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Weather

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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 2	24°	-3	Cloudy
Mar. 3	20	11	Cloudy
Mar. 4	27	18	Cloudy
Mar. 5	24	13	Snow
Mar. 6	26	7	Sunny
Mar. 7	25	5	Cloudy
Mar. 8	23	4	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 2	48°	24	Sunny
Mar. 3	44	27	Sunny
Mar. 4	43	30	Sunny
Mar. 5	45	26	Sunny
Mar. 6	45	24	Sunny
Mar. 7	58	37	Sunny
Mar. 8	55	31	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 32° Low = 13°

Total snow last week:
9 - 11"

Remember last
March-temps,
40 - 50's

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Donald Brabec

Darrel Britsch

Jack Dailey

Juanita Miller

Elsie Riggs



Newton welcomed home from military deployment

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

After spending nearly a year in Kuwait, Jared Newton immediately noticed some of the differences when he got back to Minnesota.

"We got off the plane and said 'wow, we can actually smell the snow, it has a real smell,'" said Newton, now at home in Staples with his wife Kaija and three children, Ryker, 10, Dakota, 8 and Teddy, 3.

While the odors of Minnesota were more pleasant than the smells of Kuwait, Newton still had to work on the transition, like everyone who returns from a military deployment.

"It's almost too quiet here," said Newton.

He is used to the constant noise from the giant generator on the base in Kuwait, and up to 75 mile per hour winds howling, blowing sand and creating havoc.

Deployment

Newton has been in the National Guard for almost 11 years, now working in maintenance at Camp Ripley. This was his first deployment overseas.

"I came in when my company was just getting back from the last one," he explained.

Because he works with a lot of people who have been overseas, Newton built up a wealth of knowledge on what to expect for his deployment.

"I knew how to keep in touch with family, not just when and how to call, but how to talk to them," he said.

For example, he knew not to share too much about



Family back together

After a one year deployment, Jared Newton is back in Staples with his wife Kaija and children Teddy, Dakota and Ryker

what he was doing, so they didn't worry about him. Conversely, the family knew they shouldn't share too much of what was going on at home, so he didn't get stressed out about things happening half a world away that he couldn't control.

"We mostly talked about the positive things," said Kaija.

When the kids were learning how to ride bicycles, that was a celebration for both camps.

"It was an interesting year," said Kaija.

Both Jared and Kaija are from Grand Rapids, where their family still lives, so Kaika said she relied on neighbors.

"The neighbors were awesome help," she said.

Jared said there were a lot of young soldiers in his unit. For many of them it was their first time away from family. He would give them the same advice:

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Wahoo Valley Two developers offer to build on Valley View lots

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The 3rd Annual Vintage Snowmobile Fun Run, sponsored by Wahoo Valley, rural Staples, and The Bear's Den, Leader, took place Feb. 26 on the Crow Wing River. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lots that have been sitting empty for more than a decade now have two developers interested in them. At the Feb. 22 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting, the board learned that a company from Iowa and another located in Cass County are both interested in the same lots to build town homes.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said after both companies expressed interest, she asked them to present proposals for the number of units, timeline and projected rent. The information was to help the SEDA board to think about which proposal they prefer and are not official offers. The cost of the lots still needs to be determined.

The company from Iowa proposed building six twin homes, or 12 units. They would start construction this spring and build four units per year. The rent would be around \$1,450 per month.

The company from Cass County proposed building four twin homes, or eight units, but also purchasing two single lots and building single-family homes on each of them. Their construction would start in 2023 and they would plan to finish by 2024. They said their rent would be similar to the Cardinal Pines apart-

ments, which is also similar to the other proposal.

Both proposals are for the same twin home lots, labeled parcels 1-10, at the entrance of the Valley View subdivision. There are currently six homes built in the subdivision, out of 28 lots that are plotted.

Assessment costs

Wyman said the city's assessment costs for the lots is around \$17,000 per unit, or \$34,000 for the twin home lots. The costs are for the water and electric lines that have been built to the lots. She said they are building similar homes in other communities and are paying about \$15,000 per twin home lot.

Neither company is proposing to pay 100 percent of the assessment costs or 100 percent of the land costs, said Wyman. The Staples City Council will have to decide if they want to reduce the costs, and the SEDA will study the options with the goal of making a recommendation to the council.

Wyman asked both developers to submit official proposals by the March 22 meeting of the SEDA.

Also related to the assessment costs, Wyman said that Wadena County has received federal ARPA funds, and have allocated \$125,000 for infrastructure projects in Staples. She said they are looking to help pay some of the Valley View assessments with those funds.

Council looks at community center happenings

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Community Center was the subject of several agenda items at the Feb. 22 Staples City Council meeting.

The City of Staples is planning to hold a referendum to approve a sales tax for the city, with the profits going to support the Staples Community Center. At the council meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they will ask the LEAP organization (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy and Positiveness) to help determine if a community campaign is needed to help pass the referendum.

The City of Staples accepted a \$1,000 donation to the Staples Community Center for a memorial to Pat Miller, a long time resident who passed away in December. At the council

meeting, Nelsen said Miller was a big user of the fitness center at the community center. Nelsen said they will hold meetings to decide how to use the donation.

The community center is looking at installing key card access so fitness center members can go in at any time, said Nelsen.

Nelsen also announced that a kids bike rodeo is being planned for May 12, from 5-7 p.m., at the community center.

In other news, the council

- Approved ordinance amending city codes, requiring front doors on homes to face the street they are on.
- Approved applying to Sourcewell Community Matching Funds for playground projects at Dower Lake and Lincoln Park in Staples. The project already

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SEDA considers plan for marketing web site

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Golden Shovel marketing agency gave a presentation to the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Board on Feb. 22, with a proposal to build a new web site that will go beyond the city's current development web site.

Warren Westcott of Golden Shovel told the SEDA Board that the company keeps up on the trends and innovations in business attraction and workforce attraction.

"Our experience has taught us what generally works," said Westcott.

The proposal given to the SEDA Board is for Golden Shovel to build a web site for \$17,500, which can be paid over three years. They will also set up their GateKeeper service, which includes writers and staff who update the web site, for \$10,150 for the first year and

\$6,500 for every year after that.

The GateKeeper service has a reduced cost because the Todd County Development Commission also has a Golden Shovel web site, and they will share the services with Staples.

Todd County Development Director Rick Utech was at the meeting and said the web site has been useful to his job.

"To reach people, you have to be on the digital format. They always check your web site first before contacting you."

Utech said Golden Shovel also provides news stories and will push out local developments on social media. He said the web site provides analytic information that he gets every quarter. For example, he found that people who visit the web site look at two to three pages per session. In the last three months, more than 2,000 people looked at the web site.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said "We don't do a great job of getting the word out of all the great things that are going on. We would lean on them heavily for content creation."

Staples currently has a marketing web site, discoverstaplesmn.org, which is still online but does not get updated frequently. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen and Mayor Chris Etzler also agreed that the GateKeeper service as the best part of the offer, because of the frequent updates.

Wyman gave examples of what could be promoted on the web site, such as the shovel-ready lots and workforce development opportunities in Staples. "These are things that will bring people to town," she said.

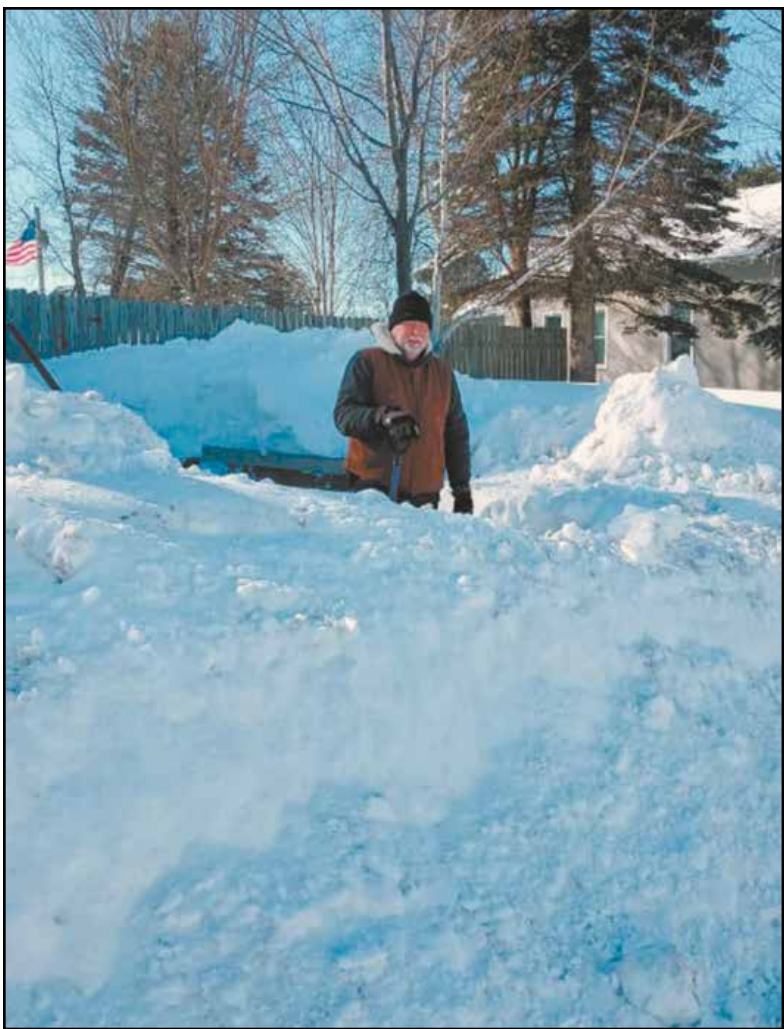
Westcott demonstrated some of the features of other web sites they are currently operating. One had

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Shoveling workout

Greg Smith of Staples (above and at right) had quite a workout shoveling the sidewalk in front of his house on 2nd Ave. Feb. 23. Over 12 inches of snow had fallen throughout the area the previous day. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Another round of snow

Plows were working overtime Feb. 22, as over a foot of snow fell in the Staples area during a two-day period. The Staples-Motley Schools were closed that

day due to the snow, and there were several reports of vehicle accidents throughout the area as well. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley moves forward with street improvement study

by Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Improvements along Cemetery Road in Motley could become a reality down the road.

At their regular meeting Feb. 15, the Motley City Council approved a resolution in regard to Bolton & Menk, Inc. conducting a study on the proposed improvement and report back to the council on whether this is necessary, cost-effective and feasible. An estimated cost of the improvement will also be a part of their report, as well as information about individual assessments for the proposed affected parcels.

The proposed improvement along Cemetery Rd. (from Hwy 10 to the City limits) would entail replacing streets, driveway entrances, storm drainage systems and ditch grading.

Anthony Maule, with Bolton & Menk, was at the council meeting. He stated that he had previously met with the city's street committee to discuss things that were needed along Cemetery Road. With the council's approval of the resolution, the next step would be to engage in a feasibility study.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED a request from St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley to con-

duct bingo on April 10 and Nov. 20 of this year.

- APPROVED the Relief Association Bylaws amendments, as presented by Fire Chief Brad Olson. Olson mentioned that the state was withholding their state aid until the bylaws were in line with the state statute.

- HEARD from Police Chief Jason Borash that he attended the MN Chiefs Academy and found it to be very informational.

- HEARD from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton that the water main break on 1st Avenue is still leaking, with an estimated leak of 40-50,000 gallons per day loss. Brotherton noted that the water main is located in a difficult spot (near a gas line, several fiberoptic lines, a power pole and under a culvert) and they need to fix it safely. The heavy snow has made it difficult to work on as well.

- APPROVED purchasing a new lift station pump at the wastewater treatment facility for \$8,236. The current one, which is 35 years old, is going out and needs to be replaced.

- SET the city-wide garage sales for May 6 - 7 (tentative).

- SET the city-wide cleanup day for May 14 (tentative).

- APPROVED the pay equity report from the state, as presented by City Clerk/

Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

- APPROVED Bryniarski's request to attend the Minnesota Municipal Clerks and Finance Officer (MCFOA) annual conference March 22-25; and the MCFOA's Municipal Clerks Institute May 9-13.

- APPROVED an ordinance amending Motley City Code Section 31.46 concerning planning commission compensation. As part of the amendment, each of the five regular planning commission members will receive \$25 per regular or special meeting. In addition, the council:

- APPROVED authorizing a summary publication of the above-mentioned ordinance within 45 days of its adoption.

- ACCEPTED donations to the city from Warren and Yvonne Johnson, Shirley Longbella, Gerald and Barbara Meyer, Troy Shereck and Duane Strack, all of which are designated for the fire department's truck fund.

- SCHEDULED the annual performance evaluation for City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski for March 14. It will be held following the council's regular meeting, during a closed meeting.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Staples Area Food Shelf - March is Food Share Month

The Staples Area Food Shelf would like to call attention to the Annual March Food Share Month. During March, Minnesota Food shelves conduct their major campaign for funds and food shelf items. The funds and food collected help determine our budget for the coming year. All funds and food items collected in March help determine the grant amounts available from Hunger Solutions of Minnesota. The non-donated items are purchased from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank in Brooklyn Park, Ernie's Market and Jon's Family Foods in Staples.

While the COVID Pandemic has also had an impact on our Staples Area Food Shelf, and our usage numbers have gone down, they are returning to normal and we look forward to assisting all those who experience food insecurities.

Besides the foods, we also provide other household necessities such as toilet paper, laundry and dishwashing soap, and personal hygiene items. In addition, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have turkey and ham vouchers available. We also provide milk or monthly milk vouchers to

be used at our local food vendors.

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. We are so thankful and appreciative of our food shelf volunteers who have served and continue to serve through the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic.

While March is our major event, we greatly appreciate the support we receive throughout the year. Donations can be made through your church, or monetary donations can be sent to the Staples Area Food Shelf, PO Box 82, Staples, MN 56479, or by calling 218-894-1935.

Without your help, the Staples Area Food Shelf could not possibly survive. Also, rest assured, that all the Staples Area Food Shelf workers are volunteers, and do not receive any compensation.

We want to thank everyone for their past support and we respectfully ask for your continued generosity and support. With your assistance and generosity, the Staples Area Food Shelf will be able to continue providing for those in need.

The Staples Area Food Shelf Board.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Feb. 17 - 23

Feb. 10 - The MPD arrested Joshua Louis Neadeau, 37, on a domestic abuse no contact order violation.

Feb. 23 - The MPD received a complaint from a subject stating that he believes one of his checks was stolen and that someone fraudulently wrote it out to a female in the amount of \$2,000.

Feb. 23 - The MPD issued

a citation to Alyssa Peterson, 34, for expired registration.

Feb. 22 - The MPD was flagged down by somebody in the parking lot at Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. The person stated that another resident had backed into her car. The MPD made contact with both parties, who exchanged information, and filled out a crash report.

Feb. 22 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off in the amount of \$35.06 at Holiday Station in Motley.

Feb. 17-19 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Travis VanVickle, 42; Brooke Wolhowe, 27; Linnea Kisby, 24.

Feb. 18 - The MPD was dispatched to the Holiday Station in Motley, for the report of a customer that couldn't pay for their fuel. The subject stated that when he left home he thought that he had enough money to get to the Cities from Park Rapids. The subject started to make phone calls to friends asking for help with the \$18 owed the store, but in the meantime one of the store employees paid for the fuel.

Feb. 18 - While patrolling, the MPD observed that a vehicle has been parked

in the same spot for several days on Pine Ave., in front of Country Terrace Apartments, with a red snowmobile parked sideways directly behind the rear bumper. The snowmobile registration expired in 2019. The MPD spoke with the apartment manager to find out who the vehicles belonged to, and advised the owner that it would need to be towed as it is in violation of the inoperable vehicle ordinance and in the way for snow removal.

Feb. 23 - The MCSO responded to a rollover in Rosing Township, at Dove Rd. and 386th St., in Pillager. The suspect, Joseph Nelson, 62, of Northome, was arrested by state patrol for 3rd degree DWI.

Feb. 22 - The MCSO received a call from someone who stated he found a 12-gauge shot gun a few weeks ago in the ditch south of Motley along Hwy 10.

Feb. 21 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle parked on the roadway near the 2000 block of Pine View Blvd., Motley, obstructing the plow route. The owner was contacted and he agreed to move his vehicle within the hour, or it would be towed.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1947

• Feb. 27, 1947 - A general invitation to farmers of this community and nearby towns to view “Men With A Mission” a motion picture in full color, was issued by Harry C. Piper, Minneapolis-Moline dealer in Staples, the first of this week.

The picture will be presented at the New Staples Theatre on March 5, at 1:30 p.m. The program, arranged by Mr. Piper for this occasion, will also include refreshments following the show.

In assuring the farmers of this community that the picture and program is entirely free, Mr. Piper said, “This is one of the finest

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pictures depicting the life of farmers that I have ever seen. It will give people a great insight into modern farming.”

• Feb. 27, 1947 - On Feb. 5, a two-pound seven ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Monley of Staples, at the Staples Municipal hospital.

The baby was immediately placed in an incubator, and within a week the baby had gone down to one pound and 13 ounces, but at the present time is on the gain and now weighs two pounds and 2 ounces. The little girl has been named Melodie Ann.

• Feb. 27, 1947 - Thieves broke into George’s Place Friday evening of last week, and walked away with many dollars worth of merchandise and did some destruction to the interior of the place.

In gaining admittance to the place the thieves had to break down two back doors. They took tobacco, cigars, candy, pipes, cigarettes and some bottled soft drinks. They also tried to take a sack of 1,000 pennies, but this broke, spilling pennies all over the floor of the place.

No estimate as to the amount of the loss was reported by George Mallas,

owner of the place, which is a recreation parlor in Staples, serving lunches, soft drinks and maintaining pool tables.

• Feb. 27, 1947 - Editor H. W. Sims of the Staples World last week received an appointment as a member of the Minnesota Editorial Association’s safety committee for the year 1947. His appointment came from Ludwig Roe, state MEA president, who is editor of the Montevideo News.

• Feb. 27, 1947 - Two Staples boys, Douglas Johnson and Wayne Barker, will leave early Saturday morning for St. Paul, where for four days they will be guests of the St. Paul Rotary Club. They were chosen from a list of candidates of the senior high school of Staples, to attend the four-day event by the Staples Rotary Club.

50 Years Ago - 1972

• March 2, 1972 - Gordy Thompson, the undefeated grappler of Coach Don Dravis, wrestled his way to the championship of the 126-pound class of the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

As thousands of wrestling fans looked on, including the 60-member Cardinal Band and the hundreds of followers from Staples, Thompson decisioned Bob Montague of Coon Rapids by a 6 to 2 count for the State title.

Thompson became the second Staples wrestler to win a state championship, as Loren Bendson, a teammate on the Cardinal squad, accomplished the feat one year ago at the 133-pounds level.

The Staples team finished fourth in the rankings with 29 points. St. James won the title with 59 1/2 points, followed by Osseo with 49 1/2, Albert Lea with 39 and then Staples.

• March 2, 1972 - At the Staples City Council meeting Feb. 22, the council members opened bids for a new ambulance for the Staples Municipal Hospital.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Feb. 25, 1993 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Upon recommendation from the Staples Hospital board, the council accepted the low bid of Springfield Equipment Company and Tyrrell’s, Inc., of Staples in the amount of \$13,952.64 for the purchase of the new ambulance.

• March 2, 1972 - Over 175 persons attended the 23rd annual banquet of the Motley FFA chapter Feb. 24, held in the school cafeteria.

A highlight of the evening was the naming of Joni Dvorak to succeed her sister, Mary, as chapter sweetheart.

• March 2, 1972 - Don Dravis, head wrestling coach and Industrial Arts instructor at Staples High school, assumed the presidency of the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Coaches and Officials at their meeting in Minneapolis last week.

As head of the more than 500-member organization, Dravis succeeds Paul Bengston of Hopkins Eisenhower.

25 Years Ago - 1997

• Feb. 27, 1997 - Dr. Julie Mayer Benson will be returning to Staples this fall. A former student doctor here in 1992-93, she will be completing her resi-

dency this summer and has agreed to join the Lakewood Clinic practice, bringing the number of doctors at Staples to eight.

• Feb. 27, 1997 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Al Kolling, the new owner of Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc., located just south of Staples near Pine Grove Park.

• Feb. 27, 1997 - Eight Cardinal wrestlers, the most ever from Staples Motley, will be competing this weekend in the state Class AA wrestling tournament’s individual portion of competitions.

Those eight finished first or second Saturday in the Section 8AA individual tournament held at the Staples Motley gym. They include Chad Hoffman at 103 pounds, Jeff Thompson at 119, Mark Carlson at 125, Ross Bendson at 152, and Jesse Jennissen at 160. Finishing as runners-up were Aaron Fuller at 112, Matt Hanson at 189 and Paul Detloff at heavyweight.

• Feb. 27, 1997 - Seven Staples Motley High School Speech students won ribbons for superior and excellent performances last Saturday, in the Staples Lions’ Club Invitational Speech Contest. They included Steve Hoemberg, Justin Windschitl, Maria Brenny, Naomi Sveom, Chris Schock, Tasa Anderson and Leala Parkos.

Head coach Frank Odell commented that last Saturday’s contest was the largest our school has hosted with nearly 500 participants from 21 schools.

10 Years Ago - 2012

• March 1, 2012 - Over 70 booths and information stations were open for display at the “Laugh and Live Well” Women’s Expo held Feb. 25, at Central Lakes College in Staples.

• March 1, 2012 - In celebration of the MOMS Club of Staples fifth birthday, a party was held at the Staples Community Center Feb. 24, with club members and their children enjoying birthday cake and other treats. The Staples MOMS Club chapter was founded by Sarah Dregney. Jenni Carlen is its current club president.

• March 1, 2012 - Members of the Staples Alliance Church held their second annual “Family Fun Day” Feb. 26, at the home of Doyle and Deb Yoder in rural Stales. Throughout the afternoon, people enjoyed lunch and a variety of outdoor activities including sleigh rides and sledding.

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New accounting firm for Staples City audits

has a \$2,000 grant from Lakewood Engage.

• Approved audit contract with CarlsonSV accounting firm. Nelsen said the city is still under the state spending threshold to do a single audit, but in future years they may go over that threshold and

would be required to do a more extensive audit.

• Approved gambling permit for Lakewood Health System raffle.

• Approved gambling permit for Sacred Heart Church bingo.

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Web site development costs comparable

a listing of available properties that a person could click on to see photos and videos.

Nelsen said the cost for developing the current city web site was more than \$30,000 and did not include the content and updates. So he thought the \$27,650 was not excessive. “From a web site development perspective, it is pretty reasonable,” he said. Nelsen said the \$17,000 for the first year is in the city budget if the

SEDA decides to purchase the Golden Shovel services.

Wyman said she has talked to people in other communities that use Golden Shovel and they recommend it for being the most cost effective and all the connections that develop because of it.

The SEDA Board did not vote on whether to approve the proposal, but will discuss it again at a later meeting.

Gazelka looks to address police officer shortage

From the office of Senator Paul Gazelka

Senator Paul Gazelka presented S.F. 3073 in front of the Senate’s Judiciary & Public Safety Committee. The legislation offers recruitment grants for law enforcement agencies to hire qualified peace officers.

“When talking with law enforcement across the state, one of the biggest concerns I hear is their need for new qualified police officers,” Sen. Gazelka said. “As a result of failed leadership and a progressive demonization of our police, many departments’ have seen their ability to retain and recruit officers crippled. This creates an endless cycle that stretches departments further and drives more officers out. We need to stop that pattern immediately and show qualified candidates just how badly we need their support.”

Across the nation, law enforcement positions are opening up faster than they can be replaced by retirement or resignation. In 2021 alone, The Star Tribune reported Minnesota saw 32 Police Chiefs retire. The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board Job board show openings for licensed peace officers in at least 65 agencies. Minneapolis and St. Paul have nearly 300 open positions to fill as of last month.

Police chiefs and public safety departments across the state are overstretched and burning out. Senator Gazelka’s bill provides \$20 million towards bonuses of up to \$10,000 for newly hired peace officers across Minnesota. The bonuses may only be awarded after an officer has served a year with the hiring agency and may only be used for newly licensed peace officers.

Speed a factor in recent snowmobile accidents

The Cass County Sheriff’s Department reported a spate of serious snowmobile crashes on Feb. 17-19, near Backus, Pine River and Pillager.

Four crashes required the driver of the snowmobile to be taken to a local hospital. Two of the four victims also required being airlifted to another hospital.

Sheriff Tom Burch noted that in many of these incidents, speed was the main factor causing the machine to leave the trail and crash. Burch encourages all operators to know and understand their machine and the trail they are riding on and not to exceed speed for the conditions or terrain encountered.

The Cass County Sheriff’s Office reports a significant number of snowmobiles recreating in the region this winter due to excellent snow conditions and good weather.

COVID numbers going down again

COVID-19 spread has reduced to single digits for the week in several area communities as the recent surge continued to drop.

Staples had 18 new cases in the week ending Feb. 24, Pillager had 17 and Wadena 10, with all other area communities at nine or fewer.

The February surge cor-

responded with an increase in deaths in three of the area counties, but there were no new deaths in Todd County since January. Morrison and Cass counties had seven COVID deaths each, while Wadena County had five, all more than the previous month.

Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Feb. 24, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured members of the Cardinals Wrestling team showing off their latest trophy, the championship of the Region Six Mat tourney, which they had won the previous weekend in Moorhead. Pictured, from left, are Coach Don Dravis, Mike Roberts, Bill Bendson, Mark Bendson (with trophy), Charlie Sowers, Gordy Thompson and Loren Bendson.

Mike Koppes, Greg Leifermann, Mike Hajek and Kelly Boldan correctly identified all, as well as the context of the photo. Judy Wolak correctly identified most, except thought that Loren Bendson was holding the trophy, and that Loren was Rick Brichacek.

Sandy Carlson shared that her

family had moved to Staples in 1971, and guessed correctly the context of the photo, as well as Coach Dravis and Gordy Thompson. She thought the other wrestlers pictured might include a Jennissen boy, and one of Coach Dravis’ sons, either Blaine or Greg.

Cyndi (Neal) Rogge of Verndale, a 1973 graduate of Staples High School, shared that she remembers well how exciting wrestling was during those years. Cyndi correctly identified most everyone in the photo, except she guessed Mark Bendson to be Jerry Stone, and Loren Bendson to be Mark Bendson.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

CRP enrollment open until March 11

From Todd County NRCS

The United States Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency opened an enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). General CRP offers will be accepted now through March 11. Continuous CRP offers are also being accepted. This means landowners and operators still have time to get that

CRP offer submitted.

CRP is a conservation program that is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Landowners who are accepted into the program receive an annual rental payment in exchange for enrolling their land into a conservation planting. Landowners may also receive cost share dollars and other sign up incentives for installing the conserva-

tion plantings. There are opportunities to enroll tree plantings, prairie plantings, pollinator plantings, food plots and many more practices through CRP. CRP contracts are based on a 10-15 year contract period.

USDA has updated the program with higher rental rates and incentives. This provides landowners a wonderful opportunity to enroll their property into CRP for

the first time and it provides landowners with expiring CRP contracts an opportunity to re-enroll their land for another term. If you are interested in setting aside land into CRP, re-enrolling land into CRP or want to learn more about CRP, stop into your local USDA service center.



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Quote of the week

“The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.”
— John F. Kennedy

MSHSL improving fan behavior

From the Minnesota State High School League

Recently students, schools and communities have experienced racist events that tell us we as school leaders have more work to do. Mistreatment of anyone on any basis is not only intolerable, it is something we, as educational leaders, unequivocally condemn. Racial, religious, or sexual harassment is simply unacceptable in our schools. The goal of safe, supportive school environments is of paramount importance. It is essential that every effort be made, and action is taken to ensure that all students have a safe environment in which to learn and participate in activities. In addition, victims of racist words or actions need support. Together, we commit to making every effort to ensure that students have a safe environment in which to learn and participate in activities.

To that end, the education organizations listed below will launch an initiative to improve behavior at high school events as well as schools in general. With the assistance of professional partners, this initiative will include:

- Organize student groups to develop a model code of conduct for all schools. Once developed, this code will be distributed to school boards, administrators, coaches, parents, and students statewide. The code will cover all aspects of participation in activities as well as at school. It will include activities, athletes, spectators, staff, students, and parents.
- Convene a student conference, through the MSHSL, MASSP and MNIAA, involving student leaders involved in athletics, fine arts and other activities to raise awareness about student conduct, bullying, gender, race and other issues and assist in the development of tools for all schools.
- Identify and provide resources to assist schools and administrators in planning,

preparing and implementing best practices to address and eliminate these harmful behaviors and support of students and others who have been impacted.

Schools will continue to promote and enforce existing conduct rules through district policies prohibiting racial harassment of any kind and through Bylaw 209 of MSHSL Rules that expressly prohibits racial, sexual, or religious harassment. Violations of the policy require the loss of student eligibility.

The organizations listed will continue to work directly with our schools in addressing these behaviors and will keep schools and interested parties informed of progress in these efforts. Together we will make a difference.

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Seasonal changes march on

One of the little pleasures in my day is to arise early and enjoy that first cup of coffee before the fireplace as the day gradually brightens beyond our south-facing windows. I'm an early riser by nature, but it's getting more and more difficult to be there at first light as I like to be, thanks to the ever-earlier rising of the sun each morning.

The daily change in minutes can be counted on fewer than the fingers of one hand, but over days and weeks it has added up. The daily increase in daylight is split about evenly between earlier sunrises and later sunsets. Taken together, we have acquired about two and a quarter hours more daylight in the 24-hour cycle since December 21st, the Winter Solstice that marked the shortest day of the year.

No coincidence, then, that within the next three weeks we will transition from winter to spring, the official date being March 20. It is often an imprecise transition, as there could be plenty of winter-like weather still ahead of us. On average, March is the third-snowiest month of the year, behind January and December, in that order. But the March "state



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Mike Rahn

tournament blizzard" is a Minnesota legend, so it is clearly not yet time to put away snow shovels and put gas stabilizer in the snow blower.

But the transition is in motion, and events that mark it will continue to add up as we progress through March. Signs of wildlife "amore" and courtship become conspicuous in March. One of my favorites is the pre-dawn notes of male cardinals belting out a tree-top love song: "what cheer...what cheer." It is a definitive sign of approaching spring and the nesting season for songbirds, migratory waterfowl, and other migratory and resident bird species of all kinds.

Some creatures have already moved beyond courtship, and are not waiting for more meaningful signs of spring. One of these is the barred owl, a handsome medium size owl that begins nesting in March. Many birds delay nesting until there are active insects with which to feed their young, or open water that makes aquatic prey available. But the owl diet is not dependent on such seasonal convenience.

They feed on mice, rabbits, squirrels, and other birds that are available and on the menu at this time of year. The barred owl's call—in which some seem to hear the words "Who cooks for you?"—is most often heard at night. But that's deceptive, because barred owls hunt not only then, but in the low light hours of dawn and dusk, and even in daylight. For the barred owl,

there's no need to await spring's arrival before responding to the greatest urgency of all animal life.

Sub-zero temperatures are not more than a few days in our past. But March, with its more direct rays of sunlight, inevitably means the onset of melting snow. Average high temperatures elevate to a range between 34 and 49 degrees, with nighttime lows soon to range from 19 to 32 degrees. With this emerging temperature regimen, this winter's uncharacteristically deep snow will soon be melting on a more or less constant basis.

This year's deep snowpack could go a long way toward reversing the water deficit that existed over much of Minnesota last summer. Then, water levels on popular recreational lakes across the state were not uncommonly as much as six, twelve, or even eighteen inches below normal depth. This led to difficulty in accessing some lakes for fishing and other recreations due to launch ramp complications at public accesses, and lake property owners having to extend their docks, in some cases even being unable to dock their boats. And, low river and stream flows that restricted angler access and diminished fish spawning success should be significantly relieved by the melting of deep snows that now lie across the state from southern Minnesota up through the Arrowhead and to the Canadian border.

Long before lakes and wetlands have thawed, and

ripples replace the rigidity of the ice caps that now cover them, rivers and streams across the state will be flowing free. This means not only the ability to float watercraft, but an avenue for the return of migratory waterfowl, those that return to Minnesota to breed, or stop here on their route to destinations farther north. Mid-March through mid-April is prime time to see arriving Canada geese, goldeneyes, buffleheads, wood ducks, mallards, trumpeter and tundra swans and other waterfowl, some of the most colorful birds in the avian world.

And when it comes to colorful, if you happen to be in a part of the state where the fabulously, gaudily-plumed rooster ring-necked pheasant is found—and are outdoors, or have your car window down enjoying a warming March day—be sure to listen for its familiar two-note, territorial "kuk...kuk" call. You may remember it come fall, when the cattail sloughs have lost the green of summer and are turning the tan of an old faded, pre-camo era hunting coat. You might very well hear the same "kuk-kuk" call in October or November when your Labrador retriever or springer spaniel rousts one into the air.

For now, appreciate it, along with all the other signs of spring that March blesses us with. All of which are signs that winter is on borrowed time.

Children's advocates ask for full funding of child care

Representatives from a coalition made up of Education Minnesota, Head Start, Kids Count On Us, an initiative of ISAIAH, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and Saint Paul Federation of Educators called on the Minnesota Legislature to fully fund Minnesota's Early Care and Education System. They are in full support of Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's budget proposal to support Minnesota children and families which was announced on January 25 and focuses on expanding access to child care.

Accessible child care that is affordable to families remains a major challenge in Minnesota due to years of underfunding. The group's main priorities are for child care costs to be capped at 7% of a family's income, to create a Department of Early Childhood, and to create a career and wage ladder for early childhood educators.

"I applied for childcare assistance but was denied because I make too much money. So in order to work, I had to start working group homes to pay for daycare,"

said guest speaker LaTanya Hughes, a parent of two disabled daughters who works as a personal care assistant and is Vice President for the homecare sector of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota. "This is outrageous, because even though the state told me I was making too much money to apply for childcare assistance, I am working multiple jobs to make sure I can provide for my family." Hughes is an essential worker who was called upon to work in healthcare throughout the pandemic, with no option to work from home. Her story reinforces the foundational link between child care and healthcare.

The need to create and support a cohesive system from birth, as Governor Walz has called for, was highlighted by Shaun Laden, an Education Support Professional in the Minneapolis Public Schools and President of the ESP chapter of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, "Our members provide services to students in child care centers across Minneapolis and we see the potential for Minnesota to create a na-

tion-leading, mixed delivery pre-k model."

Laden called attention to the importance of an equitable career and wage ladder for workers and teachers, "We want to ensure providers who are currently providing the kind of culturally aware care that families are choosing have the resources to make sure they can afford to pay a living wage so that we can keep positions filled and centers open."

The effects of high quality child care and early education were underscored by Mercedes Lee, a teacher in St. Paul Public Schools, "My students who had access to early education were often more academically prepared for kindergarten state standards, understood the structure and routine of a learning environment, and had social skills to navigate relationships with their peers—something that students who had not experienced early education often lacked."

Greta Holupchinski, a home visitor with Early Head Start, who supports a caseload of families with young children in Ramsey County, has seen firsthand the difference in quality when child care is publicly funded, "I recently switched from working at a non-profit center to a federally-funded program and I could see the difference in quality right away. To be clear: not a difference in teacher competency, but difference in support and resources."

She stressed several priorities of the group for this legislative session—making childcare part of our state's infrastructure, "If we want to sustain a healthy economy, then we must include a robust childcare system as part of our state infrastructure," an equitable career and wage ladder. "If we want reliable, accessible care, then we simply must pay educators a professional wage," thus, centering educators and families. "If we want to build policies and allocate funding for early education wisely, then we must allow educators and families to have a voice in how those decisions are made." The group is advo-

cating for a Department of Early Childhood at the state level to ensure these priorities can be met in the most effective and efficient way.

Kirsten Ragatz taught pre-K and kindergarten in Minneapolis Public Schools for 24 years. She retired early "because of the lack of respect for teachers at every level, from building administration, district administration, state and federal legislators, and even swaths of the general public." She is concerned that, "Our state's failure to invest in our youngest learners leaves kids without the early interventions they need, and it leaves a critical workforce without livable wages or access to the professional development they deserve."

She emphasized that, "As a culture, we know what to do. We have the resources—the money is there—to fully fund public schools and special education. We have the resources to subsidize child care so that those hard working teachers and the children in their care can thrive. We should be listening to teachers, for once, about what works in schools and child care centers, and what doesn't."

The speakers emphasized the importance of working together. Mary Solheim, a Kids Count on Us leader and Director of Playschool Child Care in Maplewood concluded, "So, against the backdrop of the pandemic, with an increased awareness of the importance of the child care industry and early learning settings, Minnesota has an opportunity to realize that education and care systems will stand together." She called on our elected leaders to act. "We ask Minnesota to make a much needed investment in our early learning and care systems to ensure we emerge stronger, more resilient, and more able to meet the needs of ALL children and families...together."

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Preschool Storytime at the Staples Library



Library Assistant, Angie Johnson reading to the preschoolers. (Submitted photos)

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March 7

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Middle school play to be performed March 18, 19

Staples-Motley Middle School will present, "Almost History: That whole space time continuum thing" at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The play will be performed Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, at 2 p.m.

A synopsis of the play, written by Treanor Baring, is as follows: "In a hilarious series of time-travelling misadventures, a Reporter and a Sidekick livestream from great moments in American history. Despite the über-scientist Sidekick's best efforts to keep the clueless Reporter out of trouble, they change the course of history and return to a comically chaotic present."

Father/daughter duo Kevin and Hallie Olsen are co-directing the play, which is a comedy. They've worked together on several past theatre projects (both at the school and community theatre), but this is the first time she's been in the director's chair, Hallie Olsen said.

A 2011 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Hallie went on to study Criminal Justice and Psychology at Bemidji State University. Upon graduating from college, she joined the military for four years, serving in the United States Air Force Security Forces (she is now in the Air Force Reserves).

Since getting out of the military, Hallie has been living in Omaha, Nebraska,

working backstage for the American Midwest Ballet Company. It's a way to get her foot in the door, Hallie said of her work at the theatre company. She is also enjoying the opportunity to work alongside her brother Matthew, a professional actor/director in the Omaha area. Matthew has also returned to Staples-Motley in years past to direct plays, and has designed the set for the upcoming middle school play.

In searching for a play to co-direct with her dad, Hallie said she looked for a comedy. With all that's happened in the world since 2020, it made sense to offer something lighthearted to the community. Plus, it's a script that the cast has been enjoying as well.

Cast list

The cast list is as follows: Adelaide Toepper, Me-

dia Milly; Walker Johnson, Sandra; Brynn Bestland, Mel; Noah Larson, Cody/Mr. Smetek; Cecily Moe, Jess/Ms. Wood; Raina Mikhaeil, Asst. Producer; Charles Dabbs, Producer/John Adams; Cameron Ganyo, La Pinta Navigator/Thomas Watson; Sarah Kroll, Thomas Jefferson; Maci Mithun, Ben Franklin; Marie Casillas, Alexander Graham Bell; Lily Davis, Michael Collins; Lexi Fishman, Buzz Aldrin/TV Crew Member; Leah Greenwaldt, Neil Armstrong; Jonathan Faulkner, Pythagoras/Head Imperial Guard; Jacob Faulkner, Einstein/Fan #1; Maria Halvorson, Marie Curie/Shipmate #3; Molly Hoemberg, Mary Shelley/Fan #2; Scarlett Stracek, Fan #3/Shipmate #2; Jasmine Isley, Shipmate #1 and #4.

Tickets for the performances will be available at the door.

School board work session March 7

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a a Work Session Mon., March 7 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

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Juanita Miller

Juanita Mae (Coleman) Miller, 95, of Staples, died February 15, 2022, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Juanita was born to John and Alma (Overby) Coleman on April 1, 1926 in Staples. She was in part raised by her grandparents, Jesse and Nettie (Ruch) Coleman. Juanita graduated from Staples High School in 1944. During high school she worked at the Coast to Coast Hardware Store in Staples. After graduation Juanita worked as a “Rosie the Rivetter” during WWII at Chargale defense plant in St. Cloud.

Juanita married Derald Miller on August 31, 1946. They were married for 62 years. Juanita considered herself a “city girl” but moved to the country upon marrying a “country boy”. They lived on a farm south of Staples. Together they operated the Southside Mini Mart, owned Miller Gulf Store later called Staples Self Serve and Miller True Value.

Juanita was an active member of the Church of Christ. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their



events. In 2019, Derald and Juanita were inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame for their support of the Staples-Motley Schools.

Juanita is survived by one daughter, Marilyn (Huck) Holst and one son, Dennis (Rayma) Miller both of Staples; five grandchildren, Debbie Holst Sterriker, Darren (Sheri) Holst and Chad Miller, all of Staples, Derek (Jen) Holst of Pillager and Ken Holst of Brainerd; eight great-grandchildren, Brandon, Brent, MacKenzie, Shania, Brian, Anthony, Jaida and Alea; three great-great-grandsons, Roy, Russell and Benjamin; two sisters, Amarylis (John) Gleim, Chelan, WA and Beverly Klobuchar, Auburn, WA; two sisters-in-law, Judy Rollins, Kendallville, IN and Margie Miller, Aitkins, IA; one brother-in-law, Carroll Miller, Staples and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Derald in 2008; parents John Coleman and Alma Rollins; five siblings, DeVon Coleman, John Coleman, Irys Tidball, Bob Rollins and Donna Denny and one grandson, Jason Miller.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Darrel Britsch



Darrel D. Britsch, 85, a longtime businessman from Devils Lake, ND passed away January 30, 2022, at his home with his loving family at his side.

Services were held February 7, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Devils Lake with Reverend JoHanna Buchholz officiating.

Darrel was born May 11, 1936 to Elmer and Nell (Hanson) Britsch at Rugby, ND. He was raised in York, ND the first ten years of his life. When he was in the fourth grade, his family moved to Towner, ND. Darrel graduated from Towner High School as Salutatorian of the Class of 1954. He lettered in football, basketball, participated in baseball and was tough to beat in the game of ping-pong.

Darrel continued his education at the North Dakota School of Forestry in Bottineau where he again lettered in football and basketball. He served in the North Dakota National Guard out of Bottineau prior to putting his continued education on hold and enlisted in the United States Army in 1957. He honorably and proudly served his country, first at Fort Leonard Wood, MO then three years in Milwaukee, WI. He served with the 852 Missile Battalion and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Darrel was united in

marriage to the love of his life, Anne Ritterman on September 8, 1957, at Leeds Lutheran Church. They would establish their home in Milwaukee, where their two daughters were born. After his discharge, the family moved to Hansboro, ND and Darrel worked for Standard Oil for three years. In anticipation of the girls starting school, the family moved to Cando, ND for six months before Darrel and Anne decided it was time to start the next chapter of their life.

Darrel attended UND to pursue a degree in accounting. He earned his accounting degree, passed the CPA exam and began a 54 year career as a CPA. His first job was as an accountant for Haskins and Sells in Portland, OR for three years, then moved the family to Minneapolis where he was employed by Broeker Hendrickson and Company and welcomed their son to the family.

Darrel opened his first accounting firm in Staples where he and Anne worked side-by-side and raised their family for the next six years. In 1976, the family moved to Devils Lake and would call it home. Darrel was the City Auditor and then the accountant for Porter Brothers in Minot, ND. In 1978, he opened his own CPA firm in Devils Lake, which has continued through the years with the help, love and support of Anne and his family, and with the addition of his son, Steve in partnership in 1994. Darrel retired in 2019, but the firm remains a thriving business in the Devils Lake community. His beloved Anne died on December 2, 2006.

Darrel was an active member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and served on the church council. He was chairman of the District 15 Republicans



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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....6:00 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Ray Miles Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m. Children’s Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sunlight (Kids ages 4 yrs-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY! Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m. Sunday.....8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....9:30 am. Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Community Meal.....5:30 p.m. Family Night.....6:00 p.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study.....7:30 p.m.	Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m. facebook live.....9 a.m. WEDNESDAY Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m. St. John’s Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. Sunday.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m. Oylen Oylen Alliance City, Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E on Cty 34 to Cty 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 1141 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Children’s Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard SUNDAY Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950 Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 Sunday Service.....10 a.m.
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“Hope”

Pastor Chris Mathiason, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples and Bethany Lutheran Church, Cushing

As I write this article, it is another snowy and cold day in Minnesota. February starts with Ground Hog’s Day, Valentine’s Day arrives on the ides of the month and near the end of the month we celebrate President’s Day.

February is a month of hope. We hope Ground Hog signals warm weather. We hope that we have a Valentine and hope even more for a good year of love and comfort with our special someone. We hope that leaders of the future live up and surpass the example of past presidents.

February is also a time to hope that Spring and warm weather will arrive soon. This is the time of year when we look ahead. We plan summer vacations, we look forward to spring and summer.

In our lives of faith, we also look ahead in hope. The joy of Christmas is packed away. Easter is late this calendar year and so more than a month away. In this in-between time, we hope in rituals of the ordinary. The joy we find in weekly worship, we find joy in daily prayer, we find joy in stories of faith, Bible reading, Christian music or devotions.

We hope for the end of Covid. Still trying to be careful in caring for our neighbor and those most at risk.

Through it all, we hope in Jesus. That Jesus walks with us and inspires us in our challenges and rejoices with us in our joys.

So as we wait in Hope, God Bless you and keep you. We don’t wait for what is next, instead in hope we seek to make God’s Kingdom become a reality. Today.

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Donald Brabec



Donald Brabec, 59, of Browerville, passed away unexpectedly February 22, 2022.

Mass of Christian burial was held March 1, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating.

Interment was held at Evergreen Cemetery in Browerville.

Don was born November 14, 1962, in Browerville to John and Leona (Weishalla) Brabec. He graduated from Browerville High School in 1981. While in high school he enjoyed playing baseball and was an accomplished pitcher. After graduating Don worked as a farmer and was the area taxi for many people. Don was an avid fisherman, loved animals and visiting with friends and neighbors. He was forever in a good mood, always willing to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by one brother, Larry (Joy) Brabec; three sisters, Rochelle (Ron) Shann, Marlene (Arnie) Reimer and Doreen Broquist; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Don is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sharon.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home - itenfuneralhome.com.

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DEADLINE
for all classified
ads and copy is
12 noon Friday

For the
Staples World



Girls basketball finishes regular season

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team finished the regular season with two conference losses, 89-43 against Crosby-Ironton on Feb. 24, and 60-55 at Aitkin on Feb. 25.

The Cardinals finished 1-9 in the Mid State Conference and 5-21 overall.

Staples-Motley plays their first Section 7AA play-off game on Tuesday, March 1, at Eveleth-Gilbert.

Team results
Staples-Motley 43, Crosby-Ironton 89
Scoring: Addison Lorber 19, Oliviah Lorber 8, Aften Robinson 6, Ashley Robben 4, Lauren Rutten 4, Meghan VanAlst 2

Cardinals drop two close conference games

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team played two competitive conference games but ended up with two losses, 68-60 against Pequot Lakes on Feb. 24, and 51-46 against Aitkin on Feb. 25.

Pequot Lakes is leading the Mid State Conference with a 7-1 record, but the Cardinals did not back down and battled to the end of the game. The team stayed within 10 points much of the game but fell behind by 18 in the second half. Hunter Miller led a comeback by scoring five baskets late in the half, but it wasn't enough at the end.

Against Aitkin, Staples-Motley led 26-23 at halftime but were outscored in the second half.

The Cardinals are now 0-7 in conference play and 6-16 overall.

Team results
Staples-Motley 60, Pequot Lakes 68
Scoring: Hunter Miller 23, Isaiah Schultz 21, Sivert Klefsaas 12, Dakota Hennigar 2, Chandler Braith 2
Staples-Motley 46, Aitkin 51
Scoring: Klefsaas 15, Miller 10, Schultz 9, Hennigar 6, Josh Schimpp 4, Dom Gomez 2



Scoring over the big guys

Hunter Miller rises up to score over the defense.



Off to the races

Chandler Braith steals the ball from a Pequot Lakes player and heads the other way. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers take on tough section, come home with hardware

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley wrestlers had a successful section tournament, with eight of nine wrestlers earning a section place despite being moved to one of the toughest sections in the state.

In their first trip to the newly created Section 7A, the team found every weight had ranked wrestlers and many weights had multiple ranked wrestlers to face.

Colbe Tappe made it to the championship match at 132 pounds, but lost 4-2 in the final seconds. He then lost 4-2 in overtime in the true second match to finish third.

Eli Greenwaldt placed fourth at 106 pounds. He beat a wrestler with 34 wins on the season in the first round with a 4-2 decision. He lost in the second round but came back to advance with a 4-0 win. He wrestled a high-scoring third place match but ended up on the short end, 18-9.

Three Cardinals placed fifth.

At 126 pounds, Owen Winter lost his opening match but came back to win with a pin, and won 10-0 in his fifth place match.

Jason Trantina opened the 138 pound bracket with a big 7-4 win over a wrestler who had 24 wins on the season. He lost 11-0 to the top seed, then came close to scoring a near fall before losing 2-0 to fall to the fifth place match. There, he took



Aggressive wrestling

Colbe Tappe lost his headgear but didn't lose control of his opponent's leg in the championship match. Tappe successfully shot in to grab a leg several

times in the match but was only able to turn one into a takedown. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

care of business with a convincing pin to earn a fifth place medal.

Steven Petrich dropped his first match at 220 pounds but came back with a pin to advance. In the fifth place match, he controlled the action and won 4-1.

Three Cardinals finished sixth.

At 120 pounds, Riley Reese had one of the most dramatic matches of the tournament. Down by two with four seconds left, he bull rushed his opponent, knocking him over with his toes barely in the ring

to earn a takedown with less than a second left. He then went on to win with a takedown in overtime to advance. But that was his last win, as he lost 3-0 and 3-1 to quality wrestlers to place sixth.

Blake Neelan won with a technical fall in his first wrestleback match at 145 pounds, but fell 11-5 and 7-4 in his last two matches to finish sixth.

Luke Bjerga fell behind in his first wrestleback match at 160 pounds, but turned it around and headlocked his opponent for a

three point near fall. He won by default when his opponent tried an illegal move to get out of it. In the fifth place match, Bjerga wrestled well but ended up with a 3-2 loss.

At 113 pounds, Jack Carlson was the only Cardinal wrestler who didn't advance to the medal rounds, but he faced a 40 win wrestler in the first round and a 37 win wrestler in the second round. He wrestled well, scoring the first takedown in his second match, but ended up with two losses.



Section wrestling action

Top left, Eli Greenwaldt; middle left, Luke Bjerga; lower left, Owen Winter locks in a cradle. Above, Jason Trantina blocks a shot; below, Steven Petrich; right, Riley Reese escapes; below right, Jack Carlson sweeps a leg for a takedown.



Doing the tough work

Blake Neelan grabs a leg and arm and pulls his opponent over the top.

**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
ORDINANCE NO. 534**
Amend the Staples
City Ordinance Sections
109-72, 109-73 & 109-118

AN ORDINANCE to
amend Sections 109-72, 109-
73 and 109-118 of the zoning
ordinance to set standards of
dwelling positioning
where the front door must
face the street.

The entire ordinance is
available for review on the
City’s website at [Staples.
govoffice.com](http://Staples.govoffice.com) or at City
Hall during regular busi-
ness hours.

Adopted this 22nd day of
February, 2022.

Tara Greer, City Clerk
10pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING CHANGE**

Fawn Lake Township
will be holding the regular
March meeting on Monday,
March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

This will be one week
earlier than normal. Ques-
tions, call the clerk at 218-
531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP 2022
ANNUAL MEETING**

The May Township, Cass
County, will hold it’s An-
nual Meeting on Tuesday,
March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at
the May Township Hall.
In case of bad weather,

the Annual Meeting will be
held the following Tuesday,
March 15, 2022, same time
and place.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Becker Township
Annual Meeting will be
held Tuesday, March 8, 2022,
at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker
Town Hall.

In case of bad weather
it will be held the following
Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at
7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town
Hall.

All township residents
are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
9-10pnc

**SECTION 00 1113
ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

**TITLE:
Staples-Motley
Facility Improvements
- Elementary**

LOCATION OF WORK:
1025 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479
OWNER:
Staples-Motley Public
Schools ISD #2170

905 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479
CONSTRUCTION:
ICS Consulting,
LLC.

MANAGER:
1139 Franklin Ave,
Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-360-5506
Contact:
Jorden Pangrac
ARCHITECTURAL:
JLG Architects
525 Broadway
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-408-7008

STRUCTURAL:
Northland Consulting
Engineers
102 South 21st Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55806
218-727-5995

**CIVIL, MECHANICAL
& ELECTRICAL ENGI-
NEER:**
CMTA
2201 12th Street N
Suite E
Fargo, ND 58102
701-280-0500

**PROJECT DESCRIP-
TION:**

The project consists of
interior and exterior ren-
ovations to the existing
Elementary School. Ren-
ovations include interior
classroom refreshes, indoor
air quality upgrades and
kitchen renovation. Work
scopes include but are not
limited to: Earthwork, Ma-
sonry, Roofing, General
Construction, Aluminum
Doors & Windows, Floor-
ing, Acoustical Ceilings &
Acoustical Treatment, Food
Service Equipment, Fire
Suppression, Mechanical,
and Electrical.

**BID DATE AND LOCA-
TION:**

Sealed Bids will be re-
ceived at **Staples-Motley
School District ISD #2170
District Office, 905 4th
Street NE, Staples, MN
56479** then publicly opened
and read aloud. Bids will
be received and stamped-in
prior to 2:00 p.m. local time
on March 24, 2022. Bids sub-
mitted after allotted time
will be discarded, **NO EX-
CEPTIONS.**

**EXAMINATION OF
DOCUMENTS:**

Bidders may view draw-
ings and specifications for
the project at the office of
the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access
to the bidding documents,
please contact the Con-
struction Manager at (320)
360-5506. The Construction
Manager can also provide
locations of Builders Ex-
change’s holding plans for
contractors to access. Bid-
ders are responsible for any,
and all costs associated with
the production of plans and
specifications for their use.

**BIDDING REQUIRE-
MENTS:**

Each Bidder must com-
ply with the following re-
quirements to reassure
acknowledgment and recog-
nition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompa-
nied by Bid security in the
form of a certified check,
cashier’s check, or Bid bond
in the amount of five per-
cent (5%) of the base Bid
submitted, made payable

to the owner, as guarantee
that Bidder will, if awarded,
enter into contract in accor-
dance with contract docu-
ments and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the pre-
scribed form, which is
furnished with the specifi-
cation, with full name and
address of the Bidder.

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

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

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

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

Owner may make such
investigations as they deem
necessary to determine the
ability, competency, and re-
sponsibility of the Bidder to
perform the work. Any Bid-
der shall furnish to Owner
all such information and
data for this purpose, as the
Owner may request. Owner
reserves the right to reject
any Bid if the evidence sub-
mitted by, or investigation
of, such Bidder fails to sat-
isfy the Owner that such
Bidder is properly qualified
to carry out the obligations
of the contract and to com-
plete the Work contemplat-
ed therein. The competence
and responsibility of Bid-
der will be considered in
making an award, includ-
ing, but not limited to; (1)
proof of financial responsi-
bility, (2) quality of similar
work, (3) amount of experi-
ence with similar projects,
(4) facilities, personnel and
equipment, (5) reputation
for performance, and (6)
the ability to complete the
work within specified time.
Owner reserves the right to
reject any Bid where there
is reasonable doubt as to the
qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right
to; (1) accept Bidder’s Base
Bid only, (2) accept any one
or more of bidder’s Alter-
nate Bids, in any order
regardless of the order in
which they were listed, (3)
reject all Bids, (4) award
contract based on his inves-
tigation of Bidders, as well
as acceptance of alternates,
all of which Owner deems
to be in his best interest, (5)
waive informalities or mi-
nor irregularities in Bids
and waive minor irregulari-
ties or discrepancies in Bid-
ding procedure.

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

**BIDDING DOCU-
MENTS & SITE REVIEW:**

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

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

Prior to submitting a
Bid, each Bidder is required
to examine all of the bid-
ding requirements, all Con-
tract Documents, all draw-
ings, and specifications for
the Project (including those
primarily for other Subcon-
tracts). Contractors shall
become thoroughly famil-
iar with the scope of the
Project and all factors and
items of work which will af-
fect their Bid or the Work,
whether shown or specied
in documents primarily for
Work of others or Work of
this Contract.

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

**PRE-BID CONFER-
ENCE:**

A Pre-Bid conference
will be held at **3:30 p.m.
on March 9, 2022 at Staples-
Motley School District ISD #2170 District
Office, 905 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479.** If Bid-
ders want to visit the phys-
ical site, a site review will
take place immediately fol-
lowing the Pre-Bid confer-
ence at Staples-Motley El-
ementary School. No extras
will be allowed because of
the Bidder’s misinterpreta-
tion to the amount of work
involved, Bidder’s own er-
ror, negligence, or failure to
examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after re-
ceipt of the signed contract
from the Owner. The antic-
ipated award date is March
31, 2022. Pre-construction
and submittals work relat-
ed to the project is to com-
mence immediately after re-
ceipt of the signed contract.
The onsite work will begin
on the premises no later
than June 1, 2022.

**SUBSTANTIAL AND
COMPLETION DATE:**

Owner requires all work
to be substantially complete
in different areas through-
out the site on or before
milestone dates as listed
in the Summary of Work
as well as the overall con-
struction schedule provid-
ed in section 01 3210 Project
Schedule Requirements.
Final completion of all
work must be completed by
12/1/2022.

**END OF
SECTION 00 1113**
10-12pnc

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MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF
STATE
Certificate of
Assumed Name**
*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

The filing of an assumed
name does not provide a
user with exclusive rights
to that name. The filing is
required for consumer pro-
tection in order to enable
consumers to be able to
identify the true owner of
a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
**Mix and Match Farm
Creations**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF
BUSINESS:

**48874 291st Ave.
Staples, MN 56479
United States**
NAMEHOLDER(S):
**Jessica Marie Paklon-
sky**

**48874 291st Ave.
Staples, MN 56479
United States**

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signature would be required who
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document on his/her behalf, or in
both capacities. I further certify
that I have completed all required
fields, and that the information in
this document is true and correct
and in compliance with the appli-
cable chapter of Minnesota Stat-
utes. I understand that by signing
this document I am subject to the
penalties of perjury as set forth in
Section 609.48 as if I had signed
this document under oath.*

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**NOTICE
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP
2022 ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The Annual Election
of Officers will be held on
Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The
polls will be open from 5:00
p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mot-
ley Township Town Hall.
Positions to be filled are as
follows:

One (1) Supervisor for a
three (3) year term
One (1) Clerk for a two (2)
year term.

Absentee ballots are
available by appointment at
the home of the Clerk, 218-
330-7887.

In case of inclement
weather the Annual Elec-
tion of Officers and Annual
Meeting will be postponed
until Tuesday, March 15,
2022.

The following will be
held after the Annual Elec-
tion of Officers: The Board
of Canvass, The Annual
Meeting and the Regular
Monthly Meeting.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township
10pnc

**NOTICE
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING
FOR THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP**

The polls will be open
from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for
the Thomastown Township
election of:

One (1) supervisor
One (1) clerk
The annual township
meeting will be held follow-
ing the canvassing of the
election at 8:10 p.m.

The election and Annual
Meeting will be held March
15, 2022, at the same time if
there is bad weather on the
8th.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
9-10pnc

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File Number
77-PR-21-696
Case Type:
Informal Probate**

In re: the Estate of
Yvonne Dorothy Dickman,
Deceased

**Notice of Informal
Probate of Will
and Appointment
of Personal
Representative and
Notice to Creditors**

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDI-
TORS;**

Notice is hereby given
that an application for in-
formal probate of the above-
named Decedent’s Last Will
dated September 17, 2003
has been filed with the Pro-
bate Registrar, and the ap-
plication has been granted.

Notice is also given that
the Probate Registrar has
informally appointed the
following:

Kevin Lynn Dickman
108 Timberline DR N
Colleyville, TX 76034

As personal represen-
tative of the Estate of the
Decedent. Any heir, devisee
or other interested person
may be entitled to appoint-
ment as personal represen-
tative, or may object to the
appointment of the person-
al representative. Unless ob-
jections are filed pursuant to
Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and
the court otherwise orders,
the personal representative
has full power to administer
the Estate, including, after
30 days from the date of is-
suanace of letters, the power
to sell, encumber, lease or
distribute real estate.

Any objections to the
probate of the Will, or to
the appointment of the per-
sonal representative, must
be filed with this court, and
will be heard by the court
after the filing of an appro-
priate petition and proper
notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that,
subject to Minn. Stat. §
524.3-801, all creditors hav-
ing claims against the Es-
tate are required to present
the claims to the personal
representative or to the
Court Administrator with-
in four (4) months after the
date of this Notice, or the
claims will be barred.

Dated: September 24, 2021

District Court Judge
Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator
9-10pnp

**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
2022 ANNUAL
MEETING**

Meadowbrook Township
will hold its Annual Meet-
ing on Tuesday, March 8,
2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lead-
er Community Hall.

In case of inclement
weather the Annual Meet-
ing will be held the follow-
ing Tuesday, March 15, 2022,
same time and place.

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
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**NOTICE MAY
TOWNSHIP
GRADER FOR SALE
BY QUOTES**

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contact: 218-851-7502, Jason.

Quotes accepted at May
Township Hall until 7:00
p.m. March 14, 2022. No
quote accepted after 7:00
p.m. on March 14, 2022. The
board reserves the right to
accept or reject any or all
quotes.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
10pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

Fawn Lake Township
will hold an election for:

One (1) supervisor posi-
tion, three (3) year term
One (1) clerk, two (2) year
term

on Tuesday, March 8,
2022, from 5:00 p.m. until
8:00 p.m. at the Fawn Lake

Hall. Board of Canvass to
immediately follow.

The Annual Meeting
will immediately follow the
Board of Canvass.

In case of inclement
weather, all will be held the
following Tuesday, March
15, 2022, at the same times.

Questions call the clerk
at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

**WADENA BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPEAL FOR A
VARIANCE**

Notice is hereby given
that on Thursday, the 17th
day of March, 2022, at 7:00
p.m., the Board of Adjust-
ment will hold a public
hearing on the application
of **Scott J. and Jolleen
Yungbauer, 11870 Co. Rd.
30, Staples, MN 56479**, for
a variance on the following
described property: NW1/4
NE1/4, except the NE1/4
NW1/4 NE1/4, and except
tract filed June 22, 1964 in
Book 56 of Deeds, Pg. 547,
Section 25, Township 134N
Range 33W, Thomastown
Township, located in an A-3
General Agriculture Dis-
trict.

Application, if approved,
would allow a third split of
a ¼ ¼ parcel of land for the
purpose of building a single
family dwelling.

All persons interested
are invited to attend said
hearing and be heard on
this matter. Instructions for
how to access the meeting
electronically, for observa-
tion purposes only, will be
on the County website cal-
endar at [www.co.wadena.
mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us). Written correspon-
dence must be received by
the Wadena County Zoning
Office, 415 Jefferson St. S.,
Room 234, Wadena, MN
56482 before close of busi-
ness the day of the hearing
in order to be accepted and
must include the **full name
and address of the person
sending the correspon-
dence in order to be ac-
cepted for presentation
to the Adjustment Board
at the public hearing.**
The correspondence may
be submitted in person, by
U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the
Zoning Office but it MUST
include the required infor-
mation.

Wadena County
Board of Adjustment

Date: February 24, 2022
10pnc

**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Staples Township
Election and Annual Meet-
ing will be held Tuesday,
March 8, 2022 at the Staples
Town Hall located at 25750
490th St., Staples.

The Polling Hours are
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Positions to be filled are:
One (1) supervisor, three
(3) year term;

One (1) Clerk, two (2)
year term.

Board of Canvass will
follow the election with the
Annual meeting immediat-
ely after that.

In case of inclement
weather, the Election and
Annual Meeting will be held
one week later on Tuesday,
March 15, 2022.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
BARTLETT TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Bartlett Township
Election and Annual Meet-
ing will be held Tuesday,
March 8, 2022 at the Bart-
lett Town Hall. The Polling
hours are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00
p.m.. Positions to be filled
are:

One (1) Supervisor C,
three (3) year term.

One (1) Supervisor A,
one (1) year term

One (1) Clerk, two (2)
year term

Board of Canvass will
follow the election with the
Annual meeting beginning
at 8:15 p.m.

In case of inclement
weather, the Election and
Annual Meeting will be held
one week later on Tuesday,
March 15, 2022.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township
10pnc

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Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education
Freshwater Education District
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Desert hazards, culture shock coming home

“don’t tell too much, don’t let them tell you too much.”

Sand and camels

With the community helping out with his family, Newton was able to concentrate on his work in Kuwait. He also went along on training exercises in Egypt and other neighboring countries.

His normal job was to have a nine to ten hour maintenance shift, but if they got a call of an equipment breakdown, they would have to load up their gear and take off within ten minutes to go fix it. Sometimes those missions would take six hours or more.

Newton said there is a saying in the Army: “If it wasn’t for maintenance, nothing would move.”

But working in the desert brought up an entire new set of challenges.

“It got up to 133 degrees one day,” he said.

They learned to keep a

cooler filled with cold water that they could put tools into when they got too hot to touch. They tried to work at night a lot for cooler temperatures and usually less wind blowing.

When sandstorms came through the base, Newton said all they could do was seal off equipment the best they could. Some of the big equipment had to stay outside because there is no garage big enough to hold it.

Sand became an issue on an every day basis.

“Sand gets into bearings and all other places, we had to keep everything as clean as we possibly can,” said Newton.

Another hazard in Kuwait was dodging camels while driving. Newton said the animals roam free but are owned by Kuwaiti royalty, so they have to be respectful and make sure not to hit them with big equipment.

The largest camels are

hobbled with ropes so they can’t roam too far, but that also makes them a bigger hazard as they slowly cross the roads.

“It can be a nightmare getting people through the city,” said Newton, especially if it is a convoy of large equipment.

If he had to haul back trucks that couldn’t be fixed on site, “It’s like a caterpillar of steel, and you have to watch out for the camels walking across the highway,” he said.

That was combined with a local driving culture that included 11 year old drivers and people who didn’t know how to drive on slick roads caused by sand and rain.

On some excursions, Newton would have to drive in desert areas with no roads, but there are markers in the sand where you are supposed to drive. He did get to enjoy some of the local food and art while outside of his base.

Working in Army maintenance means Newton has to be able to repair a wide variety of vehicles. It gives him a chance to impress his kids by showing them the 35 ton tractor he drove that day or fixing a vehicle with 10 axels.

“To me, it’s work,” said Newton, although he appreciates that it is unusual for work to include taking out a 10,000 pound engine or using a 1,200 pound torque wrench.

Coming home

The Army knows there is always a transition period when soldiers return home. Newton took a couple of days to decompress and stayed at a friends house the night before returning to Staples.

When his unit came back, there was a bus parade with police and fire trucks escorting them to the base. For some, this proved to be a bit over the top.

“Most guys wanted to get there quietly. We just played our role, we don’t want to be stars when we come home,” said Newton.

The family’s neighbor Greg Flickinger, a former service member, put small flags in the snowbanks along their street as a welcome. Kaija and the kids made signs to welcome him home.

But they still didn’t know exactly when he would arrive. He surprised Kaija in their garage, then they went to the school to pick up the kids.

“I was probably the most surprised,” said Ryker. “It was surprising and yummy,” because they got to go out to eat to celebrate the homecoming.

The next day they drove to Grand Rapids to see Jared’s mom and other family.

Getting back to regular life at home took some time.

“Everything changed, nothing stayed the same,” said Newton. “It’s like you want to watch a movie that you stopped in the middle of, but when you press play they have already finished that movie and they are several movies ahead.”

On top of that, the military base lifestyle is completely different than home life.

“On the base, everyone has the same mind-set, we wake up at the same time and eat at the same time. At home you have to make all the decisions yourself, it can be very stressful, I had to get used to being on my own.”

While it was a good homecoming, there will still be more adjustments to make.

Newton plans on continuing to work at Camp Ripley. His unit could be up for another deployment in three years, but now he knows that the community is supportive of him and his family if he has to go again.



From sand to snow

Above, some of the equipment Jared Newton worked with in Kuwait. Below, Newton on assignment and some of the flags and signs that welcomed him home.



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