



Wednesday, June 3, 2020

# Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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## Staples Veterans Park

Prayer by  
Pastor Barry Klein on  
Memorial Day

## Weather

**This Week's Forecast**  
High Low Cond.

June 3	81°	60°	M. Cloudy
June 4	78	54	P. Cloudy
June 5	77	53	Sunny
June 6	74	57	Sunny
June 7	75	61	M. Cloudy
June 8	83	64	Sunny
June 9	83	62	M. Cloudy

**Last Year, 2019**  
High Low Cond.

June 3	66°	43°	Sunny
June 4	77	58	Sunny
June 5	77	55	Rain
June 6	87	59	Sunny
June 7	91	58	Sunny
June 8	84	66	Sunny
June 9	69	46	Cloudy

**JAverage Temp.:**  
**H = 70° Low = 50°**

**Rain for Week: .25"**  
**Year total rain: 3.15"**

Compiled by  
Dale Hausmann,  
WCCO's Staples area  
Weatherwatcher

## Public Notices

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## Obituaries

Margo Hoemberg  
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Wilkinson



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## Recognizing retiring school staff

Retiring staff at Staples-Motley were recognized at a special ceremony May 26, held outside of the campus with social distancing in place. Above, front row from left, are Barb Branchaud, paraprofessional retiring after 10 years at Staples-Motley; and Middle School Principal John Regan. In the back row, from left, are Darlene Brand, Special Education teacher retiring after 23 years at the high school; High School Princi-

pal Mike Schmidt; and Transportation Director Scott Engebretson. Below: Attendees of the recognition ceremony watched from their vehicles, adhering to health guidelines to help against the spread of COVID-19, honking their horns as a way to applaud the retirees. A few people stood outside under umbrellas, as it started to rain halfway through the program. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Reopening is happening with precautions

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

By now, most restaurants have been allowed to reopen to customers, with limited seating indoors and expanded seating outdoors. Hair salons are also open by following social distancing guidelines. At the May 26, 2020 Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, ED Director Melissa Radermacher said she's visited each of the bars and restaurants in Staples to make sure they have their preparedness plans ready to go, which including hand sanitizers and masks. She said she would also visit hair salons to see if they need help with their plans. The EDA also approved a loan fund to help restaurants restock their inventory after being closed for

months. "They had no revenue for three months and now they have to create new outdoor seating," said Radermacher. Work on that front was revealed at the Staples Chamber of Commerce videoconference when LEAP Marketing and Tourism Coordinator Renee Kroll said both hardware stores have agreed to help provide chairs, tables and benches for outdoor seating and later the restaurants will need more permanent fencing. "We will have people walking the streets this summer, we want them to feel that they can go to restaurants," said Kroll. She said the marketing committee is also working on promoting outdoor activities such as the golf course. "When people come to our town, they will be able to say we are a town that stands

behind our businesses," said Kroll. "We will react as quickly as possible to whatever the governor says is allowed," said Radermacher. **Government buildings reopening** At the Staples City Council meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city hall building will try a "soft" reopening, in which the door will still be closed to the general public, but city workers will return and customers can make appointments. Todd County announced a similar reopening strategy, in which services are available by appointment only. Many county services remain accessible either online, over the phone, and through email, which continue as the preferred methods of service.

## Wick looks back on unusual year

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley valedictorian Ryan Wick realizes he will be giving a graduation speech like no other on June 5. "It will be one to remember," said Wick, "on a stage in front of a parking lot and talking to 99 cars... It will be weird, I won't know if a joke is going to deliver or not."



Ryan Wick

No matter how his speech turns out, Wick believes there will be some positives that come out of the modified graduation. "This helped to make us a special class, this is a special year," he said. Spending the last months of school participating in distance learning, the Class of 2020 has had to endure a situation no other graduating class could have imagined. "I would rather be able to do the work in school and be with friends and peers," said Wick. "With distance learning it is just the work, you don't get the accom-

plishment of finishing an assignment and turning it in." But the class still sticks together. "Our class is one of the most tight-knit," said Wick, "We'll have an extra year to talk about and catch up on because of this senior year." To become valedictorian, the senior with the highest grade point average in the class, Wick followed the class rankings. He said his brother had been class salutatorian. See **WICK** on page 12a

## Smith recaps year of losses

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley Class of 2020 salutatorian Katie Smith looks back on a tumultuous year in which her class lost more than the last three months of school. "Our class has always been kind of close. We had to deal with losing a classmate, Paul Peterson, so everyone is kind of leaning on each other, and the support we're getting from others is really awesome," she said. "I'm looking forward to graduation and seeing everyone again. You don't realize how much you miss somebody or how much they were a normal part of your life." Because of COVID-19, the class missed out on prom, won't have a Grad Blast, has a modified graduation, and graduation parties will have



Katie Smith

different rules. "It's kind of disappointing, there's not a whole lot we can do," said Smith. "Ryan (Wick) and I won't be able to lead the class into the auditorium like so many others I have seen do. We won't get to throw hats, See **SMITH** on page 12a

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## Flowers planted at Ernie Converse Park

Teri Franzen (left) of Motley and her daughter Megan, new members of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club, helped plant flowers at Ernie Converse Park in Motley recently. (Submitted photo)

## Two crashes in Cass Cty result in fatalities

Two separate crashes in Cass County this past weekend resulted in the deaths of two individuals, reports Sheriff Tom Burch.

### May Twp crash

On Friday, May 29, at 12:10 p.m., their office received a report of a single vehicle crash on State Hwy 64 at mile marker 2, in May Township.

Deputies and responders arrived at a located a 2015 Buick SUV that had been traveling southbound, entered the ditch, rolled and flipped. An adult male, age 68 of Blackduck, was located deceased inside the vehicle. The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The crash remains under investigation and an autopsy is scheduled with the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office. Assisting at the scene was Motley Fire and Rescue, Staples Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.

### Sylvan Twp crash

On Sunday, May 31, at 3:31 a.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a report of a serious motor vehicle crash on 11th Ave. SW (Cty Rd 36) in Sylvan Township.

Deputies and responders arrived and found a 2005 GMC Yukon that had left the roadway. The vehicle had rolled several times, striking trees and power lines. Two occupants were

located, ejected from the vehicle. Medical aid was immediately initiated.

According to Sheriff Burch, a male, age 25, of Pequot Lakes was deceased on scene. A female, age 21, of Motley, was treated on scene and transported with serious injuries to Essential Health St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. An autopsy is scheduled with the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office and the crash remains under investigation.

Assisting on scene were Pillager Fire and Rescue, North Memorial Ambulance, North Memorial Air Care, Lake Shore Police Department and Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

May 27 - The MPD responded to reports of ordinance violations in the City of Motley. These included a garbage complaint at the 600 block of Hwy 10 South; concerns about the appearance of a yard at the 300 block of Beaulieu St. West as well as a boat with stagnant water in it; and a mess at a property at the 100 block of Front St. East.

May 23 - The MPD issued Daniel Fletcher, 41, a citation for speeding. According to the report he was very upset, left at a high acceleration through the gas station where he had stopped earlier and then pulled out onto Hwy 10 southbound without even slowing for the stop sign at the intersection. An oncoming vehicle had to brake in order not to hit the subject's vehicle and trailer. The MPD stopped Fletcher again and informed him he would be

receiving another citation for failure to stop for a stop sign, at which time Fletcher swore at the officer.

May 26 - The MPD issued a citation to Jonathan Chock, 31, for driving after revocation.

May 22 - 26 - The MPD issued hands-free citations to Megan Hansen, 38; and Amy Boylan, 22.

May 22 - 23 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Elsa Kappes, 22; Susan Kalees, 43; Hunter Sahlberg, 21; Travis Defries, 33; Hannah Lenzen, 24; Calvin Strecker, 21; Nathan Nerland, 39; Kaylee Lothspeich, 27; Nicholas Sharma, 18.

May 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Deana Wells, 54, for passing an emergency vehicle with its emergency lights on.

May 27 - The MCSO responded to a 911 call for a carbon monoxide detector going off at the 31000 block of Fish Trap Lake Dr., Cushing.

May 24 - After responding to a boating complaint at the 4000 block of Bay

View Trail in Cushing, the MCSO subsequently arrested Courtney Kyle Zack, 42, for driving while intoxicated.

May 24 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Barron Nixon, 31.

May 21 - While on stationary patrol in Motley, the MCSO observed a vehicle driving near Hwy 210 and Hwy 64 with no license plates. The deputy stopped the vehicle, made contact with the driver and observed the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The deputy also observed a THC vape pen cartridge box laying on the driver's side floorboard. Subsequently, the MCSO arrested Isaiah Louis Gonzalez, 20, after searching his vehicle and locating a vape pen, 42 vape pen cartridges all containing one gram each of THC and seven packages containing one gram each of marijuana wax which also contains THC. Gonzalez was transported to the Morrison County Jail without incident.



## Motley American Legion remembers

Members of the Tri-County American Legion Post #124 held an impromptu Memorial Day service at Veterans Park in Motley May 25.

Top: As part of the program, members provided the color guard and firing squad, led by Sgt. at Arms Ron Unger, far right.

Center: Pastor Jim Johnson of the Motley Free Methodist Church (at left) gave the invocation and benediction prayers and Commander Tom Ludwig (right) offered remarks at the service

In lower photo, American Legion members take time to read the names of veterans engraved on the pavers at the park.

Formal Memorial Day programs were not planned this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Usually, the Motley American Legion Post #124 participates in at least four services each Memorial Day, including Motley Public Cemetery, Bridgeman Cemetery, Poplar Cemetery and Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples. (Submitted photos)



## Veterans News

By David A Anderson  
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Unmet Needs Program offers grants up to \$1,500 to eligible Veterans, service members and military families. Since 2004, the VFW has provided more than \$5 million supporting Veterans and military families who face an unexpected financial hardship related to their military service. The VFW program can directly pay eligible expenses with no obligation of repayment. VFW also provides referrals to other organizations should additional assistance be required.

After five combat tours in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Dustin Ellison was suffering from the post-war effects of a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and severe PTSD. "I thought [Dustin's discharge date] would be the happiest day since he came home from service... I was wrong," explained Heather Boyd, Dustin's sister. "It was 100 [times] harder after war. It breaks my heart to watch my brother go through life like a ghost carrying guilt from serving for his country." When the severity of his condition and medical complications requiring surgery unexpectedly extended Dustin's treatment, Heather feared her brother would leave the program if he was unable to keep up on his bills.

Heather reached out to VFW for help. An Unmet Needs grant came through just in time. "I personally had depleted the money in my bank account... this was not only a relief for myself, but it allowed him the opportunity to focus on treatment and not stress about his lack of income," said Heather.

The grant provided the assistance Dustin needed to stay current on his bills. More importantly, it provided him the freedom to focus on his health - culminating with his graduation in January. Heather explained that while Dustin still has work to do and will likely face daily struggles for the rest of his life, thanks to the VFW Unmet Needs program, he's functioning better than ever.

Unmet Needs grant applicants must be the service member, Veteran, or eligible dependent listed under the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). The financial hardship must be due to one of the following:

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- Discharged prior to Sept. 11, 2001, on a fixed income that must include VA compensation for a service connected injury/illness and facing an unexpected financial hardship.

The financial hardship cannot be caused by:

- Civil, legal or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce.
- Financial mismanagement by self or others, or due to bankruptcy.

Expenses Eligible for payment:

- Household expenses mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance.
- Vehicle expenses payments, insurance, repairs

(major repairs for vehicles over ten years old will not be considered).

- Utilities.
- Food and clothing.
- Children's clothing, diapers, formula, school or childcare expenses.
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses - the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care only.

Expenses Not Eligible for payment:


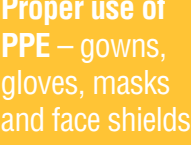


- Credit cards, military charge cards or retail store cards.
- Cable, Internet, or secondary phones.
- Cosmetic or investigational medical procedures & expenses.
- Taxes - property or otherwise.
- Furniture, electronic equipment or vehicle rentals.
- Any other expenses not determined to be a basic life need.

All grants are paid directly to the creditor and applicants must provide the most current bills due. Each case will be carefully reviewed. Upon approval, payments will be made directly to the creditor. All applications are individually reviewed and the VFW reserves the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Unmet Needs at 1-866-789-6333.

The application is provided online only. To apply <https://app.wizehive.com/apps/vfwunmetneeds> to start your application. The process can take up to 20 business days. Include the most recent bills due and the assigned caseworker will reach out to the creditor to verify all expenses. Payments will be mailed directly to the creditor after research is complete.

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# School board approves preliminary budget

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley school board approved a preliminary budget that cuts \$211,000 from this year's budget.

At the May 18, 2020 school board meeting, Business Manager Chuck Herdegen said they are planning for fewer students next year, so the revenue from the state will be lower, despite a two percent increase projected for the per-pupil formula.

"We are not cutting any programs," said Superintendent Shane Tappe. "We are reducing the swim program to a cooperative, we want students to continue to have the best experience while reducing the budget."

Herdegen said they are spending down the reserve fund to balance next year's budget.

Among the cuts approved at the meeting, the position of Director of Early Learning Services, currently held by Sue Anderson, was eliminated.

The school fiscal year ends June 30, 2020 and the board plans to talk more about the budget at their June meeting.

## Building work

Work on the elementary and high school buildings is underway. The money for the HVAC and renovation projects is coming from the Long-Term Maintenance Fund, not the general budget. Tappe said there will be an additional \$50,000 to get rid of asbestos in the high school building.

Tappe said the conversation about holding a referendum has been put on hold.

## Swimming back as cooperative

The board approved joining with the Little Falls swim team as a cooperative. Superintendent Shane Tappe said it would work as a per-person participation agreement, in which Sta-

ples-Motley schools will pay a percentage of the costs according to the number of participants.

Pillager and Royalton also have options to be part of the swimming cooperative with Little Falls.

## Graduation

Tappe said High School Principal Mike Schmidt and administrative assistant Julie Polak have put a lot of thought and energy into planning a graduation that meets guidelines set by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and Minnesota Department of Health.

"Graduation is a huge accomplishment and a huge deal, this is not how they wanted this to end, but it will still be a positive ending to their career," said Tappe.

Tappe also commented on the two months of distance learning required by the state because of COVID-19 shutdowns this year. "All the work our teachers do for our students every single day, they handled it with grace. It's been a perfect example of excellence and upholding professionalism."

Board member Greg Frisk commented on what he saw while volunteering for the bus program that brought food and learning materials to students.

"The coordination and cooperation among administration, bus drivers, teachers, cooks and the paraprofessionals, it was incredible to watch," said Frisk. "I hope we don't have to do it again, but it was impressive."

## In other news, the board

- Approved retirements of Paul Johnson, transportation; and Julie Richels, special education.
- Approved non-renewal of Nick Doll as boys basketball coach.
- Approved paying spring sports coaches 33 percent of their work agreement.

# Staples Police report

Recent reports from the Staples Police Dept. include: May 18; Staples Police received a report of theft of tools from a residence.

May 18; Staples Police responded a report of a person who had passed away in their home.

May 21; Staples Police received a report of a small child that walked away from a residence without the parents knowing. The child was located by a passerby and was returned home.

May 22; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff with a female acting strange and appeared to be under the influence of a mood altering drug. Upon investigation, Cheryl Hellmers was arrested and transported to the Todd County Jail.

May 23; Staples Police responded to a report of a suspicious person. Police found that it was a mental health issue.

May 23; Staples Police assisted a Wadena County Deputy on a traffic stop.

Gabrielle Merida was placed under arrest for obstruction.

May 23; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd St SW for a report of a burglary. It was determined that the subject was suffering from mental health issues.

May 23; Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 4th St NE for a report of a vehicle driving erratic in the parking lot of an apartment building. Police cited the driver with damage to property.

May 23; Staples Police assisted at the Lakewood Health System emergency room staff with an individual who was on a 72 hour hold and was out of control. Police assisted with restraining the subject.

May 24; Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of an assault with a weapon. Police arrested Jeremy Peterson, 39, for 2nd degree assault and disorderly conduct.

## 75 Years Ago - 1945

• June 7, 1945 - Twelve new books have been added to the shelves of the Staples public library, announced Miss Carrie Mayer, librarian, the first of this week.

"All About Coffee" by William H. Ukers, is one of the new books presented by the Pan-American Coffee Bureau as a contribution by the member county of the bureau to spread the factual knowledge about coffee. It is the first independent work fully covering all phases of the subject and is intended to appeal to

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the general reader as well as those directly associated with coffee.

Pine, Stream and Prairie, by Gray; Immortal Wife, by Storle; Great Son, by Ferber; The Razor's Edge, by Maugham; Image of Josephine, by Tarkington; Green Dolphin Street, by Goudge; Land I Have Chosen, by Berlin; Red Fruit, by Bailey; Anything Can Happen, by Papashvily; Leningrad, by Worth; and Chunking Dialogues, by Mousheng.

• June 7, 1945 - Commencement exercises for sixty-one graduates of the 1971 Cardinal Baseball team at Staples high school. Both will be seniors next year and both are members of the pitching staff.

• June 11, 1970 - Rich Miller and Jack Kirk were chosen co-captains of the 1971 Cardinal Baseball team at Staples high school. Both will be seniors next year and both are members of the pitching staff.

• June 11, 1970 - The Leader Creamery Auction will be held Saturday, June 13. Sale starts at noon. Auctioneers are Jim Olson and E. E. Zaske. Items listed on the auction bill include a 1,000-gallon stainless-steel holding tank, testing scale, weigh scale, cream pump and motor, wash tank, ice cream cabinet and many other items. Creamery Building is listed for sale or lease. For more information contact Oral Granby, Leader, Minn.

Following the invocation by Rev. James Standing, the senior girls' octette sang a number, this was followed by the address to the graduates by Allen A. Seed, Jr., executive vice president of the Minneapolis Civic Council.

Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer awarded the diplomas to the class, with Miss Alice Hotchkiss, principal of the high school, presenting the class.

Supt. P. M. Atwood made the presentation of the scholarship awards to Miss Audrey Carlson (class valedictorian) and Donald Ericksen, as the girl and boy who had maintained the highest average through their school years.

Carl E. Thompson, commander of the Ivan V. Sarff Post of the American Legion of Staples, presented Miss Carlson and Vernon Drake (fourth in his class) with the American Legion Citizenship awards.

## 50 Years Ago - 1970

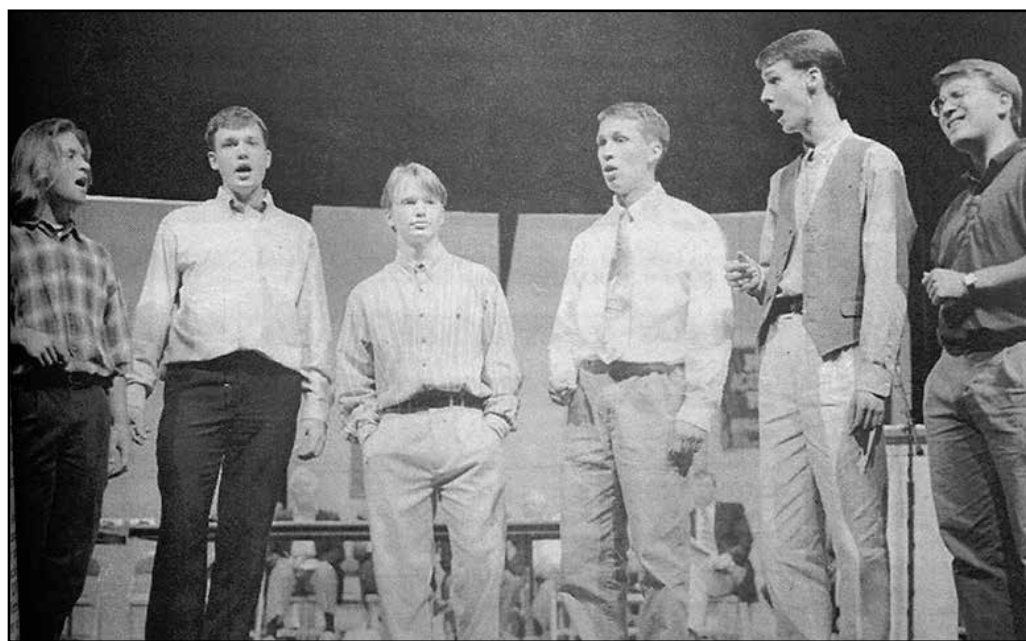
• June 11, 1970 - Tears of joy rolled down the cheeks of lovely, blonde Karen Hutchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hutchison, rural Motley, as she received the crown as the 1970 Todd County Dairy Princess at coronation ceremonies Friday evening, June 5, in the Staples high school cafeteria.

Princess Karen received her crown from Miss Judy Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Hanson, Aldrich, who was on hand to participate in the day's festivities and to crown her successor.

This is the third consecutive year that a Staples girl has captured the Todd County Dairy Princess title. Sharon Gaugert received the crown in 1968, Miss Hanson in 1969 and now Miss Hutchison.

• June 11, 1970 - On Sunday, June 14, the mem-

# Looking back



## Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 25, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

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

• June 8, 1995 - Up and down Highway 10, gas prices have jumped to their highest levels since 1991.

Prices for Memorial Day weekend, the traditional beginning of the summer fleecing of tourists (and locals) in northern Minnesota, jumped up to an average of \$1.21 per gallon for unleaded self serve gasoline.

• June 8, 1995 - The old Batcher Department Store building is getting a new tenant, one well suited for the nearly 90 year old building. Opera House Antiques is about to open in a portion of the former department store. The antique business is a consignment antique store being put together by Bruce Hayenga and other area antique collectors.

• June 8, 1995 - Retirees from the Staples campus of the Brainerd Staples Technical College represents 297 combined years of service. They include Larry Huebner, 31 years; Carolyn Schutte, 17 years; Penny Lundgren, 25 years; Dave Mertens, 28 years; Stan Edin, 32 years; Charles Balzer, 25 years; Jack Giza, 29 years; Bruce Nelsen, 27 years; and Maurice Lenk, 32 years.

• June 8, 1995 - The Staples Motley School Board cast a unanimous ballot Friday night (June 2) for Willis Schoeb of Faribault as the new superintendent for this district.

However, the decision may not be final, pending the outcome of negotiations with Schoeb. If Schoeb declines the position, the board is prepared to offer it to Ken Scarbrough from Enderlin, N. Dakota.

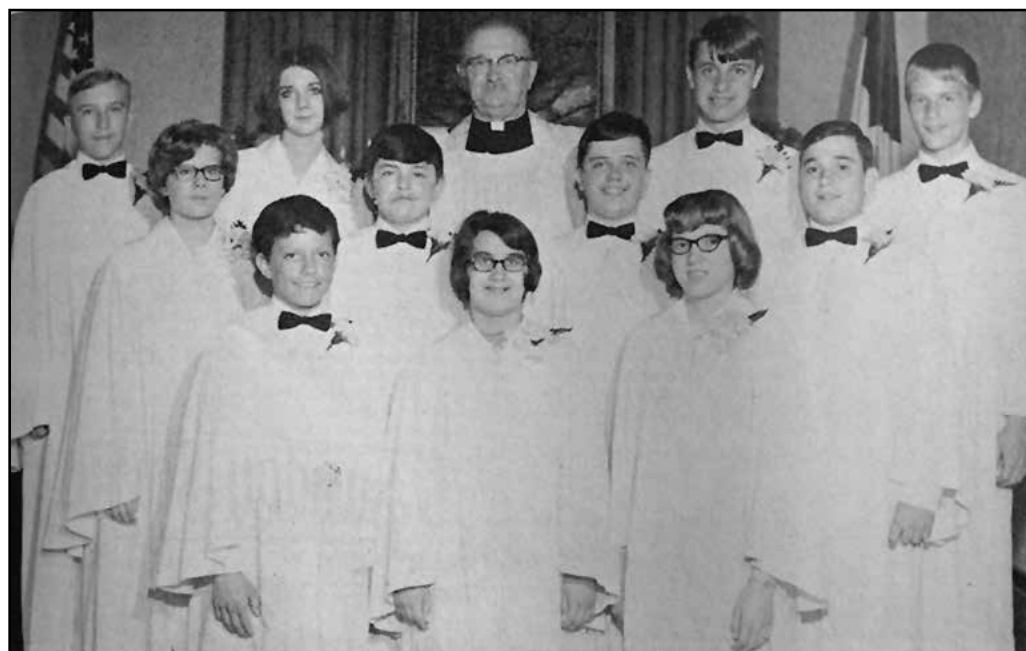
## 25 Years Ago - 1995

• June 10, 2010 - 'Mr. D' is retiring after 40 years in classroom, was one of the front page headlines. A teacher in Staples since the fall of 1969, Mr. D is reluctantly retiring.

## 10 Years Ago - 2010

• June 10, 2010 - 'Mr. D' is retiring after 40 years in classroom, was one of the front page headlines.

A teacher in Staples since the fall of 1969, Mr. D is reluctantly retiring.



## Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the May 14, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured eleven young people taken into membership of Trinity Lutheran church in Staples Sunday, April 26, through the Rite of Confirmation. Front row from left: Dennis Haste, Betty

Bain, Cheryl Boe. Row two: Kim Wil-son, Leonard Blume, Kim Trana, Gary Williams. Back row: Keith Card, Debbie Quiring, Rev. R. L. Bode, Steve Wilson, Tom Sycks.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Tobacco 21 is smart public health policy

The CHAMP (Chemical Health Awareness & Multi-drug Prevention) Coalition of Wadena and Todd County CAD (Creating A Difference) Coalition deeply appreciates Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka for supporting legislation that raises Minnesota's tobacco age to 21. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of lawmakers like Senator Gazelka, Minnesota is the 25th state to sign Tobacco 21 into law. We have a growing epidemic of tobacco use and addiction among our young

people. E-cigarette use continues to climb and almost doubled among 8th-graders from 2016 to 2019. More than one in four Minnesota 11th-graders reported using e-cigarettes in the past month, according to the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey. Tobacco addiction starts at a young age. Nearly 95 percent of addicted adult smokers began using tobacco before the age of 21, according to National Academy of Medicine research. That's why we need smart public health policies that take on tobacco addiction before it starts. Raising the state tobacco age to 21 aligns Minnesota with federal law and reduces access

to tobacco products. The law will also ensure the state maximizes the health benefits of Tobacco 21 – and saves lives. By passing Tobacco 21, Minnesota is taking a much-needed step toward a generation free from tobacco addiction. The CHAMP and CAD Coalitions are grateful for Senator Gazelka's "yes" vote and his leadership on this important issue. Thank you for voting to protect the health and safety of young Minnesotans.

Dan Huebsch, Chairperson, CHAMP Coalition of Wadena County  
Mary Theurer, Todd County CAD Coalition

## The Cars generation is ready to graduate in cars

When the Class of 2020 was in their movie-watching prime, four and five years old, the top children's movie in the world was Cars. Now the Staples-Motley High School seniors will be living out some of the scenes from that favorite movie by graduating in a crowd of cars and driving away in a parade of cars.

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson  
Editor



### A Cars graduation

A preview of what the Staples-Motley graduation could look like this year, with the ceremony to be conducted with seniors sitting in cars.

speeches and Pomp and Circumstance (the song and the concept), and then the graduation parties begin in earnest.

For the Cars graduation this year, let's remember some of the lessons we learned from the movie.

The main character, Lightning McQueen, learned that he had to become humble before he could be great.

The mentor, Doc Hudson, taught that doing things counterintuitively some-

times comes in handy. Mater, the tow truck, taught us that the best friends are the people who are down to earth.

The pit crew, Guido and Luigi, taught us to be prepared to transcend our abilities when it is needed.

So what will we learn from the class of 2020, when they emerge from their vehicle, walk across the stage to get their diploma, get back in the vehicle, and drive off to their future?

Graduation quotes

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore, dream, discover.”

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

## The Class of 2020 will never be forgotten

By Dr. Hara Charlier  
President, Central Lakes College

Every student in our region has achieved something truly special this year. They have adapted to a rapidly changing pandemic, distance learning, being unable to put their hands on equipment in labs, shops and separation from peers.

These students found a way to prioritize education while the world around them seemed to be in chaos. They have weathered a semester that most of us could not have imagined just a few months ago. The students at Central Lakes College inspire us every day, but this class, the Class of 2020, are some of the strongest people I know.

It's been amazing to see each student power through and finished this part of their educational journey. They've overcome limited internet access, loss of income, food insecurities, distance learning with their own children, adjusting to a new form of learning themselves and so much

more. That's commendable and shows a level of commitment and grit that simply has to be celebrated. So, when it came to our commencement ceremonies, we knew we had to do something special, something deserving of this strong, enduring class. Of course, this led us to host our first-ever virtual commencement.

Within the span of a few weeks, our team mailed commencement care packages to our graduates (complete with a diploma cover, cap, tassel and honor cords), gathered submitted student photos and crafted a masterpiece commencement ceremony that gave graduates their time in the spotlight. Many students also shared inspiring quotes about what CLC meant to them. One of my favorites was, “There will always be a special place in my heart for my CLC family.”

As we've navigated these unprecedented times, we've found bright spots, little bonuses that we didn't count on. This year's commencement ceremonies had more than 10,700 views. There's no question that more

friends and family members joined the celebration than ever have before. They logged in from near and far, made encouraging comments on YouTube and sent up floaty hearts on Facebook. Did I miss the crowd, the smiles on our students' faces, the ability to shake their hands? Absolutely. Do I believe that students felt our heartfelt care in this virtual format? Absolutely.

And, for the first time, those ceremonies are available for our students, their families and you to view anytime. I encourage you to check each ceremony out on our YouTube channel or our Facebook page. Make sure to watch the cheering at the end. I hope it gives you the feeling it gave me.

Thank you to each of our CLC family members who worked so hard to make this a special event. And, thank you to this special community for supporting our graduates, our students, the future of our communities. CLC is your community's college, and we are all #CLCstrong.

Graduation quotes

“If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on.” -

— Sheryl Sandberg

## Expanding access to care at Lakewood

By Tim Rice  
President & CEO  
Lakewood Health System

In early March, we never could've predicted the situation we're in now, all the changes and decisions that have been made these last couple of months in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. One of the early significant changes that was made in healthcare was temporarily halting elective surgeries and procedures to ensure we had surge plans in place and had sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE). Now that we are better pre-

pared, we are cautiously opening back up for non-urgent procedures to take place at Lakewood Health System (LHS) Staples. Our challenge now is prioritizing them to make sure the most acute cases can get in first. Thank you for your loyalty to Lakewood; we look forward to welcoming you back in the most efficient, safest way possible.

We're adding additional providers to the clinic schedule in our open clinic locations to accommodate increased demand for preventative care and management of ongoing medical conditions.

We're excited to announce the reopening of our Eagle Bend clinic on June 1. The Eagle Bend clinic will be a dedicated well clinic (for preventative care and management of ongoing medical conditions) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

On June 1, we'll transitioned the Browerville clinic into a clinic for patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, due to the increased prevalence of confirmed COVID-19 cases in our southern service area.

Additional options to access medical care at Lakewood include:

### Traditional In-person clinic visits

- Staples Main Entrance (hallways A – H), Browerville and Pillager are dedicated well clinics
- Staples Entrance B (hallways I – J) is a dedicated clinic for patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Scheduled through our Clinic Patient Access Team

(218-894-1515)

### Virtual visits

- Provides patients direct access to their provider while keeping them in the comfort and privacy of their home
- Video and phone visits are available
- Scheduled through our Clinic Patient Access Team (218-894-1515)

### Click Care

- Lakewood Click Care is a 24/7 online diagnosis and treatment service for common medical conditions
- Currently offering free COVID-19 screening tool and free visit for respiratory symptoms
- Accessed through [www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com](http://www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com)

### Home visits

- Offered to patients under the direction of their primary care provider

### Drive up lab

- Offered to our immunocompromised patients under the direction of their primary care provider and specialists

Thank you again for your patience as we work to carefully open all services at Lakewood Health System. Safety is always our number one priority, so rest assured we are putting a lot of thought and planning into this process to meet your needs. There might be more steps or requirements due to the pandemic, but by being patient and working together, we will accommodate you as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you for continuing to trust us to provide quality, personalized healthcare for a lifetime.

Graduation quotes

“Take your risks now, as you grow older you become more fearful and less flexible. And I mean that literally. I hurt my knee this week on the treadmill, and it wasn't even on.”

— Amy Poehler

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## SMHS commencement ceremony June 5

Event to be 'drive-in movie style' due to coronavirus pandemic

Staples-Motley High School will hold its graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the student parking lot, "drive-in movie" style, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Principal Mike Schmidt provided the following directives:

- One vehicle per graduate (the visual confirmation of the graduate is your "ticket" into the lot).
- 3rd St. NE will be the entering route, from the elementary school to the student parking lot.
- No RV's or trailers.
- No pre-parking vehicles during the day.
- 6 p.m. is the preferred start to line up. Stay in your vehicle once parked.
- Large/tall vehicles are asked to park in the back rows.
- There are 106 spaces for the 99 graduates/families.
- Staples Police Dept. will be onsite to guide you into the lot.
- Side streets will be closed, to deter social gathering.
- There will be an elevated stage located between the parking lot and the bleachers.
- Guests will receive graduation programs upon entering.

- KSKK Radio will broadcast the event.
- Facebook Live will be utilized during the ceremony, and a YouTube video will be available post-graduation.
- The 'Senior Video' will be available for watching on personal devices in vehicles; and on YouTube post graduation.
- During the ceremony, speeches will be given by valedictorian Ryan Wick and salutatorian Katie Smith; and the high school 'Staff Member of the Year' (as selected by the graduating class) will be announced.
- All of the 2020 graduates' names will be read.
- The graduate and one family member will be allowed up to the stage for the graduate to receive their diploma and take photos (their diploma will be slid to them across the table before they take the stage).
- As directed by the MN Dept. of Health, people with COVID-19 symptoms should not attend.
- There will not be a restroom on-site for public use.
- Upon completion of the graduation ceremony, people are asked to disperse, based on the directive given by the MN Dept. of Education and the MN Dept. of Health. No social gatherings on school grounds.

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## Local food shelves offer free food distribution COVID Assistance Program

A free food distribution for those in need of food or those newly struggling to make ends meet due to the COVID-19 crisis is being held Wednesday, June 10 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Motley School west parking lot. The event is being hosted by Motley and Staples Area Food Shelves with food provided from the COVID Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes. CFAP is an assistance program for farmers, ranchers and other food producers managed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program provides vital assistance to producers of agricultural commodities and channels food to food banks, community and faith-based organizations and other non-profits serving

Americans in need. The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes is a humanitarian food aid organization with a packaging facility located in Nisswa. They package seven different meals that are nutritious and delicious. "This is a resource for the whole community and for those needing a little extra help right now," said Sherry Miller-Frisk, director of the Motley Area Food Shelf. "If you are one of the many experiencing unexpected hardship due to the coronavirus crisis you are especially welcome to participate in this program and learn more about other food resources available for people in this area," Frank Leidenfrost, Director of the Staples Area Food Shelf said.

Pre-packed boxes of produce, dairy and meat will be distributed safely through a drive-up model. Food will be loaded into trunks by volunteers who will maintain social distance. No registration or paperwork is necessary and only basic demographic information will be asked of participants. No names, addresses or other personal information will be required. To pick up your food items: From Highway 10, go east on Eldredge Street, left on 1st Ave South and proceed to St. Michael's Catholic church for line up. (All vehicles must come in from the south.) You will be directed into the school parking lot and exit going north.

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### Staples Host Lions donate to Dollars for Scholars

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$3,000 to the Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Joe Roline; students Emmitt Winkels, Max Strickland, Madysen Hull; and SMHS counselor Steve Jennissen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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### Community Ed donation

The Staples Lions recently donated \$3,000 to Staples-Motley Community Education programs. Mike Gold, Lions president makes the presentation to Blake Boran, SM Activities and Community Education Director. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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The Staples World newspaper is available at these fine area businesses:

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

- Born to Emily and Anthony Mitchell of Pine River, a baby girl, Marley Celeste weighing eight pounds, six ounces on May 21, 2020.
- Born to Sabrina and Nathan Olson of Nisswa, a baby boy, Waylon Stetson weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on May 21, 2020.
- Born to Paige and Jason Cusey of Motley, a baby boy, Barrett Lee weighing seven pounds, six ounces on May 22, 2020.
- Born to Brianna and Shane Kern of Browerville, a baby girl, Philomena Grace weighing nine pounds on May 22, 2020.
- Born to Anna and Dustin Littlefield of Motley, a baby girl, Camille Grace weighing seven pounds, six ounces on May 23, 2020.
- Born to Valerie and Eric Swenson of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Liam Thomas weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on May 26, 2020.
- Born to Ashley Hepola of Menahga, a baby girl, Abby Rose weighing five pounds, six ounces on May 26, 2020.
- Born to Jennifer Orth and Darin Becker of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Harley Rae weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on May 27, 2020.
- Born to Brittany Notch and Josh Krech of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Aurora Lily weighing eight pounds, four ounces on May 27, 2020.

## Obituaries

### Beverly Wilkinson

Beverly Ellen Wilkinson, 75 of Rogers, passed away March 22, 2020.

A private family service will be held at Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church in Rogers on June 12.

A graveside service will be held June 13 at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples at 11:00 a.m.

Beverly is survived by three children, Brian (Laura) Fleisher, Toni (Jason) Aho and Dale Wilkinson; daughter-in-law Celia Fleisher; one sister, Priscilla Jeziorski; one brother, Ken (Peggy) Kephart; 14 grandchildren, Krysta, Cody, Jocelyn, Craig, Quentin, Ashley, Tegan, Grace, Anna, Olivia, Paul, Monica, Gianna and



Agnes and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Mary Kephart; one son, Blake Fleisher and one sister, Judy Kephart.

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### Margo Hoemberg

Margo E. (Martin) Hoemberg, 72, of Staples, died May 24, 2020 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

The family will hold a private ceremony and interment at a later date. A celebration of life event will also be held at a later date when the family feels it appropriate to do so.

Margo was born on October 20, 1947, in Bertha to Ellsworth and Irene (Beaver) Martin. She graduated from Staples High School in 1965. Margo married Steven J. Hoemberg, Sr. on December 21, 1977 in Motley. From 1965 to 1975, she traveled frequently and worked as clerk in Washington, D.C., Bremerton, WA, Wayzata, Spring Grove, Charlottesville, VA, Philadelphia, PA and as an operations control manager in Cincinnati, OH. It was in 1975 when she decided to move back to Staples; working various jobs as a bartender, store manager and cashier up until spring of 1991, when an accident at work left her unable to work full-time. In the years to follow, she volunteered at the Centennial Auditorium Box Office, as well as doing contract work for the Staples World where she wrote her "Looking Back" column.

Throughout her life, Margo was always actively involved in her community. Prior to moving back to Staples, she most notably provided emergency foster child care (Willingboro, NJ), managed a children's softball league (Cincinnati, OH), and was a member of the College Hill Tutorial Society (Cincinnati, OH), where she tutored 52 children. Once she moved back to Staples, Margo volunteered for MERTA (Minnesota Emergency Responders Training Academy), her sons' school events, the Centennial Auditorium Box Office, as a costume designer for numerous high school and community theatre plays. She was a Member of the Staples Area Woman's Chorus, All Class School Reunion Committee and the Centennial Parade Committee, the Staples Chapter of the Red Hat Society (Scarlet O'Hatters of the North), CAPP Committee (Comprehensive Arts Planning Program) and a Board Member and Publicity Chair for Lamp-lighter Community Theatre, Staples. She also was the Chair and Founder of ISD #2170 Centennial Support Society of Staples.

Margo always had a passion for music and theatre; going to concerts and performances often. She wrote and directed plays, worked on costumes and set design, and even acted on occasion. She played the French horn for over 30 years along with other brass instruments and guitar. She loved history and people and was quite the conversationalist. She was a voracious reader and writer. In addition to writing for the Staples World, her love of writing carried over into countless poems, short stories and even a novel (unpublished). She enjoyed arts and crafts; from painting and lettering



to miscellaneous crafting, costume design and construction and quilting and sewing. She worked with children and students all of her life in various capacities; from tutoring (math and reading) and theatre, to scouting and community sports. But none of her other passions compared to her love of family. She always made time for family; going to concerts and sporting events when her body permitted her to do so. She was always supportive of her children and grandchildren; telling anyone who would listen about their accomplishments and what was going on with their lives. To those who knew her, she was a mentor, a confidant, and she was always willing to do whatever she could to help others.

Margo loved clipper ships and the sea, and although her body fought her for most of her life, there is a quote by Aristotle that sums up how she lived her life. "We must free ourselves of the hope that the sea will ever rest. We must learn to sail in high winds." She loved and was loved, and will be truly missed.

Margo is survived by her husband Steven J. Hoemberg, Sr. of Staples, their two sons Steve Hoemberg, Jr. (Wendy) of Staples and John Hoemberg (Sarah) of Fargo, ND; one daughter Lara Phelps-Berg of La Crosse, WI; six grandchildren, Molly and Meredith (Steve), Cooper and Grace (John) and Brian and Eric (Lara); one great-grandchild, Penelope (Lara-Brian); two step-grandchildren, Logan and Alijah (Wendy); one step-great-grandchild, Ronan (Wendy-Logan); two sisters Kitty Belle "Kitt" (Bob) Carroll and Marjean "Jeannie" Meyer; one brother William "Bill" Martin; brothers-in-law Chuck (Marian) Carroll, Ed (Marilyn "Mugs") Mancuso; Doug (Robin) Hoemberg, John (Julie) Hoemberg and George (Heidi) Hoemberg; sister-in-law Ann (Donald) Hoemberg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ellsworth and Irene Martin; her parents-in-law Clarence and Viola Hoemberg; two sisters, Marian and Marilyn "Mugs;" brothers-in-law Donald (Ann) Hoemberg and Howard (Marjean) Meyer; nephew, Billy Ray Thompson, Jr. (Marian) and niece Lena Glorene Erbe (Marilyn).

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, www.brenny.com 218-828-5051.

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## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

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

**Assembly of God**  
Teleconferencing:  
Toll-free: 844-855-4444, after the greeting, use Code 8742383#  
No internet needed. Join us for a time of praise, prayer and Bible study.

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY

Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
Sonlight (Kids Program)....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group.....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Leader**  
**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Leader.....218-397-2470  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday Worship  
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.

**Leaf River Township**  
**The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
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### Motley

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

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

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

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

### Oylen

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

### Pillager

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

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

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

### Hewitt

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

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Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor Kenneth Uhren  
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

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Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
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402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
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Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189  
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Coffee / Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
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Celebrate Recovery.....6-8 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY  
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
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Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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## "Have You Given Thought to the Legacy You are Building to Pass On?"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Another brilliant, quiet Giant of the Christian Faith took his last breath into the Presence of Jesus on May 9, Ravi Zacharias. It would be time well spent to get acquainted with his life by Googling his name.

Ravi lived 74 short years that were packed with a Kingdom of God impact that will live on vibrantly in his ongoing living legacy. He was not only a very clear thinker in presenting Jesus, he was always humble and respectful to the individual or audience he was interacting with. He not only cared deeply about "what" he believed. He also, out of love for God and people, was deeply passionate about "how" he shared his thoughts and conclusions with others. One of the greatest legacies he leaves by example is how he intentionally equipped the next generation to carry on the baton of following Jesus and why, including his writings.

In his faithful example that now is an ongoing legacy, he faced many challenges. Ravi, as a later teenager, tried to take his own life. He was ravaged with severe, ongoing back issues and pain. In the end of this life, a fast acting cancer took his body. Through all of it, he depended deeply upon the God Who both created him

and died on the cross in his place.

So, as another entrusted gift to us has taken his last breath here on earth, it gives us opportunity to, once again, reflect upon our own purpose here in this life in the midst of our own physical mortality. Why am I here on planet earth and what am I doing about it?

Three realities come back to my ponderings more and more. First off, God has clearly created you and me with humanly incalculable value. Please take time to read Psalm 139:13-18 as to how "fearfully and wonderfully God made us."

Secondly, I am a sinner. Scriptures like Jeremiah 17:9 and John 2:24-25 bear this out well.

Thirdly, God lavishly and expensively bought us back as John 3:16 and 19:30 declare.

So this brings us back to our title's question. In light of the above, what quality of legacy are you and I now presently living and building to pass on helpfully to our next generation? It's not a matter of whether we will pass on a legacy. It's only a matter of what kind of legacy. By the way, who poured into your life with their legacy? Thank God for each of them!

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## Softball team was looking forward to breakout year

Comments from softball Coach Lonna Dille

This year our softball program will be graduating eight seniors.

Eight wonderful, amazing seniors, Riley Peterson, Kai Gelle, Valeria Lozano, Kayla Yoder, Amber Longworth, Ashley Mitchell, Juanita DeWald and Jasmine Braith.

This group of girls has worked hard, fought hard and we are so very proud of them.

This year would've been momentous for the team. Last year, for the first time in a several years, we were competitive and their hard work was about to pay off. But that didn't happen and these girls don't get to see their hard work come to fruition.

Unfortunately, some have said that the loss season of softball, and sports in general, just "isn't that big of a deal." To some that may be true, but not to these girls. If you see them, give them some encouragement.

I have no doubt that these girls will go on to do amazing, compassionate and adventurous things in their futures. During our



Amber Longworth

previous softball seasons I watched these girls develop in strength, attitude and determination. They lifted each other up and kept digging in their cleats. They were a coachable group, ready to make change and

grow; and boy did they grow over the past three years. The coaches are incredibly proud of these athletes, but more proud of the team they've become and the leaders they've turned into.



Ryan Wick

## Baseball team misses camaraderie the most

Comments from baseball Coach Greg Kossan

As the spring season comes to a close we realize a big part of spring is missing, baseball. Although baseball has been an important part of our culture in this country for over 150 years, I've come to realize that it's relationships and people that are more important than the sport itself. I've missed baseball, but more so the relationships and people that are part of the sport. The good part is that the coaches get to reunite with the guys next year, with the

exception of the seniors.

Owen Bjerga, Connor Fox, Cade Schmidt, Ben Olander, Emmitt Winkles, Billy Sauber, Jackson Berg, Jose Enyart, Ryan Wick and Nathan Trantina are guys that will be tremendously missed.

This year we had deep pitching, good hitting and a solid defense. I was really looking forward to coaching these guys. Our seniors this year represented a solid group of stand up guys.

One cannot take anything for granted, a fact older people come to realize. Life can change quickly,

so adapting and accepting challenges is very important in our development.

Our philosophy of the baseball program was one of overcoming change, hardship and rejecting fear. Hopefully our seniors have learned from our program and bring that philosophy with them throughout the rest of their life. I am excited to run into each of you through our journey in life. Go get em! You're all welcome to come back and visit with us at future practices and take me on in a pushup contest, if you dare. God bless the seniors.



Riley Peterson



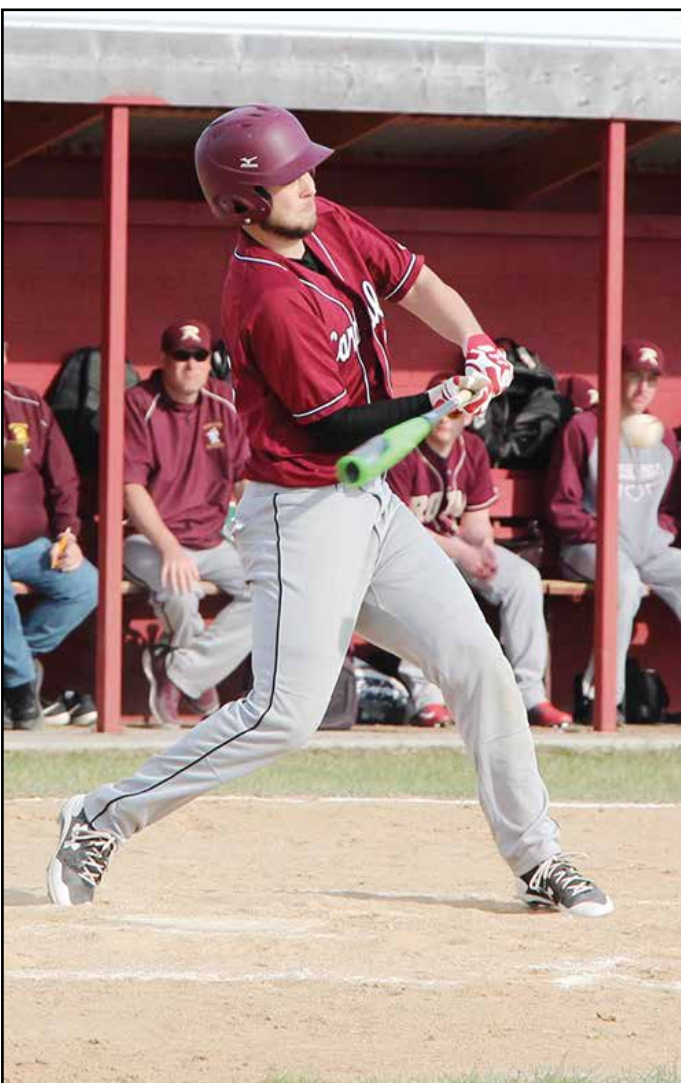
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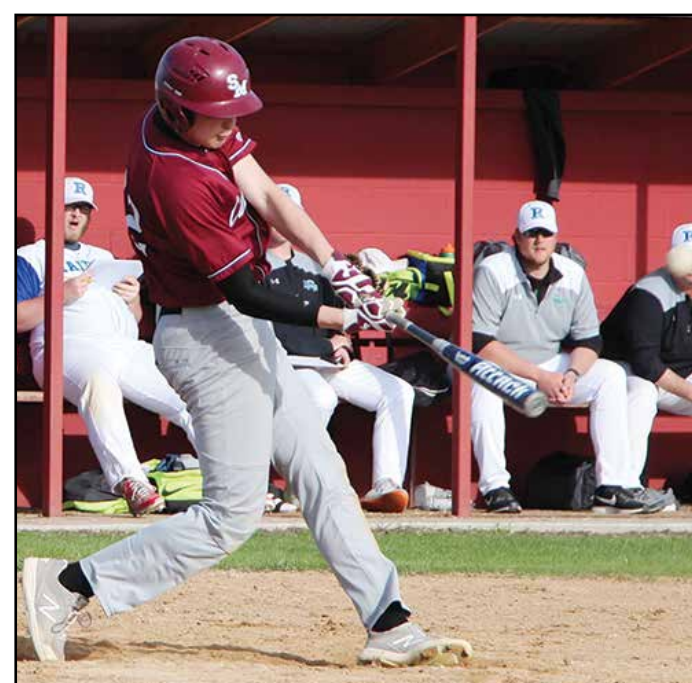
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Ben Olander

# Seniors helped track teams stay competitive in all events

Comments by track and field Coach Bruce Fuhrman

As a girls team, we had grown much since the season before. Without question, we would have been competitive in all events. We returned a host of skilled hurdlers, vertical and horizontal jumpers and throwers. We would have likely dominated the 400-3200 meter races in the conference and section. Our sprint relays could have been the real "shocker," as these kids were experienced and ready to compete.

As a boys team, we could've emerged as a favorite for the True Team competition. Our numbers were excellent, and we could fill all events with veteran athletes. Our throwers were poised to have an excellent season and it was fun watching them on the school stage (for a week) practicing their form. We had athletes with the potential to dominate (in most meets) the sprint, mid-distance and long distance races. Our horizontal jumpers were improved and it would've been encouraging to see how much they had accomplished over a year of growth.

As a junior high team, we found it difficult not having them become part of practice those first days. There was excitement and relationships being built. What a great group of new and returning faces. This was going to be a fun season with these kids.

We had many new faces on the teams (boys and girls) to help out where needed and to experience the great aspects of this fun sport. As things slowly unfolded, our optimistic outlook changed, athletes turned their workouts into "physical educa-

tion" and a learning opportunity was lost, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and that's what this season resulted in...a loss.

## 2020 seniors

**Garrett Carlson:** Sprinter (100, 200, 400) and relay. A young man who is versatile to run the sprints and mid-distance. His feisty determination to compete has been a joy to coach.

**Hunter Klimek:** 1600 meters. Likely would've challenged the school record this year as he is in excellent shape. He has now shifted his focus on running in college in Iowa. Wow, what could've been. Hunter also holds a "school honor roll" spot as one of our fastest 3200 meter boys in school history.

**Gabe Misener:** A newcomer to track, coming off of an outstanding cross country season. Gabe would have likely been on a great 800 meter relay team, and also competed in the open 800 also. Gabe's personality brought energy ... positive energy ... lots of positive energy.

**Ari Brings:** Shot put and discus. Ari is the kid that's always smiling and was poised to have her best year. She has been with the program throughout high school and has helped shape and recruit athletes.

**Isaac Christoffersen:** A young man who is an over-achiever, very competitive and simply put, has found his way on the list of "one of most fun kids to coach" ... in all sports. Isaac performed in the 1600, 3200, 800 and wherever we found a need. He's a very versatile runner who would take on any role we presented him and performed it at a high level.

**Jack Tyrrell:** Our 800, 1600 meter specialist who was coming off of a section meet berth in the 1600 last season. He has put much time into his running form and cadence over the years, from when he was young boy at the Sacred Heart School, coaches knew he was a talented runner.

**Elizabeth Danilyuk:** A mid-distance threat and high jump person we were very excited to see on our team. She was a runner on the state cross country team, point guard on the basketball team, an all around athlete the coaches were very excited about.

**Cael Sams:** A young man who could run distance, sprints, but perhaps had his greatest competitive edge running mid-distance. Cael is a terror in the 400. He was part of many successful relays for the Cardinals the past three seasons. Cael knew how to manage being in front of a race.

**Boston Smith:** Thrower, sprinter, hurdler, a guy we could put in so many positions on the team. Mr. Versatile. He complimented our team in a variety of roles the past seasons. One meet, Boston could be doing the 100 meter, the next he would be pole vaulting, the next, doing the discus. This versatile type of athlete kept our boys team competitive in every meet.

**Issac Kronenberg:** shot put and discus. Without any doubt, we were looking forward to seeing what "KB" would've achieve this track season. He's bigger, stronger, and a seasoned thrower. His personality, excellent to work with and he absorbed much from Coach Chris Kappler. He will leave a bit of a void graduating this year.



Jack Tyrrell



Hunter Klimek



Garrett Carlson



Issac Kronenberg



Isaac Christoffersen



Elizabeth Danilyuk



Cael Sams

# Surface strike thrill is hard to top

Fishermen whose first priority is catching fish know they have to adapt their strategies and techniques to locate and then tempt the fish they're after. If that means getting their terminal tackle down to the bottom, or near to it, that's what they'll do. If fish are suspending somewhere between the bottom and the surface, the tackle and presentation—such as a long line trolling with diving plugs—is what they'll do.

But there's no denying that some anglers have definite preferences for the way they pursue and catch fish. A case in point is the largemouth bass fisherman who finds nothing more exciting than retrieving a Scum Frog or other lure on the surface and having a good fish hammer it in an explosive, water-spraying strike. If the angle is right and the strike is anywhere near the boat, the bass's "bucket mouth"—to use an outdoor media cliché—might even be seen engulfing the lure.

Why this is such an exciting way to catch fish might

be explained by the senses of sight and sound that accompany a strike at the surface, adding to the feel of the strike that's telegraphed through the arching rod and tauged line. The surface strike best conveys the predatory attack, far more evident than the ambush of a perch or a bluegill that happens a dozen feet below the surface.

If a generalization can be made, largemouth bass are more likely to be surface hunting during periods of low light, the hours adjacent to dawn and dusk. Not just hunting at the surface, but in waters more likely to be adjacent to shoreline and shallows, where aquatic life is more active than in the hours of broad daylight. Baitfish, frogs, aquatic insects, smaller gamefish, baby ducklings, anything that would fit in those jaws is fair game; jaws that—when opened wide—seem nearly the same diameter as the largemouth bass's body.

To an angler like me, whose first tackle was a three-section cane pole rigged with a fixed-length black dacron line and no reel—a setup that functioned more like a derrick than a modern rod—the largemouth bass was the dream fish. While I bobber-watched and caught bluegills and the occasional crappie, I aspired to bigger and better things; bass things.

I aspired to a real push-button spin-cast reel to mount on an honest-to-goodness fiberglass rod. The fishing tackle aisle of a hardware store near home nourished that dream. Neat rows of lure boxes with clear plastic lids revealed lures painted to resemble frogs, perch, and the red-and-white pattern that was a standard, but resembled nothing in nature. Those top-water lures like the Jitterbug, Hula Popper, and Bass-O-Reno have mostly passed into history, but can still be found in the compartments of tackle boxes belonging to a generation of senior anglers.

Another set of anglers that appreciates catching fish at the surface is trout fishermen. More specifically fly fishermen, who catch brown, brook, and rainbow trout with lures made of fur and feathers, tinsel and wire. Never mind that trout do 90% of their feeding under the surface, and take maybe 10% of their food at the surface of a river or lake. It's an adrenaline rush to watch a nearly weightless lure float lazily down the current, and as it passes a half-submerged rock, or the tip of a log, disappear with a swirl and a sucking sound, as a good trout mistakes it for a real mayfly or a grasshopper.

But trout fishermen have a more complicated relationship with floating lures

and catching fish at the surface of the waters they fish. Down through a long and rich literary history of fly fishing for trout, the "dry fly fisherman" has been elevated and celebrated as the most pure, the most sporting. In truth, it's the angler who can analyze different situations and catch fish under a variety of conditions and with different techniques, who is the better angler. But sometimes what should seem obvious isn't seen so clearly.

Not surprising, the idea that there was just one sporting way to catch trout began in England, where ritual and tradition are near the top of the list of virtues. It's not far short of the truth to say that some anglers almost came to blows when a nonconformist broke with tradition and fished his flies beneath the surface of the country's famous rivers. Certainly there were insults and accusations. That narrow-mindedness is no longer taken seriously, except among a very small minority of snooty, holier-than-thou trout anglers.

Tradition is not the best reason for a bass angler, a trout fisherman, a musky addict, or anyone else to fish in a certain way. Excitement and emotional payoff are the best reasons. And when conditions are right, a lot of anglers will tell you it's hard to top catching their favorite fish "on top."

## Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn





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1. Notice is hereby given, that Staples-Motley Independent School District No. 2170, Staples, MN, will receive sealed bids for Bread and Related Bakery Products for the 2020-2021 school year according to the specification and conditions which may be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Staples-Motley Schools, ISD No. 2170, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota. Bids shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications and the conditions.

2. Sealed bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent no later than June 11, 2020, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated.

3. On June 15, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., the school board will meet to evaluate all bids and act thereon. The school district reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any bid and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the school district. If further information is desired, interested persons should contact the district office, phone 218-894-5400.

Dated this 19th day of May 2020.

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The second and final reading will be considered at the June 9, 2020 Staples City Council meeting. Contact the City offices at 218-894-2550 for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

Dated: June 3, 2020

Diane Archer, City Clerk  
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### Paying their respects

Visitors stopped by the All Veterans and Community Park in Staples on May 25, Memorial Day, in spite of COVID-19. Above: Darrell Monson of Staples reads the names of veterans inscribed on pavers at the park. An Army veteran himself (he served in Germany from 1965 - 67) Monson said he wanted to stop by and pay his respects.

Lower photo: Paul Orson of Fridley said he was driving through town when he saw the park and decided to stop by. A member of the Fridley American Legion Post #303, Orson said that he would normally be a part of four Memorial Day programs that day, but that was changed this year due to the coronavirus. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## New location, new rules for farmers market

The Lakewood Health System Farmers Market will start up Thursday, May 28 at the parking lot on 5th Street NE and Highway 10. This is the former Ernie's parking lot now across from the new NAPA Auto Parts store.

The Farmers Market will open every Thursday from 2-5:30 p.m.

This year the 12 vendors who have registered have received special guidelines on how to provide safe delivery of food, according to guidelines set by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. One of the changes is vendors will keep products out of reach and customers can ask for items without touching them.

SNAP benefits are accepted at the market

and shoppers can also use cash or credit cards.

A handwashing station will be provided upon entry to the market and social distancing recommendations will be in place. Lakewood Health System is overseeing the market and wishes for all shoppers to practice the safety measures in place.

The farmers market continues to play a role in the Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment, which identified a lack of access to healthy foods in Todd, Morrison and Wadena counties.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture web site, [mda.state.mn.us](http://mda.state.mn.us), has information on farmers market guidelines for this summer.

## Innovation Funding Review Day is online

In June, Sourcewell will award tens of thousands of dollars to local government and nonprofit organizations through the Innovation Funding program.

Those involved with local government and nonprofit organizations are invited to Review Day. For the safety of all participants, Review Day will be held online. This means you can attend from the comfort of your home or office or place of business.

Following presentations from each funding applicant, participants have an opportunity to ask questions, then cast their individual vote. The programs with the most votes are forwarded on to the Sourcewell Board of Directors for final approval.

There are two review days coming up, one for local government projects and another for nonprofit organizations.

**Local Government Review Day**  
When: June 10, 2020

Where: Online - this year's Review Day will be held virtually.

Who: Elected officials, staff, and board members of local government organizations in our five-county area of service (Cass, Crow Wing,

Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties)

**Nonprofit Review Day**

When: June 17, 2020

Where: Online - this year's Review Day will be held virtually.

Who: Volunteers, staff, and board members of nonprofit organizations in our

five-county area of service (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties)

Preregistration is required to participate for both Review Day events. Find additional details at [sourcewell.co/funding2020](http://sourcewell.co/funding2020).



**The Todd County  
Creating A Difference (CAD) coalition  
is seeking a Summer Intern to work on  
Youth Engagement programming.**

The main purpose of this internship is to investigate and identify opportunities and approaches that would boost Middle School and High School Youth Engagement in CAD's work. The intern will also be involved in various professional development opportunities and coalition activities. This is a great opportunity for a Staples area student interested in public health, community health programming, social work and/or youth engagement work.

**Contact Connie Burns at 218.340.3271 or  
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*Deadline to apply: June 5, 2020*



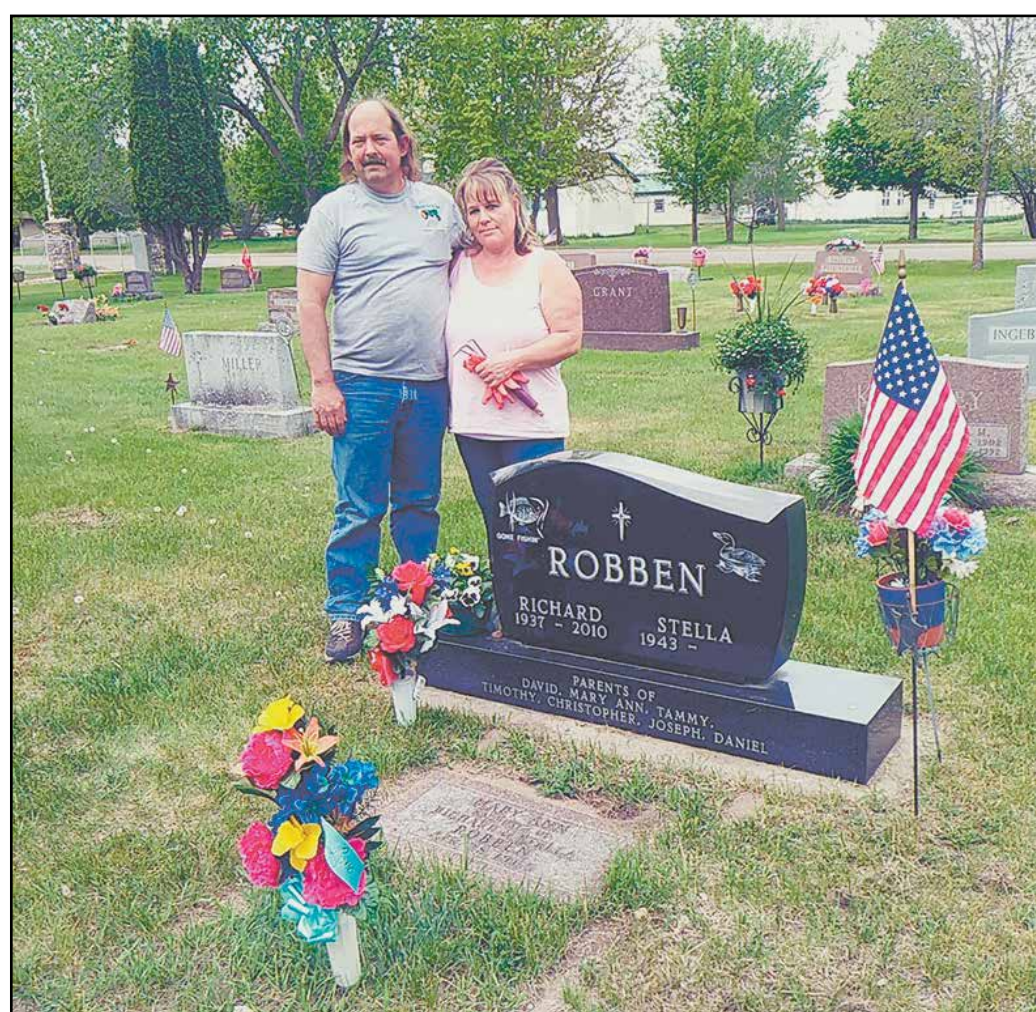
### Remembering their loved ones

A number of individuals and families stopped by Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples on Memorial Day, to visit the graves of their loved ones. Many decorated the gravesites with flowers as is customary on this holiday.

Pictured above are members of the Nelson family, visiting the grave of 'Papa Nelson,' one of the grandsons said in reference of the late Lloyd Nelson. From left are Lauren, Julie, Erik, Kevin and Andrew Nelson. Kevin and Julie live in Staples, with their adult children back visiting for the weekend. Lauren, a 2016 Staples-Motley High School graduate, recently graduated from North Dakota

State University with a degree in Radiologic Sciences. Erik, a 2011 SMHS grad, works as a pharmacist in Bismarck, N.D.; and Andrew, a 2013 SMHS grad, is a full-time musician with the Johnny Holm Band, but is currently not able to work due to the coronavirus.

Below, from left, are Steve and Tammy Mumm of Staples visiting the grave of Tammy's dad, Richard Robben. Her dad passed away 10 years ago, she said, adding that "times goes by fast." This was her dad's favorite time of the year, Tammy recalled, adding that he was an avid fisherman. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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## Valedictorian feels sense of accomplishment

torian, so he wanted to be somewhere in that range.

"I had been close to the top but never number one," he said.

When the updated rankings came out this spring, Wick saw he was number one and asked counselor Steve Jennissen if these were the final rankings.

"He said yes and I felt like I just won the powerball," said Wick. "I walked out of the office and felt proud and accomplished."

Wick looked back on all the work he put into school. "I know it's a cliché, but you definitely get out what you put into it," he said. "The more involved you get, the more opportunity you have to thrive."

His GPA was boosted by taking college level classes in the school and online. The college credits will help when Wick enters the University of Minnesota next year, where he plans to study business finance.

He accomplished all this while participating in sports and music his entire school career, playing football, basketball and baseball, plus band and choir.

"I didn't have a lot of free time to waste, so it motivated me," said Wick. "The

activities made me better at academics. I would go straight to homework and try to finish it before going to bed. I was rarely on the phone during the school year."

But that doesn't mean it was easy. "There were a lot of missed nights of sleep, a little bit of blood and a few tears," he said.

He also gives credit to his teachers. "All of them have helped me, I haven't had a bad teacher in the school, they helped make me who I am today."

Wick said English teacher Bob Shaffer was his favorite joke teller and math teacher Marly Simmons helped him make math one of his favorite subjects.

Looking back on this unusual senior year, Wick said the Sno Daze week in February was the last week the senior class was together as a group. Most students follow their own academic track by their senior year, with many taking classes off campus, but Wick said most of them attended the Sno Daze dance. "Every day that week a whole lot of seniors were coming back, that was a good memory," he said.

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## Sacrifices during the school year pay off

something I looked forward to. But we won't forget it, I'm glad we got to do something."

Smith said the unusual graduation will be something to look back on at future class reunions. "We will see how weird some of the things were, it will be interesting to see if it really does seem that different, how unique this year has been. But our class is still close, we're not going to change five or ten years from now," said Smith.

Smith was surprised when she found out she was the class salutatorian.

"I didn't realize I was second, I have always been toward the top of my class, but there are a lot of people in that same area."

Smith said both of her sisters took a lot of college credits in high school and found out it saved a lot of money when they got to college. "It's awesome the school does that for free," she said, "I put all my effort into it, I take academics seriously."

Smith plans to to enroll at the University of North

Dakota and major in biology. "I have a sister in Grand Forks, the campus is pretty and they have a great pre-medicine program," said Smith.

In high school, Smith was active in sports and music, which took up a lot of the day.

"It is making time for academics, you have to sacrifice some things," said Smith. "It pays off when you are all done, the sacrifices were worth something. I did well in sports, now it is academics."

Math teacher Marly Simmons helped Smith get through some of her toughest classes. "It wasn't my favorite class, but he found time to help, he was really the reason I did so well in math."

Smith also gave credit to her classmates to help her through the hardest classes.

Even though the class finished their career apart, Smith thinks they will remember more than just the last few months.

"This whole year is going to be the big memory for a while," she said.



## It's apple blossom time again in Minnesota



Julian (left) and Cynthia Leinbach of rural Browerville stood under the large flowering crab apple tree at their home May 22. Ages five and ten respectively, the siblings were wondering if anyone might know how old this tree is? The children's mother, Delores Leinbach (not pictured), mentioned that their family has lived at this location (previously known as the Jesse Grey Farm) for seven years and always look forward to seeing the blossoms on this tree. She recalled that when Julian was born on May 27, six years ago, her husband Thomas brought a bouquet of flowers from that tree to the hospital. Delores also noted the soft buzzing from several bumble bees that were gathering nectar from the apple blossoms. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Sprucing up the city

The City of Staples Parks and Recreation Department were busy filling the downtown planters with flowers May 26. Pictured above along 4th St. NE are Kevin Rob-

ben (left) and Devon Isenberg. Tricia Jasmer, Parks and Recreation Director, had been in charge of planting the flowers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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