaples@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
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer..... 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club..... 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group..... 6:00 p.m.

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..... 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466..... 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2020
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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.

In time for Easter

Easter is an important time for Christians and it is typically one of the most well-attended Sunday services of the year for Christian churches. This year Palm Sunday is Sunday, April 5 and Easter is Sunday, April 12.

Here are a few examples of church sign sayings for Easter...

- Silly Rabbit, Easter is for Jesus"
- Flowers optional, No visitation, Tomb is empty!
- Can We Give Up Snow For Lent?
- He didn't stay in the manger, on the cross, or in the tomb: He is risen!
- Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. On the 3rd day he arose and ascended into heaven.
- PUT YOUR FAITH IN GOD'S HANDS
- Ten Tiny Fingers, Ten Tiny Toes, On Christmas He Came On Easter He Rose!
- Raise Palms in Praise: Always!
- He's Up, He's Out, He's Still About

- Free "Cross" Training Inside
- Easter, Because You Can't Keep a God's Man Down
- The Empty Tomb Can Fill an Empty Heart
- Friday's Victim Became Sunday's Victor
- Because He Is Risen, So Can We
- I'VE GOT YOUR BACK. DO YOU WANT MINE?
- WE SERVE A RISEN SAVIOUR
- EASTER: It's not about the bunny, it's all about the "Lamb"
- MANY OF US CHOOSE TO FAST FOR LENT, TOO MANY HAVE NO CHOICE
- Happy resurrection
- Only JESUS could build a bridge to heaven with just two boards
- The best way to a full life is an empty tomb. Matthew 28:6
- Because the tomb is empty, the church should be full.

-sayingsforchurchsigns.com

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN
218-894-3794

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value
"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Whitney and Zach Zeise of Wadena, a baby boy, Tuck Lester weighing nine pounds, 10 ounces on February 28, 2020.

Born to Ashley Dawson and Brady Beach of Brainerd, a baby girl, Camari Asteria Tamriel weighing six pounds, 9.7 ounces on February 28, 2020.

Born to Marsha and Mike Kaufman of Wadena, a baby girl, Skylar Kathryn weighing six pounds, nine ounces on March 1, 2020.

Born to Jenna and Ryan Bettin of Wadena, a baby girl, Ryleigh Lynn weighing seven pounds, three ounces on March 2, 2020.

Born to Jodana Albers and Tyler Heinzen of Wadena, a baby boy, Jack James Albers weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on March 2, 2020.

Born to Maddie Enberg and Austin Link of Verndale, a baby boy, Karsen Orin weighing 10 pounds, eight ounces on March 4, 2020.

Born to Brittany and Jagger Murdock of Staples, a baby girl, Wynter LeeAnn weighing nine pounds, six ounces on March 5, 2020.

Born to Murrion Even and Cody Velarde of Staples, a baby girl, EvaRose Jean weighing seven pounds, four ounces on March 5, 2020.

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South,
Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of the February 2020 BOA minutes
- Board introduction and process review
 - o The applicant is introduced
 - o Staff report
 - o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
 - o Public Comment
 - o Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- 1. **Mark and Philicity Messman:** Lots 17 and 18 of Midgley's Second Subdivision of Section 2 Township 127 Range 32 in Grey

Eagle Township.
Site Address: 33701 Cozy Cove Dr. PID: 11-0069400 & 11-0069300
1. Request to replace the existing home and place it 70 feet from the OHWL instead of the required 100 feet in Shoreland-RD zoning.
2. **William Dinkel and Nancy Haas:** Parts of Lots 7 and 8 of Nelson's Subdivision of Section 35 Township 129 Range 35 in Leslie Township
Site Address: 21629 Finch Road. PID: 15-0054900
1. Request to reduce the setback to Lake Osakis from 75 feet to 53 feet in

Shoreland-GD zoning.
2. Request to exceed impervious surface requirement of roofed structures in Shoreland-GD zoning to 18.88 percent (%).
3. Request to exceed building height restriction of 18' in Shoreland-GD zoning to 24'.
3. **Michael and Kathryn Vernon:** Lot 3 of Maple Shelter, Section 18 Township 128 Range 34 in Little Sauk Township
Site Address: 17382 Echo Dr. PID: 17-0018800
1. Request to reduce the 100' setback to 64' in Shoreland-RD zoning for a 36' x

36' dwelling.
2. Request to increase maximum building height in Shoreland-RD zoning from 18' to 21'
Adjournment.
Next meeting: **April 23, 2020**
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.
Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
11pnc

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Public notices are a community's window into the government. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know. You know where to look, when to look and what to look for to be involved as a citizen. Local newspapers provide you with the information you need to get involved.

Notices are meant to be noticed. Read your public notices and get involved!

See **PUBLIC** notices on page 8a

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota.)

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 10th, 2020 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due
01-000700 Phillip L. Arent 50498 Thorn Apple Rd Aldrich MN 56434	Sec 1 TWP 133 Rang 34 S2 SW4 80.00 Acres	\$ 2,609.80
01-0007900 Timothy C. Jauner 17206 490 th St Verde MN 56481	Sec 8 TWP 133 Rang 34 S2 SW4 80.00 Acres	\$ 2,216.96
Charles M Jauner 50667 County 77 Verde MN 56481		
01-0011002 Sean Ehligger 49206 County Road 11 Aldrich MN 56434	THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 133 NORTH, RANGE 34 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MIN 11 SEC WEST, ASSUMED BEARING ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 208.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MIN 11 SEC WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 716.65 FEET TO POINT 1750.00 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MIN 49 SEC EAST 840.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MIN 11 SEC EAST 734.75 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE BEING PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 SW 1/4) OF SECTION 11 AND PASSING THROUGH THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MIN 10 SEC WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 SW 1/4), 840.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.	\$ 613.95
07-0009500 Lucky D W. Moore 500 Warner Rd NE Apt 106 Staples MN 56479	ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NE 1/4), SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 131 NORTH, RANGE 34 WEST OF THE 5 TH PM, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 34, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NE 1/4) A DISTANCE OF 68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE 466.69 FEET SOUTH, THENCE 466.69 FEET EAST, THENCE 466.69 FEET NORTH, THENCE 466.69 FEET WEST BACK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.	\$ 48.82
08-0052700 Darrin & Jane Rode 1101 5 th Street N Cannon Falls MN 55009	LOT-2 BLK-8 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	\$ 139.23
Nicole M Philippi 2310 40 th Ave S St. Cloud MN 56301		
Linda Latz 11020 Girard Curve Bloomington MN 55431		
Robert E Latz & Mary Jo Latz Address unknown		
Phyllis J Aalbers 4226 Cheyenne St Cheyenne, WY 82001-1923		
Sylvan Shores 40302 Paradise Dr Browerville MN 56438		
08-0085400 Jack A Schirmer 865 Page Pl Newport News VA 23608	LOT-7 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 138.54
08-0086900 Sandra L. Garrity 110 Goldfinch Lane Clearwater MN 55320	LOT-22 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 138.54
08-0087300 Aaron Corrick 18080 235 th Ave NW Big Lake MN 55309	LOT-25 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 138.54
08-0087300 Aaron Corrick 18080 235 th Ave NW Big Lake MN 55309	LOT-26 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 138.54
08-0088300 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwaukie OR 97267	LOT-36 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 126.33
08-0088300 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwaukie OR 97267	LOT-41 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 112.55
08-0101000 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwaukie OR 97267	LOT-46 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 128.30
08-0119500 William & Frances Pribbenow 6749 160 th St Watkins MN 55389	LOT-39 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	\$ 135.08
08-0133000 Stacy Ann Eickel 15458 CO RD 82 Eagle Bend MN 56446	LOT-18 BLK-4 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 135.08
08-0141700 Chad Schwartz 3006 Thomas Ave North Minneapolis MN 55411	LOT-36 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 135.08
08-0143900 Nicole M Philippi 2310 40 th Ave S St. Cloud MN 56301	LOT-38 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	\$ 116.55
Pavel Matveyev 14501 Se L Marie Ave Milwaukie OR 97267		
Carl LaRue 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge OH 43725		
Sylvan Shores 40302 Paradise Dr Browerville MN 56438		
08-0167100 Stephanie L Olson 2208 26-1/2 Ave S Fargo ND 58103	LOT-2 BLK-11 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	\$ 132.63
09-0011202 John M & Joann M Miller 19 3 rd Ave N Waite Park MN 56387	SECT-15 TWP-132 RANG-34 BEG AT SE COR OF SW4 SW4, W 45 FT, N 819.47 FT, E 50 FT TO E LINE, S TO BEG	\$ 132.64
12-0031600 Robert A Dwoeg, David D Dwoeg & Daniel L Dwoeg 25965 290 th St Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-27 TWP-130 RANG-33 N2 NW4 EX S2 S2 N2 NW4	\$ 3,905.83
18-0001802 Ebon Suarez Ramos & Rocio Ruiz Gonzalez 630 2 nd Ave NE Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-05 TWP-129 RANG-33 SE4 NW4 LYING ETERLY OF CENTERLINE OF HWY 871 EX HWY R.O.W.	\$ 1,678.44
18-0013700 Bradley J & Denise M Schmidt 25375 250 th ST Long Prairie MN 56347	THE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 129 N, RANGE 33 W OF THE 5 TH PM, EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT 50 FEET EAST OF NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SECTION 15, TWP 129 N, RANGE 33, THENCE EAST 400 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 272.25 FEET; THENCE WEST 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH 272.25 FEET TO POINT OF BEG	\$ 7,202.00
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation 8200 Jones Branch Drive McLean VA 22102		
19-0081700 Donald J & Norma J Mickelson 233 11 th Ave N South St. Paul MN 55075	LOT-2 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	\$ 109.23
19-0107700 Glenn & Mae A Rollins 15698 County Road 49 Cold Spring MN 56320	LOT-1 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 120.89
19-0115000 Christopher & Leah Gance 1829 Eastern Star Loop Saak Rapids MN 56379	LOT-39 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	\$ 133.26
19-0133300 Bryan W & Janet Steppe 3460 N Key Dr #109E North Fort Myers FL 33903	LOT-40 BLK-3 TIMBER RIDGE	\$ 112.15

21-0007702 Vernal & Pauline Goertz	SECT-06 TWP-128 RANG-33 ALL THAT PORTION OF BURLINGTON NORTHERN RR CO 100 FT ROW OVER AND ACROSS SW4 S14 EXC THE N 260 FT	\$ 374.16
21-0008500 Highway 27 Auto Salvage LLC 19622 US 71 S Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-07 TWP-128 RANG-33 N 335 FT OF SW4 NE4 E OF RY EX HWY 71	\$ 146.27
21-0008601 Highway 27 Auto Salvage LLC 19622 US 71 S Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-07 TWP-128 RANG-33 FT SW4 NE4 DESCR AS; E 507.15 FT EXC N 335.00 FT & EXC S 225.00 FT, & N 25.00 FT OF E 450.00 FT OF S 225.00 FT	\$ 36.56
22-0026700 Dwain L. Winkler JR & Cheryl R. Carlson 23735 464 th ST Staples MN 56479	SECT-29 TWP-133 RANG-33 NE4 SE4 & THAT PT OF THE NW4 SE4 DESC AS; BEG AT POINT 35 RODS (377.5 FT) E OF NW CORN OF NW4 SE4, E 43 RODS (425.5 FT) TO NW CORN OF NW4 SE4, S TO THE SE CORN OF NW4 SE4, W 20 RODS (330 FT), NW'RLY TO THE POINT OF BEG	\$ 2,910.09
Wayne H Hansen		
25-0008600 Keith Barry C/O Korina Barry 610 E 47 th Street Minneapolis MN 55411	PLAN OF PHILBROOK 33 & 34-133-32 OUTLOT 3 EX COMM AT NW COR OF BLK 1 OF PHILBROOK & 60 FT NE DISTANT THEREFROM, THENCE NE-RLY & ON AN EXTENSION LINE WITH THE W SIDE OF LONG STREET TO THE HIGH BANK OF FISSE TRAP CREEK, THENCE WNSTREAM TO THE S LINE OF OUTLOT 2, W ALONG S LINE TO SW COR OF OUTLOT 2, SE-RLY ALONG E-RLY LINE OF 6TH STREET TO PLACE TO BEG	\$ 1,304.14
25-0009200 Keith Barry C/O Korina Barry 610 E 47 th Street Minneapolis MN 55411	PLAN OF PHILBROOK LOTS 1,2,3,6,7 & 8 BLK 3	\$ 4,299.31
28-0019300 Gary Hommerding 35938 143 rd Ave Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT 23 TWP 131 RANG 35 BEG AT NW COR NW4 NW4, S 398.19 FT, E 615.90 FT, N 376.84 FT, W 617.36 TO PT OF BEG	\$ 4,522.28
29-0003201 Marlwinson Real Estate & Investments 2340 119 th Circle NE Blaine MN 55434	SECT-11 TWP-132 RANG-35 COMM AT NW COR OF NW4 SW4 S 596.92 FT TO PT OF BEG THENCE S 466.18 FT E 277.22 FT N 144.39 FT W 3.24 FT N 324.43 FT W 282.95 FT TO BEG	\$ 30,571.02
29-0025100 Leo Hansman 303 1 st Street SE Bertha MN 56337	STRASBURG'S ADDITION LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2 EX W 80 FT	\$ 2,957.61
31-0006700 Tammy Aguilas 17848 County 10 Long Prairie MN 56347	LOT-5 BLK-3 TOWNSITE OF HANSEN (BURTRUM)	\$ 3,545.38
32-0019700 Dean A & Laurie MN Wysocki 503 4 th St N Clarissa MN 56440	NUTTINGS ADDITION TO CLARISSA S2 OF 6 & ALL LOT 7 BLK 7	\$ 3,227.86
33-0002000 Lawrence B Hansen Po Box 427 435 Clark St W Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-11 TWP-131 RANG-35 BEG 44 RD N & 205 FT W OF SE COR OF SEC 11 THENCE N 147 FT W 105 FT S 147 FT E 105 FT TO BEG	\$ 11,404.15
33-0004100 Keith Gabler 16207 County 84 Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-13 TWP-131 RANG-35 E 7.66 CH OF NW4 NE4 N OF RY EX N 4.25 CH	\$ 948.00
33-0003200 Melvin W Finsrud 1613 County Road 22 NW Alexandria MN 56308-4960	SARFF'S CENTRAL ADDITION S 84 FT OF LOT 1 BLK 2	\$ 2,619.47
33-0008600 Keith Gabler 16207 County 84 Eagle Bend MN 56446	LOT-1 BLK-1 EAGLE BEND RAILROAD ADD	\$ 4,245.69
34-0001900 David J & Mary Tschida 35592 County Road 185 Saak Centre MN 56378	LOT-1 AUD SUBD SE4 NE4 & GOVT LOT 4 W 64 FT OF E 297 FT OF S 50 FT	\$ 7,613.39
34-0009300 David J & Mary Tschida 35592 County Road 185 Saak Centre MN 56378	LOT-9 BLK-1 TOWNSITE OF GREY EAGLE	\$ 2,328.35
34-0022000 Jerome K & Karen J Buxtor Po Box 122 Grey Eagle MN 56336	LOT-9 BLK-1 MCNAMARA'S ADDITION...	\$ 5,383.89
35-0010400 Floyd Snelling 318 Main Street North Hewitt MN 56453	TOWNSITE OF HEWITT W 72 FT OF LOTS 13 TO 17 BLK 3	\$ 3,999.24
35-0011700 Kevin B & Curtis C Haviland 13899 Mobile Home Dr Wadena MN 56482	TOWNSITE OF HEWITT E2 OF S 20 FT OF 10 & E2 OF 11 & 12 BLK 4	\$ 3,004.16
36-0032300 Gerald & Cheryl Braustad 20459 County 101 Long Prairie MN 56347	LOT-10 BLK-2 TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION	\$ 9,270.34
36-0033300 Bjorn Food Stores Inc Po Box 296 Motley MN 56446	TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION S 115 FT OF LOTS 9 & 10 BLK 3	\$ 4,899.11
38-0018600 Ronald D Lade	Staples Mill N2 of Lot 4 Blk 16	\$ 3,356.35
38-0043100 Michelle & Stewart Wockley 107 5 th St NE Staples MN 56479	LOT-11 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	\$ 1,942.14
38-0069000 Darwin K Anderson 805 2ND AVE NE Staples MN 56479	LOT-11 BLK-10 SEARLES FIRST ADDITION TO STAPLES	\$ 4,021.37
38-0062000 David L & Sus A Lanhart c/o Charity Crumo 811 US 10 E Staples MN 56479	LOT-10 BLK 11 SEARLES FIRST ADDITION TO STAPLES	\$ 9,155.28
38-0111626 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 7 TO 9 BLK 2	\$ 619.39
38-0111632 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 1 TO 10 BLK 6	\$ 3,156.69
38-0111633 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 1 TO 6 BLK 7	\$ 4,324.94
38-0111634 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 7 TO 12 BLK 7	\$ 1,761.33
38-0111635 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 9 TO 12 BLK 8	\$ 2,535.47

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or July 10th, 2020 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31st, 2020. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid *on or after* April 1, 2020.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of March, 2020.

Denise Gaida

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by **Becky Jager**

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 21, 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 21st day of January, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

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

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2020 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - STAPLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Staples Sportsmen's Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Staples Sportsmen's Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township in Eagle Lake in Burnhamville Township effective February 22, 2020.

To approve a One-Day On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Swanville/Sobieski Lions on the Long Lake in Burnhamville Township effective February 22, 2020.

To approve the hire of Lisa Parteka as MIS Supervisor.

To approve Chasity Armstrong to fill the open Social Worker position.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400505 through 400524 in the amount of \$5,5557.37 and (Regular) 52861 through 52950 in the amount of \$135,867.93 for a total of \$141,425.30.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800344 through 800412 and (Regular) 706247 through 706323 for a total amount of \$136,046.82.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600105 through 600118 and (Regular) 515602 through 515651 for a total amount of \$132,780.72.

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

2020 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2020 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TODD WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND FOR THE 2020 ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, The 2020 Budget for Todd County's support to Todd Wadena Community Corrections has been approved at \$508,386; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd Wadena Community Corrections requesting for the allocation of funds from the General Fund to be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$508,386 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 75-Todd Wadena Community Corrections.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2019 County Motor Pool Budget Carryover per the attached Budget Request Form details in the amount of \$55,000.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of (2) 2020 Chevrolet Colorado P/U from Nyhus Chevrolet for a total of \$57,046.81 per the attached proposed purchase agreements.

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

AUTHORIZING THE TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER TO SUBMIT THE 2019 VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase upgrades to the existing voting equipment technologies; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer and County Board of Commissioners are striving to maintain the 2006 vision of precinct uniformity and provide a three (3)-year phase-in process for the new voting equipment technology to remain budget conscious with the adoption of the 2018 Local Election Equipment Plan and Revision in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer expects to call on its Cities and Townships to provide a letter of intent to participate and intent to match funds in order to receive any monies from this grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the County Board realizes that our voting equipment technology is aging and grant opportunities to assist in replacement/upgrade equipment purchases are improbable in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer to submit the 2019 Voting Equipment Grant Application as attached for and on behalf of Todd County and its Municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer will be responsible to maintain financial records of expenditures for audit requirements and facilitate the voting equipment technology purchases as funds are provided or the Local Election Equipment Plan timeline depicts.

Solid Waste
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Waste Designation Ordinance Letter for delivery to the MPC.

On motion by Kneisl

and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign G&T Sanitation's waste delivery agreement.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the rezoning of parcel 15-0041900 east of 141st Avenue from AF1 to Shoreland Zoning.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the D. Michael Preliminary Plat with attached conditions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Commissioner Erickson abstaining: To approve the Erickson Subdivision Preliminary Plat with attached conditions.

Soil & Water

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of the Trimble R10/R12 with reimbursement to the County from the SWCD.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the follow resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act of 1991 (WCA) requires local government units (LGUs) to implement the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) pertaining to wetland draining, filling and excavation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules chapter 8420 have been adopted by BWSR in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 14, for the purpose of implementing WCA; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 8420.0200, Subpart 1, Item E allows a county, city, or town to delegate implementation of Chapter 8420 and the act to another governmental entity by the passage of resolutions by both parties; and

WHEREAS, both parties must provide notice to BWSR, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District of the delegation, including a copy of the resolution and a description of the applicable geographic area, within 15 business days of adoption of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staples has passed Resolution #1793 delegating the implementation of Minnesota Rules Chapter 8420 to Todd County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Todd County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of the City of Staples as of January 14, 2020 in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

Health & Human Services

The County Board received an update from Brian Gapinski and Darla Hoemberg regarding Todd County HHS contract with Rural MN CEP to provide MFIP and DWP Employment Services.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress including the opening of the absentee period on January 17, 2020 for the upcoming Presidential Nomination Primary election.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended.

Adjourn

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ALL STATE COMMS	\$3,602.36
ASSOC OF MN CNTYS	12,788.00
ASSOC OF MN CNTYS	2,072.00
BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.	2,986.44
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	18,237.77
DAKOTA WHOLESALE TIRE	2,628.00
KNOWBE4 INC.	3,130.78
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC	10,790.00
MCCC, M133	16,812.73
METRO SALES INC	6,318.25
MN STATE SHERIFFS ASSOC.	6,444.27
NORTHERN STAR COOP.	3,040.48
RINGDAHL ARCHITECTS INC.	9,750.00
RJ CONTRACTING & REMODELING LLC	2,976.15
STAPLES WORLD	2,253.71
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	2,958.50
TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT	2,457.71
93 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	32,178.15
Total	\$141,425.30

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#15998	\$2,295.74
DHS - ALEXANDRIA CBHH 491	7,620.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROG	5,895.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	9,660.00
HOLISTIC FAMILY ED. SERVICES	5,611.93
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL	2,811.39
MID MN DRUG TEST. INC.	2,028.00
NEW HORIZON ACADEMY 75	3,348.00
NEXUS INC-MILLE LACS ACADEMY	12,259.73
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.	23,825.46
PETRANGLO MS ED/D/ GEORGE	2,211.25
#13887	2,164.42
STEP	6,659.88
#16014	2,488.68
VILLAGE RANCH INC	7,184.25
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	36,716.99
Total	\$132,780.72

Vendor Name \$ Amount

ASSOC. OF MN CTYS	2,391.00
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES	3,500.00
DHS - SWIFT V#15418 - COST EFF	16,018.90
HEALTH INS.	3,601.50
V#15872 - COST EFF	2,907.00
HEALTH INS.	2,907.00
V#16114 - COST EFF	2,527.57
RURAL MN CEP INC	3,574.83
V#15315 - COST EFF	2,899.15
HEALTH INS.	39,561.24
SOURCEWELL 137 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	59,065.63
Total	\$136,046.82

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 21, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 4, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY 2020 BITUMINOUS PROJECTS Closing date: March 31, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 31, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-601-022
SAP 077-603-009
SAP 077-611-033
SAP 077-614-018
SAP 077-632-006
SAP 077-593-001
SAP 077-598-028
CP 77-20-01

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

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-19-1044

Estate of Frank Victor Jares, Sr. 419 3rd St. SE Staples, MN 56479 Decedent.

ORDER OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (INTESTATE)

The Application for the Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, signed by Cheryl Irene Hahn, came before the Judge on November 19, 2019. The Judge, having considered the Application, determines the following:

1. The Application is complete.

2. The Applicant has declared or affirmed that the representation contained in the Application are true and complete to the best of Applicant's knowledge and belief.

3. The Applicant appears from the Application to be an interested person as defined by Minnesota law.

4. On the basis of the statements in the Application, venue in this County is proper.

5. The Application indicates that the Applicant has conducted a reasonably diligent search, and is unaware of any unrevoked testamentary instrument. The requested appointment does not relate to any will.

6. Any notice required by Minnesota law has been given.

7. Decedent died on August 24, 2019 and at least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years (except as permitted in Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-108) have elapsed since the Decedent's death.

8. From the statements in the Application, the person appointed below has priority and is entitled to be appointed personal representative, and is not disqualified to serve as personal representative.

9. The Application indicates that there is no personal representative appointed in this or another county of Minnesota whose appointment has not been terminated.

10. Decedent's heirs are as identified in the Application.

11. All persons identified as heirs under Minnesota law have survived the Decedent by at least 120 hours.

12. Decedent left no surviving spouse.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Application is granted.

2. Cheryl Irene Hahn is informally appointed as the personal representative of the Decedent's Estate, with \$0.00 bond.

3. Upon filing any required bond and statement of acceptance and oath, letters of general administration will be issued.

Dated: November 15, 2019

District Court Judge
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-20-195

ESTATE OF Betty Mae Hansen, formerly known as Betty Mae Gilbert, and Betty M. Gilbert, also known as Betty M. Hansen and Betty Hansen, Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT

OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated July 11, 1980 pursuant to Min. Stat. § 524.2-513. The Registrar accepted the Application and appointed Nancy J. Sunder, whose address is 9139 Colfax Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420, to serve as the Personal Representative of the Decedent's Estate.

Any heir or other interested persons may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Any objection to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the Personal Representative has the full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: March 2, 2020

Antoinette Wetzel
District Court Judge

Rhonda Bot,
Deputy Court Administrator

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Daniel J. Steinhagen, ID #178469 STEINHAGEN & CRIST, P.L.L.P. 5001 Chowen Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55410 (612) 922-2260 Fax: (612) 922-2996 dsteinhagen@steinhagen-crist.com

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Closing date: April 7, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor-Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

S.P. 077-070-012
6-Inch Ground-In Wet Reflective Multi-Component Edge Lines
Various County Roadways (38.276 miles)

S.P. 077-070-013
6-Inch Solid Latex Edge Line Pavement Markings
Various County Roadways (177.00 miles)

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

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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Place your Classified Ad for only \$9⁸⁵/wk. Your ad will appear Wednesday in the **Staples World** and online at www.staplesworld.com and Saturday in the **SQUARE SHOOTER**

Both publications and Internet for One Price!

Payment must accompany the order. Use form below or click on www.staplesworld.com

Deadline: Friday at Noon

Classifications		
NOTICES	FOR SALE	WANTED TO BUY
100 Events/Announcements	300 Antiques/Collectibles	501 Miscellaneous
101 Card of Thanks	301 Good Things to Eat	502 Livestock
102 In Memory	302 Lawn/Garden	REAL ESTATE
103 Lost & Found	303 Hay/Straw/Feed/Seed	601 Wanted to Rent
104 Give Away	304 Livestock	602 Apartments for Rent
106 Personals	305 Pets	603 Houses for Rent
107 Notices	306 Sporting Goods	604 Commercial for Rent
SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT	307 Household	605 Mobile Homes for Rent
201 Business Opportunities	308 Musical	606 Land for Rent
202 Childcare Providers	309 Miscellaneous	607 Houses for Sale
203 Childcare Wanted	310 Health/Beauty	608 Farms for Sale
205 Help Wanted	311 Firewood	609 Mobile Homes for Sale
206 Positions Wanted	312 Christmas Trees	610 Land for Sale
207 Equipment for Rent	313 Computers/Office Equip.	611 Business Property for Sale
208 Storage	314 Farm Services	612 Real Estate Wanted
209 Business Services	315 Camper Trailer	
210 Animal Care/Supplies	VEHICLES	GARAGE SALES
211 Work Wanted	401 Automobiles	701 Garage Sales
	402 Trucks/Vans	702 Flea Market/Crafts
	403 Recreational	
	404 Farm Equipment	
	405 Heavy Equipment	
	406 Parts/Repair	

NOTICES
104
Lost/Found
FOUND: March 5. Key fob, 5th St. NE, Staples on Mar. 4. Claim by identifying @ the Staples World. 11x

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT
205
Help Wanted

DOUGLAS CORPORATION: Taking applications/resumes for experienced Tool Makers/Programmers/Machinists. Competitive wages, based on experience. Benefits: medical, dental ins., 401K profit sharing. Contact: Mark Forsberg, 218-894-3142. 9-12c

HIRING: Part-time HOUSEKEEPING position. Apply in person at Americas Best Value Inn, Staples. 11c

TODD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Todd County is looking for reliable, service oriented individuals to serve the citizens of Todd County in a full-time capacity for the following position: ****Social Worker (Child Protection)**** To learn more about this opening and how to apply visit the official Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us. Questions can be directed to Todd County Administration, 320-732-6155. 11c

FOR SALE
309
Miscellaneous
PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE IN COLOR: Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing and Wadena counties, \$40 plus \$2.95 tax. Staples World Office. tfx

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

JUNK CARS & TRUCKS. 218-639-5509. 10-11c

REAL ESTATE
602
Apartments for Rent
STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

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

Eastwood Inn - MOTLEY/WADENA: Monthly rooms available. Inquire at: 218-352-6386. 11& 13c

BARTENDER: Friendly Inn. Will train. 218-75-3295 or 218-352-6451. 11-12c

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

209
Business Services
RICHS PAINTING LLC: Interior, Exterior, Decks. Wood work, power washer. 218-414-0396. Free estimates. Lic. #IR748424. 5-17p

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

211
Work Wanted
Too "busy" to clean your house? Not just your favorite thing on your "TO DO" list? I can do it - References, satisfaction guaranteed, 15 mi. radius of Staples area. 218-639-9169 or email applady@wtca.net 11-13p

Full-time Employment
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections seeks one full-time Administrative Assistant for our Long Prairie office. Travel between both counties may be required. Current responsibilities include, but are not limited to, serving as general agency office manager, serving as computer and systems administrator for our database systems, maintaining all bookkeeping/accounting functions for agency, supervising and evaluating support staff, coordinating support staff coverage and work assignments, coordinating employee payroll and insurance benefits, maintaining employment and financial records, assisting Director with budget preparation and administration, providing administrative support and assistance to Supervisor and Director as needed, and performing other related duties as required and assigned. Successful applicant must be highly organized and efficient and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Minimum qualifications include: an Associate degree or vocational/technical diploma in business/office administration, accounting/finance or related fields. Two years of increasingly responsible experience in office functions, computer operations, financial management, records management, data base management, or related fields; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this position. Must have experience using a personal computer and programs such as Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat. Must have valid MN driver's license and auto insurance and reliable transportation. Must pass agency background check requirements prior to employment. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Salary range is \$22.68 - \$34.23 per hour.

Contact Kathy Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165, kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet. Submit cover letter, resume and completed application to Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Position will remain open until filled.
First round of application reviews scheduled for March 24, 2020. cl11-12c

Central Todd County Care Center
Certified Nursing Assistants

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

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

Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

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

Staples World
DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

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

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

BRUTGER EQUITIES, INC.
Income guidelines apply.

Pullman Townhomes
3 bedroom
\$1,100 per month
2 bedroom
\$950 per month
Rent includes: Double attached garage, heat, water, sewer and trash
218-296-1247

605
Mobile Homes for Rent
Two BR mobile home between Motley and Staples, \$650/mo. Ref. req. 218-639-1425. 11tfc

Classified Ad Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Classification # _____

Cost of Ad
First 15 words for one week \$9.85
Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ = _____

OR First 15 words for three weeks \$25.00
Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ = _____
Add \$5 for bold type and/or CAPITALIZED indicate which word(s) is/are to be bold or capitalized
Add \$10 for Blind Box
TOTAL enclosed _____

Card of Thanks and *In Memoriam* are 20¢ per word with no minimum. Number of words _____ x 20¢ = _____
TOTAL enclosed _____

Please check your ad the first day.
Refunds or credit will not be given for errors brought to our attention after the second publication. We are not responsible for errors due to illegible copy or missing punctuation.

Your ad will be printed as you write it. Please print clearly, one word per space.

Use additional paper if necessary. Thank you for your order!

Please mail completed form and check payment to: Staples World, Box 100, Staples, MN 56479

The Fine Print

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Minnesota Classified Advertising Network

EMPLOYMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION Middle School Teacher. New London-Spicer Schools. MN Special Education License required. See www.nls.k12.mn.us/employment for more information.	ADOPTIONS YOUNG SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA couple promises baby loving home. Gentle pet, devoted grandparents, educational opportunities. Living expenses paid. Angela and Andrew 818/305-5684 or attorney 310/663-3467	MISCELLANEOUS DISH NETWORK \$59.99 For 190 channels! Add high speed internet for only \$19.95/month. Call today for \$100 gift card! Best value & technology. Free installation. Call 855/562-4309 (some restrictions apply)
WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE FREON WANTED: We pay CASH for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312/626-3558 or visit: RefrigerantFinders.com	DOGS FOR SALE AKC STANDARD POODLES Beautiful, family raised, purebred puppies. OFA Genetic health tested parents. Great hunting/companion, vet checked, UTD on shots - \$1,250 Poodlesaround.com 218/590-2050 MN Lic# 6099396	AT&T WIRELESS Two great new offers! Ask how to get the new iPhone 11 or Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e on us with AT&T's Buy one, Give one offer. While supplies last! Call 855/332-0464
WANTED TO BUY WANTED: ALL 1970S MOTORCYCLES Running or not. Titled or not. Prices will fall soon. Sell now while prices are high! Call Dan at 612/720-2142	MISCELLANEOUS A PLACE FOR MOM The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is free, no obligation. Call 844/347-2104	MOBILEHELP America's premier mobile medical alert system. Whether you're home or away. For safety and peace of mind. No long term contracts! Free brochure! Call today! 855/610-5151
SEED/FEED/GRAINS PROTECT YOUR YIELD from soybean white mold and SDS. Ask your seed dealer for Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Cost-effective. Proven results. headsupt.com/plant20 or 866/368-9306	DONATE YOUR CAR truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 844/220-9501	Advertise here statewide in 230+ newspapers for only \$279 per week! Call 800-279-2979

GARAGE SALES
701

Pillager Annual Spring Rummage Sale: 20 Families. Fri., March 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., March 21, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Center, Pillager Fairgrounds, 207 East Second St. S. Household, furniture, books, knick knacks, oils, Western items, baby items, crafts, too much to list. Come, look, find. 10-12c

STAPLES A/G YOUTH ACCEPTING DONATIONS now through May8 for their upcoming garage sale for Missions. Call Kathy Miles, 218-296-1647 for drop off or pick up. 10-13c

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

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The local newspaper is the No. 1 source for community news, beating TV and the internet as the readers' choice for local news.

We believe in newspapers

2017 NNA Community Newspaper Readership Survey

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 12, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Meyer, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 13, 2017 as Document Number 503546 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded on December 17, 2019 as Document Number A517474 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 S1/2 NW1/4) of

Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Thirty-one (131) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the Fifth P.M., according to the United States Government Survey thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 35614 205TH AVE, CLARISSA, MN 56440

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,773.47

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.

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: April 16, 2020 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 April 16, 2021.

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

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

Dated: February 24, 2020

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

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Spring sports are starting



Skill building indoors

The Staples-Motley softball team had their first day of practice on March 9, indoors at the high school gym with two feet of snow still covering the out-

door field. The gym had enough space to practice fielding, throwing and hitting. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cardinals fall in high scoring playoff game

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team got off to a good start but were outscored in the second half to lose 84-70 in the first round of the Section 8AA playoffs against Menahga.

The Cardinals came out shooting well and jumped out to a 31-15 lead. However, they also started getting in foul trouble, and Menahga shot their way back from the free throw line. That became one of the differences in the game, as Menahga made 23 of 29 free throws while the Cardinals were 12 of 20.

Staples-Motley still had the halftime lead at 45-44, their highest scoring first half this season. In the second half they started to fall behind and were forced

to switch their defense to force the action. "We had to stay man to man and we could not keep them in front of us," said Coach Nick Doll.

Sivert Klefsaas had an excellent shooting night and scored a career high 29 points. But Menahga had two players who also had big nights, scoring 29 and 25 points. The 84 points by Menahga was the most given up by Staples-Motley this season.

"Our kids played hard and gave a great effort," said Doll. "We will definitely miss our four seniors. I felt for them as they began to realize they were playing in their last high school basketball game. They left their mark on the program

and we have them to thank for building our culture to where it is today."

"It is fun to think about our improvement from the first game to the last, and from the beginning of last year to the end of this year. Our kids have grown, and they have a growth mindset. I don't see any reason why we can't continue to improve. We have to keep putting in the effort every day, but if they do, these guys will continue to improve."

Team results

Staples-Motley 70, Menahga 84

Scoring: Sivert Klefsaas 29, Ben Olander 16, Isaiah Schultz 8, Issac Kronenberg 6, Izaiah DeMars 5, Max Strickland 4, Ryan Wick 2



Strength and speed

The Staples-Motley track and field team started their first day of practice March 9 with some strength training, before stretching their legs with some sprints.

Bella and the 'cone of shame'

Most parents are all too familiar with the medical expenses of children. Ear tubes, tonsillectomies, braces, stitches for the inevitable cuts and lacerations, not to mention orthopedic incidents for young athletes. Those with youngsters fully understand these incidents as a source of red ink on the family ledger.

The same can often be said of pets, a point well proven by our Labrador retriever, Bella. Beyond the standard immunizations for getting any puppy off to a healthy start, Bella has had treatment for skin allergies, ear infections, surgeries for neutering, for anal glands and for a recessed vulva (you can Google it) and various and sundry other maladies. Once you're on this slippery slope and have an emotional attachment to a pet, the odds that you'll say "no" to such expenses are slim to none.

Bella's most recent medical incident was surgery to remove a pea-sized tumor just under the skin on her rear leg, to the tune of \$500-plus. Not to mention the price paid in several days of worry while waiting for the biopsy report that found the tumor to be benign and not cancerous.

Typical post-surgery pet care involves keeping Boots or Rex from disturbing the surgical site. Dogs and cats are likely to try to lick the incision, or even

worse, undo those irksome foreign stitches or staples with which your veterinarian so carefully closed the incision. Infection is the first concern. Then too, there's the prospect of a longer healing period and more scar tissue if the incision is reopened.

The standard way to prevent your pet licking or reopening an incision is to have them wear a plastic cone that attaches at the neck, and radiates out past their muzzle. Veterinarians call it the "Elizabethan collar," its conspicuous size and flaring shape suggesting the dress collars worn by England's Queen Elizabeth I. "Cone of shame" is the everyday term. At least at first, a pet will stumble or be startled and confused when the cone bangs into furniture, doorways or impedes the climbing of stairs.

On the plus side, the cone all but ensures that your pet will be unable to reach their extremities and other points on their body with their mouth. The key words are "all but ensures," since as a veterinarian once told me, "some pets will find their way out of a cone like they were Houdini."

One thing a veterinarian can't control is how religious the "parents" of the pet will be in supporting their pet's recovery. When they see that plastic cone on their pet's neck and watch their dog or cat bump into things, they're likely to feel sympathy and be tempted to be lax in enforcement. My wife and I were victims of this misguided sympathy after our Lab's recent surgery.

The vet's instructions were clear: "Bella will wear the cone for two weeks, until the stitches are removed." We're both a soft

touch for people or animals in distress and Bella whose last surgery had been nearly five years previous, was clearly distressed as she tried to navigate stairs, move around furniture and in spaces too narrow for the cone to fit. Before long we had adopted the position of "We'll watch her closely, and discipline her if she tries to lick or chew on the incision and use the cone when we can't."

Bella seemed to have little interest in investigating her incision, and we gradually became lulled into the belief that we had little to fear if she went "coneless" much of the time. We made sure she slept on our bed at night—her preference anyway!—near enough that we could be aware if she began to chew or lick at the incision. Or so we told ourselves.

It should've been obvious that when we were dead asleep we would probably not know what Bella was up to, no matter how well programmed our subconscious was to be on the alert. Wishful thinking had led us to gradually give her more and more time without the cone, to the point that it was little more than a medical appliance sitting unused in a corner.

It was on the evening of the fourth day after Bella's surgery. I had returned home from work and my wife and I were beginning dinner. Bella had been sleeping upstairs and I called her down to give her the antibiotic that was part of a twice-daily post-surgery routine. I inspected the sutured area, also part of the routine, and noticed that the suture line was darker and more prominent. A closer look revealed that every one of the half dozen black sutures was missing.

It was 6:30 on a Friday evening. In a panic I called our veterinary clinic, remembering the "emergency" option from the phone system prompts. As expected, I got an answering service, which took down my information with the promise that the veterinarian on call that night would be contacting me.

The veterinarian who responded from a different clinic was cautious, as she had a right to be. The wound could not be re-sutured if it had been open too long. If so, it would have to heal without closure, with a longer healing time and more scarring. If suturing was possible, sedation and re-incising the skin at the site might be required. The cost could be as much as the original surgery; or more.

The bitter taste of self-rebuke was in my mouth as I sped to meet the veterinarian at her clinic, with Bella sitting quietly in the back seat. Bella was delighted to be there, since this clinic is also her boarding kennel and she is a minor star there. In the examination room came unexpected good news: the edges of the incision had held together well enough that the simpler solution of closing it with surgical staples should do the job.

I held Bella as still as I could, while five times the vet triggered the stapler as it bound her incision firmly back together. The \$240 bill for weekend emergency services should not have been a relief, but it was, compared to the prospect of a more expensive re-do of the surgery, or a more lengthy and less-successful healing.

The vet's last words as I thanked her and left her clinic? "Use that cone!"

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Leading commitment

Pantzke and Ginger Stiner. She shared that Sourcewell invited all of the schools in the area to participate in the LLA cohort; and the group from SM committed to being a part of it. This required meeting twice a month during the school year after school hours and three - five full days during the summer months.

For Paskewitz, the Literacy Leaders Academy cohort was a great experience. "We have grown closer as a group and rely on each other to change/update/innovate teaching

practices at our school," she shared.

When asked how she believed this program would help educators in their classrooms, Paskewitz said that they have already seen gains in their classrooms and have shared what they learned with their teams. "We are working on a cohesive plan to sustain the important work we have done with the rest of our teachers and paras. We plan to share our action plan with our school board at the April board meeting," she said.



Visionary

Rynell Schock, standing, was one of the speakers at the recent Literacy Leadership Academy (LLA) Cohort Celebration at Sourcewell in Staples. Now retired, Schock was a former employee at Sourcewell and a pioneer of the LLA. She applauded those in attendance for answering the call to help improve leadership and literacy instruction in classrooms, and described how the vision of the LLA was created. Seated in front of Schock is Dr. Deb Peterson, University of Minnesota Reading Consultant, who followed up with Schock's information by speaking about 'Implementing the vision.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



With grandma's school bell

Dr. Mary Jacobson, Sourcewell Sr. Education Consultant, gave the opening and closing remarks at the Literacy Leadership Academy Cohort Celebration Feb. 12, at Sourcewell in Staples. She is pictured holding up a school bell that had belonged to her Grandma Peterson, a longtime teacher. Jacobson mentioned that the bell reminds her of all of the people her grandmother impacted along the way. "I stand on her shoulders," she said, adding that she knew all of the other educators in the room have shoulders they've stood on as well. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Host Lions Club meeting

Pictured above at a recent meeting are members of the Staples Host Lions Club. Pictured, from left, front row: Bob Shaffer, Tom Crawford, Mel Wiens, Bruce Nelsen, Rick Adamietz, Wade Bendson, Jack Wilson. Row two: Ken Christensen, Gavin Christensen, Del Lindgren, Kerry Lindgren, Gary Knosalla, Jerry O'Keefe. Row three: John Miller, Tom Honek, Chris

Mayhew, Kevin Nelson, Bob Mueller. Row four: Frank Leidenfrost, Chad Miller, Mike Gedde, Dan Shaw, Keith Porter, Dave Burnham, Ron Denning, Henry Schornack, Orv Meyer, Ken Klose. Row five: Mike Gold (current president), Frank Williams, Stan Carlson, Huck Holst, Don Flaten, Tom Danculovich, Tom Good, Randy Beinhorn. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Host Lions

Are you interested in getting involved in a community organization? Perhaps you thought about it in the past, but weren't sure where to start.

Over the next several months, the Staples World will feature information on a variety of organizations in the Staples-Motley area that are always looking for new members. There's bound to be at least one that's a good fit for you.

Be a part of your community! In addition to helping others, most likely you will reap benefits personally. As author Dan Buettner notes in his book, "The Blue Zones," being a part of a community is one element that can lead to people living longer, healthier, happier lives.

ment that can lead to people living longer, healthier, happier lives.

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION
Staples Host Lions

2. WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU MEET?

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays October - June; and on the 3rd Monday July - September. The meetings are held at the Staples Host Lions Building, 402 Wisconsin Ave., Staples. Meals are provided at our meetings which begin at 6:30 p.m.

3. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION/MAJOR PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED/FOCUS OF GROUP

The Staples Host Lions Club was chartered in

December 1938. We have been donating and providing various services since then.

Current projects include: Staples-Motley High School scholarships, summer recreation, Grad Blast, playground equipment, Central Lakes College scholarships, community dinner, City of Staples, Chamber of Commerce, Staples Area Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Staples All Veterans Park, Paint the Town, Sponsor the Music in the Park series.

Recent projects include: The Pine Grove Park Christmas lights display, KidSight Screening at our schools.

Fundraisers and projects include: Christmas wreath sales, White Cane Days, park cleanup, ditch cleaning, collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

We also support the MN Lion Diabetes Foundation, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, MN

Lions Hearing Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Can Do Canines, Special Olympics and Childhood Cancer.

Internationally, we support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) which provides funds worldwide for natural disasters, as well as grants for various needs in our communities.

Worldwide, we are serving nearly 200 million people, and projections indicate that number continues to increase, as need changes, our focus continues to change as well.

4. EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

Attend club meetings and be involved in club projects and activities.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES?

Yes

6. EXPERIENCE NEEDED?

None

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Staples Police report

On Feb. 14, Staples Police received a report of two vehicles that were egged the previous night and a report of an ice auger that was stolen.

On Feb. 17, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Office with a two vehicle crash with injuries at Warner Road and County Road 83. Two subjects were transported to Lakewood ER.

On Feb. 18, Staples Police took a report of a tire being slashed on the 1400 block of 8th Street NE.

On Feb. 19, Staples Police received a report of possible shots fired over the snowmobile trail west of Airport Road.

On Feb. 20, Staples Police received a report of self neglect and lack of services to a vulnerable adult. A Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center report was made to the state.

On Feb. 21, Staples Police received information about a possible sex offender who has been staying with an individual who has a child. Police are investigating the incident.

On Feb. 22, Staples Police responded to the mini mart for a report of a fraudulent \$20 bill. Police responded to the business and learned that the clerk had seized the bill from a customer, and had then notified the police department. The business had not accepted the bill as payment for goods.

On Feb. 26, at 8:47 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of crash at the intersection of 3rd Avenue NE and 2nd Street NE. Police arrived and learned that a school bus turned the corner too sharp and struck the front end of a vehicle that was at the stop sign. The bus was loaded with students but

no injuries were reported. There was damage to both the vehicle and the bus.

On Feb. 27, Staples Police were called to US Highway 10 and 8th Street NE for a two vehicle accident. A vehicle traveling east on Highway 10 was struck by a vehicle attempting to cross northbound at 8th St NE. Both vehicles received heavy damage and one driver complained of an injury. That driver was taken to the hospital by personal vehicle.

On Feb. 28, Staples Police assisted a party who was stuck in the car wash.

On Feb. 28, at 11:58 p.m., Staples Police conducted a traffic stop for a semi/trailer that had no tail-lights or running lights. The driver was advised to turn on his hazard lights and go to the Motley truck stop to fix his lights.

On March 1, Staples Police received a call from Wadena County of a vehicle driving erratic on US Hwy 10. Police located and stopped the vehicle. Police learned that both vehicle involved knew each other and it was a road rage incident. Police issued the driver a warning for his driving.

On March 1, Staples Police responded to the 1200 block of Highway 10 for a report of suspicious activity regarding a subject who jumped out of a car and began threatening people in another vehicle and then left. The complainant and passengers were unfamiliar with the subject. Police were unable to locate the subject or the vehicle.

On March 2, Staples Police observed a semi that was driving on an alley between 3rd and 4th Street NE, and pulled down wires.



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