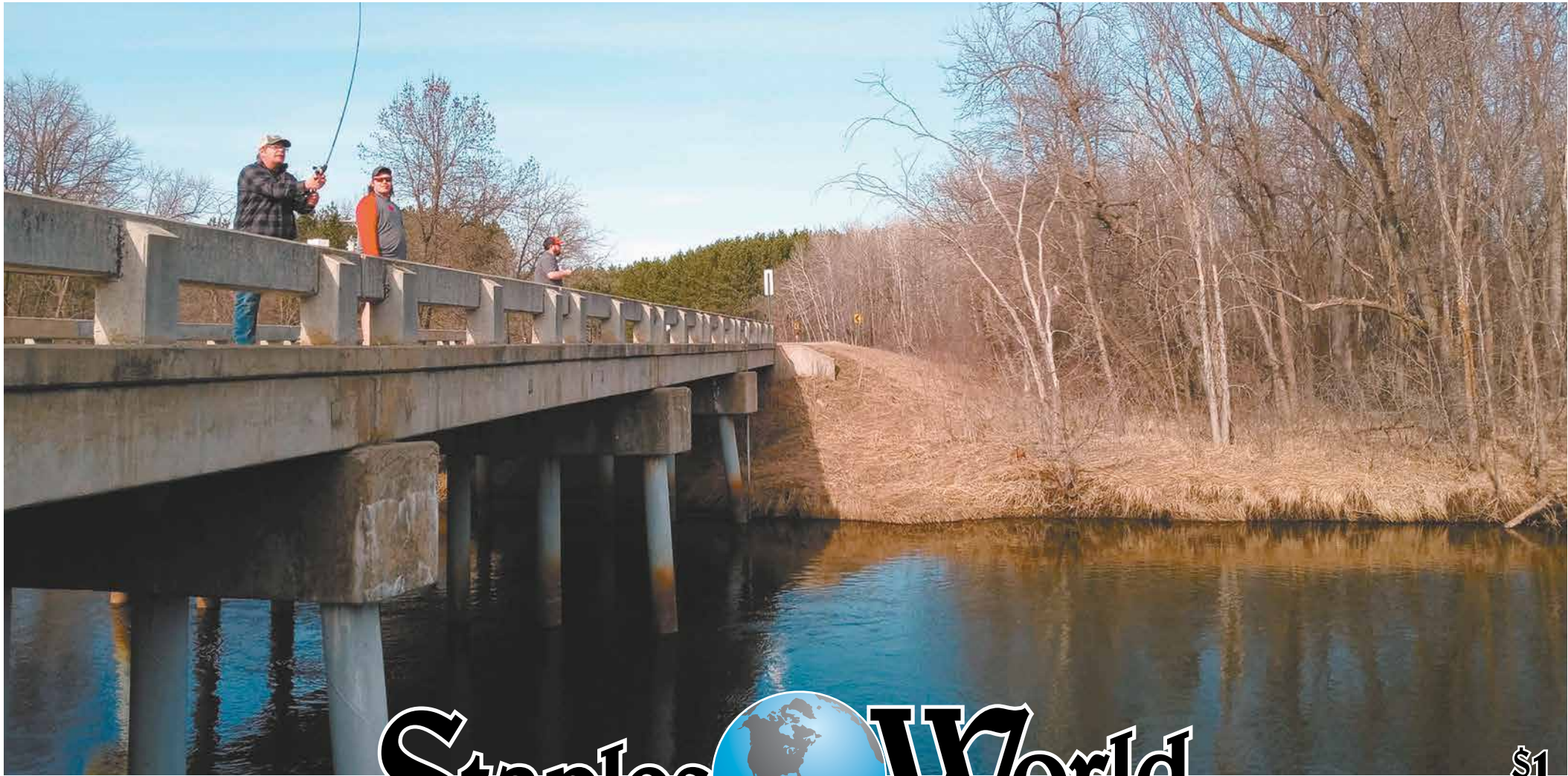




Fishing

Adam Jasmer, Caleb Jasmer and Joe Schuety, all of Staples, fished for suckers and redhorse Easter Sunday on the Leaf River north of Staples. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 7	50°	41°	Rain
Apr. 8	55	44	Showers
Apr. 9	50	35	Showers
Apr. 10	54	35	Cloudy
Apr. 11	59	36	P. Cloudy
Apr. 12	48	32	M. Cloudy
Apr. 13	50	33	Cloudy

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 7	65°	47°	Rain
Apr. 8	47	36	Sunny
Apr. 9	36	28	M. Cloudy
Apr. 10	46	21	M. Sunny
Apr. 11	47	26	Sunny
Apr. 12	38	28	Cloudy
Apr. 13	30	20	Cloudy

Average Temps:
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No Precip last week.

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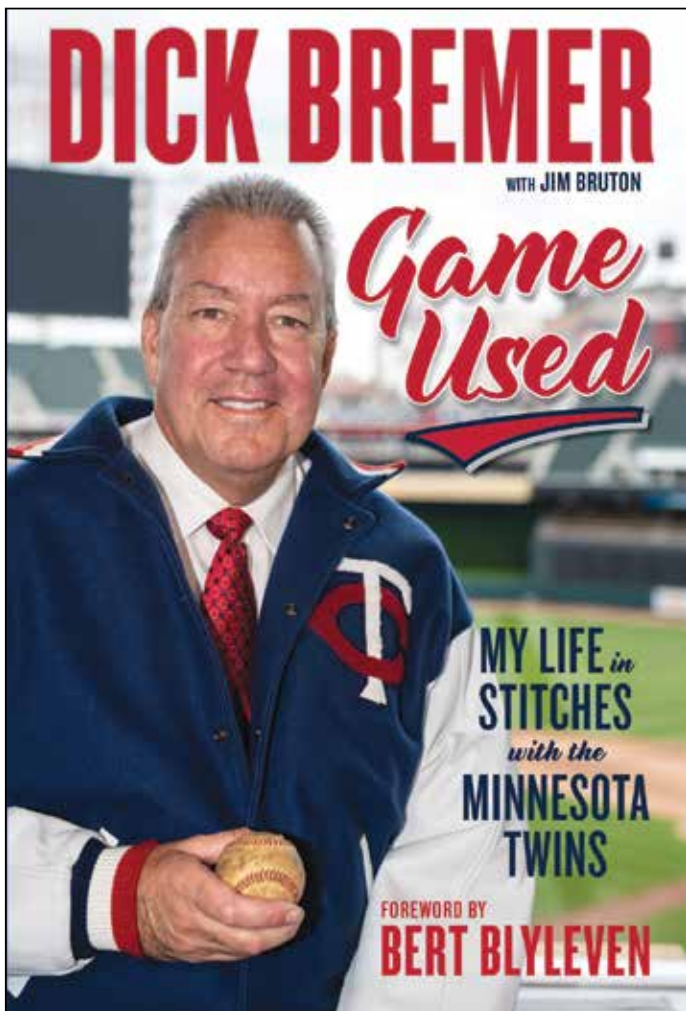
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Minnesota baseball history

Dick Bremer's book contains 108 stories relating to his life in the Minnesota sports world, including 37 years as Minnesota Twins broadcaster. The book also goes into his time at Staples High School.

Staples baseball part of Bremer's memoir

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Starting his 38th season as the main television announcer for the Minnesota Twins, Dick Bremer still draws on his experience playing high school baseball and taking classes at Staples High School.

Some of those experiences are in Bremer's book, "Game Used: My Life in Stitches with the Minnesota Twins." The title comes from the 108 stories in the book that correspond to the 108 stitches in every major league baseball.

The book covers Bremer's early life in western Minnesota, and how he fell in love with baseball at an early age. It also covers his relationship with broadcasting, from listening to the Minnesota Twins on the radio to the early days of covering professional sports in Minnesota.

Bremer spoke with the Staples World about his book and his time in Staples. One of the stories in the book describes how he played in a weekend baseball tournament for Staples before he even took a class at the school.

"It was a big deal for me to be able to put on a baseball uniform," said Bremer. At his previous home in Missouri, kids his age wore T-shirts instead of full uniforms. He realized baseball was a big deal in Staples

and he got caught up in the emerging sports scene.

"I treasured my time there, I just wish I had performed better," said Bremer.

Although he was a regular on the baseball and basketball teams, he said he was never a star. But he was fulfilled just being a part of the team.

"I have nothing but fond memories of my time in Staples," he said, "The people treated me and my family very well."

"Game Used" shows how important Bremer's roots in rural Minnesota are to his career. He found out that the town of Dumont had put up a sign proclaiming to be the "Boyhood home of Dick Bremer."

"That really touched me, that they would do that," he said. You could drive by and not read the sign, but that the small town wanted to stay connected with me, it made me want to stay connected with them, and I have. Same with Staples, I have enjoyed the connections with the people there and have stayed connected over the years."

Bremer said he has a lake place not too far from Staples. "I find my way over there pretty regularly," he said.

One Staples story that didn't get into the book, Bremer remembered when Coach Jerry Riewer had

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Gildow chosen for Fishing Hall of Fame

Ray Gildow will be enshrined by The Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota in 2021. Gildow is a fishing guide who helped form the Nisswa Guide League, and is a TV personality, writer and radio host.

Other inductees in the Individual Legends category include Sybil Smith, founder of WAM, and Paul Thorne, co-founder of Custom Rod & Tackle and The Fly Angler retail stores. Also, the MN B.A.S.S. Nation will join the ranks of Legendary Organizations.

A press release gave a brief description of Gildow's career:

Ray Gildow is a professional fishing guide with over 35 years of guiding experience. He started guiding out of Sugar Point Resort on Leech Lake in the mid-1980s. In 1989 Gildow joined the Nisswa Guides League, Minnesota's oldest guides league founded by brothers Al and Ron Lindner and Marv Koep.

The league has provided over 50,000 guided fishing trips since its inception in the late '60s. In 2004, he wrote the book Legends and Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides League.

Ray was selected as the



Ray Gildow

guide for Governor Mark Dayton for the 2014 Minnesota Fishing Opener. In 2017 Gildow was named "Person of the Year" for his work in education and conservation awareness by "Outdoor News", one of Minnesota's premier weekly outdoor newspapers.

Gildow served as host of "Lakeland Currents", a public affairs program that featured a wide variety of topics like fishing, hunting and current affairs for thirteen years on Lakeland PBS. Gildow is currently co-host of "Fishing Tips", with Mandy Uhrich, a marine biologist and tournament angler. It airs during the open water fishing season

on Northern MN PBS.

Gildow is a seminar speaker and a free lance writer. For the past five years he has written fishing and outdoor articles for "Action Outdoors", a weekly newspaper series that appeared in newspapers in Minnesota and Wisconsin before the Covid Virus suspended publication. He has published in a variety of newspapers and magazines over the past 35 years.

Gildow was born in Pine River, graduated from high school in Brainerd and retired as a vice president of Central Lakes College with campuses in Brainerd and Staples. He and his wife Gwynne live in Staples.

Charlie and Kathy Crews' 'Autumn Leaf' love

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Charlie and Kathy Crews of Staples have been collecting Jewel Tea dishes with the Autumn Leaf pattern for at least 20 years...a shared hobby they got into shortly after tying the knot in 2000.

"We were in San Diego,"

Kathy said, recalling the day they first learned about the vintage dinnerware pieces produced by the Hall China Company. She went on to share that they encountered a woman who was handing out free dishes to people who would join the National Autumn Leaf Collectors Club (NALCC).

The Crews immediately

fell in love with the Autumn Leaf pattern, joined the club and have been devoted members ever since.

Since that time, they've collected many pieces of the popular china. Kathy shared that she has 13 complete place settings, along with a variety of other accessories

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Kathy's labor of love

Kathy Crews of Staples holds up the 'Autumn Leaf' quilt she completed, made from original Jewel Tea Fabric, with her husband, Charlie Crews. The Autumn Leaf is one of the most popular vintage china patterns in America, as noted by the National Autumn Leaf Collectors Club

(NALCC), of which the Crews are members. Kathy Crews' quilt will be raffled off during the NALCC's upcoming national convention at Ruttger's Resort in Deerwood. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



China pattern inspiration

Kathy Crews of Staples points to the Autumn Leaf design on the china pieces she and her husband, Charlie Crews, have collected over the years. The pattern is featured on a quilt Kathy sewed recently

that will be raffled off in June, at the national convention of the National Autumn Leaf Collectors Club. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Future quilt pieces

Shelves in Kathy Crews' quilting workshop in Staples are home to a wide variety and several yards of fabric. She is a member of the Piece-makers Quilt Club in Staples; and she also helps sew quilts for high school graduates at her church. Some of the fabric pictured belonged to her late step-daughter, Teresa Crews, who shared Kathy's passion for quilting. Her collection of fabric was affectionately called, 'Teresa's stash.' Kathy figures she shouldn't need to buy any new fabric for awhile. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

March 25 - 31

March 31 - The MPD received a request from the landlord of the Eastwood Motley in Motley to stand by as a witness and keep the peace as he was serving each of his tenants with papers. The MPD stood in the background as he knocked on each door and handed papers to the tenants that were present and observed that he securely posted the papers in the door jams of the tenants who did not answer their doors.

March 26 - 31 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Claire Mikolich, 18; Stefanie Steenerson, 38; Samuel Bredesen, 23.

March 29 - The MPD issued a hands-free violation citation to Jordan Warner, 28.

March 26 - The MPD issued a citation to

Tessa Ruth, 34, for driving with a revoked license.

March 29 - The MCSO responded to a report of a grass fire at Bugle Rd and 320th St., Cushing. Deputies stomped the fire out and cleared.

March 29 - The MCSO conducted a traffic stop at Dove Rd and Emerald Rd., Cushing. The driver of the vehicle, a motorcycle, was later charged with second degree DWI test refusal. The motorcycle was towed to County Shop. The driver was released to a sober party. His name was not released, as the case is still pending.

March 29 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Venus King, 65.

March 26 - The MCSO transported Joshua Bednar from BRICKS in Motley to the Morrison County Jail on a warrant. Bednar had been arrested in Cass County.

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National convention in Minnesota

with the Autumn Leaf pattern.

In addition to the dishes they've collected, the Crews have met a number of other people who share their passion for the vintage china. They've attended the club's National Conventions over the years, a great place to buy and sell pieces, as well as meet new friends during the process.

Years ago, the Autumn Leaf pattern dinnerware pieces were sold door to door by Jewel Tea Company salesmen. It was a home shopping service that ended in 1981, but the love for these particular dishes has continued on thanks to the NALCC.

The club's National Convention will be held in Minnesota this year, at Ruttger's Resort in Deerwood June 10 - 13. It's been two years since they've been able to attend, so the Crews are very excited to have it held in their neck of the woods. The 2020 convention was cancelled due to Covid, and the year before that, they weren't able to attend the convention in Tulsa, Okla., because of flooding.

What makes the upcoming convention even more special is that a quilt Kathy made is being raffled off. It's a beautifully hand-crafted piece that would be admired by anyone, but it's especially meaningful for collectors of the Autumn Leaf pattern.

It's a large 100" x 84" queen size quilt, with the star pattern made from the original Jewel Tea Fabric. There are 30 blocks with 16 pieces in each block, Kathy said. She doesn't know exactly how many hours of work went into this quilt, but she'd estimate quite a lot. Kathy went on to say that she started working on it in the fall of 2019, but had a set-back when she broke her wrist the following April. She delved back into the project after healing up and finished it in 2020.

Much to the dismay of her children, only members of the NALCC can purchase raffle tickets for the quilt, Kathy laughed. But, she has plenty of other material besides the Autumn Leaf pattern, and rest assured, she'll be making other quilts down the road.

Now 84, she's been passionate about quilting since she was a little girl growing up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota. "My mom, grandma, and great-grandma all quilted," Kathy said, going on to share that she first learned to sew on an old pedal machine. She recalled paying \$42 for her first electric Singer machine. She saved up a long time to pay for that, Kathy said.

She's collected a number of sewing machines over the years...three of those she owns were built in the 1930s. Currently, Kathy quilts with a Bernina long arm quilting machine. It's located in a special room she and Charlie had built a few years ago at their home on 5th St. NE, dedicated to her craft.



Convention news

Kathy Crews of Staples is featured in a recent newsletter of the National Autumn Leaf Collectors Club. The article highlights a quilt she sewed using the Autumn Leaf design which will be raffled off at the club's national convention this coming June. Information about the quilt (pictured below) has been sewn onto the back of the quilt. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



It's an inspirational place to work, with plenty of natural light coming in, and jazz music playing in the background. There's a rocking chair for Charlie, on those occasions he stops by to keep Kathy company while she quilts.

In between sharing about their upcoming National Convention, the Crews mention their love of their church (Staples United Methodist) and family. They had each lost a spouse prior to marrying each other, and between the two of them have one daughter and three sons still living (sadly, both Charlie and Kathy lost a daughter in

past years). Their lives are blessed by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too.

Quilts often tell a story, as is evidenced by some of those that are on display in Kathy's workshop, including the 'Wounded Warrior' quilt that was made for Charlie, a Navy veteran, with material from his late daughter Teresa's 'stash.'

It seems fitting that this latest quilt features the Autumn Leaf pattern both Kathy and Charlie love so much...a pattern they discovered together, along with their love for each other, during the autumn years of their lives.

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Not a garbage can

Unless your first name begins with Pres. George W., masks do not belong on a bush. Have one you need to discard? Garbage cans are available throughout Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Police report

On March 23, Staples Police responded to the intersection of Roosevelt Street and Kansas Ave. SW for an ATV complaint. Police made contact with two juveniles and advised them on ATV laws and on safe operating.

On March 24, Staples Police received a report of a white Cadillac Escalade doing “burnouts” near the Park Ave. and 12th Street NE. Police patrolled in the area, but did not locate the vehicle.

On March 25, Staples Police responded to Auto Value for a vehicle that went through the front door and halfway into the building. The driver accidentally hit the gas instead of the brake. No injuries were reported. The driver was evaluated by Staples Ambulance. Police were assisted by Scott’s Southtown and the City of

Staples Light Department.

On March 26, Staples Police received a report of damage to property at the high school. Police learned a student kicked a teacher’s Chromebook and kicked a hole in the wall.

On March 27, Staples Police received a complaint of someone sleeping in a sleeping bag on the sidewalk in the 400 block of Highway 10. Police checked on the subject’s welfare and advised him he couldn’t sleep in this location.

On March 27, Staples Police responded to a report of a suspicious intoxicated subject in the 500 block of 4th Street SW. Police located the subject and gave them a ride to a residence. The occupant at the residence agreed to let the subject stay with them to sober up, and police cleared from the call.

Downed power lines in trailer fire

On Tuesday, March 30, at 2:25 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a report a mobile home on fire in Section 24 of Lyons Township.

Deputies found that there were several live power lines that were across the roadway. It appeared that the high winds blew a tree over that damaged the power lines and knocked them down.

There was a mobile home that was fully engulfed and approximately three acres of grass and woodland that was burning; along with other pieces of old machinery and equipment.

The Sebek and Verndale Fire Departments along with Minnesota DNR Forestry Fire battled the fire in 23 mile per hour winds.

The mobile home, along with several other pieces of machinery and equipment, were damaged in the fire.

The Wadena County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Sebek Fire Department, Verndale Fire Department, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry Fire and Todd Wadena Electric Coop.



Todd Sheriff’s report

Recent reports from the Todd County Sheriff’s Office and Dispatch include:

March 21-27: During the week of March 21 through March 27, the Todd County Sheriff’s Office responded to 188 calls for service including: 44 traffic stops, 21 civil process, 15 suspicious activity complaints, five assists to other agencies, three damage to property, five disturbances/domestics, five traffic complaints, three car/deer accidents and five welfare checks.

March 29: The Todd County Sheriffs Office received a 911 call regarding a structure fire at the address of 35003 201st Ave. in Clarissa. As a result of

the structure fire a shed burned to the ground. No injuries were reported. The Browerville Fire Department assisted the Clarissa Fire Department with extinguishing the fire.

March 27: The Todd County Sheriff’s Office has received multiple complaints of suspicious people walking around Browerville during the midnight hours looking in and around cars. TCSO urges citizens to not leave valuables in their cars overnight. If you see any activity of the same or similar, or have any information regarding these reports, contact the Todd County Sheriff’s Office.

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• April 4, 1946 - John Rengel, recently returned serviceman who has been affiliated with the Staples high school coaching staff since his return, was elected as president of the Central Eight Conference at the spring meeting held in Brainerd Wednesday evening of last week. He will succeed Vernon L. Morrison of St. Cloud Tech, who retires after serving the past year.

• April 4, 1946 - The operetta, “The American Girl” given Tuesday evening of last week in the Motley school auditorium,

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was very entertaining and enjoyed by every one present. Donna Hanson, who was the American Girl, the supporting cast, and those singing the solo parts, did splendidly.

The operetta was presented by the music department under the capable direction of Mrs. Grant Amundson, who deserves special mention and credit for her time and patient instruction. Miss Eleanora Rohde designed and painted the beautiful scenery that formed the background for the operetta.

• April 4, 1946 - An ad from Woodward’s reads, “We are happy to announce that during April we expect to receive another allotment of nylon hosiery.

In order to distribute this allotment on a fair and impartial basis, we have decided on a registration. Orders will be filled in numerical order when our allotment arrives. Registration commences Saturday at 10 o’clock. Ladies only may register.”

• April 4, 1946 - Emil Wicht, young farmer living northwest of Staples suffered a painful accident, and the loss of his right hand Monday morning, April 1, while operating a corn picking machine on the J. B. Fogelstrom farm.

Everything happened so quick that Mr. Wicht is unable to give a clear story as to just how the accident occurred.

Mr. Wicht exhibited a great deal of courage in that, being unable to get the hand out of the machine, he took his jack knife from his left pocket with his left hand and cut the injured right hand away until he could free himself. He then walked bout 100 rods to the Fogelstrom home, where he was rushed to the Staples Municipal Hospital. There an emergency operation was performed. It will be possibly two weeks before he will be released from the

hospital.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• April 8, 1971 - Robert L. Pederson was appointed postmaster in Staples by Postmaster General William Blount. The appointment became effective April 3, according to information released by the Regional Office of the Postal Services, Minneapolis.

Pederson had been serving as officer in charge at the local post office since July 31, 1970, at which time Elfred M. Williams took his retirement.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson of this city, Pederson began his career with the postal department Feb. 9, 1957 as a sub-clerk. He was appointed regular clerk in 1961 and assumed the position of assistant postmaster in 1967. He is married to the former Elvina Elless of this city. They are the parents of two girls.

• April 8, 1971 - Baseball coaches, Jerry Riewer and Tom Wolhowe, welcomed over 30 boys out for baseball at Staples high school this spring.

The fact that this group includes nine lettermen and many very promising younger ball players, gives the coaching staff and the team a very optimistic outlook for the upcoming season, Reiwer said.

Returning lettermen include co-captains Rick Miller and Jack Kirk, along with Brad Hirschey, Bob Miller, Chuck Adamietz, Gary Mayavski, Randy Mueller, Mike Matanich and LeRoy Hall.

• April 8, 1971 - Bridge club was held March 30, at the home of Mrs., John W. Scott. Winners were Mrs. Dorothy Anglin, Mrs. Marian Greenwood and Mrs. Eleanor Scott.

Mrs. Al Flack was hostess for bridge club Tuesday evening. Winning prizes for high scores were Mrs. William Uhrich and Mrs. Norm Card.

Mrs. Grace Brollard was hostess for bridge club Monday evening. Winning prizes were Mrs. Edwin Perry, Mrs. C. E. Hassler, and Mrs. R. M. Roberts.

• April 8, 1971 - A search for a little boy, who was lost in the woods west of Lincoln Monday afternoon and early evening ended on a happy note, Todd County Sheriff Ken Gothman said.

Lost in the woods and found safely was Bobby Rolland, age 5. He resides with his parents about 1 1/2 miles west of Lincoln.

The sheriff said that Bobby and his brother had gone into the woods sometime during the early afternoon. The brother returned and told his mother that he could not find Bobby, so the search began, by neighbors and friends. The sheriff’s office was notified about



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our April 8, 1971 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.

4:30 p.m., They arrived at the scene and were organizing to conduct an intensive search for the youngster, when he was found about 6:10 p.m. by a group of neighbors.

Lou Thorn, 1982 graduate of Staples High School, shared her story of finding success as a model and actress (she was even awarded a scholarship to the famed Julliard School in NYC), and of her adventures in New York City, Paris and Hollywood, California.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• April 4, 1996 - Sally Robertson of Wadena received her first judicial robes moments after being sworn in Friday as the new District Court Judge for Todd County. Todd County Court Administrator Gerald Wallner presented her with a gavel, a present from employees in the county court administrator’s office.

• April 4, 1996 - Twenty-five members of the Cardinal extracurricular speech team scored 110 points to win the trophy for second place in the sub-section speech contest at SMHS March 28. Team members who won Championship medals at the contest included Amanda Bilek in great speeches; Tasa Anderson in drama and Melissa Miles in dramatic duo; Allisen Waage in discussion; Chris Schock in humor; Monica Weber in original oratory and Scott Smith in dramatic duo.

• April 4, 1996 - Frankie

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• April 7, 2011 - In 1964, five Staples High School students signed up for the U.S. Marines together. Their shared experience with the marines and with Vietnam is still a strong bond between Garry Carpenter, John Grieg, Huck Holst, Bob Blessing and Boone Smith.

That bond will again become apparent next week when Carpenter will be one of the honored veterans on the Honor Flight, and Grieg will go along as is co-guardian.

• April 7, 2011 - Rose Edin has received the prestigious High Winds Medal and Award from the American Watercolor Society in the 144th Annual Exhibition held at the Salmagundi Club in New York City. The painting, “Beauty and Beast” was inspired from a recent trip to Egypt.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the April 10, 1986 edition of the Staples World, featured ‘The Nimble Thimbles,’ winners of the Monday Domestic Engineers bowling league. Pictured from left are LuAnn Pride, Wendy Skeie, Flo Johnson and Lil Johnson.

Alisha Pesola of Staples correctly identified all; and Leader native Kelly Boldan (now of Willmar) correctly identified all except for LuAnn (Garland) Pride whom he guessed to be Holly Skie. Boldan also noted that the two ladies on the right were sisters, and also his aunts. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



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Educational improvements in school referendum

By Shane Tappe
Superintendent, Staples-Motley School District

Over the last few months, I have had the pleasure of speaking with many members of our communities about the upcoming bond referendum for Staples-Motley Schools. It has been encouraging to hear from so many residents who care deeply about providing our current and future students with a quality education.

Now, the time is quickly approaching for residents to make their voices heard about the future of our schools.

In one week Staples-Motley district residents will consider a \$64.4 million bond referendum that would support new investments in our school buildings. If approved, both Staples-Motley Elementary School and Middle/High School would receive significant renovation and expansion to create a healthy, safe and dynamic learning environment.

At the elementary school, new classrooms, a gymnasium and a cafeteria would be added in tandem with updates to aging roofing and flooring. The middle/high school would see similar updates, and the addition of a technical education lab, practice rooms for choir and orchestra, and updated athletics spaces.

Renovations would also make our schools safer and more accessible to all students and visitors. Both buildings would be updated to better secure building entrances and to meet federal accessibility requirements for those with disabilities.

The plan proposed by the School Board is the product of nearly five years of deliberation. After a previous investment plan failed in 2019, district leadership started from the ground up, developing our Continuous

Improvement Plan (CIP), which defines the future priorities of our schools. As part of the CIP process, the district engaged well over a hundred parents, staff, students and community members. With the foundation of the CIP in place, district leaders engaged both supporters and opponents of the failed investment plan in 2019 to determine the best way forward.

At the heart of the CIP is our mission to support all learners to grow and rise to new challenges by providing every student with effective instruction, talented staff and well-kept facilities. I doubt anyone could have predicted the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, but distance learning proved to us how important an in-person classroom experience is to students. The school board recognizes that having healthy and dynamic learning spaces is essential for our teachers and staff to help students reach their full potential. The plan proposed on April 13 aims to extend the useful life of our current buildings instead of building new ones.

Let me take a moment to review the tax impact of the proposed referendum. A residential property with a median value of \$125,000 would see a tax increase of \$23.50 per month beginning in 2022. Owners of agricultural and forested land would receive a 60% tax credit for increases on such property thanks to the Ag-2School credit, which would in effect pay for approximately 14% of the referendum's total cost.

If the referendum fails on April 13, the school board has already passed a resolution to move forward with a more piecemeal plan that addresses some of the district's most pressing infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs. It does

not make any educational improvements to our facilities. The \$14.5 million "Plan B" has a tax impact of \$12.67 per month on a residential property with a median value of \$125,000 beginning in 2022. This means for more than 50% of the tax impact, you get approximately 25% of the value compared to the proposed referendum. Plan B does not require voter approval and portions of Plan B would not qualify for the Ag2School tax credit. Future investments would be required and would have further tax impacts.

District leaders have considered carefully how to address the district's facilities needs. The school board believes the proposed referendum provides the most value for taxpayers, while addressing all of the district's needs.

Obviously, this is an important community-wide decision, so I encourage everyone to learn more about the needs and the plan at SMTIMEtoRISE.com. The referendum website also offers a lot of useful information about voting. Here are a few things to remember:

On Election Day, April 13, polls will be open at three locations: Motley City Hall, Staples Community Center, and Scandia Valley Township Hall. Residents can easily find their polling place by viewing the map found at SMTIMEtoRISE.com/vote.

For those who are unable to make it to a polling location on Election Day, there's good news. Through April 12, all residents can continue to vote early by requesting a ballot at the district office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by following the steps at SMTIMEtoRISE.com/vote.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-894-5400.

See you at the polls.

Referendum makes financial sense

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Election day is fast approaching for Staples-Motley School District's building bond referendum. This is a great time to invest in our schools.

Interest rates are at all-time lows. The district can lock-in these rates providing predictability in the cost of the bonds over their lifetime, minimizing the cost of interest overall.

Additionally, this project will help our local economies by bringing hundreds of workers into the district

(some of whom live in our communities), who will spend these referendum dollars on money for hotels, restaurants, groceries, hardware and auto parts. A recent study for a Park Rapids school project of similar size found the added benefit for local businesses of spending in the community was more than \$30 million - that benefit is far more than the tax impact of the project on those local businesses.

Most importantly, the district's plan is the smartest way to invest in our schools. I would never advise someone to build a house section by section, that makes no sense at all. A mortgage is used to buy a house for two reasons: so you can use your house immediately, instead of waiting 10 or 15 years for a garage or a second bathroom and because the low interest rates are less expensive than what the cost of building will be in the future.

The school board and Superintendent Tappe are financing this project the right way, using low interest rates to save taxpayers money and making sure every student and teacher has access to better education in the future. If they were to move ahead with only part of this plan now, while adding to the plan every five or seven years, taxpayers would pay much more by the end of the project than they will under the April 13 referendum. In the meantime, the district would also be spending more on maintenance of the unimproved parts of the building.

In closing, I am asking you to make the smart investment. Vote "yes" for the future success of our communities, our businesses and most importantly, that of our teachers and children.

Jef Cichos
Staples, Minn.

Make informed decision on referendum

One of my committee assignments, while a recent member of the Staples-Motley School Board, was the Facilities Committee. Among many other things regarding the District's buildings and grounds, during my last 15 or so months on the board, I dealt, almost exclusively, with the planning involved in the upcoming referendum.

As you know, my personal choice for the future of the district was a new building, located in the exact center of the district, east of the hospital. I also wanted the name of our new school system to not include the former Staples or Motley name, but instead, to move forward with a new identity.

You, the voters, did not want to pay the \$90 million or so price tag for such a facility. Part of the discussion in this and other options also resulted in the cost savings to the district, of no longer using the Motley building and the board voted to vacate that facility. I will point out here that no matter how you vote on

School system important to health care

The communities of Staples and Motley have been my home for more than 41 years, and I have seen many positive changes and growth over that time. I have had the privilege of being involved in many community activities which allows me to meet with people from other counties and cities outside our area. A common question I have heard from them is, "How do Staples and Motley get things done and continue to grow in so many ways?"

this referendum, the Motley building will be repurposed and will not be utilized as a school building.

This administration has done a very good job of working with the board, the Staples and Motley city governments, the school staff, students and perhaps most importantly, the taxpayers of District 2170. I have been briefed by the consulting and architectural firms, our building maintenance personnel, our administrators and our teachers. I have seen the tax data, including the savings available to us, and the historic low-interest rate that will be afforded to us at this time. I have read the interviews of the yes, and no, voters, word for word.

As you know, voting yes will raise your taxes. The building improvements will be started while my granddaughter is completing 8th grade, and will be finished about the time that she is a senior. The project will be bid on by major companies, and locals, who are eager for projects as COVID has set them back financially. Again, because of historic low-interest rates, this is a historically great time for such a project.

If you vote no, your taxes will still go up. The board

will fund projects that are overdue (all of which would be included in the referendum cost) and do nothing to increase the educational opportunities for our kids. At some point down the line, there will be another referendum to address what you voted no on this time, and it will come at a much higher cost.

The referendum will prepare our facilities to better, more efficiently, educate our kids for decades. This isn't a short term solution. COVID will not be a factor in the future of these improvements. You have a unique opportunity to make major improvements in the educational environment of our kids, for generations to come.

There is still plenty of time for you to find out exactly what your tax impact will be. There is time to tour our buildings, to meet with our administration and staff and have your concerns addressed and questions answered. Be an informed voter. Some of us proudly served this country, among many other reasons, to let you have the right to vote. Please be responsible enough to make it an informed one.

Greg Frisk
Motley, Minn.

Letter to the Editor

Tax increases have business, personal impacts

As each person takes a look at the information for this year's school referendum, the school district is asking us to say yes for the next 25 years. This would be a tax on our property that we already pay a mandated school tax every year. Then a thought comes to mind, "wow, I'll be 90 years old when this referendum will be paid for in full." How old will you be and what will your income or retirement income be?

My mandated property tax for the school district is

already over \$1,000 per year. After asking the school district for an estimated tax cost for this referendum, if it is passed, it would be over \$1,300 per year, a total of over \$2,300. As Ron Nypan reminds us in the March 31 issue of the Staples World, that estimate is off the 2021 property value and as we all know, property values do not stay the same, but usually increase as well as the school district mandated property tax and referendum tax.

We are in the agricultural business. Our product, as other ag businesses that sell crop and livestock they produce, are on a market and demand cash price. (Our product is sold to a buyer at a price of their choice based on the demand for the prod-

uct.)

We do not have a set price for our product that we sell, where we can incorporate extra expense cost into the selling price, like rental properties or other commercial businesses can add the cost of product offered to the consumer. (The consumer pays their own property tax, and again pays the property tax cost added to products they purchase.)

It is understandable to need to keep the school properties in a safe and updated condition. It is also just as important for the school district to realize that the people of this district need to have a reasonable cost for achieving these goals

Rex Wells
Leader, Minn.

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Number correction

This is to correct my last letter. I incorrectly wrote that the Staples-Motley tax levy increased by 1.47 per-

cent when it actually only increased by 1.45 percent. I apologize for the mistake.

Bruce Drone
Staples, Minn.

Thanks for choosing life

In response to the abortion numbers referenced in the Feb. 24 Staples World, I loved your letter, Greg.

To those who don't agree, possibly consider thanking

your mother for choosing life.

Maybe you don't care either way if your mother did, or did not, choose life.

Think about it.

Mike Koppes
Staples, Minn.



Good Friday pilgrimage

Five modern day disciples of Jesus Christ carried a cross from Motley to Staples on Good Friday, a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary over 2,000 years ago. Pictured, from left, are Ron Murray, Staples; Jack Tyrrell, Staples native, now a student at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul; Jonathan Freyholtz, Bertha; Jay Tyrrell (Jack's dad), Staples; Andrew Freyholtz (Jonathan's dad), Ber-

tha. It's an eight-mile pilgrimage the Tyrrells have taken in past years, often joined by friends who share their faith. Good Friday is observed during Holy Week on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The men noted that they had positive feedback from other travelers along the way, including drivers of vehicles honking as they passed them on Highway 10. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lakewood Foundation to host dine-in dinner auction

The Lakewood Health System Foundation will hold its annual dinner auction virtually this year. The "Dine-In Auction" will take place via live stream on Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to support food initiatives through Lakewood Engage, which combat hunger for local families and seniors.

Tickets include access to the event, as well as ingredients, recipe card and video instructions from a local chef to make and enjoy a delicious meal from the comfort of home. The meal kit includes: Bacon

wrapped pork tenderloin, red potatoes, baby carrots and Braeburn apples, fresh 'Sota Grown kale, seasoning packet, locally produced honey and Key lime dessert.

Register and purchase tickets and view live and silent auction items at <https://event.gives/Lakewoodfoundation> (Silent auction items can be viewed and bidding begins on April 23.) Register by Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Tax deductions apply to a portion of the table purchase. Questions can be emailed to jackisharpe@lakewoodhealthsystem.com

This event is sponsored by: Felhaber Larson; Sourcewell; Big Stone Therapies; Brown's Medical Imaging; Elite Title & Escrow Corp.; Giza Plumbing & Heating; IS Healthcare, LLC; Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union; North Central Medical Supply & Equipment; PSB & MARS; Staples Lions International; Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative; Brichacek Electric, Inc.; First International Bank & Trust; Guardian Pharmacy; Marsh & McLennan Agency; Nor-Son Construction; and New Day Risk.

Catholic Charities: April meal distributions

Catholic Charities Senior Dining has organized frozen meal distribution pop-up locations for the month of April across Central Minnesota, with meals for seniors age 60 and over available at 27 locations, including:

- Wadena - Thursday, April 8, 1 - 2 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St. SE.
- Pillager - Thursday, April 15, noon - 4 p.m., Pillager Area Family Center, 305 Fir Ave.
- Staples - Thursday, April 15, 2 - 5:30 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus

(by the gazebo), 401 Prairie Ave. NE.

These healthy and nutritious frozen meals meet one-third of the recommended daily allowance for seniors, and are packaged in oven-safe containers that are easy to heat and eat in both conventional and microwave ovens. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month. Participants must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted.

Quote of the week

"It's unbelievable how much you don't know about the game you've been playing your whole life."
— Mickey Mantle

Letter to the Editor

Definitely time to encourage yes vote

I would like to address two letters in the previous issue of the Staples World regarding the upcoming referendum.

To the writer who stated that enrollment is declining and a referendum is not needed; I know there are numerous reasons as to why enrollment may be dropping and one of them could be due to the fact that we have schools that have not kept up with the changing nature of education. Our buildings are old, some very old and they do not meet the needs of our students, teachers and our community. I feel that with a revamp of our facilities the decline could be stopped and possibly reversed.

To the other writer who brings up the total cost of the referendum not being \$64 million but rather \$92 million; Many of us have purchased a vehicle or a home and we have to pay interest if we borrow money; this is the cost of doing business. I know that if this writer could find a way to do this with no interest our school board would jump at the opportunity and offer their heartfelt thanks, but alas, this will not happen. Regarding his opinion that Plan B is a reasonable alternative, think about this. Say you have a 15-year-old car which has a bad motor, a slipping transmission and the AC doesn't work. You could spend money to fix these problems but you would still have a 15-year-old car with some newer parts and it may get you to where you want to go, but sooner or later it will need more repairs. However, if

you purchase a good used car or even a new car it will function properly and not leave you with more repair bills any time soon. Of course, you may have to borrow some money and pay interest but in my opinion, that is worth the peace of mind that comes with having things that work. Plan B addresses, so to speak, the engine, transmission and the AC but not the things that everyone sees like tires, paint and the interior. If Plan B is implemented there is a good chance that a Plan C and D may have to be used down the road to fix things that did not get taken care of this time around.

It is definitely time to tell the school board that the referendum amount is not too much and I encourage you to vote yes.

Roger Houselog
Staples, Minn.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Laura and Blake Honga of Menahga, a baby boy, Easton Lamont weighing 10 pounds, 15 ounces, March 29, 2021.

Born to Mikaela Allord and Nik Helland of Baxter, a baby girl, Brielle Kristyne weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on March 29, 2021.

Born to Karli and Jonathan Lynn of Little Falls, a baby girl, Kenni Jude weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on March 30, 2021.

Born to Samantha Zierke and Luke Simons of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Waylon Alexander weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on March 30, 2021.

Born to Sarah and Cody Current of Staples, a baby boy, Barrett Dale weighing eight pounds, three ounces on March, 30, 2021.

Born to TORY Simon and Tyler Reem of Staples, a baby boy, Braxton Michael weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on April 1, 2021.

Born to Corrin Berglund and Justin Lisson of Browerville, a baby girl, Presley Carol weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on March 21, 2021.

Born to Sina Jorgenson and Michael Sebesta of Sta-

ples, a baby boy, Nikolai Austin weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on March 23, 2021.

Born to Jesslynn and Matthew Martin of Pillager, a baby girl, Jane Marian weighing seven pounds, three ounces on March 23, 2021.

Born to Emily Birchem and Sye Pavak of Baxter, a baby boy, James Alvin weighing seven pounds 10 ounces on March 24, 2021.

Born to Katie Cooley and Adam Casperson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Walker Edward weighing eight pounds, three ounces on March 25, 2021.

Born to Kalie and Jeremiah Korfe of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Arlo James weighing eigh pounds, 15 ounces on March 25, 2021.

Born to Shania and Andrew Holmes of Brainerd, a baby boy, Rhett Andrew weighing eight pounds, 8.5 ounces on March 25, 2021.

Born to Rachel and Travis Wheeler of Longville, a baby girl, Scarlett Kaye weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on March 26, 2021.

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BIRTH REPORTED AT THE ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL:
Born to Sabrina and Dustin Strobel, a baby boy, Auden Johon Strobel on March 19, 2021.

Obituaries

Jacob Haataja

Jacob Riley Haataja, 14, died peacefully on March 28, 2021 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Funeral services were held April 3, at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Jacob was born December 13, 2006 in Staples to Virgil Haataja and Pamela Reiman. He was the youngest of four siblings. Jacob was in the eighth grade at Kennedy Secondary School in Fergus Falls. He loved his friends and socializing at school. Jacob attended Bible Camp, where he shared his generosity and love for God with other youth campers. He found serenity in the great outdoors chopping wood, bonfires with his family, hunting, fishing and tinkering on motors. Jacob loved his nephews beyond words; especially building forts, playing board games and sharing memorable times together. Jacob taught his family to be open and understanding of others, slow down in life, listen to others, always give 100 percent no matter what you do and make sure you laugh every day because life is too

short. Jacob will always be remembered for his outgoing personality, generosity, big heart, for being a beautiful, loving, passionate person that had the ability to make others smile. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Jacob is survived by his parents, Pamela Reiman and Virgil Haataja of Wadena; four siblings, Sasha (Justin Nehk) Petersdorf of Fergus Falls, Corey Haataja of Fargo, ND, Kacie Haataja of Deer Creek, Kira Reiman of St. Cloud; two nephews, Cody and Wyatt Nehk; maternal grandmother, Dawn Allers; paternal grandmother, Carol Haataja; uncle, Eric (Jennifer) Reiman; cousin, Halley Reiman and many aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Robert “Bob” Allers; paternal grandfather, Alvin Haataja and cousin, Tyler Reiman.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Karen Barron

Karen Barron, 63 of Brainerd, passed away March 6, 2021, at her home.

Services will be held Friday, April 9 at 4 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter. Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Karen is survived by two sons, Jason (Kris) and Kristopher; one granddaughter, Kayla; one grandson, Triston; one great-granddaughter, Arabella and mother, Martha Sedillo.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Ed and Ruth Sellnow.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter.



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Student Achievements

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY, has announced its Fall 2020 President's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Christopher Hart, Motley
- Lisa Kossan, Motley
- Kelsie Weite, Motley
- Gregory Gentry, Pillager
- Vanessa Peterson, Pillager
- Kyle Huepenbecker, Staples
- Olivia Leslie, Staples
- Claire Wolhowe, Staples

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY, has announced its Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for

at least 12 credits and earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Christopher Hart, Motley
- Lisa Kossan, Motley
- Kelsie Weite, Motley
- Gregory Gentry, Pillager
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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
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages)..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)..... 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)..... After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade)..... After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples..... 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study..... 7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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July - January 11 a.m.

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Motley

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33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
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Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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MASS:
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Pastor Greg Leslie
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Pillager

First Lutheran Church
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Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
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Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor Wayne Hoffer
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night..... 5:30 p.m.

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17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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“God’s Three in One Nature: Post Holy Week Reflections”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

We have just completed another Holy Week experience last week between Palm Sunday and Easter. It struck me again as to how God’s very Triune nature pours into that week as well as in all of His reality.

God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit fruitfully expresses Himself in all of His creation and movements in history. Let’s consider some of those evidences.

We may have all heard of some of God’s physical expressions of being “Three in One” in every day encounters with:

1. A threefold egg in its yoke, white and shell
2. The triple point of water in a laboratory condition of gas, liquid and solid
3. Our own selves as spirit, mind and body
4. In relationships - a man can be a son, father and brother as can a woman be a daughter, mother and sister all at the same time.

Then, we see at least “three in one” experiences during Holy Week as we agonizingly read of Jesus’

Roman crucifixion in the Gospels where they would have used three spikes in His one body (one in each wrist and one through His feet).

Then, as Jesus’ predicted in Matthew 12:40, He would be in the one grave “three days and three nights” preceding His resurrection.

Maybe this may bring to your mind other “three in one” expressions of God’s nature.

May we each have lives that continually perceive God’s abundant nature filling reality in every day that He shares with us as the gift it is. As with Christmas and other holy days, may the message of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection (another three in one), be the very center fabric of Who He is making us as we consciously choose to receive Him as our personal Forgiver of our sin and Master-Leader of our daily lives. Remember that according to Colossians 1:17, “everything holds together in Him.”

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Ice once meant much more than just recreation

The ice on the lake where our family cabin sits is at most a day or two—perhaps only hours—from disappearing. When it becomes this gray and rotten looking, it can be hard to tell. But already a pair of kayakers and several pairs of Canada geese, mallards, and wood ducks have been paddling their way along the lake's north margin, in an open water gap that is easily 80 yards wide.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Just four months ago, on the last weekend of the 2020 waterfowl hunting season here—the first weekend of December—this big, deep lake officially iced over. Returning to the landing following an afternoon spent without firing a shot—a trio of tundra swans being the only birds to fly over the decoys—random sheets of ice crystals could be heard scraping against the boat's hull, sending a clear message. After a still night, first light showed that the deal had been sealed; ice covered the lake virtually from shore to shore.

Over these last four months the lake has been busy with the typical traffic of winter. There's been a constant parade of ice anglers, with semi-permanent settlements in the most popular spots; the occasional snowmobiler; skaters on home-made rinks cleared by shovel or snowblower; and here and

there an ATV pulling a sled with a joyously shouting youngster.

Our theater-of-the-lake is about to stage a new play, with a larger and more visible cast of characters about to go on stage. It's a highly popular fishing lake, but also a playground for kayakers and paddleboard riders, skiers and tubers pulled behind power boats, sailboats, and of course the not-universally-popular wakeboard riders—whose boats generate powerful waves to break against shorelines. Such things will be the marquee activities here for the next eight months.

In spring, when we're waiting for ice-out and for these changes to unfold, ice is an adversary, one that has worn out its welcome. But there was a time in a distant and simpler age when winter's ice served a purpose other than recreation. It was a commodity, a convenience, and a godsend to many before the age of modern appliances.

When I was a youngster, in the basement of my boyhood home in a western Twin City suburb there was a wooden cabinet that my parents called the "ice box." It had multiple doors held tightly shut by stout hardware, and wire shelves inside at multiple levels. The doors were thick, as were the cabinet's walls, and the entire interior was sheathed in galvanized metal.

It had come from my great grandfather's farm, which was located in a once-rural landscape that has since sprouted middle class housing developments that grow shrubs and flowers where he once raised crops and a few head

of cattle, as much for subsistence as for cash.

This cabinet that my family called the ice box had actually earned that label. On his farm for many years it held blocks of ice to keep food cold and prevent its spoilage in an age when the refrigerators we take for granted were uncommon in homes. The ice for his ice box came from a lake in winter. Whether it was one of the small lakes bordering his farm, or from a merchant who sold ice as a commodity, I can't be sure. I'm inclined to believe the latter; but then again, a farmer in the early years of the 20th century was likely to be as self-sufficient as manual ability and an appetite for hard work would permit him; or her.

In winter, teams of men with saws would venture out on lake ice when it was a foot or more thick, able to support the weight of a wagon and team of horses, or in later years an early flat-bed truck. A grid of shallow cuts would be made first, in the "horsepower" days by a team of horses pulling a blade. Then the individual blocks would be cut apart, either by hand saws or—later—by powered saws.

Ice blocks could weigh as much as 200 to 300 pounds. Where ice was to be stored near the lake, the blocks might be floated ashore. If not, the ice would be loaded on wagon or truck to be brought to a large storage building elsewhere. The blocks were packed in sawdust or hay to help insulate them and keep them from freezing together. Amazing as it might seem, given the length and warmth of our summers, ice blocks might survive in storage as long

Spring sports athletes take to the fields

Spring sports have started with Staples-Motley softball, baseball, track and field, and golf all holding their first day of practice on March 29. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

as the following winter.

As late as the World War II, ice was still being delivered to homes that preserved their perishables in ice boxes, especially true in small towns and rural areas. Some farmers cut and stored their own ice, right there on the farm. Elsewhere, a customer would indicate by weight the amount of ice they wanted, perhaps by hanging a numbered sign on their door or porch. Their delivery service would cut the ice to size on the spot and load it into their ice box; not unlike delivered-to-the-home milk that some remember.

Lest you think the ice business this was a small cottage industry confined to northern states with cold winters, by the late 1880's ice was the second largest U.S. export, behind cotton. In 1914, more than half of the 50 million tons of ice used in the U.S. was harvested from lakes and rivers, not manufactured by ice making equipment. By the late 1930's, rural electrification under President Franklin Roosevelt's administration made it possible for even those living "in the sticks" to have electrical appliances, including refrigerators. This signaled the beginning of a steady decline in the demand for ice—and ice boxes—in American homes.

I'm fairly sure that sometime in the past the ice was harvested right here on our cabin lake, whose winter covering is about to disappear. As much as I'm drawn to classic and traditional things, I'm content having a more convenient way to preserve our perishables, rather than having to cut and store its ice.

Spring sports schedules are always subject to change due to weather and scheduling conflicts. Go to isd2170.k12.mn.us for updated schedules during the season. Below are the Staples-Motley sports schedules as of April 5.

Boys golf

Friday, Apr 16, 2 p.m.
Away vs. Detroit Lakes, Detroit Country Club
Wednesday, Apr 21, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Pequot Lakes, Cragun's Legacy
Tuesday, Apr 27, 3 p.m.
Away vs. Pine River-Backus, The Preserve
Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m.
The Vintage, Staples
Tuesday, May 4, 3 p.m.
Away vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Thursday, May 6, 10:30 a.m.
Away vs. Brainerd, Cragun's Legacy
Monday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Bemidji, Bemidji Town & Country Club
Tuesday, May 11, 3 p.m.
Away vs. Crosby-Ironton, Deacon's Lodge
Monday, May 17, 9 a.m.
Mid State Conference, Rutters Golf Course
Thursday, May 20, 2 p.m.
Mid Minn, Ruttger's
Monday, May 24, 11:20 a.m.
Mid Minn, Cragun's Legacy
Thursday, May 27, 2 p.m.
Mid Minn, The Vintage-Staples
Tuesday, Jun 1, 9 a.m.
Cragun's Legacy
Friday, Jun 4, Section Meet, Blackberry Ridge Golf Course
Monday, Jun 7, Section Meet Blackberry Ridge Golf Course
Tuesday, Jun 15-Jun 16, State Tournament, Sand Creek, Jordan

Girls golf

Thursday, Apr 15, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Pequot Lakes, Crosswoods Golf Course
Monday, Apr 26, 9 a.m.
The Legacy, Craguns Resort
Friday, Apr 30, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Bemidji, Bemidji Town & Country Club
Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Alexandria, Geneva Golf Course
Monday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.
Blackberry Ridge Golf Course
Friday, May 7, 11 a.m.
Minnewaska Golf Club
Tuesday, May 18, 1 p.m.
Away vs. Detroit Lakes, Detroit Country Club
Friday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.
Away vs. Fergus Falls
Saturday, May 22, 9:30 a.m.
The Vintage Golf Course, Staples
Friday, Jun 4, Section Tournament, Blackberry Ridge Golf Course
Monday, Jun 7, Section Tournament, Blackberry Ridge Golf Course
Tuesday, Jun 15-Jun 16, State Tournament, Sand Creek/Jordan

Baseball

Thursday, Apr 8 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale
Tuesday, Apr 13, 4 p.m.
Home vs. Aitkin
Tuesday, Apr 20, 4 p.m.
Home vs. Pequot Lakes
Thursday, Apr 22, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Tuesday, Apr 27, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Crosby-Ironton
Thursday, Apr 29, 4 p.m.
Home vs. Park Rapids
Friday, Apr 30, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Royalton
Monday, May 3, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Pelican Rapids
Tuesday, May 4, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Detroit Lakes
Friday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Osakis
Monday, May 10, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Thursday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. New York Mills
Monday, May 17, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Pillager
Tuesday, May 18, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Upsala-Swanville
Tuesday, May 25, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Sebeka

Softball

Tuesday, Apr 13, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Aitkin
Thursday, Apr 15, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Saturday, Apr 17, Away vs. Frazee (tournament)
Tuesday, Apr 20, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Pequot Lakes
Friday, Apr 23, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Pierz
Monday, Apr 26, 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Upsala
Tuesday, Apr 27, 4 p.m.
Home vs. Crosby-Ironton
Thursday, Apr 29, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Park Rapids Area
Tuesday, May 4, 4 p.m.
Home vs. Detroit Lakes
Thursday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Pillager
Friday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Osakis
Thursday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Tuesday, May 18, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Pine River-Backus
Thursday, May 27, 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale

Track and Field

Tuesday, Apr 13, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Park Rapids
Friday, Apr 16, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Pequot Lakes
Tuesday, Apr 20, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Park Rapids
Thursday, Apr 22, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Pillager
Tuesday, Apr 27, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Park Rapids

Tuesday, May 11, 4 p.m.
Mid State Conference at Detroit Lakes (boys)
Thursday, May 13, 4 p.m.
Mid State Conference at Crosby-Ironton (girls)
Tuesday, May 18, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Minnewaska Area
Tuesday, May 25, 4 p.m.
Away vs. Park Rapids

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