



Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Drive-up vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccine is being administered by a drive through system set up at Lakewood Health System. (Photos by Mark Anderson)

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Weather

| This Week's Forecast |      |     |           |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----------|
|                      | High | Low | Cond.     |
| Feb. 3               | 33°  | 21° | Cloudy    |
| Feb. 4               | 25   | 0   | Snow      |
| Feb. 5               | 5    | -6  | M. Cloudy |
| Feb. 6               | -1   | -19 | M. Cloudy |
| Feb. 7               | -5   | -20 | P. Cloudy |
| Feb. 8               | 3    | -12 | P. Cloudy |
| Feb. 9               | 8    | -8  | P. Cloudy |

| Last Year, 2020 |      |     |        |
|-----------------|------|-----|--------|
|                 | High | Low | Cond.  |
| Feb. 3          | 23°  | 7°  | Cloudy |
| Feb. 4          | 0    | -14 | Cloudy |
| Feb. 5          | 7    | -5  | Sunny  |
| Feb. 6          | 20   | 7   | Snow   |
| Feb. 7          | 22   | 8   | Cloudy |
| Feb. 8          | 15   | -17 | Cloudy |
| Feb. 9          | 12   | -5  | Sunny  |

Average Temps: H = 23° Low = 5° Total Snow: For week: .25" For year: 32.25" Sub Zero Temps ahead

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Paul Beaulieu  
Jonah Kletsch  
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Window service

Lakewood staff registers a vaccine recipient.

Vaccine rollout includes drive through shots

In the week of Jan. 21-28, Lakewood Health System provided the first COVID-19 vaccination to approximately 643 people, starting with essential caregivers and those 65 years and older. These vaccinations were made possible using Lake-

wood's allocated doses from earlier in the month. While current vaccine supply is very limited throughout the state, Lakewood is hoping to receive more doses soon to continue See **VACCINE** on page 10a

Coping with Covid

Fitness centers in Staples

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

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Gyms and fitness centers throughout Minnesota were shut down twice during 2020. First, for a three-month stint that started March 17; and then again in November, for a four-week closure. The following fitness-related businesses in Staples shared how they have been doing since the onset of Covid-19 and the subsequent government shutdowns.

Iron Paradise

Cari Kottke, owner of Iron Paradise Fitness Center in Staples, is excited to provide this entity to

the Staples community, but she's not sure she'd recommend starting a new business during a pandemic. "We opened June 10," she said, adding that was the day the governor allowed fitness centers to reopen, with restrictions in place. As part of those restrictions, they are only allowed to have five people (25 percent capacity) working out at a time. Members must wear masks and maintain a social distance of nine feet from each other. Kottke sanitizes the center twice a day, and members are required to sanitize the equipment after they've used it. "People have been really, really, good," Kottke said of the Iron Paradise members. There have been a few who did not follow the rules, and they've since parted ways. "It's too risky to not be 100 percent," she said. She's grateful for the Covid-19 related government grants she received during the shutdowns. "They've helped pay the bills," she said. She's also grateful to Rick Utech with Todd County Development Corporation, for guiding

School referendum vote approved for April 13

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved setting a \$64.4 million building referendum, with the vote to be held April 13. Before the board voted, they listened to district resident Ron Nypan give reasons why the board should not approve holding the referendum in April. Nypan questioned the timing of the vote, saying that after the 2019 referendum failed, the school was back working on another one within seven months. He also said that many district residents, especially in the Scandia Valley area, are in the southern states for the winter and might not be back for the April vote. "Why the big rush? If it passes tonight, there is only 78 days before the vote," said Nypan. "We need more time for people to be able to find out about all this."

Nypan also cited the voter survey about the referendum, pointing out that the tax tolerance question was about the same as the previous survey when the referendum failed. The survey also showed that 82 percent of the public feels the school facilities meet the needs of the students. Nypan said the project would double the school portion of property taxes, and that the school will propose an operating levy in the fall, which will also increase taxes if passed. An operating levy pays for educational purposes while a building referendum only goes to buildings. Most rural school districts utilize an operating levy approved

School building informational meetings set

The Staples-Motley School District has scheduled meetings for community members to learn more about the school building proposal. The meetings are open house style, where community members can come at any time during the meeting. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Tuesday, Feb. 23**  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Scandia Valley Township Hall  
6-7:30 p.m., Early Education Center (Motley)
- Wednesday, Feb. 24**  
Noon-1:30 p.m., Leader Community Hall  
6-7:30 p.m., Middle/High School (Staples)

Next steps

Mike Hubbard of ICS the building consultants hired by the school, was at the meeting to talk about what comes next. He said the communication plan will now be started with mailers and updates to the school's referendum web site, SMTIME Rise.com. There will also be a video explaining the Agreement to School credit that lowers the tax burden on farmers in the district. Hubbard pointed out that Superintendent Shane Tappe and board members acting in an official capacity may not advocate in favor of the referendum, they are only allowed to give factual information and answers to questions. If board members are not acting in their official capacity, they may advocate in favor and may join any citizens group formed to promote the referendum.



Working out in the remodeled space

Prior to being transformed to a state of the art fitness center, Iron Paradise in downtown Staples was previously home to a Sears store and most recently, a quilt shop. Since purchasing the business in January of 2020, owner Cari Kottke has

remodeled the space, which now holds a variety of exercise equipment, including treadmills and ellipticals. There's also a separate weight room. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

her through the grant application process. "If I didn't have his help, I'd be lost," she said. Kottke went on to lament the fact that she hasn't properly been able to introduce Iron Paradise Fitness Center to the public, due to the pandemic. She initially purchased the business in January of 2020, hoping to open in April, but then Covid-19 hit, delaying the opening until June. They are located downtown, in a space once home to Sears in years past, and most recently a quilt shop. When Kottke purchased it, she completely remodeled the space to accommodate a variety of exercise equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes and other cardio equipment. Plus, there is a separate room for weight lifting. She's passionate about fitness, Kottke said. A Twin Cities native, Kottke has

been involved in the fitness industry for nearly 30 years. At her website, Kottke shared that, "I started my journey as a student of Tae Kwon Do and then followed that up with both cardio kickboxing and competitive kickboxing." She went on to teach and coach those sports. Kottke said, and along the way became certified in a number of areas pertaining to fitness. See **FITNESS** on page 10a



## Leading a martial arts class

Francisco Jimenez, Master Instructor for United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples, led a class at his martial arts school on Jan. 28. The school is located at the former NAPA Auto Parts building on 2nd Ave. NW in Staples. See story on pg. 10a. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Sylvan Township MNHS Cultural Heritage Grant RFP notice

Sylvan Township in Cass County has published a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive archaeological and historic literature assessment of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape, a 805,000 acre area in a ten-mile radius around Camp Ripley Military Reservation.

The purpose of this large project is to gather information about known and suspected sites that tell the story of the region's history.

On Dec. 1, 2020, Sylvan Township accepted an award of \$130,000 from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants program. Source funding for this grant was the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund administered by the Minnesota Historical Society. The purpose of the grant is to contract a comprehensive literature review of cultural resources and mapping of the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape (CRSL) to include parts of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison and Todd counties.

In 2018, Camp Ripley won the Secretary of Defense Cultural Resources Management award for work on cultural resources identification, inventory and protection that has occurred at the training installation.

In 2019, the CRSL partnership adopted a strategic plan that identified a cultural resources protection strategy under the broad goal of protecting lands and promoting land uses compatible with Camp Ripley's military training mission.

The CRSL partnership is supporting Sylvan Township in the development and administration of this grant project with a goal of bringing greater cultural awareness, protection and management to significant cultural sites. The 805,000-acre CRSL project area represents many river confluences and geologic corridor features vital to human communities since the last glacial period in Minnesota.

The full Request for Proposals and map of the project area are accessible on the Sylvan Township website at <https://sylvantwp.com/> or by contacting Faith Broberg, Sylvan Township Clerk, at [clerk@sylvantwp.com](mailto:clerk@sylvantwp.com).



## Semi tips coming into Motley

A semi tractor trailer blocked a portion of Hwy 10 Jan. 27, west of Motley, after sliding into the ditch. At approximately 10:45 a.m., the driver of the semi, Ying Lee, 34, of St. Paul, was eastbound on Hwy10 near Spruce St. when his vehicle went onto the right shoulder. According to the MN State Patrol, the driver corrected to the left causing the semi to jack-knife

and roll on its side in the median, with the trailer blocking two lanes. The Motley Fire Department directed traffic around the accident. Lee was transported to Lakewood Health System emergency department with non-life threatening injuries. Road conditions were dry. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

### Jan. 21 - 27

Jan. 25 - 27 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Benjamin Schneider, 31; Joann Talbot, 51; Cody Holm 18; Christa Hessler, 33; James Dobson, 57; Roger Rothstein, 58.

Jan. 26 - The MPD issued hands-free violation citations to Reza Mikhaeil, 39; Michael Wallace, 21.

Jan. 25 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Holiday station in Motley, in the amount of

\$38.47.

Jan. 23 - The MPD issued citations to Jared Borchert, 34, for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.

Jan. 21 - The MPD and MCSO responded to a report of a one vehicle rollover near Hwy 10 and 10th Ave., Cushing. Scandia Valley First Responders arrived shortly after and tended to the injuries of both the driver and infant passenger.

Jan. 27 - The MCSO received a report of a semi-rollover on Hwy 10 in Motley. They proceeded to page Motley Fire and Rescue.

Jan. 27 - The MCSO assisted state patrol with a traffic stop involving several subjects with warrants and also juvenile welfare issues. One subject was arrested on a Beltrami warrant; and the driver of one of the vehicles, Robert Needham, 24, was issued a citation for not having a Minnesota driver's license. The incident took place at Hwy 10 and 270th St., Cushing.

Jan. 26 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Raymond Guck, 39.

Jan. 21 - The MCSO reported suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley.

## Semi rolls into ditch

On Jan. 20, at 3:37 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a call

regarding a semi that was rolled over in the ditch in the area of County Road 26 and 160th Street.

Law Enforcement and medical personnel arrived on scene to find the semi was rolled over on the driver's side and appeared to be southbound on County Road 26. There are "S" curves in this area and it appeared the semi was approaching the right turn of the curve, lost control and crossed over into the northbound lane and went into the ditch. The driver, identified as Michael Mays, age 32, of Alabama, indicated he lost control of the semi while going around the curve.

There were three other occupants in the semi. An

adult female was identified as Timeshia Wilkerson, age 29, of Alabama. The other two occupants were juveniles.

The semi was loaded with frozen food. It took several hours to unload the cargo before the semi could be removed from the ditch.

Wilkerson was transported to Lakewood Hospital for possible injuries. No one else was injured in the accident.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Verndale Police, Verndale First Responders and Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Lakewood Ambulance and Farrington Towing out of Park Rapids.

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Niki Worden RN, Staples & Motley Case Manager Lead  
Amanda Wensmann, RN, Pillager Case Manager Lead  
Nominated by Jody Yeager, LPN, Clinic

"I would like to nominate Niki and Amanda for all the hard work and time they put into getting the Motley Clinic back up and running. These two ladies have been PHENOMENAL in making sure Motley got all the supplies and everything was stocked and ready to go for the clinic to open back up. They were there answering questions, looking how to make daily operations run more smoothly and were open to suggestions and feedback from staff. They went above and beyond to label and order and rearrange for ease. They did all of this plus managed their other daily tasks. This has been helpful and will continue to be appreciated."



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

• Jan. 31, 1946 - Adult admission at basketball games in Staples in the future will be 50 cents. Children prices will remain the same as in the past.

Staples has been the only school in the conference charging the 40 cents rate and with the expense of staging the games somewhat higher, it was decided at a recent meeting of the school authorities that the price for adults would be raised to 50 cents to correspond with prices charged by other schools in the conference.

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Compiled by  
Dawn Timbs  
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• Jan. 31, 1946 - Mr. and Mrs. George Carlson, and family, who live in Becker township, had the misfortune to lose their home by fire about six o'clock Friday morning of last week.

The fire is believed to have started from an explosion in their parlor range. As the gas from the coal collected, the explosion occurred. The force blew the top completely off the stove and up through the floor of the upstairs room, and the fire quickly spread to all parts of the home.

The Carlsons have eight children, their youngest being twins born about three months ago.

The family lost all of their furniture and clothing, and the fire occurred on one of the coldest mornings of this year.

At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and family are staying at the home of the latter's brother in Pillager, until arrangements can be completed to build a small home on their farm.

• Jan. 31, 1946 - The Des-Marais Confectionery in Staples has been undergoing noted improvement the past several weeks, in that the room has been completely redecorated. The ceiling is in a tinted white, with pastel shade of blue on the sidewalls.

New counters have been added, along with new red topped stools, and the confectionery is now serving light lunches

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

• Feb. 4, 1971 - The National Honor Society at Staples high school will hold its annual spring initiation of members Feb. 11.

Thirteen members of the Class of 1971 will be included into membership of the society at the special ceremonies slated to begin at 9 a.m. that day in the Staples Auditorium.

Seven members of the Class of 1971 were initiated at Cap and Gown Day ceremonies last May and they will be conducting the induction ceremonies of the new members next Thursday morning. These current members of the society include Julie Bredemeier, Audrey Dickman, Guy Doud, Julie Miller, Ronald Salber, Stephen Van Buren and Rhea Weber.

George Sycks, high school guidance director, will be the speaker at the program.

• Feb. 4, 1971 - With temperatures ranging about 10 below zero, the members of the Staples Fire Department were called out about 11:30

Fischbach lands on U.S. ag, judiciary, rules committees

U.S. Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-7) has been appointed to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Rules for the 117th Congress.

"I'm pleased to be named to these committees, all of which have jurisdiction over issues critical to the people I represent," said Congresswoman Fischbach. "As a member of the Agriculture Committee, I will be a voice for the thousands of farmers and producers that call our district home. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I will uphold the rule of law and push back on any proposal that seeks to encroach on Minnesotans' liberties and limit their constitutional rights. And as a member of the Rules Committee, I will work to make sure the rights of the minority party are respected and that institutional norms are not neglected for partisan gain."



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 28, 1971 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from

a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

Scene of the fire was the Martin Etzler farm home, which is located about 4-1/2 miles southeast of Staples. Leo Fahnlander, fire chief, said that a floor joist in the Etzler home had started to burn. The fire was apparently noticed by the children, when the house began to fill with smoke, and they carried water to the fire until the firemen arrived. Fahnlander also said that the children had the fire under control when they arrived and that minor damage was reported.

• Feb. 4, 1971 - The Staples Wrestling Team captured the championship of the Alexandria Invitational Tournament held in that city last Saturday. It was the second such championship for Coach Don Dravis' grapplers in the same number of years for the holding of the event at Alexandria.

In picking up the title, the Cardinals finished with four individual champions. Mark Bendson at 95 pounds, Mike Roberts at 112, Loren Bendson at 133 and Wayne Shequen at 165.

• Feb. 4, 1971 - Frank L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Williams, Staples, received his honorable discharge from the United States Air Force Jan. 26 and has now joined his father in business at the Williams Floral and Nursery.

A 1965 graduate of Staples high school, Frank completed the course in

Floral Design at the Brain-erd Vocational School prior to entering the Air Force.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

• Feb. 1, 1996 - Ann Gallant and Raye Ludovissie were crowned King and Queen of the Staples Motley High School SnoDaze program Saturday night. The coronation preceded a SnoDaze dance at the Central Lakes College, Staples Campus. Ann and Raye were selected by the students from a field of 8 king and 8 queen candidates.

• Feb. 1, 1996 - An 18-wheeler headed through Staples Tuesday afternoon was an apparent casualty of the bitter cold. The truck froze up on Hwy 10 at the Staples stoplights about 3 p.m. requiring a bigger vehicle than a tow truck from Mueller Motors to pull it out of the way.

• Feb. 1, 1996 - The Centennial Auditorium recently received the first set of new rigging which will enable them to lift sets, curtains and lights into the fly space above the stage. The new equipment was made possible in part by a \$500 donation from Lamplighter Community Theatre in Staples.

• Feb. 1, 1996 - Dr. Tom Kyle, national evangelist of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, will report on his recent ministry in Russia at the Hope Chapel on Feb. 4. Dr. Kyle will speak about present conditions in

Russia and the progress of the gospel, as well as present a slide show.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

• Feb. 3, 2011 - Larry Doucette is cancer-free after more than a year battling Hodgkin's lymphoma. Doucette and his wife Linda traveled to Seattle for a stem cell transplant, but found out he had beaten the cancer before they performed the transplant.

• Feb. 3, 2011 - The Cardinal wrestlers continued to win last week, after a tough loss to Pierz on Jan. 25. On Jan. 27, the SM boys beat both Breckenridge and Parkers Prairie, and won the Mid State Conference tournament championship on Jan. 29.

• Feb. 3, 2011 - Pat and Carolyn Held of Motley were participants at the Twin Fantasy Baseball Camp held Jan. 8 - 16 in Fort Meyers, Fla., at the Twins' spring training facility. Dick Bremer, Twins broadcaster and Staples High School graduate, also was a member of the Fantasy Camp. Greg and Jeanne Leifermann of Staples, who winter in Englewood, Fla., came to watch the games on Jan. 11.

• Feb. 3, 2011 - The Pillager High School's senior class is planning a trip to Chicago in May. They will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Feb. 12, at the Pillager Community Center.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Oct. 27, 2005 edition of the Staples World, featured the Improving School Climate group (ISC students) at Motley Staples Middle School who had raised over \$700 for victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Pictured front row, from left, are Lonna Dumpprope, Cayanne Robben, Anthony Duhn, Kelli Hagenson. Back row: Molly Skeeskick (advisor), Brandon Larson, Dustin Smith, Nick Westerlund, Emma Motl.

No responses were received.

Staples Police report

On Jan. 4, Staples Police received a report regarding suspicious activity at the Sunset Motel. A resident believed someone had entered his room and poisoned his food and tampered with his cold weather gear.

On Jan. 4, a suspicious package was located outside of the Stapleton apartments in Staples. The package appeared to be bars of soap wrapped tight into a package.

On Jan. 5, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a report of cattle on the roadway. A owner was not found and the cows are being held by a local individual who is equipped to take care of them.

On Jan. 7, Staples Police responded to the Stapleton

Apartments for a report of a tenant that was using an extension cord to get some electricity from the hallway. Police advised the tenant to remove the cord which they did. The apartment manager wanted the tenant cited for theft and they were advised it was a civil matter with their tenant.

On Jan. 7, Staples Police, along with Todd and Wadena County Sheriff's Office, assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a traffic stop of a vehicle that fled from them but stopped at 3rd Ave NE and 5th St NE. Caroline Wickman, 18, was arrested after the stop.

On Jan. 8, Staples Police received a report of a theft that occurred at DQ in Staples.

COVID-19 numbers remain low

New COVID-19 cases are down throughout the state and country. Locally, COVID-19 has dwindled down to numbers not seen since September.

In the last week of January, only two new cases were detected in the Staples zip code, and two were found in Motley. The highest weekly total in area communities was in Pillager, which had seven new cases.

This is the second straight week of the low numbers. The virus numbers peaked in November and have been lowering nearly ever week since then.

State health officials cited multiple reasons for the decline, including restrictions on gatherings, social distancing practices and the start of the vaccine for the virus.

Soil organic matter

If you are a farmer or gardener planning for the 2021 crop year, it is important to keep in mind that there is one component of your growing system that matters more than anything else: soil organic matter (which is the fraction of the soil composed of anything that once lived).

Although soil organic matter usually composes only 2-5% of the soil by volume and much less by weight, it controls 90% of a soil's function. Increased organic matter means soil surface structure becomes more stable and less prone to crusting and erosion. Water infiltration increases and runoff decreases. Crop health and yields improve, long-term productivity and resiliency increase, and weed, disease, and insect pressure is relieved. It also makes soil more friable or easier to work.

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ers who are doubling their soil organic matter in less than a decade. Even sandy soils, such as those found in a majority of Todd County, can be managed effectively to increase organic matter from less than 2% to 4-5%. Just a 1 percent increase in soil organic matter correlates to a 0.5" increase of available soil water capacity, helps drought proof your soil, and holds more beneficial soil life and nutrients for your crops.

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## Staples-Motley school board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a Board Work Session Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

On the agenda is the Facilities/ Referendum roles and responsibilities and stakeholder communication.

Upcoming dates and meetings include:

**Mon. Feb. 22:** Regular board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office

**Mon., Mar. 8:** Board Work session.

**Community Meetings:**  
**Tues., Feb. 23:** Scandia Valley Town Hall, noon-1:30 p.m.

**Tues., Feb. 28:** Early Education Building/ Motley, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Weds., Feb. 24:** Leader Community Hall, noon-1:30 p.m.

**Weds., Feb. 24:** MS/HS, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



## Owner at Iron Paradise fitness center

Cari Kottke stands near some of the exercise equipment available at Iron Paradise, the new fitness center in Staples she opened in June of 2020. Kottke is also a

Certified Professional Trainer. See story on pg. 1a. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## New weight room

In addition to the variety of exercise equipment available at Iron Paradise fitness center in Staples, there is a separate weight room available to members. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Bookends continues with Five Wings grant

The Wadena County Historical Society recently received a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council to support the literary series, BookEnds, a monthly program that connects readers to writers on the second Saturday of each month. Until March of 2020, the program was hosted live at the Uptown Cafe in Wadena. Since the pandemic, BookEnds Online Edition has continued connecting readers to writers via Zoom. Each month, one regional author is invited to read a portion of his/her book and talk about the writing process. The hour-long program is facilitated by a moderator, Shelly Weinstein, who involves the audience by inviting questions. Following the ZOOM program, the recorded interviews are available on the website [www.WadenaCountyHistory.org](http://www.WadenaCountyHistory.org). Books are provided through the services of Travelin' Storyseller, Gillette Kempf, formerly owner of An Open Book in Wadena.

The following authors have agreed to participate

in BookEnds Online Edition this year. In January, author Debra Eckerman Pitton began the 2021 year with her true life adventure book, "No One Left Behind: An unexpected educational adventure at Machu Picchu". February's author will be Peter Geye, author of the recently released novel, "Nothernmost" and the author of the award winning novels, "Safe from the Sea", "The Lighthouse Road", and "Wintering", winner of the Minnesota Book Award. In March, author Mary Logue will talk about "Frozen Stiff", a Midwestern mystery. April will feature youth author David LaRochelle as the featured author. He will talk about "How to Apologize", an upcoming picture book illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka.

May's author is Julie Jo Severson, a versatile journalist, editor, and author of the new guidebook "Secret Twin Cities: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure". In June, Carrie Mesrobian, acclaimed author of "Sex & Violence" and "Cut Both Ways", sets fire to the unfair stereotypes and contradictions that persist even in the twenty-first century.

All of the BookEnds events from January to June 2021 are expected to take place via Zoom. In the event that the pandemic curtain lifts, everyone will be very happy to go 'live' with the show.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a

legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## AA meetings

Staples Serenity AA group is holding their meetings at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.

Participants are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

The Assembly of God Church is located at 914 3rd Ave. S. in Staples. For more information about these meetings, call 320-874-0979.

## Student Achievements

**EMILY CUSHING**, Staples, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2020 Fall Semester at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. To be eligible, students must have a minimum of 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

**MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**, has announced its Fall 2020 Academic Honors. Students named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.50 - 3.99 while completing a minimum of six college-level credits. Local students named include:

- Erica Johnson, Motley
- Tanner Kruchten, Pillager
- Jill Quick, Pillager
- Sara Ryappy, Pillager
- Braeden Wangsness, Pillager
- Alisha Amerud, Staples
- Paige Lenk, Staples
- **NICHOLAS JOHNSON**, Vern

dale, has been selected to the 2020 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Jamestown, N.D. To qualify, students must maintain a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - FARGO**, has announced its Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.50 or higher grade point average and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits. Local students named include:

- Josie Erickson, Motley
- Alix Peterson, Motley
- Lauren Hughes, Pillager
- Jaden Streed, Pillager
- Chelsea Nanik, Staples
- **PATRICIA GALVIN TVEDT**, Motley, graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston in Fall 2020, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Studies.

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is currently scheduling Todd County residents aged 65 and over for COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

Residents who would like to schedule an appointment should call 320-732-4500, and press option 1, on Fridays between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

*Understand that there is limited vaccine available each week. Residents are encouraged to call in on Friday afternoons to verify the status of Todd County's vaccine clinic schedule.*

### TODD COUNTY Grant Relief Program for Small Business and Non-Profits

**Jan. 19, 2021: The Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the Todd County Grant Relief Program for Small Businesses and Non-Profits.**

The Minnesota Legislature and Governor previously passed legislation authorizing funding to Minnesota counties to distribute relief grants to local businesses and non-profits impacted by an executive order related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant program is for small businesses and non-profits directly or indirectly affected by EO 20-99 or other executive orders causing closures by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application form and program guidelines have been posted on the Todd County website under the Business Resources page, located at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/business-resources>.

The information can also be found on the Todd County Economic Development page, located at <http://www.toddcountydevelopment.org/>

The Todd County Grant Relief Program Guidelines explain the required documentation, eligibility criteria and where to send the applications. Grants will be awarded to eligible businesses and non-profits who meet the criteria of the application and provide all supporting documentation. Grant amounts are listed on the application and are subject to change based on need and availability of funds. Previous grant awards are required to be disclosed but do not disqualify an organization from applying. Grant funds awarded must be used for operational expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The application period is January 19, 2021 through February 19, 2021.** Applications received will be reviewed and based on funding available; those found eligible will be approved on or before March 2, 2021.

For questions regarding the grant program or grant application, contact Rick Utech, Todd County Economic Development Corporation, 320-732-2128 or by email: [rick.utech@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:rick.utech@co.todd.mn.us).



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Obituaries

Jonah Kletsch

Jonah Kletsch, 24, of Barnesville, completed his quick but powerful life in a snowmobile accident in Jackson, Wyoming on January 27, 2021.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Weds., Feb. 3 at Assumption Catholic Church in Barnesville with Father Todd Arends presiding. Burial will follow at 4:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. While maintaining social distancing guidelines, we are now able to accommodate gatherings while abiding to a 50 percent capacity at the facility. The use of face masks by attendees is required and we will continue taking the necessary steps to keep your families safe.

Due to COVID-19 limitations and restrictions, Jonah's service will be livestreamed and recorded for those who aren't present. To watch the livestream go to the bottom of Jonah's obituary page and it will begin at 11 a.m, otherwise, if you wish to watch it later, the recording will become available after 2 p.m. in the recorded format also on the bottom of his obituary page. Sign the online guestbook so the family knows you were able to join them for his service.

Jonah Aaron Kletsch was born April 29, 1996, in Fargo, ND to Joel and Jodi (Tyrrell) Kletsch. He is referred as "number 2" of the four brothers. He was baptized and confirmed at Assumption Catholic Church in Barnesville. He had an incredible faith and



shared that with the people around him. He has been an altar server, a Eucharistic minister and was currently the Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus within his church.

He attended school in Barnesville and graduated from Barnesville High School in 2014. During his high school years his "football family" meant amazing things to him. He liked to lead his teammates by example in all that he did including weightlifting.

He attended the Alexandria Technical and Community College for two years earning a degree in machine tooling in 2016. Jonah was creative and talented with his hands. Over the years he worked at ComDel Innovations in Wahpeton. For a year and a half, he worked for Great Plains Towers and worked on cell phone towers. He was adventurous and worked two summers on salmon fishing boats in Alaska.

Jonah influenced people's lives through action and smiles that no one will ever forget. His hands were

guided by God to create many gifts. With Jonah's sense of craftsmanship and some guidance from his older brother he started his dream job of owning his own business. For three years he let his creativity and stubborn perseverance successfully run wild. His presence in our parish family and within our community will not go unremembered. He was a man of God. The 24 years we had Jonah in our lives we are greatly blessed to have.

As a true disciple of Jesus... he is home now.

Jonah is survived by his parents, Joel and Jodi Kletsch of Barnesville; three brothers, Jacob Kletsch of Rothsay and James Kletsch and Jonathan Kletsch of Staples; grandparents, Stanley and Janice Tyrrell of Staples and Joanne Kletsch of Estherville, IA; Uncle/God Parent, Jim Tyrrell; Aunt/God Parent, Robin Jones and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family that loved him unconditionally.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ronald Kletsch and Uncle Noah Kletsch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Barnesville High School Kletsch Fest Trade School Scholarship in Jonah's honor.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.DobmeierFuneral-Home.com](http://www.DobmeierFuneral-Home.com)

Paul Beaulieu

Paul William Beaulieu, 71, of Pillager, passed away January 20, 2021, at Essentia Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. Paul died following a long, courageous battle with Interstitial Lung Disease, which he contracted from his exposure to Agent Orange during Vietnam.

A Celebration of Life will be held later. To be updated on the plans for Paul's services, visit [gatheringus.com](http://gatheringus.com) and search "Paul William Beaulieu."

Paul was born March 25, 1949 to Herbert and Mildred (Sayers) Beaulieu on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Paul grew up in Red Lake and later Minneapolis. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served his country in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, Paul married Pam Jensen on August 12, 1977. He worked as a heavy equipment operator before becoming a city carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Staples.

Paul had an infectious personality; everyone who met him became his friend. He was most at home outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, trapping and foraging for hazelnuts, choke cherries and all kinds of berries. He loved going to Powwows where he danced with his children and grandchildren. Everywhere Paul went, he made new



friends and reconnected with old ones. Paul collected hats and was a music buff, playing the drums, guitar and listening to all genres of music. Paul was happiest when he was surrounded by his family and cherished every moment with his children and grandchildren.

He will be missed and is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Pam; four children, Darwin (Kristi Hinden) Stately, Red Lake, Lainie Beaulieu and Susan (Troy Kampen) Beaulieu, both of Brainerd and Justin Paul (Anne) Beaulieu, of Pillager; 14 grandchildren, Jennifer, Darwin, Jr., Tyler Stately, adopted grandson Avery White, Malik, Dezmond, TahVias, Kalie Beaulieu, Sierra Edwards, Sophia, Lydia, Asher Kampen and Brandon, Aiyana Beaulieu; four great-grandchildren, Remi and Tristan Stately, Mason Stately and Lillith Webster-Stately; special family



friend, Lou Robben, of New York Mills; adopted sister, Suzie Mattocks; three siblings, including his brother, Steve, of Red Lake, with whom Paul shared a close bond; many nieces and nephews and his partner-in-crime, Shadow, his German Shepherd.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; two sisters; numerous aunts and uncles; his Marine Corps brother, George Mattocks; George's mom, Paul's adopted mother, Oleta Geis and his dear dog, Dozer.

Arrangements by Nelson - Doran Funeral Home, [www.nelson-doran.com](http://www.nelson-doran.com).

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Richard Seaton

Richard B. Seaton, 74, of Vacaville, CA passed away in his sleep January 7, 2021, after suffering from Parkinson's Disease and Ischemic Heart Disease.

A Celebration of Life will be held virtually on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. To attend use the link: <https://meet.google.com/itd-mwtp-yqc>. The memorial service will be live streamed from the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Visit the Facebook Group "In Loving Memory of Richard (Rick) Seaton" to view the memorial service.

Rick was born in Alexandria to Ralph and Elizabeth (Zosel) Seaton and raised in Hibbing. After high school, Rick joined the U.S. Navy where he served three tours of duty in Vietnam with the HS-8 unit on board the USS Bennington. In 1969, he was a member of the crew that picked up the Apollo 11 astronauts when they splashed down after their famous moonwalk. Rick and his family enjoyed the outdoors. They spent time hunting, fishing, boating, camping, horseback riding and ATV riding at various national and state parks and



at the R Wild Horse Ranch.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Susan, of 42 years. They married at her home in Colorado in 1978; five children, Stacey, Terry (Kelly), Kenny (Christina), Sherry and Brett; two stepchildren, Kathy and Lori (Matt); 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one brother, Eugene (Cindy) of Ohio.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gerald (Lurene).

A memorial donation in Rick's name may be made to the Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S, Motley, MN 56466.

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Hello World

**BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:**

Born to Aryn and Brandon Hedlund of Baxter, a baby boy, Weston Lee weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on January 24, 2021.

Born to Pamela and Corey Lamm of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Thomas Sylvester weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on January 25, 2021.

Born to Abigail Meister and Trace Cruikshank of Pine River, a baby girl, Everleigh Jan weighing seven pounds, two ounces on January 25, 2021.

Born to Molly and Adam Gerads of Swanville, a baby boy, Emmitt Eldon weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on January 26, 2021.

Born to Riley and Tyler Hodgden of Menahga, a baby boy, Jacob Matthew weighing seven pounds, five ounces on January 28, 2021.

Born to Kaitlin and Brady Killian of Brainerd, a baby boy, Riggs Ryan weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on January 28, 2021.

Student Achievements

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH (UMD)**, has announced its Fall Semester 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Local students named include:

- Samantha Bennett, Pillager
- Jennifer North, Pillager

- Reid Busker, Staples
- Samantha Schimpp, Staples

**ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE** has announced its Fall 2020 President's List. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0. Local students named include:

- Michelle Edin, Motley
- Scott Braith, Staples

### 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 Group (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
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**  
1stcangocustaples@gmail.com  
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571  
Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

**Faith Lutheran**  
430 23th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546  
Pastor: Carl Larson  
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smea  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Catechetical Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296  
Church:  
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 a.m.  
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**

**Balsamund Lutheran**  
19530 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 Smea  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Catechetical Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.  
2nd Sunday, each month

**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
13531 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443  
Phone: 218-575-2449  
[www.lincolnefree.org](http://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/Youth Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Matthew Sundquist  
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.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  
Sunday Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday Worship.....9 a.m.  
January - July.....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**  
32 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
facebook live.....9 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Youth Group.....6:00-7:30 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran**  
497 3ds. E, 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.unityumc.net](http://www.unityumc.net)  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

**Oylen**

**Oylen Alliance**  
Oylen, Ids. 7 and 9, Oylen  
218-742-3440 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malore  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

**Pillager**

**First Lutheran Church**  
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 Cy 34 to Cy 104.  
Phone.....218-746-3839  
218-746-3768  
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](mailto: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 Hoffer  
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 Bellnap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
[VerndaleFLC@gmail.com](mailto:VerndaleFLC@gmail.com)  
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189  
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldgaard  
SUNDAY  
Pastor Scott Kennedy.....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**  
1826 County Road 7, Verndale  
218-445-5463 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malore  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church of Barlett 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 Cy Rd 26 (Nimrod trail)  
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

**Leaf River Township**

**The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
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Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Many offer remote services.

**"Cracked Water Pot"**

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

**Romans 9:19-21**

You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" <sup>20</sup>But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup>Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

An elderly peasant in China had two large pots, each hung at opposite ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other was perfect. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived half full, while the intact pot delivered its full volume of water. For two years this went on; the bearer delivering only one and a half pots of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of achieving its full potential, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of abject failure,

it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream." I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes me to leak all the way back to your house." The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds beside your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick those beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you, just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house." Each of us has his own peculiar flaws. But it's our cracks and flaws that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding. We've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in each of them.

**Isaiah 64:8**

But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.

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## Cichos leads second half comeback, twice

Haley Cichos scored 15 points in the second half to lead the Staples-Motley girls basketball team back from a six point halftime deficit to beat Wadena-Deer Creek 55-51 on Jan. 26.

That worked so well, she scored 16 points in the second half on Jan. 29, as the Cardinals turned a four point halftime deficit into a 71-51 win over Aitkin.

Against WDC, the Cardinals fell behind late in the first half and were down by six at the break.

In the second half, they made an immediate comeback to take the lead. Cichos scored on two three pointers and a rebound basket for a two point lead.

The team made 12 of 14 free throws in the second half. Hitting their free throws were Ali Olander, Aften Robinson, Tabetha Allen, Lauren Rutten and Cichos.

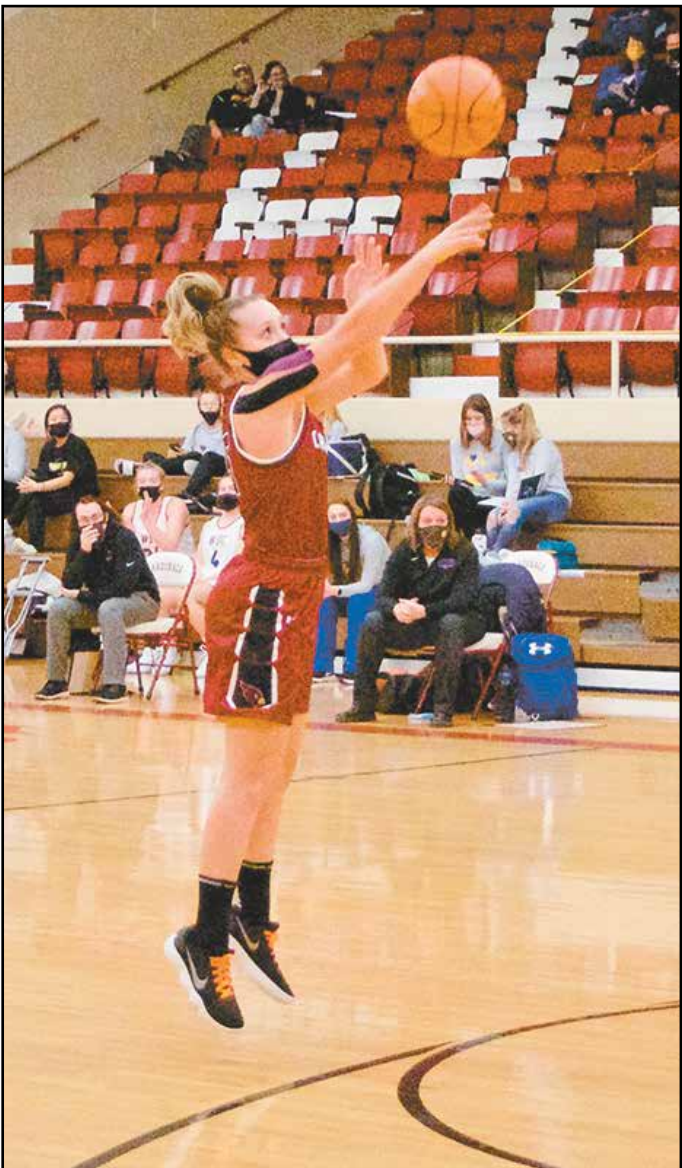
“The girls stepped up their defense in the second half, continued their hustle style of play, and out rebounded the Wolverines,” said Coach Bruce Furhman.

Late in the game, as WDC came down with a chance to narrow the score, Allen stepped in front of a pass to steal the ball and seal the win.

Against Aitkin, the team struggled on defense. “We got into some early foul trouble and were not rotating positions on defense,” said Furhman. “We left Aitken with too many open looks in the first half and allowed them to control the tempo of the game.”

“At halftime, we simply calmed down to look at ways of getting the ball inside, and emphasized better passing. We came out to score a quick six points and controlled the tempo of the game from there,” said Furhman.

Allen scored on several inside moves and finished with 10 points in the half. Robinson and Rutten were



### Behind the line

Haley Cichos launches a three point shot against Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

able to drive into the lane for scores.

“We continue to have a very balanced scoring attack from our five girls on the floor, which makes us difficult to defend. One finds a team having success when no one is concerned about who is getting the credit. It is a fun situation to watch develop,” said Furhman.

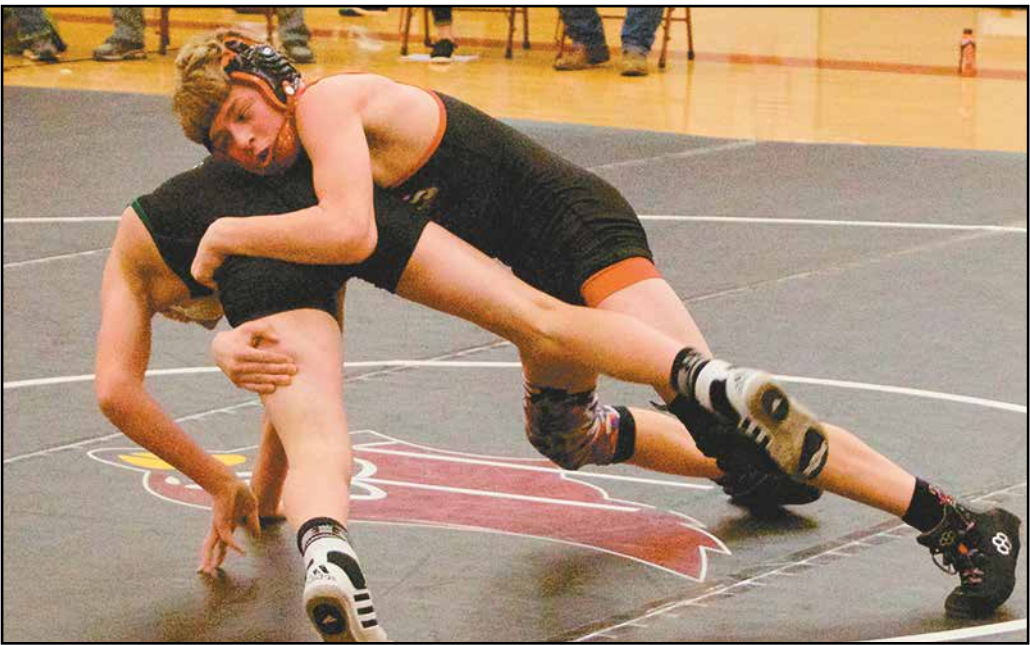
### Team results

**Staples-Motley 55, Wadena-Deer Creek 51**

Scoring: Haley Cichos 18; Lauren Rutten 11; Tabetha Allen 10; Ali Olander 9; Aften Robinson 7

### Staples-Motley 71, Aitkin 51

Scoring: Cichos 17; Rutten 15; Robinson 14; Allen 14; Allison Knosalla 11



### Earning takedown points

Aiden Winter earns a takedown in a closely contested match against Frazee. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Wrestlers split matches

The Staples-Motley wrestling team stood strong in four competitive matches, winning two and losing two.

On Jan. 26, the Cardinals beat Pierz 42-37 and lost to Eden Valley-Watkins 51-21. On Jan. 30, the Cardinals beat Border West 40-34 and lost to Frazee 47-30.

### Team results

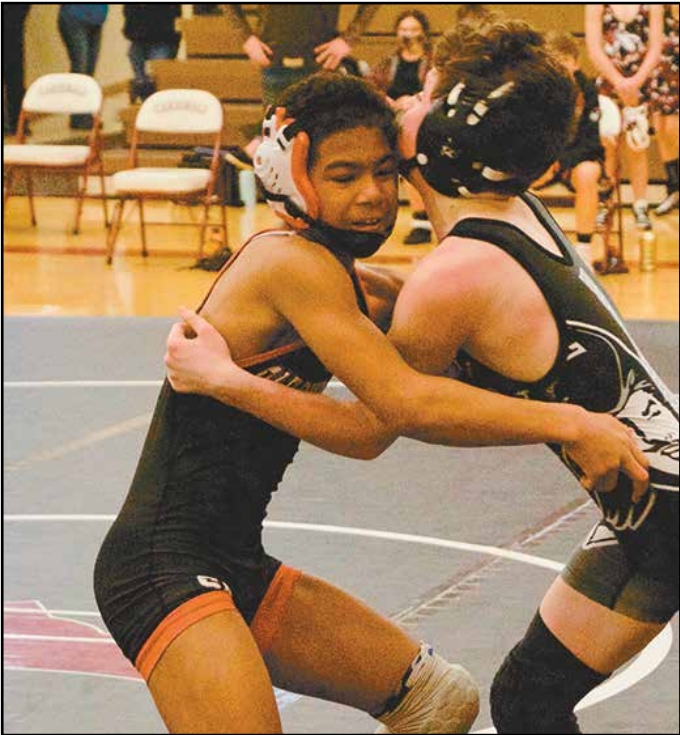
**Staples-Motley 42 Pierz 37**

106 Turner Beachy W fall, 113 Aidan Winter L fall, 120 Colbe Tappe W fall, 126 Owen Winter L 14-3, 132 Jason Trantina L fall, 138 Dalton Wells L fall, 145 Blake Neelan L fall, 152 Connter Dobson W fall, 160 Logen Weite W fall, 170 Sam Jennissen L 4-2 (OT), 182 Hunter Martin L fall, 195 Steven Petrich W fall, 220 Alex Gixa W fall, 285 Cole Winkels W fall

### Staples-Motley 40, Border West 34

106 Turner Beachy L 5-2, 113 Aidan Winter L 6-5, 120 Colbe Tappe W 13-0, 126 Owen Winter L fall, 132 Jason Trantina L 6-0, 138 Dalton Wells W fall, 145 Blake Neelan W fall, 152 Conner Dobson W fall, 160 Logen Weite W ff, 170 Sam Jennissen L fall, 182 Hunter Martin L fall, 195 Steven Petrich W ff, 220 Alex Giza L fall, 285 Cole Winkels W fall

### Staples-Motley 30, Frazee 47



### Fast on their feet

Turner Beachy, left, locks up with a Border West wrestler. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

106 Chase Mikel W ff, 113 A. Winter L 6-5, 120 Tappe W fall, 126 Trantina L 12-7, 132 Wells W fall, 138 Rafael Caudillo L fall, 145 Neelan L fall, 152 Dobson L

9-1, 160 Dustin Converse L fall, 170 Weite W fall, 182 Jennissen L fall, 195 Petrich L fall, 220 Giza L fall, 285 Winkels W fall



### Going up strong

Tabetha Allen scores over two Wadena-Deer Creek defenders. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Conference loss for hoops team

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team fell to 0-4 in the Mid State Conference with a 63-47 loss at Crosby-Ironton on Jan. 26 and a 69-39 loss at Aitkin on Jan. 29.

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 47,**

### Crosby-Ironton 63

Scoring: Sivert Klefsaas 10, Isaiah Schultz 10, Chandler Braith 6, Damon Halverson 6, Max Strickland 4, Adam Oberlander 3 Dominic Gomez 3, Lyle Brownell 2, Hunter Miller 2, Josh Schimpp 2

Just this past week, a bird most familiar as Harry Potter's mail-delivering owl—Hedwig—made big news. A snowy owl made an appearance not in a Harry Potter movie, but in New York City's Central Park. It was an event not recorded in more than a century. Serious bird watchers and the merely curious flocked to the fields of Central Park's North Meadows, where the owl had been sighted.

A songbird, no matter how rare or unusual, would be easy to miss. But a snowy owl—standing two feet tall, with a wingspan of four feet or more, plumed in dramatic white with barred black markings as dramatic as a tuxedo—could not be missed. No surprise, then, the attention aroused by this visitor to the metropolis that is the financial center of the world.

A day after it was seen, the owl disappeared, perhaps because all the human attention it attracted disrupted the more serious business of survival. Humans go south from Minnesota and elsewhere in the snow-belt to escape frostbite and snow shoveling. Wild creatures like this snowy owl move southward in winter primarily for food, though the distances they travel—in this case, perhaps 1,500 miles or more—may

seem like overkill. To an owl whose travels brought it to the doorstep of America's largest metropolis, 843-acre Central Park must have seemed like it offered the best prospects for capturing a meal.

It's too simple to think of a wild creature as either migratory or resident. For some species, that may largely be true. The vast majority of ducks and geese that nest from Minnesota north to the Arctic, must leave their breeding territory in fall to find open water at warmer latitudes south of Minnesota. Some migrate as far as Mexico or Central America. Songbirds that are heavily dependent on insects, like many of the warblers, could not survive when most Minnesota insects are dormant for the winter months. Some migrate as far as northern South America. Species like these are the most fully migratory among birds.

Then there are creatures well-equipped to survive year-round in a climate with harsh winters—even harsher than Minnesota's—but migrate when necessary in response to unpredictable conditions in their environment. When this happens on a large scale, and many of their kind migrate to better their chances of survival, it's called an irruption. How far they migrate and where they end up can vary widely, as so amply demonstrated by Central Park's snowy owl.

Like most irruptions, the impetus for snowy owls to depart their normal Canadian or Arctic habitat during some winters is a shortage of food. It's not typical for them to travel as far as New York City. More

often they will drift down into Minnesota, or perhaps a limited distance below our state.

While they're seasonal guests here, snowy owls prey on mice, rabbits, small birds, and such upland game as ruffed grouse. What brings them south from their primary habitat in Canada and the Arctic is a shortage of their primary prey, the lemming. The lemming is a round-bodied member of the rodent family, about 5-7 inches in length, larger than a mouse, but smaller than a common rat.

Lemmings are active and available to predators in winter. But their population fluctuates wildly from year to year, to such a degree that it can create feast-or-famine conditions for predators like the snowy owl, the Arctic fox, and the Arctic wolf that depend on them. With the obvious advantage of flight, the snowy owl is in by far the best position to escape such a food shortage.

Beyond high-profile creatures like the snowy owl, there are less-visible species that exhibit the same adaptive behavior. Not surprising, the other species most able to respond in this way are also birds. The power of flight definitely has its advantages.

In years of songbird irruptions—and this is shaping up to be one—we're likely to see some of the more exotic species. In addition to the chickadees, nuthatches, cardinals, and blue jays we normally see at our feeders, we could also be seeing species more common in Canada and far northern Minnesota; birds like red and white-winged crossbills, pine siskins, red-

polls, and purple finches.

The force that drives these songbirds to wing their way southward during some winters is the same force that motivates snowy owls. Whereas for snowy owls it's a shortage of lemmings, for these songbirds it's a shortage of tree and shrub seeds and fruits. For example, some conifer trees produce seed-bearing cones in cycles; more in some years, fewer in others. In years of the few, there is likely to be more competition for limited food resources, and a greater likelihood that birds dependent on this food source will make a migratory journey in our direction to find it.

To complicate things, abundance of once kind can lead to shortage of another. In years when songbird nestling survival is unusually high, there will be larger fall and winter populations competing for food. This year in Eastern boreal forests, outbreaks of spruce budworm—the caterpillar-like larvae that devour spruce and balsam fir needles—led to booms in purple finch and pine siskin populations. Now that this abundance is gone, there is added competition for winter food supplies. This in turn is expected to lead to irruptions of less common songbirds southward into Minnesota and other northern tier states this winter.

With the arrival of spring, these temporary visitors will be bound back northward to more familiar territory to begin the cycle all over again; perhaps at about the same time our human snowbirds will be arriving back in Minnesota.

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Staying fit at Curves

Dawn Larson and Jan Trager worked out at Curves in Staples recently, adhering to social distancing mandates and wear-

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Participation falls because of closures

ing to health and fitness, including personal training, sports nutrition, senior fitness and positional isometrics. Prior to opening her own independent health center, Kottke gained experience by managing a Snap Fitness.

Kottke has called Staples ‘home’ for the past four years, and is looking forward to getting to know more people from the area. She hopes that as the Covid-19 surge lessens, more people will consider a health club membership. In addition to herself, Chris Jennissen is on staff at Iron Paradise as a personal trainer.

Open 24/7, Iron Paradise Fitness Center is located at 128 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-895-7077, or visit their website at [www.ironparadisehc.com](http://www.ironparadisehc.com).

Curves

Jeanette Evans is the owner/operator of Curves in Staples. Their business has survived the onset of Covid-19, but not without some difficulties along the way.

Evans noted that each time they’ve closed, they’ve lost some members. “That’s been tough,” she said.

Like all fitness centers, they are required to follow strict guidelines. For starters, everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Evans said that exercise machines are spaced 12 feet apart, and depending on the class they are taking, Curves participants must stay anywhere from nine to 12 feet away from each other. “It gets confusing,” she said.

The new restrictions have meant that there are only eight stations available at a given time, half of what they used to have. Every half hour, the stations are completely sanitized.

Evans said she is grateful for the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) government loan they received last March. It helped pay bills during the mandatory closure, and made up for some of the income lost due to smaller class sizes. She went on to say that a lot of their income at Curves is generated from members who are 65 and older, enrolled in the Wellness program. It’s a program that provides free membership, but Curves is only reimbursed if these participants attend a certain number of classes.

She strongly believes in the Curves program, Evans said, adding that she first became a member in 2004, before purchasing the business in 2018. In order to pay the necessary bills, Evans has set a goal of adding 30 new members to the Curves

roster. As an incentive to reach that goal, Evans will give away a handmade quilt during a member challenge that begins in February. Stop by Curves or visit their Facebook page for details.

Curves is located at 216 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-894-1915 or visit their Facebook page.

United Tae Kwon Do Systems

Francisco Jimenez, owner of United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples, reports that they are doing well.

In an email response to the World, Jimenez said, “The Tae Kwon Do studio is starting to catch up and slowly the program is starting to see some growth.

“When the pandemic started, we had a good number of students. However, in the early fall, some participants needed to quarantine due to possible Covid-19 exposure elsewhere, which affected our weekly numbers.

“With the exponential rise of Covid-19 cases in Minnesota in late October and early November, gyms were mandated to close and we had to move to online Zoom classes. I am proud of the students and their families for how they handled this curve ball at a moment’s notice.

“Now, early in the year, we are back at the studio (the former NAPA business near the overpass), students are returning and new students are signing up.

“During this time, I am working hard to clean and keep the building and exercise equipment disinfected and ready to go. We are strictly following the recommended guidelines coming from the Minnesota Department of Health with regards to fitness gyms and Tae Kwon Do studios. We have a limited number of students per class, mandated mask wearing and proper distancing between participants. We are currently open Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 9:30 p.m.”

United Tae Kwon Do Systems is located at 119 2nd Ave NW in Staples. For more information call 218-296-0726 or visit their Facebook page.

Staples Community Center

Tricia Jasmer, Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Staples, is in charge of the community center, home to a swimming pool, gymnasium, exercise room and senior center.

All in all, it’s been slow, Jasmer said of activity at the community center. With restrictions in place, they are limited in how many

people are allowed in any given area. For example, the pool is at a 50 percent capacity, which translates to 30 people at a time allowed to swim. Because the Aqua-size class is held in the shallow end of the pool, only 13 participants can attend. Normally, there are 22 to 26 people in the class, Jasmer said.

Even after the reopening of gyms and fitness centers, only 25 percent of their membership has returned, Jasmer said.

It’s hurt them financially, she went on. They are grateful for the CARES Act funding they received. Although it does not solve all financial problems, it has helped. Jasmer noted that because the community center is a government entity, they are not eligible to receive PPP funding or foundation grants. She’s exploring other options to bring in revenue, especially since they are considered an Enterprise Fund.

There is a lot of extra cleaning required at this time, Jasmer said, noting a mid-day cleaning and a deep clean every evening, on top of cleaning after every activity held.

It’s still very slow, but Jasmer is happy to see people in the pool, and reports that volleyball is back to normal in the gym. As of Feb. 1, they’ve been able to open to their regular schedule. “We’re taking it day by day,” Jasmer said.



Drive through vaccine process

With nurses bundled up for cold weather on Jan. 27, the Lakewood Health System COVID-19 drive through vaccine process went smoothly. RPAP (Rural Physician Associate Program) students directed traffic and patient access staff registered drivers from their list of ap-

pointments. The nursing team prepared COVID-19 vaccines in the fish house trailer and came out to administer the shots. Most people got through the process in a few minutes, including cars that had two people receiving the vaccine. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines

vaccinating those in the priority groups outlined by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Allocation and distribution of doses changes rapidly, but Lakewood has developed a process to continue vaccinations when more doses are received.

“We feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to vaccinate as many people as we have thus far, and we look forward to being able to do more soon,” said Lakewood Director of Clinic

Operations and Patient Access, Missy Lindow. “Our team has done a great job getting this process up and running, and it is truly awesome to see what we’ve been able to do for so many people already.”

Lakewood’s unique vaccination process includes a drive through and mobile fish house in its Staples clinic parking lot which allows people to remain in their vehicle when receiving their shot. Those involved directly in the vac-

cination process include Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) students and members of the patient access, clinic nursing and EMS teams.

For those 65 years and older who have not yet received their vaccination but would like one, call 218-894-1515 and choose option #2 to be added to the wait list. The wait list is only for those 65 and older; no one else will be added to the list at this time.



Quilt giveaway

Jeanette Evans, owner of Curves in Staples, stands by a Lone Star quilt she made recently, which will be given away during a drawing in the near future. One of the ways to be entered into the drawing, is to become a new member at Curves. Evans said that they need 30 new members and 30 former members to return in order to pay the necessary bills to stay in operation. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Parent in search of professionals able to treat cracked or broken bones with care and expertise. I have a feeling I may need you! Ideally located near Staples, so we can stop at DQ after getting our cast on.

At Lakewood we offer:

- 24/7 emergency services
- Providing care for basic and complex bone breaks
- Full-spectrum orthopedic care
- Board certified surgeons
- Integrated rehabilitation

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