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Workforce wheels

Combines, congress members, local and regional panelists intermixed at the workforce forum at CLC on April 8. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SMBP 'angels' set for another clean-up day

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Motley Beyond Poverty (SMBP) group will be accepting applications to assist community residents with loading, hauling and disposal fees (if qualified) for trash, junk and recyclables. This is for residents who are unable to do their own clean-up, don't have equipment to haul items away, or can't afford the costs of disposing items in the City Wide Cleanup Day.

The first clean-up day was held in 2019. For one area resident, it was more than a chance to clean up her yard, it was a life-changing moment when she was able to get rid of "added baggage that can destroy property and lives," she wrote in a letter to Staples Motley Beyond Poverty.

The resident had been reluctant to apply, and even wrote on the application "our family wouldn't get your help."

But after the clean-up day, "It proved to me angels are amongst us, I was so wrong for doubting," said the resident. "Can you all forgive me?"

The clean-up came at a time of a family tragedy, and for the resident. It became a chance to reconsider her relationships of enabling others that led to things accumulating in the yard.

"I learned to set boundaries now and limits. With hard work and my dilligence I will be able to call this my home after so many years of allowing this to happen to my property and to me personally," she said. "I sacrificed years of isolation from you because of

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Housing, day care, training emerge as workforce needs

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

U.S. Representatives Michelle Fischbach and Pete Stauber learned about the needs in Minnesota communities to fill job openings.

Area employers, industry specialists and development professionals took part in a workforce roundtable forum at Central Lakes College in Staples on April 8. The forum was held at the Ag and Energy Center, in a farm machine shed to accommodate state group gathering guidelines.

The representatives asked each panelist to sum up their experience with workforce and then asked more specific questions about some of the industries. Fischbach is on the Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C, while Stauber is on committees for transportation and infrastructure, natural resources and small businesses.

Some common themes emerged from all segments represented on the panel. Many employers have jobs available, but they can't find enough workers because potential workers can't find a place to live nearby, can't find daycare for their children, or are not trained for the jobs that are open. Lack of broadband internet access and livable wages were also concerns of some of the panelists.

Kelly Asche from the Center for Rural Policy and Development said greater Minnesota has around six percent of job vacancies that go unfilled. He said they consider three percent to be a concern for the economy, so six percent is severe.

Asche said the focus of policy has switched from helping people who are unemployed to helping employers find the right people for them. "It's not job creation, it's people creation," he said. Employers are doing more to engage populations with barriers, such as people in poverty, people who have been in jail or immigrants, said Asche.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman told the representatives that there are no programs that focus on quality of life, which is what communities need the most to attract workers. "Having a desirable downtown, with opportunities for families to do things" is what will bring workers to greater Minnesota, she said.

A representative from Long Prairie Packing said "If we make Rural Minne-

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 14	43°	34°	Cloudy
Apr. 15	49	32	Cloudy
Apr. 16	48	30	Cloudy
Apr. 17	52	31	M. Cloudy
Apr. 18	50	29	P. Cloudy
Apr. 19	41	27	M. Cloudy
Apr. 20	50	28	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 14	24°	11°	Cloudy
Apr. 15	30	10	Sunny
Apr. 16	43	18	Sunny
Apr. 17	46	18	Sunny
Apr. 18	54	40	M. Cloudy
Apr. 19	39	26	Sunny
Apr. 20	47	39	Cloudy

Average Temps: H = 54° Low = 34°
Total Rain for week: 2.85"

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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The Easter story according to Patches

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If dogs could sing, there's one in Staples that might very well bark out the lyrics to "Amazing Grace," putting a lot of canine soul into the stanza, "Was lost, but now am found."

Patches, a rescue dog belonging to Brandon and Leah Christensen of Staples, decided to take a little trip with her four-legged pal Teddy on March 27. Somewhere along the way, Teddy made it home in time for supper. It would be four days before Patches, dirt-covered and skinnier, joined him at the beloved doggie bowl.

"We give God all the glory," Brandon said of their furry friend's safe return, noting that many people had reached out to help find the missing pooch, with a few prayers being offered on Patch's behalf as well. The Christensens believe those prayers were answered.

Yes, the good Lord above saw to it that Patches was rescued again. Brandon and Leah went on to share that they had adopted her from HART in Brainerd in 2017, at which time they learned she had a background of being abused. Leah said Patches had originally lived in Kentucky, where she had been used as a bait dog during dog fighting events.

It didn't take long for the Christensens to discover that Patches was a smart dog, noting that she learned how to open doors, as well as get out of kennels when she was alone. Because of her past, Patches also had a lot of anxiety. "She needed a friend," Leah said, which is why they rescued Teddy in 2018.

Brandon and Leah, along with Patches and Teddy, moved to their Staples home on 7th St. NE in February of 2020, a month before they learned they had a baby boy on the way. Baylor was born on Nov. 28 of that year. "Patches and Teddy have welcomed their new pack member with a lot of cuddles and licks (kisses)," Leah shared.

But, as much as the dogs love Baylor, being a baby he tends to sleep a lot and those furry critters probably thought they could sneak in a few adventures during the little guy's naptime.

The Christensens noted that Patches and Teddy like to follow the squirrels in the back yard; and one day, Patches climbed the wood pile that was near the family's eight-foot fence and discovered she could jump right over it.

So, on March 27, both Patches and Teddy jumped

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Happy reunion

After straying away from her home on 4th St. NE in Staples March 27, Patches (the white dog) was reunited with her family four days later. Patches is pictured with her dog pal Teddy; and human family Brandon, Leah and baby Baylor Christensen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

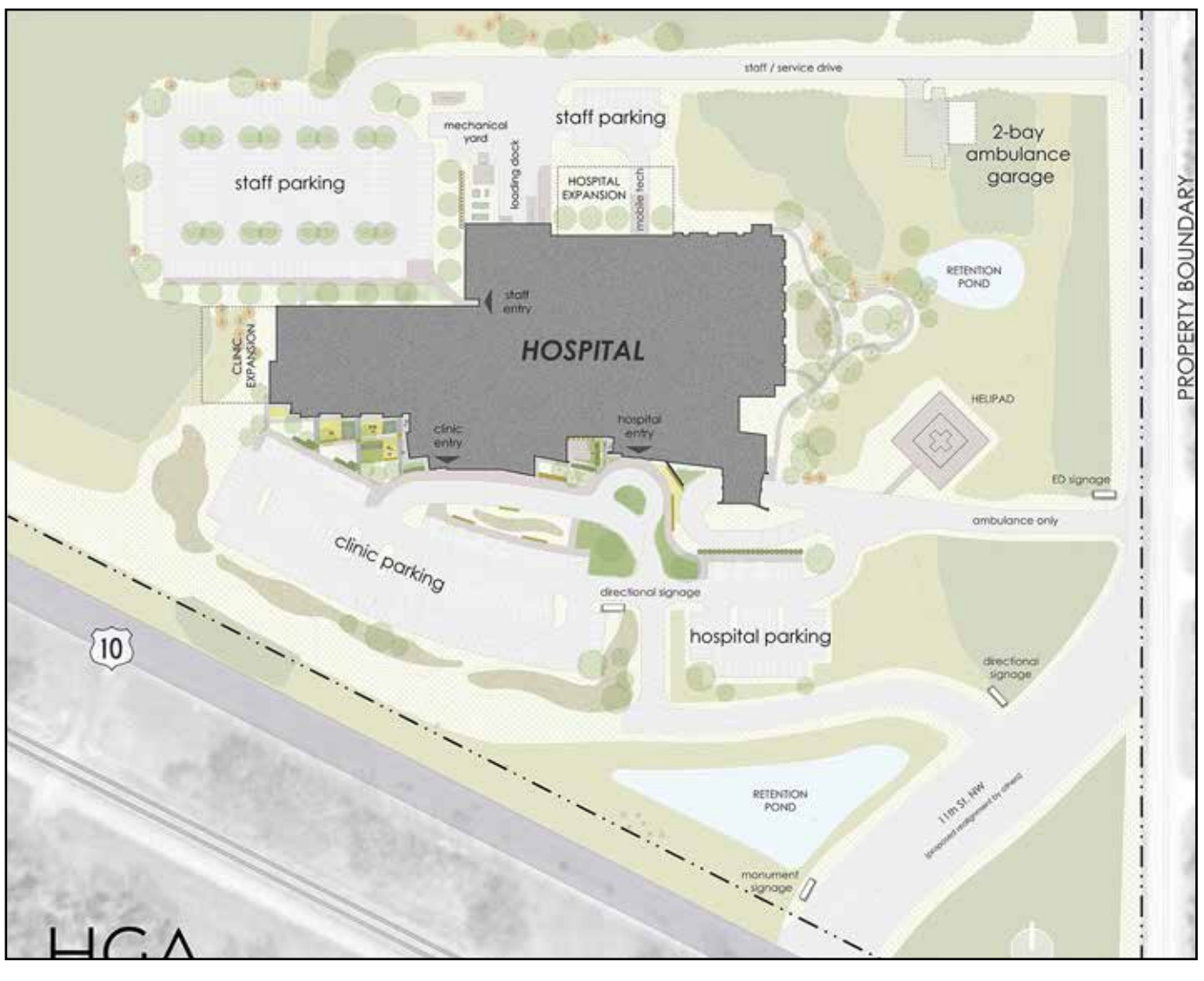
Wadena hospital construction resumes, groundbreaking May 4

In April 2020, Tri-County Health Care suspended the planning and construction of a 123,000 square-foot healthcare facility due to the spread of COVID-19. Tri-County Health Care had to refocus its attention on combating the spread of the virus.

The new building project is now back on, and a groundbreaking is planned for May 4 at 2 p.m. Due to the continued prevalence of COVID-19, the event will only be open to a select few individuals. Tri-County Health Care understands that many want to be a part of the historic event, so plans have been made to live stream the proceedings. Livewire, a live events production company located in Fargo will be handling the technology elements. On May 4, the groundbreaking can be viewed virtually online at TCHC.org.

For regular updates on the building project, visit TCHC.org/build2023.

The $72 million facility will blend cutting-edge technology with peace and tranquility. The building site is located just outside Wadena. Currently, the new facility has a tentative grand opening planned for 2023. Tri-County Health Care partnered with HGA on the design and architecture of the facility.



Wadena hospital to be constructed near Highway 10

The new location for the Tri County Hospital building will be on the west side of Wadena, north of Highway 10, between the fairgrounds and Wensman Seed Company.



Floor plans for Tri County

With the clinic entry on the lower left and hospital entry on the lower right, the floor plans for the new Tri County Health Care building will have their primary services in one location.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 1 - 7

April 7 - The MPD received a report of damage to property at the Holiday Gas Station in Motley. According to the report, Zachary Huotari, 21, was doing tire burnouts in the parking areas of the gas station and proceeded to run into one of the gas pumps. Huotari was later sent a trespass notice per request of the store, and charged for the damages.

April 6 - 7 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Reese Porter, 22; Mark Heinert, 40; Shaun Ransom, 34.

April 7 - The MPD received a call from Holiday Gas Station in Motley, reporting a gas drive-off in the amount of $19.

April 6 - The MPD received a call from Superintendent Shane Tappe advising that the Staples-Motley School referendum vote is April 13. Tappe said a concerned area resident had reported to him that during the last referendum vote there was a vehicle parked by the polling area with campaign signs that were in violation of the voting laws. The MPD advised Tappe that they would watch for any illegal campaigning that occurs within 100 feet of the polling place.

April 1 - The MPD issued ordinance violations to 12 residences in Motley.

April 6 - The MCSO responded to a two vehicle accident at Hwy 10 and 330th Street in Cushing, assisting the state patrol at the scene. No injuries.

April 5 - The MCSO received a report of people dumping garbage on Beaver Rd. in Cushing, near 270th St. The MCSO was later informed by the DNR that they were already handling this case.

April 3 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting the Motley Fire Department be paged for a house fire in Meadow Brook Township.

COVID-19 increases in Pillager

The Pillager area showed 22 new cases of COVID-19 in the past week. While statewide COVID-19 numbers continue to rise, this is the only spike among area communities, according to zip code data from the Minnesota Department of Health. This is the highest weekly total in Pillager since December.

The number of COVID-19 related deaths are down throughout the state, but numbers in Morrison County show 11 deaths since Feb. 21. Wadena County had one death in that same time span, Cass County had two and Todd County recorded zero.

Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples was the only area senior living center listed on the state report for having at least one case of COVID-19 detected among staff, resident or visitor in the past 28 days.



Motley Area Food Shelf donation

The Motley Free Methodist Church recently donated $1,270 and 331 pounds of canned goods to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). The money was raised during a recent concert by members of the church's praise team. The canned goods were collected by the church's Awana Club. Pictured receiving the donations, from left, are Jim Nelson, Deb Greig, Lori Brathol, MAFS volunteers; Pastor Jim Johnson, Motley Free Methodist Church; and Fran Kokett, MAFS volunteer. (Submitted photo)

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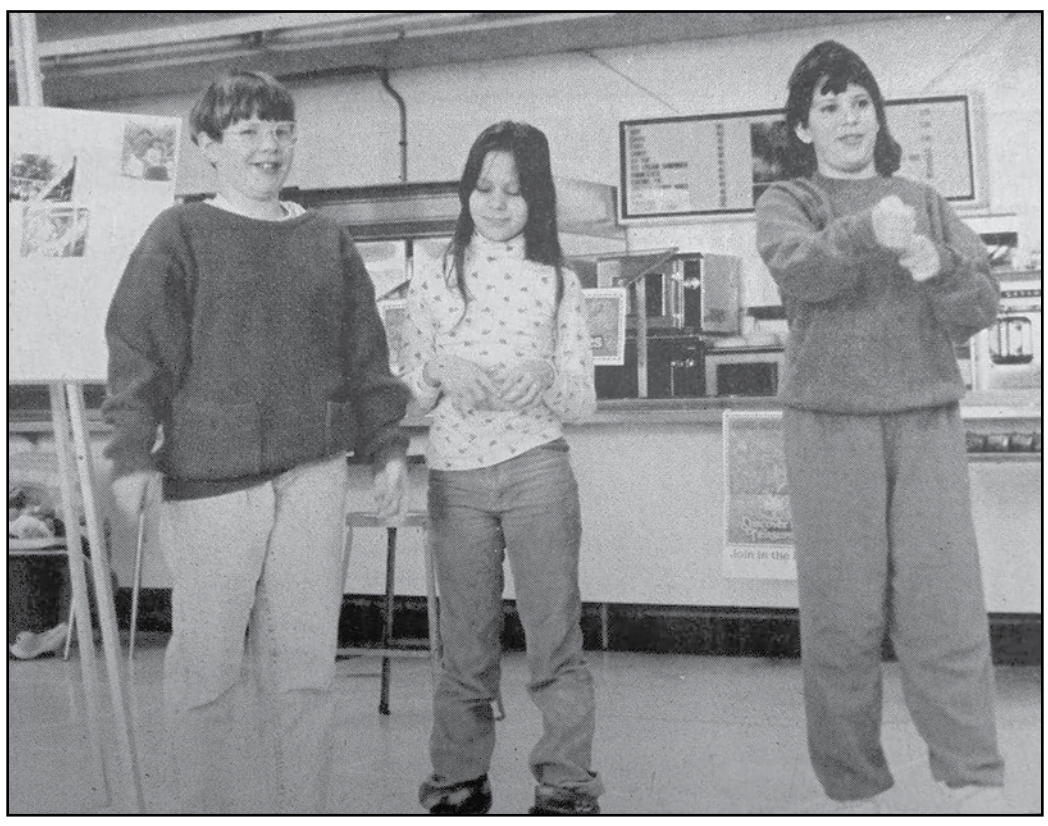
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Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 1, 1990 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

75 Years Ago - 1946

• April 11, 1946 - A total of 36 champion spellers of the rural schools and village schools of Todd county will compete in a spelling contest at Long Prairie on April 13, at 10 a.m., when the champion will be named to compete in the Minneapolis Star Journal state wide contest to be held on May 4.

• April 11, 1946 - Classified ads: For sale; about 250 bushels Khersen Oats, 75 cents per bushel. Wee Walter Peterson, phone, 795-W, Staples.

For sale: Hoover Potato planter. Call 68 or see Olaf Sather at N. P. Stockyards, Staples.

For sale: "Alaska Star" ice box. 50-lb. capacity, good condition. E. L. Moser, Leader.

For sale: 6-room house, good basement. Located on Main Street in Motley, 2 lots. Ed Newkirk, 2 miles east on Hwy 210, 1/2 mile north of Motley. Priced right if taken at once.

Scissors sharpened: Dull, bent or broken scissors reconditioned by Mr. Spreiter, Staples. Three for 50 cents, two for 35 cents. Phone, 311-J.

Wanted: One gentle mule above 1100 pounds. Black preferred. George Carter, 2 miles NE of Aldrich.

• April 11, 1946 - Gov. Edward J. Thye, of Minnesota, will appear in Staples at a dinner meeting at the St. Charles hotel on May 16, under the sponsorship of the Staples Rotary club, and will also speak at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. that evening.

Just what the theme of Gov. Thye's talk will be is not known at the present time. Gov. Thye has cast his hat into the national political race by having filed for the United States Senate from Minnesota.

• April 11, 1946 - Approximately 2,500 people visited Tyrrell Implement company's new building Friday of last week, when the grand opening day was held.

Everett Tyrrell, owner of the new place, stated that they were "rushed" off their feet at times, trying to take care of the people who visited the place, showing them around, serving them coffee and doughnuts, and answering questions of all kinds, all of which they enjoyed a great deal.

The new building is typically along the International Harvester building lines, and is complete with every phase of the latest equipment, fixtures an color scheme. Sixty dealers from the St. Cloud area were also in attendance at the opening day of the company, and all expressed their delight in seeing such a modern and up-to-date building in this section.

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50 Years Ago - 1971

• April 15, 1971 - Guy Doud, a senior at Staples high school, was the winner of the first place trophy in the serious interpretation category of the St. John's Invitational Speech Festival April 3.

Guy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud, received the highest rating in this category, Mrs. Lucille Miller, speech coach, said.

• April 15, 1971 - The Staples Chamber of Commerce is scheduling a funeral march for Saturday, May 1. Chamber officers said that the funeral march will be held to signify the end of the passenger train service to this city. Mrs. Jeanne Whitney was appointed chairman of the event.

Mrs. Whitney said that tentative plans now call for the funeral procession, which will include a casket, pallbearers and mourners, to solemnly march thru the city to the depot for the arrival of the final westbound passenger train that day, which arrives here at 10:24 a.m. The band, under the direction of Mark Evans, is also scheduled to participate in the event, playing the funeral dirge.

• April 15, 1971 - "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be presented by students of the Sacred Heart School April 22, at 8 p.m. at the school. First graders who helped make the scenery included Debra Greenwood, Diane Martin, Cindy Meyer, Kevin Dukowitz, Cathy Sadusky, Jeff Kotula, Robert Weishalla, Mary Kay Jones, Suzie Weinhandl and Chris Mayhew.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• April 11, 1996 - The group planning to refurbish the historic Bather Opera House has received a $10,000 grant to help with its planning efforts.

The Central Minnesota Initiative Fund last week announced that its Community Development grant program had awarded the group the $10,000 for planning and development. Members of the group presently include Ellen and Joan Batcher, Heidi and Tom Dunn, Mike Blessing, Amy and Tim Hjelmeland, Rose Edin, Nolan Bacon, Bruce Hayenga, Diane Japke, Tim Rice, Jeannette Evans and Mel Nefstead.

• April 11, 1996 - Dennis and Cheryl Tyrrell were recently honored as the 1996 Todd County Farm Family of the Year. Along with their four children - Jakin, 13; Nichole, 15; Troy, 12; and Brent, 10; they operate Oak Crest Dairy Farm north of Browerville.

• April 11, 1996 - Jenkins Appliance is celebrating 50 years of appliance business in Staples this year, from it's beginnings by Lee Jenkins' father, LeRoy Jenkins, in 1946 to now, 1996.

To celebrate, there will be ongoing promotions for the next eight months, said store owners Lee and Judy Jenkins. "We're planning special events for each month," said Lee Jenkins.

10 Years Ago - 2011

• April 14, 2011 - Three Staples Motley students and their employers were recognized at the Employer/Organization Appreciation and Outstanding Youth worker Recognition on April 8. They included Philip Smithley and Liz Capistrant of Stomping Grounds Coffee House; Joe Andert and Tom Gold of Gold's Turkey Farm; Ryle Jordan and Roger Houselog of Tower Pizza.

• April 14, 2011 - The Check Mates, a new and growing chess team from Staples Motley, took fourth place at the Chessfest in Parkers Prairie April 9. It was the last of the area chess tournaments. Team members included Noah Han, Garrett Schmieg, Megan Han, Tory Rochat, Griffin Rochat and Rose Han. Rose Han, a second grader at Sacred Heart Area School, was surprised with a first place trophy at the Chessfest in Parkers Prairie.

• April 14, 1996 - At least 100 women and girls attended the annual "Mother-Daughter Banquet" at the Staples Alliance Church April 9, which featured a sit-down meal, a fashion show, special music and key-note speaker Debbie Bloomquist from Camp Shamineau.

• April 14, 2011 - The Central Minnesota Boys Choir will host the Land of Lakes Choirboys Nordic Choir on April 29, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

• April 14, 2011 - Columnist Eric Bergeson will talk about the ups and downs of small town living April 21, during his presentation at the Staples Public Library. Bergeson has published four books and is the third-generation owner of a nursery in Fertile.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 8, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured winners in the pine derby held by Staples Cub Scouts. From left are Bob Shea, 9, fastest car; Scott Shingledecker, best looking car; and Steve Hajek, 8, second-fastest car.

Kevin Roline of Nevis correctly identified the event, as well as Shea and Hajek. He guessed Shingledecker to be Mark Palmer. Roline also shared that he and Steve Hajek were neighborhood friends until Steve's family moved to Colorado. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Air support called to fight grass fire

Monday April 5, 2021 at approximately 1:18 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a wildfire in Section 13 of Thomastown Township.

Emergency personnel arrived on scene and began to extinguish the fire as it grew due to the dry conditions. The homeowner stated they were working in a garden that contained patches of overgrown grass and brush. The four-wheeler they were riding may have caused the grass to ignite when they moved it from one spot to the next. The homeowner tried containing the fire themselves, quickly realizing that they needed the fire department.

The fire was contained to approximately 40 acres, with the help of several DNR aircraft and heavy equipment from a local contractor. No structures were damaged or lost and no one was injured. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Staples Fire Dept, and MN DNR all responded to the incident.

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Applying for clean-up help

the disgrace of this."

"This is perhaps the greatest thing that could have happened for me in so many ways it leaves me crying happy tears. Each of you who devoted your help services and finances could only see the impact and change this gives me. Perhaps I will look at things differently hereafter and realize there are truly people here with a care and compassion.'

Applications

Applications can be picked up at Staples City Hall or Staples World. They can also be downloaded from the City of Staples website www.staples.govoffice.com

Applications are due Friday, May 21.

All activity will take place in conjunction with the City Wide Cleanup Day, which will be held on Friday, June 11.

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Happily reunited at home

the fence, most likely intending to be back by the time Baylor woke from his nap. That didn't happen.

Fortunately, Teddy was caught by some friendly strangers, brought to the police station in Staples and picked up by Brandon later that day. Patches, on the other hand, is very wary of people and didn't allow herself to be caught, Leah said.

Thus would begin a time of searching for Patches, with clues to her whereabouts received along the way.

Leah said she posted a picture of Patches on Facebook, asking for people to be on the lookout for the pooch. "It was shared 227 times," she said of the public post. She and Brandon also had flyers made with information about their lost dog, hanging them up in local gas stations and grocery stores.

The first sighting of Patches occurred the afternoon of March 29, with the caller stating they'd seen the dog heading towards Ron's Auto Repair about a mile east of town.

On March 30, the Christensens received a call from the Staples Police, saying they'd located Patches near the town's water tower (two blocks from their house) and were tracking her through town. Brandon got up in the middle of the night and chased her with the police to the feed mill on the south side of Staples, but then lost her again.

Unaware of the situation at hand, this reporter had had her own encounter with Patches the morning of March 31. I happened to be reading "Old Yeller" at the time, drinking coffee before heading to work. My thoughts were interrupted when our guard-cat Hank, perched by the front porch window, started growling. I got up to see what was going on and saw a white dog with black spots sitting on the porch. By the time I got outside to check on the pooch, it had disappeared.

On my way to the office, I decided to pick up donuts at the local bakery for our Wednesday staff meeting. A poster hanging on the wall, with a photo of the dog I'd seen about a half hour earlier, caught my attention. I contacted the owner and let her know that I'd spotted Patches at my home about a mile west of Staples.

Patches apparently was on a mission that morning. About an hour after this reporter called her, Leah received another call that Patches had been seen on the north side of Staples near the Magic Forest Daycare.

Each time there was a sighting, Brandon would head out to look for Patches, bringing Teddy along to help track his pal's scent. They spent many hours in the car searching for their squirrel-chasing pooch, Leah said, but to no avail.

Until the evening of March 31, when Leah received a Facebook message from a past co-worker, Leah Anderson, who thought she spotted Patches in her neighbor's yard on Ravilla Ave.

Leah Christensen got in her car, drove to the location her friend mentioned, and found their beloved dog. The Christensens brought her to the Staples Vet Clinic for a checkup on April 1, and except for some skin allergies, "all was well," Leah said.

Patches arrived home in time for the family's Easter celebration...a reminder to them of what the Christian holiday represents. New life and second chances.

Most likely, "Amazing Grace" was sung at many churches on Easter Sunday. If you listened real closely, you just might have heard a repentant Patches barking out, "Amazing grace, how sweet the song, that saved a dog like me."

Brandon works at Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge in Brainerd and Leah works at Nystrom and Associates as a triage LPN, in Brainerd.

Child rescued from house fire, mother and child hospitalized

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at approximately 9:42 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a call of a house fire in the 400 Block of Brown St. NW, in the City of Verndale.

At the time of the initial call, the reporting party stated there was still a child inside the home. Deputies, officers from the Wadena Police Dept and a Verndale Fireman responded to the scene and observed flames present at an upstairs window, where the child was reported to be. Several attempts were made to locate the child but heat and smoke made the area inaccessible.

The Verndale Fire Dept. arrived on scene along with the Wadena Fire Dept. and were able to gain access through an upstairs window. A short time later, the child was located and transported by ambulance to Tri-County Hospital. The child, a one-year old female, was later flown to HCMC.

The child's mother was also transported to Tri-County Hospital by Staples ambulance. She had attempted to go upstairs to the bedroom where the child was, but was unable to locate the child. She was treated for smoke inhalation and burns.

This incident is still under investigation by the Verndale Fire Dept., State Fire Marshal's Office and the Wadena County Sheriff's Office. The current status of the individuals involved is unknown.

Assisting on scene was the Verndale Fire Dept., Wadena Fire Dept., Wadena Police Dept., MN State Patrol, Tri-County Ambulance, Staples Ambulance, MN State Fire Marshall's Office and Minnesota Power.



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Journalists battle the misinformation pandemic

By Rob Tornoe
Editor & Publisher Magazine

Ordinarily, when it snows in Washington D.C, hundreds of kids shuffle up Capitol Hill and tumble down the west side of the U.S. Capitol, long known to residents of Washington, D.C. as one of the best places for sledding.

Unfortunately, when several inches of snow dropped on the nation's Capitol at the end of January, there wasn't a sled in sight anywhere near the Capitol. Kids were kept away by fencing and heightened security following a domestic terror attack by supporters of former President Donald Trump, who were driven to violence by a toxic mix of deliberate misinformation and wild conspiracy theories.

It's hard to blame news organizations for what happened on Jan. 6. After all, reporters had been covering online extremist groups like the QAnon and the Proud Boys for years, warning readers of a growing movement that was organizing online using the same social media platforms we innocently turn to share photos of our food or connect with our loved ones.

The militarized fencing that now surrounds the Capitol is a tangible scar left behind in the wake of deadly violence that festered and metastasized in groups on Facebook or threads on Twitter, and was hyped in a pro-Trump echo chamber on Fox News and other outlets. Brian Stelter, the host of CNN's Reliable Sources, refers to it as a "radicalization" of Americans, led to believe an alternate set of facts than mainstream news consumers.

"Most of these people aren't just going to suddenly start reading real news. It's not going to happen," said Ben Collins, who covers disinformation, extremism and the internet for NBC News.

Collins thinks with Trump out of office, some QAnon supporters have finally realized they've been conned by an anonymous user on an extremist message board. But sadly, for most, the internet and its tools provide a safe haven for them to simply jump to the next conspiracy theory.

"They're going through the annals to try to find any conspiracy theory that makes sense of why Trump's not president anymore," Collins said. "They are very well accustomed to finding loopholes in reality to make what they think feels good into their own reality."

Behind Closed Doors

As journalists, we tend to focus most of our attention on the large social media platforms, like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. Rightfully so, since their large audiences provide the oxygen for fringe conspiracy theories to thrive.

Take QAnon. It began on a relatively obscure platform called 4Chan before leaping to YouTube, where a recommendation algorithm built for engagement kept feeding victims a straight and study diet of related videos with little to no pushback until the platform cracked down on QAnon content.

But lesser known or used platforms and apps have the same ability to spread misinformation, especially on the local level. Nextdoor, an app most people turn to when trying to find a decent contractor or are looking for a local teenager to mow their lawns, has become a hot bed of misinformation on topics ranging from COVID-19 to local elections.

Basically, when a user signs up for Nextdoor, they join (or create) an online community of users in and around their own neighborhood. On the one hand, having a limited audience of readers limits the potential for misinformation to be spread widely. Unfortunately, it also creates dark corners of the internet where there is little oversight from journalists or even local officials, allowing rumors and conspiracy theories to thrive.

In Newark, Del., misinformation that was spread about a local school district contributed to a failed referendum that forced the elimination of 63 jobs. Will Oremus, a senior writer for Medium's OneZero, is a local resident and had a front row seat for misleading claims about the district's supposedly corrupt administrators and finances.

"Nextdoor is structurally opaque. You can only view the posts that are from your neighborhood or surrounding neighborhoods," Oremus said. "So, if you have a local paper with a handful of reporters, they're not even going to see a lot of discussions about local issues on Nextdoor."

The same is true on Facebook, where extremism breeds and festers in private groups that are walled off from journalists. Several people were killed during a series of incidents in India in 2018 based on false information shared on WhatsApp, a messaging application owned by Facebook. As a result, Facebook put a limit on the number of people a message on WhatsApp could be forwarded to, an attempt to stop misinformation from going viral.

While it may seem hard for local journalists to add more to their plate, there also may be opportunities to chime in on a thread with a story you've written that injects facts into a discussion and promotes the credibility of your news organization.

"It's easy to see all the garbage on a site like Nextdoor or Facebook and think, 'Well, I just don't want to deal with that,' I'm just going to stay above that fray," Oremus said. "But those are your readers. That's your community. And if that's where they're spending time, I think it's worth being on there."

Local Reporting is the Most Important Thing

Conspiracy theories morph, adapt and take on new forms. The coronavirus pandemic has revealed an important and dangerous strain of this extreme trend, whether its people refusing to wear a mask or really ludicrous ideas like vaccines containing microchips for the government to track people.

Collins said that for his reporting on disinformation and extremism for NBC News, he often focuses on the impact these outlandish ideas have on real people, whether it's a loved one getting lost down the rabbit hole of a conspiracy theory or someone dying needlessly after getting infected by COVID-19.

In one 2020 story, Collins spoke to several doctors who were dealing with a reoccurring problem—treating patients who sought care too late because of conspiracy theories they read online. One doctor said a patient came into the emergency room after ingesting bleach just days after Trump suggested doctors should look into disinfects as a possible COVID-19 treatment.

"There are these victims everywhere in various different capacities. You lose a friend or a family member, whether that's from death or you just can't talk to them anymore because they're invisible," Collins said.

On the local level, Collins thinks there's a huge space for reporters to dig around their communities to figure out where people are getting their information in this detached news ecosystem. Are people reading text chains for information, or is it coming from friends at the bowling alley or at church? And how much disinformation is floating around in your town?

"We can't look at those trends the way a local journalist can if they source up their community," Collins said. "The way out of this is local reporting, identifying what happens versus what people say is happening."

"And trust your gut," he added. "Even if it sounds super ludicrous, people might actually believe it, so chase it down to figure out where they got that information from."



Fighting for our local newspapers

By Senator Amy Klobuchar

On May 7 of last year, the Hastings Star Gazette printed its last issue. The paper's first issue as The Hastings Independent was published in 1857, a year before Minnesota gained statehood. Generations relied on papers like this for local news—they told you who was born and who died, whose daughter just broke the county record for the 400-meter freestyle, whose Holstein won a surprise ribbon at the State Fair, and how your local leaders voted.

My dad was a Minnesota newspaper columnist and sports reporter. Even though he worked his way up the ranks to interview everyone from Mike Ditka to Ronald Reagan to Ginger Rogers, he was always, as his managing editor put it, "a champion of those on the outside."

But today, newspapers of all sizes are struggling and closing.

The shuttering of the Star Gazette was helped along by the coronavirus pandemic, but long-term trends in newspaper ad revenue show that the Star Gazette and many local papers like it were already on their last legs when COVID-19 struck.

Ad revenue for U.S. newspapers plummeted from $37.8 billion in 2008 to $14.3 billion in 2018. During that time, two other companies, Facebook and Google—worth over $2.2 trillion combined—became advertising titans.

These two companies don't just control the majority of online advertising; they've built power over the news, crushing local outlets along the way. It saddens me to think my dad might not have a job in today's tech-dominated world, let alone a chance to interview a U.S. President.

In rural and small-town communities across America, we are seeing the impacts of this consolidation first hand—expanding "news deserts" where local coverage is increasingly difficult to come by.

We can't stand by and watch this happen to our independent press. That's why I have introduced bipartisan legislation with Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) and Representatives David Cicilline (D-RI) and Ken Buck (R-CO) to let news publishers join together to get fair terms with these digital titans. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act will level the playing field for the entire industry—not just a few publishers—by empowering local media outlets to make deals that ensure fair treatment.

By giving independent papers the chance to compete, our bill will also give them the power to demand deserved revenue so that they can invest in quality reporting—ensuring that hardworking reporters can continue to inform their communities.

The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act is a way we can turn the tide on this unprecedented threat to fair and honest competition. It will help America maintain access to the trustworthy local reporting that is the bedrock of our communities.

Letters to the Editor

Change thinking on education

In these times of tight money and uncertainty, it's time to rethink the whole system of education.

Every morning, three different school district buses go by my place in the name of open enrollment. Huge waste of the fuel budget.

Every school is adding on or has recently, at a time when student numbers are declining.

Maybe it's time for rethinking the system as a whole. Would it be impossible for our small town government to set an example for the "high" spending officials that run the country?

It's a good time for an overhaul of the chain of thought and look at things differently. Why not roll four or five districts into one campus, centrally located. We are busing these kids from one end of the county to the other anyway, so the fuel expense is out the window for a con argument.

Security would be much easier with an out of town location, in a central location. One main entrance, with other one way doors for fire escape. Teachers could have keys for emergency purposes to enter, or shorten trips to play areas and such.

If everyone entered in the morning in a main entrance, two door monitors would know that kids that were band members and such, so they would, in a short time, be able to tell if someone was trying to sneak in weapons or other problem things.

With all monies combined from this combined district system, the tax load would be spread over a broader area, hopefully easing the per household burden.

A combined system just seems more logical to me.

Not so much busing for sports, as the different towns could still train their teams as a separate team, so they wouldn't necessarily have one team for the whole complex.

Look at the money Sebeka spent recently, Menahga and now Staples. With combined finances, we could achieve a better system, possibly less expense heating and maintenance cost.

Busing isn't an issue as one bus, instead of three, would travel the highway by my place, and everybody else that pays attention to such wasteful practices.

In our haste to build bigger and better schools as individual districts, we lost sight of the whole purpose of it all, education.

We can't say the Pledge of Allegiance, don't teach history as we used to, makes it tough for the kids to learn from previous mistakes if they never learn what they were.

Have we forgotten that this nation was founded on the belief in God? "One Nation Under God." This is a little off subject but it's part of our forefathers' beliefs they fought for, our fathers and mothers.

I don't want to see our kids disadvantaged. And I wouldn't think this would. With the right teachers we could teach them in a barn with good results. I'm not asking for that but with a new insight into the expense of housing our students I think we all can benefit with more opportunities for the kids and less expense to accomplish their education.

Upon discussion with a teacher in Minneapolis, the home schooling was a huge boost for the students there, as the teachers didn't have to spend their whole day disciplining students that are hell bent on causing problems. The ones that wanted to learn were improving their grades without the interruptions. Not a problem in this area that I'm aware of, but just a point that home school does work.

School isn't a free babysitter for the kids. So home school would hugely cut expense, only need a place for the teachers to work out of.

I only hope people wouldn't be so narrow minded and look at alternatives to our education system.

Timothy D. Whitaker
Staples, Minn

Choose long term safety

The vaccine may have side-effects. But the disease sometimes has after-effects. It is better to endure temporary side-effects than to risk long term after-effects.

Jerry Miller
Sebeka, Minn

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2021 Diary Princesses and Ambassadors

The Todd County American Dairy Association crowned new dairy royalty March 27 in Browerville.

The 2021 Todd County Dairy Princesses are Briana Middendorf and Erica Middendorf, daughters of Gary and Joanna Middendorf of Sauk Centre. Brianna is sponsored by MN National Bank and Erica is sponsored by the Osakis Creamery.

The 2021 Dairy Ambassadors are Alexis Groetsch, daughter of Jamey and Shannon Groetsch of Sauk Centre and Haylie Wielenberg, daughter of Mike Wielenberg and Sarah Mayland of Long Prairie. Alexis is sponsored by Bruder Dairy and Haylie is sponsored by Pro Ag.

The four will spend this year traveling the county to promote the goodness of dairy and dairy farming.

Left to right: Todd County Dairy Ambassadors Alexis Groetsch and Haylie Welenberg; Todd County Dairy Princesses Briana Middendorf and Erica Middendorf (Submitted photo)

'Celebrate You' virtual aging conference, free

A free Conference on Aging Celebration - Celebrate You' will be held virtually on Thursday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This event is a collaboration of the Todd County Council on Aging and Wellness in the Woods.

Topics include:

- Scam-proof Your Life, by AARP/TRIAD
- Sharing a 'No Guilt Cookie' from Wellness in the Woods
- Live Healthy, by Maslowski Wellness
- Finding Your Purpose, by keynote speaker Bob Koehler, founder of Authentic Aging.

The virtual event also includes musical entertainment, vendor/sponsor highlights and door prizes. Free registration through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-you-tickets-141052769631

Further information can be found on Facebook: Conference on Aging Virtual; or by calling Kristine Hoheisel at 320-468-6451 or 800-224-6451.

Staples-Motley school board canvassing election results

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold the Canvassing of Election Results on Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples at their regular board meeting.

Any individual or groups who wish to be on the Community Forum, must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting date.

Upcoming meeting schedule and dates:

Mon., May 3: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., district office.

Graduation dates set

Staples-Motley High School is planning an outdoor graduation on Friday, May 28, at the school football field. Current plans are for a limit of six guests for each graduate, and each group will have their own section on the field to set up chairs or blankets.

Other graduation events scheduled include:

- Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m. Dollars for Scholars Awards Night
- Friday, May 14, 7 p.m., Finale Concert

Sunday, May 23, Baccalaureate

Friday, May 21, 7 p.m. Commencement Concert

Friday, May 28, 10 a.m., Cords and Awards

Friday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Graduation

Friday, May 28-29, Grad Blast



First International gives to food shelf

First International Bank and Trust donated $500 and collected food items to the Staples Food Shelf on April xx. Pictured from left, Frank Leidenfrost from the Staples Food Shelf, with bank employees Alisha Winter, Kristi Serich, Kylie Fix, Ashley Seely and Britney Beversluis. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Graduates invited to celebrate on banners

All local high school graduates in the Class of 2021 are invited to participate in the banner display that will be put up on 4th Street NE in Staples, near the high school.

Senior banners cost $30, which can be paid by venmo @Debbie-Ferdon, or send a check payable to LEAP, mailed or delivered to Staples-Motley High School, 401 Centennial Dr., Staples, MN 56479.

Deadline to order is April 23.

For more information, call Lisa Giza, 218-821-7953, or Michelle Lundquist, 218-838-8712.

Banners will be flown on 4th Street NE in Staples during the month of May to honor local graduates and their accoplishments.

Moore places at regional spelling bee

Staples-Motley eighth grade student Arabella Moore was the 2nd runner-up at the 2021 Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Sourcewell.

The spelling bee came down to a tiebreaker. In the end, Menahga sixth grader Greta Alajoki was named champion, with Chloe Leeseberg of Wadena-Deer Creek as runner-up and Moore as 2nd runner up.

Alajoki moves on to compete June 27 in the semifinals, which determines the top students to advance to finals at the July 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Orlando.



Golfers on the course

Staples-Motley junior high golfers practice on the driving range at the Vintage in Staples. While spring sports had a warm first week of practice, rain and cold postponed scheduled games during the second week.

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Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Margo and Randy Fleischhacker of Little Falls, a baby boy, Josiah Lee weighing eight pounds, three ounces on April 1, 2021.

Born to Samantha and Bo Lindula of Pillager, a baby girl, Scarlett Rosella weighing eight pounds 10 ounces on April 2, 2021.

Born to Logan Becker and Alex Jansson of Staples, a baby girl, Indie Cait weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on April 2, 2021.

Born to Jennifer and Ryan Jacobson of Verndale, a baby girl, Freya Lily weighing seven pounds, two ounces on April 2, 2021.

Born to Jaime and Josh Johnson of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Elijah Jay weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 5, 2021.

Obituaries

Marlene Miller



Marlene Dian Miller, 70, passed away April 11, 2021, at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Baxter of Parkinson's.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Weds., April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

Marlene was born August 14, 1950 to Emma and Clifford Miller in Staples. She was a great sister to Susan and brother Dave. She graduated from Staples High School, Class of 1968. She attended St. Cloud State University, graduating with degrees in Geography and Biology. Upon graduation she took her big pink suitcase alone on a greyhound bus to Tucson, AZ, a very independent girl. In Tucson she worked at a title company. From there she moved to Anaheim, CA with a roommate from Tucson. She worked at a jewelry store and at an engineering company. She passed a difficult test for the city of Santa Ana, CA and worked in the Public Works Department for 25 years drafting by ink on large table size sheets of paper and later computer drafting. She retired in her 50's so she could travel. She visited Russia, Europe, Iceland, South America, Turkey, Canada, Africa, Australia, Costa Rico, New Zealand, Alaska the Bahama's and many trips to Hawaii with Susan and took many trips around the U.S. Marlene especially enjoyed the small riverboat cruises around the U.S. Marlene enjoyed playing tennis two to four times a week with Susan for 40 years.

Marlene is survived by one sister, Susan Miller; one brother, David Miller; special sister-in-law, Jackie Miller; special friend, Paul; two nieces, Christine and Amy; one nephew, Daniel; two great-nieces, Natalie and Emma and one great-nephew, Brayden.

Marlene is preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Clifford.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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LaVerne Schaefer



LaVerne Marjorie Schaefer, 91, of Cokato, died Monday, March 8, 2021 at her home in Cokato due to Alzheimer's Dementia.

LaVerne Marjorie Schaefer was born on July 30, 1929 in Flint, Michigan to Fred and Lydia (Hannu) Kelly (Kellokumpu). She was the eldest of three children in the family. As an infant, she moved to Minnesota with her parents, was educated in various Minnesota schools, and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1947. After high school, LaVerne attended Hamline University studying both biology and chemistry. It was there that she met her lifelong friend and Scrabble partner Derry Anderson; they quickly became friends over a feline dissection specimen.

LaVerne was united in marriage on March 26th, 1949 in Kingston, MN to James Lawrence Schaefer and they lived in Park Rapids for two years where she and her husband worked the family farm. When her husband decided to pursue a veterinary degree, they moved to St. Paul where she worked for Ancel Keys, the originator of the cholesterol theory of heart disease; as well, she worked at General Mills in the Product Control Lab doing vitamin analytical research. After her husband's graduation they moved to Staples, opened the Staples Veterinary Clinic, and began their family by adopting two children. Throughout their time in Staples, LaVerne was a supportive wife and mother, veterinary practice manager, church volunteer, and became an avid traveler after they both obtained their private pilot's license. LaVerne enjoyed spending her free time making wine, gardening, sewing, cooking, baking, square dancing, camping, volunteering with the local Scout troops, 4-H, and FFA. Education was a core value for LaVerne; from homeschooling her brother when she was in her 20's to teaching and tutoring her own children, learning was something LaVerne saw as a lifelong opportunity. LaVerne was an accomplished pianist whose career spanned 86 years, teaching her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchild.

Never content to stay in one place, especially since her husband's auto accident and career change, they began their every two to three year move in 1975. During this time, LaVerne went back to school at the University of Minnesota to obtain her B.S. in Dental Hygiene. Think about it, to graduate with two teenage children, a husband on the other side of the state, and to be recognized as an honor graduate and a Sigma Phi Alpha member at the age of 49. After LaVerne's graduation in 1978, she enjoyed the fruits of her labor working as a dental hygienist wherever they lived. They continued to move in and around Minnesota until the move to Arkansas in 1983. LaVerne spent the next two and a half decades as a snowbird between Kansas, Arkansas, Brackettville, TX and Park Rapids, working until her retirement in 1995. Retirement certainly did not slow LaVerne down as her travels continued whether in a RV or on a cruise. She continued to snowbird after the loss of her husband in 2004 and until she moved in with her daughter and her family in 2016 due to advancing Alzheimer's Dementia.

LaVerne was very proud of her faith. Baptized and confirmed a Lutheran, she became a Methodist by marriage, and enjoyed the close-knit congregations of the Hubbard United Methodist Church as well as the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville, TX.

LaVerne (aka 'The Nana') is survived by her daughter Katherine (Jeff) Meredith of Cokato, a son Glen (Deeann) Schaefer of Park Rapids; grandchildren Isabella Schaefer of Bemidji, MN, Lydia Meredith of Brookings, SD, Eric Meredith of Cokato, MN, Yun-Jie Chen (Hona) of Taipei, Taiwan, and James and Mia Schaefer of Park Rapids, MN; great-granddaughter Maisy Schaefer of Bemidji, MN; her brother Rollo Kelly of Ventura, CA; 7 nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Cindy Kelly; godson Jay Anderson; best friend Derry Anderson; and her fur baby Badger the cat.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, her brother John, her sister-in-law Helen, and niece Judy.

LaVerne did not want a traditional service, especially in light of COVID-19. A celebration of LaVerne's life will be held at a later time (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8). LaVerne loved to travel and never completed her bucket list, but with the help of her family she will visit a few special places one last time. Inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Park Rapids.

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Sheila Christenson



Sheila R. Christenson, 63, of Staples died April 6, 2021 at the Lakewood Health System in Staples.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Sheila was born April 12, 1957 in Grand Rapids to George and Marlene (Stang-line) Poach. She grew up on the family farm in Monticello, until moving to Backus where she graduated high school. Sheila married James "Jim" Tepley on November 29, 1975 at St. Isadore's Catholic Church in Moran Township. The couple had three children and later divorced. She worked in quality control for Morey's in Motley until her retirement. Sheila enjoyed her flower gardens, listening to music and finding serenity in the kitchen, cooking her infamous Seafood Lasagna. She enjoyed cooking for guests and making everyone feel comfortable in her home; usually guests would leave calling her "mom." Sheila taught her family to never give up, if you see it and want it, get it and always support one another. She was loving, supportive, amazing, always ready for an adventure and full of life. Above all else, Sheila loved her family beyond words and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Sheila is survived by one daughter, Heather (Scott) Carry of Staples; one son, Kyle Tepley of Motley; four grandchildren, Thomas, Cody, Skyla and Molly; daughter-in-law, Miranda Coverse of Motley; one brother, Allen Poach of Big Lake; one sister, Linda Osborne of Ohio; first husband, Jim (Linda) Tepley of Staples.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Travis Tepley and two brothers, Wade Poach and Doug Poach.

Sheila is now embracing her son, Travis Tepley in her arms once again.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
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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
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Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leaf River Township

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Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist

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These verses in Colossians can be set to prayer and personalized for those you are praying for daily. We simply insert the name of the one you are praying for in the blank.

Here it is:

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that You will give _____ a complete understanding of what You want to do in _____'s life. I ask, dear Father, that you will make _____ wise with spiritual wisdom so that the way _____ lives will always honor and please You. I pray that through Your Holy Spirit, _____ will always do good, kind things for others and that, all the while, _____will learn to know You better and better. Father, I pray that _____ will be strengthened with Your glorious power so that _____ will have all the patience and endurance they need. Father, please fill _____ with Your Joy! In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray, **AMEN**.

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Youth wrestling action

On April 3, Staples-Motley youth wrestlers traveled to Sioux Falls SD for the NYWA MN Youth State tournament. The event is typically held in Rochester but due to capacity restrictions, it was moved to Sioux Falls this year. Individual State Champions were Gage Bjerga, 5/6 75#, and Garrett Bjerga, 3/4 68#. Third Place, Colbe Tappe, 7/8 125#, and Cooper Tappe 3/4 72#. Fourth Place, Camrik Tappe 1/2 65#. Seventh Place, Eli Greenwaldt 7/8 90#. Individual participants who competed but didn't make the podium: Bennett Sonenstahl, Jackson Odden, Jayden Rogers, Liam Jennissen, Tayden Weishair, Jacob Reeck, Justin Olson, Caden Kramer, Turner Beachy, Riley Reese, Aiden Winter, Luke Bjerga and Dustin Converse

The grade 7-8 team took first in their pool with a 3-2 record. The 7-8 team is coached by Eric Kramer and Paul Petrich. Pictured above, back row left to right: Eric Kramer, Eli Greenwaldt, Riley Reese, Aidan Winter, Turner Beachy, Adrian Gomez, Jack Carlson, Jacob Becker, Luke Bjerga, Paul Petrich. Front Row: Colbe Tappe, Steven Petrich, Caden Kramer, Dylan Lawrence and Dustin Converse

The K-6 team took first in thier pool with a 4-1 record. The K-6 team is coached by Dan Bjerga and Chris Dobson. Pictured at right, from left, Liam Jennissen,Andrew Dobson, Beau Carlson, Jayden Rogers, Gage Bjerga, Cooper Tappe, Bennett Sonenstahl, Jackson Close, Ryker Pesta, Camrik Tappe, Jackson Odden, Maxx Carlson, Tayden Weishair, Kaden Kramer, Garrett Bjerga, Justin Olson, Zach Tabatt, Jacob Reeck. (Submitted photos).



K-8 Cardinal youth team traveled to Aberdeen, SD for the Midwest Duals on April 10. The team went 5-1 losing only in the championship match against Aberdeen Wrestling Club 47-60. The team took 2nd out of 15 teams from multiple states across the Midwest. Members of the team include from left to right top row: Dylan Lawrence, Aidan Winter, Eli Greenwaldt, Luke Bjerga, Steven Petrich, Colbe Tappe, Turner Beachy, Dustin Converse, Adrian Gomez, Jack Carlson, Garrett Bjerga 2nd row: Caden Kramer, Beau Carlson, Justin Olson, Gage Bjerga, Jackson Odden, Tayden Weishair, Cooper Tappe Front Row: Ryker Pesta, Camrik Tappe, Sully Sampp Maxx Carlson, Bennett Sonenstahl, Andrew Dobson The K-8 team is coached by Dan Bjerga, Chris Dobson and Eric Kramer.



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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 16, 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 16th day of February, 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 Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 4.8 Hire Administrative Assistant - Angela Chamberlin.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2021 as presented.

To accept the retirement of Loren Miller as of December 31, 2020.

To accept the resignation of Reba Van Beusekom as of January 15, 2021.

To approve the resignation of Joshua Crider, Correctional Officer effective 2/16/2021.

To hire Joshua Crider, PT Dispatch effective 2/22/2021.

To approve the resignation of Riley Mounsdon, effective 12/31/2020.

To approve the resignation of Kellen Pulliam, effective 12/31/2020.

To accept the resignation of Kathleen Nauber, Payroll Specialist effective 2/19/2021.

To hire Danielle Pratt for Payroll & Benefits Specialist.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort at the address of 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021.

To approve a Setup License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

To approve an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge, Inc. at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

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) 401056 through 401078 in the amount of $23,193.57 and (Regular) 54444 through 54501 in the amount of $81,345.41 for a total of $104,538.98.

On motion by Kneisl 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) 801377 through 801444 and (Regular) 707545 through 707598 for a total amount of $77,702.85.

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 SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600340 through 600349 and (Regular) 516192 through 516221 for a total amount of $79,977.67.

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE SALE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Todd, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statues that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale. (Unless otherwise stated.)The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that the Soil and Water Conservation Board (of the district in which the land is located) has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal land and wetland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, which the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of tax forfeited parcels on the attached list.

Board of Commissioners & SWCD Supervisor Joint Meeting

Separate minutes attached.

University of Minnesota Extension - Todd County

Brenda Miller, Livestock Production Systems Educator provided a program update for the County Board to review.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of (2) 2021 Ford Explorers.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Traverse.

Planning & Zoning

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

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE SAUK RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN TO MN BOARD OF WATER & SOIL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Todd County previously resolved to support watershed-scale planning efforts in the Sauk River Watershed consistent with Minnesota Statues, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan - a program administered by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and

WHEREAS, to that end, Todd County entered into an agreement with partnering entities to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) for the Sauk River Watershed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, and said agreement established a Policy Committee made up of one representative from each member's governing board to oversee development of the CWMP in consideration of the One Watershed, One Plan program requirements; and

WHEREAS, Todd County has received notice from said Policy Committee that: 1) the CWMP has been developed, 2) the CWMP has undergone the required public commentary period, 3) the statutory-required notice for the public hearing was published, 4) the statutory-required public hearing has been held for the public to provide comments on the CWMP, and 5) the Policy Committee has voted to recommend the CWMP to parties of the above-mentioned agreement; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned agreement now requires each member to approve submission of the CWMP to the MN BWSR for its review and approval of the CWMP by the Policy Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the county hereby authorizes the Policy Committee to submit the Sauk River CWMP to the MN BWSR in fulfillment of the above-mentioned agreement.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Kuhlmann Oaks Preliminary Plat with the one condition.

Administration

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

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article VII, Section 7.27 of the Personnel Policy and find the implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of February 16, 2021 and;

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

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Courthouse Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2021.

Health & Human Services

Jackie Och, HHS Director provided an update to the County Board on the COVID-19 situation.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of February 2021.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
CARGILL SALT DIV	$18,228.98
CHAMBERLAIN OIL CO	7,629.83
FARM-RITE EQUIP, INC	20,369.05
FRIEDRICH'S TIRE & OIL CO	4,146.80
KRIS ENGINEERING	3,258.90
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	3,689.20
MELROSE ONE STOP	5,403.00
MENCH/JAMES	3,240.00
NORTHERN BUSINESS PRODUCTS	4,349.80
STAPLES WORLD	3,639.80
TRIMIN SYSTEMS INC	7,000.00
70 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	23,583.62
Total	**$104,538.98**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	3,380.13
V #16675 - COST EFF. HEALTH INS	3,220.54
OTTER TAIL CTY HUMAN SERVICES	6,201.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	12,674.62
SHELLEY FUNERAL CHAPELS- LITTLE FALLS	3,500.00
V#16191 - COST EFF. HEALTH INS	2,437.66
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	2,127.03
115 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	44,161.87
Total	**$77,702.85**

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ANOKA COUNTY CORRECTIONS	5,271.00
#16413	2,311.36
CARLSON/BARBARA J	3,400.00
#15998	3,124.49
#14593	3,867.56
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	5,533.63
#15686	2,053.75
#10746	2,065.20
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	2,327.00
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAM	14,502.73
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	2,500.00
NORTHLAND COUNSELING CTR	4,626.00
#16183	2,626.32
PORT OF CROW WING GIRLS HOME	2,531.70
STEP	5,650.16
#16491	2,108.00
#16109	2,036.08
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2.000	13,442.69
Total	**$79,977.67**

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 16, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 2, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TODD COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS HELD FEBRUARY 16, 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 16th day of February, 2021 at 9:10 a.m. with all Board of Commissioner members and SWCD Chairperson Katterhagen present with confirmed online Zoom attendance of SWCD Supervisors Buchholz & Whitney.

SWCD Chairperson Katterhagen called the joint meeting to order.

Todd County Board of Commissioner Chairperson Becker called the joint meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Whitney and seconded by Buchholz, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

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

Presentation on 1W1P Status across the County

Deja Anton, District Manager reported on the status of the 1W1P projects throughout the County.

Red Eye 1W1P Implementation Work Plan

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REDEYE WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUND (WBIF) WORKPLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) met on August 26, 2020 and approved the Leaf, Wing, Redeye One Watershed, One Plan according to Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 14; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County SWCD adopted the Redeye Implementation Team Memorandum of Agreement on October 8, 2020 to guide progress on the Leaf, Wing, Redeye One Watershed, One Plan.

NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County SWCD hereby approves the bylaws, work plan and budget request for the Redeye Implementation Team, contingent on approval of the Redeye Implementation Team Policy

See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ROAD INSPECTION TOUR

There will be a road inspection meeting on Saturday, April 24, starting at 8 a.m.

The town board will be leaving to drive the township roads at that time. You are welcome to follow in your own vehicle and when stopped, please keep a six foot distance from other individuals according to Governor Walz' COVID-19 order.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township

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TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, or via Zoom Conference Call and Telephone Conference. Please email or phone your wish to be included in the meeting at 320-732-4420 toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

•Call to Order
•Approval of March 25, 2021 Minutes
•Board introduction and process review
o The applicant is introduced
o Staff Report
o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
o Public Comment
o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Stewart and Amy Tschida: Part of Lots 5 & 6, Tiemann's Subdivision, Section 25, Birchdale Township

Site Address: 28882 Antelope Trail, Grey Eagle. PID: 03-0053800

1. Request to increase the maximum peak height of structures within the setback in Shoreland-RD Zoning (Big Birch Lake) from 18 feet to 23 feet for construction of dormer addition to dwelling (Does not increase maximum height of structure, only adds onto highest part)

2. Brian and Mary Kalla: Lots 3 & 4, Summer Shores, Section 34, Leslie Township

Site Address: 14043 County 10, Osakis. PID: 15-0090000

1. Request to increase maximum height of accessory structures in Shoreland-GD zoning (Lake Osakis) from 18 feet to 23 feet for accessory storage building

Adjournment.

Next meeting:
May 27, 2021

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Richard Johnson, Chair

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NOTICE KASS KREST, LLP CASS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 215, that Kass Krest, LLP has made an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency / County of Cass to do an expansion on an existing livestock feedlot.

The existing Swine feedlot is located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 10 in Byron Township, in Cass County, Minnesota. The farrowing barn is a total confinement 181' x 252' with a 2' concrete below barn pull plug manure storage system and holds 416 farrowing sows (weighing over 300 pounds) for a total of 166.4 animal units. The gestation barn is a total confinement 122'7" x 573'6" with an 8' concrete below barn manure storage area that holds 2,080 head of sows (weighing over 300 pounds) or 832 animal units. The site currently has a permit for the following two barns. A total confinement gilt development unit 122'7" x 229' x 8' for 1,008 sows (weighing over 300 pounds) for 403.2 animal units and 1,600 developing gilts weighing between 55 and 300 pounds for 480 animal unit this barn would have a total of 883.2 animal units. A total confinement isolation barn 51'4" x 153'9" x 8' that would hold 800 head of swine under 55 pounds for a total of 40 animal units. The GDU and ISO barns are proposed to be eliminated from the permit. Kass Krest, LLP is now proposing to construct another total confinement gestation barn that would be 122'7" x 630'with an 8' concrete below barn manure storage area. This barn will hold 2,080 head of gestating sows (weighing over 300 pounds) or 832 animal units. The second proposed barn would be a total confinement farrowing barn 181' x 197' with a 2' concrete below barn pull plug manure storage system that would hold 416 farrowing sows (weighing over 300 pounds) for a total of 166.4 animal units. Currently the site is permitted for 1,921.6 animal units. After construction the new total of animal units for this site will be 1,996.8 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot, as required by Minnesota State Law.

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Fairmont, MN 56031

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Services & Employment

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Technology Integrationist
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Committee.

SAUK RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

On motion by Whitney and seconded by Buchholz, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote:

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE SAUK RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN TO MN BOARD OF WATER & SOIL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Todd SWCD previously resolved to support watershed scale planning efforts in the Sauk River Watershed consistent with Minnesota Statues, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan - a program administered by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and

WHEREAS, to that end, Todd SWCD entered into an agreement with partnering entities to develop and adopt a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) for the Sauk River Watershed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, and said agreement established a Policy Committee made up of one representative from each member's governing board to oversee development of the CWMP in consideration of the One Watershed, One Plan program requirements; and

WHEREAS, Todd SWCD has received notice from said Policy Committee that: 1) the CWMP has been developed, 2) the CWMP has undergone the required public commentary period, 3) the statutory required notice for the public hearing was published, 4) the statutory required public hearing has been held for the public to provide comments on the CWMP, and 5) the Policy Committee has voted to recommend the CWMP to parties of the above mentioned agreement; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned agreement now requires each member to approve submission of the CWMP to the MN BWSR for its review and approval of the CWMP by the Policy Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the SWCD hereby authorizes the Policy Committee to submit the Sauk River CWMP to the MN BWSR in fulfillment of the above mentioned agreement.

Todd County SWCD Annual Report 2020

Discussion on the 2020 SWCD Annual Report and the SWCD activities was held.

County Successes

Deja Anton, District Manager provided an update on County Successes for discussion.

TODD COUNTY SWCD ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2021

Deja Anton, District Manager reported on the 2021 Work Plan and held discussion.

On motion by Buchholz and seconded by Whitney, the 2021 SWCD Work Plan was accepted as read by unanimous Roll Call vote.

Staffing Updates

Deja Anton, District Manager provided an update as to present staffing within SWCD.

Adjourn

SWCD Chairperson Katterhagen adjourned the joint meeting.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adjourned the joint meeting and reopened the regular County Board meeting by unanimous Roll Call vote.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Supervisors held February 16, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 2, 2021.

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Industry wants to align with education to train worker

sota attractive enough, they will want to stay.

Industries

Representatives from manufacturing, health care, hospitality, agriculture and natural resources were among the panelists.

Some of the problems are compounding themselves. A representative from Arvig said they are deploying broadband fiber now, but need more construction workers to complete the work they need to get it to homes and businesses. Administrative workers are also needed, as Arvig opened a big office in Minneapolis with 200 employees, because they couldn't find enough workers in this area.

Tim Rice, Lakewood Health System CEO, said that in 47 years in the industry, "I have never seen a situation regarding workforce like we are seeing now."

Rice said there are openings in virtually every job category. There are especially demands for mental health and elderly care. "We can't keep up with the demand," he said about mental health care. As for elderly care, "we are turning away local residents because we don't have space for them," said Rice.

Most of Lakewood's employees come from local high schools and CLC. They also participate in the Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) to introduce medical people to rural Minnesota.

A representative from the hotel and resort industry said they have traditionally relied on immigrant workers to fill seasonal jobs, but the new national lottery system has dried up that supply of workers.

Training

Many of the employers expressed a desire to connect more with local high schools and community colleges to train more students to fit their industries. Some suggested more public-private partnerships to increase specific training.

CLC Ag and Energy Center Director Keith Olander said the college has developed pathways for students that can be tailored for specific industries, depending on what the student wants to go into.

Rod Enberg of Motley said his timber business needs vocational training on specialized equipment. He said before purchasing a new piece of equipment, they often have to send employees to the manufacturing company to learn how to use it first.

Area rancher and Farm Bureau representative Mile Kuschel said there is a lack of meat cutters that has become more obvious because of the pandemic. He appreciated that CLC is opening a meat cutting programs, as there are less than a dozen in the nation.

With a growing interest in local foods in the nation, Kuschel said meat cutting is necessary for that trend to grow. He said the industry isn't like the butcher shops of old, it is more like computer skills and gaming skills that translate well to meat cutting.

A representative from a large construction company said they train most of their own employees, without help from schools. "They don't come out with debt, they come out with a truck," he said.

A representative from Arctic Cat said they are working more with Alternative Learning Center high school students to get them started on a career. He said they also provide additional training for employees who want to advance or change their careers.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe told the congress members that federal mandates sometimes prevent high school students from completing their training pathways.

"We don't need every student to take chemistry and physics, that takes away from CTE (Career and Technical Education) training," said Tappe.

Tappe suggested each school district should have more local control to work with local industries in developing training programs. Rep. Stauber agreed with that and said he would take it back to Washington.

Housing, day care

Not many of the employers had solutions for housing and day care, and a suggestion that industries contribute to the need was countered by suggestions that the government provide more support.

Asche said subsidies are needed to increase the number of daycares, and for pre-school educators to make a profit. He said employers should get involved, but there are also opportunities for tax rebates and breaks on construction costs. He gave an example of one community that bought an old motel and turned it into a daycare center.

Despite adding 116 housing units in Staples over the past two years, Wyman said housing is still in demand in the area, especially in single-family homes.

Asche said the current market isn't working because there is not enough turnover so that families can move to a starter home in a community. "There's not enough churn," he said. Meanwhile, many elderly residents who live in single-family homes want to move to a lower maintenance, single level home. Instead of subsidizing the building of more single family homes, Asche suggested subsidizing more senior housing so they can open the single family homes to new families.



Speaking to congress

Rod Enberg of Motley tells the U.S. representatives about the need for specialized training in the logging industry.



Discussing politics

Before the workforce forum at CLC, U.S. Representative Pete Stauber, left, chats with Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen, Mayor Chris Etzler and CLC President Hara Charlier (back to camera).

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The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to all Minnesotans. To register for yours at Lakewood Health System, sign up online at lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call 218-894-1515 (option #2).

Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM



Carrie Kneisl, CNM, CNP taking her turn!