



Birdwatching

A pileated woodpecker sits on a tree overlooking Staples.

(Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 20	37°	25°	Cloudy
Jan. 21	28	1	M. Cloudy
Jan. 22	9	-4	M. Sunny
Jan. 23	16	1	Snow-showers
Jan. 24	22	10	Snow
Jan. 25	19	4	Cloudy
Jan. 26	22	11	Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 20	-13°	16°	P. Cloudy
Jan. 21	18	-3	Sunny
Jan. 22	22	15	M. Cloudy
Jan. 23	28	26	Cloudy
Jan. 24	27	22	Snow
Jan. 25	23	16	Cloudy
Jan. 26	17	13	Cloudy

Average Temps:

H = 21° Low = 3°

Total Snow:

For week: 2.5"

For year: 31.5"

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WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Staples pursues sales tax for community center improvements

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved a resolution to request a sales tax of .5 percent, which must be approved by the state legislature and by local voters. Proceeds of the sales tax would go towards improvements at the Staples Community Center.

At the Jan. 12 council meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said once the resolution is approved by the council, it can be sent to the state legislature for their tax committees to look at. He expects city officials to be summoned to testify at the committee meetings. If the legislature approves the proposal, it will be put on the ballot for taxpayers to approve at the next general election, which would be November of 2022.

The community center is in need of improvements that are estimated to cost \$1.6 million. The biggest items are the swimming pool mechanical systems and air handling equipment. The sales tax is estimated to generate \$2.75 million

Coping with Covid

Step on In, Baby Steps in Staples

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit Minnesota in the spring of 2020, the coronavirus has continued to affect everyone in some way or another. In the coming weeks and months, the Staples World will reach out to a variety of people to find out how they have been impacted by Covid-19 and what they are doing to cope with the situation.

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

STEP On In and Baby STEPs, thrift stores in Staples, have had to contend with a few issues since the onset of Covid-19.

Like all retail stores, their employees and customers are required to wear masks and maintain a distance of six feet from one another.

Staff is also required to quarantine all donations for a few days before they can go through the contents and put them out for sale on the shelves.

Drop off times for donations are Tuesdays and

over 25 years.

Valley View assessments

The board tabled a request to reduce the assessments on two lots in the Valley View subdivision in the city.

A letter from Luke Patton and Greg Ziegler said they are selling a home and a lot, but the special assessments are more than the value of the lot, giving it a negative value.

Nelsen said reducing assessments could help the city refund a portion of tax forfeits in the subdivision, but he recommended tabling the request so they can look at more information on the proposal.

Committee assignments

The Jan. 12 meeting was also the reorganizational meeting, and the first meeting for newly elected council member John Jewison. Since Jewison had been on the Parks and Recreation Board, now three city council members are on the board when they normally

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Chamber coordinator

Maddi Johnson is the new Staples chamber. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Chamber of Commerce Coordinator and is helping create a new vision for the

Johnson eager to reshape chamber

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Chamber of Commerce had been without a director for more than a year, during which time the chamber board was reconstituted and the Motley portion of the chamber decided to form their own group.

Maddi Johnson is now the new Staples Chamber Coordinator after starting in late December. With an eye for detail and a passion for making improvements, she is working with the board to create a new image for the chamber.

“With everything that’s going on, we are restructuring and revamping, we are making a new logo ... everything is being looked at,” she said.

Originally from Aitkin, Johnson attended North Dakota State University and earned a degree in hospitality and tourism management. She came to Staples to become the event coordinator at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. As she got going on that job, COVID-19 hit and events were closed down by state orders, so there were no more events to plan.

“I started re-evaluating my life,” she said. “I love talking to people, I like to make an impact and see improvements being made.”

When she heard about the chamber position, she realized it fit her education and job experience, as well as what she wanted to do in the community.

“I love small town life and all the things that go on in small towns, I was excited to have this type of opportunity,” said Johnson.

The chamber is coordinating with the LEAP Tourism Marketing Committee, which uses the lodging tax money to bring visitors to town. But Johnson said the two organizations have different roles.

“My job is to advocate for local businesses, build relationships and partnerships and improve the economy,” she said.

To get more ideas on how the chamber can help the community, Johnson talked to chamber people in Aitkin, Alexandria and Brainerd. She is comparing the ideas she is getting with the ideas of the local chamber board to create a new vision.

“We will compare and initiate what we want our vision to be moving forward,” said Johnson, “I want to show how great a chamber can be.”

Another role of the chamber is to create community events. Johnson is currently working on the possibility of having a St. Patrick’s Day celebration in Staples. She has come up with a lot of ideas, although it all depends on state regulations on gatherings at that time.

Johnson is also open to reinventing Railroad Days and bringing in new events that will interest people both locally and regionally.

With all of the changes and ideas for the chamber, Johnson is still just starting out and meeting members and business owners in Staples.

“I’m surprised how welcoming everyone is,” she said. “The board checks in with me daily, so I am feeling confident I will be a good fit for the position.”

Johnson is using the chamber office in the Staples Depot, but said the board is also looking into a different office downtown. She will generally have office hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., except on Mondays, or by appointment.

She can be contacted by email at stapleschamber@gmail.com or by phone, 218-894-3974.

R5DC publishes Equity Action Guide for Rural Communities

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) announces the release of the Equity Action Guide for Rural Communities. This action guide was created by a team of community champions from Growth & Justice with the support of the R5DC staff and project team members.

The Equity Action Guide responds to requests from rural Minnesotans and was created as a road map on how to create equitable economic ecosystems (E3). The guide shares stories from people who have worked on equity and inclusion in small to mid-sized communities for a long time. The case studies in the guide are intentionally gathered from Greater Minnesota and are rooted in Minnesota and Midwestern good instincts and emerging practices in equitable and inclusive community and economic development.

The creation of this guide and the larger effort to foster regional shared prosperity is led by the E3 project team at R5DC in Central Minnesota. It is funded by the Northwest Area Foundation (NWAFF) with additional support from the McKnight Foundation, Blandin Foundation and Sourcewell. In recent years, these organizations have made investments in strengthening rural areas in Minnesota, helping people and places thrive.

To view this guide, visit www.regionfive.org/welcoming-communities.

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Back on the court, back on the mat

Staples-Motley high school winter sports started practices Jan. 4. Athletes will have restrictions on their play because of COVID-19, including basketball play-

ers wearing masks during practice and competition. Pictured, the Staples-Motley winter athletes in their first week of practice.



Winter sports schedules

Winter sports schedules are always subject to change because of weather, but this year's schedules may change more frequently due to COVID-19 protocols and schedule changes at the schools involved. For updates, go to the Staples Motley School District web site, isd2170.k12.mn.us, or to the activities schedule page, msconference.org/public/genie/57/school/1164/.

As of Jan. 10, these are the schedules for Staples-Motley winter sports:

Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 15, Triangular 5 p.m. At Isle High School	Tuesday, Feb. 2, Triangular 5 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Thursday, Feb. 25, Triangular 5 p.m. At New York Mills
Tuesday, Jan. 19, Triangular 5 p.m. At West Central Area, Barrett	Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 p.m. At Holdingford	Saturday, Feb. 27, Triangular 11 a.m. Multiple Schools (home)
Friday, Jan. 22, Triangular 5 p.m. (home)	Tuesday, Feb. 9, Triangular 5 p.m. At BHVPP (Verndale)	Tuesday, Mar. 2, Triangular 5 p.m. At Lake Park-Audubon
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 5 p.m. At Pierz	Thursday, Feb. 11, Triangular 5 p.m. At Pine River	Saturday, Mar. 6, Mid State Conference 1 p.m. At Aitkin
Saturday, Jan. 30, Triangular 3 p.m. (home)	Friday, Feb. 19, Triangular 5 p.m. At Wadena-Deer Creek High School	

Girls basketball

Saturday, Jan. 16, 1:30 At Pillager	Friday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Pequot Lakes	Friday, Mar. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Detroit Lakes
Monday, Jan. 18, 7:15 p.m. At Upsala	Friday, Feb. 12, 7:15 p.m. Detroit Lakes (home)	Monday, Mar. 8, 7:15 p.m. Lake Park Audubon (home)
Friday, Jan. 22, 7:15 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Monday, Feb. 15, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lake (home)	Thursday, Mar. 11, 7:15 p.m. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle (home)
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m. Wadena-Deer Creek (home)	Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:15 p.m. Browerville (home)	Friday, Mar. 12, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton (home)
Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:15 p.m. Aitkin (home)	Friday, Feb. 26, 7:15 p.m. At Aitkin	Tuesday, Mar. 16, 7:15 p.m. Park Rapids Area (home)
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7:15 p.m. At Park Rapids	Monday, Mar. 1, 7:15 p.m. Barnesville (home)	

Boys basketball

Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:15 p.m. Pillager (home)	Aitkin (home)	Upsala (home)
Saturday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. At Detroit Lakes	Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:15 p.m. Park Rapids (home)	Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:15 p.m. At Browerville
Monday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. At Menahga	Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:15 p.m. Frazee (home)	Tuesday, Mar. 2, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton (home)
Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lakes (home)	Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:15 p.m. Detroit Lakes (home)	Friday, Mar. 5, 7:15 p.m. At Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:15 p.m. At Crosby-Ironton	Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. At Lake Park Audubon Lake Park Audubon High School	Thursday, Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. At Wadena-Deer Creek Wadena-Deer Creek High School
Friday, Jan. 29, 7:15 p.m. At Aitkin	Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:15 p.m. At Pequot Lakes	Tuesday, Mar. 16, 7:15 p.m. At Park Rapids
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 5:45 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:15 p.m.	



All-Conference volleyball

The Staples-Motley volleyball team earned four All-Conference awards for the Mid State Conference. From left, Heidi Lombard, libero, All Conference; Tabetha Allen, outside / middle hitter, All Confer-

ence; Leah Bestland, setter, All Conference Honorable Mention; Morgan Becker, outside hitter, All Conference Honorable Mention. (Submitted photo)



Volleyball season awards

The Staples-Motley volleyball team held an awards ceremony recently, where they gave out season awards. Pictured, front row from left, Abby Dukowitz, Madysen Hull, Morgan Becker – Lettered, All Conference Honorable Mention; Heidi Lombard – Lettered, Most Digs, Cardinal Award, All Conference, Captain; Ava Schneider – Lettered, FIGHT Award, All State Academic Award, Captain; Maggie Claussen – Lettered; Libby O'Neil – Lettered; Leah Bestland – Lettered, Most Set Assists, Most Ace Serves, Highest Serving Percentage, All Conference Honorable Mention;

Back row from left, Bo Erholtz – Lettered, Most Blocks, Most Improved; Grace Jennissen, Brooke Heldman – Lettered; Klaire Story – Lettered; Tabetha Allen – Lettered, Most Kills, All State Academic, All Conference, Varsity MVP, Captain; Emilya Case, Jayce Kobliska,

The team received the State Gold Academic Awards for a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

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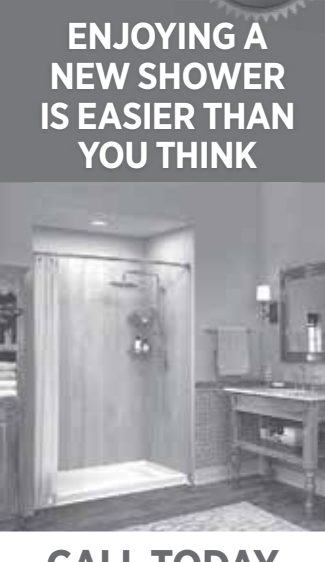
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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Jan. 17, 1946 - H.W. Sims, editor of the Staples World, was one of five people in Todd county to be presented with a silver medal for outstanding work, in his particular field, during the eight war bond drives which were conducted throughout the United States during the war.

The presentation of this medal was made at the meeting of the Civic & Commerce association Tuesday evening at the St. Charles hotel by Frank L. King, county chairman.

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• Jan. 17, 1946 - A deal was consummated the first of this week whereby Harvey and Denny Chapin purchased the stock and equipment of the City Bakery from A.V. Johnson who had conducted the business for the past several years in Staples.

Harvey Chapin has been employed with the bakery all during the war, and his brother Denny was there before outbreak of hostilities. These two brothers have had many years of experience in the baking business.

• Jan. 17, 1946 - Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Vasecka narrowly escaped being trapped, and possibly being burned to death early Wednesday evening, Jan. 9.

Mrs. Vasecka was filtering gas to be used in the washing machine, a room of the old Frank Adams home being used for a washing unit. The gas was being poured from a gallon can into a small container, which overflowed, near a lighted lantern, which was standing on a small table nearby.

It is believed that the fumes from the gas ignited, causing the explosion. Mrs. Vasecka threw the gas can, but it exploded before it reached the door, and in a few moments the building was a roaring inferno of flames.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• Jan. 21, 1971 - Leo Fahnlander was elected to his second term as chief of the Staples Fire Department at the group's annual meeting last Thursday evening.

Fahnlander, who has been a member of the department since May 11, 1950, assumed the position of chief Aug. 13, 1969, and was elected to his first full term one year ago.

Darwin Peterson was re-elected to the post of first assistant, along with the re-election of Gerald O'Keefe, second assistant, and Mike Reger, third assistant.

Douglas Bates was again chosen as the secretary of the organization. Lloyd Nelson was selected as treasurer, succeeding Dick Roberts, who had held the post the past five years.

• Jan. 21, 1971 - A fire at the Engwald Hanson farm early Sunday morning resulted in the loss of 4 sows and a number of little pigs, Staples Fire Chief Leo Fahnlander, said.

The Hanson farm is located about 12 miles south of Staples. The members of the fire department were called to the scene of the fire about 7 a.m.

• Jan. 21, 1971 - Mrs. Bernice Eggert, counselor for the Staples Elementary Schools, recently returned from a four-day concentrated training session in Minneapolis where she became qualified to teach classes in Parent Effectiveness and Teacher Effectiveness Training.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 21, 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.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Dec. 31, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured Dwaine Winter and his son, Dwaine, Jr., who had "brought home a fine lot of fish last Friday from Gull Lake. The one Winter is holding weighed over 18 pounds, and the one his son holds at the right was 15 pounds. Their catch included six north-erns."

Bob Sorenson of Staples correctly

identified Dwaine, Sr., but thought the younger boy was Dwaine's oldest son, David. Sorenson said he recalled that the Winters would spear fish at Wilson Bay on Gull Lake. The photo brought back happy memories of his own time as a boy in Staples, spear-fishing with his dad. Gary Schimpp of Staples also recognized Dwaine, Sr. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - Megan Klose was the champion of the Staples Elementary Geography Bee held last Thursday. The fourth grader was up against seven other 4th and 5th grade students who had advanced from their class. Those in competition were David Brenna, Chad Rach, Chris Rittmiller, Brittne Forcier, Rachel Landis, Chad Brever and Beau Mertens.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - A Staples man suffered severe stab wounds Monday night in a fight which took place outside the Ace Bar.

Michael Gary Johnson, 30, was reported in serious but stable condition Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. He reportedly suffered at least three stab wounds to the stomach area, plus additional wounds to the nose, ear and throat.

Staples police arrested William Charles Hessler, 53, of 2320 Fourth Street, Minneapolis, at the scene. He was later transported to the Todd County Detention Center in Long Prairie.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - Glenda Kotula was named the Employee of the Year 1995 at First Integrity Bank, Staples

A veteran of 26 years with the bank, she has held positions in bookkeeping and computer. Because of her outstanding performance she was promoted

to Assistant Vice President/Internal Auditor. Kotula has served on the Staples City Council for six years and is active in the Chamber of Commerce, is the President of the Community Action Council, a member of the Community Education Advisory Board and a member of the Sacred Heart Church.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - The Windmill Floral & Gifts in downtown Staples invites you to join us for our 2nd Annual Open House, Monday - Saturday, Jan. 22 - 27. A free rose will be given to the first 50 people to stop in. Refreshments served.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - The mayors of Staples and Motley have proclaimed 1996 to be the "Year of the Scholar" in their communities and the Staples and Motley Dollars for Scholars chapter is planning several activities in celebration. The first event was the presentation of sweatshirts by chapter president Linda Heier to Bill Postel, mayor of Motley; and Frank Williams, Mayor of Staples.

• Jan. 18, 1996 - The Reverend Edward J. Koehler will be installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley on Jan. 21, in a special service at 4 p.m. A supper hour will follow the

service.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Jan. 20, 2011 - Melony Butler, Amy Hunter and Rachel Johnson were elected to the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Board. The announcement was made Jan. 13 at the annual meeting.

Hunter was elected as president and Butler as a board member. Johnson had been appointed to fill a vacancy and was elected to continue that role. They join board members Jolleen Yungbauer, Autumn Pachan, Lee Miller, Cheri Bodeen, Mary Fitcher and Sally Fall. Lee Jenkins stepped down from his position as chamber president but will continue to have input in his role of past president.

• Jan. 20, 2011 - Newly sworn-in Mayor Nancy Nieken led the Motley City Council for the first time Jan. 11, at their regular monthly meeting.

Joining her were veteran council members Rob Sampson, Duane Solga, Bruce Mills and Steve Johnson. Nieken, as well, is no stranger to Motley government, having served on the city council for the past eight years.

Pillager High School students recognized by MSHSL



Tatum Scull



Quintin Laveau



Sadie Hopman



Paul Freelove

Four students at Pillager High School were nominated for the ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) Award, and the AAA (Arts, Athletics, and Academics) Award which are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

ExCEL Award

Tatum Scull and Quintin Laveau are juniors at Pillager High School who were nominated for the ExCEL Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, ExCEL is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school juniors. Students who are active in fine arts and/or athletics, who show leadership qualities and who are model citizens in their community are eligible for the award.

Scull, the daughter of Ken and Karen Scull, participates in volleyball, track, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, Student Advising Committee, and the Homecoming Committee.

Laveau, the son of Tony

and Joanie Laveau, participates in football, basketball, track, and Knowledge Bowl.

AAA Award

Sadie Hopman and Paul Freelove are seniors at Pillager High School who were nominated for the AAA Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, AAA is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school seniors. Students who are active in fine arts, athletics, who show leadership qualities, who are model citizens in their community and excel with their academics are eligible for the award.

Hopman, the daughter of Shawn and Amy Hopman, participates in volleyball, basketball, band, track, National Honor Society, Student Council and the high school musical.

Freelove, the son of Rob and Anne Freelove, participates in band, track, football, choir, National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, All-State Choir, one act play, speech and the high school musical.

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Community member sought for Staples Parks and Recreation Board

have two. Roy Miles and Ron Murray are the other two on parks and rec. The council decided to see if a community member is interested in joining the board and keep three council members on until then.

Council member Rachel Johnson did not run for her seat this year, leaving a spot open on the Staples Economic Development Authority. Murray volunteered to fill this position. Mayor Chris Etzler and council member Doug Case will remain on the SEDA board.

Other committee assignments include: Public Works, Miles and Mary Theurer; Planning and Zoning, Thomas Toepper and Case; Board of Adjustment, Miles; Tourism Marketing, Etzler

and Theurer; Community Corrections, Murray.

The council also approved yearly designations:

• Staples World as official newspaper.

• Official depositories, First International Bank & Trust, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Unity Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and PMA Financial Network.

• Investment securities banks, U.S. Bank National Association, Bank of North Dakota and United Bank.

The council also approved going back to in-person meetings at Staples City Hall. The past two months had been online meetings.

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Letter to the Editor

Line 3 being built responsibly

Agricultural leaders across Minnesota have been strong supporters of the Line 3 replacement project over years and years of study. We support the Line 3 replacement because it is best for our environment, because ag needs energy and because it protects our railways from having to move critical energy products at the expense of our commodities.

My father-in-law, a local rancher, educator and pipeline is at work on the Line 3 replacement as I write this. As this project was being exhaustively studied, there was a time during the many public hearings when he was building a pipeline in

Ohio forcing him to weigh in from afar and away from his family. But he is working here now and efforts to overturn years of science and thorough examination supporting the Line 3 permits risks putting him and many other hard-working women and men across Northern Minnesota out of work at a terrible time for our economy.

The construction of the Line 3 replacement is doing wonders for our ailing economy at exactly the time when we need it most. They are building the line responsibly, respectfully and peacefully. Workers are buying, eating and sleeping locally.

Sadly, the women and men constructing Line 3 face threatening protests when they come to work in the morning or leave to go home to their families at night. Imagine if a nurse

spent years being educated only to show up at the clinic every day to have disrespectful and lawless protesters try to prevent her from doing the job she was trained to do? Or imagine a teacher, after years of studies and training, leaving for home at the end of the day to mobs trying to stop her from doing the job she is licensed to do?

The Line 3 replacement project has been studied and examined for years and the permits have been issued and reissued. It is the best option for our environment and it is important for our farmers, ranchers and our communities. Let's all work together to get this critical project completed peacefully and respectfully for our communities.

Seth Connel, President
Cass County Farm Bureau

Equity is built into rural roots

By Jane Leonard
President, Growth & Justice
(Excerpts from forward in Region Five Development Commission's Rural Communities Equity Action Guide)

Simply and powerfully, "EQUITY" is just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential."

I write this introduction to the Rural Communities Equity Action Guide from the dining room of the farm in Central MN that has been in our family for over 100 years. From here, in 1911, my immigrant great-grandparents, Karin and Nils Berg, organized with other local immigrant families to seek fair and just inclusion into the local and regional economy by forming chapter #5944 of the American Society of Equity, an agricultural cooperative and advocacy association that helped farmers compete with capital and organized labor on equal terms.

They worked together to get fairer returns on the investments they had made in producing crops they sold, fairer pricing of supplies they needed, and combined their loads of potatoes and other crops to gain lower transport costs on the rail lines to Minneapolis. They pulled their resources together to help secure shareholders for the building of a potato warehouse, "each share to

be \$10.00 and no one person to be allowed to secure more than 5 shares each." (ASE Chapter 5944 Minutes, April 11, 1914).

Their actions, to create together an equitable economic ecosystem for shared sustainable prosperity in their day, provide a useful reminder and role model for reintroducing more equitable and inclusive economic and community development practices today: diverse community members acting together, welcoming more newcomers, gaining fairer treatment for all in society and in the marketplace, contributing each as they were able, to help their families and their shared community succeed.

Today's challenges in rural communities (and everywhere) seem greater, more complex, and more buffeted by national and global storms of change that often do not understand or care about rural America's essential role in the health and well-being of our economy and society. And sometimes we in rural America can be our own worst enemies of progress when we let fear of change and fear of others, and otherness, overcome more helpful and productive societal inclinations: friendliness, welcome, and developing a shared sense of belonging.

My 40-year career in community, economic, and rural development was inspired by the welcoming

attitudes and actions of my rural ancestors. And, as Minnesota and our country continues to grow into a multi-cultural, global majority of people, I work every day to increase a robust commitment to embracing equity – regional, racial, and environmental -- to create the conditions that lead to and sustain a thriving, inclusive economy and a vital democracy.

We live now in a time of great reckoning. We must reset and rebuild our society and our economy COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in our lives and livelihoods, and has uncovered for all to see the gaping disparities by race, by income, and by zip code in health care, broadband, and in other drivers needed for all to participate and prosper in a modern economy and a just society. We must work hard and affirmatively to dismantle injustice and racism wherever we find it, in real estate covenants, in corporate and government policies, in business financing practices and access. Such negative policies, practices, attitudes, and behaviors drag all of us down. Together, with an equity and inclusion lens, we can create a culture in which all people reach their full potential. Doing so is essential for community and economic survival. Ultimately it's the pathway to gaining and sustaining thriving people and vibrant places.

Tourism businesses facing tough times

From Explore Minnesota

According to a recent Minnesota tourism and hospitality industry survey addressing late 2020 business impact, nearly two thirds of all respondents reported business to be significantly lower compared to 2019. More than three quarters of respondents noted overall negative financial health and stressed the urgent need for conditions to improve.

The survey, conducted in partnership by Explore Minnesota, Hospitality Minnesota and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, yielded a total of 681 responses from a cross-section of tourism and hospitality businesses across the state, including food and drink, attraction and entertainment and lodging (motels, resorts, B&Bs, campgrounds and vacation home rentals). The survey was conducted Dec. 8-15, addressing business impact between Sept. and early December.

Many Minnesota tourism and hospitality businesses stated that it's imperative for conditions to improve, with nearly one third of respondents signaling that they can remain solvent under

current conditions for no more than 3 months and another quarter anticipating only 4-6 months of solvency.

"The pandemic has hit our industry harder than any other. This survey reaffirms the struggles we've been hearing from Minnesota tourism and hospitality businesses across the state," said John Edman, Explore Minnesota tourism director. "With business travel, conventions and events canceled, along with bar and restaurant limitations, the decline in revenue will be difficult to replace."

It's no surprise that food and drink establishments were hit the hardest, with 93% of related business reporting negative financial health, including 66% declining. Geographically, the Twin Cities metro area and southern Minnesota regions reported the worst business levels, followed by central Minnesota, then northeast and northwest Minnesota which reported similar levels. On a hopeful note, six in ten respondents have already met pre-pandemic levels or expect business to return to pre-pandemic levels before the end of 2021.

In comparison to dismal fall business levels, respondents' expectations for winter business activity were even lower.

"This continues to be a devastating time for the hospitality industry that provides one-in-ten jobs in Minnesota. It will be a very long recovery for many businesses so it's critical we do everything we can to support them or Minnesota's way of life will shift dramatically," said Liz Rammer, Hospitality Minnesota president and CEO.

According to Tourism Economics, the pandemic-related travel downturn has cost Minnesota more than \$7 billion in travel spending losses mid-March through Dec.

"This survey is further evidence that the economy is not out of the woods yet, particularly for sectors like hospitality and tourism that depend on events, crowds, and consumer foot traffic," said Ron Wirtz, Minneapolis Fed regional outreach director. "The start of COVID vaccinations is great news, but full rollout will take time, and many businesses are really struggling to get to the other side of this pandemic."

A more resilient future

By Brian Depew
Executive Director, Center for Rural Affairs

We are deep in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point, keeping track of the challenges we've faced is difficult. Everyone knows someone who has been ill with COVID-19. Too many know someone who has died.

At the same time, there is hope on the horizon. Vaccines that appear both safe and effective are coming online.

Still, it can be difficult to see what the future holds. We stand at a crossroads, trying to make sense of where we are, how we got here, and what comes next. At this crossroads, one thing is clear. The pandemic has exposed the fault lines of inequity more starkly than ever before.

The challenges we face have been building for a long time. The pandemic has brought clarity to what we must consider as we rebuild. We have an opportunity to build a better and

more resilient future.

Now is the time to consider more localized and regional solutions, to reduce our reliance on multinational corporations, and build communities that work for everyone.

The Center has long proposed many of these strategies. For instance, we first warned of the fragility of vertically integrated meat production in 1974, issuing the report, "Who Will Sit Up With the Corporate Sow?"

For decades, farmers and rural communities struggled with the consequences of vertical integration in the livestock sector. When the pandemic hit, the vertically integrated and highly industrialized industry model proved to be fragile.

Meatpacking workers fell ill at alarming rates. Packing plants slowed down and prices for remaining independent producers slumped.

Almost overnight, small local meat processors were overwhelmed with business. Reports of local lockers running seven days a week and booked for more than a year

out were common.

We discovered that smaller businesses, closer to home, and controlled by people in our community were, in fact, more resilient than multinational corporations.

In this fragility, we see an opportunity to build a more resilient future.

This is the basis, for instance, of the federal Strengthening Local Processing Act, developed with supporters and allies, and backed by the Center. The bill would support the establishment and expansion of small, independent meat lockers in our communities.

This is one example of how we can shift our thinking. The same is true for where we get our groceries for the banking and financial sector, for how we protect low-income workers and for the climate.

The pandemic highlighted the fragility and inequities of our current systems. Now, we have an opportunity to build a more resilient future. Will you join us in the hard work ahead?

Newspaper value

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Studies continue to show that the local newspaper is still the best way to build community and nothing else comes close. Nobody else does what we do: a digest of local people, events, trends, issues, ideas and government actions, all of it entirely focused on our local community and produced by award-winning professional writers and photographers. All of our stories are about how local happenings affect our lives.

Facebook and social media doesn't cover the school board, city council or county boards. Local news items that do get mentioned on Facebook are always missing context: names, dates, critical information or why it is important to the community. Facebook's algorithms promote the most outrageous material ahead of common sense material, leading to the proliferation of conspiracy theories, lies and hate speech on the platform.

While Facebook's goal is

to be a popularity contest, the newspaper's goal is to drive civic engagement. These benefits are not abstract, they are rooted in the very foundations of American democracy: places without local media have more government corruption, corporate malfeasance and environmental degradation.

The newspaper literally saves you money: Within a few years of losing their local newspaper, the city officials of Bell, California voted themselves to become the highest paid government officials in the nation. Taxpayers paid millions that would never have been approved if a local newspaper was there to tell the public what was going on. Our reporters have been at hundreds of meetings where board members voted for an economical proposal, rather than the more expensive one they preferred.

Right now, trusted sources of information and analysis are more precious than ever, and as a result, newspapers are currently being read more avidly than any other source.

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LEAP - Staples Motley Area Chamber

The Staples Lions club recently presented a donation of \$1,000 to LEAP - Staples Area Chamber of Commerce. Above: Rachel Johnson, representing the chamber and Ken Christensen, Lions President. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Reading for the Future

The Staples Lions club recently presented a donation of \$200 to Reading for the Future program. Above: Lisa Wick, of Freshwater and Ken Christensen, Lions President. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples-Motley school board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet in regular session Monday, Jan. 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The agenda includes a request to consider and approve a resolution relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds in

an amount not to exceed \$64,380,000 and Calling for a Special Election on April 13, 2021.

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

Upcoming dates and meetings include:

Mon., Feb. 8: Board Work Session, 6 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 22: Regular School Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Public invited to SMBP mtg

Staples Motley Beyond Poverty will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

To get the Zoom link, email Gail Honek at tghonek@gmail.com.

The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/98045467628?pwd=bHJnN0FnVm05a0ozYVY1Z1BtY05KZz09>

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Wednesday, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. Masks required. The public is invited to attend with limited seating capacity.

January 22

MARCH FOR LIFE Sponsored by the Crow Wing County MCCL, will be held Friday, Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m., at the corner of South 6th and Oak St., Brainerd. Gather on the front steps of the Courthouse.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Maeve Johnson and Lonnie Clews of Staples, a baby boy, River Allan weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on January 8, 2021.

Born to Tabitha and Sam Sonsalla of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Lane Duane weighing eight pounds, three ounces on January 11, 2021.

Born to Taneal and Garrett Palmer of Brainerd, a baby girl, Rose Joy Renee weighing eight pounds, one ounce on January 15, 2021.

Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY-MOORHEAD, has announced its Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Brennen Bordwell, Pillager
- Zachary DeMars, Staples
- Kaila Erbe, Staples
- Shania Glenz, Staples
- Regan Johnson, Staples
- Lauren Martin, Pillager
- Adam Nurnberger, Motley

• Sara Oberlander, Staples

- Benjamin Oie, Pillager
- Brian Sterriker, Staples
- Rebecca Swartz, Motley
- Luke Woityla, Pillager

ANNA WILLGOHS, Staples, has been named to the 2020 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

GRACE NAGEL, Pillager, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Steven Shake

Steven Ward Shake, 72, of Buhl, formerly of Staples, passed away December 3, 2020 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center; Duluth. Steven was a long time resident of Staples and owned and operated Steve's Club in Pillager.

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

He is survived by two daughters, Stephanie (Butch) Butcher and Charlyze Martin; one son, Steven, Justin (Kassie) Shake; five siblings, Betty (Steve) Lorber; Denise (Bucky) Bickford, Emily Tholl, JO Pollock and Larry Shake; three grandchildren, Margo (Justin) Butcher, Dolton (Ashley) Butcher and Cole (Chelsea) Shake and four great-grandchildren, Izabella, Tucker, Briggs and Stratton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Shirley Shake; one brother, Gary Shake; one sister, Sherry Shake; one granddaughter, Jordan Butcher and one grandson, Butchie Butcher.

Arrangements are by the Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet.

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Charlotte Johnson

Charlotte "Char" Rae Johnson 67, Staples died peacefully at her home surrounded by family on January 8, 2021.

Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Char was born to Lyle and Sarah (Schmidt) Johnson on July 11, 1953. She enjoyed playing bingo with her daughter and her sisters, sitting out on her sisters' porch visiting with family and friends and visiting with her friends at Staples Square Apartments. Her favorite thing was the car rides with her dog, Peanut to the cemetery to visit her daughter's grave.

She is survived by one daughter, Ginger Willnitz and one son, Brent Mertens; eight grandchildren, Taylor, Maya, Minette, Daryl Jr., Samantha, Katelynn, Billy, Annabelle; one great-grandson, Ira; two brothers, Gary (Janice) Johnson and Dale Johnson; three sisters, Pat Myers, Kay (David) Jessop and Cindy (Jason) Morales and many nieces and nephews.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sara Rae; one brother, Allan; brother-in-law, Ken Myers and sister-in-law, Bonnie Johnson.

Funeral arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel-Staples.

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Janet Flickinger

Janet R. Flickinger, 78, of Motley passed away January 8, 2021, with her family by her side.

Private family services were held.

Interment was at Motley Public Cemetery.

Janet was born November 26, 1942 to Earl and Ida (Frye) Swartz. She attended Motley High School, graduating with the class of 1960. In 1963 Janet was united in marriage to LeRoy Flickinger, Sr. in Frazee. They began farming together in 1965 and had four children. Janet worked at the Staples-Motley Middle and Elementary Schools and at Camp Shamineau for over 30 years. She loved family gatherings, gardening, reading and teaching Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Each day she enjoyed seeing which grandchild was going to come down for a ride home after school and playing cards with family, friends and neighbors. Janet will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by three sons, Brian (Louise), Kevin and Mike; one daughter-in-law, Aletha, all of Motley; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and four siblings, Leota (Reynold) Tollefson, Jerry (Virginia) Swartz, Richard (Sally) Swartz and Linda Mudgett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and one son, LeRoy Flickinger, Jr.

Funeral Arrangements were with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel-Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages)9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 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., Staples218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult)9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2571
Worship9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples218-894-2296
Church
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday8:30 a.m..
Saturday5:00 a.m..
Sunday8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship9:30 am.
Sabbath School10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship8:15 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
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Pastor Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer6:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July9 a.m.
July - January11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
facebook live9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
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Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday8:30 a.m..
Saturday7:00 p.m..
Sunday10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone218-746-3839
Sunday School9:30 a.m..
Worship10:30 a.m..
Sunday Worship7:00 p.m..
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
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curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

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"The Value of Family Worship"

By Earl Playfoot

We cannot have our children for Christ, if we ignore our homes for Christ. Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Let us take a lesson from the bird who builds her nest in a treetop, or the eagle who makes her nest on high, even the crag of the rock, that her young may be protected. It is said that forty years ago, fifty percent of the Christian homes in the United States had family altars. The present estimate is only five percent. We as a nation have lost nine out of ten of the family altars we had a generation ago.

Prayerlessness and the lack of reading God's Word in the home mean poor discipline. The rod in the hand of a prayerless parent will produce nothing but hatred and bitterness. Sarah A. Cooke, in her book, Wayside Sketches, tells of a mother of five children who said, "The oldest boy became wicked, would steal and lie, and I could do nothing with him. I was about to put him in a reformatory when I dreamed a voice came to me telling me to read the Bible with my children. I began and it made a difference in our home. In two or three days my eldest boy broke down and put his arms around my neck, promising he would be a

good boy and be saved." Truly, "The entrance of thy words giveth light...."

The family altar should be the heart of the home. Every home should be a church and every father a priest in his own home. Let the Word of God be the center of family worship; not books about the Bible, but the Bible itself. Be quiet and reverent. Earnest prayers should be the aim. And let the children pray.

The family altar is a hedge around our children to protect them, as God made a hedge around Job (Job 1:10). FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, "If there is any hope for the future of America, if there is to be peace and happiness in our homes, then we as a nation must return to God and the practice of daily family prayer. A godless home is built upon sand." Mrs. Wesley, who gave the world such a noble family - the lives of which will bless the world for generations to come - reared her 19 children by taking her problems to God in daily family worship.

If you are a Christian and do not have family worship in your home, will you start now?

-Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles,
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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Dec. 15, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of December, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for November 30, 2020 and December 1, 2020 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - STAPLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Staples Sportsmen's Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 13, 2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT - NWTFF STRUTTIN' BLACKBEARDS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTFF Struttin' Blackbeards through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTFF Struttin' Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on February 6, 2021.

To approve Kelly Bryniarski to fill the open Child Support Officer position.

To hire Lateshia Harden for PT Correctional Officer, start date 12/15/2020.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the November 2020 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 901113 through 901209 in the amount of \$1,641,154.48, (Manual) 586 through 591 in the amount of \$140,898.61 and (Regular) 236372 through 236695 in the amount of \$2,200,943.18 for a total of \$3,982,996.27.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400953 through 400978 in the amount of \$11,291.25 and (Regular) 54214 through 54270 in the amount of \$73,207.00 for a total of \$84,498.25.

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) 801214 through 801283 and (Regular) 707339 through 707400 for a total amount of \$121,777.64.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600301 through 600316 and (Regular) 516093 through 516125 for a total amount of \$116,150.05.

On motion by Erickson

and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To rescind BAF #20201020-06 for Thunder Lodge.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: 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 January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT FOR STATE PROJECT #7708-42RW

WHEREAS, Todd County has received written notification from the State of Minnesota regarding their State Project #7708-42RW on Highway 71 located within the City of Browerville identified as affecting county parcel #30-0040000, and;

WHEREAS, as part of the State Project #7708-42RW a Highway Easement is necessary to be executed and;

WHEREAS, this State Road project would be in the best interest of Todd County and its taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS, since Todd County is the managing custodian of the Tax Forfeited parcels within the county, the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is requesting Todd County to sign the Highway Easement as the Grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves of the \$500 consideration provided for the Highway Easement and grants authority to the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer and the Todd County Board of Commissioners Chairperson to act as signatories on behalf of Todd County as Grantors for the State of Minnesota, for the benefit of the County of Todd to convey the Highway Easement as attached hereto.

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

DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR ABSENTEE & MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS WITHIN TODD COUNTY FOR THE 2021 ELECTION YEAR

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.16, subd 1 requires, by ordinance or resolution, to designate on an annual basis the polling places to be utilized for the upcoming year, and;

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of Todd County are provided accessible and equipped polling locations to exercise their right to vote, and;

WHEREAS, changes to the polling place location may be made at least 90 days before the next election if the authorized polling place becomes unavailable for use, and;

WHEREAS, changes to the polling place locations may be made in the case of an emergency when it is necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.175 and 204B.181.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following polling place for the Todd County Absentee Precinct and the City of Swanville's Mail Ballot Precinct for elections conducted in 2021 to be:

Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the Todd County Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Suite 201

Long Prairie, MN 56347

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the County of Todd would require to call a special election not held on the day of a statewide election that the polling places

of the County's Municipalities along with the Todd County Absentee Precinct will be utilized dependent on the needs of the County of Todd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to designate a replacement polling place meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes for the polling place designated herewith if said place becomes unavailable for use by the County of Todd.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to designate an emergency replacement polling place meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes for any polling place designated in this resolution when necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To renew the Hands of Hope Resource Center Lease Agreement for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with Peters Law Office for Public Defender services in Todd County for 2021.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COUNTY DITCH 18 - PARTIAL REPAYMENT

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the amount collected for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in taxes payable year 2020 is \$33,833.84 on the principal balance, along with \$4,606.32 of interest and is ready for transfer as a partial repayment to the advance made by the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$38,440.16 from Fund 40-County Ditches/Ditch 18 to Fund 01 General Fund.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SOUTH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Todd County became a member of the South Country Health Alliance on January 1, 2007, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County provided capital payments as part of our participation in this joint powers agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners resolved to withdraw from the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement via BA#20190319-19 to be effective December 31, 2019 at 11:59 p.m., and;

WHEREAS, the first installment payment of Todd County's capital has been receipted into the Human Services and Community Health Funds per audit standards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$379,942.64 from Fund 11-Human Services and \$298,526.36 from Fund 21-Community Health for a total of \$678,469 for a total of \$678,469 to Fund 01-General Revenue to assist with the budgetary essentials of the County.

Finance Committee

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

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the operations costs and revenues of the County for fiscal year 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the following as the 2021 Budget for the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

REVENUES	2020	2021
Property tax	16,249,672	16,615,249
State General Purpose Aid	1,867,583	1,844,429
Other taxes	963,711	1,031,626
Licenses & Permits	171,665	163,665
Federal Grants	3,859,047	4,596,418
State Aids	8,678,832	9,424,488
Local Grants	0	0
Charges for Service	2,334,459	2,254,473
Misc Revenue	1,484,689	1,860,098
Interest on Investments	120,000	90,500
Other Financing Sources	39,300	36,100
Transfers	0	0
Total Revenue & Other Source	35,768,958	37,917,046
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	5,843,931	5,663,429
Public safety	4,465,480	4,828,217
Highway/Construction	6,331,997	8,264,750
Streets & Highways (excluding Constr.)	3,569,390	3,606,990
Human Services	8,953,445	8,838,789
Health	2,940,794	2,768,788
Culture and Recreation	435,583	421,397
Conservation of Nat Resources	1,194,362	1,208,419
Economic Development	70,800	70,800
Gen Debt Service	576,590	412,519
Capital Outlay	1,628,200	1,634,100
Transfers	508,386	548,848
Other Fiscal Charges	0	0
Total Expenditures & other uses:	36,518,958	36,267,046
Budget Balance	750,000	350,000

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 FINAL LEVY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a preliminary levy no later than September 30th annually, and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the following as the 2021 final levy for the County of Todd, Minnesota, for the property taxes payable in 2021 directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor:

	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	10,600,616.00	1,616,571.00	8,984,045.00
Road & Bridge	2,705,630.00		2,705,630.00
Human Services	3,513,654.00		3,513,654.00
Public Health	625,400.00		625,400.00
Comp Water	5,360.00		5,360.00
Regional Library	330,841.00		330,841.00
Bonded Indebtedness	410,319.00		410,319.00
County Fair	20,000.00		20,000.00
Parks & Trails	20,000.00		20,000.00
Total	18,231,820.00	1,616,571.00	16,615,249.00

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority approves the Rinke Noonan 2021 Legal

Services Agreement - Proposal Option One - Monthly Retainer + Hourly Services as outlined in the 2021 Legal Services Agreement.

MIS

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of a server through NowMicro in the amount of \$9,105 utilizing funding sources listed.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To approve the Illies Estates Preliminary Plat with the proposed condition.

Rezoning of Parcel 06-0045600 was tabled to the December 29, 2020 meeting.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for a 60 site campground on parcel 16-0010300 with the requirement that condition #1 is met before any other progress on this permit transpires along with the other proposed conditions.

On motion by Erickson

REVENUES	2020	2021
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and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant a Conditional Use Permit on parcel 07-0007200 for establishment of a wholesale greenhouse with the proposed condition.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the recommended list of appointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment effective January 2021.

Health & Human Services

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

Jackie Och, HHS Director presented an update on the COVID-19 Situation for discussion.

Closed Session

On motion by Kneisl

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(a) for the purpose of evaluating the performance of an individual subject to the Board's authority at 10:32 a.m.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 10:54 a.m. and reported that there was satisfaction in the first year of service of Coordinator Pelzer.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that year end work and audit preparations are well underway

Recess

Chairperson Kircher recessed the meeting until December 29, 2020.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$4,091.00
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	89,851.67
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	1,077.87
US BANK	9,299.31
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	826.80
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	35,751.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	2,499.80
ANDERSON/RANDAL	4,999.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	2,526.00
CAREY GROUP PUB	5,580.00
CENTRAL	
APPLICATORS INC	6,757.32
EBSO INC	224,748.83
GET OUTSIDE LLC	3,784.00
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	4,970.46
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	2,230.14
RINGDAHL	
ARCHITECTS INC.	35,550.00
SHI CORP	21,990.00
TENTCRAFT, INC.	8,285.01
TIERNNEY BROTHERS INC	6,971.24
TODD CO AG. SOC.	5,838.83
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	4,331.16
25 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,791.66
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV.	2,864.68
AM. LEGION POST 12	10,000.00
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.	2,966.00
ART JOHNSON	
CONSTRUCTION INC	7,623.00
AT EZE VENDING	10,000.00
B & B'S SPORTS	
BAR & GRILL	10,000.00
BARGAIN BARN LLC	10,000.00
BENNING PRINTING	
& PUBLISHING	10,460.00
BROWERVILLE CHIRO	2,888.00
BROWN'S PRODUCE	10,000.00
BRUDER/TYLER	4,320.00
BUDGET HOST INN	10,000.00
CAMP SMORE	
CAMPGROUND LLC	8,097.00
CAREY GROUP PUB	2,340.00
CAROL'S GIFTS & MORE	2,870.00
CENTRAL MN	
DOOR SERVICE, LLC	2,000.00
CENTRAL TODD CTY.	
CARE CENTER	10,000.00
CHAD BEUNING	
TRUCKING	10,000.00
CHRIS'S COUNTRY	
STORE	10,000.00
CLARISSA BALLROOM	10,000.00
CLASSIC MOTOR-	
SPORTS LLC	3,200.00
COMFORT CHIRO.	
& MASSAGE	10,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	5,085.00
COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT	
\$ 3,846.75	
COUNTRYSIDE REST	10,000.00
D&J STYLISTS	7,896.00
DOUBLE R SALOON INC.	10,000.00
EAGLE BEND VETS	
CLUB, INC	10,000.00
GREAT BEAR	
TAXIDERM	10,000.00
GREAT RIVER	
REGIONAL LIBRARY	10,000.00
HEADQUARTERS	
SALON	2,376.00
HILLTOP REGIONAL	
KITCHEN	10,000.00
HWY 10 PAW SPA	4,974.00
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY	10,000.00
JT SIMON TRUCKING INC.	10,000.00
KB'S SPECIALTIES LLC	10,000.00
KEMPE & KIT LLC	5,748.00
KOSSAA LODGING	10,000.00
LABSOURCE	4,091.50
LAKES AREA JUMP 4FUN	
INFLATABLES LLC	10,000.00
LAMBRECHT LIVESTOCK	
TRUCKING INC	10,000.00
LEAP	3,372.00
LEGEND KUTZ	7,228.00
LOG CABIN PIZZA	10,000.00
LONG PINES BAR	
AND RESTAURANT	10,000.00
LONG PRAIRIE AREA	
CHAMBER OF COMM	10,000.00
LONG PRAIRIE CHIRO	9,052.00
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	10,000.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC.	3,174.59
LONG PRAIRIE	
SENIOR CENTER	4,097.00
LONG PRAIRIE SUBWAY	10,000.00
MID MINNESOTA	
APPRAISALS, LLC	10,000.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	
CREDIT CO LLC	57,330.30
NEW IMAGE SALON	5,516.00
NOSTALGIC LONG PRAIRIE	
DRIVE-IN THEATER	2,016.00
NOW MICRO INC.	9,007.80
ONA'S ALTERATIONS	2,251.00
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,380.00
PETERIA LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH	82,637.00
PREGNANCY AND LIFE	
RESOURCE CENTER	10,000.00
PRO-TRAINER INC	6,000.00
R&R AGENCY	10,000.00
RIBBONS AND	
BOWS SALON & SPA	10,000.00
RIGID MACHINING LLC	10,000.00
SHI CORP	6,889.99
SIMPLICITY SALON	
& SPA	10,000.00
SPRINKLE OF JOY	
BOUQUINE	10,000.00
STAPLES MOTLEY AREA	
CHAMBER OF COMM	8,150.00
STAPLES WORLD	4,687.33
STOMPING GROUNDS	10,000.00

**NOTICE OF
CANCELLATION OF
CONTRACT FOR DEED**

To: **Purchasers**
Nolan A. Sellers, Jr.
and
Sheena M. Meyer

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed (“Contract”) dated February 4, 2016, and filed for record February 9, 2016, as Document Number 497856 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota, in which Neil A. Sirucek and LaNette K. Sirucek, husband and wife, as seller, sold to Nolan A. Sellers, Jr. and Sheena M. Meyer, as purchasers, the real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lots 3, 4, 5 and , Block 5, Donovan’s Addition to the City of Staples, Minnesota, also known as Donovan’s Addition to Staples, Minnesota.

located at 207 Roosevelt Street Southwest, Staples, MN 56479 and identified as Todd County Tax Parcels No.: 38.0079600, 38.0079700 and 38.0079800.

2. The default is as follows:

a. Failure to pay installments of principal and interest of \$575.00, including interest at the rate of five and one half percent (5.5%) per annum, due and payable on the tenth (10th) day of each and every month. As of the date of this notice, twelve (12) installment payments are due and unpaid, for a total sum of \$6,900.00 in default as of the date of this notice.

b. Failure to pay real estate taxes and installments of special assessments due and payable on the above land in 2020. As of the date of this notice, the delinquent taxes total \$338.00 plus penalty and interest.

c. Failure to pay the premiums for liability, hazard and property damage insurance upon the premises, amounting to \$300.00.

3. For contracts executed after August 1, 1976, and prior to August 1, 1985, the purchase price was \$N/A and

the amount of the purchase price paid by purchaser is \$N/A which is N/A% of the purchase price, as calculated in the manner required by Minnesota Statutes § 559.21, subd. 1e.

4. The conditions contained in Minnesota Statutes § 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable.

5. **THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE UNLESS BEFORE THEN:**

(A) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU:

(1) THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE: PLUS

(2) THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU); PLUS

(3) \$500.00 TO APPLY TO ATTORNEYS’ FEES ACTUALLY EXPENDED OR INCURRED; PLUS

(4) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; PLUS

(5) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1985, \$103.50 (WHICH IS TWO PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT IN DEFAULT AT THE TIME OR SERVICE OTHER THAN THE FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT, ANY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, MORTGAGES OR PRIOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ASSUMED BY YOU); OR

(B) YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF

THE CONTRACT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE FINALLY DISPOSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR ACTION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES.

IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PRIOR AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID ON THE CONTRACT; YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE; AND YOU WILL BE EVICTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.

6. The name, address and telephone number of the seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Charles J. Ramstad
() Seller
(X) Attorney for Seller
Address:
RAMSTAD, SKOYLES & WINTERS, P.A.
114 Holmes Street West
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Telephone: (218) 847-5653

This person is authorized to receive the payments from you under this notice.
NOT APPLICABLE
Signature [Optional--
See Minn. Stat. § 559.21, subd. 4(e)]

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS):
RAMSTAD, SKOYLES & WINTERS, P.A.
Charles J. Ramstad
114 Holmes Street West
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Telephone: (218) 847-5653

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**SECTION 00 1113
ADVERTISEM ENT
FOR BIDS
DOWER LAKE
RECREATION AREA
STORM SHELTER**

Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Owner, The City of Staples, will ONLY receive and accept bids through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service for the construction of Dower Lake Recreation Area Storm Shelter in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by:

ARCHITECT
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc. Inc.
7804 Industrial Park Road
Baxter, MN 56425

**SITE VISIT
INFORMATION**

Bidders may contact Tricia Jasmer, Parks & Recreation Director to schedule a site visit.

Phone: W. 218-894-2553 or
C. 218-296-0878.

**BID DATE
INFORMATION:
FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

Bid Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Staples City Hall, 122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN

Attn: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator

at which time the bids will be opened online, reviewed and accepted. Preliminary bid results will be posted on QuestCDN within an hour after the bid opening.

Bids will be received for the following Prevailing Wage project:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves general, civil, mechanical and electrical work for the construction of a 2,400 total sf storm shelter building. Construction will be poured concrete foundation and slab-on-grade floor, concrete masonry walls with precast concrete roof. Water is to be connected to an existing deep well and the sewer is to be connected to an existing septic system. Electrical work will include lighting, power and communications material and installation and include a backup generator.

Each bid must be accompanied with a cashier’s check, bid bond, U.S. Gov-

ernment Bonds (at par value) or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal. Security is payable to the Owner as a guarantee of prompt execution of the contract in accordance with the proposal and Contract documents, along with furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds of One Hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount acceptable to the Owner.

BIDDING PROCEDURES - ELECTRONIC BIDDING: The contract documents are available at <https://widseth.com>. Click “Bid Documents” in the top right corner of your screen or go to www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number **7488672**. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a Planholder. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$30.00. Registering as a Planholder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as Planholder’s will receive automatic notice of addenda and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submissional questions. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

An optional paper set of project documents is also available from Cadd/Engineering Supply (CES) 1701 James Circle N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Please contact CES’s Repro Dept at (763) 560-9098 or (800) 831-8587 for pricing and if you have any questions.

The successful bidder must be a “responsible con-

tractor.” The term “responsible contractor” means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Bids may not be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids without consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

No bid will be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this invitation and/or other bidding and contract documents. Any deficient bid submitted will not be considered.

By: Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator, City of Staples, Minnesota

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TAQUERIA CHAVEZ LLC ...10,000.00
TENVOORDE FORD ...36,525.00
TENVOORDE FORD ...41,609.00
THE BARREL MILL ...10,000.00
THE HEADQUARTERS
SALON ...6,994.00
TIMBERS RESTAURANT
& EVENT CENTER ...10,000.00
VALLEY VIEW OF
LONG PRAIRIE INC ...10,000.00
VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES LLC ...2,015.89
VERIZON ...4,644.34
WELLNESS IN
THE WOODS ...10,000.00
45 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...16,632.08
ASFELD/JOSEPH ...6,434.66
BJORNEBO/PAT ...9,984.19
BROWERVILLE
VETERANS CLUB ...10,000.00
BW TRANSMISSIONS
& REPAIR ...10,000.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE ...2,412.09
DOHERTY STAFFING
SOLUTIONS ...6,767.50
EAGLE LANES ...6,537.00
FLEET SERVICES/
WEX BANK ...4,633.70
J&G TRUCKING, INC. ...10,000.00
LICKETT SPLIT
TRUCKING, INC. ...10,000.00
MATHIASON CHIRO ...2,812.00
MENCH/JAMES ...4,200.00
MILBRETT FLOORS ...7,915.00
MN POWER & LIGHT ...8,715.22
MN DEPT OF FINANCE ...8,317.00
MORRISON COUNTY ...47,566.81
MOTOROLA ...4,553.65
NEW IMAGE SALON ...4,587.00
PHEASANTS FOREVER ...7,312.00
PRAIRIE PHARMACY ...10,000.00
RHONDA’S CLEANING
SERVICE ...10,000.00
SEACHANGE PRINT
INNOVATIONS ...5,178.05
SHIRLEY’S GAS &

GROCERIES INC. ...12,788.42
STAPLES ADVANTAGE ...4,093.16
STAPLES WORLD ...10,000.00
STEP ...7,356.43
THE CAFE ...7,033.00
THOMAS TOOL AND
SUPPLY INC. ...4,009.98
TODD COUNTY REALTY ...10,000.00
VOYANT COMMS, LLC ...4,281.64
WELDON/JEFF ...33,704.48
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A ...7,340.00
54 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...27,572.40
ANDERSON BROTHERS ...209,282.18
BATTLE LAKE
OUTDOORS ...10,000.00
BERTHA HEWITT ISD 786 ...10,000.00
CATHEDRAL PRESS ...10,000.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY ...2,204.44
CITY OF BURTRUM ...6,182.09
COMPATICO ...9,058.67
DELL MARKETING L.P. ...8,870.72
DEPUTY REGISTRAR ...2,484.13
DOUBLE EAGLE GOLF
COURSE ...5,000.00
DRAGON WILLOW
WINERY, LLC ...5,000.00
EMERGENCY AUTO.
TECH ...14,617.97
FARMHOUSE CAFE ...5,000.00
GALLAGHER BENEFFT
SERVICES INC. ...2,000.00
HENRICKSEN PSG ...16,962.12
HINZMANN GRAVEL, INC. 10,000.00
IRON PARADISE INC. ...5,000.00
J & J DIRT WORKS ...5,151.00
KUHLMAN CONST. LLC ...56,564.25
LIBERTY TIRE
SERVICES LLC ...5,665.11
LONG PRAIRIE
LUMBER, LLC ...2,071.21
LOS CORRALES
MEXICAN GRILL LLC ...10,000.00
MCKENNA/KARL L ...5,228.00
MILLS/RODNEY ...6,516.94
MOTOROLA ...44,050.30
RAHN’S OIL & PROPANE ...12,299.99
RAINBOW LODGE ...6,735.00

SMOKE N MOTION ...10,000.00
STATEMA’S BACKHOE
SERVICE LLC ...4,106.01
STOMPING GROUNDS
OF STAPLES LLC ...10,000.00
THE HUB SUPPER
CLUB LLC ...5,000.00
THE ROCK TAVERN ...10,000.00
TIERNEY BROTHERS INC ...6,913.18
VAULT MEDICAL
SERVICES PA ...38,747.00
WADENA COUNTY
TRANSFER STATION ...8,600.85
WASTEQUIP ...63,730.00
31 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...17,640.14
CITY OF BERTHA ...20,348.12
CITY OF BROWERVILLE ...12,204.38
CITY OF CLARISSA ...12,629.89
CITY OF EAGLE BEND ...30,209.29
CITY OF GREY EAGLE ...2,981.75
CITY OF HEWITT ...8,857.03
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE ...42,966.31
CITY OF OSAKIS ...6,456.35
CITY OF STAPLES ...60,963.65
REGION V DEVELOPMT
COMMISSION ...3,255.82
SAUK RIVER WATER
SHED DISTRICT ...12,295.23
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213 ...79,057.29
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170 ...69,541.69
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753 ...186,952.60
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486 ...39,549.79
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740 ...6,740.89
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743 ...57,628.12
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786 ...69,647.69
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786-
DEBT DIST 86 ...12,383.43
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787 ...96,707.99
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787-
DEBT DIST 87 ...14,650.29
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818 ...6,783.47
TOWN OF BARTLETT ...10,293.58
TOWN OF BERTHA ...20,110.54
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE ...13,785.78
TOWN OF BRUCE ...17,184.22
TOWN OF BURLEENE ...14,860.00
TOWN OF

BURNHAMVILLE ...15,391.84
TOWN OF
EAGLE VALLEY ...19,088.55
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE ...10,332.97
TOWN OF GERMANIA ...12,244.08
TOWN OF GORDON ...31,006.60
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE ...18,526.64
TOWN OF HARTFORD ...28,006.56
TOWN OF IONA ...14,646.20
TOWN OF KANDOTA ...8,493.85
TOWN OF LESLIE ...20,351.75
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK ...8,024.78
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK ...20,509.00
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE ...22,233.85
TOWN OF MORAN ...14,451.95
TOWN OF REYNOLDS ...21,225.24
TOWN OF
ROUND PRAIRIE ...38,775.91
TOWN OF STAPLES ...18,150.55
TOWN OF
STOWE PRAIRIE ...19,352.32
TOWN OF
TURTLE CREEK ...7,566.01
TOWN OF VILLARD ...14,201.92
TOWN OF WARD ...23,974.63
TOWN OF WEST UNION ...19,610.72
TOWN OF WYKEHAM ...19,610.72
9 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...6,355.40
ALL STATE
COMMUNICATIONS ...4,225.00
BURTRUM CABOOZE LLP ...10,000.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC ...4,016.94
DEB’S SIDEWALKS
BAR & GRILL ...10,000.00
EBSO INC. ...225,297.03
HEALTH PARTNERS
DENTAL ...4,938.39
HOST/NORMAND
AND GLORIA ...8,349.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-
SURGICAL ...4,487.02
MORRIS ELECTRONICS ...10,444.80
NORTHERN BUSINESS
PRODUCTS ...2,607.36
QUILL CORPORATION ...3,183.29
TIERNEY BROTHERS INC ...6,048.57
TODD CO AG. SUC. ...2,511.69
TODD CO AGO-TREAS ...5,062.66
WOLLER EQUIP, INC. ...8,930.00
29 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...15,292.26
Total ...\$3,982,996.27

Total ...\$84,498.25

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
WARRANTS**
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount
ANOKA COUNTY
CORRECTIONS ...7,781.00
#16413 ...2,236.80
CENTRAL MN MENTAL
HEALTH CTR ...3,087.00
#15998 ...3,023.70
DHS - MSOP-MN SEX
OFFENDER PROGRAM ...6,091.50
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472 ...9,982.00
GERARD TREATMENT
PROGRAMS ...19,326.02
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV
OF MN-ST PAUL ...2,676.00
10746 ...2,952.00
MID MINNESOTA
DRUG TESTING INC ...2,227.00
NORTH HOMES CHILD
& FAMILY SRVS ...13,638.66
NORTHERN PINES
MENTAL HLTH CTR INC. ...2,500.00
#16183 ...2,541.60
PINEHAVEN YOUTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES ...8,023.25
STE ...5,687.92
#16491 ...2,040.00
PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...22,335.60
Total ...\$116,150.05

VENDOR NAME
Vendor Name..... \$ Amount
V #6688 - COST EFF
HEALTH INSURANCE ...2,348.40
DHS - SWIFT ...33,131.36
V #15653 - COST EFF
HEALTH INSURANCE ...9,049.20
INFORMATION SYSTEM
CORP ...2,000.00
TAYLOR FUNERAL
HOME OF STAPLES ...3,500.00
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/
TREASURER ...15,096.10
US POSTAL SERVICE ...4,337.00
125 PAYMENTS LESS
THAN \$2,000 ...52,315.58
Total ...\$121,777.64

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 15, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 29, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP
2021 MEETING
DATES**

May Township 2021 meeting dates. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

January 4, 2021 Re-organizational meeting

January 11, 2021 Regular meeting

February 8, 2021

March 8, 2021

March 9, 2021 Annual meeting

April 12, 2021

May 10, 2021

June 14, 2021

June 28, 2021 Road maintenance)

July 12, 2021

July 26, 2021 Road maintenance

August 9, 2021

August 23, 2021 Road maintenance

September 13, 2021

October 11, 2021

November 8, 2021

December 13, 2021

Meeting date changes will be posted on the township’s web page: www.maytownp.com.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

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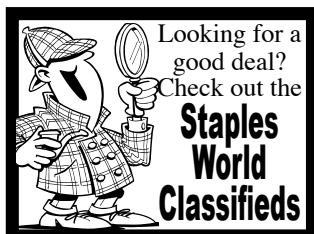
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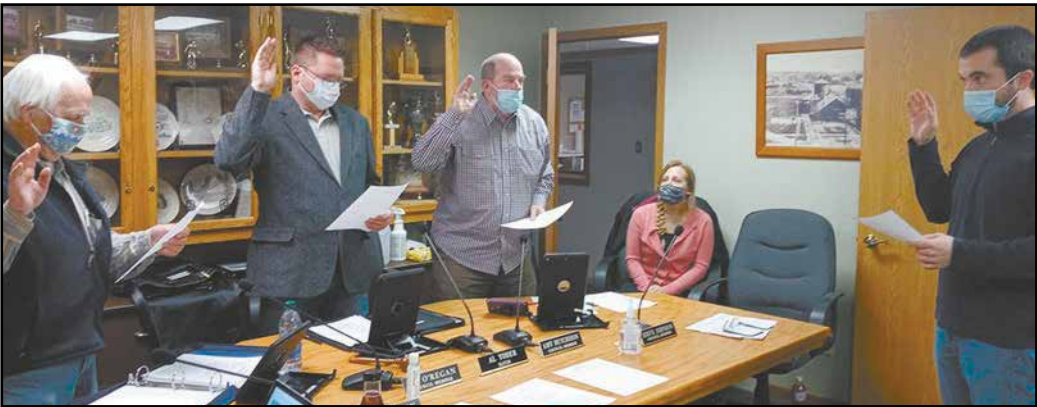
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Swearing-in ceremony at Motley City Hall

Motley Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski facilitated a swearing-in ceremony for newly elected city officers this past Nov. 3, 2020. Pictured taking the oath of office are, from left, council member Pat O'Regan, Mayor Al Yoder; and council member Steve Johnson. In the background is council member Amy Hutchison. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley City Council holds first regular meeting of 2021

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At the start of the Motley City Council's regular meeting Jan. 11, 2021, City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski led a swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected city officers. These included Mayor Al Yoder; and council members Pat O'Regan and Steve Johnson.

All council members were in attendance at this first meeting of the new year. In addition to Mayor Yoder and council members Johnson and O'Regan, seated at the table were council members Jace Carlson and Amy Hutchison.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD monthly and year-end reports from Fire Chief Brad Olson. There were 10 calls for December, and a total of 130 calls for 2020.

- APPROVED the Motley Fire Department's request to apply for two grants. Chief Olson said that is awarded the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) they would be awarded \$100,000 for new SBCAs (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). Olson said they have applied three times in the past and if they don't receive it this year, perhaps they should hire a grant writer next year. The other grant application approved is a DNR grant, which is a 50/50 grant.

- APPROVED the MFD's request to have five firefighters certified, with a total cost of the training sessions being \$6,850.

- APPROVED permanently dropping one firefighter from the roster because he is out of compliance.

- HEARD monthly and year-end reports from Police Chief Jason Borash. There were 79 calls for December, and a total of 1,249 calls for 2020.

- HEARD monthly report from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton. He noted that the trial for the new chemicals that they are using at the wastewater treatment plant ponds

is working well. It's more expensive, but it's claimed to produce less sludge in the ponds. He also noted that they did not have any violations from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency during December once switching to it.

- APPROVED a motion to appoint Paula Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Commission board.

- APPROVED the proposal by Schlenner Wenner & Col., Certified Public Accountants, to conduct the city's annual audit of financial statements. This is a one-year contract.

- NAMED the Morrison County Record the city's official newspaper for 2021.

Prior to acting on the motion, which was made by council member Pat O'Regan, council member Steve Johnson said he believed the Staples World should be named the official newspaper for the city. Johnson went on to say that in addition to attending all council meetings, their reporter covers many other events in Motley which are featured in the Staples World. He acknowledged that the World's rates per column inch were higher than the Record's, but did not feel that should be the deciding factor.

Both council member O'Regan and Mayor Yoder noted that the Morrison County Record is delivered free to all households in Motley, so they believed the city's legal notices (which are required to be published in the official newspaper) would have a better chance of being read.

In the end, council members O'Regan and Amy Hutchison voted in favor of the Morrison County Record; council members Johnson and Jace Carlson voted in favor of the Staples World; and Mayor Yoder broke the tie by voting for the Morrison County Record.

- APPROVED the following appointments for 2021: Acting Mayor; council member Amy Hutchison; Assistant Weed Inspectors; council member Steve Johnson

and Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; City Attorney, Pemberton Law. Mayor Al Yoder, Emergency Management Director. Planning and Zoning Commission Board Chair, council member Pat O'Regan.

- APPROVED the following council liaisons for 2021: Police Dept., Pat O'Regan; Administrative Dept., Amy Hutchison; Maintenance Dept., Jace Carlson; Fire Dept., Steve Johnson.

- APPROVED a resolution authorizing the following signers for banking transactions in 2021: Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski; Mayor Al Yoder; Acting Mayor Amy Hutchison and council member Jace Carlson.

- APPROVED having Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski as the responsible authority; and having EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) authorization from the Clerk/Treasurer.

- APPROVED the 2021 meeting schedule and the city-observed holidays.

- NAMED all local banking institutions as the city's official depository for 2020.

- APPROVED the renewal of existing tobacco licenses at the following establishments, pending receipt of all application materials: Orton's Motley Holiday, Auger's Motley Express, Bremer's Bar, Motley Discount Liquor, BRICKS Travel Center, Y Knot Package Liquor, Dollar General.

- APPROVED Resolutions supporting pursuit of 2021 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding from MnDOT for the construction/upgrade of Cemetery Road and the road by Dollar General. Les Mateffy, with Moore Engineering, will be the project manager.

- APPROVED a motion accepting donations to the city. It was noted that these will go into the MFD's Truck Fund.

- SET next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.



Fun at the ice skating rink



Christian Bachmann 14, of Pequot Lakes, enjoyed honing his hockey skills while skating at Motley's ice rink Jan. 11. Bachmann was in town visiting relatives, including his grandparents Pastor Jim and Sheri Johnson. Christian's parents are Daytor and Samantha (Johnson) Bachmann. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Not adhering to the rules

People wishing to make donations to the STEP On In thrift store in Staples are asked to stop by on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon - 4 p.m., and only drop off their donations after first speaking with

staff. Occasionally, donations are left at the front door after hours, which is not acceptable. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Speak with employee before dropping items

bill for trash that comes in." Obviously, they prefer to have people speak with an employee during the scheduled drop-off times before leaving any donations.

STEP On In is located at 116 5th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-895-5023.

Baby STEPs is located at 125 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-895-3300.

Additional information about the STEPs program (including what can and cannot be donated) can be found at their website, www.stepbrowerville.org.

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Pictured from left to right: Ron Murray, PT and Joint Connection Program Manager; Paul Thompson, MD; Melissa Fink, RN; Paul Rud, MD; Ashley Nord, MD; Nicholas Lesmeister, MD; Karie Steinke, LPN; and Christopher Metz, MD.

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