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Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 23	49°	27°	Cloudy
Mar. 24	46°	30°	P. Sunny
Mar. 25	40°	18°	Cloudy
Mar. 26	37°	16°	M. Sunny
Mar. 27	42°	28°	M. Cloudy
Mar. 28	47°	31°	Cloudy
Mar. 29	41°	26°	Cloudy

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 23	41°	36°	Cloudy
Mar. 24	44°	34°	Rain
Mar. 25	43°	27°	Sunny
Mar. 26	42°	24°	Cloudy
Mar. 27	40°	38°	Showers
Mar. 28	48°	25°	Sunny
Mar. 29	77°	37°	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 41° Low = 24°

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CLC expanding into meat cutting

David Endicott, CLC Dean, talks about the upcoming meat cutting program that will start in the fall at the Staples campus. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Meat cutting program coming to Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Central Lakes College is planning to start a meat cutting program at the Staples campus in the fall of 2022. "We're very excited, the workforce need is very apparent," said David Endicott, CLC Dean. Endicott spoke about the new program at the Carbon, Cowboys, and Cow Pies feedlot meeting at the CLC campus on March 17. CLC recently received a \$2 million grant from the state and \$3.1 million from another USDA grant to get the program started. To start the program, they will need USDA approved butchering units, a chill room and a cut and wrap room. There is a possibility of adding a

retail portion that could sell the meats from the college. The college already has 13 students accepted to the program, with another 30 to 45 students who have shown some interest. For a startup program, Endicott said that shows "significant interest" from potential students. The meat cutting program will be a one semester program, concentrating primarily on beef and pork cuts. In the future Endicott said they might add a second semester that would focus on customized meats such as smoked meat, halal sausage or deer processing. Endicott said the students coming to the program have a variety of reasons to learn about meat cutting. He said some want to process meat on their own farm, others will want to join the work-

force at a grocery store or butcher shop. The need for meat cutting became apparent during the pandemic in 2020, when some large processing plants were forced to shut down and a lot farmers could not get their livestock processed. The Staples campus is working on opening two other programs that are farm and food related. The culinary program will be on the Staples campus, where there is a USDA certified kitchen. Endicott said this could set up the college with a full farm to table experience. The college is also trying to open an agronomy program, which is the study of soil management and crop production. CLC hopes to open the agronomy program in the fall of 2023.



Cover crops diversify farms

Grant and Dawn Breikreutz talked about the value of adding cover crops at Carbon, Cowboys, and Cow Pies, the 2022 Todd County Feedlot Meeting. When they first started farming, their operation consisted of only corn, soybeans, alfalfa and cattle. Since then, they have expanded to open-pollinated untreated

corn, no-till soybeans, heritage wheat, food-grade oats, cereal rye, dry peas, 7-grain mix for livestock, pasture chickens, pasture hogs, egg layers, grain and grass-finished cattle and cover crops for grazing. They are also helping other landowners diversify their farms. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Highway accident Emergency personnel check out the accident where a semi truck hit a car entering the highway in the fog. See story below. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Wet roads/fog, factor in Hwy. 10 collision

Wet roads and foggy conditions contributed to an accident on Highway 10 near Staples on March 20. Around 8:30 a.m., a vehicle driven by Alan Meyer, 54, of Staples, was turning onto Highway 10 from 305th Avenue, two miles east of Staples. A semi truck traveling west collided with the vehicle. Meyer was taken to Lake-wood Health System with non-life threatening injuries. A passenger in his vehicle, Judy Thompson, 57, of Staples, reported no injuries. The semi truck driver, Darrel Loeb, 56, of Fargo, and passenger Shelly Loeb, 55, were not injured. Emergency responders included; Staples Police, Todd County Sheriff's Dept, Staples Ambulance and Staples Fire Dept. The MN State Patrol is investigating the crash.

Other reports taken by the Staples Police included: March 16 - Staples Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle taking photo's of a residence from a vehicle. Police recognized the vehicle and knew from prior contacts that the person was an appraiser. Police advised the complainant. March 17 - Staples Police responded to the 500 block of 2nd St SW for welfare check. It was reported the complainant hasn't seen the subject in over a month, and the snow hasn't been removed from his property. Police arrived and determined the subject has moved. Police called the subject who advised he was fine. March 8 - Staples Police received a report of an assault that took place at Lefty's Bar. The incident is being investigated.

UTV crash results in serious injuries

At approximately 5:44 p.m., on March 20, 2022 the Wadena County Sheriff's Office and other emergency personnel were dispatched to the 2400 block of Cty Rd 139, near Nimrod, of a report of a UTV rollover. Two volunteer firemen were in the area coyote hunting when they came across a UTV rolled on its side and called for an ambulance. It was reported that there were two individuals who were injured. Emergency personnel arrived on scene to find a Polaris Ranger over turned, on its passenger side, resting in the ditch. It appeared

that the UTV was eastbound on Cty Rd 139 when the driver lost control of the machine and began to fish-tail, causing it to roll. The driver of the UTV was identified as Shawna Holmquist, age 34, of Nimrod, along with three juveniles in the UTV at the time of the crash. One juvenile was in the front passenger seat and the other two juveniles were in the bed of the UTV. The two juveniles that were in the bed of the UTV were ejected at the time of the crash. They were checked at the scene by

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Fatal vehicle accident near Browerville

A vehicle fatality was reported on March 15 near Browerville. Matthew Peter, 41, of Little Falls died in the accident. At 3:25 p.m., the Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of County Road 14 and County Road 5. A vehicle driven by Peter was struck by a vehicle driven by Markus McMann, 27, of Motley. Peter was pronounced deceased at the scene. A juvenile passenger in Peter's vehicle sustained minor injuries and was transported to CentraCare Hospital. The juvenile passenger was later released. McMann and a passenger in his vehicle, Dulce Orozco, were checked for injuries at the scene and were released. McMann was taken to the Todd County Detention Center, pending formal charges related to the accident. Also responding to the accident were Browerville Fire Department, Clarissa Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Life Link Air Ambulance and CentraCare Ambulance.

Motley City Council accepts city clerk’s resignation, learns of Lakewood president’s retirement



Bittersweet farewell

Curt Bryniarski, Motley’s City Clerk/Treasurer for the past two years, has accepted a job with Morrison County. In his resignation letter, Bryniarski told the city council that he thoroughly enjoyed his time in Motley and gained lifelong friends. His last day of full-time employment with the City of Motley will be April 11. (Staples World photo by Dawn Tmbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting March 14, the Motley City Council learned they would be saying “goodbye” to two people in the upcoming months. City Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski has accepted a position at Morrison County; and Tim Rice, longtime President/CEO at Lakewood Health System in Staples, is retiring at the end of the year.

Council member Amy Hutchison read Bryniarski’s resignation letter, which indicated his last day of full-time employment will be April 11. “Thank you so much for the opportunity to work in this position for the past two years,” Bryniarski wrote. “I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Motley and I have gained lifelong friends. The experience that I have gained in government

accounting and administration will be a great asset for the rest of my career.”

Bryniarski went on to say in his letter that “If allowed, I would like to stay onboard part-time until my successor is hired and settled in to his or her new role,” adding that he wants to make the transition go as smoothly as possible.

Mayor Al Yoder congratulated Bryniarski on his new job. He went on to say that he appreciated Bryniarski’s work in Motley, adding that he brought a lot of knowledge to the table, as well as a calm demeanor at city hall. The mayor described Bryniarski as being the easiest clerk they’ve had to work with.

It was with regrets that the council accepted Bryniarski’s resignation, as well as his request to stay on part-time in Motley until his successor is on board.

The council also

accepted a motion to post the position of Clerk/Treasurer in the Morrison County Record, Staples World and the League of Minnesota Cities. A hiring committee was also set, which includes Mayor Yoder, council member Hutchison, Police Chief Jason Borash, Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, and possibly Bryniarski and Matt Pantzke (Randall City Manager), depending on schedules.

In a later conversation, Bryniarski shared that his position at Morrison County is that of Chief Financial Officer. “The role is within the Administration department and works closely with the Auditor/Treasurer’s department,” he said. He’s excited about his new venture, but it comes with a bittersweet farewell. “It’s been a great position for me and I’ve had great co-workers and a great council to work with,” Bryniarski said.

For the past 42 years, Tim Rice has been the main voice to bring Lakewood Health System’s Annual Hospital District Report to the Motley City Council. This would be his last time doing this, Rice told the council March 14, noting his upcoming retirement Dec. 31, 2022. He noted that immediate and long-term succession planning is being completed.

Joining Rice at the meeting was Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood’s Chief Financial Officer; and Lana Hansen, who serves on the District Board.

Lakewood’s biggest challenge during 2021 was COVID-19, Rice said. Every hospital in the state was full, which meant Lakewood was unable to transfer patients to other facilities. In addition, since they were at full capacity in the ED and hospital with critical patients, other adjustments had to be made in regards to their services and employees. Rice mentioned some departments had to be shut down to accommodate patients.

Their employees and physicians at Lakewood



Giving the annual Lakewood report

Tim Rice, President/CEO at Lakewood Health System, Staples, and Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood’s Chief Financial Officer (standing at right), gave a presentation at the Motley City Council’s regular meeting March 14. Rice mentioned that this would be his last time doing the annual report, as he is retiring (after 42 years

at Lakewood) at the end of the year. Pictured, back row from left, are Mayor Al Yoder and Council Member Pat O’Regan. In the foreground is Lana Hansen, Motley, who serves on the System Board at Lakewood. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Health System (including their care center and assisted living apartments) did an outstanding job of keeping people safe during the pandemic, Rice said. Everyone did what they had to do.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lakewood still had a lot of other things going on. New talent was hired, with additional hirings expected in 2022. “We continue to recruit,” Rice said. There have been a few retirements and resignations over the past year as well. At present, there are a total of 334 total credentialed providers. A remodeling project at the main campus began in November of 2021 and is expected to be completed by October of 2022.

They are very proud of their care center, Rice said, noting that it’s been ranked in the top five percent of Minnesota Nursing Home Quality of Care. For over 10 years, Lakewood’s Care Center has also received five out of five stars per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 5 Star report.

During her portion of the presentation, Bjerga

gave an operational update, during which she noted there were a total of 452 births at Lakewood during 2021. Apparently, social distancing was not happening everywhere, Bjerga joked.

Bjerga also noted there have been changes in specialty coverage, with Twin Cities Orthopedics now partnering with Lakewood.

In her financial update, Bjerga noted that Lakewood’s net income was \$7.3 million. There was no levy again this year, and for the eighth year in a row they have not raised their prices.

Thanks to grant awards totaling \$642,725, Lakewood has been able to focus on community needs, with 100 percent of these funds going back to the community. Rice mentioned Lakewood’s Engage program, which focuses on people’s health. Addressing food insecurity in the community is a priority for Lakewood, as well as focusing on other areas of concern such as mental health, obesity/lack of activity.

As needs are identified in the community, Lakewood strives to be part of the solution, Bjerga said. A partnership with the Staples-Motley School District

has been formed, with plans to build an indoor walking track (The Lakewood Nest); and their partnership with Magic Forest Child-care Center & Preschool continues to be a positive one. They are currently at capacity and this continues to be a needed entity in the community.

After the presentation, Mayor Yoder expressed concern that there was not a lot about Motley mentioned in the report. “We feel left out,” the mayor said, adding that there seems to be a lot of stuff about Staples in Lakewood news. Mayor Yoder wondered if there was anything they could do on their end to be more a part of Lakewood.

Rice said that there have been more discussions with people from Motley. Currently, there are quite a few people from the Motley area on Lakewood’s System and District Board, including Lana Hansen, Fran Kokett, Amy Brichacek, Stephanie Jordahl and Curt McIlravy. Rice said he appreciated the input from the Motley City Council and encouraged them to reach out with their questions and concerns. They will do their best to address them.



Sr. Citizens hold St. Paddy’s Day party

The Staples Sr. Citizens group held their annual St. Paddy’s Day party at the Staples Community Center March 16. In addition to enjoying a meal together, the group played bingo, competing for cash prizes. Pictured at left, back row from left, are: Gloria Marden, Jeannie Huebner, Amy Lindstrom, Rose Hoemberg, Judy Young, Mary Lou Sapp, Kathy Crews, Bonnie Hansen. Front row: Arlene Grover, Maryann Riewer, Martha Holsapple,

Jeanette Olsen.

Jeannie Huebner was the winner of the St. Paddy’s Day door prize, a \$15 gift certificate to Ernie’s Food Market in Staples. The Staples Sr. Citizens meet on the third Wednesday of every month for lunch and games. Bingo (with cash prizes) is being offered for free for the remainder of the year. All senior citizens are welcome. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• March 20, 1947 - Pupils of the Sacred Heart Parochial school of Staples, and members of the adult choir are presenting a combined program and musical at the K. C. Auditorium in Staples March 23. The whole affair is being put on for the benefit of the starving children of foreign countries.

• March 20, 1947 - Housewives have been very optimistic about the fact that beginning April first their spare sugar stamp would become good, but, according to a bulletin from the office of temporary controls

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of the office of price administration in Chicago, the bulletin which was received by The World last week end, the allotment of sugar, but the use of the stamp which becomes valid on April first, will not be increased.

Spare stamp No. 53, previously validated for five pounds through April 30, now expires on March 31.

One ration stamp MUST now do the work of two. Each stamp will be good for 10 pounds, but stamps will not be validated as often as they were last year, when two stamps were made good for home caning.

• March 20, 1947 - Mrs. Ray Michener, who is adult leader of the Poplar 4-H club states that the program recently put on at the Leader Community hall by the club, was most successful in every manner.

Michener expressed special thanks to P. E. Smith, who acted as master of ceremonies, to Mrs. E. McLaughlin, who was the pianist and to the Leader business men, Elwood Moser, Alvah Nygren, Frank Rasmussen, George Haag, and the Farmers Cooperative Creamery who so generously donated prizes.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the March 27, 1997 edition of the Staples World featured EvaJoy Lund (left) and Sandy Odden, both of Staples, who had just returned from Hollywood, Calif., where they were guests on the "Caryl & Marilyn Show."

Kathy Odden, Mary Sperley, Michelle Lundquist and Judy Wolak, all of Staples, correctly identified both women. Wolak said she thought the photo was taken when they appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show. She also shared that "EvaJoy and Sandy became friends of mine when we taught at Staples Elementary. All of us at the school were so excited to see them on the show!"

Amy Hunter, Richmond, correctly identified both, and recalled that they had won a trip to be on a TV show. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Labor participation, jobs rising

From Minnesota DEED

Minnesota gained 10,200 jobs in the last month on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to numbers released by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). This follows the addition of 2,500 jobs in December 2021 (revised). The jobs growth from December 2021 to January 2022 is the largest single-month growth since July 2021. The private sector gained 9,100 jobs, up 0.4 percent, continuing a four-month-long job gains streak.

The unemployment rate ticked down in January 2022 to 2.9 percent from 3.0 percent in December 2021. The decline was entirely due to people moving from unemployment to employment. The labor force participation rate rose from

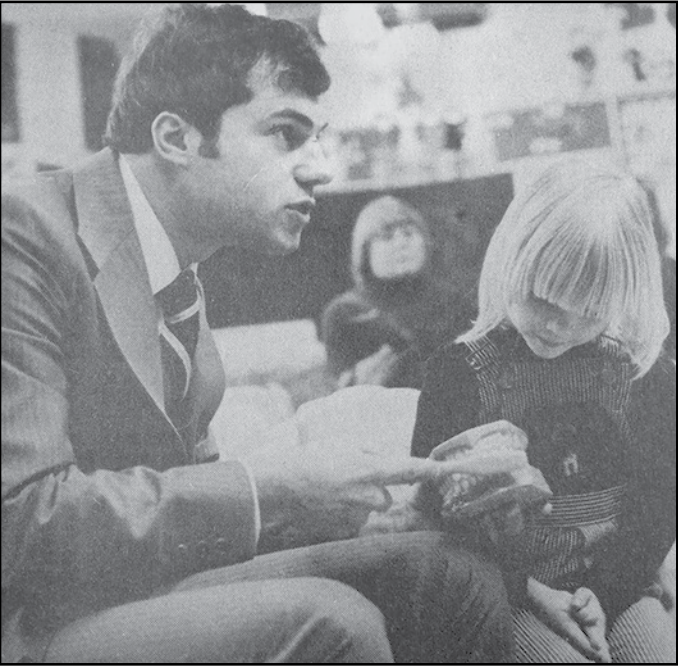
67.3 percent in December 2021 (revised), to 67.6 percent January 2022, up three-tenths of a percentage point. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0 percent and the labor force participation rate also rose three-tenths of a percentage point to 62.2 percent (revised).

"Today's job numbers show great momentum at a critical time in our economy," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "And a jump in labor force participation shows that efforts to connect job seekers with great jobs are succeeding. We remain laser-focused on helping businesses and workers connect at a time of historically large workforce shortages across every industry."

Every March, DEED also releases the revised employment numbers for the past several years. These revisions always result in shifts for some months of data for the unemployment rate, the labor force participation rate and the job count. Any time data has been revised from previous reports, you will see that marked by (revised).

Gains were in Mining and Logging up 100, Manufacturing up 1,600, Information up 600, Financial Activities up 1,200, Professional & Business Services up 3,600, Education and Health Services up 900, Leisure & Hospitality up 1,800, Other Services up 1,200 and Government up 1,100.

Minnesota lost 417,600 jobs from February through April 2020 (benchmarked) and has since gained 296,800 jobs as of January 2022, or 71 percent of the jobs lost on a seasonally adjusted



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 7, 1980 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.

Ranking second in the class and graduating as the salutatorian will be Connie Muckala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Muckala.

• March 23, 1972 - Tim Roline was named as the recipient of the annual Joe Hirschey Memorial Cross-Country Award at the annual banquet held Monday evening at Ted & Gen's, Aldrich. Coach Jerry Riewer presented the award to Roline, along with Coach Tom Danculovich.

Riewer said that Roline was selected by his teammates as the 1971 squad member who best exemplified the true meaning of a real athlete. This award is given each year in memory of the late Joe Hirschey, who led his 1965 team to the first District 24 C-C title for Staples high school, and who came back in 1966 to lead his team to an undefeated season going into the State meet. The 1966 team won 12 meetings in a row, including the District 24 and Region Six crowns.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roline.

• March 23, 1972 - AS of Tuesday, March 21, Staples and Verndale telephone users were able to dial each other directly and without a long distance charge.

L. G. Lundeen, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company manager, said that the new calling arrangement is a result of a joint agreement between Northwestern Bell and the West Central Telephone Company.

• March 23, 1972 - The world's premiere showing of the motion picture, "Edge of the Arctic Ice," will be held in Staples March 29, at the Staples Theatre. The full-length feature film was directed and produced by Floyd Klang, former Staples resident, who will be present for the premiere showing.

The film deals with the everyday lives of the Bud Helmericks family, who live at the edge of the Arctic ocean. Helmericks, who moved to the Arctic Circle about 31 years ago, is a bush

pilot and guide. He also is the author and co-author of several books. His wife and he also operate a commercial fishing venture, and they have raised their family at this remote outpost of civilization.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• March 20, 1997 - The Staples Motley boys basketball team advanced into the State Class AA High School Basketball Tournament with back-to-back victories last Friday and Saturday over Minnewaska and East Grand Forks respectively.

The Cardinals "eked" out a 64-41 win over the Lakers in Friday's semifinal and overcame the Green Wave's challenge with a 54-35 decision on Saturday. Both games had been delayed a day because of last week's snow storm.

• March 20, 1997 - Heidi Cunningham is the author of the first place essay in the Staples Rotary Club's annual Four-Way Test essay contest.

Heather Ellis and Chris Schock tied for second place and local cash awards of \$25 each. Cunningham's essay won a \$50 cash award.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• March 22, 2012 - In addition to sharing a long history with the Staples School District, Dr. Duane Lund and Mr. Reuben Hasselberg share the same birthday... March 23.

This year, they'll both be celebrating their special day at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, Reuben's home since 2010; and Duane's for the past six months.

• March 22, 2012 - The Staples Motley chess club "The Checkmates" hosted their first chess tournament on March 17, at the Staples High School cafeteria. Five rounds, one-hour long of chess by participants who were divided into age categories. A total of 89 players participated in the day's activities.

basis. The private sector has regained 75 percent of the jobs lost.

Many Minnesotans continue to be out of work, but the employment impact of the pandemic on workers has been difficult to measure. The pandemic caused some people to drop out of the workforce, lowering labor force participation, which resulted in an unemployment rate below what would be expected given job losses. The table below accounts for this by showing an adjusted unemployment rate, based on 12-month moving averages, that includes both Minnesotans who are looking for work now and who would have been expected to be working or looking for work if it wasn't for the impact of the pandemic.

Spradlin retiring, CLC Foundation looking for new director

The Central Lakes College Foundation announced a new partnership with the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center. As an integral part of Central Lakes College, the PAC will now work directly with the Foundation to continue the tradition of outstanding cultural arts, theatre productions and community connections to CLC's stages.

"Together, we will expand outreach and leverage resources to ensure the legacy of the Performing Arts Center - a wonderful entertainment and educational resource for Central Lakes College and the community," said Kate Adornetto, CLC Foundation Director. "The Performing Arts Center is a jewel for the Foundation and another way to directly connect with our supporters."

Performing arts has a rich tradition at CLC, dating back to 1968 when instructor Bob Dryden led theatre programming for then Brainerd Community College. After many successful years, the program saw the addition of two theatre spaces, the Chalberg Theatre and the Dryden Theatre. The Cultural Arts Series was started by Spradlin in 2006, featuring staged readings of plays, local poets and musicians, and a locally produced film festival. As the popularity of the series grew, so did the organization supporting it. The designation of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center in 2012 as an arts affiliate of the College assured the continued growth of both Brainerd Community Theatre and the Cultural Arts Series.

Community leaders have expressed enthusiasm for the new partnership. "The Central Lakes Foundation is very excited to be even more closely associated with the Performing Arts at Central Lakes College," said Jim Benson, Foundation Board Chair. "Our board and staff are looking forward to continuing all of the great

things that the performing arts brings to the region."

The College is in the early stages of hiring a new director. In partnership with the Foundation and the College, the new director will guide the growth, public image and brand awareness of the CLCPAC within the Brainerd lakes area. This individual will coordinate strategic and artistic planning and programming with existing and new programs to enhance the mission of the Center and the College.

Foundation Board member Lisa Wigand added, "As a former member of the Performing Arts Center Advisory Board, I am thankful to Patrick Spradlin for his dedication to the performing arts in our community. Under his leadership, the program has grown both in size and reputation. I look forward to the partnership between the CLC Foundation and the Performing Arts Center. Working together, we expect to continue the tradition of providing excellent cultural arts programs at Central Lakes College and to increase the involvement of the community in our events."

CLCPAC will present the play 'Clarence Darrow,' featuring Spradlin, for its last theatre production of the academic year. The CLC Foundation will have tickets available for donation online at CLCPAC.givesmart.com. Proceeds will go to the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Theatre Fund.

"Performing arts is a vital part of Central Lakes College, and now, the Foundation. We're thankful for all the heart and dedication Patrick has put into the program for the past 31years," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of CLC. "As the curtain rises on his retirement, we are honored to celebrate him and look forward to welcoming the community for many more PAC seasons at CLC."

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Alcohol may be factor

Tri-County Ambulance and only suffered minor scrapes and bruises. The juvenile in the front passenger seat suffered serious injury and was airlifted by Life Link III to Hennepin Healthcare.

The driver was transported to Tri-County Healthcare and later transported out to another facility with

serious injuries.

None of the occupants were wearing seatbelts or helmets. Alcohol is believed to have been be a factor in the crash.

Assisting on scene was the Sebeka Fire Dept, Tri-County Ambulance, Sebeka Police Dept and Life Link III.

Correction on rebate

From last week's Staples City Council story. The Northern Cities Group of electrical customers will rebate a portion of the

reserve to its member cities. The story made it sound like the rebate will go to customers, but the city will decide how to use the rebate.

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Poem to remember classmate

By Roger Haugen
For Jim Kurpius (1938-2022)

When you talk about courage and drive,
Not just living, but fully alive;
What more can you say?
He did it his way,
So here's a postumous high-five.

When it came to passing life's test,
Jim's record is one of the best;
Just year after year,
Always in high gear--
He's certainly earned a good rest.

It's not a big stretch to conceive
That Jim has an ace up his sleeve;
When St Peter says "Whoa!"
Jim answers "Let's go!"
And rolls through the gates--just believe!

Roger Haugen and Jim Kurpius were classmates in the Staples Class of 1956. Roger said Jim needed a wheelchair after contracting polio in ninth grade. Haugen said Kurpius was active in school, graduated from St. Thomas, and became a hospital administrator and office manager of a law firm in San Francisco. "I don't know how he did it, wheelchair bound from his freshman year," said Haugen.

Construction costs soar, more increases possible

From Associated General Contractors of America

Prices of construction materials used in new non-residential construction jumped more than 21 percent from February 2021 to February 2022, according to an analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of government data released today. The association noted that more recent price announcements made after the February data was collected suggest contractors are experiencing even worse cost pressures this Spring.

"Even though the February numbers represent some of the highest year-over-year price increases ever recorded, they have already been surpassed by even steeper price hikes since the war in Ukraine broke out," said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. "Since the time these prices were collected, multiple increases have taken effect for metals, fuel, and trucking, while supply chains have become even more snarled."

The producer price index for inputs to new nonresidential construction—the prices charged by goods producers and service providers such as distributors and transportation firms—increased by 2.0 percent from January to February and 19.1 percent over the past 12 months. In comparison, the index for new nonresidential construction—a measure of what contractors say they would charge to erect five types of nonresidential buildings—climbed by 0.6 percent for the month and 17.0 percent from a year earlier.

Prices climbed at double-digit rates for nearly all categories of inputs in the

cost index, Simonson noted. The price index for diesel fuel leaped 57.5 percent over 12 months. The index for steel mill products climbed 74.4 percent. The index for aluminum mill shapes jumped 37.3 percent. The index for plastic construction products rose 35.6 percent over 12 months.

In addition, year-over-year increases exceeded 20 percent for the indexes covering copper and brass mill shapes, 24.4 percent; lumber and plywood, 22.5 percent; asphalt and tar roofing and siding products, 22.5 percent; gypsum products, 20.7 percent; and architectural coatings, 20.3 percent. Other inputs with double-digit increases for the past 12 months include truck transportation of freight, 19.1 percent; insulation materials, 17.8 percent; concrete products, 10.0 percent, and flat glass, 10.0 percent.

Association officials said rising materials prices and tight labor market conditions are forcing contractors to charge more to build projects. They warned however that further price increases could undermine demand for some construction projects, threatening the sector's recovery. They called for new efforts to ease supply chain backups and urged public officials to allow change orders to reflect the rapid escalation in materials prices.

"At some point projects will no longer pencil out as contractors have to raise bid prices to keep pace with the rapid inflation in materials costs," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "Public officials can help by giving contractors more flexibility to adjust contract amounts to keep pace with spiking materials prices."

New research on status of women and girls in Minnesota

From the Women's Foundation of Minnesota

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota and the Center on Women, Gender, and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs released new research on the status of women and girls in Minnesota in four key areas: economics, safety, health, and leadership.

The report details profound gender inequities that persist in Minnesota, with greater disparities faced by women and girls of color, Native Americans, rural women and girls, LGBTQ+ people, and older women.

According to Gloria Perez, President & CEO of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, the overall research shows progress in some areas, but systemic gender and racial inequities continue to trap too many women in poverty, compromise their safety, hinder access to healthcare, and limit leadership opportunities.

"Amid COVID-19 and persistent reminders of racial injustice, it's never been more apparent that our state's renowned prosperity and quality of life are not experienced by all," said Perez.

"We identify this report as a call for individuals and institutions to transform our systems by dismantling racial and gender inequities and increasing investments in community solutions so that all women and girls thrive."

"It is now time to address the systemic roots of these disparities through public and private sector action," said Christina Ewig, Director of the Center on Women, Gender and Public Policy, who led the research project.

Economics

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed and exacerbated many of the underlying factors that prevent women in Minnesota—and the nation—from achieving economic security. Investing in women's economic security means addressing the persistent gender wage gap, which in Minnesota continues to shortchange all groups of women and affects Latina, Black, and Native American women the most.

In addition, women must have unrestricted pathways to the building blocks of economic security: education and training, stable living-wage jobs with benefits including paid family and medical leave, affordable child care, freedom from

debt, and the ability to accumulate assets, such as owning a home. Women's economic vulnerability increases over a lifetime, which can lead to housing insecurity, debt, poverty, and reduced access to health care in old age.

Women continue to comprise the majority of workers in the state earning at or below the minimum wage and working in low-wage fields, despite their gains in increasing education. Women of color were hardest hit by COVID-19 layoffs as were women-owned businesses, in part due to their concentration in sectors most vulnerable to pandemic-related closures. The wage gap facing all women in Minnesota has barely changed over the past five years. Over a lifetime, women in Minnesota lose an estimate \$447,960 in lifetime earnings due to the gender wage gap. Women of color and Native American women will experience even greater losses.

"The wage gap is one of the areas where our intersectional, disaggregated approach uncovers important distinctions, particularly for Minnesota's immigrant communities," Ewig noted. For Somali women the wage gap is more than 2.5 times greater, and for Hmong and other African immigrant women it is twice that, experienced by white women. "This means the average white woman must work just over 14 months, a Hmong woman must work nearly 17 months, and a Black Somali woman must work for more than two years to earn what the average white man earns in one year," Ewig said.

Added to impacts by race and place, sexual orientation and gender identity can contribute to greater inequities, particularly when combined with race. LGBTQ+ people of color have lower incomes, as do rural LGBTQ+ people, and transgender women see their wages fall by nearly one third after they transition. Gaps remain even when taking education, industry, and experience into account and widen over the course of women's lives.

Safety

Women and girls in Minnesota are harmed by gender-based violence across their lifetimes – in their homes, on the streets, and in public institutions like schools, workplaces, and the criminal justice system. One in two Minnesota women report sexual violence, and one in four report physical violence from a

partner in her lifetime. Consequences of this violence ripple over a lifetime and affect both physical and mental health, teen pregnancy, housing security, economic productivity, and personal security.

"We could fill Target Field 18 times with the Minnesota women who have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking — that's more than 700,000 women experiencing the wide-reaching economic, health, and safety impacts of gender-based violence," Perez said. "Our persistently high rates of violence demand we transform our systems, value the lives of people who have been pushed to the margins, and use our power to implement the solutions of communities who experience injustice and violence."

Native American women face violence at alarming rates, with more than 85 percent experiencing violence and 56 percent experiencing sexual violence in their lifetimes – a 20 percent greater likelihood compared to white women.

More than 25 percent of Native girls have attempted suicide – far greater than Native boys or teens of any other cultural group. "The report's shocking statistics on Native women and girls, especially in the areas of health and safety, demand that we prioritize their safety and well-being as we invest in prevention and healing," Perez said.

Sexual orientation and gender identity also influence safety. Fifty-one percent of LGBTQ+ people say they or an LGBTQ+ family member or friend have been sexually harassed because of their sexual or gender identity. Three times as many lesbian girls and transgender or nonbinary students report running away from home or living in a shelter on their own as their straight, cisgendered counterparts. Trans women experience cumulative effects of discrimination, including barriers to employment, housing, and healthcare, which renders them vulnerable to violence, housing and job insecurity, and homelessness.

Health

COVID-19 highlighted the health risks that stem from the cumulative effects of economic disparities and systemic racism, compounded by lack of access to health care for all Minnesotans. Even before the pandemic, Minnesota saw growing health inequities for women and girls of color,

Native Americans, LGBTQ+ people, and women and girls in Greater Minnesota. Reducing health disparities and increasing positive health outcomes for all Minnesotans requires economic opportunity, physical activity, access to affordable and healthy foods, safe housing and neighborhoods, mental health services, and policies that ensure affordable access to high-quality health care.

The report disaggregates health care insurance coverage data by race. "Increased insurance coverage in Minnesota under the Affordable Care Act was a critically important step toward health equity," noted Ewig. "There is still more to be done, however, to close the race gap in health insurance coverage." One in three Latina women and one in five Black women in Minnesota reported that they could not see a doctor because of costs in the past year.

The report shows disparities based upon place, including high teen birth rates in rural Minnesota. Minnesota's decline in rural obstetric services now outstrips the national average. In 2000, 15 Minnesota counties had no hospitals providing obstetrics care. By 2018, this figure had increased to 29 counties.

Of all rural Minnesota counties, more than 47 percent have no sexual health clinic, while Hennepin County has 18 such clinics. "For expectant mothers in rural areas, care is becoming increasingly inaccessible," said Ewig. "For example, a woman in Grand Marais would need to travel two hours by car, to Duluth, to give birth in a hospital with obstetric services." Between 2000 and 2018, the number of hospitals in Minnesota offering birthing services dropped by 19 percent. Access to prenatal care is also unequal, with Native women reporting the highest rate of inadequate care at 57 percent, followed by Black women at 40 percent.

According to the state Department of Health, Minnesota would have healthier babies, more productive workers, and better overall health if every employer provided paid family and sick leave. And yet, low-wage and women of color workers are vastly overrepresented among those without sick leave. Moreover, only 50 percent of Minnesota's new mothers take parental leaves of 6 weeks or longer – unsurprising if leave is unpaid.

Great American Think-Off question: personal choice or social responsibility?

The question asked at this year's Great American Think-Off is "Which should be more important: personal choice or social responsibility?"

Essay deadline is April 1, 2022. The final debate will be held Saturday, June 11, at New York Mills.

The Think-Off committee described the question as the following:

"When you make an important decision, what do you consider in your assessment of pros and cons? Certainly you think about how that choice will affect you personally... how about its impact on society? Which is more important to you: your personal gain/loss, or a sense of responsibility to the whole? Everyone has experienced navigating that balance between personal choice and social responsibility...so which do you think should be more important?"

The 29th annual Think-Off question is a challenging philosophical dilemma meant to inspire thinkers from all walks of life. Do you feel your personal choice comes first, or should sense of social responsibility take precedence?

People of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to submit an essay of no more than 750 words for the opportunity to win one of four \$500 cash prizes and an expense-paid weekend in New York Mills to participate in the live debate to ultimately answer the question, determined by audience vote. Entrants should take a strong stand, basing their arguments on personal experience and observations rather than philosophical abstraction.

There is no fee to enter. Essays are due April 1 and can be submitted online at Think-Off.org, by email, info@think-off.org, or by mail to Think-Off, c/o Cultural Center, P.O. Box 246, New York Mills, MN 56567.

The public is invited to attend the great debate on Saturday, June 11, cast your vote to answer this year's question and determine the 2022 America's Greatest Thinker.

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Preschool Storytime at the Staples Library



Preschool Storytime is held Wednesday mornings and Storytime is held on Saturday mornings at the Staples Public Library. Above: As February was National Dental Health Month, Storytime participants made tooth crafts. Sheri Trif provided books and activities about brushing, flossing and dental care.

Left: The winter reading challenge is finished and the winner of the \$25 gift from the Staples Friends of the Library was Jan Lieder.

Library activities and services can be found on the website at www.griver.org. (Submitted photos)

CMBC hosting festival March 26, in Staples

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir is hosting a day-long festival, with five boy choirs from around Minnesota for a "Boychoir" festival Saturday, March 26. It will be held at Staples-Motley High School.

The boy choirs in the state of Minnesota have had festivals approximately every three years over the past two decades. This is the second time that the CMBC has hosted the festival, the first being in 2013.

"We have attended festivals in Elk River, St. Paul and at St. John's University hosted by other choirs and we are excited to host all of the choirs here in Staples, 'The City that Sings!'" said Mary Moen, founding artistic director of the CMBC.

Plans for the day-long festival include: large and small group rehearsals, gym time, theater improvisation sessions and master classes led by guest clinician, Kyle Eastman.

"We are expecting around 150 singing boys, along with staff from all of the choirs. We have parent volunteers that are helping with the day and we are so thankful to them for their help. We also welcome our CMBC alumni Colton Paskewitz and Justin Edin who are helping with small group activities during the day," said Moen.

The mission of the Central Minnesota Boys Choir is to provide an opportunity for young boys to participate in a group that's challenging, enriching and rewarding, as well as to provide an opportunity to socialize with others who share the same musical values.

"This festival is a great opportunity to fulfill this goal, not only with our own choir but with many other singing boys," said Moen.

A festival concert will be held for the choirs and the public at 3 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Each choir will perform 3-4 songs and the concert will conclude with all of the choirs singing two songs together. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of the festival.

This festival is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, and a grant from the Staples-Motley Area Community Foundation. The Central Minnesota Boys Choir is thankful for the financial assistance.

Participating choirs and artistic directors include: Central Minnesota Boys Choir, Mary Moen; Land of Lakes Choirboys, Nathan Herfindahl; Minnesota Boychoir, Mark Johnson; Northstar Boys' Choir, Francis D.C. Stockwell; St. John's Boys' Choir, Aaron Carpenter.

Mark Your Calendar

March 23, 24

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 14, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-2159. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP Mtgs are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 26. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, March 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

March 25

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

March 26

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, March 26, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Free.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

March

- **POLAR PLUNGE** March 23
- **MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT** March 24
- **MS DANCE** March 25, 3 - 5:30 p.m.
- **HS HONOR SOCIETY BANQUET** March 29, 3 - 5:30 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.



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Born to Kelly and Anthony Pogreba of Staples, a baby boy, Watson John weighing four pounds, 12 ounces on March 4, 2022.

Born to Seairra Butterfield of Staples a baby girl, Madilynn Lou weighing six pounds, four ounces on March 5, 2022.

Born to Kirsten and Alex Walsvik of Motley, a baby boy, Silas Boyd weighing seven pounds, six ounds on March 6, 2022.

Born to Shawna and Derek Kocak of Brainerd, a baby boy, Levi Richard, weighing eight pounds, six ounces on March 7, 2022.

Born to Layla and Dillon Sorensen-Hingst of Parker's Prairie, a baby girl, Addalyn Marie weighing

six pounds, 15 ounces on March 10, 2022.

Born to Elaine and Edward Mahana of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Anya Kay Antoinette weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on March 10, 2022.

Born to Kendra and Maxwell Burger of Wadena, a baby boy, William Allan weighing eight pounds, six ounces on March 12, 2022.

Born to Sonja and Jeremiah Coburn of Clarissa, a baby boy, Joshua Jeremiah weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on March 13, 2022.

Born to Megan and Rodney Cannon of Little Falls, a baby boy, Atlas Joseph weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on March 14, 2022.

Born to Jenna and Cody Bain of Browerville, a baby girl, Natalie Grace weigh-

ing six pounds, one ounces on March 16, 2022.

Born to Allyson Ashman and Robert Hull of Staples, a baby girl, Audrey Michelle weighing eight pounds, two ounces on March 16, 2022.

Born to Cara and Nathan Spilman of Pillager, a baby boy, Hunter Nathaniel weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on March 17, 2022.

Born to Brittni and Erik Titus of Brainerd, a baby girl, Remi Lynn weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on March 17, 2022.

Born to Alexandria and Trevor Lisson of Browerville, a baby girl, Marie Catherine weighing seven pounds, four ounces on March 17, 2022.

Born to Melissa and Tylor Farden of Nevis, a baby girl, Jayden Marie weighing seven pounds, six

ounces on March 17, 2022.

Born to Schelsie Chilstrom and Arron Trippe of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Emmalynn Elouise weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on March 18, 2022.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRICOUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Kendra and Kyle Reed of Clarissa, a baby girl, Brogan Sandra weighing nine pounds, four ounces on February 15, 2022. Grandparents are Jason Bech, Kristy Lake and Dennis Reed.

Born to Paige Welshan and Jason Johnson, a baby boy, Grayson Johnson weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on March 3, 2022. Grandparents are Kevin and Kara Barnes and Lucas and Kristy Page

Obituaries

Gloria Freeman

Gloria Freeman, 85, passed away March 9, 2022 at a hospital in the Twin Cities.

A special service will be held in the spring.

Gloria Faye Chapin was born August 28, 1936 to Milton and Josephine (Winter) Chapin. She grew up in Staples and graduated with the Class of 1954. She moved to the Twin Cities where she met her one true love while working at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She married Gale Freeman on January 6, 1968. They were together for 24 years. They lived in the Kenwood neighborhood of Minneapolis and Lake Washburn areas with many friends and neighbors. She was supreme in needlepoint, playing the piano later in life, organizing weddings and an annual Christmas sing-along which everyone enjoyed. Gloria never married again as she said "Gale's shoes were too big to fill." She moved to Lake Ada where her younger brother, Larry Chapin built a home where she lived during summers.

She is survived by one step-son, William (Rita) Freeman; one step-daughter, Carla Behnke; three grand-



children; three great-grandsons; two sisters, Eloise (Marv) Ryan and Carol Heldman of Staples; special sister-in-law, Sherry (Larry) Chapin and their children Tony Chapin and Michelle Chapin and many other nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; four brothers, Burl, Dale, Henry and Larry Chapin; two sisters, Dolores Johnson and Phyllis Peterson and one step-son, Daniel Freeman.

In remembrance of her life, charitable donations may be made either to the Alzheimer's Association at Alz.org or the Parkinson's Foundation at Parkinson.org.

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Phyllis Colvin

Phyllis Colvin, 87, of Staples passed away March 11, 2022, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the Motley Cemetery.

Phyllis Mae was born May 16, 1934, to James and Hazel Converse of Motley in the Brainerd Hospital.

She enjoyed bowling and crocheting. All of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren received a blanket which she crocheted.

She is survived by three sons, Kenneth (Lynn) Mathewson, New York Mills, Scott (Sally) Mathewson, Motley and Paul Mathewson, Carthage, NC; one daughter, Janine (Darrel) Corey, Dakota; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two step-daughters, Debra (Rick) Wilhelm, Richland Hills, TX and Mona (Bill) Moyer, Vancouver, WA; one step-son, Hugh



(Karen) Colvin, Glendale, CA and five step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Mathewson; parents; grandparents and four husbands, Ralph Mathewson, Frank Stefanoc, Dale Dorsch and the love of her life, Bill Colvin.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Rose Lohman

Rose Lohman, 76, passed away March 9, 2022, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

No services will be held at this time.

Rose Mary Blume was born on May 20, 1945, to Arnold and Esther (Bottin) Blume in Mountain Lake. She married Wallace Phillip Lohman on September 13, 1980 at the United Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, where they made their home. Rose worked for the University of Minnesota for many years, as a technician and then as a supervisor. Rose became a dishwasher for the nursing home in Zumbrota but soon became the head cook for several years before retiring in 1995.

Wallace and Rose enjoyed traveling during their retirement, visiting every park in the state of Minnesota. They were given a plaque for all their visits. In 2018 Wallace and Rose made their home in Leaf Lake Township with Rose's sister, Alice. Rose enjoyed working with flowers; between



Rose and Wallace there was always a beautiful garden to enjoy. Rose also enjoyed cooking, baking and would put on a banquet for her family when they visited. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Left to mourn her passing are one brother, Leonard Blume of Aldrich; one sister, Alice Schoon of Henning; one sister-in-law, Barbara Blume of Grantsburg, WI; six nephews, Ed (Chris) Schoon, John (Shannon Baril) Schoon, Bill Blume, Jr., Joseph (Shannon) Blume, Guage Blume and Quinton Blume; two nieces, Peggy (Jamie) Isakson and Cindy (Tim) Odell; many grand and great-grand nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Preceding Rose in death is her husband of 42 years, Wallace; her parents; one brother, Bill Blume and two nieces, Jennifer and Crystal Blume.

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WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
firstconougcestaples@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.lincolnefree.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.
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 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.

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 Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor 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.

“Remembering St. Patrick”

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran, Staples

“The LORD God said to the serpent... (15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” --Genesis 3:14a - 15

Being of Irish ancestry, I always like to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, but not with green beer.

Legend says that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland. I questioned that and believe that the legend points toward that he really did, namely to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in Ireland and thereby beginning the work of driving Satan, the ancient serpent, from the lives of the Irish people.

For Satan, deceived Adam and Eve to eat

from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He brought sin and death into God’s perfect world. But God promised a Savior, offspring of woman who would unto what Satan had done (Genesis 3:15). Jesus, virgin born, is that Savior.

On the tree of the cross He takes away our sin and destroys death by His resurrection. In Him we have salvation.

St. Patrick was one of the first to bring this good news to the Irish isle. Both pagan kings and peasant were brought to faith in Christ by His teaching. And so I celebrate this saint’s day by giving thanks to God for Patrick and all he did, praying also that God continues to help His church proclaim Christ Jesus, crucified, risen, and ascended as the only way of salvation.

To God alone be the glory.

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District 5 champion wrestlers

Staples-Motley 7th and 8th grade wrestlers took home the District 5 Championship trophy at the NYWA (Northland Youth Wrestling Association) Tournament in Pequot Lakes March 13. They will go on to compete at the state tournament in Rochester. Pictured back row

from left are Elijah Greenwaldt, Adrian Gomez, Turner Beachy, Colby Tappe, Luke Bjerga, Riley Reese, Jackson Schouville, Zach Tabbot. Front row, from left, Reece Hadley, Caden Kramer, Justin Olson, and Coach Owen Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



Getting snow off the baseball fields

Jim Tyrrell and his son Ben Tyrrell received permission from Superintendent Shane Tappe, and Building and Grounds Supervisor Leroy Peterson, to remove some of the snow from the Staples-Motley baseball fields. Over the weekend March 12 and 13, they worked on the field, reporting that the snow averaged 20" deep. "Just helping mother nature out a bit," said Jim's brother, Jay Tyrrell, who shared the photos with the Staples World. (Submitted photos)



MSHSL creates new spring sections

Spring sports have started practicing, but with two feet of snow still on the fields, golf course and track, much of their preseason work will be indoors.

Looking forward to warm weather, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), has redrawn their section divisions for postseason play. The Staples-Motley baseball, softball and golf teams will not change much from past seasons, with most of the same teams in their sections, but the track team has significant changes.

Track and field

The big revision this spring is track and field in Minnesota is now three classes instead of two. Staples-Motley will still be in Section 6A, but the subtractions from the section are significant.

Section 6A has been the toughest section in the state for the past few years, but this year the section loses Pequot Lakes, Morris, Melrose, Sauk Centre, Minnewaska and Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa, were all moved to other sections. It will still be a tough section as other top teams remain, including Perham, Pillager,

Osakis, Ottertail Central and Wadena-Deer Creek, all of which traditionally have many high level athletes.

Track/field Boys and girls Section 6A

Ashby-Brandon-Evansville, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Browerville, Frazee, Ottertail Central, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, New York Mills, Osakis, Parkers Prairie, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Pillager, Pine River-Backus, Rothsay, United North Central, Staples-Motley, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek, West Central Area, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross

Baseball, softball

Staples-Motley softball and baseball are once again in Section 6AA, which have mostly the same teams, with baseball adding Annandale, Spectrum and Wadena-Deer Creek, while softball has Milaca, Paynesville and Pequot Lakes.

Baseball Section 6AA

Albany, Annandale, Eden Valley-Watkins, Foley, Holdingford, Kimball, Melrose, Osakis, Pierz, Pillager, Royalton, Sauk Centre, Spectrum, St. Cloud Cathedral, Staples-Motley, Wadena-Deer Creek

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Softball Section 6AA

Albany, Eden Valley-Watkins, Foley, Holdingford, Kimball, Melrose, Milaca, Osakis, Paynesville, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Royalton, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud Cathedral, Staples-Motley

Golf

Staples-Motley golf teams will play in Section 6 AA again, with the same teams for both boys and girls, except Rocori being added to the boys section.

Boys golf Section 6AA

Albany, Foley, Kimball/Eden Valley-Watkins, Little Falls, LPGE/Browerville, Melrose, Milaca, Osakis, Paynesville, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Rocori, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud Cathedral, Staples-Motley/Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek

Girls golf Section 6AA

Albany, Foley, Kimball/Eden Valley-Watkins, Little Falls, LPGE/Browerville, Melrose, Milaca, Osakis, Paynesville, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud Cathedral, Staples-Motley/Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek



Balls, bats and nets

The Staples-Motley softball team set up their own equipment on the first day of practice, racing to see which team put up

their pitching net first. Above, the team got to work with bats and balls. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Starting in the snow

Staples-Motley track and field veterans checked out the possibility of practicing outdoors with a warmup run on the first day of practice March 14, but found snow drifts up to their necks. From left,

Jace Kobliska, Mady Hull, Grace Jennissen, Corey Hanson and Sivert Klefsaas. The team's first workout was running the halls, below. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Public Notices

NOTICE
BULLARD TOWNSHIP -
ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review - Equalization of the Township of Bullard of Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Bullard Township Hall in Section 27 of Bullard Township at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk
Bullard Township

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REGION FIVE
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION SEEKS
CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES
PROPOSALS

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) from construction firms to partner with a contractor to complete building improvements for the SHED Accelerator project located at Brainerd Annex building located at 213 South 5th Street in Brainerd. The deadline for responses is 4:30 p.m. CST on April 4, 2022. Interested parties are urged to review the full eligibility criteria and RFP details at regionfive.org/rfp. Any questions about the request for proposals process should be directed to Staci Headley at 218-894-6010 or via email at sheadley@regionfive.org.

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NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday April 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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PUBLIC
NOTICES:
Your Right
to Know

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
COUNTY OF WADENA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review --*Equalization of the City of Staples, Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Office of the Wadena County Assessor, Wadena MN at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Publication date:
March 23, 2022

Tara Greer, City Clerk.

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NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

The May Township Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held Monday, April 4, 2022, at 12:00 noon at the May Township Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in May Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

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REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE
FOOD AND CATERING
SERVICES
BRainerd AND
STAPLES CAMPUSES

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at both the Brainerd Campus and Staples Campus. A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services-Brainerd Campus or Staples Campus". Respondents may submit RFP proposals for either Staples or Brainerd Campus, or for both campuses. Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 13, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,790.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Ann M. Bowman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482006 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: ARC Home LLC (f/k/a WEI Mortgage LLC) by assignment recorded on March 4, 2020 as Document Number A518373 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on October 16, 2020 as Document Number A521934 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the East Twenty (20) Rods of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 of NW1/4) and that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1/4 of NE1/4), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Thirty-three (133) North, Range Thirty Four (34) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the East Twenty Rods of the said E1/2NW1/4; thence East, on and along the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and along the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet; thence North, parallel to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4 and the South line of said NE1/4, a distance of 1,338 feet to the West line of the East Twenty Rods of Said E1/2NW1/4; thence South, on and along the West line of the East Twenty Rods of said E1/2NW1/4, a distance of 651.12 feet to the point of the beginning and there terminating.

Todd County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 19662 464TH STREET, ALDRICH, MN 56434

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,223.97

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002262815

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be

sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2023.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 21, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE
CORPORATION
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/
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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Sung Woo Hong, Esq.
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25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(20-0393-FC02)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 17, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$47,400.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joanne M. Collins, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 24, 2016 as Document Number 500519 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, EXCEPT the West 24 feet and all of Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 3, Kilburn's 3rd Addition to Village of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 409 2ND AVE NW, BERTHA, MN 56437

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$45,549.70

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 29-0017400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 05, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February 25, 2022

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A.
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 1, 2016 as Document Number 499251 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF

MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on August 15, 2019 as Document Number A515581 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Original Townsite (now City) of Long Prairie, according to the plat, thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 509 1ST AVE NE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$124,255.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: HomeServices Lending, LLC d/b/a Edina Realty Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0011300, 36-0011200

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1012742-0000041077-0

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

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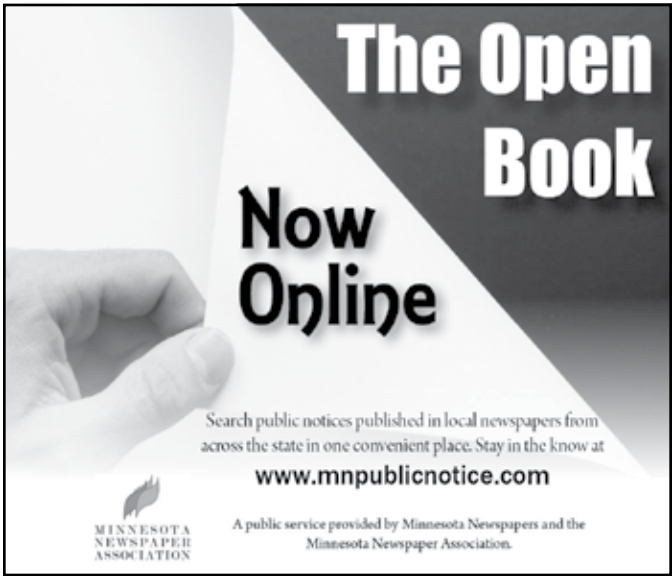
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A cover letter, resumé, and application forms must be submitted to: Scott Grabe, Public Works Director, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479, by April 4, 2022. Anticipated start date is May 2, 2022.

Application materials can be obtained at the City of Staples website www.staples.govoffice.com, or by telephoning Staples City Hall at 218-894-2550. EOE



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Application forms and a full list of hiring requirements can be found online at www.cityofmotley.com, or at City Hall.

Application materials can be emailed to cityofmotley@brainerd.net, dropped off at City Hall during office hours, or mailed to:

316 Highway 10 S, Motley, MN 56466, Attn: City Clerk.

Contact City Hall at 218-352-6200 or cityofmotley@brainerd.net with any questions about the position or hiring process. Position is opened until filled.

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Staples siren makes noise in a new book

A new history book by Justin Olson features the civil defense siren on 12th Street NE in Staples. The functioning siren is tested the first Wednesday of every month and still sounds off loud and clear.

The book, “The Red Arrow Siren,” can be ordered online.

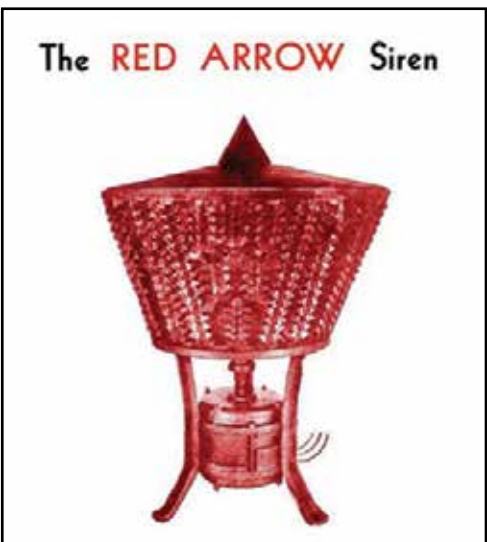
The siren in Staples is one of just a few remaining functioning sirens that were manufactured during World War II by the Decot company.

According to Olson, the siren was made in Minneapolis by the Decot Engineering Works somewhere between 1942-1944. The Decot siren business began in Sauk City, Wisc., by a blacksmith named Theodore Decot in 1922. Decot’s siren was covered under US Patent No. 1624587, regarding a two tone siren setup which produced a louder signal than ordinary sirens. After Theodore Decot died in 1940 his siren business was sold to J. B. McGrath. McGrath was an attorney for eastern steel interests and ran a number of industrial companies in St. Paul, Minnesota. He renamed the siren business ‘Decot Engineering Works’ and established a factory at 1708 Central Avenue NE in Minneapolis. Sirens were built for several towns and cities around the world including Charleston South Carolina, Seattle Washington, and Toronto Canada.

Despite initial success, the Decot Engineering Works was closed by the end of World War II. At least nine other sirens from the Decot Engineering Works are known to still exist in service or private collections.

Olson had visited Staples to see the siren but when writing the book, he asked the City of Staples if they could take a photograph of it for him and the city asked the Staples World to send a photo. That photo is now in the new book.

Besides researching the history of the sirens, Olson also is documenting and restoring some of the original Decot sirens. He also has begun building miniature working Decot sirens as a hobby.



Sirens make the news

During World War II, communities put up civil defense sirens. Pictured, a photo of the siren in Staples on 12th Street NE that is in the new book, “The Red Arrow Siren,” top right; below, a photo from the Minnesota Historical Society



Carbon is crucial to soil health

Don Reicosky, USDA soil scientist, talks about the importance of the carbon cycle and how it impacts soil health at the Carbon, Cowboys, and Cow Pies feedlot meeting.



Silvopasture in Todd County

Tyler Carlson, a beef farmer in Todd County, talks to the Carbon, Cowboys, and Cow Pies feedlot meeting about silvopasture, the practice of integrating trees and forestry into livestock grazing operations. Pictured, Carlson shows oak trees saplings that started growing after his silvopasture management program made it possible. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Early spring migrants take big risks

Late in the afternoon on Saturday, less than 24 hours before the official arrival of spring, I heard the familiar “cheer up, cheer up, cheerily” notes of my first robin of the new season. I had not heard this call since last November, when the last holdouts were leaving for more temperate places to spend the winter.

Some bird voices are unmistakable, and the robin’s is one. It may not be fully appreciated because of the robin’s abundance and familiarity. But when it hasn’t been heard for months, and is linked to the end of winter, it seems all the more musical.

I’m not a phenologist, one of those people who records the timing of Nature’s events so they can be compared from year to year. So I can’t say with any precision how this robin’s arrival compares with the spring of 2021. More easily remembered are the climatic conditions of a year ago, and last winter’s meager snow cover. This winter was vastly different. Despite the recent spell of above-average temperatures, there is still a blanket of snow almost everywhere. The ground is still frozen, so the prospect of a robin finding its favorite meal—earthworms—is remote. Yet here this robin was, perched on a snowbank, belting out a song to announce its return.

I am reminded of a television commercial advertising a service to help you unravel your own ancestry. Its purpose is to fill in the gaps in your knowledge of who you are descended from, and—with many of us having immigrants from Europe or elsewhere somewhere in our backgrounds—just where in the world we come from. “I want my children to know they come from people who were brave,” says the on-camera spokesperson in this commercial. “They took risks, big risks,” she says, as a film clip shows a sailing vessel on a forbidding expanse of ocean.

Migratory birds take risks, too. Big risks. Not the least of these—aside from the collisions, predation, and other threats that accompany long distance travel to

wintering grounds—is the timing of their return here. Nature has programmed into them an irresistible urge to aggressively pursue their life’s most important priority, which is to secure a territory, find a mate, and raise the next generation of their kind.

One might think that such an early arrival would be unnecessary, given the number of months of pleasant weather before autumn. But raising nestling songbirds to adulthood is full of hazards, from nest robbing red squirrels, blue jays and crows, to prowling cats, and even some hawk species. Sometimes an entire nest is lost. Even when a brood is successfully hatched, mortality is high; about 80 percent for robins. For this reason, robins commonly raise more than one brood in a season to compensate for their high mortality.

Thus, the premium on getting an early start. But survival of “veteran” adult birds is not assured at this time of year, especially in the northern regions of the state. Most of the landscape is still frozen. Insect abundance is weeks away. Forage options are limited, consisting of seeds and withered fruits that might remain on shrubs and trees from last autumn, or that can be gleaned from patches of ground that are free of snow. Not the choice and abundance that would be theirs in April, or May.

Then there is the very real possibility of a major late March blizzard. This has been common enough during the state high school basketball tournament that “tournament blizzard” has become part of Minnesota’s weather lexicon. Not to mention the risk of an encore appearance of lengthy sub-freezing temperatures. This, too, can take a toll on early returning migrants, like my robin who announced its arrival on the day before spring officially arrived.

Another risk-taking migratory bird is one dear to the hearts of many bird hunters. It’s the American woodcock, an odd, mysterious creature that strikes one as part upland bird—like the ruffed grouse, and part shorebird—like the snipe, or the sandpiper. The woodcock’s home address is that intersection where aspen and birch forest meets wetland, the interface often thickly grown to alders. The woodcock has a long, thin, pencil-like bill that is tailor-made for probing soft

ground for earthworms, though it will eat other invertebrates—insects—if the opportunity presents itself.

But in late March and early April when the woodcock arrives here there are few earthworms or other invertebrates to be had. A magnet for early-arriving woodcock is the wet, soft soil along streams and in places where small feeder brooks empty into wetlands. These—especially if they are south-facing—are the first places to thaw. They’re the first places where earthworms will be available to woodcock.

In a pinch, woodcock are said to supplement their preferred earthworm and insect foods with seeds, sedges, and other foods from the vegetarian side of the menu. This is the time of year when they are most likely to have to temporarily make these dietary concessions. Some of those who hunt woodcock might actually prefer that woodcock make this a year-round habit. Their summer and fall diet is chiefly earthworms, and the flavor of their dark flesh is thought by some to resemble liver!

Like the early-arriving robin, wintry spring weather has been known to victimize woodcock. A heavy fall of snow, and temperatures that plummet significantly below freezing, are not what the woodcock’s anatomy was designed for. Brief spells can be survived, but not lengthy ones. The most complete records of weather-killed woodcock come from their wintering grounds in the South. This is understandable, given their concentration in limited habitats there. But when woodcock have come north in spring, and are dispersed into habitats mostly remote from humans, observing weather-killed birds is a much longer chance. But if extended sub-freezing temperatures and a blanket of snow can kill them in the South, the same would be true here, especially after enduring the rigors of their northward migration.

These are not the only migratory creatures that come north hard on the heels of retreating winter, and in doing so risk a counter-attack of harsh weather capable of killing them. But they have evolved as successful, thriving species with this risk-taking habit built-in. So who are we to question Nature’s blueprint for their survival?

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