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Pier fog

A lone figure has the Dower Lake pier to themselves on a foggy morning May 4.
The Minnesota fishing seasons open for walleye, bass, northern pike and lake trout on Saturday, May 15.
(Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 12	68°	44°	M. Sunny
May 13	67	46	M. Cloudy
May 14	68	46	M. Cloudy
May 15	68	48	M. Cloudy
May 16	65	51	Showers
May 17	71	53	Showers
May 18	70	50	Showers

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
May 12	52°	24°	Sunny
May 13	50	45	Cloudy
May 14	67	50	M. Sunny
May 15	65	40	M. Sunny
May 16	57	47	Cloudy
May 17	66	48	P. Cloudy
May 18	71	47	Sunny

Average Temps:
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No rain for week

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Staples-Motley School Board dives into 'Plan B'

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Staples-Motley School Board held a work session May 3, during which time they heard presentations about the School Improvement Plan (SIP), formerly known as 'Plan B'; and student opportunities for 2021 - 2022.

Prior to the start of his presentation, Mike Hubbard of ICS Consulting asked the board what they had been hearing from people on the street regarding the recent Referendum, which did not pass. Board Chair Bryan Winkels said he'd heard a lot of disappointment voiced...people who were surprised by the outcome, as well as the discrepancy between the 'yes' and 'no' votes.

From there, Hubbard presented a list of SIP priorities. These included building safety/security, deferred maintenance issues, the elementary cafeteria and gymnasium addition, for starters. The list also included the 1996 Elementary Early Education renovation, with discussion ensuing about closing the Motley building. Remodeling restrooms and refreshing the elementary classrooms were also listed as priorities.

Whether or not the elementary school building would be home to early childhood through 5th grade, or early childhood through 6th grade was also discussed. David Leapaldt, with JLG Architects, went into more detail as to what these two scenarios would look like. Leapaldt said he felt the plan which included 6th grade felt pretty tight.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said he liked the flexibility of the pre-k through 5th grade environment. He noted that this model would allow more room for dedicated spaces such as music, art and special education. If the school went through 6th grade, there would have to be some staff teaching from a cart.

Greg Crowe, Senior Municipal Advisor/Principal from Ehlers Public Finance Advisors was also at the work session. He presented a list of funding buckets that the board is working with for these projects. The board will need to decide which items on the SIP priority list are top priority, and which will match up with the funding buckets.

The school district's Business Manager, Chuck Herdegen, was also in attendance to help the board look at the school's budget. He spoke about the reliance of a balanced budget on the outcome of the legislative session. Loren Walz, the district's Communication Director, explained later that as the board devel-

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School board work session

The Staples-Motley School board held a work session May 3. Top photo: Mike Hubbard (standing), of ICS Consulting, presented a list of SIP (School Improvement Plan) priorities. Back row, from left, are school board members Brad Anderson, Bryan Winkels; Superintendent Shane Tappe; school board members Bruce Lund, Mary Freeman, Jeremy Reeck. Front row, from left, are Middle/High School Principal Mike Schmidt; Administrative Assistant Bonnie Madson; Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson; Communications Director Loren Walz.

Bottom photo: David Leapaldt (front left), with JLG Architects, presented two different scenarios for improvements at the elementary school.(Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Pastor Scott Jorgenson on board at Thomastown

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Scott Jorgenson has been the pastor at Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples since October of 2020.

"We arrived during the pandemic," the pastor said recently, going on to note that Covid definitely made getting to know people a little more difficult.

But, since that time restrictions have loosened up a bit, they've been able to hold in-person worship services at Thomastown, and he and his wife, Lisa, are feeling more and more at home.

They love the area, Pastor Jorgenson said, adding that he and Lisa love camping and canoeing. They're excited to be living in the country, so close to the Leaf River.

But first and foremost, he's excited to be pastoring at Thomastown Covenant and is looking forward to helping the church fulfill its mission goal of "developing relationships through Christ," the pastor said.

Now 59, Pastor Jorgenson was introduced to the Covenant denomination later in life. "I grew up Lutheran," he shared, adding that both he and Lisa are natives of Rochester, Minn.

It was during his college years that Jorgenson was invited to visit a Pentecostal church and had a "come to Jesus moment," he said, adding, "I've been on a different road ever since."

His religious experience didn't immediately result in pursuing a pastoral career.

After attending two years at a community college in Rochester, followed by two years at Bemidji State University, Jorgenson earned a degree in Math and Computer Science. For several years he worked as a soft

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New pastor at Thomastown

Scott Jorgenson has been the pastor at Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples since October of 2020. He and his wife, Lisa, are originally from the Rochester area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School budget calls for program reductions

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District is looking at reducing some programs, but so far they are not predicting staff cuts.

At the April 19 Staples-Motley School Board meeting, Business Manager Chuck Herdegen said the reductions are "right-sizing the district" to fit the number of students and the needs of students. He said the school will save $622,000, including reduced administration costs and energy improvements to buildings.

Herdegen said many of the reductions will come from not replacing teachers who are retiring or leaving for other reasons.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe said "Without those reductions, you would be looking at digging into those funds and cutting. This provides a good outlook for us as a district."

High School Principal Mike Schmidt said while some programming is being reduced, other areas are increasing. For example the school has hired a teacher for a new CTE (career and technical education) position.

Herdegen said the school is projected to receive $712,000 in ESSER II Funds, from the latest federal stimulus package.

Tappe said the school finance committee will be looking at options for renewing the operating levy, a voter-approved tax that is used for educational purposes, not for buildings. "We will do what is best for the district at that point in time," said Tappe.

In personnel moves, the board accepted the retirement of Lynnette Vavreck, special education teacher, and approved non-renewal of contract for Emily Hirschey, Tier 2 teacher.

JCI Staples represented at JCI USA Spring Convention, Awards

Paige Lenk receives national award

JCI Staples Immediate Past President Paige Lenk and her daughter, Brainerd Junior Jaycee Libby Mumm, recently attended JCI USA Spring Convention and 2020 Awards in Billings, Mont. where Lenk represented JCI Staples.

The Chapter had several of their projects, as well as members, nominated for awards on the National Level.

Lenk was awarded one of 41 National Presidential Medallions from the JCI USA 100th National President Justin Wutzke for her work during 2020 as a Local Chapter President, as well as her encouraging and positive attitude to those within the organization.

JCI Staples was recognized for 80 Efficiency for Civic Leadership Certification. They also had two of their projects recognized with honorable mentions: Personal Skill Development Project of the Year category for their Escape Room Social and in the JCI Rise category JCI Staples 2nd Annual Kindness Rally. Both of these projects were selected by JCI USA to be submitted for International recognition at Conference of the Americas in Panama City, Panama, May 5 - 8.

Lenk states, "Although 2020 was not the year I pictured I would have as a Chapter President due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am extremely proud that JCI Staples pushed on and didn't stop creating positive impact in the Staples Community. We needed to pivot our programming to find new ways of safely doing things according to guidelines and felt that because there were still identified needs of our community, as young active citizens we needed to do our best to help our community in every way we could."

If you are interested in getting more involved in your community, JCI Staples may be a great fit for you. We are an organization of active citizens ages 18 to 40 who are engaged and committed to creating impact in our community.

The Jaycees provide development opportunities that empower people to create positive change. If you are interested in more information about joining JCI Staples, contact JCI Staples 2021 Chapter President Ashley Hanson at 218-838-7622.



Attended convention

Paige Lenk, JCI Staples Immediate Past President, and her daughter Libby Mumm, Brainerd Junior Jaycee, attended the JCI USA's recent convention and awards ceremony. (Submitted photo)



Award winner

Paige Lenk, JCI Staples, was awarded a National Presidential Medallion at the recent convention. (Submitted photo)

Staples city parks upgrades

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

New playground equipment is coming to Lincoln Park, behind the former Lincoln Model School in Staples.

At the April 27 Staples City Council meeting, Staples Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer said they are moving forward with new programming and improvements to parks this summer, including major upgades at Dower Lake Recreational Area. The city will be replanting seven tree grates in the downtown area.

In other news, the council

- Approved park use agreement with Staples Amateur Baseball Association and Staples Softball League.
- Approved facilities use agreement with Minnesota State and CLC for farm land use.
- Approved resolution supporting a second passenger train from the Twin Cities to Chicago.
- Awarded airport paving contract to Struck & Irwin Paving for $32,795. The city pays for five percent of the project.
- Approved MnDOT grants for airport building improvements, fuel system modifications and coronavirus relief program.
- Approved park use agreement with Staples-Motley schools.
- Approved raffle permit for Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Area School.
- Approved appointing Lisa Toepper to the Parks and Rec Advisory Board.
- Approved rates for airport hangar rentals to include helicopters at the same rate as single engine planes.

Staples Police report

On April 19, Staples Police took 69 pounds of prescription drugs to the incinerator. The drop-off box for unused prescription drugs is in the lobby of the Staples Police Station.

On April 20, at 1:40 a.m., Staples Police heard radio traffic of Morrison County responding to a domestic near Motley in which the subject had injuries and left the scene in a black truck. Police checked the Lakewood Health System parking lot and located the vehicle. Police advised Morrison the subject was at the hospital and stayed on scene till a deputy arrived.

On April 20 (4-20), Staples Police responded to Ernies for a report of a subject outside that was passing out on the sidewalk. Police arrived and located an adult male lying on the sidewalk. Police spoke with the subject's wife but she stated she did not want him at her residence. Police transported the male to Lakewood ER for evaluation as he could not stay awake. Police located a bottle of alcohol and marijuana in the subject's backpack that was later destroyed by police.

On April 20, Staples Police received a report of a fraudulent $20 bill at Mid Central National Bank. The bank was advised to send the note to the United States Secret Service.

On April 20, Staples Police were dispatched to the Lakewood emergency room for a report of an unruly, intoxicated patient. The subject stated that they were homeless with no friends or family in the area. Hospital staff did not want the subject at the emergency room, due to their behavior. Police transported the subject to a hotel, and stayed on scene until the subject had checked in.

On April 21, Staples Police responded to a report of a theft at the Liquor Depot.

On April 21, Staples Police were requested to conduct a welfare check on an individual that was reported to be depressed. Police made contact by phone with the subject and later contacted the crisis line for the subject.

On April 23, Staples Police observed a driver that did not have a valid drivers license. Police turned around on the vehicle and the vehicle quickly turned out of view of the officer. The officer located the vehicle and the two occupants were gone. Police located the two occupants in a nearby swamp and arrested the driver for warrants. Police searched the area of the swamp where the subjects were and located a hypodermic needle along with a baggie of methamphetamine. The driver, John Van Norman, 36, of Staples, was arrested for the warrants along with 5th degree possession.

On April 23, Staples Police responded to the Staples Motley High School for a report of a student who was punching walls. Police arrived and the situation calmed down.

On April 23, Staples Police were called to Lakewood Health System emergency room for an unruly subject. Police assisted moving the patient back into a room.

On April 23, Staples Police were called to the Lakewood Health System emergency room to assist with an unruly patient. Police stood by as staff provided care to the subject. Assisting with the call was Motley Police Department.

On April 24, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 8th Street NE for a report of individuals messing with a utility box. Police located the subjects and determined they worked for the utility company, and were accidently in the wrong location for service.

On April 24, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 8th Street NE for a report of an assault that occurred a few days before. Police are investigating the incident.

On April 25, Staples Police responded to the 900 block of Michigan Ave. for a report of an overdose.



Garden club spring work

Members of the Sprinkle & Sprout Garden Club cleaned up the flower beds at the Little Caboose Park in Staples May 6. Pictured from left are Shirley Watson, Florence Berndt, Fran Kokett, Sherry Frisk. The garden club helps maintain a number of flower beds in Motley and Staples. (Submitted photo by Joan Hamann)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 29 - May 5

May 5 - The MPD received a 911 call regarding a child's leg that was caught in a crib and the mother unable to get him out. Upon their arrival at a residence in Motley, the MPD was able to free the child and there were no signs of injury.

May 3 - 5 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Bryan Bredeson, 30; Diane Hensel, 60.

May 4 - The MPD received a report of an intentional gas drive-off in the amount of $67.47 from Holiday Gas Station in Motley. The plates came back to a car dealer in Lakeville; and after contacting him, he stated the car had been sold to a dealership in Farmington. The MPD proceeded to contact the car dealer in Farmington, who stated they have the vehicle still on their lot and purchased it from the Lakeville dealership without any plates on it. The MPD then contacted the Lakeville dealer and advised them to contact their local law enforcement and have the plates listed as stolen.

May 4 - The MPD responded to a call of subjects trying to break into a residence on Cedar St. E., Motley. It is believed that the caller may be suffering from a mental health episode.

April 29 - The MPD received a call from Augers Motley Express stating that a customer brought in a case that fell out of another vehicle that had just left the store; and when they opened it they located what appeared to be drugs. The MPD and MCSO checked the contents which included several hypodermic needles and a small baggie with meth inside. The items were brought back to the police station and disposed of properly.

April 29 - The MPD responded to a motor vehicle accident at Sunny Pines Apartments in Motley. The driver denied any medical attention and there was moderate damage to both vehicles.

May 5 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 1500 block of Ridge Rd., Motley.

May 2 - The MCSO received a call from a driver who had hit a deer at the 4400 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. The driver reported heavy front end damage to their vehicle.

April 30 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting Motley Fire be paged for a grass fire at the 7200 block of 120th St. SW in Motley. Although it was not endangering buildings at that time, it was noted that there were buildings in the area.

April 30 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County reporting a grass fire north of the 8200 block of 84th St. SW in Motley. No buildings in danger.

April 30 - The MCSO issued speeding citations to Sahro Raabi, 32; Jose Rubio, 45.



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Building adds community

ops the budget, they make some educated assumptions - enrollment numbers, increases (or not) to the funding formula from the state, etc.; and until the legislative session is done and students start the school year, those two big revenue pieces are not set in stone.

The second part of the work session included a presentation by Middle/High School Principal Mike Schmidt, who had put together a list of opportunities for the 2021 - 2022 school year, for 5th and 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade. Schmidt said he is about 80 - 90 percent finished with this and will bring it to the June work session where it will be tweaked. A final plan will be presented in July.

Schmidt said he feels its important to make the actual school building an attractive place for students...you don't have the same sense of community when so many students are studying online, off campus. There's better communication between students and staff when they are all together, he noted. The principal also emphasized that the school will still have open lunch.

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Developing relationships

ware developer at the Mayo Clinic.

It was during those early post-college years that Scott and Lisa (now married) were invited to attend Rochester Covenant Church and fell in love with it. Somewhere down the line, his best friend's wife, Holly, said to him, "You'd be a good pastor...Bethel (University) has an evening program."

Scott was dumbstruck at the idea, but Holly's out-of-the-blue statement seemed to be a "two by four on the head from God," the pastor reflected.

It seemed crazy. He and Lisa were expecting their first child and they were at a secure place in their lives financially. Was this really a wise move?

The Jorgensons prayed about it and looked into the program. Ultimately, Scott enrolled at Bethel in 1995, as a full-time seminary student.

Upon earning his Master of Divinity degree, Pastor Jorgenson went on to do a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency at the Mayo Clinic for one year. Following his internship, Jorgenson continued on at Mayo as a chaplain for 14 years, providing spiritual care to patients, families and staff. "I worked at two hospitals," he said, adding that it was a lot of work, often entailing his being called to meet with patients in the emergency room.

It was very fulfilling work, but Jorgenson eventually answered calls to work in a church setting. His first call was as senior pastor at a Baptist church in Hudson, Wisc. From there, he served at Community Church of Boulder Junction, also in Wisconsin.

Although they loved the location and the church in Boulder Junction, the Jorgensons had a desire to be closer to family. Pastor Scott reached out to the Covenant headquarters to see if any churches were looking to hire a pastor and learned that there were a couple, including Thomastown Covenant. Upon learning that this rural church was located in Staples, Scott and Lisa felt this to be an affirmation of God leading them to Central Minnesota... for starters, their daughter Sina lives in Staples. Pastor Scott later received an official call to lead the church, which he and Lisa were happy to accept. In addition to being involved at the church, Lisa also works as a paraprofessional at Pillager schools.

He believes in "keeping it real," the pastor said of his approach to helping parishioners gain spiritual truths for living in this world. It's the way Jesus taught, he said.

When asked what he loves the most about his job, Pastor Jorgenson says "preaching and teaching; and developing relationships."

They plan to hold outdoor services this summer at Thomastown on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, weather permitting. People will also have the opportunity to stay in their vehicle and listen to the radio broadcast of the service.

Since moving to Staples, the Jorgenson's daughter Sina gave birth to Nikolai, their first grandbaby. They've been blessed to be parents of two wonderful daughters (their other daughter, Sara, lives in Cleveland, Ohio); and now they are excited to take on the role of grandparents. In addition, the Jorgensons' dog, Trixie, is a part of the family.

He's been enjoying meeting people in the community, Pastor Jorgenson said, mentioning that anyone is welcome to attend services at Thomastown.

If you don't make it to the church on Sunday, you just might catch the pastor at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples on occasion (a good cup of strong coffee is a must for any Scandinavian, dontcha know). He'd probably welcome a conversation about his sermon, or life in general, over a cup of java.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1946

• May 9, 1946 - Showing at the New Staples Theatre, "The Bells of St. Mary's" starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman, Five Big Days - May 10 - 14. Night shows, Admission 12 cents and 40 cents, including tax. Matinee prices, 12 cents and 30 cents.

• May 9, 1946 - A freak egg, laid by a White Rock hen belonging to the flock of Frank Wilcox five miles north west of Staples, was brought to the World office Saturday morning by Mr. Wilcox.

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The egg would remind a person of a "snowman" in that it was in two parts, the head and the body. The head, naturally was smaller, but it was a complete egg in that it contained a yolk and the white of an egg. The "body" was larger, and the size of a natural egg, and was also perfect.

The only defect apparent in the egg was that it was soft shelled, and hard to handle. The egg was joined with a small "neck" but otherwise was perfect in every respect.

• May 9, 1946 - Ten people were involved in serious accidents, and were brought to the Staples Municipal hospital for treatment last week, and at the present time all have been discharged from the hospital except Norbert Tholl, 25, who still remains in a very serious condition, with a double fracture of the skull, and who is conscious only part of the time. Pat Loftis, another victim will be confined to the hospital for several weeks suffering from a broken shoulder and collarbone.

The article mentioned that the victims involved in the accidents (four total) included Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cauble, of Lake Alexander, who were seriously injured a few miles north of Cushing when their car was sideswiped by another auto; three young men, Pat and John Loftis, and Norbert Tholl, who were injured when their car rolled over endwise and then sidewise opposite Pat's Cabins, about four miles east of Staples. Other accident victims mentioned included Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Forsberg (all vehicle accidents); and little Audah Morris, who required 16 stitches after being kicked by a calf at the Frank Wilcox farm south of Staples.

50 Years Ago - 1971

• May 13, 1971 - The Staples Cardinals blew a 5 to 0 lead and then dropped a 6 to 5 decision to the baseball team of Wadena high school in a game played on the Wadena diamond Monday afternoon.

Staples started the scoring in the first inning on walks to Warren Mertens and Rick Miller, plus a wild pitch and a stolen base and an error.

Four big runs came across home plate in the second inning on singles by Joe Neznik, Gary Mayavski, Jack Kirk and Warren Mertens, a double by Mike Matanich, a wild pitch and a double steal.

The Cardinal record now stands at 5 wins and 1 loss in the Mid-State Conference, 4 wins and 3 losses in District 24 play and an overall record of 6 wins and 4 losses.

• May 13, 1971 - Miller & Holst Gulf Store in Staples advertises Schweigert Thuringer, 99 cents/lb; Skin-on Weiners, 99 cents/lb; Jeno's Double Cheese Pizza, 79 cents; Texsun Orange Juice, 2/89 cents; Monarch Ice Cream, 5 qt. lug, $1.69; Gold Medal Pop, 10 cans for $1.

• May 13, 1971 - Three Motley service stations were burglarized over the past weekend resulting in about $345 in cash and some merchandise being stolen, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office said.

Broken into sometime Friday evening or early Saturday morning were the Skelly station, owned by Lee Greig; the Brautigam's Standard Station and the Union 76 Station owned by Bob Deering.

• May 13, 1971 - Under the sponsorship of the Retail Committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, Hog Wild Days will be observed in this city May 13 - 15.

A hog has been purchased by the committee and will be on display in the downtown area all three days. Shoppers in Staples will have the opportunity to guess the hog's actual weight by registering at the various business firms participating in Hog Wild Days.

The person guessing closest to the hog's actual weight will win the hog, Dick Lange, retail committee chairman, said.

• May 13, 1971 - Stanley Sumey, a farmer in Moran Township, was named as the new Todd County Commissioner for the First Commissioner's District by the Board of Appointment at their meeting May 10, in Long Prairie.

Nick Truog, county auditor, said that Sumey will fill the vacancy on the board resulting from the death of N. B. Schultenover. Sumey's district includes the City of Staples and the townships of Moran, Germainia, Staples, Villard, Turtle Creek and Fawn Lake. Sumey, a 1942 graduate of Staples high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sumey. He is married to the former Cleone Oldenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oldenburg.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• May 9, 1996 - Several fires, most of them grass and brush fires, have kept area fire departments and crews from the Department of Natural Resources busy this past week.

The Staples and Motley Volunteer Fire Departments had a total of nine fire calls in just over a week.

• May 9, 1996 - Some 300 trees were due to be planted in the southwest portion of Staples the first three days of this week by local volunteers. The fist of the trees was planted at the old Lincoln School site Monday in a ceremony marking the local Arbor Day program. On hand for that event were Jim Mohler, Jerry Riewer, Phil Stone, Mayor Frank Williams and City Administrator Jerry Brever.

• May 9, 1996 - Doris Vasecka of Motley was recently nominated for the 1996 Acts of Kindness, the Governor's Volunteer Award. The 74-year-old mother of eight lives at Sunny Pines in Motley.

10 Years Ago - 2011

• May 12, 2011 - Val and Sal selections were announced for Staples Motley High School last week. They are Alek Paskewitz, valedictorian and Abby Smith, salutatorian for the Staples Motley High School Class of 2011.

Paskewitz in the son of Lee and Laurie Paskewitz and Smith is the daughter of Greg and Rebecca Smith.

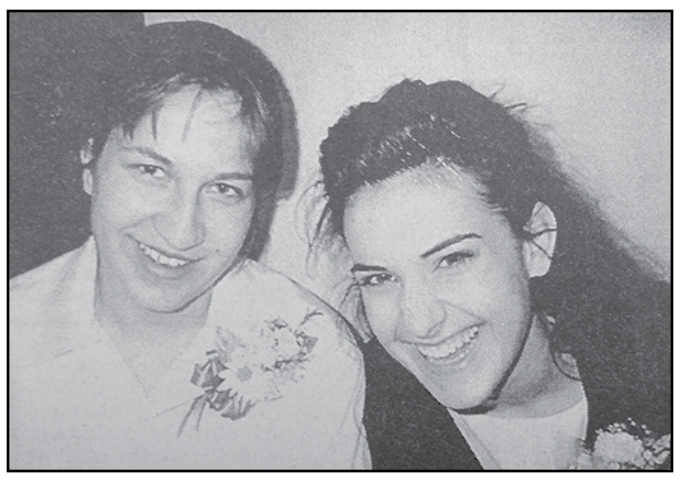
• May 12, 2011 - The 18th Annual Foundation Dinner Auction was held April 30, at Lakewood Health System's Main campus east of Staples. The event raised more than $18,000, which will go toward funding renovations to the Lakewood Care Center.

• May 12, 2011 - Jeffrey Wuollet of Staples, a 2011 Central Lakes College Associate in Arts degree candidate, has been awarded a paid internship with Walt Disney World in Florida. At CLC he has been an actor, musician and computer commons student worker.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 6, 1971 edition. Do you know who this is and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the April 25, 1996 edition of the Staples World, featured Amanda Bilek and Maria Brenny, Staples Motley speech team members, who finished seventh and fifth, respectiely, at the state Class A Speech Tournament. The two were also chosen as the top speech team members and selected as the next year's team captains.

Michelle Lundquist, Tiffany Sweeney and Judy Wolak, all of Staples, correctly identified both. Wolak also knew that the girls were co-captains of the speech team. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



SM Speech team state competitors

Front, left to right: Coach Tammy Johnson, Coach Samantha Mrazek, Torii Nienow, Alex Brings, Coach Emily Olson. Back: Head Coach Brian Sams, Keegan Bestland, Keegan Harvey, Caden Mrazek, Connor Judd and Coach Travis Chaput. Not pictured: Cy Johnson. (Submitted photo)

COVID-19 outbreak in area

As COVID-19 numbers are going down around the state and around the country, an unusual spike cropped up in the Wadena zip code area, with 39 new cases diagnosed in the week of April 30-May 6. Over the last four weeks, the Wadena area has seen the most cases since the statewide spike in November and December.

The disease is still spreading in every community in the area. The Long Prairie zip code had 13 new cases. Every other community in the area was in single digits, with Motley having one new case, Staples five and Pillager nine.

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Letter to the Editor

Honoring law enforcement officers

In recognition of National Police Week 2021, communities across the United States will come together May 9-15 to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

• There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities throughout the United States.

• As of 2019, there have been 56,034 assaults against law enforcement officers, resulting in approximately 17,188 injuries.

• Since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty. The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.

• Another 394 new names of fallen heroes will be added to the memorial this year. These 394 officers include 295 officers who were killed during 2020 (182 fatalities were COVID-19 related), plus 99 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

• In tribute to American law enforcement officers, May 15, 2021 is dedicated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

Let us join together during National Police Week and publicly salute the service and dedication of law enforcement officers in Todd County and in communities across the nation.

For more information visit www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek.

Barb Dinkel Goodrich
General Crime and Abused Child Services Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center – Todd County

Quote of the week

"We will always have STEM with us. Some things will drop out of the public eye and will go away, but there will always be science, engineering, and technology. And there will always, always be mathematics."
— Katherine Johnson, NASA scientist

Rural areas leading election rejection anger

By Al Cross
Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues

Rejection of the 2020 presidential election result "has increasingly become an unofficial litmus test for acceptance in the Republican Party," The Washington Post reports, with small-town examples.

Reporters Ashley Parker and Marianna Sotomayor note the division among Republicans in Congress, but report local and state officials "are facing censure and threats" as "local party organizations have fervently embraced the falsehood" of Donald Trump that he lost unfairly.

They begin their story with Debra Ell, Republican precinct delegate from Frankenmuth, Michigan, a town of 5,200 near Saginaw: "I think I speak for many people in that Trump has never actually been wrong, and so we've learned to trust when he says something, that he's not just going to spew something out there that's wrong and not verified," so she's circulating a petition to remove the state Republican Party's executive director, who told Politico that "the election wasn't stolen" and that "there is no one to blame but Trump."

Grassroots embrace of what Democrats call "the Big Lie" was seen at Utah's Republican convention Saturday, where a resolution to censure Sen. Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP presidential nominee, for voting to convict Trump on impeachment charges got 47 percent of the vote, losing 798-711.

"Several local Republicans have either stepped down or been forced out of their party positions for not supporting Trump's baseless election claims or for criticizing the former president's role in inciting the deadly Capitol riot," the Post reports. "In Iowa - after telling a local newspaper that Trump should be impeached for his 'atrocious conduct' in egging on the Jan. 6 attacks - Dave Millage was called a 'traitor' and forced to step down as chair of the Scott County Republican Party."

Prevent skin cancer with summer precautions

By Scott Fischbach
Spouse of U.S. Representative Michelle Fischbach

I was recently invited to join the Advisory Committee of the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program, which is a non-partisan effort by spouses of Members of Congress to increase understanding of cancer prevention and early detection. Cancer has unfortunately impacted all of us but we can fight back with as much education and information as possible towards prevention and early detection.

As a compliment to Michelle's service in Congress it is my hope to be able to share with the residents of the 7th District educational programs that are made available to us.

Summer is just around the corner, and most of us are looking forward to spending time outdoors with friends and family. May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, so it is the perfect time to refresh your skin cancer knowledge before you head out into the sun. I am sharing this vital information to make sure skin protection is part of your summer plans.

Skin cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in the U.S. An estimated 106,110 Americans will be diagnosed with melanoma—the deadliest form of skin cancer—in 2021. In Minnesota alone, an estimated 1850 will be diagnosed this year. Most cases are caused by exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, which means many cases are preventable.

Anyone can get skin cancer, regardless of skin color, age or gender. It might surprise you that men are more likely to be diagnosed than women. Make sure you follow the Prevent Cancer Foundation's top tips for protecting your skin this summer and beyond.

Top Tips to Stay Skin Healthy

Wear a broad spectrum SPF 30 (minimum) sunscreen and lip balm daily. Even on cloudy days, the sun's UV rays can reach the ground. They can even pass through a window in your car or home, so it is important to make sunscreen use a daily habit, regardless of the weather or your plans for the day. If you can, avoid the sun when the UV rays are strongest—between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.—or stay in the shade.

Reapply your sunscreen every 2 hours, or more often if you are swimming or sweating. A higher SPF does not mean you can reapply less often or safely stay in the sun longer.

Wear sunscreen on any skin exposed to the sun. Don't miss any areas of exposed skin, including your lips, scalp, palms of the hands and bottoms of the feet. Be sure to apply generously (most people need a palmful to cover their exposed skin). If you have tattoos, protect those areas as well.

It's a good idea to have your health care provider examine your skin every year.

Check your skin every month and talk with your health care provider about any changes. Use the ABCDE rule to check your moles: look for signs of Asymmetry, Border irregularity, Color that is not uniform, Diameter greater than the size of a pencil eraser, or Evolving size, shape or color. If you notice any changes or symptoms, such as bleeding, itching or crusting, make an appointment with a health care provider.

Completely avoid tanning beds and sun lamps. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, using tanning beds before age 35 can increase your chances of developing melanoma by 59 percent. Your risk increases with each use.

Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes and face from UV rays. Melanoma is the most common type of eye cancer. When buying sunglasses, be sure to read the label to confirm they are UV-blocking.

To learn more about skin cancer prevention and early detection, visit www.stayskinhealthy.org.

Rural areas hesitant on COVID-19 vaccines

By Lisa M. Lee
Hastings Bioethics Forum

As the United States redoubled its vaccine efforts, nearly 40 percent of the U.S. population has received at least one dose of a Covid vaccine. As access to vaccines increases, the popular press reports waning demand for vaccines in rural residents and points to vaccine hesitancy. To plan effective public health action for next steps in vaccine distribution, we need a clearer understanding of why doses distributed to rural areas remain unclaimed. We must check our assumptions to prevent a false narrative that could cause harm by reinforcing a false belief that rural residents are not interested in vaccination.

First, the data. In Virginia, the state where I live and work, many of our rural counties have higher one-dose rates per 100,000 residents compared with our urban counties. As of April 15, for example, urban counties bordering the District of Columbia reported one-dose rates of 38.5 percent, 37.6 percent, and 37.1 percent in Loudon, Fairfax, and Arlington counties. Another urban center, the City of Richmond, reported 33.2 percent of residents with at least one dose. Higher one-dose rates were reported in many rural counties in the southern, western, and eastern parts of the state, with rates of 41.5 percent (Botetourt County), 45.1 percent (Highland County), 46 percent (Nelson County), and 49.3 percent (Northampton County). Ten of 16 of Virginia's southernmost rural counties had rates similar to those observed in urban counties. Our pattern does not indicate lower vaccination rates in rural counties.

If the data do not support the presumption of vaccine hesitancy in rural areas, how has this narrative developed? In many of the reports of the phenomenon, the measure of hesitancy is the count of leftover vaccine doses or unclaimed vaccine appointments. While it is feasible that unclaimed doses or appointments might indicate a lack of demand, there are at least three other feasible explanations unrelated to hesitancy that we ought to explore: challenges signing up for an appointment, challenges getting to vaccination sites, and other pressing health and survival needs.

In Virginia, like other states, access to high-speed internet is far from universal. Over 30 percent of Virginians do not have access to a reliable internet connection, and 11 percent do not have internet at all. This reality became painfully apparent in March 2020, when the country sent workers and students home, relying on internet platforms to conduct business and education. Colleagues at my university and students in our community without internet access resorted to driving to church, school, or even fast-food parking lots in hopes of a consistent connection. For many rural residents, signing up online for a vaccine appointment, wading through pages and pages of web forms, is simply not an option.

Even if there were alternatives to online vaccine appointment sign-up, not all rural residents have access to a working vehicle to transport them to the vaccine administration site. Rural households are less likely to have vehicles and have few or no public transport options. In addition, rural residents tend to be older and older drivers are less likely to drive longer distances necessary to get to the administration site, especially if it requires highway driving.

Third, rural residents—even before the pandemic—were nearly twice as likely to be living in poverty and experiencing food insecurity, often unemployed or working low-wage jobs without paid leave or health benefits. They are more likely to be medically disconnected because they reside in medically underserved areas. The inability to forego wages by taking time away from work to attend vaccine clinics with limited hours, daily worry about whether they can maintain their residence or obtain food for their families, and care for medically underserved family and neighbors push Covid-19 vaccine urgency down the list of other urgent needs.

As we acknowledge these realities of rural life, it is incumbent upon us, public health professionals, to do what is necessary to reach every resident with the offer of a vaccine. The foundational public health principle of reciprocity requires that when we need someone to do something in the interest of the public's health—in this case, get a Covid-19 vaccine—we must provide them with reasonable means to do so. In rural settings, this might mean sending teams of public health personnel into rural communities to talk with leaders of places of worship, store owners, and other community leaders to partner on the best way to reach community members. It might mean setting up a community-led vaccination site in a church lobby, a local store or restaurant, a food pantry, or a gas station parking lot. We cannot rely on the sentiment that if we build it, they will come. Those who could come have come; those who have not might not be able to. It is up to us to test our assumptions.

If we discover that, in fact, the unclaimed vaccine doses are an indication of vaccine hesitancy, we must acknowledge that actual hesitancy is the result of a wide spectrum of concerns, including a simple dislike of needles or injections, people not perceiving themselves to be at risk, a lack of understanding that the vaccines protect both self and others, and, for a small proportion of people, conspiracy theories and other misinformation. Some nonwhite communities are skeptical of whether vaccine development included persons of color; some people prefer to wait until someone they know and trust gets it.

Despite these concerns, the data show that desire to be vaccinated has steadily increased in the U.S., including rural areas. In March 2021, 61 percent of Americans stated that they had already gotten or would get it as soon as possible, up from just 29 percent in December 2020. For rural resident, the numbers were 55 percent and 29 percent, respectively.

It is incumbent upon us to look carefully at the data and to listen carefully to the lived experience of rural residents who face synergistic disparities in this and other public health emergencies. We have a duty to invest in feasible and effective solutions to address any hesitancy we observe. We have a moral duty to avoid harm that is created by stoking a narrative of growing vaccine hesitancy if it does not exist.

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Lamplighter Community Theatre presents, 'The Last Five Years'

Showing at The Landmark Inn, Staples/livestream

Lamplighter Community Theatre continues the 2020 season with the Drama Desk award winner, The Last Five Years. This powerful and intimate musical runs at the Landmark Inn in Staples May 13 - 16.

Written by Jason Robert Brown, The Last Five Years is about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The show's unconventional structure consists of Cathy, telling her story backwards, while Jamie tells his story chronologically. The two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.

The Last Five Years is directed by Karla Johnson and vocal direction/stage-managed by Emily-Rose Severson. The cast is comprised of Travis Chaput (Jamie Wellerstein), Nicole Rothleutner (Cathy Hiatt), Brianna Engels (Ensemble) to round out the creative and talented team for Lamplighter's production of the season.

"This show has always been a dream of mine to work on, I can't believe it is finally happening," said Chaput. "This show is the perfect musical for the current times we are living in. I hope everyone will join us at the Landmark Inn or online for the livestream."

Performances of The Last Five Years are Thursday, May 13 - Saturday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. For in-person viewing of the show, seating is limited to 50 people, with masks required during the performance. You can also choose to livestream the performance from the comfort of your home. The box office opens an hour before curtain with seating beginning 30 minutes before show time. Tickets are currently on sale and may be purchased online at www.lctstaples.com. In-person tickets will also be available at the door.



Rehearsing a scene

Travis Chaput and Nicole Rothleutner rehearse a scene from the Lamplighter Community Theatre's production of The Last Five Years. The musical runs at the Landmark Inn in Staples May 13 - 16. (Submitted photo)

Poetry Walk opens with poems of hope and reassurance

The Poetry Walk at Green Island in Wadena opens in May with "More Poems of Hope and Reassurance" on display. The poets featured in May include Micki Blenkush, Sara DeLuca, Jeanne Lutz, Freya Manfred, Patricia Norton and Jim Johnson.

Green Island is a 60-acre parcel of land within the city of Wadena, owned by Kent Scheer and Vicki Chepulis whose stewardship of the land includes making a space where people are invited to enjoy the peace and beauty of a carefully cultivated space for experiencing nature. Like the gardens of Europe, there are places to stroll through woods, to sit under a tree and read, or enjoy a picnic lunch with a friend. The land also includes a working orchard, gardens of rare herbs, wild deer, and white doves who coo softly from their dovecote. Dotted throughout the park-like atmosphere are sculptures created by Kent. The Poetry Walk compositions are posted alternately on the 12 small information stations along Green Island trails. These alternate with educational texts providing information on the purpose and function of Green Island's new forest.

Each month a different selection of poets will be featured on the Poetry Walk from the project "More Poems of Hope and Reassurance". This project was created by Lina Belar, a fiscal year 2021 recipient of a Creative Support for Individuals Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature; and by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Green Island is located at 850 Scheer Drive, Wadena. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

May

- **Commencement Concert - Grades 10 - 12** Friday, May 21, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium.
- **Baccalaureate** Sunday, May 23. Location, time, TBD.
- **Finale Concert - Grades 6 - 9** Monday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Auditorium.
- **Cords and Awards** Friday, May 28, 10 a.m.
- **Graduation** Friday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.
- **Memorial Day - No School** Monday, May 21.

June

- **Last Day of School** Friday, June 4.

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

Mark Your Calendar

May 13

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.

May 17

AA group Mtgs In Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 19

Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Board Mtg Wednesday, May 19, Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples, 5:30 p.m. Public invited to attend; masks required. A virtual source for attending will be available upon request. For info., call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

May 20

Conference on Aging - Virtual Celebration will be held Thursday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event is a collaboration of the Todd County Council on Aging and Wellness in the woods. The virtual event includes musical entertainment, vendor/sponsor highlights and door prizes. Free registration at Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-you-tickets-141052769631. For more info., call 320-468-6451.

May 27

Blood Drive In Motley Thursday, May 27, noon - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. So., Motley. For appt., more information, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter Sponsor Code: Motley Community.

TCHC groundbreaking moved to May 21

Tri-County Health Care, in Wadena has set a new date for groundbreaking ceremony.

The event had previously been planned ing ceremony for May 4, and was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The ceremony is now set for May 21 at 12:30 p.m.

The event will only be open to select staff and special guests due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, arrangements have been made to live stream the proceedings. Livewire, a live events company located in Fargo, will be handling the technical elements of the groundbreaking.

Everyone is welcome to view the live stream, May 21 at 12:30 p.m. at TCHC.org.

MDA funding for projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is awarding the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and project partners $3.5 million to implement conservation measures on irrigated lands. The money is being awarded through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and will fund a 5-year project that is focused on 20 counties across the state of Minnesota.

"We are grateful for this funding from NRCS," said Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Irrigation is critical for many of our farmers, and this money will allow us to work with producers and our partners to enhance conservation measures on the land that will ultimately benefit our water resources."

"The Regional Conservation Partnership Program is public-private partnership working at its best," said Terry Cosby, Acting Chief for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. "These new projects will harness the power of partnership to help bring about solutions to natural resource concerns across the country while supporting our efforts to combat the climate crisis."

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the project area include Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena.

For more information, visit the RCPP website.



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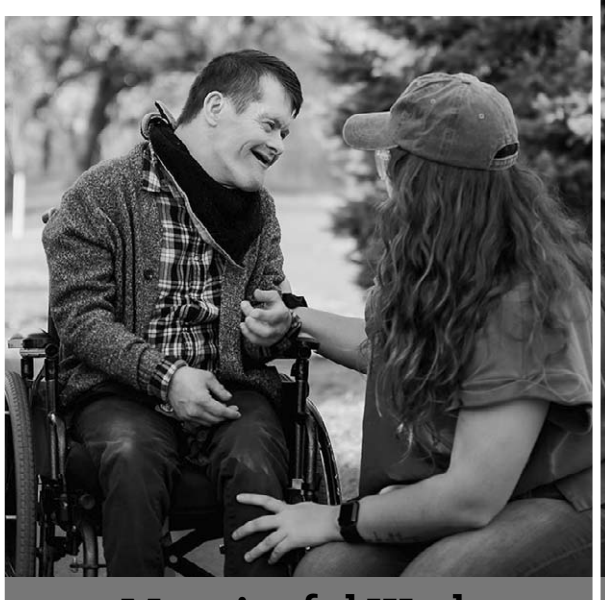
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Obituaries

Warren Nelson



With family at his side, Warren "Pat" Nelson, 90, passed away May 4, 2021, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, under the compassionate care of Lakewood Hospice.

The private graveside service for Warren "Pat" Nelson of Staples, will be held May 14, at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley, near Little Falls where he will be buried next to his wife. Due to COVID the family is unable to accept flowers at this private outdoor service.

Warren was born to Albert and Agnes (Palm) Nelson on March 17, 1931, in Princeton. He graduated from high school in St. Francis. He joined the U.S. Air Force in April 1951 and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1955. On a blind date, Warren met Carolyn Edith Cates and they were united in marriage on July 1, 1955, at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield. Warren and Carolyn operated a dairy farm in St. Francis, where they raised their four daughters, two foster daughters and grieved the loss of their infant son. In 1971, Staples became their home where they farmed for many years and became very active members of the Staples Alliance Church.

Warren and Carolyn retired from farming in 1997 and moved to a cozy home on their daughter's property in Motley. Due to declining health they moved to The Pines in Staples in 2012, where they enjoyed the company of many special people.

Over the years, Warren belonged to the agricultural committee and served his church as a very active board member and trustee. His interests included metal detecting, gardening, restoring vintage toys and deer hunting. He was also an avid fur trapper for over 72 years which included many fond memories of beaver trapping for numerous counties.

Memories of Warren will be treasured by four daughters, Deb (Dave) Mennis of Benson, Kathy (Denny) Ulmer of Park Rapids, Lori (Ross) Miller of North Branch and Becky (Jay) Landis of Motley; two foster daughters, Lucille Ellefson Hanson and Lauretta Ellefson Curtin; 11 grandchildren Leah (Mennis) Montgomery, Emily (Mennis) Cummings, Sarah (Ulmer) Frieden, Anna Ulmer, Jason Miller, Darcy Miller, Zackery Weber, Ernest Weber, Amy (Miller) Waldvogel, Rachel (Landis) Aakre and Rebekah (Landis) Daly; 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Gerald Nelson; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carolyn (2015); parents; infant son, David; three brothers, Vernal, Morris and Ronald and four sisters, Margorie Ackerson, Dorothy Arthur, Marian Reed and Marvel Lange.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dave Mennis, Denny Ulmer, Ross Miller and Jay Landis

The family prefers memorials in Warren's memory be directed to the Lakewood Health System Memory Care Unit, Staples for the care he and his family so greatly appreciated.

Arrangements by the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Domian-Anderson Chapel, Bertha. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Douglas Grossman



Douglas Leroy Grossman, 90, passed away peacefully May 1, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls.

Doug was son of Edmond and Hazel (Gaugert) Grossman, Staples.

Doug grew up on a rural farm in Moran Township where he was active in 4H, showing livestock and serving on many 4H boards and attending National Conventions on their behalf.

Doug served in the U.S. Army during the Korea Conflict. Upon returning home Doug married Bonnie Jean Liane on June 30, 1956. Doug and Bonnie were very active in the Staples community for all their lives. Doug was a journeyman electrician for Cross Electric for a few years before he became a Master Electrician and started Doug's Electric in 1968. He remained self-employed until his retirement.

A devoted member in the Lions Club, Doug was also on the Trinity Lutheran Church board, the Staples School Board and the Minnesota Electrical Association Board.

In many ways Doug was a bit of a social butterfly, seldom missed his time with friends for coffee and BS sessions. One always knew where they stood with Doug, there were very few gray areas, a trait that even the nurses at the VA home mentioned.

Doug and Bonnie had two sons, Steve and Scott. Neither Doug or Bonnie missed a program or sporting event where their boys were participating. They were regulars at all these events, whether it be in Staples, or all over the country.

Doug and Bonnie loved fishing, on the Crow Wing, local lakes, but most fondly were their times with grandsons Josh and Travis. Most weekends would find them hooking up the boat to the motor home and off they would go.

They eventually bought a trailer and lot up on Leech Lake, which became a new destination for all of us, those were great times with a lifetime of memories. An avid golfer in his earlier days, Doug had never had a hole in one. On a short par 3 course near their lot on Leech Lake, his hole and one came to be with grandkids and family seeing it happen...we celebrated.

Perhaps, Doug's favorite outdoor passion was goose hunting. Together with a group of local friends Doug became a member in Campflybye, a goose camp in southern Manitoba. The stories from here are endless, however his pride was his time with grandson's Josh and Travis at goose camp. Doug was a great teacher and mentor, he always did it his way, a constant with Doug. The stories and "Dougisims" would easily fill a book. We are a family blessed to have had Doug as a father and grandfather and Bonnie as a mother and grandmother.

Doug is survived by two sons, Steve of Staples and Scott of Randall; two grandsons, Josh of Rosemount and Travis, of Pillager; four great-grandchildren, Kate and Julia, daughters of Josh and Travis's sons, Garrett and Eli.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Bonnie.

Doug was grateful for his time and the care that was given to him at the Fergus Falls Assisted Living Home for Veterans, and we as a family are grateful for the services of all the wonderful people there.

Doug and Bonnie are together again, we are all happy for that.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Vera Goligowski



Vera Goligowski, 100, of Browerville, passed away-May 6, 2021, peacefully, at her home, surrounded by family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held May 13, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville, with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to services at the church. Christian Mother's Rosary will be at 9:45 a.m.

Burial will be at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, Browerville.

Vera was born October 21, 1920, to John and Minnie (Fuller) Thompson in Crosby. She graduated from Wadena High School and attended Normal School in Walker. She married Ardeen Goligowski on June 20, 1942. Vera taught in many country schools in the area and Staples High School. She earned her teaching degree from Bemidji State University and retired from teaching in 1983. Vera and Ardeen wintered in Texas for several years and volunteered at local schools and tutored children while there.

Vera is survived by three sons, Bob (Audrey) Goligowski, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Steven (Nancy) Goligowski and Loren (Merilee) Goligowski; two daughters, Peggy (Harold) Freyholtz and Kathryn (Richard) Motl; one son-in-law, Gary (Lenore) Farber; 14 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie; stepmother, Irene; husband, Ardeen; one daughter, Judy Farber; great-granddaughter, Madison Rushmeyer; four siblings, Vernon, Dale, Janice and infant brother, Eugene.

Arrangements by Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

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Betty Franks



Betty Franks, 68, of Motley died at her home April 29, 2021.

She was born in Staples on October 21, 1952 to Christian and Myrtle (Buchholz) Bjerga. Betty graduated from Motley High School. She lived in Chicago, IL for some time prior to moving back to Minnesota where she worked as a waitress. Betty loved to play bingo, crosswords and spend time at the casino. She had a huge heart and her compassion could not be matched. She was understanding, always willing to listen or lend a helping hand. These traits are part of what made her an amazing mother and grandmother, who found joy in being actively involved in the lives of her family members.

Betty is survived by three children, Derek (Gary) Johnston, Erin Franks and Christian Franks; five grandchildren, Isaac, Ava and Stella Franks, Ricky Johnston and Julian Franks Ambriz and many other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Marilyn and one grandson, Jaiden Franks.

Arrangements were with Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Gordon Sampson

Inurnment with military rites for Gordon Sampson will be held Sat., May 22, 2021 at the Poplar Cemetery at 2 p.m.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA. .....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) .....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) ..... 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting ..... 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ..... After school to 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
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. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons..... 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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
Pastor Greg Leslie
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
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
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 & 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group .....6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

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Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in Me and I in Him will bear much fruit,
because without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

In this 15th Chapter of John's Gospel Jesus reminds us that without remaining attached to the vine, the branches wither and are fruitless. So should the disciple cling to the Lord Jesus Christ as a branch to the vine, lest we too should wither and be fruitless.

Yet we live in a society built upon Christian foundations which often takes the fruits it enjoys for granted as if coming from the branches themselves. They are not. The sap meant to feed the branches is drawn through the vines, rooted in and sent forth by the love of God the Father. The further our culture ventures away from the Lord Himself, the more shriveled will become the fruit clinging from its branches.

Dear friends, as we continue our journey through this Easter Season, remember the source from Whom all good things come. Remember that disciples look to Jesus Christ Himself as their source and guide. Cling to Christ as a branch to the vine. And, consider ways in which you might help to strengthen and shape Christian culture within our communities and especially within your own family. In this Easter Season anchor yourself to the vine, Christ the Lord and try to live in such a way that shows forth the divine source from Whom your joy in Him flows.

May God bless you in this holy season! That in all things, God may be glorified!

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Cardinal pitcher

Mikayla Richards fires a pitch to a batter in the game against Detroit Lakes on May 4. Staples-Motley came close to winning the game, but one big inning led to a 14-11 loss. The Cardinals are winless on the season so far but have played well against a tough schedule.



Sure defense

Allie Olander makes sure she fields a grounder cleanly before throwing for the out.



Big hit

Brooke Converse smashes a ball to the outfield.



Making contact

Evy Gonzalez handles a high pitch. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Looking it into the glove

Jade Storry makes an out at first base

Some may be fishers, some may not

It's a rare mom or dad that doesn't try to expose their children to the passions of the parent. Motives may vary. You might want your child to hunt or fish so you can justify more time spent doing those things. I might send my daughter or son to summer basketball or soccer camp in the hope that they'll be athletic, because I was once an athlete and am a rabid sports fan.

Or, we may have a nobler motive. We may simply want our children's lives to be enriched in the way that such activities have enriched our own. Sooner or later, of course, a child with a healthy independent streak will decide what they like and don't like, their parents' fantasies notwithstanding. So it has been with my own daughter and son.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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To a life-long fisherman, "the opener" in Minnesota rises almost to the level of a religious holiday. Not surprising, then, that in a year now decades in the past I thought it a good idea to expose my first-born to that ritual while she was young and impressionable. "Plant the seed early" was my reasoning.

Of course, there's another school of thought that says you should do everything possible to make sure a would-be fisherman finds their first experiences both comfortable and successful. In hindsight, that logic seems perfectly reasonable. Unfortunately, hindsight is of limited value after the damage is done.

My daughter was then still in elementary school, at an age when pleasing a parent was still a high priority, so the idea met with no protests. The morning of that fishing opener began with a pre-dawn breakfast, one-on-one quality time with dad, who did his best to pump up her enthusiasm for the adventure to come.

Any experienced Minnesota angler knows that the weather on the general fishing opener can be fickle, a description that some will find more than generous. That morning we faced a biting northwest wind and intermittent snow showers, as well as uncooperative fish—save for one hammer-handle northern pike—which made both comfort and success elusive. So elusive, in fact, that by noon my steadfast 10-year-old had cautiously made the suggestion that we give the fishing a rest and go find some hot chocolate.

Following that first misadventure, not all of our angling outings have been without tangible success. Highlights included a four pound smallmouth bass she hooked and landed on her own on a northern Minnesota lake, and adventures of discovery when we canoed and fished some classic trout streams.

But in the end it was the companionship and benefits other than fish on the end of her line that most appealed to her. Things like loons surfacing and diving near our boat on a favorite lake, wild marsh marigolds along the shore, the thrill of running a not-too-threatening stretch of white water rapids in a canoe, and in the evenings being mesmerized as we stared into flames while they slowly turned crackling logs to ash. The wonder of being in these places—not fish hooked and landed—was what stirred and satisfied her. Today, she might come along to be a good sport, but not because she has a passion for angling.

My son, eight years younger than his sister, wasn't subjected to frigid, snowflake-punctuated fishing openers. The three of us incorporated casual fishing into our canoe trips, and somewhere in a photo album of the kind people kept before the age of digital photography, there is a picture of him standing in a river in rain gear, proudly and smilingly holding aloft for the camera a rainbow trout that could not have been more than five inches long. Early symptoms?

Yet, for a number of years such events were rare. From the time he was old enough to join traveling youth basketball and soccer teams his preoccupations were sports and friends. In high school it was varsity football and track & field, and a busy social life, and fishing remained mostly something that dad did.

Oddly, it was when my son was in college—almost 400 miles from home—that we began to fish together avidly, during spring breaks and in the summer months. Perhaps as a result of those early river canoe trips during middle school and junior high, most of our fishing then and now has gravitated to moving waters.

Perhaps this is due to the mystery of what lies always around the next bend, a stimulus for a naturally curious mind. Often our fishing in these places has been on foot, wearing waders, either walking the bank, or shuffling along the gravel and boulders of a stream bottom, immersed in the very element in which the fish themselves live.

My son now has a three-year-old daughter, and we wisely introduced her to fishing for bluegills, on a warm and sunny midsummer day. We fished from the family pontoon so she could roam the deck at will, paying attention to whatever she wished between the plucks that pulled a bobber beneath the surface to signal "fish on." Not surprising, she was fascinated by their iridescent colors, their gyrations as they were hoisted aboard, and had the moxie to touch these wet, slime-covered creatures from beneath the waters where she herself swims.

Needless to say, when the general fishing opener arrives this coming Saturday she will not be aboard a boat launched at midnight or dawn, bundled up and accompanying adult anglers back-trolling or long-lining crankbaits for walleyes. There will be plenty of time in the future for the fishing virus to run its course.

Multiple winners at track triangular

Emmet Anderson and Remmington Converse were double winners at a three team track and field meet at Pequot Lakes on May 6. Anderson won the two longest races and Converse the two shortest races. Tanner Robben scored in three events, finishing second in the 300 hurdles and long jump. He ran the anchor leg in the 4x400 relay where he closed a large gap to bring the team up to second place. The other winner was Lyle Brownell in the 800, with Grant Johnson second.

In the girls meet, Kyanna Burton won the 3,200 and was on the winning 4x800 meter relay. Aften Robinson also was on the winning relay and had two second place finishes, in the 400 and 200.

Team results

Boys results

Pequot Lakes 88.5, Staples-Motley 57.5, Detroit Lakes 38

100 - 1. Remmington Converse 11.95, 6. Corey Hansen 12.40, 17. Wyatt Kobliska 13.21, 18. Connor Judd 13.43, 24. Ramiro Gallardo 13.86, 28. Dakota Hennagir 13.93

200 - 1. Converse 24.50, 2. Hansen 24.96, 12. Judd 28.12, 16. Hunter Miller 30.39

400 - 4. Converse 59.47, 6. Kobliska 1:01, 8. William Dolezal 1:04

800 - 1. Lyle Brownell 2:18, 2. Grant Johnson 2:23

1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:40, 4. Issiah Tabatt 4:56, 8. Dillan Robben 5:38

3,200 - 1. Anderson 9:40, 4. Logan Robben 10:33

110 hurdles - 3. Thien Nguyen (time missing)

300 hurdles - 2. Tanner Robben 46.88, 6. Nguyen 52.37

4x100 - 3. (Hansen, Odin Trif, Gallardo, T. Robben) 50.57, 4. (Benjamin Long, Owen Winter, Noah Greenwaldt, Miller) 51.84

4x200 - 3. (Greenwaldt, Trif, Hennagir, Blake Neelan) 52.00, 4. (Caden Dobson, Gallardo, Long, Winter) 54.00

4x400 - 2. (Brownell, Trif, Dolezal, T. Robben) 4:01

4x800 - 2. (Brownell, Tabatt, Johnson, L. Robben) 9:07

High jump - 1. Miller 5'6", 7. Hennagir 4'10"

Pole vault - 2. Chase Mikel 8'0", 3. Owen Winter 7'0"

Long jump - 2. T. Robben 17'8"

Triple Jump - 3. Greenwaldt 36'4", 6. Gallardo 32'1", 7. Nguyen 30'2"

Shot put - 9 Bendeguz Pali 35'6", 18. Eli Carlson 25'8", 19. Blake Neelan 21'1"

Discus - 14. Pali 80'6", 18. Carlson 59'2", 19. Long 58'6"

Girls results

Detroit Lakes 96, Pequot Lakes 49, Staples-Motley 38

100 - 14. Beatrice Bonazza 15.79

200 - 2. Aften Robinson 28.65, 6. Abby Dukowitz 29.83, 16. Camden Anderson 33.01, 17. Madysen Hull 34.79, 22. Serena Petralia 35.61

400 - 2. Robinson 1:02, 4. Sabina Moe 1:14, 7. Petralia 1:22

800 - 2. Audrey Brownell 2:34, 6. Naila Mikhaeil 2:53, 9. Moe 3:04

1,600 - 3. Ashley Robben 5:49, 5. Mikhaeil 6:02, 9. Addisyn Cichos 6:33

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 11:27

100 hurdles - 2. Leah Danilyuk 19.27, 8. Bailey Weiland 20.16, 11. Lauren Rutten 22.26

300 hurdles - 4. Rutten 57.04, 5. Weiland 58.93

4x100 - 2. (Jayce Kobliska, Danilyuk, Rutten, Anderson) 57.33

4x200 - 2. (Dukowitz, Weiland, Anderson, Brownell) 2:02

4x400 - 4. (Cichos, Robben, Kobliska, Brownell) 4:54

4x800 - 1. (Brownell, Burton, Robben, Robinson) 10:25

High jump - 6. Rutten 4'2"

Long jump - 6. Weiland 12'6", 7. Anderson 12'1"

Triple jump - 4. Hull 22'4"

Shot put - 2. Tabetha Allen 30'1", 7. Hull 24'8", 12. Grace Jennissen 22'3", 17. Frankie Hanson 17'10"

Discus - 3. Hull 85'10", 6. Allen 69'10", 10. Jennissen 66'9", 16. Hanson 52'8"



Will Dolezal hands to Tanner Robben in the 4x400

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Rate of pay: $11.25/hr to $12.30/hr, 10-40 hours/week as needed.

Job description and application available at:
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or by contacting **Scott Grabe**
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Application deadline is Friday, May 21, 2021.
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A resumé and cover letter are required, as well as a City application form which may be obtained at Motley City Hall (316 Hwy 10 S, Motley, MN 56466), **cityofmotley@brainerd.net**, or online at **www.cityofmotley.com**.

All application materials must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 17, 2021**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. For a full list of hiring requirements, a copy of the job description, or any other questions about the position or hiring process, contact Motley City Hall at 218-352-6200 or cityofmotley@brainerd.net.
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Central Todd County Care Center
Part-time Dietary Aide Position

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Contact Patti Twardowski, 218-756-3636 ext. 17; or ptwardowski@ctcccinc.com
or pick up an application in the Business Office, during business hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN
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Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12
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RUMMAGE SALE: Sat., May 15 - Sun., May 16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 19648 261st Ave., Staples (1/2 mi. west of Wahoo Valley) Const., shop, auto. tools, refrig., Lincoln wire feed/ plazma torch, scaffolding, household, clothes, antiques. Pics on facebook. 20p

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2 GARAGE SALES: West of Staples to Cty Rd 2: 11818 231st Ave. and 11763 231st Ave. **Thurs., May 20, 2-6 p.m., Fri., May 21 - Sat., May 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** Downsizing: a lot of household items, furniture, misc. tools, men's things, aircraft tools, treadmill, eliptical bike. 20-21p

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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: October 31, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $189,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Crystal A. Johnson and Chris L. Larson, both single people

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 1, 2017 as Document Number 506644 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Home Point Financial Corporation by assignment recorded on December 28, 2020 as Document Number A523086 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 36, Township 132 North, Range 35 West, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 21 minutes 24 seconds West along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 744.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East 526.93 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East 744.04 feet to the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds West along said north line 526.95 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 9.00 acres more or less. Subject to an existing township road easement of record over the westerly portion thereof.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 39718 155TH AVE, EAGLE BEND, MN 56446

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $195,758.16

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Home Point Financial Corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Home Point Financial Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 02-0030300

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100661190001530663

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: June 10, 2021 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 December 10, 2021.

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: April 14, 2021

HOME POINT FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/
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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
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(651) 209-9760
(20-0795-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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TODD COUNTY GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given this 12th day of May, 2021, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009),* that all persons in Todd County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain (Landowners are required to control noxious weeds on any land enrolled in CRP. Special attention needs to be devoted to covers established with native grasses, forbs or pollinator seed mixtures. Please call the FSA Office for control requirements).

Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009),* will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with an individual notice may mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector. You can also obtain this information from your Local Weed Inspectors. Local Weed Inspectors include the township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants. More information regarding the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of County Agricultural Inspectors and County Designated Employees can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site: **https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list.**

The noxious weeds that need to be:

Eradicated are: Palmer amaranth, Oriental bittersweet, Diffuse knapweed, Brown knapweed, Yellow starthistle, Meadow knapweed, Poison hemlock, Black swallow-wort, Grecian foxglove, Common teasel, Cutleaf teasel, Giant hogweed, Japanese hops, Dalmatian toadflax, Japanese honeysuckle, and Tree of heaven.

Controlled are: Common barberry, Narrowleaf bittercress, Plumeless thistle, Spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, Leafy spurge, Purple loosestrife, Wild parsnip, and Common tansy, Bohemian knotweed, Giant knotweed, and Japanese knotweed, and Non-native phragmites.

Restricted Noxious Weeds are: Garlic mustard, Porcelain berry, Crown vetch, Wild carrot/Queen Anne's Lace, Glossy buckthorn (and all cultivars), Amur honeysuckle, Morrow's honeysuckle, Bell's honeysuckle, Common or European buckthorn, Black locust, Multiflora rose, Tatarian honeysuckle, Japanese barberry cultivars, European alder, and Siberian peashrub.

Specially Regulated Plants are: Poison ivy, Amur maple, Norway maple, and Winged burning bush.

We appreciate your help in controlling and eradicating Noxious Weeds in Todd County.

Nancy Uhlenkamp
Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector
Public Works
44 Riverside Drive,
Long Prairie, MN 56347.
320-533-4651
nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us

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ATTENTION LANDOWNERS: TODD COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED AND BRUSH SPRAYING

Legal Notice is hereby given that there will be **Noxious Weed and Brush Spraying** of County Road Right of Ways. The spraying will begin sometime after June 1, 2021.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Todd County Ditch and Agricultural Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, 320-533-4651, **nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us.**

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See Freshwater Education District website for details: **www.fed.k12.mn.us** or by calling 218-631-3505, ext. 1096.

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Staples-Motley speech wrap-up

The Staples-Motley Speech Team had a very successful year, earning several first place trophies and awarding many individual champions.

"Virtual competition definitely created some unique challenges for the team," said Brian Sams, speech team coach, "as well as the activity as a whole." The Cardinal team adapted and overcame those challenges, he said, placing the team as one of the top ranked schools in the state.

2021 Regular Season Tournament Rankings

Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (16 teams), 1st Place

Staples-Motley (18 teams), 1st

Brainerd (22 teams), 2nd

Bemidji (28 teams), 2nd

Walker (36 teams), 2nd

SMSU (44 teams), 4th

Osakis/Parkers Prairie (12 teams), 1st

Melrose (46 teams), 1st

2021 Postseason

Subsections (7 teams), 1st Place

Sections (22 teams), 2nd Place

State (49 teams), 7th

Individual awards for the first three tournaments have been covered in previous announcements.

Award winners at the Bemidji Lumberjack Tournament:

Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, 1st Duo

Micah Larson, 1st Creative Expression

Caden Mrazek, 2nd Humor

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 3rd Duo

Torii Nienow, 3rd Info

Keegan Bestland, 4th Storytelling

Alex Brings, 5th Great Speeches

Grace Allen, 6th Ext. Reading

Brynn Bestland and Cecily Moe, Finalist Duo

Caden Mrazek, Finalist Storytelling

Cy Johnson, Finalist Prose

Iain Sams, Excellence Ribbon Creative Expression

Riley Dabbs, Excellence Ribbon Drama

Olivia Opheim, Excellence Ribbon Informative

Torii Nienow, Excellence Ribbon Original Oratory

Grace Allen, Excellence Ribbon Poetry

Award winners at Walker/Chuck Beckman Memorial:

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 1st Duo

Caden Mrazek, 1st Humor

Torii Nienow, 1st Informative

Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, 2nd Duo

Keegan Bestland, 4th Storytelling

Grace Allen, 6th Poetry

Torii Nienow, 6th Original Oratory

Honor Finalists: Caden Mrazek, 1st Storytelling; Brynn Bestland and Cecily Moe, 5th Duo

Ribbons of Excellence: Riley Dabbs, Drama; Micah Larson, Creative Expression; Walker Johnson, Humor

Award winners at SMSU:

Caden Mrazek, 1st Humor

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 2nd Duo

Grace Allen, 4th Poetry

Olivia Opheim, 4th Informative

Riley Dabbs, Honorable Mention

Award winners at Osakis/Parkers Prairie:

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 1st Duo

Keegan Bestland, 1st Storytelling

Torii Nienow, 1st Informative

Torii Nienow, 1st Original Oratory

Alex Brings, 2nd Great Speeches

Caden Mrazek, 2nd Humor

Caden Mrazek, 2nd Storytelling

Cy Johnson, 2nd Prose

Grace Allen, 2nd Poetry

Olivia Opheim, 3rd Informative

Riley Dabbs, 3rd Drama

Jaden Johnson, 4th Original Oratory

Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, 4th Duo

Grace Allen, 5th Ext. Reading

Laken Hines, 5th Humor

Iain Sams, 6th Creative Expression

Walker Johnson, 6th Humor

Award winners at Melrose:

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 3rd Duo

Caden Mrazek, 4th Humor

Grace Allen, 5th Ext. Reading

Keegan Bestland, 5th Improv

Caden Mrazek, 6th Storytelling

Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, 7th Duo

Keegan Bestland, 7th Storytelling

Honor Finalists: Micah Larson, 1st Creative; Torii Nienow, 1st Informative; Torii Nienow, 2nd Original Oratory; Alex Brings, 3rd Great Speeches; Cy Johnson 3rd Improv; Cy Johnson 5th Prose; Brooke Ferdon 6th Discussion; Iain Sams, 7th Creative Expression; Riley Dabbs, Excellence Ribbon

Sub-Section results:

Alex Brings, 1st Great Speeches

Caden Mrazek, 1st Humorous

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 1st Duo Interpretation

Jaden Johnson, 1st Original Oratory

Torii Nienow, 1st Informative Speaking

AJ Nienow, 2nd Humorous

Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, 2nd Duo

Brynn Bestland and Cecily Moe, 3rd Duo Interpretation

Grace Allen, 3rd Poetry Reading

Laken Hines, 3rd Storytelling

Micah Larson, 3rd Creative Expression

Olivia Opheim, 3rd Informative Speaking

Riley Dabbs, 3rd Dramatic Interpretation

Walker Johnson, 3rd Extemporaneous Reading

Addy Toepper, 4th Dramatic Interpretation

Iain Sams, 4th Creative Expression

Bella Hines, 5th Poetry Reading

Brooke Ferdon, 5th Discussion

Estella Bock, 5th Informative Speaking

Sections:

Alex Brings, 1st Great Speeches

Caden Mrazek, 1st Humorous Interpretation

Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, 1st Duo Interpretation

Torii Nienow, 1st Informative Speaking

Connor Judd and Cy Johnson, 2nd Duo Interpretation

Micah Larson, 4th Creative Expression

Grace Allen, 5th Serious Poetry Interpretation

AJ Nienow, 6th Humorous Interpretation

Jaden Johnson, 6th Original Oratory

Riley Dabbs, 6th Serious Dramatic Interpretation

State tournament:

Alex Brings, State Competitor

Connor Judd, and Cy Johnston State Competitors

Torii Nienow, 5th Informative Speaking

Caden Mrazek, 3rd Humorous Interpretation

Keegan Bestland and Keegan, 3rd Duo Interpretation.



SM Speech team captains

Alex Brings, Brooke Ferdon, Torii Nienow. (Submitted photo)



Staples-Motley speech team

Front, left to right: Adelaide Toepper, Bella Hines, Cy Johnson. Second row: Eliza Urbanek, Walker Johnson, Grace Allen, Alex Brings, Laken Hines, Jaden Johnson, Estella Bock, Olivia Opheim, Cecily Moe, Brynn Bestland. Back: Iain Sams, Brooke Ferdon, Torii Nienow, Micah Larson, AJ Nienow, Keegan Bestland, Caden Mrazek. Not pictured: Maria Stumbo, Keegan Harvey, Connor Judd, Riley Dabbs, Evan Woodwick. (Submitted photo)

