

## Weather

**This Week's Forecast**

Date	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 26	26°	13	Cloudy
Jan. 27	18	-11	P. Cloudy
Jan. 28	16	-3	M. Cloudy
Jan. 29	19	7	M. Cloudy
Jan. 30	21	6	M. Cloudy
Jan. 31	23	7	Cloudy
Feb. 1	17	4	M. Cloudy

**Last Year, 2021**

Date	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 26	13°	5	M. Cloudy
Jan. 27	7	-5	Sunny
Jan. 28	17	8	M. Sunny
Jan. 29	20	17	Cloudy
Jan. 30	26	22	Cloudy
Jan. 31	26	15	Cloudy
Feb. 1	21	19	Cloudy

**Average Temps:**  
H = 22° Low = 3°

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

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## Obituaries

Pearl Wilson  
Jennifer Ziegler



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# Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame selects new inductees

The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame announced the selection of new inductees into the hall of fame. It includes six athletes, two teams, two coaches and one community contributor.

The athletes are, Jeff Brever, Mark Carlson, Mark Redemske, Chad Walthall, Mark Lelwica and Al Haugen.

The two state champion teams are the, 1983 Staples baseball team and the 1990 Staples Motley golf team.

The two coaches selected are, Rollie Penfield, boys golf coach, and Gene Mattila, cross country and football coach.

The community contributor is Rita Stone.

An induction ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 at the Staples-Motley High School auditorium.

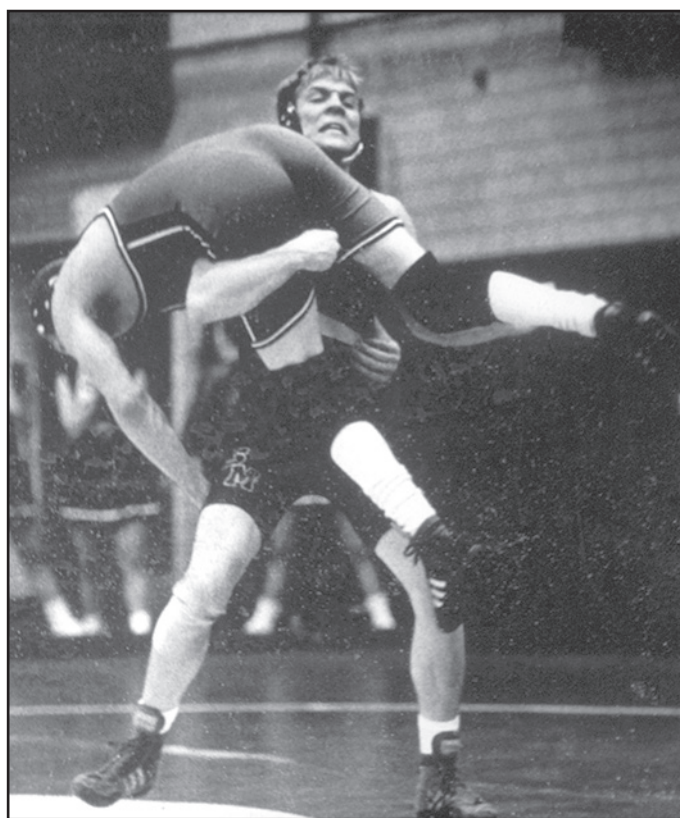
### Athletes



**Jeff Brever (2001)**

Participated in 15 state tournaments in cross country, basketball and track and field, earning 27 state level medals.

He was a two time individual state champion in cross country, competing at state all six years and lead-



**Mark Carlson (1999)**

ing four state champion teams, including the 1999 team that was ranked fifth in the nation.

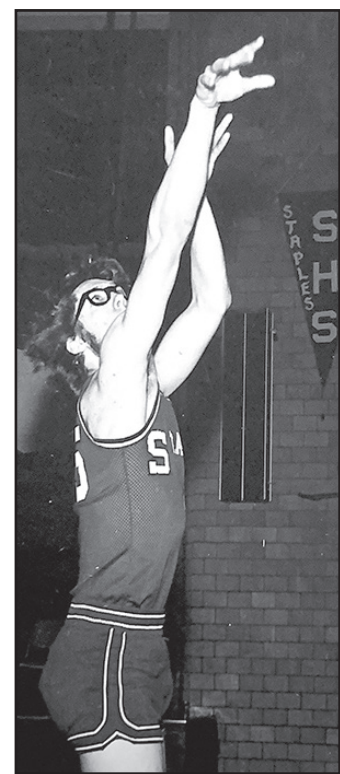
Jeff was a four year starter in basketball, which included, two state tournament teams that finished fourth and third in 200 and 2001 and set school records for steals and assists.

He won two individual state track titles, was on a state champion 4x800 relay team, was part of three True Team Track and Field state teams, earning eight medals in those competitions.

Brever ran cross country and track and field at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, becoming all conference in both sports. After college, he taught and coached at Pine City and Pequot Lakes.

ples-Motley high school wrestling team.

**Mark Redemske (1978)**



Mark was a three sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

In football, Redemske was team captain, named all conference two years as the team quarterback.

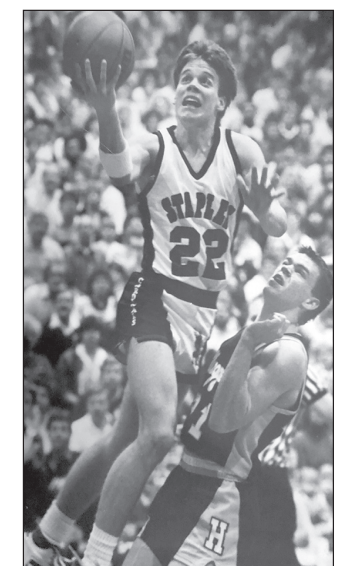
In basketball, he was on the WCCO Prep All State Team his senior year, named all conference twice and was the school's first 1,000 point scorer, finishing with 1,004 points.

In baseball, Redemske was the starting shortstop, batted cleanup on the 1977 state runner-up team, named all-conference twice and played in the state-wide all star game.

Redemske played football at Concordia College, Moorhead, where the team won

conference titles and the NAIA national title. He also played baseball in college and was a four year all-conference player.

Redemske became a high school coach, rebuilding the Crosby-Ironton basketball program into a powerhouse. As assistant basketball coach, he helped the C-I boys team earn three state tournament appearances.



**Chad Walthall (1987)**

Was a three sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

Was named State Honorable Mention as quarterback for Staples football team, going 9-1 and 9-2. Mid State Conference scoring champion, led team to undefeated records in conference. Played quarterback and defensive back for three years.

Played four years on varsity basketball team that won four Mid State Conference titles and played on state runners-up teams. Chad was selected to the Outstate All Star Team in

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## Bailey Dental is now Staples Smiles

Bailey Dental in Staples is now Staples Smiles. The dental practice, formerly owned by Zachary J. Bailey, DDS has transitioned to new owners Dr. Luke Waln and Dr. Chris Klabo. The office is located at 515 6th St. NE in Staples.

Dr. Bailey wrote, in a letter to his patients, "I have come to a difficult decision to step away from my dental practice in Staples. "I purchased the practice 22 years ago and I have enjoyed treating each and every one of you." Dr. Bailey noted the most important things he learned from his patients and community: the importance of family, friends and God, most importantly. He explained that during his time working in Staples he remarried, becoming a blended family. He felt he was spending too much time on the road to the Cities, impacting his time with his kids.

Dr. Bailey's friendship with a local dentist became the solution. Luke Waln, originally from Wadena



### Owners of Staples Smiles

Dr. Bailey's Dental practice in Staples is now Staples Smiles, owned by Dr. Christopher Klabo, left and Dr. Luke Waln, right.

and his associate Christopher Klabo, originally from Brainerd, owners of Nisswa Smiles dental practice are continuing the quality of care Dr. Bailey provided for 22 years. "And then some..." said Dr. Bailey. On top of the many services Dr. Bailey provided, Luke and Chris

are experts at full implant dentistry as well as Cerec crowns, which are completed in one appointment instead of two. The pair have a combined 32 years of experience practicing dentistry. "They are gentle, technically excellent den-

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## Comparing downtowns

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee met on Jan. 4 to discuss the potential of the Staples downtown and to compare it to other communities in Minnesota.

Members of the group reported on towns they had visited since the previous meeting. Following the presentations, the group noted some of the characteristics that were common to successful downtowns. Aesthetics and cleaning up the downtown was a key. Communication between business owners was important for planning events, activities and making a welcoming downtown for people not just to shop, but to spend time and hang out. Every community found their own local niche that works for them but may not for other communities.

Communities that were worried they would lose their downtown when big box stores were built on the

edges of the town found that they could continue to be strong.

The group suggested some things that the Staples downtown could do better, including wayfinding signs and maps, and providing green space for people to sit or hang out. The group also found it is important to identify places that need new owners and empty buildings that need new businesses.

Here are some of the things learned about Minnesota downtowns:

Willmar - Cleaned up some key buildings. In summer, they open garage doors of building for indoor/outdoor events.

New Ulm - Cleaned up downtown parks. Made a resource book for front-line workers to help customers navigate downtown.

Little Falls - Neighborhoods near downtown are well maintained. Good tour

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**Faithful volunteers at work, helping make sure no one goes hungry**

Pictured above left stocking shelves at the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) are, from left, Florence Berndt and Debbie Greig. Above right, MAFS Director Sherry Frisk stands near a shelf of dessert mixes, baking ingredients and spices that are available to clients. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

**Motley food shelf available to all, no matter the situation**

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

There are times when everyone needs a little extra help along the way...whether that be financial, emotional or physical.

Winters can be especially challenging in Minnesota, as people are faced with the effects of snow, ice and extreme cold...including higher heat costs. They may also experience depression, due to the lack of sunshine.

Hopefully, no one goes without food at this time.

Sherry Frisk, Director of the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS), wants people to know that anyone is welcome to stop by and pick up groceries for their household. It doesn't matter if someone needs this service for a season, or even just one time, Frisk said. She also wanted to get the message out that volunteers will deliver grocery items to people unable to drive to their facilities.

"Things are hard right now," Frisk said, mentioning price increases across the board, including that of food.

The shelves at Motley's food shelf are stocked with a wide variety of canned and boxed food items, as well as other household and personal hygiene items. Perishable items are stored in their refrigerators and freezers. Frisk noted that they have new freezers at the MAFS, thanks to a grant received last summer.

Once a month, they receive a delivery of food

items and dish soap from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. With monetary donations received, Frisk purchases additional necessities to offer their clients, including meat, toilet paper and laundry detergent. She also likes to keep a supply of spices on hand, as well as cakes and brownie mixes.

Last year alone, they gave out 70,000 pounds of food, Frisk said. She's grateful not only to Second Harvest, but to the many individuals, churches and civic organizations that have contributed financially to ensure that no one in the community goes hungry.

"Everything is confidential," Frisk said of the food shelf operation. People do need to fill out a registration form, but for those not able to stop by in person, Frisk said they should just call the food shelf and she can help them with the necessary paperwork by phone.

People who have registered also have the option to call in their food order. Since the onset of Covid, clients are no longer able to enter the premises to fill up their carts. Now, they give their order to a volunteer, who packages their requests and delivers to their vehicle, or to their home, if they are unable to drive.

Frisk has served as the MAFS Director for the past seven years. "It's been rewarding," she said, adding that she really enjoys her volunteer work there.

"Sherry's amazing," said fellow volunteer Fran



**New freezers**

The Motley Area Food Shelf has new freezers, thanks to a grant received last summer. Pictured, from left, are volunteers Bob Miller and Jim Kaup. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Kokett. "She's on top of everything and so organized."

Currently, there are 18 volunteers on the roster who rotate their time at the food shelf. Duties include helping unload deliveries, stocking shelves, packaging orders and delivering them to clients. Sometimes they have the opportunity to visit with people who stop by.

Jim Kaup of Leader has been volunteering at the Motley Area Food Shelf for the past month. He said he was looking for something to do with his time and

someone recommended he check out the food shelf. "It's a real nice group," he said.

In the 2019 Minnesota Food Shelf Survey, clients shared why the food shelf is important to them. The following quotes were included:

"It helps me fill in the gaps between pay day to feed three kids. Everyone is helpful and makes you feel comfortable and not ashamed."

"After I pay rent, utilities and prescriptions there isn't much left for food. I am

diabetic, wear a pump and use insulin. Doesn't leave much for luxury items like food."

"The food shelf is important to me because you have a place to go to where there is no judgement. Because after you take care of all of your household expenses, sometimes you just need a little help."

They've heard similar testimonials at the food shelf in Motley, from clients who've expressed gratitude for the help they've received.

Their main goal at the MAFS is making sure no one

goes without food. Whether you are a senior citizen, a single parent or temporarily unemployed, Frisk says to give them a call. They are there to help, no matter the situation.

*The Motley Area Food Shelf is located at 697 3rd Ave. So., in Motley. It is open each Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon, and the last Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. For more information, call 218-352-6344.*

**Law enforcement reports, Motley area**

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

**Jan. 13 - 19**

Jan. 19 - The MPD issued a citation to Kimberly Cook, 49, for no proof of insurance.

Jan. 15 - The MPD conducted a traffic stop and found the driver had a revoked driving status

and was unable to provide proof of insurance. In addition, during the last two years the driver had 10 failures to appear in court and nine failure to provide insurance convictions. Subsequently, Raymond Lee Ellis, 35, was arrested and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Jan. 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Steven Caron, 71, for a stop sign violation.

Jan. 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Travis Eisel,

21, for failing to stop for a stop sign.

Jan. 18 - The MCSO responded to a call to assist in a Todd County incident in which the subject had fired rounds off in the City of Staples and then barricaded himself inside his residence at the 700 block of Forest Ave SE. The MCSO deputy took perimeter in the rear of the residence with his K9 in case the subject tried to escape out the back. The subject was arrested by Todd County.

Jan. 17 - The MCSO arrested Mason Daniel Wewer, 22, for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 16 - The MCSO received a call from a subject who stated he had lost his shotgun on the snowmobile trail in Motley and wanted to make a report in case someone turns one in.

Jan. 15 - The MCSO arrested Floyd Albert Jares, 37 and Trevor Marcus Uecker, 22, for damage to property at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing.

**Snowmobile season underway**

From Minnesota DNR

Snowmobile trail conditions vary throughout Minnesota but, in areas where there's good snow, riders have been getting out with gusto. Snowmobile tracks are common sights in road ditches, on trails and atop the ice. This year's busy start to the riding season continues a surge in recent years of people riding snowmobiles to enjoy Minnesota's outdoors.

Gov. Tim Walz has declared Jan. 15-23 to be Snowmobiling Safety Awareness Week, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers remind all riders to brush up on safety and prioritize safe rides. So far this year, two snowmobile riders have lost their lives and there have been multiple close calls, including several snowmobile riders who have fallen through the ice. During the past eight snowmobile seasons, more than seven riders, on average, have lost their lives each year.

"We're continuing to see new people get into the sport of snowmobiling and discover the unique way riding the trails connects them with nature," said Bruce Lawrence, DNR Enforcement Division recreational vehicle coordinator. "With more than 22,000 miles of snowmobile trails in Minnesota, opportunities abound. As long as riders make good decisions when they're out riding, snowmobiling is something they can do the rest of their lives."

Lawrence offers the following tips to ensure a safe ride:

- Stay on marked trails. Minnesota's snowmobile clubs work hard to maintain good riding condition on the state's trails. Riders who stay on groomed trails are less likely to strike an obstacle or trespass onto private property. In some parts of the state, wet conditions where trails go through low areas or across lakes mean trails aren't yet groomed. Riders should check trail conditions (mndnr.gov/snow\_depth) before heading out.

- Leave the booze at home. Riding under the influence is one of two main factors in crashes and plays a role in about 60 percent of those that are fatal.

- Watch the speed. Going too fast is the other main factor in crashes. Many serious and fatal crashes happen when a speeding snowmobiler loses control or strikes an object.

- Be careful on the ice. In recent years, nearly every through-the-ice fatality has involved people who were riding a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle when they fell through. There must be at least 5 to 7 inches of new, clear ice to support the weight of a snowmobile and rider.

- Take a snowmobile safety course. It's required of anyone born after 1976 and recommended for everyone. People with snowmobile safety certification are less likely to be involved in serious or fatal crashes.

Additional safety tips can be found on the snowmobile safety tips page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/snowmobiling/safety.html).

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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1947

• Jan. 23, 1947 - Staples Cardinal basketball team continued with its winning streak on Jan. 17 and again on Jan. 21, by first defeating the powerful Lumber jacks from Bemidji by a score of 43 to 42 and then bouncing back Tuesday evening of this week to swamp the Flyers from Little Falls to the tune of 51 to 36, in a game that was fairly even during the first half, and was "duck soup" for Staples during the final two periods.

• Jan. 23, 1947 - Al Berndt and The Vagabonds, featuring The Hammond Solovox, will perform at the Leader Dance Hall Saturday, Jan. 25.

• Jan. 23, 1947 - Climaxing



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 16, 1992 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

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

now of Staples, was injured Sunday evening when he fell out of his parents car as they were enroute to their home in this city after having visited relatives south of Staples.

Ronald was in the back seat alone, and in some way opened the door of the car and fell out. His face was severely cut up, and eight stitches were required to close the wounds. Besides this he sustained other lacerations and abrasions about his face and body. He remained in the Staples Municipal hospital for a day after being rushed there by his parents Sunday evening.

50 YEARS AGO - 1972

• Jan. 27, 1972 - The Perham Yellowjackets felt the power of the Cardinal Basketball Team Tuesday evening and became the ninth victim of the Cards by a 72 to 60 score Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, on the Perham hardwood. The Cards are coached by Tom Wolhowe.

• Jan. 27, 1972 - The wrecker and the crews from

Staples were at the scene last Tuesday afternoon following the derailment of five cars of an eastbound freight train of the Burlington-Northern.

The derailment happened shortly before noon Tuesday, Jan. 18, about two miles west of Staples.

• Jan. 27, 1972 - Several thefts and burglaries in the Staples and Wadena areas were solved last Friday when Staples Police Chief William Card stopped an automobile in Staples for a check on an invalid driver's license and discovered stolen articles.

As a result, John Graphenteen, 19, of Hewitt and six Staples area juveniles were taken into custody on theft charges.

• Jan. 27, 1972 - Kevin Swecker who has been a sparkplug of the Motley Rockets Basketball team this season, was honored by being named to the WCCO Radio All-State Basketball Team of the Week Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:10 p.m.

Swecker, a junior guard on the Motley team, has averaged 18.2 points per game. His high was 31 scored against Deer Creek. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swecker.

• Jan. 27, 1972 - Pam Gillespie has been named Staples High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. A senior at SHS, Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie.

25 YEARS AGO - 1997

• Jan. 23, 1997 - Lisa Detloff and Scott Brever were named Staples Motley High School Snow Daze king and queen Monday night at the high school's Centennial Auditorium.

• Jan. 23, 1997 - A Staples native is alive today, but lucky to have survived a harrowing three-hour ordeal in last week's blizzard in western Minnesota.

Troy Marden, son of George and Gloria Marden of Staples, knows the admonition: Don't leave your vehicle in a blizzard.

But Marden, a corrections officer at the private prison in Appleton, did it anyway because he had heard a forecast of a three-day storm.

He lived to tell of his experience last Wednesday, when he walked nine miles in severe cold and a violent wind that blew him down numerous times.

He said he navigated by keeping his eyes on telephone poles and then on the moon when there were no more poles. He counted and played memory games to keep his mind focused.

Wind chill readings were in the 70 below range that afternoon with a temperature around 20 below and winds blowing 30 to 50 miles per hour or more.

He left the prison Wednesday afternoon to drive to his home in Hagen in Swift County, 17 miles to the east. Six miles from Appleton, Marden's 4x4 pickup hit a drift and became stuck.

"There were five or six times I told myself, 'You're dead,' But deep down, I knew I was going to make it," Marden told the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He estimated the wind was blowing at 75 miles per hour. He recalled pushing his way through a snow drift so he could remain on course, and also dozing off briefly behind a hay bale.

A mile from his home, he said he could see the glare from the street light in front of his house. He finally collapsed at his doorstep, exhausted. Only by throwing snowballs at the window did he attract the attention of his girlfriend, Lori Fraser. She'd been watching for him and pulled him inside.

"One reason he made it was because he was in good physical shape. He also had winter clothes, a face mask and boots, with him," Troy's father said.

Troy is best remembered in Staples as a fleet-footed football player for the Staples High School teams in the early 1980's. He graduated in 1984 and went on to play football at Brainerd Community College and in Wisconsin.

10 YEARS AGO - 2012

• Jan. 26, 2012 - Lamp-lighter Community Theatre will present, "A Night of Theatre" Feb. 9, 10, 12, 17 and 18, at the Landmark Inn in Staples.

The opening act is "Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn," directed by Amy Hunter. This will be followed by a short segment that includes improvisational theatre and sketch comedy, directed by Justin Edin. The final segment of the evening is a short one-act from Neil Simon's comedy, "The Good Doctor, directed by Pam Collins.

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Bailey appreciates time spent in Staples

tists and most importantly to me personally, they are straight talkers that believe in following the Golden rule," said Dr. Bailey.

"There is no way for me to properly express my sincere appreciation to all of you for being so supportive of me over the years," said Dr. Bailey. "I will always be grateful."

Dr. Bailey's staff, Vanessa, Missy, Amy and Macey, will be continuing their customer service and patient care at Staples Smiles.

Dr. Luke Waln attended St. John's for his undergraduate time and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in dental science. He completed his residency in the U.S. Army and served the next 4-1/2 years as the 10th Mountain Division, 3rd Brigade Dental Surgeon. After his deployment to Afghanistan in 2007-2008, he hung up his boots and started Nisswa Smiles. He has two children and is a volunteer on the Nisswa fire department.

Dr. Christopher Klabo

is a Brainerd High School graduate. He completed his undergraduate time at Concordia University and graduated from the University of Minnesota with his DDS. Dr. Klabo practiced in Wisconsin following graduation and moved back to the Brainerd lakes area to be near family and friends. He joined the Nisswa Smiles team 1-1/2 years ago. Dr. Klabo enjoys hunting, fishing and all outdoor activities.

In addition to Cerec crowns and bridges, Staples Smiles will provide Invisalign, place and restore implants and Botox treatments.

"Dr. Klabo and myself give a huge 'thank you' to Dr. Bailey for handing off his legacy of caring and honest service. It is our commitment to you to continue that level of kind, caring and honest service into the future," said Dr. Waln. "We sincerely look forward to meeting each and every one of you."

Appointments can be made by calling 218-894-1941.

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Downtowns face challenges, businesses come up with solutions

ism, good signage, good promotions. Use arts to promote downtown.

Park Rapids - Good areas for people to walk, gather and sit. Mixture of stores, many focused on tourism.

Deadwood, South Dakota - Used historical theme to build up downtown, added green space. Always have activities and experiences for tourists to do.

Wadena - Condensed downtown, with highway businesses bringing people in. Arts included in good mix of businesses and restaurants.

Crosby - Cleaned up, but still has more to do for curb appeal. Switched from mining town to mountain biking town. Great web site brings people in from all over. Added different styles of businesses such as a yoga studio to cater to new clientele coming into town.

Grand Rapids - three different downtown neighborhoods that are divided by highways and river. No restaurants downtown. Downtown paper mill still running but with fewer workers. Despite challenges, hosts events, street fairs, food trucks, holiday

displays, unique items and art walks. Has developed a variety of stores and has a visitor's bureau to help plan.

Perham - Downtown is more than just tourism, most businesses are mainly supported by locals. Downtown business owners meet every day at 7 a.m. to plan events. It's not about the businesses, it is about creating a place where people want to live. Business owners got together to build housing.

Walker - Busy highway is a problem. Great product mix, a person can park their car and get everything they need without moving. Geared toward tourism, but with no big box stores nearby, has become a regional hub for shopping and services. Business owners make plans and then go to the chamber when they have a consensus on what they want to do.

To learn more about the Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee, contact Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman at mwyman@ci.staples.mn.us or call 218-894-2550.

one of the most successful years the Staples Civic and Commerce has experienced, Dr. J. M. Cook, president of the association for the 1946 year, surrendered his gavel and office to James Randgaard, newly elected president of the organization at the association's meeting Jan. 21, at the St. Charles hotel. A very dignified and impressive installation service was used by the club.

• Jan. 23, 1947 - During the year 1946, the Jenkins Locker Plant in Staples handled more than 137 tons of meat for processing and freezing according to figures released the first of this week by LeRoy Jenkins, owner of the plant, which is better known as Jenkins' Froz-N-Foods.

Approximately 250,000 pounds, or 125 tons of meat was chilled, cut and wrapped in the plant during the past year. Besides this about 25,000 pounds of curing and smoking of hams and bacon was done - and added to this, several thousands of quarts and pints of berries and vegetables were frozen and put in the locker.

• Jan. 23, 1947 - Ronald Sellnow, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sell-



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Jan. 16, 1997 edition of the Staples World featured Pastor Roy and Kathy Miles who were celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The couple's children were planning a celebration to be held at the Staples Assembly of God Church.

Kathy Odden, Mary Sperley, Elizabeth Capistrant, Janice Johnson, Sue Griffith, Mike Weyer, Judy Wolak and Jean Hayenga, all of Staples, correctly identified the Miles, as did the couple's daughter, Angie (Miles) Karow of Thief River Falls. Most guessed correctly that the photo was tied to Roy and Kathy's 25th wedding anniversary. Angie shared that the photo had been taken at their Pastoral Licensing in 1973 and used for their anniversary announcement. Hayenga and Johnson thought the photo may have been taken when Roy first became pastor at the Staples Assembly of God Church. Hayenga also mentioned that she had gotten to know Kathy when she was involved in Christian Women's Club. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Staples Police report

On Jan. 3, at 4 a.m., Staples Police were called for reports of suspicious activity near the 200 block of Airview Drive. Caller stated she thought she heard voices and someone walking around outside. Officers arrived on scene and located many deer walking around but no people or any fresh tracks near the caller's room.

On Jan. 4, at 10 a.m., Staples Police received a report of people in a white van

that yelled at kids walking home from school, "we have candy." The subjects in the van were reported to be high school age. Police are looking for the vehicle.

On Jan. 5, Staples Police observed a child walking on the 400 block of 6th Street NE. Police gave the child a ride to school as he missed the bus. His parents were notified.

On Jan. 7, Staples Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol on a vehicle roll-over

near the curve just east of town.

On Jan. 8, Staples Police were called to a residence for reports of a subject who was potentially suicidal and had made comments of harming herself. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the subject who was transported to Lakewood for an evaluation.

On Jan. 9, Staples Police responded to an animal complaint on the 600 block of Iowa Ave NE. The com-

plainant was walking their dog when a neighbor's dog attacked and bit their dog. The owner was contacted and severed a notice of potentially dangerous dog.

On Jan. 13, Staples Police responded to a group home for a report of a subject choking. Police arrived and found an employee had performed the Heimlich, and was able to dislodge the obstruction. Police assisted the ambulance and cleared from the scene.

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## Finding spaces where you belong

Dr. Hara Charlier, President  
Central Lakes College

We all know that college is about earning a top-notch degree, certificate or diploma. At Central Lakes College, everything we do is about helping students be successful in their chosen program. Of course, this includes obvious components, such as having access to great instruction, advising and support services. But, in today's challenging world, it also means making sure that students feel connected to the resources and people of CLC. Across higher education, this is often referred to as "a sense of belonging." It's that sense that we aren't in this alone, that people care about us.

Our students study in-person, online, or both and our student leaders tell us that they all need to feel like they belong and are connected. Those who spend their time online find this when they work with our faculty and staff and access services, support and activities. In addition, those who spend time on our campuses need places to study, access technology and get the social interaction that we all crave.

For this reason, we've placed a special focus on developing spaces on campuses where students can relax, connect with peers and tap into resources without judgement or stigma. We serve a wide range of students, from those in high

school to those who are well into retirement, each with different interests, backgrounds and experiences. Our spaces are as varied and diverse as our students, in hopes that everyone finds a place that feels right.

Admittedly, some of my favorite spots are hidden under the snow right now. In the summer months, student-designed courtyards on both campuses are prime spots. Their cobblestones, benches and ponds are perfect for taking a break and enjoying the beauty around us. But, this time of year, students tend to find those warm and cozy spots indoors. On the Staples campus, there's a welcoming fireplace and lounge area right as you walk in the door. It's a prime gathering spot. In Brainerd, students hang out, play guitar or study in the Fireside Lounge, relax near our fishpond, take in a game of pool or ping pong.

We're fortunate to have Veterans Resource Centers on both campuses to help our student vets and military families get connected with resources and engage with other veterans. Our Student Life Centers are places to hang out (and often play video games), get a snack and relax between classes. And, our extraordinary CLC Food Pantries have recently been upgraded to highlight fresh produce and healthy options. The fact that they serve an average of 400 students each week suggests that the mission to "Eat Well, Study

Well" is working. We've also worked hard to make sure places that students go to find resources, like our Student Link (advising, financial aid, etc.), The Bridge (Accessibility Services and TRIO) and Library and Tutoring Center, are warm and friendly. They invite students to take a seat, relax... and often have some popcorn. We've created cozy nooks for students to sit, study, plug in and log on.

We're particularly excited about an expansion of Student Life on our Brainerd campus. We recently held the grand opening of a new multicultural center called "The Nest." Here, students will find personal support, academic advising, a safe study space, activities and important initiatives. This center represents a place of belonging and safety. It is about being able to nestle in, find yourself, grow and thrive. While The Nest will primarily serve students of color and Indigenous students, all are welcome. This is a place that we hope all students can find that sense of identity, that sense of purpose. A place where good dialogue and difficult conversations might take place. A place for students to fit in and belong.

Student Life Director Erich Heppner, alongside our student leaders, has led the effort to bring The Nest to fruition.

"CLC students have been requesting a space designed for our underrepresented students for many years

now," he said. "Thanks to their continued advocacy, we took their feedback and created a space that seeks to provide a welcoming environment for all students."

As with all things at CLC, students and employees brought forward the need for a space to elevate and model the commitment that CLC has made to diversity, equity and inclusion. The Nest's jaw-dropping mural, designed and created by a talented CLC alumna, spans the length of the center and speaks volumes. It features civil right leaders, each representing strength, vision and our values of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Also new this semester is the outdoor recreation hub where students can rent recreation equipment, like mountain bikes, kayaks and snowshoes to help students enjoy our region's beautiful natural resources. While this list of spaces certainly isn't exhaustive, you get the idea. Combine these with our excellent academic programs, awesome student life activities, robust theatre and arts and a full range of Raider athletics, CLC promises a complete college experience that's customizable to what each student needs.

CLC is the community's college. We're your college. If you haven't visited our campuses in a while, stop by, take a tour. Feel the warmth of the people and find the spaces where you belong.

## Minnesota physicians favor vaccine, testing requirements

From the Minnesota Medical Association

The more than 11,000 physician, resident, and medical student members, of the Minnesota Medical Association applaud the leadership of Minneapolis and St. Paul for taking the decisive yet temporary step to require patrons of restaurants, concerts, and other public venues that serve food and beverages to show proof of vaccination or negative test results.

As the Omicron variant continues to spread and exacerbate pressure on hospital capacity and our already weary healthcare workers, we need strong measures such as this to curb this pandemic. We urge other communities across the state to consider similar temporary actions. The best defense against COVID-19 and serious complications remains vaccination and boosters.

Well-fitted masks, social distancing, washing your hands, staying home when you're sick, and getting tested if you have symptoms offer additional protection. These are all ways that Minnesotans can practice good health, protect your friends and loved ones, and demonstrate support for the thousands of healthcare workers who continue to selflessly care for patients on the front lines.

Quote of the week

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."  
— James Madison

## Vaccines still important to public health

From St. Cloud Times editorial

When the first COVID-19 vaccine was offered roughly one year ago, vaccine-hesitant people said, with some logic, that emergency authorization wasn't enough for them and they wanted FDA approval before they took it. After the vaccines got that FDA approval, the hesitant said they wanted to wait longer to see any long-term side effects.

Others say they've already had COVID, recovered just fine, and they don't need a vaccine to protect themselves, and people who get vaccinated get sick, too. Who does it hurt?

All of us. Reason 1: Unvaccinated people are far more likely to contract, become sick and spread COVID-19. That means, without doubt, that they are more likely than healthy people to own the body where the virus mutates into a form that current vaccines and treatments can't help.

That's a direct line of cause and effect: Ill people are, by definition, more likely to foster dangerous mutations than people who are not infected. Mutations put even vaccinated people at risk. So taking all reasonable steps to keep from being "that guy" is vitally important and morally sound.

Vaccination decisions matter, and that messages has been clear for months. Immune-compromised people, infants and children simply aren't able to do it for themselves so we have to do it for them. And the longer we wait, the more likely our current defenses will be defeated, putting everyone back in that unprotected boat.

Aside from COVID-19, real people in our community are having important health care, including surgeries, delayed by the glut of COVID patients clogging our hospitals. If they're lucky enough to avoid serious health consequences, they will still take

a financial hit as the insurance year, and its associated deductible limits, turn over in less than two weeks.

And that hospital crowding? Are staffing issues to blame? Yes, in part. Health systems have mandated that their workers be vaccinated or they will not be allowed to work. But skilled medical staff are overwhelmingly vaccinated.

So let's liken our current strategy against COVID-19 to sports: Half of the offensive linemen are, at the snap, casually standing up and watching the defensive line burst forward and sack the quarterback - over and over.

While no line of defense, including the vaccine, is perfect, the protection is better when all the players put in some effort. "Well the quarterback sometimes gets sacked even when we try, so what's the point" That's not how we will crawl out of this mess. Are you "That guy"?

So now the vaccine has been around for more than a year with no widespread side effects. The virus is starting to out-evolve our defenses. Our medical personnel are literally begging for cooperation, so what's it going to take?

Please at least consider what it will take to make you, personally, change your mind. More research? More studies? You've been given that. More deaths and cases? You've gotten that, too - 800,000 deaths in the U.S. so far, with more than 10,000 of them in Minnesota.

If we're all supposed to be on the same team - and we are - it's time to defend one another. Take care this holiday season. We'd like to see you around for the next.

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## Legalize it? Studies show problems created by marijuana laws

From Minnesotans Against Marijuana Legalization, a newly formed coalition

Marijuana legalization for retail sale and recreational use is still a social experiment, one that empirical evidence and research show is failing in the states that are allowing it. The high potency of today's "recreational" marijuana makes it worse for the human brain and body than alcohol. Like all drugs, marijuana use affects more than just the user. Legalization causes widespread costs and societal harms, affecting all aspects of our lives. It has been linked to increased homelessness, higher government spending, more public health costs, lost productivity, increased crime and violence, lost potential, higher workplace safety costs, rising business costs, and riskier roadway safety.

What are the consequences of legalizing marijuana?

- Legalization is net loser for state budgets because the collateral consequences create new burdens on state resources.

- A 2019 study in Colorado showed every \$1 of tax

revenue received from recreational marijuana caused \$4.50 in state spending to counteract legalization's effects.

- Legalization would signal that the drug is safe; a deadly message to send to Minnesotans who may be susceptible to depression, self-medication, substance-use disorders, and suicide.

According to the National Institutes of Health, Mayo Clinic, and World Health Organization, marijuana is addictive, and can produce withdrawal and dependence.

- A 2021 study sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of more than 280,000 young adults ages 18-35 found that women who used marijuana at any level were more likely to report a suicide plan or attempt than men with the same levels of marijuana use.

- Hospital emergency departments and poison control centers in states that have legalized marijuana are treating a growing number of children who develop paranoia, anxiety and psychosis following intentional or accidental ingestion of marijuana edibles.

- The creation of a "regulated market" for marijuana, has failed to curtail the black-market in states that have legalized. In fact, the black-market activity in those states has expanded.

- Legalization will endanger everyone who uses Minnesota roadways. States that legalize marijuana for recreational use experience increased traffic accidents and fatalities. Driving while high is a growing, underappreciated problem that will be exacerbated by a rush to legalization.

Unlike alcohol, there is no way to judge driver impairment based on marijuana usage.

- The share of drivers involved in fatal crashes, with THC in their system, doubled after marijuana was legalized in Washington state.

- Marijuana legalization normalizes an addictive, highly potent drug that will endanger the health of our workforce and compromise the safety of our workplaces.

Research shows em-

ployees who tested positive for marijuana in pre-employment drug tests have higher rates of industrial accidents, injuries and absenteeism

- Companies in states with legalized recreational marijuana have struggled to find employees who can pass drug tests, especially for federal jobs in industries that require operation of heavy machinery, or jobs requiring truck driving.

- Marijuana legalization wreaks havoc on adolescent development by normalizing an addictive gateway drug.

- A recent analysis using data from three large studies in Australia and New Zealand found that adolescents who used marijuana regularly were significantly less likely than their non-using peers to finish high school or obtain a degree. They also had a much higher chance of developing dependence, using other drugs, and attempting suicide.

- Marijuana legalization wreaks havoc on neighborhoods and is a net loser for homeowners.

- A 2021 study in Seattle found that home prices near dispensaries fall by 3-4% on average because of more nuisance-related crimes that occur near dispensaries.

- Illegal marijuana growers, which become more prevalent in legalized states, are cutting down forests, robbing water supplies, straining electrical grids, using banned pesticides and rodenticides, killing species, and depleting resources with no accountability.

- The commercial marijuana industry has created a false dichotomy between legalization and social justice. No legal state has made good on the empty promise that legalization would provide reconciliation to communities that have been harmed by disparate enforcement of marijuana laws.

- Lawmakers can still remove criminal penalties, expunge records, and reform enforcement mechanisms without normalizing drug use and opening the door for commercialized marijuana products to be sold in our state.

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## January Storytime at the library

Monthly storytimes are held at the Staples Public Library including preschool Storytime every third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and every second and fourth Saturdays for ages preschool to second grade. The half hour includes songs, stories, felt boards, crafts and snacks. Call the library, 218-894-1401 to sign up for the next Storytime, Feb. 12 and 16.

Above: Genevieve, Harrison, Anna, Elliot and Zoey.

Right: Tessa, Ava, Elliot and Greyson. (Submitted photos)



## Lakewood board members earn advanced trustee certification

Eight hospital trustees from across Minnesota were recognized for earning certification through the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) trustee certification program.

By participating in MHA's voluntary certification program, hospital trustees receive training on board governance, health system finance, policy/advocacy, and quality improvement. Participants undergo 35 hours of coursework, making Minnesota's initiative the most comprehensive in the nation.

Trustees who have completed MHA board certification are eligible to participate in an additional eight hours of coursework to obtain advanced certification, which provides education to ensure excellence, innovation and accountability in healthcare governance.

According to the MHA, "... (our) trustee certification program cultivates knowledgeable board members who are ambassadors and champions for their facilities and communities. Certification helps promote consistent standards, meaningful leadership, and understanding of critical issues facing healthcare organizations. It also enhances public trust."

Lakewood trustee Kevin Nelson received his certification and trustee Curt McIlravy received his advanced certification.

## Special school board meeting

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, January 31, at noon at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples to approve the Elementary School/Wellness Addition construction documents and proceed with public bidding.

**Upcoming schedule:**  
**Mon., Feb. 7:** Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office

**Feb. 15:** MS/HS Bid Opening, 2 p.m., District Office

**Feb. 22:** Special Board meeting, noon, District Office; Elementary Bid Opening, 2 p.m.

**Feb. 28:** Regular meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

## Staples Police report

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On Jan. 16, Staples Police stopped a vehicle on Hwy 210 near County Road 7, for driving conduct. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana and completed field sobriety testing. Police determined the subject wasn't under the influence, and warned the driver for the violation.

On Jan. 16, Staples Police located a possible stolen vehicle on Highway 10. Officers cited the driver with driving after revocation and the passenger, Montana Hedstrom, 30, was arrested for providing a false name to police, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a hypodermic needle and 5th degree controlled substance.

On Jan. 16, Staples Police responded to a residence to take possession of drug paraphernalia that the complainant found in a family member's bag. Police took possession of the items, and notified the subject's probation officer.

On Jan. 17, Staples Police observed a subject running across US Hwy 10 and nearly get struck by a vehicle. Officers identified the individual, who was found to be on Todd County probation with random alcohol testing. Subject PBT results were 0.00 and the subject was warned for running across the highway.

On Jan. 17, Staples Police located individuals walking along Highway 10 with flashlights. Officers learned that the subjects had lost around \$700 worth of money and raffle tickets for a hockey event. Officers walked the ditch near 6th Street SE for roughly

an hour and were able to locate almost all of the missing money and raffle tickets scattered across the highway. All items were returned to the family.

On Jan. 17, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol on a pursuit where they had a vehicle ramming their squad car near the 500 block of 5th St NE. Christopher Berg, 44, was taken into custody for 2nd degree assault, DWI test refusal and order for protection violation and booked into the Todd County Jail.

On Jan. 18, Staples Police received a report of a theft out of a wallet. Missing are a debit card, drivers license and roughly \$200 in cash. A few days later the drivers license was found in the parking lot of the high school.

On Jan. 18, Staples Police observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit heading into town on Highway 10. During a traffic stop, officers found the driver to be suspended and had felony warrants. Jacob Merrill, 31, was arrested and a 14 year old child was removed from the vehicle and brought home.

On Jan. 18, Staples Police received a dispatch that someone had possibly shot a gun near the 700 block of Forest Ave. NE. Officers arrived on scene and attempted to speak with one of the suspects. During conversation, the subject attempted to slam his door shut and injured the officer. Bradley Beach, 31, was arrested for 4th degree assault and reckless discharge of a firearm.

On Jan. 19, Staples Police received a report of

eight cats in a box that were dropped off in front of a business overnight. Police contacted the Wadena County Humane Society who stated they would be able to take the cats.

On Jan. 19, Staples Police assisted Motley PD with wrong way driver all over the road on Highway 10. Michael Thurstin, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving after revocation.

On Jan. 22, Staples Police assisted Morrison County with a report of an intoxicated driver who went into the ditch and was assaulting the complainant. Police stood by until Morrison County arrived on scene. Chad Kuhns, 37, was arrested by Morrison County for DWI and driving after revocation.

## Mark Your Calendar

### January 27

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

**WADENA WHIRLAWS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING** Thursday, Jan. 27, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Abe Haier, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

### January 28

**WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING** Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

### January 29

**COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free.

### January 31

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

### February 1

**RUBY'S PANTRY** is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

**OLD TIME DANCE** is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

## Cardinal Calendar SM school events

### February

- **SNO DAZE** Feb. 7 - 11
- **MS/HS ORCHESTRA/BAND CONCERT** Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for up to the minute information.



## Paradise escape room

The Paradise escape room at the Staples library recorded several escapees. The Bye Bye Brigade escaped in 31:32. Teams are invited to beat that time for a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. Challenge yourself with locks, puzzles and riddles, playing as a family or group teens through adults. The event is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Below: Team TBC escaped in 45:00. Names withheld by request. (Submitted photos)



## Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at Staples City Hall on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 2 - April 14.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 218-296-2159.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

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## Great opportunity to learn a new trade and work for a great company!

CNH Benson will be offering a Weld Training program starting February 28.

You will be hired on and paid while training at \$20.62 an hour. After a two week training you will transfer to a 2nd shift Weld position starting at \$25.30 an hour with pay up to \$27.31 after 1 year.

\$2000 Sign-on bonus as well

All positions are eligible for the following after 30 days of employment: Medical (employee plan option with \$0 employee premium), Dental and Vision Insurance, as well as other optional benefits. 80 Hours vacation and several Paid holidays including a week between Christmas and New Year.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

Big Stone County is seeking applicants for the position of County Attorney.

The office is full-time and located in the Big Stone County Courthouse in Ortonville, Minnesota.

Big Stone County has a population of 5,166 and is located on beautiful Big Stone Lake.

The County Attorney office consists of the attorney and one full time legal assistant. The minimum starting annual wage is \$95,000. Salary will depend on successful candidate's knowledge and experience.

*Generous benefits can result in over \$1,145/month of extra income. In addition to other budgetary items and standard office expenses, the county will pay for the County Attorney's annual law license renewal, MCAA membership, CLEs and travel, food, and lodging for those events, and a legal research program such as Westlaw.*

The successful applicant will fill the current term of the County Attorney, which runs through December 31, 2022. The position will be open to election in 2022 for a four-year term beginning January 2023. The successful applicant may run to fill the term, if resident requirements are met.

A full job description can be found at [www.bigstonecounty.org](http://www.bigstonecounty.org).

Resumes and a list of three professional references must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 4, 2022.

Send to this file drop: <https://securetransfer.bigstonecounty.org/filedrop/hr>.

Contact Dawn Gregoire, Human Resources Director at 320-839-6388 or [dawn.gregoire@bigstonecounty.gov](mailto:dawn.gregoire@bigstonecounty.gov) for questions.

Big Stone County is an Equal Opportunity Employer Accommodations available upon notification of need.





## Hello World

### BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jessica and Anthony Kern of Verndale, a baby boy, Grayson Anthony weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on January 11, 2022.

Born to Bethany Hurtig of Wadena, a baby boy, Marly Kyrrie weighing six pounds, two ounces on January 12, 2022.

Born to Taylor and Jon Mellberg of Verndale, a baby boy, Henry David weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on January 12, 2022.



## Five generations

Five generations gathered at Christmas for a photo. Left to right: Dee Carlson, great-great grandma; Deanna Ihme, great-grandma; Angela Chenoweth, grandma holding Karter Dahlvang, all of Motley; Kaleb Dahlvang, dad, holding Kolton Dahlvang, Staples. (Submitted photo)

## Obituaries

### Jennifer Ziegler

Jennifer Ziegler, 40, of Staples passed away January 7, 2022, peacefully in her sleep alongside her prized companion, Radar.

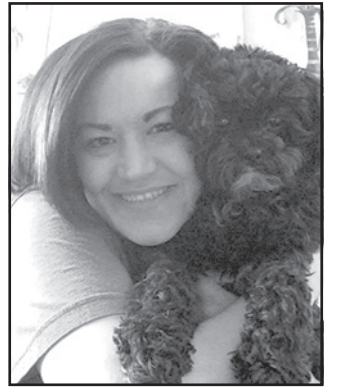
A celebration of life will be held Sunday, January 30 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Local Legends in Staples.

Jennifer was born August 9, 1981 to James and Kristina (Meyers) Ziegler in St. Paul. She graduated from Staples High School with the Class of 1999. She spent the most of her life in the Staples area close to her family.

Jennifer was driven by her faith. She was kind, compassionate, quick witted and had a sense of humor the size of Texas. She was a skilled jewelry maker, loved to craft, create all kinds of art and finding the beauty and uniqueness in all aspects of life. Jennifer loved all of her time with family, loved being the life of the party and a goal of making everyone laugh. Wherever Jennifer went her beloved dog, Radar, was by her side.

Most of all Jennifer loved and accepted all people in her life, was a friend to anyone, was always willing to lend a hand to all the special people in her life.

Jennifer is survived by



her parents, James and Kristina Ziegler; her companion, Radar; three sisters, Elizabeth (Andrew) Tepley, Katherine (Andrew) Switzer and Kimberly Ziegler; one brother, James (Sheena) Ziegler; eight nieces and nephews, Alic, Chloe, Haydn, Lydia, Landon, Lucas, Abiri, Rylee and Leigha along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Jennifer is preceded in death by her unborn child, lost too soon in February of 2021; grandparents, Roger and Sally Meyers, Richard and Ann Ziegler and three uncles, Jeffery Ziegler, Jerry Heger and James Gonsalves.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel - Staples.

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### Pearl Wilson

Pearl Wilson, 92 of Staples, passed away January 13, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held January 21, 2022 at Thomastown Covenant Church.

Burial was at West Lyons Cemetery.

Pearl was born August 1, 1929, to Harry and Anna (Reece) Siers in Troy Mills, Iowa. She was the fifth of 12 children. Although she was born in Iowa, she spent almost her entire life in Wadena County, Minnesota. She married Charles (Bud) Wilson on December 9, 1948. They built their family dairy farm and raised their three children there. She worked side-by-side with her husband on the farm along with their son, Darrell, until her husband's death in 1981.

Besides farming, Pearl kept a large vegetable garden and found time for sewing and canning. After selling the farm to her son, Pearl fulfilled her life-long dream to return to school and earn her GED and a degree in accounting from Wadena Technical College. She found some free time and was able to travel with friends throughout the U.S., visiting both coasts and taking a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand, leaving on the day her youngest grandchild was born. She didn't receive the news of his birth until well into her journey.

Pearl worked for Lakewood Health System as a Home Health Aide for a number of years. Many of her clients were often younger than she was, working in the field until she retired in her 70's. She enjoyed tending her flowers, the many birds visiting her feeder, crocheting, sewing and making gifts for her



grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She remained active in her home and garden until recently. She was able to remain in her own home with the help of her extended family until her death.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, one son, Darrell (Pat) Wilson; two daughters, Diane (Bruce) Jackson and Lori (Allen) Gradous; three sisters, Norma Odden, Ruth Stiller and Evelyn Balsiger; one brother, Dale Siers; six grandchildren, Bonnie Dahlvang, Steven Dahlvang, Niki Mollner, Jennifer (James) Middelndorf, Kimberly Wilson, and Joel Gradous; 26 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles (Bud); six siblings; one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Kern; one great-grandson, Gideon Kern; one grandson-in-law, Joseph Mollner and honorary granddaughter-in-law, Lianna Wolpert.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Care, Staples, www.taylorfunerals.com.

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## Staples Area Church Directory

**Staples**  
**Staples Alliance**  
 1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2891  
 Pastor Zach Jones  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 AWANA ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Assembly of God**  
 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
 Pastor Roy Miles  
 Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) ..... 11 a.m.  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.  
**Church of Christ**  
 27343 490th St., Staples ..... 218-894-2609  
 Pastor Barry Klein  
 Facebook Live  
 Bible School (youth and adult) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 7-8 p.m.  
**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
 firstcongoaccstaples@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  
 Pastor Chris Mathiason  
 Sunday Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship ..... 10:05 a.m.  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
 310 4th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2296  
 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
 Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
 MASS:  
 Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Seventh Day Adventist**  
 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
 218-894-0033  
 Saturday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sabbath School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
**Thomastown Covenant**  
 15940 251st Ave., Staples ..... 218-894-3923  
 Pastor Scott Jorgenson  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH** ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran**  
 1000 4th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2372  
 Rev. Robin Collins  
 Sunday Divine Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Bible Class ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
 310 5th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2248  
 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  
 Pastor Chris Mathiason  
 www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Communion ..... 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month  
**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443  
 Phone: 218- 575-2449  
 www.lincolnefree.org  
 Facebook Lincoln E Free  
 Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad  
 Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown  
 Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad  
**SUNDAY**  
 Church Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 YouTube Channel ..... 10:00 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Community Meal ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Family Night ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Cushing Baptist**  
 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
 Pastor Dan Holmes ..... 320-749-2583  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible study ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Leader**  
**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
 Leader ..... 218-397-2470  
 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
 Sunday Worship  
 January - July ..... 9 a.m.  
 July - January ..... 11 a.m.  
**Maple Hill Lutheran**  
 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
 Leader ..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
 Worship and Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

**Motley**  
**Motley Free Methodist**  
 33 Wellwood St. E  
 Motley 56466 ..... 218-352-6888  
 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
 Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
 facebook live ..... 9 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Youth Group ..... 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**St. John's Lutheran**  
 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley ..... 218-352-6399  
 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler  
 Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**St. Michael**  
 1st St. and Birch, Motley ..... 218-894-2296  
 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
 Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
 MASS:  
 Tuesday ..... 6:30 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 ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Monday AA meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.  
**Oylen**  
**Oylen Alliance**  
 Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen  
 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316  
 Pastor Neal Malcore  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. SUNDAY  
**Pillager**  
**First Lutheran Church**  
 Pastor Mathew Sundquist  
 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
 218-746-3775  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Casino Assembly of God**  
 Pastor Dan Johnson  
 N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
 Phone ..... 218-746-3839  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**First Baptist**  
 903 River Street South, Pillager  
 Pastor Jake Anderson  
 218-746-3768  
 curious@fbcpillager.com  
 Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Connection Point ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**Hewitt**  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN  
 218-924-2028  
 Pastor Wayne Hoffer  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY PRAYER** ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
 Pastor Robin Fish  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist Church**  
 Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN  
 Pastor Kenneth Uhren  
 Sunday Services ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**Verndale**  
**Verndale Alliance**  
 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481  
 218-445-5619  
 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
 Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes  
 Sunday Services ..... 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**  
 Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Night Life Groups ..... 6:30-8 p.m.  
**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
 18126 County Road 7, Verndale  
 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316  
 Pastor Neal Malcore  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Family Night ..... 5:30 p.m.  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) of Bartlett Township**  
 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 James Middendorf, 320-260-4950  
 Sunday Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Seeds of Hope ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**Leaf River Township The Old Country Church**  
 Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
 Info: 218-837-5690  
 Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

## Discouraged?

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

By Marlene Bagnull (God's Word For Today)

Jenny had good intentions. She longed for God's blessing and to be a blessing. She wanted to do what she felt God was calling her to do. But it seemed no matter how hard she tried, obstacles stood in her way and her actions were misunderstood by others.

Fellow employees questioned her motives. "You're just a goody two-shoes trying to get the boss to give you a promotion you don't deserve."

That hurt - a lot.  
 "Father, please help me to do what is right. I don't want to disappoint You or to be a stum-

bling block to others," Jenny prayed. Then she was reminded of a Scripture:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

It has been said that discouragement is one of the deadliest tools Satan uses to cause God's people to give up. Good works are abandoned and the harvest of blessing is never received when Christians become discouraged because they are listening to the wrong voices.

Christians need to remember that God knows, God cares and He is present.

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## Cardinals fourth in Mid State Conference duals

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won two and lost three at the Mid State Conference duals held Jan. 21 at the Staples-Motley gym. The team placed fourth out of the six teams, with Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus winning the conference title.

The Cardinals beat Crosby-Ironton 52-6 and Park Rapids 50-18 for their two wins. They lost to Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 58-15, to Aitkin 67-12 and to Detroit Lakes 52-27.

Colbe Tappe was named All-Conference as he went undefeated a 132 pounds, and moved up a weight to score an overtime victory against Detroit Lakes.

Eli Greenwaldt was named All Conference Honorable Mention for his performance at 106 pounds. He won with pins against Detroit Lakes and Aitkin, and scored a reversal against a ranked wrestler from Pequot Lakes before losing by major decision.

Steven Petrich, Jack Carlson and Riley Reese all had three wins on the day.

### Team results Staples-Motley 50 Park Rapids Area 18

106 Eli Greenwaldt L fall, 113 Jack Carlson W fall, 120 Riley Reese L 5-3, 126 Owen Winter L 6-0, 132 Colbe Tappe W ff, 138 Jason Trantina W fall, 145 Dalton Wells W ff, 152 Blake Neelan W ff, 160 Luke Bjerga W 19-3 tf, 170 ff, 182 double ff, 195 Dylan Lawrence W ff, 220 Steven Petrich W 11-6, 285 ff



### Dominating the Mid State Conference

Colbe Tappe puts leverage on his opponent.



### Scoring points

Jason Trantina covers his opponent to get a takedown against Detroit Lakes.

## Girls basketball team earns win

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team had a big game from Lauren Rutten, who scored 23 points, to beat Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 50-30 on Jan. 18. The Cardinals then lost 77-30 at Detroit Lakes on Jan. 20.

Against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, the Cardinals held a 21-13 lead at halftime. Addison Lorber made two three pointers in the half. In the second half, Rutten scored 15 points, including three three point

shots, as the team pulled away. Allison Knosalla made two three pointers in the second half.

The Staples-Motley record is now at 3-13 on the season.

### Escape artist

Right, Owen Winter loosens his opponent's grip to earn an escape against Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



### Team results Staples-Motley 50, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 30

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 23, Allison Knosalla 10, Addison Lorber 10, Ashley Robben 4, Mandy Carter 2, Aften Robinson 1

## Boys basketball loses conference opener

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team started the conference season with a 66-48 loss against Park Rapids on Jan. 18.

The Cardinals started out behind by 11 points at halftime. A 16 point second half by Isaiah Schultz helped them get closer but they couldn't make up the deficit that started in the first half.

The Cardinals are not 5-10 for the season.

### Team results Staples-Motley 48, Park Rapids 66



### Sixth grade GBB second

The Staples-Motley 6th grade girl's youth basketball team took home second place medals Jan. 15 from the 2022 Frazee Fastbreak Club Elementary Tournament. Above front: Clara Maros, Caroline Hoppe, Brooklyn Winter. Back: Joshua Winter, Chloe Larson, Jada Holst, Alyce Scheler, Brooke Reisenauer, Sherry Holst. (Submitted photo)

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## Lelwica, Haugen on list of hall of fame athletes; 1983 baseball team won state title

1987. In baseball, Walthall played three years as a starting pitcher, outfielder, and was the team MVP in 1987 with .357 batting average.

Walthall played quarterback at Concordia College, in Moorhead earning All Conference two seasons and winning two conference titles. Is on the colleges' all time career list for passing efficiency, passing yards and total offense.

He coached basketball at several high schools and colleges including; St. Cloud State, St. Olaf, Eastern Michigan, Loras and the University of Iowa. He is currently the coach at Moorhead State, where his teams have had winning seasons for 17 of his 18 years. His 2015 team made the Elite Eight in the Division II National Tournament, with Staples Motley graduate Jordan Riewer as his starting point guard.

**Mark Lelwica (1989)** Two time state champion swimmer, winning the 100 yard freestyle in 1988 and



1989 in the one class state competition. Was selected Swimmer of the Year by state coaches in 1989, and was undefeated in every race his senior year. After high school, Lelwica swam for the University of Minnesota, where he had a successful career competing in the Big Ten.

Lelwica was a member of the 1989 True Team State Championship track and

field team. Mark was one of the leading sprinters and a member of a variety of relay teams.

### Al Haugen (1957)

Al competed in four sports for Staples High School, football, basketball, baseball and track, earning 11 letters during his high school career. In football, named All Conference three years, named All State and was selected for the North-South All Star Game.

In basketball, Haugen was a key player on Staples' first District 24 championship team and was named All Conference for two years. In baseball, he was a four year starter, was named All Conference and All District two times.

In track, he set school and Mid State Conference records for shot put and discus, along with district and regional records in both shot put and discus.



### Teams 1983 Staples baseball team

The only state champion baseball team from Staples or Motley, was coached by Jerry Riewer.

The Cardinals won the Region 6A title with a 3-2 win over Perham. In the state tournament, the Cardinals won over Montevideo 3-2, took top ranked Dassel-Cokato 9-7 and won 7-5 over Windom in the championship.

All season, the Cardinals relied on the pitching of Dave Hagenson and Tom Hollister, who helped get them the first two wins at state. In the state title

game, D.J. Anderson and Tom Hegre held off Windom while Hollister pitched one inning. In the game, Randy Card stole four bases, Dennis Shequen stole three, Mike Lauer had an RBI hit while Card and Shequen had hits in the five run fourth inning.

Catcher Randy Card turned a 1-2-3 double play to get out of a bases loaded jam in the sixth and then picked off a runner stealing in the seventh. The Cardinal defense stranded 15 runners in the game.

### 1990 Staples Motley golf team

Down seven shots after day one of the state boys

golf tournament, the Cardinals dominated the course on day two and ended up winning the state title by seven strokes. Brad Anderson placed third individually, followed by teammates Jeremy Rohr, Chad Etzler and Darin Gronewold. Brian Caquien and Derek Hasselberg, and coached by Rollie Penfield.

Because of bad weather during the season, the team only played six regular season meets, all large invitationals. They finished first in five of the meets and fourth in the other.

The team was second in the state for academic honors, a year after being

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# Todd County Commissioners Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 21, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of December, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2021 as presented.

To approve Alyssa Etzler to fill the open Social Worker position.

To approve the 2022 Tobacco Licenses for the Clarissa Municipal Liquor Store, Don and Dave's Store, The Hub Supper Club, Jon's Foods Inc, Eagle Valley Express, American Legion Post 417, Partridge Creek Blinds and More LLC, Rohde's Midway Gas Bar and Grill, and Shady's Golden Eagle.

To approve a One-Year On & Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Don and Dave's Store at the address of 26762 County 26, Browerville, MN in Moran Township effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**GAMBLING PERMIT - MIDWEST OUTDOORS UNLIMITED - PRAIRIE PARTNERS CHAPTER**  
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on March 5, 2022.

**Auditor-Treasurer**

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401651 through 401672 in the amount of \$24,341.49 and (Regular) 55449 through 55502 in the amount of \$120,383.56 for a total of \$144,725.05.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 802239 through 802321 and (Regular) 708457 through 708532 for a total amount of \$163,844.29.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600522 through 600534 and (Regular) 516650 through 516672 for a total amount of \$69,623.78.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 Elections Budget Carryover per the attached Budget Request Form details in the amount of \$15,000.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To renew the Hands of Hope Resource Center Lease Agreement for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

**Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Properties**

WHEREAS, Chatton D. Bolden has submitted an application for repurchase of the following described tax forfeited lands; Parcel's 19-0096800, 19-0096900, 19-0097000, and 19-0097100 Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 Block 3 of Sylvan Shores South.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the application for repurchase of tax-forfeited lands submitted by Chatton D. Bolden.

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COUNTY DITCH 18 - PARTIAL REPAYMENT**

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2017, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the advance of \$300,000 from the General Fund (Fund 01) to the Ditch Fund (Fund 40) per BA#20171228-06; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the special assessment payment terms, granting a 10 year repayment term with two percent (2%) interest to be credited to the General Fund (Fund 01). The first year of the special assessment collection began for taxes payable in 2019 per BA#20180904-07; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected in 2018 and 2019 for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in the principal amount of \$70,441.51 along with \$4,060.28 of interest was approved as a partial repayment of the advance via BA#20191217-09; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected in 2020 for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in the principal amount of \$33,833.84 along with \$4,606.32 of interest was approved as a partial repayment of the advance via BA#20201215-16; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in taxes payable year 2021 is \$20,121.58 on the principal balance, along with \$3,243.61 of interest and is ready for transfer as a partial repayment to the advance made by the General Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$23,365.19 from Fund 40-County Ditches/Ditch 18 to Fund 01 General Fund.

**Administration**

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

**2022 COUNTY COMMISSIONER SALARY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Commissioners salary at \$33,393 plus \$1,800 supplemental pay for Board Chair and \$1,200 supplemental pay for the Board Vice-Chair in 2022.

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

**2022 COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Attorney salary at \$123,527 in 2022.

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

**2022 COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER SALARY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Auditor/Treasurer salary at \$96,790 in 2022.

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

**2022 COUNTY RECORDER SALARY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Recorder salary at \$74,098 in 2022.

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

**2022 COUNTY SHERIFF SALARY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Sheriff salary at \$111,885 in 2022.

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

**CHANGES TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are responsible for setting compensation and benefits of county employ-

ees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners desires to change employer/employee contributions for health insurance coverage within the County's Group Health Insurance Plan.

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has previously followed the same pattern bargained with unions for group health insurance contributions for those not covered under collective bargaining agreements, and;

WHEREAS, some collective bargaining agreements for 2022 have been settled as of this date, December 21, 2021, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the County shall pay the cost of single insurance coverage up to \$813.91 per month, or the full cost of the premium, whichever is less. The County shall pay \$1,300 toward the Employee + Spouse coverage, \$1,075 toward Employee + Child(ren) coverage and \$1,400 toward Family coverage, or the full cost of the premium, whichever is less. The County shall not pay more than the actual premium cost of the plan.

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

**A RESOLUTION FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Authorizing county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements relating to opioid distributors and manufacturers, and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, and declaring support for an amendment to Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d).

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, as well as opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of January 2, 2022, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, during negotiations of the State-Subdivision Agreement, representatives of Minnesota's counties prioritized flexibility in how local governments may use settlement funds for opioids abatement and remediation and advocated for counties to receive settlement allocations directly rather than using the distribution mechanism detailed in Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d); and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals of flexibility and direct allocation, Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), must be amended to remove a provision which would otherwise appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state's settlement allocation to county social service agencies for statutorily-prescribed use(s); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota; now, therefore,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Todd County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County supports and opts in to the multistate settlements with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and with Johnson & Johnson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Todd County, supports the amending of Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), to remove a provision which would appropriate

suant to Minn. Stat. 375.65.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Todd County Board of Commissioners, that Todd County is in substantial compliance with the Federal Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 CFR Part 900); and that Todd County has met all the Merit System of Personnel Administration and the County Personnel Act (Minn. Stat. 375.56-375.71) requirements; and that all personnel services will be provided by the County Coordinator.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the effective date for the implementation and establishment of a Merit System of Personnel in Todd County is January 1, 2022.

**Solid Waste**

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

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to adopt an annual budget and certify it to the County Auditor.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following as the 2022 Budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund of the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

**CHART**

SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND 2022 BUDGET	
Description of Revenue Source	2022 Budget
Property Taxes and Penalties	\$980,100
Licenses and Permits	\$960
HHW Reimbursement & Stipend	\$12,500
SCORE Grant	\$70,000
Charges for Service	\$1,830,000
Recyclables	\$150,000
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$3,043,560</b>

Description of Expense	2022 Budget
Personnel Services	\$545,073
Services and Charges	\$295,300
Supplies and Materials	\$143,150
Capital Expenditures	\$250,000
Tipping Fees	\$1,720,000
Other Expenditures	\$88,600
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$3,042,123</b>

**BALANCE (REVENUE - EXPENSE) \$1,437**

approximately 50 percent of the state's settlement allocation to county social service agencies via the existing Opiate Epidemic Response Fund distribution mechanism for statutorily-prescribed use(s).

**Todd County Ag Society**

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the waiving of the rental fees for the Todd County Ag Society's Winter Demo Derby event scheduled at the Todd County Fairgrounds on January 22, 2022.

**Policies Committee**

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A MERIT SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, Minn.Stat. 375.56-375.71 were enacted by the Minnesota Legislature authorizing Minnesota counties to establish a Personnel Administration System; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopted the County Personnel Act pursuant to Minn. Stat. 375.56-375.71 on November 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will adopt and appoint members to a Personnel Board of Appeals, whereby three members will be appointed to serve staggering terms pur-

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Solid Waste Department to issue licenses and permits for the following applicants: LPS, City Sanitary, Tom's Refuse, Alex Rubbish and Matheisen. Contingent upon receipt of necessary documents issue licenses and permits for the following applicants: G&T Sanitation, and Waste Management.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher against: To authorize the Solid Waste Department to accept the proposal from Forum Communications to print and mail the Recycling Survey.

**Health & Human Services**

Cory Lawrence from STEP provided a letter read into record providing the County Board with an update of their service levels within Todd County in 2021.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the STEP Purchase of Service and Host County contract renewal.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Kircher abstaining: To ap-





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**NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. following the regular meeting at the town hall. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk  
 Becker Township  
 5-6pnc

**MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Board of Audit for Meadowbrook Township will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the Leader Community Hall, immediately following the monthly town board meeting.

Ty W. Peterson, Clerk  
 Meadowbrook Township  
 5pnc

**LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETING**

Leader Community Hall Board will meet at the hall on February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Strom, Secretary  
 5-6pnc

## Public Notice

**SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**TITLE: Staples-Motley High School – Facilities Improvements**

**LOCATION OF WORK:**  
 401 Centennial Drive  
 Staples, MN 56479

**OWNER:**  
**Staples-Motley Public Schools ISD #2170**  
 905 Fourth Street NE  
 Staples, MN 56479

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:**

**ICS Consulting, LLC.**  
 1331 Tyler Street,  
 Suite 101

Minneapolis, MN 55413  
 (218) 820-7367

**ARCHITECTURAL:**

**JLG Architects**  
 525 Broadway  
 Alexandria, MN 56308  
 (320) 408-7008

**STRUCTURAL:**

**Northland Consulting Engineers**  
 102 South 21st Ave West  
 Duluth, MN 55806  
 (218) 727-5995

**MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER:**

**Obel Engineering**  
 2201 12th Street N,  
 Suite E  
 Fargo, ND 58102  
 (701) 280-0500

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project consists of interior and exterior renovations of the approximate 135,000 sf existing High School / Middle School. Renovations include interior finish refreshes and indoor air quality upgrades. Work scopes included are Sitework, General Construction, Fire Suppression, Mechanical, and Electrical.

**BID DATE AND LOCATION:**

Sealed Bids will be received at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 p.m. local time on February 15, 2022. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS.

**EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:**

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact the Construction Manager at (218) 820-7367. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any, and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

**BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:**

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded,

enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bid) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on his investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which Owner deems to be in his best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100 percent (%) of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:**

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work per-

formed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of his failure to study and record his own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid or be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 1, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley High School / Middle School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

**START DATE:**

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is February 23, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 3, 2022.

**SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:**

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete in different areas throughout the site on or before milestone dates as listed in the Summary of Work as well as the overall construction schedule provided in section 01 32 10 Project Schedule Requirements. Final completion of all work must be completed by 9/30/2023.

**END OF SECTION 00 11 13**  
 5-7pnc

**TCC** continued from page 8a rove the Northern Pines Purchase of Service Agreement renewal.

**Planning & Zoning**

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit request by Simon Schmucker on parcel 13-0029000 to establish a wood processing operation in AF-1 Zoning with three conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the rezoning request from Doug Lien of parcel 15-0041700 from AF-1 to Shoreland-GD with no conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To move to remand the Lakeside Acres First Addition Preliminary Plat Approval topic back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and grant a 60 day extension for the preliminary plat consideration.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To move to remand the Lakeside Acres Seconded Addition Preliminary Plat Approval topic back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and grant a 60 day extension for the preliminary plat consideration.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Luna Sioux Hideaway Preliminary Plat with two conditions.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit request from Joseph Frank on parcel 06-0045900 to establish a ground mounted community solar facility in AF-2 Zoning with three conditions.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To deny the rezoning request by Blair Hetland and Mary Krause on parcel 21-0008805 based on two findings of fact.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use permit requested by Eddie Kauffman on parcel 05-0009500 to establish a commercial greenhouse in R-10 Zoning with four conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit requested by Anthony and Nicole Middendorf on parcel 03-0025600 and 03-0016902 to increase the allowed animal units on site in Shoreland-NE Zoning by 93.02 Animal Units to 99 Animal Units with six conditions.

**County Auditor-Treasurer's Report**

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the year-end reporting was underway along with ARPA/SLFRF and CARES audits.

**County Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioners had nothing to report  
**Report**

Chair Becker recessed the meeting until December 28, 2021.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ALLIED 100	\$2,490.00
CENTRAL LAKES COATINGS LLC	9,020.00
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	21,052.47
FRIEDRICH'S TIRE & OIL CO	10,258.84
INTEREUM INC	2,756.16
KRIS ENGINEERING	3,896.00
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	52,789.65
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC	3,006.00
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,324.09
SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	4,609.77
STAPLES WORLD	3,037.46
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	4,995.00
64 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	24,489.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,725.05</b>

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS**

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BENNING PRINTING & PUBLISHING	5,724.00
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES	3,500.00
DHS - SWIFT V#4106 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE	56,139.02
3,919.65	
INFORMATION SYSTEM CORP	8,944.00
MCCC.MI33	9,994.24
V #15377 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE	2,672.34
V #16073 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE	3,949.88
STAPLES WORLD	3,898.95
150 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	65,102.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$163,844.29</b>

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ARNZEN CONST INC	\$12,202.46
#16413	2,426.40
#16713	2,077.20
#16814	2,226.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL	4,159.50
MLPS FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL SRVS INC	2,437.50
#16668	4,173.60
#16491	2,226.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	15,187.80
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	22,507.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,623.78</b>

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 21, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 28, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,  
 Todd County Board  
 Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer  
 5pnc

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 28, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 28th day of December, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Kneisl.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2021 as presented.

**Auditor-Treasurer**

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number

(ACH) 401673 through 401701 in the amount of \$13,865.20 and (Regular) 55503 through 55541 in the amount of \$40,416.79 for a total of \$54,281.99.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 802322 through 802338 and (Regular) 708533 through 708563 for a total amount of \$83,943.85.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600535 through 600540 and (Regular) 516673 through 516680 for a total amount of \$38,078.14.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the budget amendment for the 2021 budget year for a total of \$36,210 for the Assessor department retiree severance payments.

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

**COMMIT FUND BALANCE FOR FUTURE RETIREES' SEVERANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in FY 2020, the Finance Committee recommended taking a proactive budget approach for future retirement severances within Fund 01-General Revenue, and;

**WHEREAS**, the County Board established the Committed Fund Balance for Future Retirees' Severance Fund with Resolution #20201229-08 for FYE 2020 with a balance of \$50,000, and;

**WHEREAS**, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2021 is \$63,790. State Auditors recommendation is to approve a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to register the Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue with a balance of \$63,790 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance for Future Retirees' Severance Fund, effective December 31, 2021.

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

**COMMIT FUND BALANCE FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a building & grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the County General Fund. The building & grounds improvement funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2021 is \$829,659.37. State Auditors recommendation is to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the See **TCC** on page 10a



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**Todd County Commissioners Minutes**

**TCC** continued from page 9a  
Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to register the Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue Fund with a balance of \$829,659.37 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance of Building & Grounds Improvement Fund, effective December 31, 2021.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:  
**TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF ARP/SLFRF EXPENSES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
WHEREAS, Todd County has received the first tranche of funding via the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP/SLFRF) Act, and;  
WHEREAS, Todd County has used/expended funds within the allotted time-frame indicated in the federal guidance terms, and;  
WHEREAS, Todd County departments incurred qualifying expenses via the Federal ARP/SLFRF Act which were not able to be expensed directly to Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF and now necessitate realignment to the County Departments that incurred the initial eligible expense.  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$59,829.71 from Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF

to Fund 01-General Fund \$44,829.71 and Fund 51-Solid Waste \$15,000 to realign eligible ARP-SLFRF expenses to the County Departments per the attached list.  
Commissioner Kneisl joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:  
**APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF FORFEITURE ON PARCEL 31-0000600**  
WHEREAS, the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office has discovered that there was an error during the tax forfeiture process on parcel 31-0000600 described as: All that PT of NE4 SE4 which Lies S'rly of Sect 27 TWP 128 Rang 32, that forfeited on July 9, 2021, and  
WHEREAS, the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office wishes to have the forfeiture for the above listed parcel of land be cancelled in accordance with state statute 279.34.  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to approve and sign the Application for Cancellation of Forfeiture for parcel listed above, so that the correct parties can be notified during the Expiration of Redemption period.  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reapoint Gloria Nokes as District 1 Representative, Les

Levin as District 3 Representative, Lee Christopher as District 5 Representative and Jim Ostendorf as At-Large Member to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board.  
**Public Works**  
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 Budget Rollover Request for Retiree Severance in the amount of \$32,900 within Fund 03-Public Works.  
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 Budget Rollover Request for Road Striping in the amount of \$15,898 within Fund 03-Public Works.  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2021 Budget Rollover Request for a One Ton Truck in the amount of \$37,682.90 within Fund 03-Public Works.  
**Planning & Zoning**  
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 25-0046200 owned by Marianne Gerving for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by

unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 08-0036300 owned by Linda Jean Hansen for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 25-0007500 owned by Harold G Harkcom for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 21-0040200 owned by Jeffrey J. and Kristine Kuhlmann for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 19-0024700 owned by August Langseth for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 20-0030703 owned by Georgann M. and David W. Larson for failure to complete the restoration order.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$2,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 22-0007001 owned by William J. and Marsha K. Owen for failure to complete the restoration order.  
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place on parcel 15-0079700 owned by Timothy Forcier for failure to complete the restoration order.  
**County Auditor-Treasurer's Report**  
The County Auditor-Treasurer had nothing to report.  
**County Commissioner's Report**  
Commissioner Becker expressed thanks to the county staff for their support during the 2021 year.  
**County Coordinator's Report**  
The County Coordinator had nothing to report.  
**Adjourn**  
Chair Becker adjourned the meeting for the month of December and year of 2021.

MENCH/JAMES.....	3,530.00
OLSON/ADAM.....	2,226.75
61 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	16,067.59
Total.....	\$54,281.99
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS</b>	
<b>Vendor Name.....</b>	
<b>\$ Amount</b>	
CENTRAL MN COUNCIL	
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DHS-SWIFT.....	11,919.03
ITEN FUNERAL HOME-	
BROWERVILLE.....	3,500.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,277.63
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	14,689.68
SOURCEWELL.....	42,370.09
42 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	6,653.42
Total.....	\$83,943.85
<b>Vendor Name.....</b>	
<b>\$ Amount</b>	
DHS - ANOKA METRO	
RTC - 412.....	\$7,429.00
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DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472.....	2,697.00
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
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NORTHWOOD	
CHILDRENS SERVICES.....	2,086.64
PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY	
FOUNDATION INC.....	8,536.55
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	6,417.47
Total.....	\$38,078.14

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 28, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 4, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,  
Todd County Board  
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County  
Auditor-Treasurer  
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# Full Hall of Fame

The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted three groups into the hall. The current Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame:

- Athletes**
- Bob Peterson, 1956 baseball, track, football, basketball
  - Warren Mertens, 1973 basketball, baseball
  - Del Cerney, 1988 swimming
  - Arden Beachy, 1989 football, basketball, track
  - Jerry Cleveland, 1967 wrestling
  - Randy Frisk, 1973 football, basketball, track
  - Tony Spandl, 1979 football, wrestling, track
  - Dave Joerger, 1992 tennis, basketball
  - Jeff Brever, 2001 cross-country, basketball, track
  - Mark Carlson, 1999 wrestling, football, baseball, track
  - Mark Redemske, 1978 football, basketball,

- baseball
- Chad Walthall, 1987 football, basketball, baseball
- baseball
- Mark Lelwica, 1989 swimming
- Al Haugen, 1957 football, basketball, baseball, track and field

- Coaches**
- Bill Finn, athletic director and coach
  - Jerry Riewer, cross country and baseball
  - Don Dravis, wrestling
  - John Rengel, athletic director, coach
  - Ron Beachy, track, girls basketball
  - Tom Wolowe, basketball, tennis
  - Mel Nefstead, swimming
  - Rollie Penfield, golf, football, basketball
  - Gene Mattila, cross country, football

- Teams**
- 1985 Staples girls basketball
  - 1988 Staples Motley football
  - 1982, 1983 Staples boys cross country
  - 1982 Staples wrestling
  - 1990 Staples Motley boys golf
  - 1983 Staples baseball

## Penfield, Mattila HOF coaches, Stone is community supporter

academic state champions.

League Board of Directors and was President of the Minnesota High School Golf Association. Penfield was inducted into the Minnesota High School Golf Hall of Fame. One of Penfield's coaching highlights was winning the state golf title in 1990.

**Gene Mattila**

In 11 seasons as Staples Motley cross country coach, Mattila led the boys and

girls cross country teams to 16 conference titles, 18 subsection titles and 14 section titles. Those teams earned eight state titles. Mattila's boys teams went to state every year he coached, earning seven state titles. The girls team earned one state title and three second place finishes in multiple state appearances.

In track, he coached 47 distance runners to state appearances, with 41 medalists, including four runners-up and five individual or state champions.

Mattila also coached football from 1994-1997.

**Community Contributor**

**Rita Stone**

Working as a teacher's aide during the day, Stone was a great sports and fine arts supporter after hours, always attending the local games. Rita was chaper-

one for marching band trips, travel coordinator for cheerleading squads, planning trips for games and tournament.

Known as an in-school parent, Stone was a student advocate, used a firm hand to keep students on the right path, provided encouraging smiles and hugs when students needed them most.

## Athletic state champions

Following is the list of state champions from Staples, Motley and Staples-Motley schools, compiled by the Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. The current count is 28 team titles and 61 individual championships.

Girls tennis is one team not on this list, but deserves recognition. The team has been to the state tournament numerous times, with two second place team finishes and they finished third seven times, with one individual second place finisher.

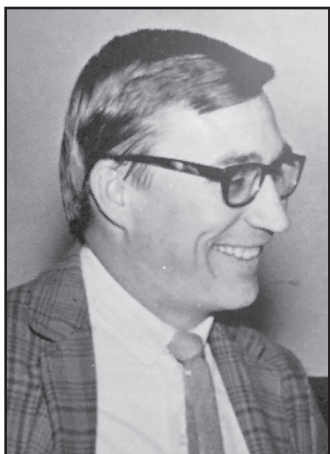
**Team state championships**

Boys cross country 10

- Girls cross country 2
- Boys golf 2
- Girls Golf 2
- Boys tennis 2
- Boys track and field 3
- Wrestling 7
- Baseball 1
- Girls Basketball 1

**Individual state champions**

- Wrestling 23 (21 second place finishes)
- Swimming 4 (3 second place finishes)
- Golf 3 (1 second place finish)
- Tennis 2
- Cross Country 6 (four second place finishes)
- Track 26 (29 second place finishes)



**Coaches**

**Rolie Penfield**

Was teacher and coach at Staples from 1968-1998. Joined the coaching staffs of Cardinal football, basketball and golf teams. Was a statewide leader in coaching, serving on the Minnesota State High School



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## Student artwork

## Respect

By Annie Schlosser and Pamela Lawrence

We asked some students from each grade what respect means to them.

Here are some of the responses from the middle schoolers.

From fifth grade, Evah Noska said, "Respect means to be kind to others, help others, be thoughtful of others, and obey rules."

Levi Larson said, "Respect means helping others and listening."

From sixth grade, Kaylee Winter said, "Respect means to be nice."

Jasmyne Hove said, "Respect means being nice and understanding other people's opinions."

From seventh grade, Owen Frisk said, "Respect means to be kind to everyone."

Ronnie Noska said, "Respect means to not pressure people into doing something they don't want to do and to listen to other people's opinions."

From 8th grade, Elijah Greenwalt said, "Respect means to care about others feelings."

Josie Jennissen said, "Respect means to be kind, don't interrupt people and don't talk back."

Here are some of the responses from the high schoolers.

From ninth grade, Miranda Schotzko said, "Respect means to be kind."

Grant Bestland said, "Respect means

to be nice to people and to care about others feelings.

Kendra Shoup said, "Respect means that you follow through the wishes of other people. For example, if someone asks you not to do something, don't do it."

Aiden Winter said, "Respect means that you don't be mean to someone. For example you could ask them how their day was."

We could not get any responses from the tenth graders.

From 11th grade, Lucas Brownell said, "Respect means that you should excel everywhere you go whether it is in the classroom, at home, in restaurants, or on a bus."

Coby Maitland said, "Respect means treating others right even if they are different from you."

Austyn Oothoudt said, "Respect means to pay attention, keep eye contact, respond to others, go through with promises and to be honest."

We also could not get any responses from the 12th graders.

Out of all the information we have we can conclude that respect means to be kind and understanding of others feelings. Some of the people had other thoughts too and there were no wrong answers. The middle schoolers had more thoughts on this question than the high schoolers, but they still had similar responses.



Matthew Larson

Matthew Larson

## Why it's important to know how to play an instrument

By Mireia Pablos

Playing a musical instrument can seem like a simple thing. But it gives your brain lots of benefits that you don't know. Include increased comprehension and math skills, better coordination and a greater capacity for memory.

I've been receiving music lessons and playing the piano for more than 10 years. I love it and when I play, it is a moment for me to discontent, it helps me to bring my mind to another part and forget about all the things.

Learning to play a musical instrument requires you

to use both the right and left part of your brain, therefore working your brain harder and improving your memory. Is it proved by scientific that learning an instrument from an early age helps to stimulate different patterns of brain development. Also, music training helps in reasoning

skills, the skills necessary for learning math and science.

Music helps relieve stress, it has a unique effect on our emotions, it can make us happy or sad, or even amplify the current emotion we are feeling. Studies have shown that music can help with keep-

ing you calm, it's even been proven to lower heart rate and blood pressure, making us feel more relaxed.

Music is fun, instead of watching TV or scrolling through social media you can play an instrument that engages and stimulates our brains, making us happy and occupying our time.

Music has the special quality to bring joy, peace and creativity to your body.

So I encourage everybody to join and learn how to play an instrument.

<https://pianopower.org/16-benefits-of-playing-an-instrument/>



## If my pet were a person

By Luke Bjerga

I have three dogs, Pete, Piper and Beth and two cats, Levie and Lenny.

If my dogs were people, I think that Piper (Shih Tzu) would be the lazy one and live in mom and dad's basement because all she does is sleep all day and eat food.

If my dog Beth was a person (blue heeler) she would be the person who goes for a run every morning and works out.

My last dog, Pete, (border collie) is lazy but is a hard worker because he sleeps all day but when we come outside he gets up and starts to chase a squirrel and acts like he's working. If he were a person I think he would do that kind of job to his boss to keep his job and act like he is working.

If my cats were people, I think my cat, Levie, would be a hunter because she kills many things like mice, muskrats, birds and squirrels.

My other cat, Lenny, would live in my parents basement like my dog, Piper, because she sleeps all day and eats treats.

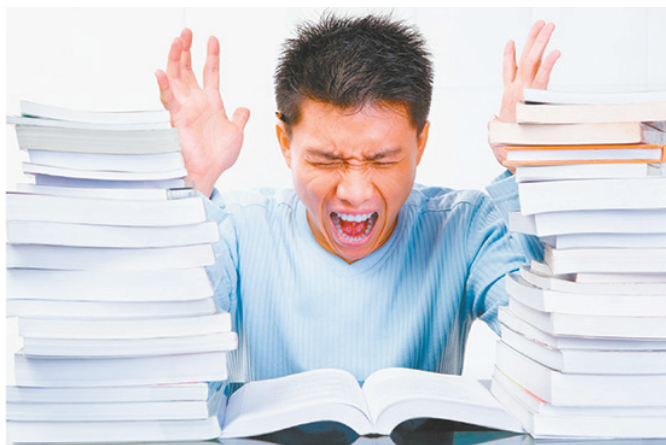
## Anxiety about end of the Semester

By Zachory Harvey

As the semester ends and Activity Day gets closer, the worry about missing assignments and low grades increases.

Students want to be able to participate in Activity Day and enjoy the afternoon with their friends.

Worries about missing assignments can overwhelm students. One way that students can avoid this feeling is by asking for help from teachers and other students during work time. Another way to think of it is if you work hard, you can accomplish hard things. Sometimes it can be easy



to wait to do an assignment, but getting things done on time is always important and should never be over-

looked. -Submitted photo It also makes the end of the semester easier and less stressful because there is less to do.

## Social media

By Ava Birkholtz

There are many bad things about social media but there are also many benefits.

One bad thing is that people can be rude and say mean things on your posts. This can make you sad, mad or insecure.

They could also say something positive about you which can make your day. What people say to each other on the internet can easily change emotions in good or bad ways.

Another thing about social media is it allows people to share where they are, what they are doing and who they are with.

Sometimes it's good to post and share what you are doing but other times it's easy to overshare and give away personal information. For example, your address or your friend's address.

It is always good to double check what you post before posting it to keep yourself and others safe.

## Why outdoor activities help with your mental health

By Owen Carlson

Winter activities are a fun way to get outside and bond with friends.

Studies have shown that getting outside and having some fresh air can help with your mental state.

According to everydayhealth.com going outdoors can improve self esteem and reduce feelings of

depression.

Some good outdoor activities during the winter are snowboarding, skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, ice skating, ice climbing, building a bonfire and snowshoeing.

Hanging out with people is also proven to make you happier so whenever you can, hang out with your friends and family.

If you sit in your room all the time then you won't be happy and you'll feel like you wasted a day. If it's super cold outside then you can watch a movie with friends or family or play a card game.

The point of the article is to get you to do stuff this winter, so have fun and stay safe.



Emali Jimenez

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