

Staples World

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Ski Staples

Staples-Motley students in Tony Spandl's physical education class practiced cross-country skiing on March 2. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 10	38°	28°	Snow
Mar. 11	43	21	M. Cloudy
Mar. 12	37	19	Sunny
Mar. 13	41	24	Sunny
Mar. 14	45	27	P. Cloudy
Mar. 15	38	21	P. Cloudy
Mar. 16	37	20	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 10	31°	11°	M. Sunny
Mar. 11	36	19	M. Cloudy
Mar. 12	38	21	Rain
Mar. 13	24	23	Cloudy
Mar. 14	22	12	Sunny
Mar. 15	25	8	Sunny
Mar. 16	35	28	P. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 37° Low = 17°
Total Precipitation:
For week: 0"
Snow for year: 36"

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Todd County bids: ***8-9A***

Obituaries

Patricia Blue
Donna Brown
Janet Feakes
Roger Holman, Sr.

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Mallory's book designed to help bring families together

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Charles Mallory's new book "Are You Watching Me?" shares tales that highlight the beauty of giving encouragement, recognition, and quality time. The book is formatted as a children's book and is designed for parents and children to read together, to help generate ideas on how to spend more quality time together.

Mallory, the Associate Pastor at Motley Free Methodist Church, also has been a military chaplain.

"I was sensing, as an Army chaplain, the brokenness that families were experiencing with their children," said Mallory. That always stemmed from not spending meaningful and focused time together.

"I think the book is important because it helps us understand that no matter how busy life becomes, there is always time to spend with our children if we would just engage and make it happen," he said.

The stories in the book are from a children's point of view as they call out to their parents about the things they want to share with them.

Mallory was inspired by his own family experiences. The artwork on the cover and on many of the pages is modeled after his family and the stories also took inspiration from his own family life. As an army chaplain, he had to spend time away from his family while deployed or training. When he came back, he found ways to connect to his family again.

"The regret over lost opportunities were significant enough that it impressed upon me to write the shorter narratives to show how simple it is to come up with ways to spend time together: sewing, baking, playing in the park, fishing, and even doing chores together."

The book also has specific ideas on how to allow children to take the initiative of creating family time.

"My children enjoyed having 'Daddy and Me Day' where they would pick the dinner location and places we would visit together (museums, shopping, site-seeing, etc.). They would make out their schedule and we would follow it as time allowed," said Mallory. "I still try to do that even as they've grown into their older teen years. I have

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Book donation

Charles Mallory, left, donates a copy of his book "Are You Watching Me?" to the Staples Public Library and Library Manager Cathy Perish. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrong tax figure printed in school project story

In last week's Staples World, a cited amount of tax increase should have been per year, instead of per month.

The story quoted the tax increase for the median home value in the district, which is $125,000. The tax increase for such a home would be $282 per year, or $24 per month.

Below is a chart of home values and the amount of tax increase for the proposed school referendum.

For an exact cost for each parcel of land, home, land and business owners can use the tax calculator on the school's web site, isd2170.k12.mn.us.

Early voting is currently open, with election day on April 13.

School referendum tax chart

Residential homestead

Market value of property	Tax impact per year
$75,000	$128
$100,000	$205
$125,000	$282
$150,000	$360
$200,000	$516
$300,000	$826
$500,000	$1,426

Commercial/industrial

Market value of property	Tax impact per year
$50,000	$214
$100,000	$428
$250,000	$1,212
$1,000,000	$5,490

Agricultural homestead

Market value of property	Tax impact per year
$2,000 (per acre)	$1.14 (per acre)

Agricultural non-homestead

Market value of property	Tax impact per year
$2,000 (per acre)	$2.28 (per acre)

Seasonal recreational residential

Market value of property	Tax impact per year
$100,000	$285
$200,000	$570

Coping with Covid *Insurance, real estate, financial*

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit Minnesota in the spring of 2020, the coronavirus has continued to affect everyone in some way or another. The Staples World reached out to a number of businesses in Staples recently to learn how they have been impacted. Their written answers are included below.

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Daniel Douts, State Farm Insurance

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

The biggest challenge that we faced, especially early on, was figuring out the best and safest ways to still be there for our clients. Being a local agency, we pride ourselves on being there for people in need. "Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there," doesn't just go away because we are in a pandemic. I think we were able to do that successfully and keep those promises we make when someone is a State Farm policyholder.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

We have had to make some changes to the way we do business. Obviously, even during the shutdown, we still needed to be there for people. Accidents and claims still happened and those people needed us to be there for them, but maybe in a more non-traditional way. Our team has the ability to work from home without missing a beat. We also implemented a virtual meeting system called Good Neighbor Connect. This has been a great way for us to still have a meeting that has that face to face feel, but without the worry of exposing anyone to Covid. It's also nice to be able to see mask-less faces.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

Business has been good for us. I am really proud of the way our team was able to be innovative in our ways to help both current customers and those wanting to switch to our office. State Farm was also able to lower auto rates across the board this past year, which always helps us bring in new customers.

What Advice would you give to someone inquiring about insurance at this time?

Now is a great time to get a second opinion on your current insurance. We are open for business if someone wants to come into the office or we do make house calls. We can also utilize technology and have a virtual appointment where they can see us and we can see them for those that would like to see what we can offer from the comfort of their own home and in a safe way.

Any other comments you'd like to share?

This pandemic has shown the importance of shopping local, and where you have your insurance is no different. When you spend your premiums with a local agent, those dollars get reinvested into our community. Our agency donates to the local food shelf, provides scholarships and supports many other organizations and events in the area.

Dan and Derek Orth, Orth Insurance Agency

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

At the beginning of the pandemic, we were forced to lock the doors and be open to appointment only. This was difficult as many customers like to pay in person. We've definitely had less walk-ins. There are less people coming in to make payments, so we've been dong a lot of our business over the phone or through email. A lot of our compa

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Business carries on during Covid

The City of Staples is home to a number of insurance and real estate companies, as well as banking institutions. Despite the pandemic, reports indicate that business has continued on, with changes made along the way to adhere to govern ment mandates and ensure the safety o both customers and employees. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Attended informational meeting

Chad Converse, far right, Supervisor for May Township, attended an informational meeting at the Motley Fire Hall March 1, which was an opportunity for area townships to learn about services provided by the Motley Fire Department (MFD). The meeting included a light supper. Also pictured are Chuck Gerads, MFD 2nd Assistant Chief (front left); and back row, from left: Nick Dille, MFD Medical Officer; Bryan Stevens, MFD Assistant Chief; Brad Olson, MFD Chief; Steve Johnson, Motley City Council member and MFD liaison; Motley Mayor Al Yoder; and Motley City Council member Pat O'Regan. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Leading the Motley Fire Department

Members of the Motley Volunteer Fire Department hosted an informational meeting March 1, for the purpose of meeting with representatives of area townships and explaining the services they offer. Pictured above, from left, are Chuck Gerads, 2nd Assistant Chief; Nick Dille, Medical Officer; Bryan Stevens, Assistant Chief; and Brad Olson, Fire Chief. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

MFD hosts informational meeting

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley Fire Department (MFD) invited area townships to attend an informational meeting at the fire hall March 1, which included a light supper.

Chad Converse, May Township Supervisor, was the lone attendee at the meeting, during which time the MFD explained the services they offered to townships, as well as the contracts available.

A '2020 Call Recap' handout at the meeting indicated the MFD made a total of 435 calls over the last three years. These included calls to the City of Motley, as well as the townships of Motley, Becker, Byron, Meadow Brook, May, Villard and Fawn Lake.

In addition, the MFD provided a handout of their Annual Fire Report for 2020. Highlights noted by Fire Chief Brad Olson included:

- The MFD purchased a new pumper/tanker to replace the old 1981 pumper.
- The MFD replaced its old ambulance with a used Chevy Tahoe, purchased from the Motley Police Department.
- Medical calls were down in 2020 due to Covid, but the cost of those calls was up slightly due to the extra PPE required to prevent the spread of Covid.

In his report, Chief Olson also noted that "All and all, this last year has been challenging from a medical rescue stand point just trying to take the safety of our fire fighters into account, without reducing or limiting service.

"We struggled at times with all of the extra mandates, but we got through it and even learned a few things along the way. With the government shutdowns and restrictions, training has been a challenge, but we changed course and went to online and virtual training in order to keep up with requirements."

There are currently 15 fire fighters/EMT/EMR on the MFD's active roster. This is down slightly from previous years, Chief Olson said, going on to note that they have an open call for applicants at all times.

MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union evolves with focus on service and technology

MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) would like to share the evolution of our staff structure to be service and technology focused for continued success into the future.

MMFCU has been serving member owners for 65 years with a focus on returning profits to members in the form of lower interest rates, higher dividends, additional technology and growth in services. "This evolving structure is aimed at improving member experience whether you're in the drive-up, talking to us on the phone or online to manage your money. I am especially proud that we have identified talented individuals within our organization to fill many of these roles, this shows our dedication to career development of our excellent staff," said President/CEO Chuck Albrecht.

Teams working directly with members evolved in the following ways to ensure a consistent experience for our member owners no matter how they connect with MMFCU.



Angela Pulak | Ashley Gabrick | Danielle Addison | Lura Hanson | Michelle Boser | Michelle Kuklok



Theresa Barnett | Tiffany Hirschey-Tuma | Angela Ziegler | Chris Sundeen | Dusti Borg | Lori Berg

Angela Pulak joined MMFCU five years ago as a teller and has grown in her responsibilities taking her experience serving members directly to a support role as Accounting Services Representative II. She is part of a team that ensures transaction data each day reconciles with the members accounts and credit union financials.

Ashley Gabrick accepted the Teller Services Supervisor position in Baxter. Our teller team serves our members by completing on average 50,000 transactions per month across 11 MMFCU offices. Ashley started serving our members in February 2013 as a teller and has grown in responsibility since that time.

Danielle Addison was promoted to Regional Manager serving our Ada, Alexandria, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Pequot Lakes and Staples teams, members and communities. Danielle began serving members at MMFCU in 2005 in roles that included over the phone and in person as well as most recently as the Brainerd Branch Manager.

Lura Hanson brings 19 years of experience as a teller and supervisor to the training team as the Branch Support Supervisor & Systems Training Specialist. Lura will be responsible for training new team members as well as provide on the job training for new processes or areas needing review.

Michelle Boser is now the Systems Testing and Development Specialist reflecting a stronger focus on staff support and testing systems from the perspective of members and those who directly serve them. Michelle has been at the credit union for more than 22 years.

Michelle Kuklok became the Director of Mortgage Services, leading the continued growth of the credit union's mortgage services and teams. Michelle brought more than 20 years of knowledge and expertise in the mortgage industry to MMFCU.

Theresa Barnett accepted a leadership role as the Electronic Funds Transfer/Card Services Supervisor directing the day-to-day responsibilities of this experienced team who reviews transactions for fraud, protecting our members' money and identity, as well as responding to member concerns. Theresa has been a part of MMFCU supporting these critical functions for 20 years.

Tiffany Hirschey-Tuma transferred to a newly created role as Director of Operations with a primary focus on providing superior support to staff directly serving members across MMFCU. Tiffany has been a part of MMFCU for 21 years, her experience serving members directly will allow for an excellent connection between supporting our staff and ensuring a consistent member experience.

Our Technology Team serves a critical role at MMFCU, both supporting infrastructure behind the scenes and easing its use for our member owners and staff. Staff structure for this ever-evolving area resulted in the following:

Angie Ziegler will transition from serving members as a teller in Staples for the past four years to a Computer Support Specialist. Angie will be able to apply the knowledge she is gaining from a degree in Computer Information Technology to support coworkers at MMFCU.

Chris Sundeen's role has evolved to Systems Analyst making the systems and programs work together behind the scenes from a programming and reporting standpoint. Chris has been a part of MMFCU for seven years.

Dusti Borg, who has been at MMFCU for more than 21 years, transitioned to Director of Online Services to oversee online banking, mobile app, Savvy Money credit score monitoring, and Bill Pay to ensure a consistent member experience in these online services.

Lori Berg will be focusing her 13 years of expertise into a Business Analyst role. She will be responsible for managing multiple projects related to testing and implementing new features, services, systems and upgrades improving their function from a staff and member perspective.

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Motley Police, MCSO

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

Feb. 25 - March 3

March 2 - The MPD issued a citation to Conrad NeaDeau, 30, for driving without a valid license and for driving a vehicle that was unregistered and uninsured.

March 2 - The MPD issued a citation to Shawn Dukowitz, 47, for driving after cancellation.

Feb. 27 - The MPD issued a citation to Jeremy Hillukka, 42, for driving after revocation.

Feb. 27 - The MPD issued a citation to Chelsey Otero, 23, for a hands-free violation.

Feb. 27 - The MPD issued a citation to Trevor Rasmussen, 35, for driving after revocation and failure to transfer title.

Feb. 26 - The MPD conducted a felony traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of a stolen vehicle out of Sherburne County. The traffic stop took place at Hwy 10 and 12th St. NW in Staples. The four occupants were identified and the vehicle and trailer came back clear. The subjects were released. Assisting at the scene were the Staples Police, Todd and Wadena County deputies.

March 3 - The MCSO reported that Todd County arrested a subject on their warrant near Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 7 in Cushing. The MCSO took custody of the subject and transported him to jail without incident.

March 1 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Steven Sanderson, 55.

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The deadline for classified ads, display ads, garage sale ads, letters to the editor and news items for the Staples World is:
Friday, noon

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Results from spending intentional time with children

found that the 'intentionalness' of this time together has taken our relationships into a deeper level as father and child."

Mallory said his own children ensured that their dad had their undivided attention and was fully engaged with whatever they were doing together.

"Nothing can bring more joy to a parent's heart than to spend meaningful time with their children," said a press release about the book.

"Are You Watching Me?" is published by Covenant Books, an international Christian owned and operated publishing house.

Mallory has donated a copy of his book to the Staples Library. Readers can also purchase "Are You Watching Me?" online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

Early feedback includes a facebook post that said "I will be giving this to someone as a baby gift as we loved reading to our girls from the time they were infants. Anyone looking for a good book for their young children or grandchildren, this is it." Another online comment said "can't wait to read to my grandkids."

In a preview for the book, Mallory wrote "These are timeless and inspiring stories of everyday life in the heart of a child. Designed in a short story narrative, parents and children can read together a series of uplifting activities to understand the impact of affirmation, encouragement, recognition, and quality time in the moments they spend together."



Who are those masked veterans?

Vietnam veterans Ken Klose (left) and Jim Vollegraaf, both of Staples, enjoyed conversation and a cup of coffee at the Stomping Grounds March 4. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Police report

On Feb. 24, Staples Police located some property scattered on Highway 10, near 4th Street NE. A passerby advised police it was believed that the property had fallen out of a U-Haul trailer, being pulled by a Chevy Traverse, traveling westbound on Highway 10. Police notified Wadena County Sheriff's Department, and they were able to locate the vehicle. The Wadena County Sheriff's Department assisted with returning the found property.

On Feb. 26, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and cited the driver for possession of a small amount of marijuana. Police also issued a verbal warning for failure to display current registration.

On Feb. 27, Staples Police received a report of a broken meth pipe in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NW. Police collected the item and destroyed it.

On Feb. 28, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a wrong-way driver. The driver, Ehren Henke, 30, was arrested for 2nd Degree DWI.

COVID-19 increases in Staples, decreases everywhere else

While most of the state of Minnesota has decreasing numbers of COVID-19 infections, the Staples area saw an increase for the fourth straight week.

Cases by zip code showed the Staples area had 26 new infections in the week Feb. 26-March 4, after 19 cases the previous week and 10 the week before that.

Every other community in the area had a reduction in new cases. Motley went from 11 to four, Pillager from seven to five, Long Prairie from 11 to six, Wadena from 12 to five, Browerville had four new cases and Verndale reported zero.

As more people are getting vaccinated, the number of deaths is going down in the statewide. Minnesota, state statistics show an average of 10, COVID-19 deaths per day over the past week. Locally, Wadena County and Morrison County each had one death related to COVID-19, while Todd and Cass counties showed zero COVID deaths over the past two weeks.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1946

• March 7, 1946 - Harry Peterson, a veteran band director of Staples, has handed in his resignation to the City of Staples, and after 33 years of continuous service as director of the Municipal band in Staples will step down from the director's rostrum this coming summer, in favor of Erling Lian, who has had charge of the high school band in Staples during the past season.

Mr. Peterson in handing in his resignation stated that he had had the band "long enough" and "I would like to have a little rest and relaxation from the duties, which I have so immensely enjoyed during the past decade or more."

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Dawn Timbs
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• March 7, 1946 - The Fire department of Staples were called out on two occasions this last week. The first for a fire at the Imperial Bar, where refuse had been ignited by a burning cigarette in the coal chute. No damage was done at this fire.

The second call was Saturday afternoon when sparks from a burning chimney set fire to the shingles on the roof on the Ernie Weber home at 125 Dakota Avenue. Both fires had been extinguished before the department arrived.

• March 7, 1946 - The Sacred Heart Parochial school carnival held Sunday at the KC hall, was largely attended, and both old and young were entertained from 11 a.m. until late in the evening by the various games, stunts, and contests which were for their enjoyment.

Proceeds of the carnival go toward school equipment. Sisters of the school wish to convey their sincere thanks to all who assisted them in any way.

50 Years Ago - 1971

• March 11, 1971 - Two firsts in the sports history of Staples high school were recorded last weekend as the Staples Wrestlers participated in the Minnesota State High School Mat Meet at the University of Minnesota fieldhouse.

Loren Bendson, a junior on Coach Don Dravis' Cardinal squad, became the first Staples high school wrestler to win an individual championship and the Staples team brought home the third place trophy of the 3-day event, the first such trophy from a state event for any sport.

Bendson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bendson, Leader, claimed the state title in the 133 pound class with four straight decisions. The state champion finished the season with a record of 27 victories and 3 defeats.

• March 11, 1971 - The students of Staples high school held the coronation of the Sno-Daze Queen and King at a pep fest in the Staples Auditorium Tuesday. LuAnn Motl and Jack Kirk were crowned King and Queen. Other members of the royal court included Shelly Reese, Julie Miller, Marcia Stone, Julie Bredemeier, Mark Penfield, Steve DesMarais, Herb Greenwood and Blayne Kern.

• March 11, 1971 - Dr. Duane R. Lund, superintendent of schools in Staples, was appointed last Friday by President Richard Nixon to the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

• March 11, 1971 - Army Specialist Four Ronald A. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Hanson, Motley, recently received the Bronze Star Medal near Song B, Vietnam. Specialist Hanson received the award while assigned as an ammunition handler in Battery A, 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam.

25 Years Ago - 1996

• March 7, 1996 - Authorities wisely kept everyone a half mile away from the derailment scene last Wednesday just outside Cushing. Among the 32 cars that left the tracks were tankers carrying liquid petroleum and anhydrous ammonia gas. Traffic on Highway 10 was routed around the accident site due to the potential hazards associated with tanker spill.

Dave Anglin of Staples, the engineer on a Burlington Northern train, said Linda Sweeney saved his life and his two crewman, after the derailment. "If it were not for Linda Sweeney, there would be some people not here today," Anglin said. He described how he and two other workers aboard the engine had stopped moments after the derailment and started to place flares along Hwy 10 to stop traffic.

Without warning, a cloud of anhydrous ammonia from a rupture in a tank car began to descend on hem. "We saw that cloud, it dropped on us so fast. We just flagged her down and jumped in her truck. She backed up toward Randall," Anglin said.

Sweeney, 43, who lives south of Staples near Don and Dave's Store, turns the story around and said she might not have lived through the experience if the train crewmen had not flagged her down. "I'm lucky they stopped me where they did. I would have driven right into that cloud. They saved my life, too."

• March 7, 1996 - Staples wrestler Eric Kramer last week concluded his high school career by winning the state title at 125 pounds, an elusive goal he has been seeking for several years. "It felt good, very good," Kramer said after his 7-0 win over Troy Schultz of Heron Lake-Jackson in the finals.

• March 7, 1996 - It was a three-peat! The Staples Motley girls won the Sub Section 24 basketball tournament last Friday night for the third year in a row. And for the third time in succession, the Cards were rated second to Pequot Lakes, the team they beat in the finals.

The 1996 Cardinals downed Pequot 66-55 behind the 22-point production of Cheri Forcier and good stellar performances from several other Cardinal players.

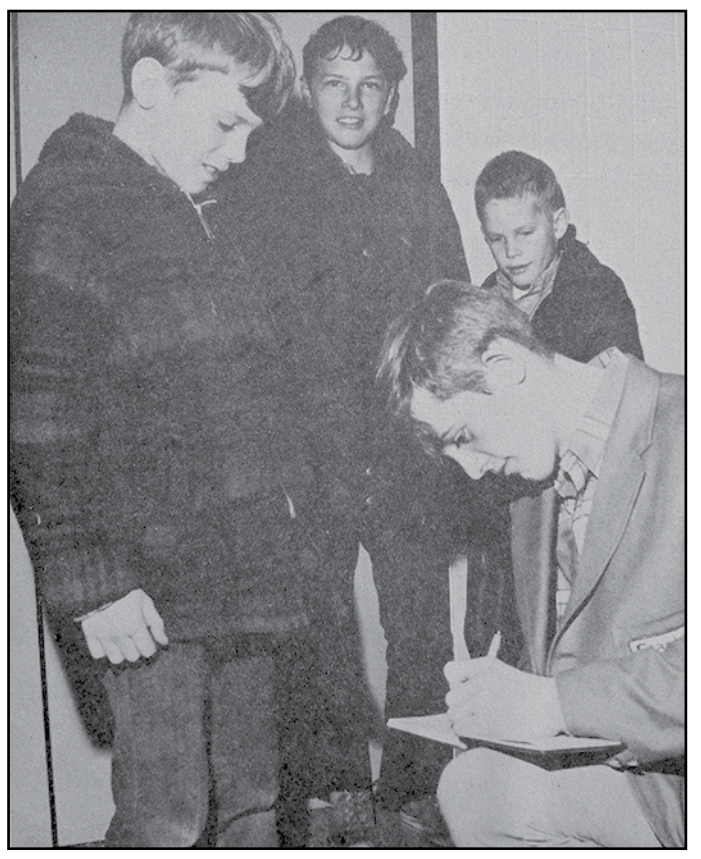
10 Years Ago - 2011

• March 10, 2011 - The "Cuddly Crew" team of four seniors from Staples Motley High School earned nearly $500 for Special Olympics at the law enforcement "Polar Bear Plunge" March 5, at Breezy Point. Team members included Derek DeYonge, Philip Smithley, Zach Israelson and Erik Nelson.

• March 10, 2011 - Rosendo Navarro, 42, of Bell, Calif., was arrested on March 4 after he left a residence in Wadena, as a part of an investigation into methamphetamine distribution.

Since November of 2009, investigators from the Central MN Drug and Gang Task Force began an investigation into the wholesale distribution of methamphetamine from a drug trafficking organization. This organization was responsible for distributing meth throughout Central Minnesota.

Search warrants were conducted in several counties. In a hidden compartment of the vehicle Navarro was driving, investigators located 306 grams of methamphetamine, and over $50,000 U.S. currency.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 11, 1971 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 4, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured Lori Lee, a fourth grader at the Staples Elementary School, receiving the top award in the physical fitness tests given to grade school students from Tom Wolhowe. "The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Lee, Lori finished with an 80 percentile in all tests, which included the 50 yard dash, 600 yard run, shuttle run, set-ups, modified pull ups, softball throw and the standing broad jump. The tests are given under the program of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation," the cutline said.

Sue (Johnson) Griffith of Staples correctly identified both. Janice Johnson of Staples identified Tom Wolhowe and guessed the girl to be his daughter, Kristi. Bev Nelson and Judy Wolak, both of Staples, correctly identified Wolhowe. Bev thought the girl was Barb Lee, Lori's sister; and Judy guessed her to be Lori's sister, Kathy Lee.

Lori Lee herself, now of Laguna Beach, Calif., called the World after her mom, Betty Lee, shared the photo with her. It brought back some fun memories of that time, Lori said. She recalled that this was the first year these tests were given to students, a program stressing physical fitness that was introduced by President Richard Nixon. She was the only one in her class to receive the award and Lori said she remembered feeling embarrassed because the tests were so easy for her. She recalled doing well in every area except the bent-arm hang. Lori went on to excel in sports and music at Staples High School, graduating in 1979.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Building proposal fills modern education needs

By Shane Tappe
Staples-Motley Schools
Superintendent

At Staples-Motley Schools, we continue to work through the challenges of in-person learning with COVID-19 precautions. Thankfully, we are blessed with deeply committed staff who have done a fantastic job of transitioning students back to classrooms while following the guidelines to keep us all healthy. We may not be back to "normal," but it is immensely gratifying to see students back in class with their friends and teachers.

If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we should never take the classroom experience for granted. Students grow best academically and socially when they are in the classroom – not in front of a screen. A quality learning environment is essential to the growth of students and to help teachers get the most out of their instruction.

Unfortunately, our current school buildings were not built for today's students and teachers. With an average age of 50 years, many of our classrooms no longer meet state health, safety and space standards for education. Improvements are needed, but the sheer scope of needed repairs is not feasible under the current maintenance budget.

In an effort to ensure our buildings can support modern curriculum, the Staples-Motley School Board will present district voters with a bond referendum seeking $64.4 million for improvements to our schools on April 13. The investment plan was developed to create a dynamic learning environment to better support our students' ambitions and prepare them for life after graduation.

If approved, the plan would support the renovation and expansion of the elementary school and middle/high school, and allow us to reconfigure all grades into these two buildings. The elementary school would accommodate grades preK-6, while the middle/high school would transition to serve grades 7-12.

The core goal of the plan is to create a learning environment that provides students with modern, healthy and safe learning spaces. At the elementary school, our youngest students would benefit from new classrooms and collaborative learning spaces, as well as a music room and new gymnasium. Renovations would include an updated full service kitchen and cafeteria space, putting an end to the inefficient practice of preparing meals at the middle/high school and delivering them to elementary students who then eat in several shifts in our small multipurpose room.

At the middle/high school, improvements would be made to modernize our resources for a well-rounded education focusing on career learning, fine arts and athletics. New shop space for metals, woods and engineering classes and a build yard would be added to better prepare students for careers in trades. Our talented orchestra, band and choir programs would receive new practice rooms adjacent to the existing auditorium. And finally, athletics spaces would be constructed near the current gymnasium to support our student athletes, including a fitness room and wrestling room.

At both locations, outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems, roofing and windows would be replaced to improve indoor air quality and energy efficiency. These improvements would save the district an estimated $324,000 a year in operating costs. All spaces would be outfitted to meet accessibility requirements for those with disabilities, and entrances to buildings would be updated to provide greater supervision and security.

If voters give their approval, these improvements would be financed via the purchase of general obligation bonds. The bonds would be paid off over the next 25 years with money from increases to district property taxes. A residential property with a median value of $125,000 would see a tax increase of approximately $23.50 per month. Residents can calculate the tax impact on their property by using the tax calculator found on the SMTimeToRise.com website.

It is important that all community members have the information they need to make this important decision on election day. Please visit SMTimeToRise.com to learn more about how the referendum will address the needs of our schools. You can also reach out to me with your questions and ideas at shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-894-5400.

Thank you for your support.

Minnesota tops nation in protecting children during pandemic

From the office of
Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

A study from Save the Children finds that over the last four months of 2020, Minnesota consistently ranked first in the nation for children amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Using four months of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, the Save the Children's COVID Child Protection Ranking identifies where children have been most and least protected during the COVID-19 pandemic, finding that Minnesota has continually ranked first in protecting children from hunger, learning loss, and financial stress.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of Minnesotans across the state, but it has hit our working families and their children the hardest," said Governor Tim Walz. "While we are proud that in this report Minnesota has consistently ranked first in the nation for families during the pandemic, we have work to do. We know that Minnesota children still face unacceptably high disparities in race and income. Our children are our future, and we must continue to invest in their success to emerge from this crisis stronger than before."

"There is no more important investment than in our children," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "Supporting our littlest Minnesotans and their families with a focus on equity has been foundational to our COVID-19 response and remains our top priority."

Recognizing the realities iterated in the report that lower income and BIPOC families have been hit hardest by the pandemic, the Walz-Flanagan Administration has provided state and federal resources to increase student access to technology and summer school; support the mental health needs of children, youth, and families; provide resources for Minnesotans struggling to afford nutritious food for themselves and their families; provide financial support and flexibility to child care providers; prioritize testing and vaccine access for child care programs and educators; and help working families experiencing financial losses due to COVID-19. Additionally, Minnesota's COVID-19 Recovery Budget prioritizes working families and students, confronting the challenges Minnesota children and families face today while investing in the future.

Letter to the Editor

Motley residents losing school

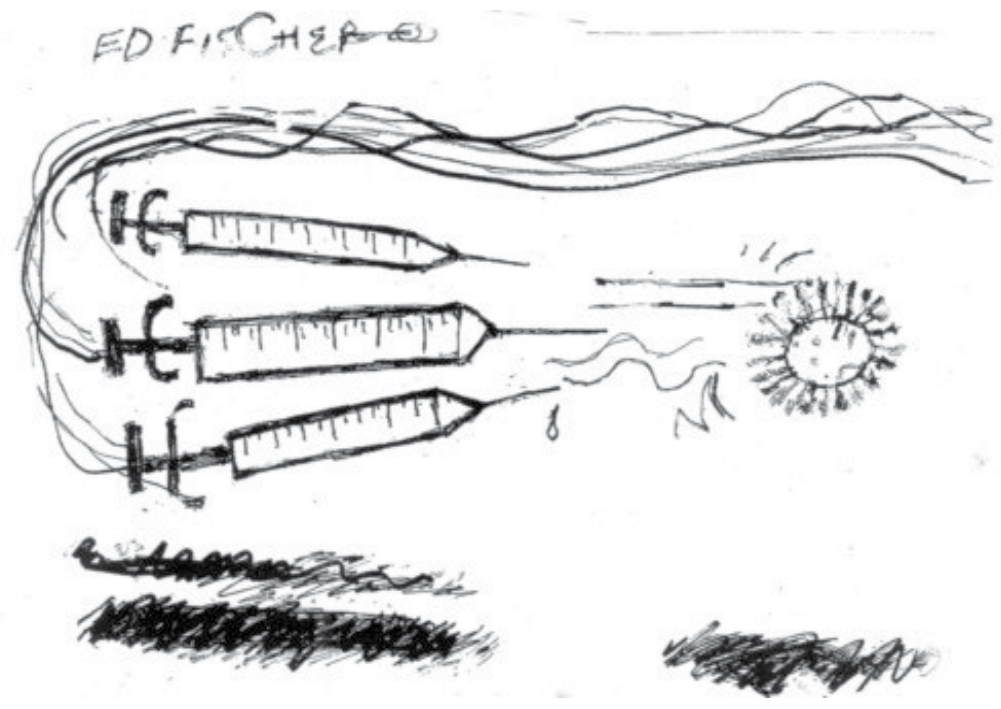
Less than two years ago the 2019 referendum was defeated in large part by the voters in Motley and Scandia Valley. Shortly before that referendum failed, the Staples-Motley School Board decided the Motley School would no longer be utilized for kindergarten and elementary students.

If the current referendum passes the Motley school will no longer be used at all. This was decided even though the Motley school is larger, has a full cafeteria, two gyms, and a band room compared to Staples elementary school.

Last summer the school board spent over $1 million on Staples elementary for new windows, sprinkler system and HVAC improvements. This instead could have been spent on the Motley school but the school board has decided that having any school in Motley was no longer necessary.

Motley and Scandia Valley people have been effectively removed from the school district. They are only good for the large amount of tax money they provide. Welcome to the new Staples School District. Vote no on April 13.

Ron Nypan
Scandia Valley, Minn



Look-alike crow and raven are... different

One intriguing aspect of Nature is how two creatures can be closely related, can strongly resemble one another, may even share many behavior traits, yet still—in the evolutionary scheme of things—retain their separate identities. There is no better example for Minnesotans than the similarities and differences between the common crow and the raven. If you happen to live where their ranges overlap—from Central Minnesota northward—you're in the right place to see both, and perhaps come to appreciate what makes each unique.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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As winter wanes and spring approaches, wildlife of many species are becoming more active and visible. This is true of both crow and raven, though they have been with us all winter. Both are members of the "corvidae" family of birds, which also includes our familiar winter neighbor the blue jay, its northern cousin the gray jay—the "camp robber" of canoe country—as well as the magpie.

The name "common crow" is both unflattering and apt, for the bird is found virtually everywhere in Minnesota and over the entire continent, north to south. Not so the raven. It is a year-round resident in central and northern Minnesota, but for many—especially those from the metropolitan areas to the south—the first contact may have been while on a journey "up north," perhaps on the North Shore above Duluth, or on an adventure to "canoe country" near our border with Canada.

One's first glimpse of a crow or raven could be on the wing, or perched in a tree. But it's just as likely to be along a roadside, where the bird was taking a meal—a squirrel, rabbit, muskrat, perhaps even a deer—that had met its untimely end in a collision with a vehicle. Like the bald eagle, the vulture, the coyote, and others, both crow and raven are part of Nature's clean-up crew.

Both are frequent scavengers. They survive not only on insects, berries, grains, or the eggs and nestlings of smaller birds, but also on the carnage that our cars, trucks, and SUVs wreak on all manner of wildlife whose territories our roads penetrate. Sometimes crow or raven will be found sharing a meal with a more intimidating scavenger, like an eagle, a gray wolf, fox, or coyote. Ravens have been observed pestering wolves and eagles, staying just out of reach while harrying them—a pull of the tail, perhaps—in the hope that the competitor will allow the bird an opening to grab a morsel for itself.

Unless both a crow and a raven are seen together, the raven's roughly twice-heavier weight—it can reach a weight of over two pounds—is not so apparent. But their vocalizing is a dead giveaway. The crow's speech is perhaps the most human-interpreted sound of any bird, described almost always as a harsh "caw-caw." The raven's voice seems not as strident, often described as a measured, less aggressive croaking, sounding to some like "krr-ock" or krr-onk."

But everyone's ear for sound is different, and putting birds' calls into printed words can be misleading. The best way to appreciate the calls is to google "raven's call" and "crow's call." The web sites allaboutbirds.org—the Cornell Laboratory or Birds—and audubon.org are among the online places you will find recordings of both.

Seen up close, a raven's silhouette or profile differs noticeably from a crow's. It's more chunky and full-bodied, less lean and streamlined. The raven also has a shaggy "ruff" or collar of feathers at the neck, which is especially visible when the bird fluffs or flares it outward. The bill of a raven is also much thicker and heavier than a crow's.

A raven's wings are longer and less rounded, reminding one of raptors that soar and glide, which a raven often does. Crows, on the other hand, tend to beat their wings continuously and fly directly. Crows tend to be are more gregarious, while ravens are more solitary or found in small groups.

Crows have a survival strategem that makes use of their gregarious nature. It's called mobbing, during which dozens—or more—will descend in clamorous caw-ing on a perceived threat, like a hawk or owl, in an attempt to drive it off. If you've seen the Alfred Hitchcock thriller The Birds, you have some idea of what mobbing may seem like to the crows' target!

Both crow and raven are considered high in the scale of bird intelligence. Use of tools, like manipulating a twig or stick to extract a hidden insect, has been observed. Researchers have found both birds able to distinguish one human from another, and to engage in play activity that has no survival purpose. All are signs of superior animal intelligence. With such uncommon adaptability often comes long-term survival, and crows and ravens have been recorded living more than a decade in the wild.

History and culture have given these birds a mark as black as their coal-black plumage. From Edgar Allen Poe's dark and mournful poem The Raven, to some native cultures belief that they are harbingers of doom, these highly evolved birds have had a lot to live down. On the other hand, author Chet Meyers found an exception among several Native American tribes of the Pacific Northwest, who in their traditions revere crows and ravens as creatures that brought light to humans living in a darkened world.

Perhaps we could use some of that medicine right about now.

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Friday fish fries going well



Volunteers were hard at work March 5, at their weekly Fish Fry during Lent…an annual fundraiser for Sacred Heart Area School in Staples that runs through Friday, March 26. Pictured above, from left, are Bryan Winkels, Ronnie Noska, Katie Noska, Rich Japke, Steph Japke, Nate Noska, Claire Japke, Tom Brichacek. In lower photo, Charlie Noska delivers an order to a customer. Katie Noska reports that "We have enjoyed a successful start as we are now halfway through our Lenten meals," going on to say that as of March 5, they had served well over 1,300 meals. For more information, or to place a call-ahead order beginning at noon on Fridays, call the 'fish fry hotline' at 218-833-2795. Walk-ins also welcome. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Vaccine allocations at Lakewood Health System

From Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System is seeing an increase in vaccine allocation from the state which is allowing us to continue scheduling first doses. Our second doses are arriving on time, so we're able to complete the vaccine series as originally scheduled. We are distributing Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson as it is allocated to us.

Our priority groups at this time are: Those 65 years and up, essential caregivers, K-12 educators, and licensed childcare providers. Anyone in those groups can call 218-894-1515 (choose option #2) to schedule their vaccination or be placed on the wait list for the next allocation.

To help prepare for our next priority group, those under 65 who are at high risk and have one or more underlying health conditions can also call to be put on our wait list. We are prepared to move on to this next group when directed by the state, and plan to continue our efficient and convenient distribution process when that time comes.

For a full list of qualifying high risk and underlying health conditions, visit our website or click to view information from the Minnesota Department of Health.



Donates to SHAS

At left: John Brichacek, owner of 2 Tall Tavern in Lincoln, donated the proceeds from the live auction held Feb. 13 during the Vintage Snowmobile Run to Sacred Heart Area School in Staples. Accepting the $1,440 donation on behalf of the school is Father Gabriel Walz. (Submitted photo)

Logue on BookEnds

BookEnds Online Edition will feature writer Mary Logue on Saturday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. The program is free and open to the public.

Mary Logue wrote her first mystery when she was in sixth grade—it was about a mysterious trail around a pond. She went on to write about mysterious trails around Lake Pepin in her Claire Watkins mystery series.

Poetry, she says, is the foundation of her work and she's written four books of poetry. She has also published young adult novels and the Bloodwater series with Pete Hautman. Now, she has created a striking new heroine: a young Irish immigrant caught up in a deadly plot in nineteenth-century Deadwood, South Dakota in her book "The Streel", published May 2020.

Mary Logue was an editor at the Village Voice, Graywolf Press, and The Creative Company. She has published articles in the Village Voice, the New York Times and the Hungry Mind Review. For many years she taught at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. Currently, she is on faculty in the low-residency Children's Literature MFA program at Hamline University in St. Paul.

BookEnds is a monthly literary event hosted by the Wadena County Historical Society, Travelin' Storyseller and the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

ZOOM Meeting ID 867 0338 5655. For more information contact the Wadena County Historical Society at 603wchs@arvig.net. Following the meeting, a recording of this program will be made available on the website www.WadenaCountyHistory.org

Mark Your Calendar

March 11

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

March 15

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

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

March

- **POPS Concert - H.S.** March 29, 7 p.m.

April

- **High School Play** April 6, 7 p.m.

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

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1,000 books read

Summit Kleinschmidt recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Staples Public Library. Librarian Angie Johnson presented Summit with his certificate, a new book and stuffed animal. Stop by the Staples Public Library now open for grab and go browsing, Wifi Hotspots, printing and have internet stations available. Masks are required and curbside pickup is offered. (Submitted photo)



Winter reading program winner

Andria Dolezal was the winner of the Winter Reading Program at the Staples Public Library. (Submitted photo)

Kindergarten Enrollment Night
Class of 2034
Staples-Motley Elementary School
Monday, March 15th
5:00, 5:30, 6:00, or 6:30
Sign up for the time that works best for you!

To sign up for your Enrollment Night timeslot:
- Go to this website http://bit.ly/KindyEnrollment
OR
- Call the office at 218-894-5400

Join us for a tour of the school, meet our amazing kindergarten teachers, take a bus ride, enjoy a free meal, and receive your very own Cardinal swag!

STAPLES-MOTLEY CARDINALS ISD #2170



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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

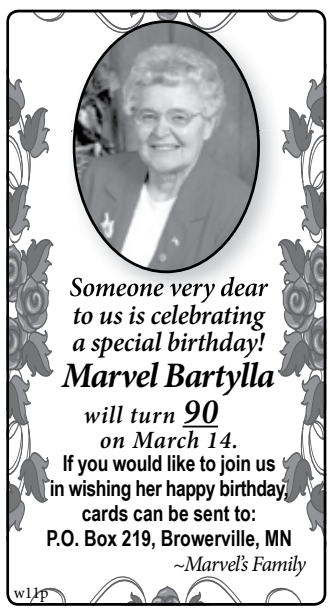
Born to Kiri and Jared Goerges of Baxter, a baby boy, Mac Josef weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on February 26, 2021.

Born to Leslea and Tyler Kutschied of Staples, a baby boy, Walker Gene weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on March 1, 2021.

Born to Rebecca Mell and Joe Cottrell of Sebeka, a baby girl, Evelyn Mae weighing four pounds, 15 ounces on March 3, 2021.

Born to Anna Meidinger of Staples, a baby girl, Oaklyn Ann weighing six pounds, three ounces on March 4, 2021.

Born to Jessie and Kevan Allen of Verndale, a baby boy, Christopher John weighing eight pounds, five ounces on March 4, 2021.



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Obituaries

Donna Brown



Donna C. Brown, 75, of Verndale, passed away at the Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held Sat., March 13, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples. Visitation will be held Fri., March 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Donna was born to Har-ry and May (Huntington) Snook on January 2, 1946 in Parkers Prairie. She was married to Charles Brown, in Las Vegas. Donna was a very hard worker. She worked as a caregiver and nurse's aid for over 30 years along with working on the farm. She never missed a day of work. In her free time Donna enjoyed riding four-wheelers, camping, and campfires. In her later years, Donna never let age define her. After retirement she continued working at the Staples Express and spent her time dancing and sewing many quilts and rugs. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived one son, Floyd; one daughter, Carla; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with another expected in Septem-ber and two sisters, Ethel and Marcella.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie; four brothers; three sisters and moth-er-in-law, Dora.

Funeral arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel- Staples..

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Roger Holman, Sr.



Roger William Holman, Sr. passed away peacefully on February 25 at Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

Services will be held at a later date.

Roger was born on December 16, 1937 to Ole and Mary Holman in Verndale. Roger was drafted into the Army in 1961 and honorably served until 1963. He was a member of Local 49.

Roger is survived by one brother and two sisters; two sons, Michael "Mikey" and Roger Holman, Jr. (Christine); two daughters, Loree Biermeier and Renee Schmitt; seven grandchildren, Stephanie (Dail) Brandner, Joshua (Amanda) Biermeier, Matthew Biermeier, Thomas Holman, Samantha Holman, Tiffany (Jacob) Gilb and Jake Schmitt; two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Alayna Brandner.

He was preceded in death by his loving companion, Karen Williams and parents.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the family. Thank you to Lakewood Care Center, Staples and their staff.

Visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave memorials and condolences on Roger's Tribute Wall.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena, Minnesota.

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Patricia Blue



Patricia M. Blue, 93, of Motley died February 28, 2021, in Carver.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., March 13 at Motley United Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Patricia will be laid to rest in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Patricia was born January 13, 1928 in Moorhead to James and Clara (Wohlert) Fitch. She grew up in the Fargo/Moorhead area. While in high school her family moved to Cleveland, OH. Patricia met her husband, Glen Blue, following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. The couple was united in marriage on September 14, 1946 in Moorhead. Patricia and Glen often enjoyed swing dancing at the Medina Ballroom.

Patricia walked strongly in her faith, because her faith carried her through some very tough times. She was a member of the Motley United Methodist Church where she was active in the church choir, allowing her to express her spirituality through song. She was active in her community baking cookies for the Lions Club, delivering for Meals on Wheels, singing and performing with the Sweet Adeline's and supporting the Motley Historical Society. She taught her children self-reliance, how to find adventures in life, have fun and that life is just a little bit better with pink lipstick. Patricia appreciated a child's smile and was always full of love; she loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren beyond words. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Patricia is survived by two daughters, Sandra (Richard) Tracy of Hutchinson and Bonnie (Jim) Bellmer of Hayesville, OH; five sons, Robert (Mary) of Excelsior, Douglas of Minneapolis, Daniel of St. Louis Park, Richard (Becky) of Carver and David of Motley; one brother, Donald (Ginny) Fitch of Little Falls; brother-in-law, Terry (Char) Blue of Texas; 11 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glen; step-father, Erwin Eckheart and one grandson, Dustin Blue.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Janet Feakes



Janet Mary Feakes died March 3, 2021, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester of Pancreatic Cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wed., March 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley, with Fr. Gabriel Walz officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, prior to the services at the church.

Interment will be at the Motley Cemetery.

Janet Mary Feakes was born to Earl and Alice (Adams) Lorber on March 27, 1938 in Crosby. She grew up in Motley and attended high school there graduating with the class of 1956. She graduated from Miller T. Hospital LPN Nurses program in St. Paul on March 11, 1959. She was united in marriage to Marvin Feakes on May 7, 1960 at St. Michaels Catholic Church, Motley.

Marv, Jan and their family lived in Williston, Fessenden and Harvey, ND. In 1995 they moved to their rural farm near Motley. Jan was active with the Christian Mothers Organization, gave Homebound Communion to the sick and was always there to help with the Fall Festivals and funeral lunches. While in Harvey she organized the Homemakers Club which she enjoyed and remained friends with many of the ladies. She loved being a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her hobbies included gardening, cooking, sewing, flower gardens and helping anyone in need.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Marvin; four sons, Marvin Feakes, Jr. of Watford City, ND, David (Patricia) Feakes of Fessenden, ND, Michael (Amy) Feakes of Rochester and Paul Feakes of Dallas, TX; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; twin, sister Joanne (Don) Shequen of Litchfield; one brother, Anthony Lorber of Litchfield and several nieces and cousins.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents and one son, John.

Funeral arrangements are with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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June Noska

June Audrey Noska, 92, Staples, passed away March 7, 2021, at Lakewood Health System hospital, Staples.

A full obituary will be included pending arrangements.

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Student Achievements

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities, has announced its 2020 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Madeleine Schuld, Pillager
- Molly Lindgren, Staples.

Kenneth Hegarty, Staples, has been named to the 2020 Fall Semester Honor List at Minnesota State University, Mankato. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 - 3.99 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours.





Past the shot blockers

Lauren Rutten made multiple defenders swing and miss trying to block her shot in the game against Browerville. The Cardinals ended up fall ing 61-48 in a close game on March 1. The team then lost 52-33 at Detroit Lakes on March 5. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Family supports college signing

Emmet Anderson signs his National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Minnesota and run cross country and track for the Golden Gophers. Pictured, Anderson with his parents and sisters, from left, Mark, Norah and Nicky Anderson and Sondra DeLaCruz. Anderson also signed a Big Ten Conference tender at the event. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Kyanna Burton



Grace Jennissen



Brianna Bendson



Score inside

Adam Olander scores against Crosby-Ironton.

Emmet Anderson signs with the Gophers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's official.

Staples-Motley senior Emmet Anderson, the state's leading boys cross country and track runner, will be joining the University of Minnesota Gopher men's cross-country and track team next fall.

Anderson signed his NCAA (National College Athletic Association) Letter of Intent March 5, in the presence of family, friends, fellow teammates and fans of the Cardinal star.

He's excited for the opportunity to be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and being a part of the Gopher's cross-country program. "Their team is phenomenal," Anderson said, adding that he knows many athletes that attend the U of M, having competed with them in past years. He's excited to be able to compete with them at the college level.

Anderson is also glad to be representing his home state. "It's a dream come true," he said.

Prior to making his decision, Anderson visited a number of other universities, including Purdue University and Butler University, both in Indiana; and the Universities of Wisconsin and Nebraska. During the recruitment process, which Anderson described as "surreal," he spoke with many coaches from established athletic programs. In the end, he chose to become a Gopher.

Josh Lee, Dean of Students/Activities Director at Staples-Motley, shared some words at Anderson's signing event. "It's a proud day for Staples-Motley, to recognize Emmet for his achievement in both academics and athletics." He went on to note that Anderson had reached the highest level in Division 1 competitions. "This speaks well of Emmet's expertise," Lee added.

During his career at Staples-Motley, Anderson qualified for the state cross country meet five times, and led the Cardinal team to four state meets. In his junior year, Anderson placed second at state. He was undefeated his senior year. At his final race for SM, Anderson took first place with a time of 15:51 at the Section 6A meet and led the team to a victory over the top ranked team in the state. He also won the showcase race that replaced the state meet, finishing 22 seconds ahead of the previous year's state champion. In track, Anderson qualified for state in the 3,200 meter run in 9th and 10th grade, with the track season cancelled his 11th grade year.

Anderson expressed thanks for the support he's received from his school and his coaches, going on to name head coach Bruce Fuhrman; and assistant coaches Tony Spandl and Steve Jennissen.

He went on to describe his time with the Cardinals as "phenomenal," adding that it was the best high school sports career that he could have hoped for. He praised his teammates and expressed gratitude for races he's had the opportunity to be a part of.

Coach Fuhrman told the crowd that "It's not hard to talk about Emmet," going on to say that he's watched the star athlete hone his talents since he was playing soccer in 5th grade.

"Emmet has been a dominant force since he was a freshman," Fuhrman said. He noted that everyone knew the athlete's name at meets and would call it out when he was running.

"Other runners will be happy to see him graduate," the coach went on, adding that "Emmet is an icon."

In addition to being a gifted athlete, Fuhrman said that Anderson handles pressure very well. "I'm proud of him and his accomplishments" both on and off the field, the coach said. He's glad that Anderson is staying in Minnesota and that people will have the opportunity to follow his running career at the U of M.

Anderson said he would like to go as far as he can with the Gopher's track program. He would like to become a leader on the team, knowing that this will take a lot of work on his part. "I'm ready to put in the work," he said.

In addition to his being on the track team, Anderson plans to study psychology when he enrolls as a freshman. Because of Covid, he has not had an official visit of the university and its athletic facilities. "I've only had a virtual visit," he said.

In addition to learning more about the campus in the upcoming months, which he's looking forward to, Anderson said he plans to learn the words to the "Minnesota Rouser."

He won't forget his time of being a Cardinal anytime soon. In fact, Anderson said he looks forward to being able to watch his younger teammates at races down the line, cheering them on from the sidelines, just as they did for him during his years at Staples-Motley.

Cardinals finally put two halves together

After two weeks off from games, the Staples-Motley boys basketball team went cold in the second half in a 65-41 loss to Crosby-Ironton on March 2, The team had a poor first half in a 64-53 loss to Bagley on March 4, then put two good halves together in a 54-38 win at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on March 5.

Against Crosby-Ironton, the Cardinals fell behind by 10 points early in the game, but worked hard to get back. Adam Oberlander started the comeback with his defensive play, blocking shots and starting fast breaks. Dominic Gomez also had a big block on one of the bigger CI posts. Gomez then hit a three point shot to bring the team to within one. After several team misses to tie the game, Sivert Klefsaas pulled up for a 30 foot jump shot at the buzzer, which swished through and tied the game at 31.

But the momentum didn't last past the first minutes of the second half. The Cardinals had more chances to take the lead, but C-I went on a 20-5 run to put the game out of reach.

The cold shooting continued into the first half of their next game against Bagley, when they scored 13 points in the first half. The Cardinals finally broke open in the second half, scoring 40 points, as Klefsaas and Josh Schimp each scored five points early in the half.

Against LPGE, Staples-Motley did the hard work on the defensive end before breaking the offense open. They held LPGE to 16 first half points. Klefsaas continued his hot outside shooting and Isaiah Schultz scored eight points from the free throw line.





Up in the air

Above, Preston Butler takes a shot. Right, Isaiah Schultz leaps behind the Crosby-Ironton defense to catch a pass and place it into the basket for an alley-oop layup. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 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 January, 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 Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 11.4 Follow Up Discussion on Expo Bathrooms.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

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

GAMBLING PERMIT – MIDWEST OUTDOORS UNLIMITED – PRAIRIE PARTNERS CHAPTER

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on March 6, 2021.

To accept the resignation of Susan Prill, Deputy Assessor effective 12/31/2020.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401004 through 401030 in the amount of $15,062.90 and (Regular) 54344 through 54394 in the amount of $51,791.16 for a total of $66,854.06.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 801299 through 801366 and (Regular) 707431 through 707504 for a total amount of $114,520.80.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600321 through 600335 and (Regular) 516143 through 516176 for a total amount of $90,781.32.

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

APPROVAL OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE & PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are multiple petty cash & change funds in various departments across the county, and;

WHEREAS, State Auditing Standards & Statutes require board approval when modifications are requested and to annually confirm/reaffirm all county departmental change and petty cash funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the petty cash and change funds for the various departments for immediate implementation as per the attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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

COMMIT FUND BALANCE FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a building and grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the County General Fund. The building and grounds improvement funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year;

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2020 is $398,019.62. State Auditors recommendation is to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to create a Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue Fund with a balance of $398,019.62 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance of Building & Grounds Improvement Fund, effective December 31, 2020.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO TODD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUND

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget for Todd County's support to the Todd County Development Corporation has been approved at $67,000, and;

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Development Corporation requesting for the allocation of funds from the County General Fund to be provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of $67,000.00 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 74-Todd County Development Corporation.

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

2021 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2021 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at $9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of $9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2020 County Motor Pool Budget Carryover per the attached Budget Request Form details in the amount of $58,181.

U of M Extension - Todd County

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Shirley Moberg to a 3-year term on the County Extension Committee January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 with three options for renewal for a total of nine years.

County Assessor

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To schedule the 2021 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 21, 2021; commencing at 6:00 p.m. and not ending before 7:00 p.m.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the donations received by the Sheriff's Office in the Canine Donation of $31,561.45 and Drone Donation account of $250.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To carryover the balance of funds donated to the Todd County Sheriff's Office in the Canine Donation and Drone Donation accounts totaling $11,392.16.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To carryover the Sheriff's Office funds in the Forfeiture Fund, Contingency Fund, and Canteen Fund with a total amount of $28,986.44.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of $38,837.76.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of the 2021 Polaris Ranger in the amount of $26,167.10.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To table the approval of the DC Lien Addition Preliminary Plat with the proposed conditions to a Special Board Meeting on January 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Final Plat Approval – "Illies Estates" Subdivision

WHEREAS, Applicant and owner Gary and Renae Illies applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of NW4 and Government Lot 1 of Section 22 in Kandota Township with the plat to be known as Illies Estates,

WHEREAS, Illies Estates consists of two residential lots, Block One Lot 1 consisting of 4.10± acres, Block One Lot 2 consisting of 4.01± Acres, located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning of Sauk Lake in Kandota Township,

WHEREAS, On December 3, 2020 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-22 TWP-127 RANG-34

PARTS OF NW4 & GOVT LOT 1 LYING N'ERLY OF DESC LINE: COMM AT NE COR OF NW4, W 237.53 FT TO CTR OF HWY 71, SW 309.72 FT, S'ERLY 1340.38 FT TO PT OF BEG, SE 801 FT TO SHLINE & TERM, EX PART PLATTED AS EMBLOM'S RESORT & EX N 664 FT & EX VAC ST LYING W OF EMBLOM'S RESORT & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 1 DESC AS BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 EMBLOM'S RESORT, SW 40 FT, NW 50 FT, NE TO PT ON SHLINE THAT IS 50 FT NW OF LOT 1 BLK 2 EMBLOM'S RESORT, SE TO NE COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 EMBLOM'S RESORT, SW TO BEG & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 1 DESC AS BEG AT SW COR OF LOT 15 BLK 2 OF EMBLOM'S RESORT, W 40 FT, S 24.34 FT, SE 58.16 FT, SE 79.87 FT, SE 200 FT TO LAKESHORE, N ALONG LAKESHORE TO S LINE OF LOT 15 BLK 2 EMBLOM'S RESORT, W 237 FT TO BEG & EX COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2 EMBLOM'S RESORT, SW 40 FT TO PT OF BEG, NW 50 FT, SW 100 FT, SE 166 FT, SE 134 FT, SE 55.03 FT, SE 197.77 FT, E 25 FT, NE 199.20 FT, NE 73.78 FT, NW 35.28 FT, NW 134 FT, NW 116 FT TO BEG & EX COMM AT NE COR OF NW4, W 237.53 FT TO CTR OF HWY 71, SW 309.72 FT, S'ERLY ALONG CTR OF HWY 71 1340.38 FT TO PT OF BEG, N'ERLY ALONG CTR OF HWY 71 96.92 FT, NE 83.06 FT, SE 214.11 FT, NE 20.72 FT, NE 144.46 FT, NE'ERLY, E'ERLY & SE'ERLY 81.08 FT, SE 33.07 FT, SW 13.14 FT, SE 58.16 FT, SE 79.87 FT, SE 200 FT TO SHLINE, S'ERLY 154 FT, NW 801 FT TO BEG 9.56 ACRES

WHEREAS, On December 15, 2020 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Illies Estates preliminary plat with one condition:

1. The residual parcels may have no further subdivision

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 "Illies Estates" subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the carry forward of Planning and Zoning funds as outlined in the Budget Request Form totaling to $87,541.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the MFIP Biennial Contract Addendum seconded year 2020-2021 for program administration by Todd County.

Jackie Och, HHS Director provided an update to the County Board on the COVID-19 situation.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to authorize the adoption of the Jail Dispatch Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2021.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Sheriff's Supervisory Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2021.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Becker abstaining: To approve the County Grant Relief Program for Small Businesses and Non-Profits.

Follow-up discussion regarding the completed bathroom size for ADA compliance of the Expo Building renovation and confirmation that all compliance standards have now been met.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

There was no information to report.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

County Coordinator's Report

There was no information to report.

Adjourn

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	$2,575.95
BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.	4,549.35
INFORMATION SYSTEM CORP	16,239.75
METRO SALES INC	4,935.47
MILLER BROTHER'S CONSTRUCT	4,514.21
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,167.72
ROYAL TIRE	3,066.52
STAPLES WORLD	7,104.25
70 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	21,700.84
Total	**$66,854.06**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ASSOCIATION OF MN COUNTIES	2,403.00
V #15377 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE	2,303.40
SCHULLER FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES WADENA	7,000.00
SOURCEWELL	41,539.30
TODD COUNTY ATT'S OFFICE	4,692.00
137 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	56,583.10
Total	**$114,520.80**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ANOKA COUNTY CORRECTIONS	7,530.00
#16413	2,311.36
#15998	3,124.49
#14593	3,867.56
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SRVS	5,082.55
#15686	2,053.75
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL	2,765.20
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	2,109.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	18,228.50
#16183	2,626.32
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES	3,862.91
STEP	6,120.88
#16491	3,541.44
#16109	2,036.08
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	5,068.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	20,453.28
Total	**$90,781.32**

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

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 22, 2021

Public Comment

Mark Hoffmann provided comment regarding the DC Lien Addition Preliminary Plat for consideration.

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 22nd day of January, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present with Commissioner Kneisl attending via phone-bridge.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Becker reaffirmed the agenda as the one agenda topic provided.

Planning & Zoning

Discussion was held on the proposed DC Lien Addition Preliminary Plat with input from PZ Director Adam Ossefoort, Public Works Director Loren Fellbaum, PZ Land Use Attorney Jason Kuboushek, and Planning Commission Chair Mike Wiener.

Commissioner Neumann introduced a motion to approve the DC Lien Addition Preliminary Plat with nine proposed conditions. Motion failed due to lack of a seconded.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority Roll Call vote with Becker and Neumann against: To approve the DC Lien Addition Preliminary Plat with seven proposed conditions.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the special meeting was adjourned.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the Special County Board meeting held January 22, 2021 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 2, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barbara Becker,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on March 23, 2021 at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Published March 10, 2021

Diane Archer/City Clerk

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY 2021 BITUMINOUS PROJECTS Closing date: March 30, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SP 077-612-011
SAP 077-605-004
SAP 077-614-020
CP 21:102
CP 77-21-01

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at **https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding**.

Loren Fellbaum,
Director/Engineer
Todd County Public Works

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY 2021 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECT Closing date: March 29, 2021

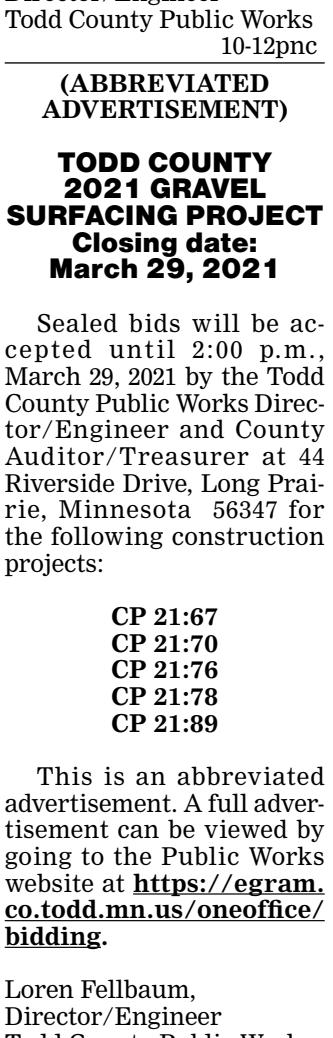
Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., March 29, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

CP 21:67
CP 21:70
CP 21:76
CP 21:78
CP 21:89

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at **https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding**.

Loren Fellbaum,
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MINNESOTA COURT RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE FORM 1. SUMMONS

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Quiet Title Action

SUMMONS

Michael G. Nosek, Plaintiff
vs.
David Monkman, John Doe, Jane Roe, ABC Corporation, XYZ, LLC, all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described here in, Defendants

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this summons*. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21** days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: 319 South 6th Street, Brainerd, MN 56401.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21** days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. To be included only if this lawsuit affects title to real property: **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of Government Lot 7 and that part of the Southeast Quarter lying North of the Northern Pacific Railway Company's right-of-way, in Section 10, Township 133, Range 32 West of the Fifth P.M., Todd County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the following described tract, to wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 7, Section 10, Township 133, Range 32 West, thence South on the Quarter line of said Section 1012 feet, more or less, to the Northerly line of the Northern Pacific Railway Company's right-of-way; thence Southeasterly along the Northerly line of the Northern Pacific Railway Company right-of-way, a distance of 437.1 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said section 1994 feet, more or less, to the meander line of Crow Wing River; thence Westerly along the meander line of Crow Wing River, a distance of 433 feet, more or less, to the Quarter line of said section; thence South on said Quarter line 1000 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, except right-of-way of Minnesota State Highway No. 10, AND EXCEPT the following described tract: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Government Lot 7, thence North 320 feet; thence West 1047.99 feet to the point of beginning; thence East along last described line 220 feet; thence North 400 feet more or less to the Crow Wing River; thence Westerly along the Crow Wing River 220 feet more or less to a point 400 feet more or less due North of the point of beginning; thence South 400 feet more or less to the point of beginning, Todd County, Minnesota.

AND

Government Lot 5, Section 11, Township 133 North, Range 32 West, Todd County, Minnesota
AND
The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 133, Range 32, Todd County, Minnesota
AND
That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 133 North, Range 32 West, Todd County Minnesota, lying North of railroad right of way Except that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 47 seconds West, assumed bearing, 312.07 feet along the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 64 degrees 34 minutes 46 second West 674.04 feet; thence North 35 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds West 403.17 feet; thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 07 seconds East 752.08 feet to the northerly right of way line of US Highway No. 10; thence South 82 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds East 1156.06 feet along said northerly right-of-way line to the east line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 39 seconds West 298.77 feet along said east line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the point of beginning.

The object of this action is Quieting Title.

Dated: July 7, 2020

SEVERSON PORTER LAW
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The parties above-named represented by the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 549.211.

Kurt W. Porter

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PUBLIC NOTICES:
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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #10
Dec. 21, 2020, 6 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Longbella, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen and Regan; Principals Schmidt and Johnson; Activities, Lee; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the Consent Agenda items, EXCEPT the Head Wrestling coach position. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to approve Shane Tappe as the Interim Head Wrestling Coach for the 2021 Wrestling season. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Resolution to Accept Donations and Grants in the amount of $ 3,832.80. MC

Finance Items

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Audit

The audit firm of Schlenner Wenner & Co. presented the 2019-20 financial audit and gave the district an Unmodified (clean) Opinion. Documentation is available in the District Office.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to accept the 2019-2020 audit as presented by Schlenner Wenner & Co. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the current SY budget and to certify the 2020 Tax Levy, payable 2021 at the maximum $2,546,975.22. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the increase in Event Worker Pay. MC

FACILITIES

ICS - Referendum Process presentation

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the recommendation to move forward with the two-building plan. MC MF

Approve the Review and Comment to be submitted to MDE

Staples-Motley School Board moves that district administration be authorized to work with District consultants to complete and submit all required information to the Commissioner of Education to request Review and Comment on an approximate $69.2 million construction project financed through the issuance of $64,380,000 in voter-approved building bonds, if approved by voters in an election on April 13, 2021. The project would include the following:

• Renovate and add space to the current Elementary School for an Early Childhood - 6th grade facility.

• Renovate, add and deconstruct space to the current Middle/High School for a 7th - 12th grade facility.

•Address deferred maintenance at both facilities.

•Expand parking and separate parent/bus traffic at both facilities.

•Discontinue the use of the Early Education Center.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to Approve the Review and Comment to be submitted to MDE. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the INTENT to move forward with "Plan B" if needed. MC

Policy and Other

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to adopt Policy #713 Student Activity Accounting. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for 2021 as Staples Community Center, Motley City Hall and Scandia Valley Township Hall and for the hours of election to be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2019-2020 WBWF summary. MC

Reports:

a. FED - 11/18/20 Minutes

b. Sourcewell - 10/20/20 Minutes

Written reports were submitted by Principals and Activities

A HUGE thank you to Greg Frisk for his term on the Staples-Motley Board as well as his previous term on the Motley School Board.

A HUGE Thank you to Chad Longbella for his 29 years on the Staples-Motley School Board. His dedication to the students of this district is much appreciated.

New Board Members Jeremy Reeck and Lisa Anderson will be seated and take the Oath of Office on Jan. 4, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CLOSING DATE: April 13, 2021

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., April 13, 2021 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

S.P. 077-070-014
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This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at **https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding**.

Loren Fellbaum,
Director/Engineer
Todd County Public Works

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LONG PRAIRIE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN COLLABORATIVE MEETING, March 18, 2021

The Long Prairie River One Watershed One Plan Collaborative between Douglas, Morrison, Otter Tail, Todd and Wadena Counties is announcing it's **Public Kick off Meeting on March 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Participation will be via Zoom and is hosted by Todd County.

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The primary goal of this event is to share what is known about the watershed and to provide public input opportunities to determine which resources and resource concerns citizens most value in regards to surface waters, forest, farmland, urban areas, wildlife habitat, and groundwater. Event keynote will be nationally known comedian/motivational speaker Charles Marshall.

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Lions' food shelf donation

The Staples Host Lions Club donated $1,500 to the Staples Area Food Shelf during March Food Share Month. Above: Lion President Ken Christensen makes the presentation to Frank Liedenfrost, Staples Area Food Shelf. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Special Olympics donation

The Staples Host Lions Club donated $500 to the 2021 Special Olympics. Above: Ken Christensen, Special Olympics and Bob Schafer, Staples Lions. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter).

Lakewood seeks community members for committees

Lakewood Health System, Staples, is seeking community members not affiliated or associated with Lakewood through their own or a family member's employment or contracts to represent the nonmedical community on one of two possible committees. The committees seeking community representation include the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Ethics Committee.

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The Ethics Committee meets every two months to learn about and review individual cases; subgroups are designated by the Committee Chair whenever an Ethics Committee consultation is requested. Consultations are commonly urgent, but not frequent. Committee members would be expected to attend the semi-monthly regular meetings and assist with consultations as they are available. Member selection is also based on individual capabilities and background experience.

Desired skills for committee applicants include: Critical thinking; decision making and problem-solving; comfort with and sensitivity to information that is private, confidential and privileged; effective communication; and experience with electronic communication including email and videoconferencing.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) .....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

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Bethany Lutheran
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320-749-2140
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Associate Pastor: Carleton Smee
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Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor/Youth Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....6:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July ..... 9 a.m.
July - January ..... 11 a.m.

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group ..... 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

St. Michael
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MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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

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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

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

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

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

Check with your church to be up-to-date on service options. Many offer remote services.

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

Central United Methodist
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Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
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Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Inspirational Church Sign Sayings

Good, the more communicated, the more abundant grows.
Choice, not chance, determines destiny.
On top of the hill…. The Lord gave me my life.
Courage is fear that has said its prayers.
Trying to get to Heaven? Stop! Jesus will take you there.
The mighty oak was a little nut that stood it's ground.
A man is rich according to what he is, not what he has.
Life is fragile handle with prayer.
If you're going to waste, let God recycle you!
A diamond is a piece of coal that stuck to its job.
A man is rich according to what he is, not what he has.
Life is fragile handle with prayer
Nobody cares how much you know until they see how much you care.
A man's character is like a fence. It cannot be strengthened by whitewash.
A cup of wisdom is worth far more than a vat of knowledge.
Give Thanks For Each Day…You'll Never Get To Live It Over Again.
Faith in action raises your spiritual temperature
Go…Teach…Baptize
Practice makes perfect so be careful what you practice.
God makes miracles out of messes and mistakes.
Anything over your head is under God's feet.
If God brought you to it, He will bring you through it!!!
Every saint has a past - every sinner has a future!
Aspire to Inspire before you Expire.
God does not call the equipped. He equips the called.
To be content with what we possess is the greatest of all riches.
Most things wrong in your life started by forgetting the things that were right.
When you kill time, you murder success.

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District Spelling Bee participants

Fourteen students qualified for the annual Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee, held Feb. 25, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Pictured above, front row from left: Molly Hoemberg, Katelyn Schotzko, Arabella Moore, Justin Olson, Gage Bjerga, Connor Buss. Back row: Isabella Larson, Estella Bock, Carter Sarbaum, Levi Page, Alexa Dolezal. Missing from photo were Annavaha Blacketter, Giselle Polkow, Lilith Tester. Pictured below at the microphone is contestant Alexa Dolezal. (Submitted photos)

Annual Spelling Bee held in Staples

Students took to the stage on Feb. 25, for the annual Staples-Motley District Spellng Bee, held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

There were 14 contestants that qualified for this year's contest.

It took 18 rounds to determine the champion, Arabella Moore, an 8th grader at Staples-Motley Middle School. She secured first place by spelling the word 'proverb.' Moore will go on to compete at the Regional Lakes Bee in March.

Runner-up at the district bee was Katelyn Schotzko, a 6th grader at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples.



Spelling Bee winners

Arabella Moore (right), an 8th grader at Staples-Motley Middle School, was the champion of the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee, with Katelyn Schotzko, a 6th grader at Sacred Heart Area School, taking second place. Moore will compete at the Regional Lakes Bee in March. (Submitted photo)

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Local businesses people give advice on how to come back from pandemic

ny's employees are now working from home, so we've had a few minor communication issues with our underwriters.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

Masking up while customers are in the office has been our biggest change. We have been fortunate enough that our office has remained open throughout the entire pandemic.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

Business is actually up. With people staying home more and driving less, our companies have experienced fewer losses. This has resulted in many of them having very competitive home and auto rates.

What Advice would you give to someone inquiring about insurance at this time?

Get an agent. Online Insurance companies are growing very popular; but it's nice to have an agent who can assist you with claims or advise you on the coverage you might need.

Any other comments you'd like to share?

You will see many companies adjusting the way they conduct day to day operations, with many employees now working from home. The economic impact the pandemic has caused will be felt for many years, if not forever.

Trisha Larson, American Family Insurance

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

Our office has been able to stay open to clients, but with that comes the challenge of assisting those who do not have a computer or email and are uncomfortable or unable to come in to the office.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

Thankfully, due to our ability to operate electronically, there hasn't been a lot of disruption in our local office. While we have been able to continue to operate out of our office, most corporate level representatives have been working remotely. This has caused some delays, but overall we have been able to continue with business a usual. Email and phone calls have been our primary course of connecting with clients, however it has been a great addition to utilize Zoom, Google Meets, DocuSign and other platforms that many of our clients had not used before the pandemic started.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

As far as new business, our office has been steady overall through the pandemic with the exceptions of March, April and November of 2020 being the hardest hit months. When it comes to retention of our current clients, our office has seen tremendous growth during the pandemic. We attribute that retention to excellent client care, expanded products, new discounts and $530 million pandemic premium relief that American Family has given to clients for the past year and will continue through May, 2021.

What Advice would you give to someone inquiring about insurance at this time?

You have probably noticed the drastic increase in building materials through the course of this pandemic and that affects the insurance industry. There are so many options right now in the insurance industry and we at American Family Insurance want to make sure you are properly covered. When you call or stop in my office, we will greet you with a smile and give you an accurate quote to meet your needs. American Family is proud to have been named Forbes Advisor's Best Homeowners Insurance Company in 2021.

Any other comments you'd like to share?

We hope that the community has enjoyed our positive messages that we have displayed on our office windows each month. We hope that through this pandemic we are able to make you smile as you drive or walk by our downtown office. "Smile, You are amazing."

Dawn Holmberg-Shayna McCulloch Elite Title & Escrow Corp.

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

Our business has been fortunate compared to other small businesses, as the pandemic has not affected the lending and real estate market in a negative way. We have, however, faced some challenging times as a small company dealing with having to run short staffed at times because of the illness impacting employees and their family members.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

Yes. At different times we have allowed employees to work weekends or nights, so they could be home helping their children with distance learning, etc. Some employees have been allowed to work from home at different times. Normally, our offices are fully staffed, with operating ours from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

Business has been up for our company due to the very low interest rates, and the real estate market. As the interest rates slowly rise, we do expect that to change in the future.

What Advice would you give to someone looking to purchase or sell a home at this time?

It's a seller's market at this time and homes are going at top prices, but make sure if you list your home, you have somewhere to go...because of the market, it can be difficult to find what you are looking for at this time and you will also pay top dollar for what you do find. I would recommend always purchasing title insurance, regardless of where you close. This is your protection on your land investment, and many customers have found out the hard way why title insurance is so important. It can end up saving you thousands of dollars when issues arise regarding the title, access, and many other issues that can come up regarding your property

Any other comments you'd like to share?

Shayna and I understand how Covid-19 has affected so many small businesses in the area, in so many negative ways. We truly feel blessed to have been able to stay open and continue operating during these uncertain times. We also realize that our future, and the real estate market in general, will continue to change moving forward due to many different factors, Covid-19 being one of them.

Jef Cichos, First International Bank & Trust

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

It was important for us to prioritize safety while still being present to support our clients and communities during the pandemic. Our drive-thru was able to remain open but our lobby doors were locked. Appointments were available with loan personnel by request only. Thankfully, we returned to have normal lobby and drive-thru hours since May, 2020. Initially, trying to meet with customers was a challenge but everyone was understanding and we worked through it together. Our lobby traffic has slowly but steadily increased over the past few months and is now nearly returned to pre-Covid levels. Many customers have complimented our digital banking application and our other online options that save them a trip to the bank.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

The way we met with customers changed during the time our lobby was closed as we were able to do so via appointment only. We've found that our customers are more receptive to meeting via phone or Zoom and we are making further enhancements to our mobile app and online banking platform that will make it even easier to do business remotely. We have disposable masks available to customers who may have forgotten to bring one. Hand sanitizer stations were placed at the entrance to the branch and at each desk. Our cleaning professionals sanitize with special equipment designed to keep both our team members and customers safe.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

In some ways, business slowed due to the pandemic but with our quick response during both rounds of the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), we have been busy with PPP loan requests and new account openings. Due to the favorable housing market and rate environment, we saw a higher amount of mortgage business.

What Advice would you give to someone looking to purchase or sell a home at this time?

Mortgage rates are at an all-time low and the housing market is fairly strong. If it works for you financially, it is a good time to buy (low mortgage rates) or sell (demand is strong) a home. The housing market goes through cycles and we currently happen to be in a favorable part of that cycle.

Any other comments you'd like to share?

I'm grateful to be part of the First International Bank & Trust family and have the opportunity to serve the people and small businesses in our communities during the pandemic. Whether it's through a PPP loan or applying for a new account online, it is truly an honor to be there for our customers in their time of need.

Terri Kobliska, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union

How has your business been impacted by the Covid pandemic? What Challenges have you faced?

Covid impacted the ways we serve our member owners and deliver on our mission to improve their financial well-being. Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) leadership huddled daily to ensure two things were able to be accomplished: 1) Staff and member safety are top priority; 2) As an essential service, we need to continue to serve our members and deliver on our mission.

Ensuring safety meant that our lobbies closed in March of 2020 and recently reopened the end of February, 2021. This has been difficult because we value our members and enjoy serving them in person. Half of our staff transitioned to working remotely, so there was less exposure for all. While other staff learned new roles in drive-up or the telephone providing support to members in new ways. Safety measures including masks, social distancing and disinfecting have become common place.

To help our members that are experiencing financial hardship we quickly put programs in place to:

- Skip loan payment at no cost
- Modified 76 mortgage agreements to accommodate the impact of Covid-19 and our members temporary inability to pay.
- Assisted members who became unemployed and had Debt Protection Coverage file claims for loan forgiveness.
- Secured $14.1 million in Paycheck Protection Program Loans for 357 local businesses in the communities we serve to keep employees working and their business open.
- Waived fees and limits for online services while our lobbies were closed
- Finally, in 2020, we saved members $1,298,619 in fees and interest.

Have you had to make changes in how you operate?

Yes and no. Our mission of serving our members' well-being has not changed, but how we do that has changed in many ways. MMFCU supported our employees with additional support and flexibility throughout the pandemic. Our leadership team huddled daily, and now two days a week, to review safety, staffing, member needs...so we could be proactive and when necessary reactive as quickly as possible.

Is business up or down from where it was a year ago?

We are helping more members than ever. Some are refinancing loans for better terms or making purchases while loan rates are low; while others have accumulated wealth during the pandemic and want to protect it in an account or grow it by investing..

What Advice would you give to someone looking to purchase or sell a home at this time?

Heather Brill, our home loan consultant, provided this advice, "With rates remaining low, refinancing an existing mortgage or buying a home should be considered. From a seller perspective the market is keeping prices high; so now is the perfect time to sell or purchase as it benefits all parties."

Alex Getty, an agent with The Insurance Office at MMFCU explains, "There has never been a better time to get an insurance review. You either find a similar or better protection package for a cheaper price, or you find that you are adequately covered for the right price. With saving money more important than ever, insurance quotes should be something everyone considers."

Any other comments you'd like to share?

Mid Minnesota is here to help our community. Should you find yourself in hardship due to the last year, reach out to us. We have Certified Financial Counselors at our office to assist you.



Verndale Public School
Kindergarten Round-Up
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
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- Individualized student instruction!
- Large-group activities!
- Intervention & enrichment support for all students!
- Integration of technology:interactive whiteboard & iPads!
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- Social and emotional skills classes with the school counselor!
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