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Accident scene The railroad crossing signal on 6th Street fell in the road following a one vehicle accident. See story on page 11a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 1	44°	32°	P. Cloudy
Dec. 2	38	27	Cloudy
Dec. 3	34	20	M. Cloudy
Dec. 4	30	21	P. Cloudy
Dec. 5	30	17	M. Cloudy
Dec. 6	27	20	Cloudy
Dec. 7	26	8	

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 1	33°	17°	Sunny
Dec. 2	35	19	Sunny
Dec. 3	38	21	M. Sunny
Dec. 4	42	24	Sunny
Dec. 5	37	22	M. Sunny
Dec. 6	34	30	Cloudy
Dec. 7	35	28	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 30° Low = 15°

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Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Voyager to open manufacturing facility in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Voyager Industries has purchased the McKechnie Tooling and Engineering building in Staples, with the intention of expanding their manufacturing lines as early as January. Voyager Industries is headquartered in Brandon, a city west of Alexandria. Their product line includes Yetti ice houses, Bear Track aluminum trailers, Voyager docks, Titan Deck boat docks and Black Line customized recreational

vehicles and horse trailers. Voyager also makes customized aluminum products. The company has manufacturing facilities in Brandon, Evansville and Pine River. "We are thankful for our hardworking and dedicated employees, customers and vendors who have helped put us in the position to be expanding. Our team is excited to join the Staples community as a premier employer, and we're looking forward to getting to work right away," stated Gary Suckow, Voyager President and CEO. "The facility layout fits in well with

our manufacturing needs and during the purchasing process we were able to put together a good plan. With relatively few changes and modifications we plan to be up and running within four to six weeks, or sooner." At the Nov. 23 Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said the plan is to build the Yetti fish houses in Staples. She said they are currently being made at the facility in

See **VOYAGER** on page 12a

Lakewood Health System addresses staffing and patient needs

As Lakewood Health System, Staples, continues to deal with the effects of the current COVID-19 surge, decisions have been made by the hospital incident command system (HICS) and administrative teams to address staffing and patient needs throughout the system. Some of these decisions will directly impact patients. In order to ensure necessary staffing and equipment in areas such as the hospital and emergency department, screening colonoscopies and most EGDs (upper GI endoscopies) will be postponed until after the end of the year. There will also be reductions and potential postponements of non-emergent inpatient and outpatient surgeries. Lakewood is seeing especially high numbers of

patients in our Quick Care and emergency departments, as well as those admitted to the hospital. Due to the high acuity of admitted patients, there are increases not only in the number of staff needed to care for them, but time and equipment needs as well. Because staff, especially nurses and providers, are in such high demand at this time, many will be redeployed to other areas within the facility to help with patient care needs. "While we understand all these changes may cause some frustrations, they are being made in the best interest of our patients, and we appreciate patience and understanding as we continue to care for the needs of our community," stated a Lakewood press release.

Lakewood invested \$4.6 million in community

Lakewood Health System contributed nearly \$4.6 million in programs and services in 2020 to benefit the health of its local communities, according to the latest annual community benefit numbers reported to the Minnesota Hospital Association. The term "community benefit" refers to initiatives, activities and investments undertaken by tax-exempt hospitals to improve the health of the communities they serve. The report, which contains a set of standard measurements that determine the monetary value representing the hospital's financial contributions and commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of its residents, provides a snapshot of the supported programs and services that benefit the community. The \$4.6 million in total expenses which is attributable to community benefit is 4.4 percent of Lakewood's total operating expenses. With that \$4.6 million, Lakewood provided access to healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured, funded community health improvement programs, donated to local programs and partnerships, advanced education and training for healthcare professionals, and subsidized the difference between the costs of care and the amount paid

by government-sponsored programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. "I am proud to say our community benefits response rose to the challenge in 2020," said Lisa Bjerga, Lakewood's Chief Financial Officer. "Lakewood increased its available funding to ensure more place-based investments could impact our neighbors and communities when they needed it the most." In September 2020, Lakewood's community health department launched a new meal delivery program in response to COVID-19 to help alleviate the hunger and support healing for patients. The Meals at COVID-19+ program provided 10-14 prepared frozen meals to an individual diagnosed with the virus and demonstrated a concern about their ability to access and afford proper nutrition during their isolation and recovery period. All members in the household also received meals. Lakewood care teams and community health staff devoted themselves to meeting the immediate needs of patients, some of whom had never experienced hunger before. Since September 2020, Lakewood has distributed a total of 22,729 meals to 1,203 adults and 718 children. See **LAKEWOOD** on page 3a

Public Notices

City of Staples ordinance 8A

Obituaries

Carol Cameron
Elnora Dempsey
Mary Lou Hoemberg
George Page
Brenda Tretter



Rotary Club donation

The Staples Rotary Club recently donated \$500 to the Free Holiday Meals program organized by the Staples Area Chamber of Commerce. From left are

Jerel Nelsen and Jim Hofer, Rotarians; Kathleen Ferrel and Rachel Johnson, co-chairs of the Free Holiday Meals committee. (Submitted photo)

Rotary Club donates to Staples Holiday Meals program

The Staples Rotary Club is among the donors to this year's Free Holiday Meals program organized by the Staples Area Chamber of Commerce with a contribution of \$500. The program first launched last year in response to a reduction of options during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, noted current chamber president Rachel Johnson. Many area faith-based organizations that traditionally offered meals to the community chose not to do them, citing safety concerns. Also people were not planning their usual family and social gatherings. The chamber board decided to step up and fill the gap. Sponsorships were solicited and a partnership formed with Timbers Restaurant to provide free,

hot meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. About 850 meals were picked up between the two holidays last year by people from as far away as Brainerd and Park Rapids in addition to the Staples area. Meals were also made available to the local fire department, EMTs and other emergency agencies that required staff to be on duty. The committee is scaling down the numbers slightly this year because the members feel more opportunities are available as more people are vaccinated and pandemic restrictions relax. The need is still there, however, as Johnson acknowledged reservations were brisk before Thanksgiving and they were planning for 300 meals. People can register for

the Christmas meal by emailing the chamber at stapleschamber@gmail.com with their name, email address and how many meals they want. They can also call the chamber at 218-894-3974 and leave a message. Those registered will be notified with information about when they can pick up the meals at the Timbers Restaurant. This donation fits within Rotary's goal of taking action locally and globally to improve lives and create a better world. Rotary International's causes include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment. See **ROTARY** on page 3a

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Timbers crew at work

Staff members at Timbers Restaurant in Staples spent Thanksgiving morning cooking, prepping and boxing meals which were offered free to the public. They had also been cooking and preparing for the Thanksgiving feast several days prior to the holiday. Pictured above, from left are Jordan Steward, Barb Schrupp, Kim Ziegler, Molly Engen and Taylor Wellnitz. Missing from the photo is Jordan Goodwater, Timbers General Manager. (Submitted photo)



Dedicated volunteers

Several members of the community volunteered their time Nov. 25, helping box up and serve free Thanksgiving meals to the public. Back row, from left, are Rachel Johnson, Renee Kroll (representing LEAP Tourism), Jayme Carlson, Lisa Bjerga, Paula Perez, Andrew Johnson, Gabriel Kroll, Chris Johnson. Front row, from left, Liam Kroll, Ava Kroll, Elizabeth Kroll, Sarah Kroll, Gage Bjerga, Garrett Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



Free Thanksgiving meals served

A total of 380 Thanksgiving meals were served to community members on Nov. 25, offered free thanks to the generosity of several area businesses and organizations. The hot meals were prepared at Timbers Restaurant in Staples, which is also where those who called ahead to place orders could pick them up on Thanksgiving Day.

At right: Volunteers Jayme Carlson (left) and Renee Kroll helped place boxed meals in the back of a recipient's vehicle. Above and below: Vehicles lined up at Timbers to receive their meals.

Kroll, representing LEAP Tourism, said that 160 meals had been delivered to the Lakewood Health System (LHS) Care Center, Lakewood Manor, LHS hospital floors and Emergency Department, the EMT personnel and Staples Police Department. "We tried not to miss an opportunity to practically serve those who are working too hard this time of year," Kroll said. "We know they're tired and that it's hard, and we just wanted to bless them in a practical way for all they do for us."

This event was organized by the Staples Area Chamber of Commerce and Timbers Restaurant. Other local sponsors included Lakewood Health System, Timber-Lake Hotel, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples United Methodist Church, Staples Rotary Club, Jemma's Salon, State Farm Insurance (Daniel Douts), Staples Lions, The Vintage Golf Club, First International Bank & Trust, MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union, Unity Bank, Staples Eye Clinic, Inc., and CARE Ministry. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



FWAC seeks Todd County board representative

Five Wings Arts Council is looking for a board member from Todd County. Council members are charged with setting policy, as well as approving grant programs and services designed to improve the lives of the people in Region Five through arts and cul-

ture programs. They also review and make funding award decisions about grant applications submitted to the council. In addition, Five Wings Arts Council members represent the Council at various arts events in the region and state.

Anyone interested in serving the arts in this capacity should submit a letter of interest stating their expertise and resume to Five Wings Arts Council, PO Box 118, Staples, MN 56479 or e-mail vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Questions? Call 877-654-2166.

Local students earn scholarships from CLC

The Central Lakes College Foundation announced the distribution of \$167,846 for Fall 2021 scholarships to local students. "As I reflect on this tremendous scholarship support, I recognize it was only possible because of the leadership of our board and the generosity from our college community," said Kate Adornetto, CLC Foundation Director. "Additionally, it takes a team of volunteers to review each scholarship applicant, and I want to thank those individuals for their role in this very important part of the scholarship process." To learn more about donating to the CLC Foundation or establishing a scholarship fund of your own, contact Kate Adornetto,

Foundation Director, at 218-855-8129. Area students and their awards include, from Motley: Katie Philipsek, Lenore Sheets, Leah Danilyuk, and Elizabeth Danilyuk received scholarships from the following funds: Jean Porwoll Fund and Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund. From Staples: Angela Jares, Kimberly Queeglay, Tyler Davidson, Emmitt Winkels, Katrina Eckenrode, and Ashley Boyer received scholarships from the following funds: Jean Porwoll Fund, Pat & Dee Sprenger LPN Scholarship Fund, Mary F. Tornstrom Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Dr. Duane Lund Scholarship Fund.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:
Nov. 18 - 22
Nov. 23 - The MPD responded to a welfare check at the 300 block in Motley and noticed that the subject had an active warrant for his arrest. When asked, the subject stated he knew he had an active warrant and that he needed to


pay it. By the time the MPD had finished filling out paper work, the subject's wife had returned with the \$50 needed to pay for the warrant.
Nov. 22 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Brian Pantzke, 59.
Nov. 18 - The MCSO responded to the 5000 block of Diamond Dr., Cushing, for a report of a domestic dispute.
Nov. 23 - The MCSO responded to a report of a

missing cat at the 2000 block of Birchcrest Dr., Motley. The cat was later located at the neighbor's home.
Nov. 23 - The MCSO responded to the report of theft at a residence at the 33000 block of Aspen Ln., Motley.
Nov. 23 - The MCSO paged out Motley Fire and Rescue for a vehicle accident at 10337 79th Ave. SW, Motley. One of the occupants had a leg injury.



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COVID-19 vaccines, monoclonal antibody therapy and testing available at Lakewood Health System

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children five to 11. This approval makes the Pfizer vaccine the only one currently available to everyone ages five and up. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved and available to those ages 18 and up.

All three vaccines are available at all Lakewood clinic locations (Browerville, Eagle Bend, Motley, Pillager and Staples) during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. A booster vaccine has been approved for certain individuals who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine six or more months after their initial series. They include those:

- 65 years or older
- Ages 18+ who live in

long-term care settings

- Ages 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Ages 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine booster is approved for those 18 and up who were fully vaccinated two or more months ago. Booster vaccines can be mixed and matched, meaning if you received Pfizer for your initial series, you can receive any of the three vaccines as a booster; the same going for all three vaccines.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be given during the same visit, if desired. More research has been done over the past year and it was determined the two are safe to be done at the same time. (This includes the first, second and booster shot of the COVID-19 series.)

To schedule a vaccination

appointment for you and/or your child, call 218-894-1515 (option #2).

Monoclonal antibody therapy is for qualified individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have had a high-risk exposure and are at high risk of developing severe COVID-19. It is not for everyone who has been exposed. This therapy is done as an outpatient procedure and has been shown to lessen the symptoms of COVID-19 and reduce hospitalizations.

The process for getting the monoclonal therapy has changed per direction from the state. Patients needing monoclonal therapy need to self-refer by registering through the Minnesota Resource Allocation Platform (MNRAP) – an online tool that connects people and healthcare providers with COVID-19 medications.

Due to this change by the state, Lakewood’s process for providing monoclonal therapy to patients has had to change and we may no longer be able to provide this treatment option as quickly as before. Talk to your medical provider if you have questions. To self-register, go to https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8tVAsh-44HLqgkkk.

COVID-19 testing is available at Lakewood’s Staples and Browerville clinics by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 218-894-1515 (option #2). Free antigen rapid testing is also available at the Wadena Armory Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of December. Appointments can be made by going online at https://my.primary.health/r/mnrapid_wadena?registration_type=default&health.

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Investing in people

The Meals at COVID-19+ program continues to deliver meals to patients and their households. “As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the need in our communities has never been greater,” said Alicia Bauman, Community Health Director. “We have delivered 6,489 meals in the last seven weeks alone.”

Not-for-profit hospitals are required to report community benefits annually and to research community health needs every three years. Lakewood was doing this long before the federal requirement. “For more than eight decades, Lakewood has cared for its patients and invested in the people and partnerships that make us stronger together,” said Tim Rice, President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are more committed than ever to

staying true to our mission to provide quality, personalized healthcare for patients who have trusted us since 1936. When a patient needs our help, we are there for them and their family.”

Currently, Lakewood is conducting its fourth community health needs assessment and seeking input from adults (aged 18+) who live in Morrison, Todd, or Wadena County. The results of the assessment will be used to direct the health system’s community benefit programs and help to prioritize services and investments through 2025. The survey tool can be found at: <https://arcg.is/CPDuL0>.

To learn more about the current community health needs assessment and its strategic plan, visit lakewoodhealthsystem.com/community-health

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Donors to Christmas meals

In addition to the Staples Rotary Club other donors include Lakewood Health System, Unity Bank, Jemma’s Salon, Faith Lutheran Church, First International Bank and Trust, Dan Douts State Farm, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Staples Lions, Care Ministries, The Vintage Golf Club, Motley United Methodist Church, Staples Eye Clinic, Timbers Restaurant and

Event Center and Staples Area Chamber.

Donations are still being accepted for the Christmas meals. Call or email the chamber to discuss the options.

Johnson also noted that the chamber is seeking a part time office administrator/coordinator to assist with this and other chamber activities.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

- Nov. 28, 1946 - Practically every store in Staples is in full Christmas swing this week, after a hectic week by the owners to get their stores decorated and trimmed for the holiday season.

Thousands of dollars worth of new merchandise is displayed in the hardware stores, general stores, drug stores, variety store and even the grocery stores have taken on a Christmas appearance.

Shoppers will do themselves well by patronizing the stores in Staples this season, where the latest and most up-to-date stock is

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available.

- Nov. 28, 1946 - A number of the Future Farmer students of the Staples high school will go to South St. Paul to a Future Farmers Marketing school, where they will learn all of the work of marketing livestock at the stock yards in that city. Instructor Joe V. Raine will accompany the boys on the two or three day trip.
- Nov. 28, 1946 - County Auditor Nick Truog called the Staples World office Monday morning and stated that 2,600 deer licenses had been issued in Todd County for the 1946 season, which closed Sunday evening, Nov. 24. This is by far the largest number of deer hunting licenses to be issued in Todd County for many years. During 1945 only 1,756 licenses were issued, with only one non-resident license being purchased.
- Nov. 28, 1946 - Staples High School Junior Class presented its annual class play at the Staples Auditorium Nov. 25, and according to the applause, and the praise heard from various people in attendance, was a decided “hit” with the large crowd present.

The play, “Every Family Has One,” by George Batson, was a common, everyday American family production, and the wit, humor, and serious parts in the play were those which can be found in the average American home of today.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

- Nov. 28, 1996 - State Senator Dallas Sams, DFL - Staples, has been named chair of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.
- Nov. 28, 1996 - Staples Cinema is now showing ‘Mighty Ducks D-3’. Coming next, ‘That Thing You Do.’ Theatre Prices: Ages 1 - 11, \$2; Age 12 and Older; \$3.
- Nov. 28, 1996 - Four area school students sang in a select honors choir which gathered Nov. 16 at St. Olaf College in Northfield for an American Choral Directors Association state convention.

The state-wide Youth Honors Choir consisted of 100 students, grades 4 - 6, who were selected by audition from about 400 students who tried out.

The Staples Motley School District students included Peter Lund, a 5th grader at Staples Elementary, son of Bruce and Eva Lund; Ashley Blake, a 6th grader at Motley Staples Middle School, daughter of Deanne Blake of Motley and Bruce Blake of Motley; and Madeline Beebe, a 5th

astown Cemetery.

- Dec. 2, 1971 - Rick Weber, a fourth year student at the University of Minnesota Medical School, is presently taking a family practice externship at the Lakewood Clinic, Staples.

Weber started at the clinic on Monday of this week and the program will continue for a nine-week period.

Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Weber of this city. He was graduated from Staples high school in 1964 and then received his degree from Marquette University in 1968, majoring in philosophy and minoring in chemistry.

His wife, Carol, and their two-year-old son, Erik, are also in Staples with him.

- Dec. 2, 1971 - Under the sponsorship of the Staples Jaycees and endorsed by other organizations, Toys for Tots will again be held in Staples.

Terry Nelson and Earl Mergens are co-chairmen of the event and they said that Toys for Tots will be conducted Dec. 18. Last year, about \$250 was received and disbursed for Toys for Tots, plus many donated items of clothing and toys.

- Dec. 2, 1971 - The naming of the recipient of the 1971 Distinguished Service Award and the honoring of two senior citizens who have each contributed much to this community and in their chosen professions will highlight the annual Service Award Night and Banquet of the Staples Jaycees Dec. 6.

To be recognized by the Jaycees for their years of service in the Staples area will be P. M. Atwood, former Superintendent of Schools, and the Rev. Raymond H. Ewing, retired pastor of The Congregational Church.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

- Dec. 1, 2011 - Seventy years ago, on Dec. 7, 1941, Bill Henrikson was reading the Sunday paper in the bunk room of the USS Nevada. At the same time, Arlyn Welling was within sight, working on the USS Argonne, a repair ship. Henrikson and Welling survived the surprise attack



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Dec. 8, 1988 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Nov. 23, 2006 edition of the Staples World featured Marlene McMullen (left) and Madeline Lahr, third graders at Motley Elementary School. The two friends said they were looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation and shared some thoughts about the holiday. Marlene said, “I’m thankful for all that we get,” and Madeline said, “I’m thankful for food.”

No responses were received for this mystery photo.

grader at Motley Elementary, daughter of Matthew and Linda Beebe of Motley.

Also taking part was Beth Rogge, daughter of Rick and Cindy Rogge, of Verndale, a sixth grader at Verndale Elementary School.

Roger Towler is the Verndale music instructor who worked with Beth Rogge and five other Verndale students who sent in audition tapes. Staples Motley music instructors included Joan Batcher and Stan Carlson at the Middle School and Motley Elementary and Mary Moen at Staples Elementary.

on Pearl Harbor that day, a defining moment in the history of the world that has also become an important chapter in the lives of the two Staples residents.

“That day belongs to Pearl Harbor and always will,” said Henrikson.

- Dec. 1, 2011 - Stan Widmer Associates cast a wide net by pitching their molded boat concept online. Out of 7,000 hits from around the world, a recent strike was from a deep sea fishing company in Malaysia.

At the Nov. 22 Staples EDA meeting, Stan Widmer talked about negotiations with the fishing company to apply his special rotationally molding process to a fishing boat.

If Widmer lands this contract or one of the several other inquiries he has been working on, he plans to build a 4,000 square foot manufacturing building in Staples.

Wenzel participates on issues panel

Longtime Central Lakes College Political Science instructor Steve Wenzel attended and participated in a round-table panel discussion on national and international issues with Senator Marco Rubio, R-Florida, in Minneapolis on November 15.

Wenzel was invited to participate in the panel discussion by former Minnesota U.S. Senators Norm Coleman and Rudy

Boschwitz. The issues covered included: The national economy and the problems of inflation; illegal immigration and the Open Border policies of the Biden Administration; the implications of the U.S. exit from Afghanistan; the rise of China and nuclear deterrence; and the specifics and costs of the multi-trillion dollar social infrastructure legislation now before the Congress.



Political figures

From left, Former Minnesota U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz, Central Lakes College Political Science instructor Steve Wenzel and Senator Marco Rubio of Florida. (Submitted photo)

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Surviving the holidays

By Sue Abderholden
Executive Director, NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

We're heading into the time of year when a variety of celebrations are held: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Rohatsu, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Solstice. It is a time when we usually gather with family and friends. We eat, we talk, we play games, we laugh, we hug.

Over 9,100 Minnesotans have died from COVID-19. There were 723 Minnesotans who died by suicide in 2020. Over 1,000 Minnesotans died from an overdose. So, for many Minnesotans the approaching holidays will be hard. Memories come flooding back providing moments of immense sadness, not joy. When we gather and there is an empty chair we are reminded of their death.

Having unexpectedly lost my husband of over 40 years at the end of May, I am apprehensive as the holiday season approaches. We've spent the last 43 years celebrating holidays together so him not being here will have a profound impact.

There are also people who struggle during the holidays due to the impact of mental illnesses or substance use disorders. There's ambiguous loss, reminded of what might have been. There's the difficulty of engaging when your symptoms are overwhelming. There's the difficulty of trying to cope with a loved one's symptoms and illnesses. While we see the beautiful ads about wonderful holidays, they aren't always wonderful and we might feel even more pressured to make them wonderful and more disappointed when they aren't.

Especially this year, I have no great words of advice for surviving the holidays. It is going to be hard. But here are several things to keep in mind:

- Sit with the grief. Grieving takes time. It's not about getting better, especially the

first year, it's about getting through it. Don't try to "fix" someone. Sit by them; allow them to cry, to reminisce, to be sad.

- Reach in. Whether it's grief or the symptoms of a mental illness it's hard to reach out for help. Reach in, offer something specific – a ride, a meal, some fresh flowers, a walk. Send a note that you are thinking of them.
- Let it go. Now's not the time to complain, to talk about adhering to treatment plans, to fight over what should happen in the future. Just be a family member or a friend. There will be time to have those discussions in the future. But make these holidays a time to be a family that loves each other unconditionally – that truly cares about each other.
- Say "No." Not all families are healthy. Abuse exists. It's okay to say "no" to attending events that will be detrimental to your mental health and safety. We have families of origin and families of creation. Some people have to redefine their family.
- Keep it simple. Ban perfection. It's so easy to get stressed about having everything be perfect – the gifts, meals, or the decorations. What do you remember most about holidays in the past? My guess is it wasn't all the extra "stuff" but the people and the feelings and emotions.

I know that the coming holidays will be very different and difficult for me. So, I'm planning ahead. I'm writing down the things and activities that will help my grief and my missing him. I'm going to try a SAD light, I'm going to take walks if it isn't too cold, I'm going to journal, I'm keeping my expectations low and not doing a lot of decorating or gift buying. I'm connecting to the people who know me and help me.

However you are entering this season, just remember it's not easy for everyone. Be kind to people who seem to be behaving badly or have a short fuse. There might be a reason that they are struggling during this time and an act of kindness could help.

Letters to the Editor

Patients suffering horrible deaths from COVID

I've just finished a seven day stretch as a hospitalist. Lakewood is a critical access hospital that has a 25 bed capacity with two designated ICU beds. Normally we transfer severely ill patients to a higher level of care. I feel it's important that everyone know the current state we're in. No politics. Just a tired doctor, emotionally and physically.

We have 12 COVID positive patients struggling in our hospital. Eight are in the ICU. Two are on the ventilator. We called 13 hospitals to find a bed for our patients on the ventilators, no one has room. We were able to put one in the queue for the state's critical care

coordination center which helps place patients into ICUs. They allowed us to put one patient on the list but told us that they haven't been able to place anyone for days.

These are not all old people with chronic diseases. This isn't the old COVID. This is much worse. Our current COVID patients are younger. We have two in their 30's, three in their 40's, two in their 50's, three in their 60's. A few in the 70-85 range, but most are young with no underlying medical conditions.

Our intubated patients are people, who a few weeks ago who were working full time jobs. I have friends in the hospital who are severely ill. It's hard to watch them suffer with this awful disease. They describe the pain of glass shards in their chest when they cough. They struggle to get enough air—even with liberal morphine use. I would say it's

one of the more tortuous ways to die that I have ever seen.

None of these people are vaccinated. I've had a vaccinated patient need to get some fluids when they have had COVID this week and they didn't feel great, but they went home in a day. If you're able to make an educated decision and you saw what I saw this week, you would get a vaccine if you have not already. I don't care how far you have your heels dug in on not vaccinating for whatever reason, if you saw what I've seen this week you would change your mind. The type of vaccine doesn't matter, they all work at keeping people out of the hospital and from dying a horrible long tortuous death.

Christine S. Albrecht, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Lakewood Health System
Staples, Minn

School spending

Most of you in the Staples School District have recently received your statement of proposed taxes for 2022. If you're like me you were shocked by the almost doubling of the school district taxes. This comes after a second school referendum failure. I don't know what the school board doesn't understand. A large majority said "No" to more spending. It's like they're punishing the public because they didn't get their way.

Somehow after many years of complaining they couldn't get more money

for maintenance and other actual needs, they are suddenly able to approve \$28 million in new spending. Supposedly only \$14 million has a direct tax impact.

I'm not sure what miracle is paying the remaining \$14 million other than a \$6 million dollar contribution for the "community center like" addition to the elementary school by the non-profit Lakewood Health System. Note that the community center project was also rejected in the 2019 referendum.

I know that some of the funding is via four year bonds. The board has already stated they plan to do more bonds once the four years is done. And will con-

tinue with more bonds as long as they please.

I want to encourage everyone that's concerned with this tremendous tax increase and out of control spending to attend the school board meeting on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. If you wish to make your opinions known to the board, make sure you call the school district (to get on the meeting agenda) at 218-894-5400 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3. Our voices need to be heard or the school board will continue on this reckless path.

Ronald Nypan
Cushing, Minn

Hard working entrepreneurs deserve our support this holiday season

By Kim Preston
Center For Rural Affairs

The holiday season is upon us, and for many people that means making purchases for gift exchanges and planning the menu for family and work gatherings.

But, for our nation's small business owners, preparing for the biggest and busiest time of the year can take months of hard work, and involves more than just inventory on the shelves.

While consumers make their lists and check them twice, entrepreneurs have been working behind the scenes to prepare. They've spent nights and weekends learning how to market their business and getting familiar with social media. When things slow down

they turn their attention to learning bookkeeping and tax requirements.

Our entrepreneurs are not alone. Many take advantage of training programs offered by organizations such as the Center for Rural Affairs. These programs are supported by state and federal efforts designed to ensure that our smallest businesses are there for you.

In Nebraska, the Microenterprise Assistance Program provides funding for technical assistance. Businesses with five or fewer employees can use the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit to make new investments. With the help of a 20% refundable tax credit up to \$20,000, entrepreneurs have secured new buildings, repaired or maintained property, and pur-

chased needed equipment.

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) helps business owners access much-needed loan capital and technical assistance. Through RMAP, grants are made available to organizations to provide training and to make small loans to new and existing rural small businesses. Grants have facilitated more than 2,100 small businesses to expand operations, create jobs, and tap new markets.

The holiday season is the time when all of this work pays off. You can reward small businesses by shopping locally as you purchase gifts and plan your gatherings. Keeping your dollars in the local community is the gift that can keep giving.

Chamber rates economic benchmarks in Minnesota

From the Minnesota
Chamber of Commerce

The Minnesota Chamber released the seventh annual Business Benchmarks report, a compilation of key indicators that define the state's business climate – where Minnesota ranks compared with other states – to identify the state's strengths as well as areas for improvement to ensure Minnesota's competitiveness in the global economy. Comprehensive, objective data were compiled from sources such as state and federal agencies.

"Minnesota's economy – much like its people – is resilient," said Minnesota Chamber President and CEO Doug Loon. "Minnesota can be a good place to do business, with bright spots in innovation and infrastructure, and progress on lowering taxes. But challenges also exist, including the high cost of doing

business, a historic worker shortage and startup challenges for entrepreneurs."

The 2022 Business Benchmarks report will be formally released Thursday at the Minnesota Chamber's Economic Summit (previously known as the Annual Meeting).

This seventh annual report identifies positive, troubling and mixed trends in the state's business climate:

- Minnesota's economy is resilient but underperforming. GDP growth continues to lag the national average – although it isn't among the worst in the nation, but considering the diverse economy, the state is outpaced by those it should surpass.
- Despite incremental progress on lowering taxes, such as providing relief on business property taxes and to those who accepted Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, Minnesota remains among the highest taxed states in the nation, hindering economic growth.
- Many businesses illustrated the state's legacy of innovation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but more can be done to foster entrepreneurship, especially among immigrants and people of color.
- Each element of Minnesota's infrastructure – air,

water, roads and digital connectivity – remains strong and helps move commerce through to every corner of the state, and beyond.

- The cost of doing business continues to vacillate, but specific costs continue to rise, such as electricity.
- Minnesota employers face new heights of the historic worker shortage. This is the result of a complicated set of factors, including eroding labor participation, lags in migration and the worst achievement gap in the nation.

The Minnesota Chamber is a statewide organization representing more than 6,300 businesses of all types and sizes – and more than half a million employees – throughout Minnesota. The Chamber was recognized recently as the nation's number one chamber for working tirelessly for its members; providing one-on-one business services, opportunities to grow their networks and knowledge base, and cultivating an economic environment where businesses stay and grow in our state. A business climate that allows for innovation and forward-thinking leadership will help grow the strength of Minnesota's economy for generations to come.



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Central Minnesota Boys Choir

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir (CMBBC) includes, not in any particular order: Jackson Alexander, Caleb Bestland, Kai Bestland, Joshua Cushing, Oliver Espe, Jacob Faulkner, Joseph Faulkner, Cameron Ganyo, Conner Gonzalez, Matthew Jewison, Michael Jewison,

Ryker Karjala, Beckett Messer, Mason Michael, Brayden Moore, Josiah Mumm, Sawyer Pakkala, Braydon Pruitt, Owen Roline, Letten Rychner, Nathaniel Seaman, Ryder Thompson, Seth Van Winkle, Avery Vosika, Christian Winter, Johnathan Winter. (Submitted photo)

Youth musical groups performing at Community Christmas Concert

The area youth musical groups “Colla Voce” and the “Central Minnesota Boys Choir” will be performing in conjunction with the Staples Area Women’s and Staples Area Men’s Choirs’ 2021 Community Christmas Concert. The concert will be held Sat., December 11 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Church in Staples.

The concert will be performed live with a limited amount of seating, but will also be available as a Facebook Live event that can be viewed on all of the choir’s Facebook pages.

Those attending the concert in person will be required to wear masks to

keep everyone safe. As this event is a major fundraiser for all four groups, those that choose to listen to the Live Streamed event will have an option to contribute to the performing groups online. Tickets are available through chorus members.



Colla Voce Girls Choir

The Colla Voce Girls Choir (CVGC) includes, not in any particular order: Paislee Boozell, Naudia Djuren, Delaney Dolen, Maggie Grunewald, Grace Halverson, Piper Hanson, Miranda Hess, Meredith Hoemberg, Molly Hoemberg, Charlie Hoffman, Alea Holst, Jaida Holst, Katie Hoppe, Aubree Hove, Lizzie Kroll, Sarah Kroll, Mollie Larrimore, Maddy Michael, Charlie Rose Noska, Lylianne Nurnberger, Kelsey Pape, Adele Perry, Natalie Roth, Chadia Schultz, Serenity Sikora, Elise Trif. (Submitted photo)



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

December 2

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

December 6

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING CANCELLED due to Covid surge. Any questions, call Arlene at 218-894-2254.

December 7

RUBY’S PANTRY is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For info., call 218-639-0132.

December 15

STAPLES 60+ SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH MEAL, PROGRAM & PRIZES Wednesday, Dec. 15. Limited seating. Reservations required, call 218-894-2556. For other info., call Arlene at 218-894-2254.

**7th Annual
Live Drive-thru Nativity**
December 8 and 9, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
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Complete Christmas story portrayed in **live drama**.

You NEVER leave the car ... bring the whole family.

FREE admission (A donation bucket will be available at the end.)

Featuring live animals including camels, sheep and donkeys

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Call Sue Van Hal for more information or if you wish to participate (218) 821-2276
Financial donations and sponsorship accepted.

LUNCH
with
Santa
Saturday, Dec. 4
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Motley City Hall
316 Highway 10 S, Motley
Sponsored by the Motley Lions.

Truth In Taxation mtg Dec. 6

The Staples-Motley School Board Truth In Taxation meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. The meeting includes a community/public forum

on the Truth In Taxation Levy.
Upcoming schedule:
Mon., Dec. 20: Regular board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office.
Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Christmas Break. School closed.

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas
Mon., Jan 3: Organizational meeting, District Office, 6 p.m. Elect officers, set the 2022 meeting schedule, etc.



Turkey art at the library

It was turkey time at the Preschool Storytime held at the Staples Public Library in November. Those attending heard a story and decorated turkeys. Next Storytime will be held Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. The Reading Roundhouse Storytime will be held Dec. 11. Check all upcoming programs at www.griver.org. Call 218-894-1401 to sign-up. (Submitted photo)

Author Fuller on Bookends

BookEnds Online Edition will feature M. E. Fuller and her newest cozy book, “Blood on the Bridal Wreath”, on December 11, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is 867 0338 5655.

“Blood on the Bridal Wreath”, is the first of a four book series called Filthy Dirty Garden Gloves.

From its great title to its delicious ending, this delightfully clever mystery is a remarkable romp with a devoted cat owner and expert gardener who seems to attract both danger and devotion.

To find out more about BookEnds Online Edition or to watch recordings of previous BookEnds pro-

grams visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org.

BookEnds Online Edition is made possible, in part, 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.



Snowmobile Safety

Beware of power poles and the wires that hold them in place

SHARE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION with family, friends and anyone you know who rides a snowmobile.

SNOWMOBILING underneath power lines can be dangerous. Keep these tips in mind this winter.

- Watch out for power poles and electrical equipment that can be hidden in the snow.
- Slow down, know the area and stay on marked trails.
- Power poles are often anchored with wires extending out from the pole. Avoid snowmobiling directly next to or underneath power lines.
- If you see a downed power line, stay away from it and call 911 to report it. Always assume it is live and can carry currents strong enough to kill.

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Brenda Tretter

Brenda Lea (Head) Tretter, 62, of Little Falls, passed away November 23, 2021 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services were held at the Camp Ripley Chapel November 30 with Pastor Tim Sumner officiating.

Interment followed at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery.

Brenda was born March 11, 1959 to Byron and Shirley (McCoy) Head in Wadena. She left school after the eighth grade and was married at 16-years-old to Gary Pierzinski. The couple welcomed a daughter, Melanie.

At the age of 18, Brenda and Gary divorced. She then joined the United States Army, a career that would last 23 years. During her time working at Camp Ripley, she met her second husband, Robert Tretter. The two were married October 6, 1989 and to this union a daughter, Lindsey, was born.

Brenda is survived by two daughters, Melanie Pierz-



inski and Lindsey Tretter; mother, Shirley Feakes; one grandson, Hunter Adamski; two sisters, Sheri LaCroix and Elsie (Duane) Miller; one brother, Wally Head; three stepsons and their families, Robert, Scott and Troy Tretter and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Tretter; father, Byron Head and one brother, William "Billy" Head.

Arrangements are by the Emblom Brenny Funeral Service.

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Carol Cameron

Carol J. Cameron, 78, of Staples, passed away November 21, 2021.

Services were held November 27 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Carol was born June 16, 1943, to Elmer and Pearl (Motl) Judd. She married David "Ike" Cameron on April 25, 1964 in Staples. She retired from her role as secretary at Target corporation in 1994. She and Ike bought Lefty's Bar in Staples which they operated until 2001. Carol enjoyed dancing, gardening, animals, riding horses and had a great time snowmobiling and ATVing. She created a beautiful home and took pride in keeping it clean and well organized.

Most of all she loved her family and friends. She made lifelong friendships and was very proud of her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David; one son, Chad (Lizabeth); four grandchildren, Justin (Christina) Cameron, Mat-



thew (Holly) Cameron, Lydia Cameron (Sean Shafer), Nathan Cameron; one sister, Angie (Judd) Martin and one brother, Gerald Judd.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Craig Cameron; stepdad, Robert Sellnow; two brothers, Arnold Judd and Ray Judd and one sister, Shirley Perry.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries

Mary Lou Hoemberg

Mary Lou Hoemberg, 86, resident of Lakewood Manor Assisted Living in Staples, and formerly of Harmony House in Motley and rural Staples, died November 20, 2021 of congestive heart failure.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Family and friends may call at the church one hour prior to Mass.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Mary Lou was born October 30, 1935 to John and Mary (Freund) Hoemberg. She completed eighth grade at the Sacred Heart school in Staples. She ended her education at that time to work on the family farm and was a house cleaner for many families in the Staples area. She enjoyed cross-stitching, rug hooking, gardening, playing cards, Bingo, baking and socializing while enjoying her coffee. She was a member of Sacred Heart



Catholic Church.

Mary Lou is survived by one brother, Lloyd; one sister-in-law, Geneva Hoemberg and essential caregiver - niece, Virginia Olson and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Matt (Pearl), Bernard "Bud", Edwin (Delona), Leon and baby brother, Anthony; four sisters, Josephine Olinger, Frances (Vernon) Peterson, Rose King and Delores (Harold) Hensel.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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George Page

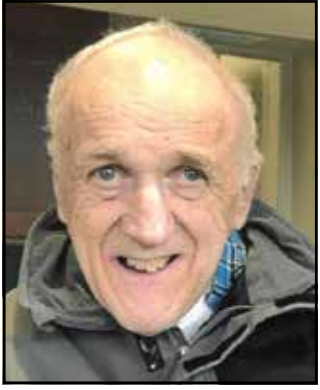
George James Page, 77, of Pillager, passed away November 18, 2021, at Lakewood Health System hospital, Staples.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

George was born May 17, 1944, to George Allyn and Pauline (Weishalla) Page. He lived at Krushe Residential in Pillager for over 20 years. Prior to that he lived in Fergus Falls, and he also spent some time in Brainerd. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by one sister Diane (Walter) Hreno; two nieces, Debra Hanson (Jack and Luke) and Patti Farmakes (David and Kyle); one nephew, David (Kristin) Hreno (Carter and Madison); great-aunt, Mabel



Page; several cousins and special friends Amy Borgstrom and Wendy Albertson.

George was preceded in death by his parents.

A special appreciation to the Krushe staff for the many years of taking care of George. Also, a special thank you to hospital staff and the clinic for the wonderful care over the years, especially his last stay.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Elnora Dempsey

Elnora Marie (Nelson) Dempsey, 81, of Verndale passed away November 9, 2021 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena, surrounded by her family.

A memorial burial service will be held at a later date at the Verndale Greenlawn Cemetery.

Elnora (Nellie) was born March 4, 1940 to Frances and Pauline (Sweet) Nelson. She was the fifth of 11 children.

She married the love of her life, Donald J. Dempsey on January 2, 1960 and they had four wonderful children. Elnora worked as a waitress, dietary aid and was a homemaker. She loved spending holidays with family, baking, traveling and going to casinos. She always had an ear for listening and a warm heart.

She is survived by four children, Brian Dempsey of Verndale, Colleen Dempsey of New York Mills, Daniel Dempsey of Staples and Cheryl (Larry)



Kennedy of Shakopee; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Juanita (Richard) Alley of Minnetonka, Rosemary (Reginald) Petrich of Staples, Patanel (Gary) Steinke of Dawson, Dorothy Hall, Waite Park and one brother, Charles Nelson of Ashley, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Ruth Hanson, Francis Winter, Pauline Beach and two brothers, Ronald and Jim Nelson.

Honorary pallbearers were all of her grandchildren.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kandace and Aaron Weise of Brainerd, a baby girl, Brielle Rae weighing nine pounds, 15 ounces on November 2, 2021.

Born to Erin and Damon Schwarz of Brainerd, a baby girl, Elena Trinity weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on November 7, 2021.

Born to Brittany and Jake Dezeeuw of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Miriam Elle weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on November 8, 2021.

Born to Kayla and Jerome Meyer of Wadena, a baby girl, Ainsley Elizabeth weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on November 8, 2021.

Born to Shania Hinch and Jeremy Thompson of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Julia Grace weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on November 9, 2021.

Born to Stacy and Ben Underhill of Staples, a baby girl, Marcella Marie weighing eight pounds, two ounces on November 10, 2021.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor 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
firstcngouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
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
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
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www.lincolnfree.org
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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.....9 a.m.
January - July.....11 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City, 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
Pastor Dan Johnson
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.

Always Thankful

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist Church

It has already been a week since Thanksgiving and I'm sure that we're already quite busy focusing and preparing for the Christmas season by now. It is exciting and it is a fun time of the year.

However, can we just pause for now? Stop. Think. Realize. Although Thanksgiving is nationally recognized just one day a year, we know that it is a state of being every single day of our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." You can give thanks every day and in all things because thanksgiving is a response to the goodness and grace of God. God's nature does not change just because a particular holiday is over.

When we give thanks, it aligns us with God's goodness, opens us up to receive more from Him, and frees us from anxiety and worry. It carries us through any struggle and hardship in life.

If we're honest, thankfulness helps cure us of ungratefulness and keeps us from becoming cynical about everything. That is why giving thanks can bring us encouragement and strength no matter how crazy the world may become.

Thanksgiving in the Bible means to respond to God's goodness and grace with gratitude. The word for giving thanks in the Old Testament means to "raise hands to God" in gratitude. In the New Testament, the word for thanks means to be "thankful for God's grace." No wonder we call it "saying grace" when we pray a prayer of thanks before eating our meal.

Being thankful for everything, every day, is based on God's goodness towards humanity and involves responding to Him with our whole being. When you give thanks, you're responding to God's goodness and graciousness. We can do this every day.

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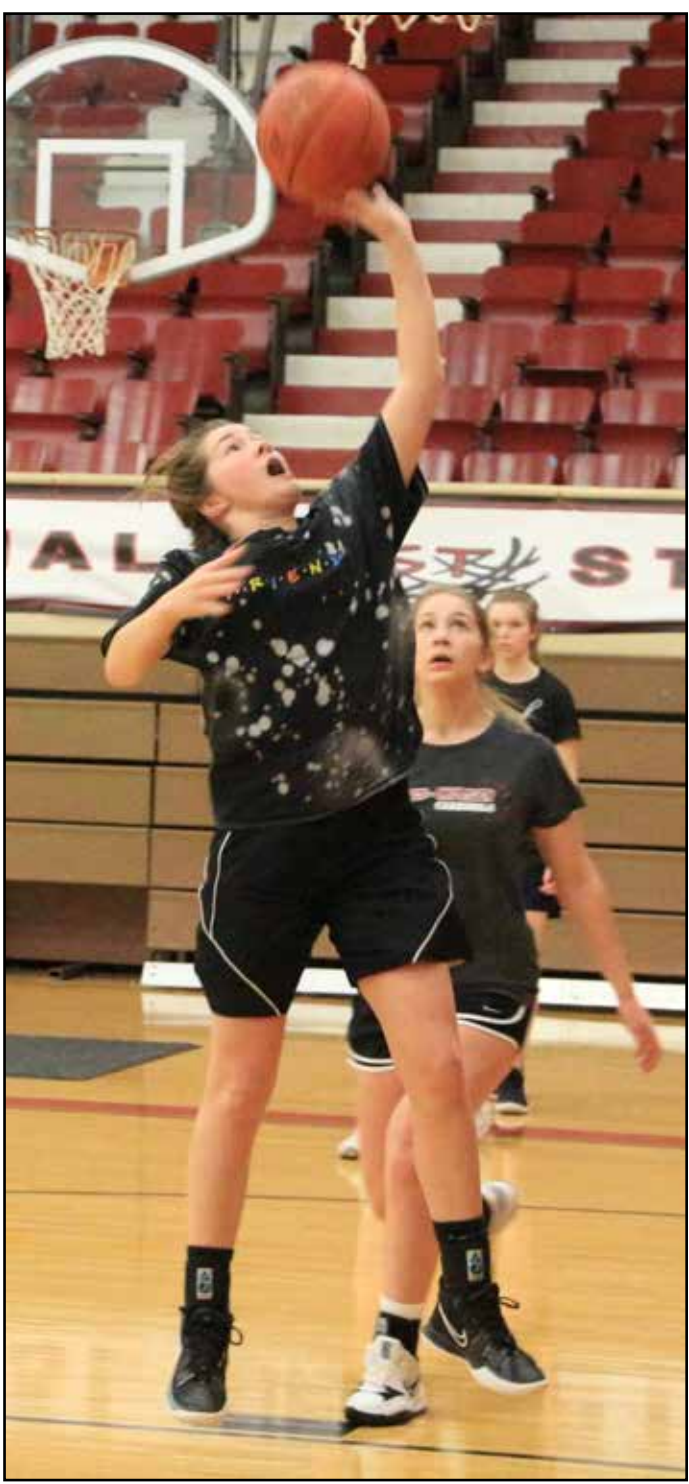
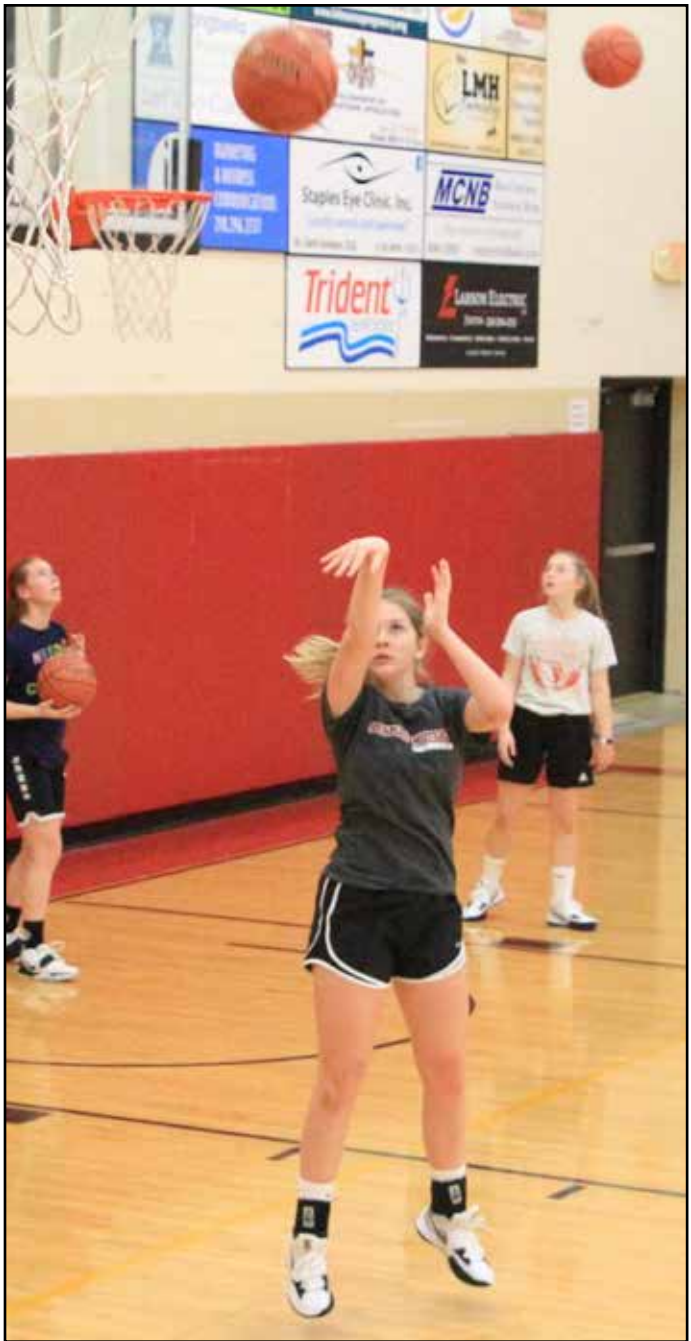
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Winter sports starting

Staples-Motley athletes have started practices for winter sports. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Frozen? Maybe ...

If you have a young child or young grandchild, there's a good chance you know about Frozen, the movie, or its sequel, Frozen II. For those who don't, Frozen is an animated musical adventure fantasy produced by Walt Disney, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, The Snow Queen. It is peopled with characters like Elsa, Olaf, Anna, Hans, and Sven, which the many Minnesotans of Scandinavian heritage can readily identify with—in name, at least. Princess Elsa, one of the main characters, possesses magical powers to create and control ice and snow. Without being a plot spoiler, her most unusual gift proves to be a mixed blessing, to say the least.

Princess Elsa may have the ability to freeze things instantaneously, but Nature's freeze-up process is a little more complicated and drawn-out here in the northland. That's where we find ourselves now, with freeze-up still a work in progress. Some will find it melancholy to say goodbye to open water and the fishing, boating, and hunting opportunities it provides. On the other hand, the arrival of cold temperatures and lake ice is ushering in a new set of recreational opportunities, ice fishing being chief among them.

Many small sloughs and marshes, and some smaller lakes, are already under a thin but growing cover of ice, thanks to a recent lengthy spell of nightly temperatures below freezing; some nights were in the teens, and even single digits above zero. We're set up to have several days in the upper 30's, and the possibility of breaking the 40-degree mark for a day or two. But that won't have an appreciable effect in reversing what is now iced-over.

Nighttime temperatures will routinely drop back below freezing. The angle of the sun at the start of December is too shallow to deliver solar radiation capable of producing a melting effect. And the other condition that can keep water open even in freezing air temperatures—wind—can have no effect when ice prevents it from generating waves.

Last Saturday, the day before the finale to the 2021 duck hunting season in the state's central zone, I spent an afternoon driving to several river boat access points. The hope was to find one that was not iced-in, and beyond which there might be enough open water to attract a few late migrating ducks; goldeneyes perhaps, buffleheads, or—desperate times demanding desperate measures—mergansers.

The prospects for a hunt on the next and final day did not prove promising. But the excursion provided a measure of where things stand, ice-wise, in my neck of the woods. First stop was at a minimally-maintained public access on the Crow Wing River. There, only the narrowest tendril of open

water rippled in midstream. Ice covered it virtually from bank to bank.

Back on the meandering county road, and heading downstream for another access point, I passed a broad impoundment. This "lake" owes its existence to a dam that backs up the river, and widens it many times over. Surprised to see a pickup in the ditch between the road and the impoundment, I slowed, veered onto the road shoulder, and scanned the silvery, mirror-flat surface. There, at least 150 yards from shore, was a dark square structure that could only be a portable ice fishing shelter.

I instinctively shook my head at the brazen confidence of an angler to be out there on this early ice. Granted, this is an impoundment, and is lake-like in most ways. But beneath that ice and that angler's shelter, water moves downstream to its destination at the spillways of a dam, and once beyond it follows a twisting course to the Mississippi. Moving water is the enemy of safe ice, and I couldn't suppress a small shiver as I imagined myself breaking through in a situation like this one.

Ice fishing and other on-the-ice activities are by and large safe winter pastimes, and fatalities are the exception that proves that rule. On the other hand, there have only been two winters since 1976 without one or more ice-related fatalities. There were 10 in the winters of 1999 and 2003, 12 fatalities in the winter of 1987, 16 in the winters of 1980 and 1981, and 22 fatalities in the winter of 1983.

Almost all of these fatal-

ities involved a vehicle—a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, car, truck, or SUV—either breaking through the ice, or unsuspectingly traversing an area of open water. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources advises that it takes 4 inches of ice to be safe for foot traffic, 8 inches for a car, and 12 inches for a vehicle of pickup truck weight. Some anglers, eager to be on the ice for what can be some of the best fishing of the season, may cheat on those guidelines. Sometimes they get away with it, sometimes not; to their regret—or the regret of their next of kin.

It's also important to remember that ice thickness at one spot on a body of water may differ significantly from ice thickness at another. Wind and waves may keep one part of a lake open longer than another, and it takes time to "catch up" in thickness. Underwater springs, or a subtle current on a body of water through which a river or stream flows, can also contribute to uneven ice formation. Eventually, even these slower-to-freeze areas may be totally safe, but not always. It's worth noting that the trend over recent years has been toward later freeze-ups and earlier thaws, and fewer weeks with lakes covered with ice in winter.

The best advice early in the ice fishing season is to travel on foot, wear some kind of flotation device, and check ice depth often as you shuffle out to your spot, near or far. No fish is worth being included in the roster of ice fatalities.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 19, 2021

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 19th day of October, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 11.2 MOAs for Health Insurance Change.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2021 as presented.

To accept Bryan Anderson's resignation, Heavy Equipment Operator, effective 10/29/2021.

To approve the resignation of Vanessa Eisenbraun, Support Enforcement Aide, effective 10/29/2021.

GAMBLING PERMIT – NWTF STRUTTIN' BLACKBEARDS

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin' Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kottor Road, Clarissa, MN on February 5, 2022.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401522 through 401561 in the amount of \$34,686.51 and (Regular) 55270 through 55317 in the amount of \$84,041.96 for a total of \$118,728.47.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 802056 through 802128 and (Regular) 708255 through 708321 for a total amount of \$77,478.95.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600478 through 600490 and (Regular) 516566 through 516592 for a total amount of \$63,221.79.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the 2022 County Fee Schedule to be effective January 1, 2022 per the attached document.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority Roll Call vote with Kircher against:

Resolution for Classification of Tax-Forfeited Property and Requesting Approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of Tax Forfeited Lands

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Todd, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by

the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale. The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that the Soil and Water Conservation Board (of the district in which the land is located) has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal land and wetland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of one tax forfeited parcel highlighted on the attached list.

Public Works

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

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE CITY OF STAPLES LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, \$8 million in Safe Routes to School Funding is available statewide in Minnesota, with a minimum of \$50,000 and cap of \$500,000 for each project, and;

WHEREAS, City of Staples is interested in applying for Safe Routes to School Funding for a project that provides trail and sidewalk connections to both the Staples-Motley High School/Middle School and the Staples-Motley Elementary School, and;

WHEREAS, City of Staples is required to have Todd County act as a state aid sponsor in order to apply for funding, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Staples and Staples-Motley Schools are requesting sponsorship for this project, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Staples understands that it will be responsible for all costs not covered by Safe Routes to School including but not limited to consultant engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction administration and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the SRTS award, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Staples and Staples-Motley School has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of the improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County agrees to act as project sponsor for the project should the City of Staples be awarded Safe Routes to School Funds, and that such sponsorship may include the following responsibilities:

- Act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the City of Staples
- Request State Aid Project number for the project
- Ensure the project meets milestones and dates
- Assist the City of Staples in execution of a state bond grant agreement
- Assist the City of Staples' engineer in the develop, review and approval of the construction plans
- Submit the construction plans, engineers estimate, and proposal to the MnDOT District State Aid Engineer
- Publicly advertise, let, and award the construction project
- Submit State Aid Payment requests to the MnDOT State Aid Office
- Communicate progress and updates with MnDOT District State Aid Engineer and State Aid Programs Engineer
- Ensure that the project is being supervised and inspected by the City of Staples' Engineer
- Assist with project close

out

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will require that the City of Staples enter into a Cooperative Construction Agreement with Todd County for the development of this project if said project is selected to receive Safe Routes to School Funds.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, Rescind Resolution Board Action Tracking Number 20210921-14 - Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Prairie Lakes Farm LLC/Amthor Cattle on parcel 26-0022100, Ward Twp. Section 24 that was approved at the September 21, 2021 Board Meeting. The HHA application will be re-submitted with additional ditch line added on neighboring parcels.

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

Hold Harmless Agreement - Ditch Maintenance - County Ditch 19

WHEREAS, Prairie Lakes Farm LLC/Amthor Cattle is requesting to maintain approximately 1,700 feet of CD19 that is located on their parcel 26-0022100 and approximately 1,800 feet of CD19 that is located on parcels 26-0021802 and 26-0012000 owned by Mark Parteka. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch, or moved to an approved upland site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Prairie Lakes Farm LLC/Amthor Cattle to maintain approximately 1,700 feet of CD19 that is located on their parcel 26-0022100 and approximately 1,800 feet of CD19 on parcels 26-0021802 and 26-0012000 owned by Mark Parteka, Ward Twp. Section 24. Prairie Lakes LLC will do this project at their own expense.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Dave Harren, to clean part of County Ditch 27 on parcels 28-0015201 and 28-0015001 and to install a private crossing on parcel 28-0015201 in Wykeham Twp. Section 24.

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE/ REPLACE PRIVATE CROSSING - COUNTY DITCH 34

WHEREAS, Aaron Ekola is requesting to maintain approximately 1,360 feet of ditch and replace a private crossing on CD34 that is located on his property. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch. The existing, failing culvert crossing will

be replaced with culverts that match the hydraulic capacity of a 48" culvert. The culvert(s) will be placed at original ditch bottom elevation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Aaron Ekola to maintain approximately 1,360 feet of ditch, and to replace a private crossing on CD34 that is located on parcel 19-0030000, Moran Twp. Section 29. This maintenance will be done on his own property and at his own expense.

County Sheriff

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF TODD ON BEHALF OF ITS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County of Todd on behalf of its Sheriff's Office desires to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to participate in the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force (MNFCTF) established to investigate and prosecute identity theft and related financial crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Todd, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Todd on behalf of its Sheriff's Office is hereby approved.
2. That the Sheriff, Steve Och, or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff's Office. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's participation in the MNFCTF.
3. That Barbara Becker, the County Board Chair of the County of Todd, and Denise Gaida, the County Board Clerk are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement.

Planning & Zoning

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE SAUK RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Todd County has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a local water management plan developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103B to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the county hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan and the Plan replaces the local water management Plan for that geographic area of the county within the WATERSHED PLAN NAME for the duration of the state approved Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after the adoption

of the Plan or amendments to the plan, Todd County shall notify local units of government within the Sauk River Watershed. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Plan. The Todd County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its Plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its Plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to enter into the attached Sauk River Watershed Collaborative Agreement.

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

Final Plat Approval – “Sunrise Estates”

WHEREAS, Applicant and property owner Matt Winters of BMW Properties, LLC of applied to subdivide three contiguous properties that are described as Part of Government Lot 2 of Section 22, and part of Government Lot 1 and part of the Northeast quarter of Section 27 in Kandota Township with the plat to be known as ‘Sunrise Estates’,

WHEREAS, Sunrise Estates consists of five buildable riparian lots and 1 non-buildable, non-riparian outlot; Block 1, Lot 1, 3.79± Acres; Block 1, Lot 2, 1.80± Acres; Block 1, Lot 3, 1.43± Acres; Block 1, Lot 4, 1.37± Acres; Block 1, Lot 5, 1.57± Acres; and Outlot A, 0.65± Acres; all of which are located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning of Sauk Lake in Kandota Township.

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2021, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following properties be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

PID 14-0026000
SECT-27 TWP-127 RANG-34. PARTS OF NW4 NE4, N2 SW4 NE4 & GOVT LOT 1 DESC AS: COMM AT N QTR COR OF SEC 27, S 200.09 FT TO S LINE OF N 200 FT AS PT OF BEG; THENCE S 1729.79 FT, E 556.52 FT, SE 584 FT, NE 361 FT, NE 272 FT, NE 162 FT TO WATERLINE OF SAUK LAKE, N-RLY ALONG WATER LINE TO S LINE OF THE N 200 FT OF GOV'T LOT 1, NW 1572 FT TO BEG
67.74 ACRES

PID 14-0026100
SECT-27 TWP-127 RANG-34. N 200 FT OF NW4 NE4 & N 200 FT OF GOV'T LOT 1
7.16 ACRES

PID 14-0025801
SECT-22 TWP-127 RANG-34 S 200 FT OF S2 OF GOV'T LOT 2 & EX HWY 71
6.98 ACRES

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2021, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Sunrise Estates preliminary plat with 11 conditions as follows:

1. Disconnection of the access to 10998 US 71 (at US 71 and 110th St) upon con-

See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 532 REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1 The City of Staples is hereby empowered to sell the following real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota in accordance with the sale price previously authorized by the City Council:

Tract F Legal Description:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 133 North, Range 33 West, and that part of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Carpenter's Addition to Staples, all in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence North 88 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds West along the north line of said Section 12, bearings are based on the North American Datum of 1983, 1996 adjustment, a distance of 1319.84 feet to the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East along the west line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 87.48 feet to the point referred to as B3205 on the Minnesota Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Plat No. 77-32 as on file in the Office of the Recorder, Todd County, Minnesota; thence continuing South 0 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds East along said west line and also along the Right-of-Way for US TH No. 10, a distance of 10.00 feet; thence easterly 33.00 along said Right-of-Way, along a non-tangential curve concave to the north, having a radius of 7,685.44 feet and a central angle of 0 degrees 14 minutes 46 seconds, and a chord that bears South 88 degrees 59 minutes 32 seconds East with a chord length of 33.00 feet, to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said Right-of-Way line, 294.76 feet along a tangential curve concave to the north, having a radius of 7,685.44 feet and a central angle of 2 degrees 11 minutes 51 seconds; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 01 seconds East, tangent to last described curve, a distance of 20.68 feet; thence South 0 degrees 49 minutes 11 seconds West, a distance of 332.78 feet; thence North 79 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 316.23 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 41 seconds West parallel to the west line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 271.75 feet to the point of beginning. Except the East 50.00 feet thereof.

SUBJECT TO:

An easement for utility purposes to the City of Staples over, under, and across the north 50.00 feet of the west 50.00 feet thereof.

AND ALSO SUBJECT TO:

An easement for utility purposes to the City of Staples over, under, and across, the north 30.00 feet thereof.

Sec. 2 The net proceeds from the sale shall be used pursuant to Section 11.05 of the Staples City Charter.

Sec. 3 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

APPROVED:
Chris Etzler, Mayor

Attest:
Tara Greer, City Clerk

First Reading:
October 12, 2021
Second Reading:
November 23, 2021
Adoption:
November 23, 2021
Published: December 1, 2021



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nection of the development to Akley Trail.

2. Complete approval from the County of the submitted wetland delineation report.

3. Identification of two sewerable sites per proposed lot and completion of a septic compliance inspection for existing systems. Sewerable sites must be approved by the County prior to final platting.

4. Proposed road must be tarred within the next two construction seasons (2022 and 2023).

5. Engineered storm water management pond must be completed prior to final platting.

6. Creation of one or more outlots to encompass the engineered stormwater management system.

7. Obtain the appropriate construction storm water permits as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

8. Developer and future property owners must obtain appropriate permitting when necessary from other governmental agencies including but not limited to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Sauk River Watershed District.

9. Creation of covenants addressing who is responsible for maintenance of storm water management practices.

10. Creation of covenants addressing who shall be responsible for maintenance of the roadway until the time Kandota Township takes ownership.

11. Creation of an agreement with Kandota Township of who will take ownership of the roadway once the road is built.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Sunrise Estates" be approved as presented.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for parcel 18-0034700 submitted by Jason Ehnes for operation of a 10 semi-truck commercial transportation business with two conditions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the conditional use permit for parcel 18-0034700 submitted by Jason Ehnes for establishment of a bulk storage fuel tank with one proposed condition.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the conditional use permit for parcel 18-0034700 submitted by Lakes Gas Company for establishment of an 18,000 gallon bulk storage tank with three proposed conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for parcel 15-0089800 submitted by David Bryant to establish a home-based business for online sales of firearms with one proposed condition.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for parcel 14-0026700 submitted by Michael Froseth to establish a Community Solar Energy System with two proposed conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Conditional Use Permit for parcel 14-0024800 submitted by Michael Froseth to establish a Community Solar Energy System with

two proposed conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the request for rezone of parcels 21-0001200, 21-0001900 and 21-0001201 submitted by Cary and Christine Kleinschmidt from AF1 to AF2 with no conditions.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the changes to Section 9.04B to read "Semi-trailers, railroad cars, and cargo containers may be used for storage structures in AF-1, AF-2 and Commercial Zones but shall be limited to two per parcel and shall require a land use permit."

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2022-2023 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement for program administration by Todd County.

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Region V lease agreement effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To change Health Insurance Plan 2 to Smart Plan 1 and Plan 3 to Smart Plan 2 options by signing the MOAs, pending all unions agree to the change.

Closed Session

Chair Becker closed the session at 10:03 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

Chair Becker reopened the session at 10:31 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that there are four upcoming elections on November 2, 2021 that affect portions of Todd County voters which include Upsala, Sauk Centre, Osakis and Long Prairie/Grey Eagle School Districts with absentee voting currently available via the school district offices.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported that there is a special Todd County Development Corporation meeting planned for November 1, 2021 to discuss broadband with area Legislators and Commissioners.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners have nothing to report at this time.

Adjourn

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of October, 2021.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BOSL/GREG	\$13,749.52
BROWERVILLE TRUCK	
WASH/BIG BOYZ	4,133.40
CENTRAL	
APPLICATORS INC.	22,112.71
ENTERPRISE UAS, LLC	7,273.99
HERDERING INC.	13,006.65
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	4,408.66
RTVISION INC.	2,482.51
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC.	26,576.56
Total	\$118,728.47

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#16734-COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.	2,653.26
HANDI-XPRESS LLC	2,743.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.	16,369.13
137 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	55,713.56
Total	\$77,478.95

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#16413	\$ 2,277.60
#16713	2,077.20
#16831	\$3,000.00
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
ED. SRVS	5,673.87
#16814	2,226.00
NORTH HOMES CHILD.	
& FAMILY SRVS	9,799.41
#16668	3,954.60
STEP	5,193.45
VILLAGE RANCH INC.	7,590.90
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	21,428.76
Total	\$63,221.79

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 19, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 2, 2021.

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota. NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes
- Board introduction and process review
 - o The applicant is introduced
 - o Staff Report
 - o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
 - o Public Comment
 - o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Steven and Lisa Mix: Lake Osakis, Leslie Township
Site Address: 21709 Finch Road, Osakis. PID: 15-0043900

1. Request to reduce OHWL setback in Shoreland GD Zoning (Lake Osakis) from 75 feet to 74 feet for a new dwelling.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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2. George Youngvorst: Sauk Lake, Enblom's Resort Lots 1 & 2 Block 1, Section 22, Kandota Township
Site Address: 20556 Alabama Drive, Sauk Centre. PID: 14-0033900

1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback in Shoreland RD Zoning (Sauk Lake) from 100 feet to 49 feet for a 13' 10" x 11' 5" dwelling addition.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Richard Johnson, Chair
Todd County
Board of Adjustment

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CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDER REZONING OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Staples Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 122 6th St NE to receive public input regarding proposed zoning amendment request by Giza Properties Inc. to rezone parcel #20-036-4025 from R-4 Residential to R-3 Residential.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments. If you are unable to attend, provide comments to tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us.

Tara Greer, City Clerk
November 24, 2021

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Staples Police report

Recent reports from the Staples Police Department:
Nov. 3, Staples Police assisted the MnDNR with a traffic stop, which resulted in a 3rd degree DUI arrest, of Ian Crookes, 23.

Nov. 3, Staples Police received an anonymous report of a person at the Lakewood Health System Emergency room, with an active warrants for their arrest. Police confirmed the warrants were active, located the suspect, Anthony Sullivan, 37, of North Branch, at the ER, who was placed under arrest without incident. Also assisting was the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. and Wadena County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 6, at 1:20 a.m., Staples Police located a male sleeping inside his vehicle at the Timberlake Hotel. Subject was intoxicated and escorted inside.

Nov. 6, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of McKinley Ave. for reports of a physical fight in progress. Officers arrived and found one subject who appeared to have been involved in a fight. The subject explained that a friend had come over to the house, engaged in an argument that got physical. He stated the other subject left with minor injuries and didn't want to press any charges. Police searched the area for the other subject but were unable to locate them.

Nov. 9, Staples Police responded to Staples Motley High School for a student who was being aggressive towards staff. Police spoke with the student, got him to calm down and remain in school.

Nov. 9, Staples Police assisted parents in locating a runaway child. The individual was found by officers nearby at the college and required no medical attention.

Nov. 10, at 4:43 a.m., Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a report of a one vehicle roll over, with the driver trapped inside the vehicle. The crash occurred on Hwy 10 west of Staples. Also assisting at the scene was the Staples Ambulance, and Staples Fire Dept. The driver, Joseph Smith, 19, of Oakdale, was not injured. The MN State Patrol is investigating the crash.

Nov. 10, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE for a report of a missing child. Shortly after units arrived the child was located at a nearby store and returned to the mother.

Nov. 11, Staples Police stopped a 15 year old driver with no valid Minnesota driver license, giving rides to other students. The student and his parent were cited for the driving offense.

Nov. 13, at 1:53 a.m., Staples Police responded to the

500 block of 5th St. NE, for a report of a disturbance. Upon investigation, Dustin Carpenter, 30, was arrested for driving after revocation, and was transported to the Todd County Detention Center. Assisting at scene was the Todd County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 15, Staples Police were called to the 900 block of Park Ave. NE for a suicidal subject. The subject was transported to Lakewood Health System hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Nov. 16, Staples Police found a house in the 800 block of 5th St. NE with its front door wide open. Officers also noticed vehicle tire tracks in the yard, a bottle of alcohol and fireworks. Police attempted to make contact the homeowner or renter but were unsuccessful.

Nov. 17, Staples Police received a report of a possible scam. A male stopped by the reporting party's house on August 23, stating that they were a home delivery service for food. The reporting party ordered food, the subject delivered some of the items, but did not return with the rest of the items ordered. The complainant now says the company's phone number and website do not work.

Nov. 20, Staples Police responded to Garden Ave. for a report of a camper on fire. Officers assisted the Staples Fire Dept. until the fire was out.

Nov. 20, Staples Police responded to a report of a re-kindled fire on the 300 block of Garden Ave. NE. Also responding was the Staples Fire Dept. and Vernalde Fire Dept. for mutual aid.

Nov. 21, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Garden Ave for smoldering insulation at a residence that was on fire the previous day. Staples Fire Dept. arrived on scene, removed the insulation and sprayed water on the house.

Nov. 21, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for reports of a front door being kicked in. Officers located the door and spoke to the homeowner who stated that it got broken while he was gone but doesn't know how and doesn't want anything done.

Nov. 21, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd St. NE for a welfare check. Police made visual contact with the subject in the residence, but the subject hid when police knocked on the door. Police called the complainant and informed him the subject was fine and that police would no longer conduct welfare checks on the subject, unless he had more credible information.



First responders help at railroad crossing accident

A pickup truck driven by John Abbas of Staples swerved off the road and struck the railroad crossing light pole on 6th Street NE in Staples at about 9 a.m. on Nov. 23. BNSF railroad employees witnessed the accident and described the truck as traveling 50 to 60 miles per hour. The impact smashed the front end of the vehicle, despite a large snow plow attached to the front. The truck caught on fire and BNSF employees sprayed it with a fire extinguisher. When police arrived, the driver was unconscious but became aware after emergency

workers began prying the door off the truck. Abbas was taken to Lakewood Health System to be checked by medical professionals. According to the Staples Police investigation, Abbas had been in another vehicle accident two months earlier. He did not remember the railroad pole accident and suspected he may have accidentally taken too much of a prescribed medication.

A small dog was also in the truck but did not appear to be injured. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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