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Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 9	16°	-10	Cloudy
Mar. 10	15	5	P. Cloudy
Mar. 11	16	-10	M. Sunny
Mar. 12	20	14	P. Cloudy
Mar. 13	30	11	Cloudy
Mar. 14	22	0	P. Cloudy
Mar. 15	28	22	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 9	60°	41	Sunny
Mar. 10	33	32	Rain
Mar. 11	34	24	Cloudy
Mar. 12	43	18	M. Sunny
Mar. 13	51	31	Sunny
Mar. 14	40	31	Sunny
Mar. 15	41	30	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 34° Low = 15°
BELOW average for another week

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Public Notices

ISD #2170
minutes: **8A**

Obituaries

Donald
Hallwachs
Arthur Meinhardt
Dick Pavlacky
Lorraine Toedter



High bids, new state regulations force school building plans to change

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board learned that they will need to make changes to their building plans because a supply chain concern caused a high construction bid and a new state regulation limited how much they can expand at the elementary school. Three representatives from ICS, the facility planning company in charge of the project, presented the reasons they need to change the building project at the Feb. 28 school board meeting.

The bid for the middle school/high school renovation came in much higher than expected, with only one company bidding on that portion of the project.

“Of the five scopes, three were good but two were not,” said an ICS representative. The total bid was about \$2 million more than they had projected.

After talking to the bidder, ICS learned that they considered the project too large to complete in the summer months because of likely delays in procuring materials and equipment, plus fewer workers available.

ICS said they will redesign the project to allow for supplies and equipment delivery, and to extend that

portion of the project over two summers instead of one. Because of that redesign, the refurbishing projects in the high school will not start this summer, but will be planned for 2023 and 2024.

After the redesign is completed, ICS plans to call for bids in August or September.

The ICS representatives said they believe the cost of the project will remain within their projected budget if they change the timeline to allow for procurement times.

“By all estimates, it should have been on budget. If we extend the time, the costs are going to come down,” said one of the ICS representatives.

At the recommendation of ICS, the board rejected the bids for the middle/high school refurbishing project. This means the construction will not start this summer, as had been previously planned.

The new plan is to complete site work this coming summer (2022), including adding parking lots and repaving some of the parking areas. The board accepted a bid from Ideal Construction of Staples to do the site work for \$385,911.

Board member Mary Freeman said the funding for the site work is abatement dollars that can't be

used for any other project.

Elementary school

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) rejected the plan to build a new gymnasium and wellness center at the elementary school site.

When MDE reviewed the project, they said it violated their requirement of limiting additions to 20 percent of the existing floor space in a school building. But ICS said they are only using taxpayer funding for a portion of the new space. They are using ESSER (federal grant) dollars, lease-levy (local taxpayer funding), and a \$6 million donation from Lakewood Health System to add the wellness center and a walking track above the gym.

ISC pointed out that other recent projects in the state had a similar situation and were approved because a portion of the building was supported by private funding. They gave an example of Mora School District building a wellness center connected to their school.

“There is precedent within MDE for that funding to move forward,” said one of the ICS representatives. “But MDE said ‘we are no longer going to allow you to use lease-levy along with donated funds.’”

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March Mama sheep 'Brownie' tends to her lambs Pebbles and Cocoa-puff at the Haehnel farm in Leader. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

What is missing from downtown Staples?

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Downtown Committee discussed “what’s missing?” from downtown Staples at a meeting March 2, but got deeper into the question than just what businesses could help boost downtown traffic.

There were some specific ideas that people thought would do well, including a clothing store and a brewery. Adding new activities were suggested, such as a bandshell and music downtown.

But for most of the meeting, the group explored some of the social connections that can spur new ideas, themes and events. They identified untapped resources and local populations who could be engaged to help build a thriving downtown.

The group is being facilitated by Neil Linsheid of the University of Minnesota Extension. The first question he asked was “are the needs of local people being met?”

One way to meet local needs is to have more people shop locally and interact with the business owners to let them know what they want. That is one advantage of small businesses, they are able to adjust better than a big company.

The group agreed we

found out during the COVID restrictions that a lot of local businesses and people were willing to help out. For example, they bought gift cards or donated to restaurants that were affected by the lockdown.

The group agreed that simply asking people to shop local isn't enough, there needs to be a differentiator that gives people a reason to spend time and money downtown. Service and flexibility are two of the strengths of small businesses that could bring in more customers.

There was a suggestion that the community of Staples has never developed a unified identity after the railroad stopped being a major employer in the area. The group agreed that there are many things going on that add to the new identity of the community, including unique programs at Central Lakes College, such as agriculture and robotics. There are also regional entities such as Sourcewell, Lakewood Health System, Region Five Development Commission and the Five Wings Arts Council that bring people to Staples and help form the community identity.

The group discussed the different roles of community organizations relating

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Commissioners discuss redistricting

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

A Special Redistricting Panel appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court released a Final Order of the Federal and State district boundaries for implementation during the 2022 election cycle on February 15, 2022.

During the March 2, 2022 regular meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Jolene Sabrowsky reviewed the report which provided an overview of the updates and changes to the Federal and State districts Todd County is apportioned to.

The report also highlighted the next steps the county, townships and cities will need to undertake according to statutory redistricting procedures.

A copy of the Final Orders can be found at: <https://www.mncourts.gov/2021RedistrictingPanel>.

Some of the highlights include:

- Todd County remains within Congressional District 7.
- Todd County changed

from Senate District 09 to now Senate District 05.

-Todd County changed from being split into House District 09A and 09B to now all within House District 05B.

-The county is not required to change the composition of its districts to comply with the statute.

Cities and townships will utilize the State's Final Order plans to establish precinct boundaries.

All cities and townships within Todd County must complete their Redistricting Resolutions by March 29, 2022.

Counties must rely on the precincts established by its cities and townships to determine commissioner district composition.

Todd County's Redistricting Resolution must be adopted by April 26, 2022.

A public hearing will be held prior to the approval of the changes.

The board approved to set the Todd County Redistricting Public Hearing for April 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the county boardroom.

In other business:

- Approved the retirement of Jan Dierkhising, a Home

Health Aide, after 12 years of dedicated service to Todd County, effective February 25, 2022.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Sauk Valley Gobblers to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Steakhouse on April 2.

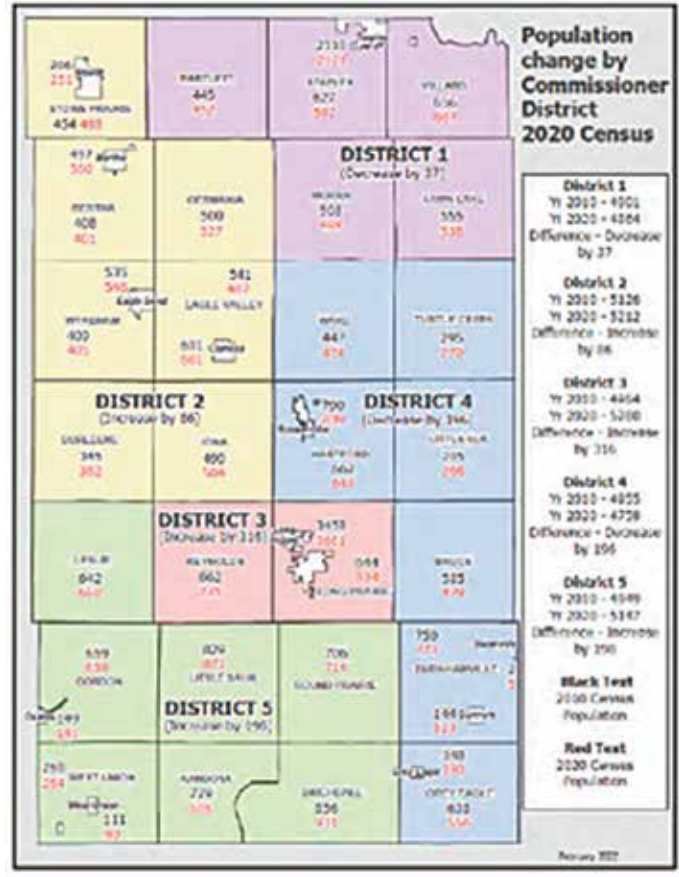
- Approved a one year On Sale and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License, a one year Wine License including strong beer, a one year Setup License, and a one year Dance License for Rebecca L. Pratt Doing Business As (DBA) Clarissa Ballroom effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc. DBA Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club DBA Greystone Golf Club effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved an Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License, an On Sale Wine

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Population changes in the county

The 2010 Census showed Todd County had a total of 24,895 while the 2020 Census rose to 25,262 for an overall increase of 367. Todd County discussed the possible redistricting situation.

Thank you for subscribing!

Motor vehicle pursuit ends in Cushing, two arrested

Two men were arrested near Cushing March 1, following a motor vehicle pursuit that covered a 30-mile stretch of Highway 10 that began in Royalton.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), the St. Cloud Police Department was involved in a pursuit with a white Chrysler Concord that was on Highway 10 heading into Royalton. Morrison County deputies picked up the pursuit north of Royalton and continued to pursue the vehicle on Highway 10 to the Cushing area near County Road 16.

Along the way, several officers attempted to deploy stop sticks on the vehicle but were unsuccessful. Eventually, the vehicle attempted to turn into the oncoming lane of traffic, traveling north-bound in the southbound lanes. A PIT (Pursuit Intervention Tactic) maneuver was used to stop the vehicle. Both occupants were taken into custody.

According to the MCSO, 36-year-old Tyrone Cloud of Minneapolis was arrested for fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle. The passenger, 37-year-old Travis Martin of Ponemah was also arrested for multiple warrants. Both men are being held in the Morrison County Jail.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Royalton Police Department, Motley Police Department, Little Falls Police Department, Pierz Police Department and St. Cloud Police Department.



SM Speech win Bemidji tournament

The Staples Motley Cardinal Speech Team won their fifth tournament in a row at the 17th Annual Bemidji Lumberjack Speech Tournament held Feb. 26. The team took the top honor in a field of 31 teams from around the state. Second was Thief River Falls and third was Rock Ridge.

Tournament Champions were Connor Judd, Humor and Micah Larson, Creative Expression. Second place medals went to Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates, Duo; Caden Mrazek, Storytelling and Olivia Opheim, Informative; third place, Cy Johnson and Iain Sams, Duo; Estella Bock, Informative; Iain Sams, Great Speeches and Riley Dabbs, Poetry; Grace Allen placed 4th in Prose; Luke Bates, 5th; sixth, Brynn Bestland, Extemp Speaking; Estella Bock and Olivia Opheim, Duo and Walker Johnson, Humor; 7th, Addy Toepper and Brynn Bestland, Duo, Walker Johnson, Extemp Reading.

In Honor Finals, first place was Laken Hines, Storytelling. Third place ribbons went to AJ Nienow, Humor; Grace Allen, Poetry and Isabel Birkholtz in Extemp. Reading; Laken Hines, 4th in Drama, Maddock Harvey, 4th in Storytelling, Jaden Johnson, 5th in Original Oratory, Andrew Daniels, 6th in Informative Speaking. Earning ribbons for Excellence were: Cy Johnson, Prose; Riley

Dabbs, Prose and Daniel Ortiz, Humor.

Front, left to right: Olivia Opheim, Estella Bock, Connor Judd, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, Addy Toepper; middle: Grace Allen, Isabel Birkholtz, Isaiah Tabatt, Walker Johnson, Raina Mikhaeil, AJ Nienow, Andrew Daniels, Laken Hines, Brynn Bestland; back, Daniel Ortiz, Mark Keresztes, Riley Dabbs, Micah Larson, Maddock Harvey, Jaden Johnson.

Left: Champions Micah Larson and Connor Judd.



THANK YOU

for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Linda Addie, RRT, Respiratory Therapy
Nominated by Lynn Rice, VP of Support Services

"The lab was short staffed on a Saturday and while staff were being called, Julie, who is an MT in lab, was doing all the blood draws waiting for a phlebotomist to come in. The hospital and ED were crazy busy, so she was scrambling to cover her job as well as the phlebotomists. Julie stated that Linda, who was busy herself, offered to draw the blood gas patients for her. Julie was so appreciative of Linda taking time out of her busy schedule to offer support to her. Thanks, Linda, for being an outstanding team member to another employee."

Marian Foehrenbacher, RN, Clinic Oncology
Nominated by Brad Anderson, VP of Strategy & Development; and Kelly Hotchkiss, RN, Clinic Nursing Director

"Marian has done an outstanding job in the Oncology Case Management role. With her vast knowledge in oncology and many years of experience she guides our primary care providers and our oncology patients. She reviews oncology patients and referrals to ensure they have a clear path for treatment. She goes above and beyond with her support to our patients. Marian takes a proactive approach to reaching out to our patients to ensure they are aware and understand their plan of care. Marian collaboratively works to promote the best oncology care to our patients in our area. The patients feel listened to and cared for. Marian takes the time with the patients and does not rush her interactions. Marian is a great asset to our oncology team and continues to make this service line thrive with her patient care, knowledge, expertise and love for oncology."

Danelle Kobliska, Radiology Scheduler
Nominated by Ashley Current, RT(R) (CT) (BD), Radiation Safety Officer

"Danelle has taken on numerous daily tasks including making CD's, getting schedules/orders ready for next day exams, taking numerous phone calls, answering questions and the list goes on all while staying current in scheduling and Radiology exams for patients so they are done in a timely manner. She is so wonderful with patients and coworkers whether on the phone or in person. Danelle has also taken us techs under her wing by doing some refresher training so we can assist her while our other scheduler is out. She has done this along with all of her other responsibilities and has done it with patience and a smile on her face. I don't know what our department would do without her as she is a real asset to keeping things on task and making sure our patients are getting in for their appointments. Thank you, Danelle, for all you do, it does not go unnoticed."

Lauri Thew, Hospital Services Scheduling Coordinator
Nominated by Libby Peterson, RN, Clinical Nurse Manager Behavioral Health Unit; Sarah Baumgartner, RN, BSN, Inpatient Director; Amanda Svir, RN, BSN, CEN, Director of Emergency & Trauma Services

"Lauri sets the nursing schedule for behavioral health unit (BHU), hospital and emergency department. She takes time to get to know all staff and their scheduling preferences at both campuses. Lauri always smiles and demonstrates a caring demeanor when visiting with new staff as she explains the ins and outs of the schedule. She makes herself available for staff to ask questions about the schedule. Lauri works closely with nursing leaders to meet the staffing demands; she is flexible and accepts staffing challenges that come her way. Covid has definitely affected the schedule and provided a unique challenge in regard to staffing. When we hear about the added demands and stress that Covid places on employees, we do not typically think about this humble nursing scheduler and all the additional phone calls, rearranging of shifts, or timecard approving she must do. Lauri takes on this challenge and does it without complaining. Patient care, staff morale and staffing needs are less of a stress because of Lauri's dedication, hard work, sense of humor and genuine care for LHS nursing staff."

Sherrie Trantina, RN, EMT, Emergency Services
Nominated Dr. Kaitlyn Schoeck; Amanda Svir, RN, BSN, CEN, Director of Emergency & Trauma Services; Lisa Bjerga, CFO

"On a very busy day in the Emergency Department in September, Sherrie went more than above and beyond for a patient. Sherrie was scheduled for an office day to get caught up on trauma, code blue and logistics paperwork. A patient presented to the ED that required intubation and could not be transferred out, thus was admitted to our ICU. Before anyone could ask, Sherrie informed her manager that she would be staying the entire day to monitor the patient. She continuously goes above and beyond but this was one example of her putting the patient first and exemplifying Lakewood values."

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SM Speech first at LF tourney



The Staples-Motley Cardinals won their fourth tournament in a row at the Little Falls High School "Lucky Lindy" Speech Tournament held Feb. 19. The team tied with Melrose, point for point, Little Falls was second and Bemidji third. Tournament Champions in their categories were Micah Larson, Creative Expression; Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates, Duo; second were Brynn Bestland, Extemp Speaking, Iain Sams, Great Speeches, Isabel Birkholtz, Extemp Read-

ing and Keegan Harvey, Creative Expression; third, Caden Mrazek, Storytelling, Grace Allen, Poetry, Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey, Duo, Olivia Opheim, Informative; fourth, Cy Johnson and Iain Sams, Duo, Laken Hines, Storytelling, Luke Bates, Prose, Walker Johnson, Humor; Keegan Bestland sixth in Storytelling; Raina Mikhaeil (Great Speeches) and Walker Johnson (Extemp Reading) earned Superior Ribbons.

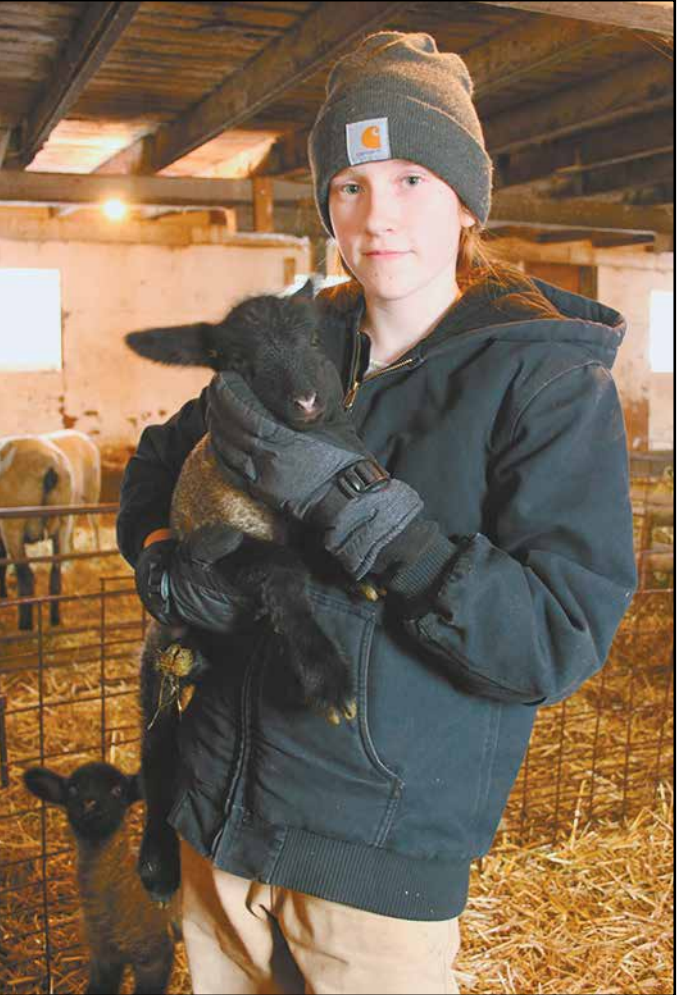
Front, left to right: Sarah Kroll, Isabel Birkholtz, Olivia Opheim, Estella Bock, Raina Mikhaeil, Brynn Bestland, Addy Toepper, Walker Johnson, Andre Daniels, Laken Hines, Maddock Harvey, Keegan Harvey, Keegan Bestland; back: Isaiah Tabatt, Gabriel Kroll, Grace Allen, Riley Dabbs, Iain Sams, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, AJ Nienow, Daniel Ortiz, Jaden Johnson, and Micah Larson.

Inset: Champions, Micah Larson, Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek



Signs of spring at the Haehnel farm

A number of lambs have been born this spring at the Ernie and Diane Haehnel farm in Leader, now tended to by three generations. Pictured above left with a young lamb are Becky (Haehnel) Roelofs and her son, seven-year-old Jacob. At right is Becky's daughter Lydia, 12, with 'Cocoa-puff' one of the twins born to 'Brownie.'



Several sets of twins and triplets have been born so far at their farm, Lydia reported. With temperatures finally above zero in central Minnesota, it appears that March has indeed come in 'like a lamb.' (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• March 6, 1947 - Three members of the Staples Cardinal basketball team played their last home game for the Cards against Wadena Feb. 25. These three players were Doug Johnson, who leads the Central Eight and District 24 in individual scoring honors; Gene Stickney, who has been one of the outstanding forwards of the Cardinal team, and John Perry, a substitute of the team, who has made a splendid showing since starting school in Staples last fall.

All three of these men are seniors this year and Coach

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

John Rengel feels very good about the fact that he will lose only three of this regular players from the squad this year.

• March 6, 1947 - Supt. E. G. Bjornstad announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Motley Senior Class of 1947 last week. The honors went to Laurine Miller who had an average of 3.41, and to Bettylou Rosvold, with an average of 3.29, respectively.

• March 6, 1947 - "County Fair" is the name of the feature to be shown at the New Staples Theatre March 14, starting at two o'clock by the Tyrrell Implement Company of Staples, as the main feature of their first annual "family party" of the IHC users in this community.

Special musical entertainment will be heard during the intermission of the show, and a free lunch will be served following the show at the Tyrrell's building on West Second Ave.

• March 6, 1947 - An interdenominational council of church women will be organized in Staples on Sunday, March 9, with the meeting to

be held at the Staples Methodist Church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The purpose of this council is to develop the womanhood of the churches in Staples into a united program of worship, missions, education, fellowship and service.

• March 6, 1947 - T/5 John Peterson of the United States Infantry, located somewhere in the Pacific theatre, is a member of the infantry basketball team which won the championship of all divisions on the island of Okinawa on Feb. 12.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, of Staples, John stated that he was "the midget" of the team which won the championship. John stands six feet and one inch.

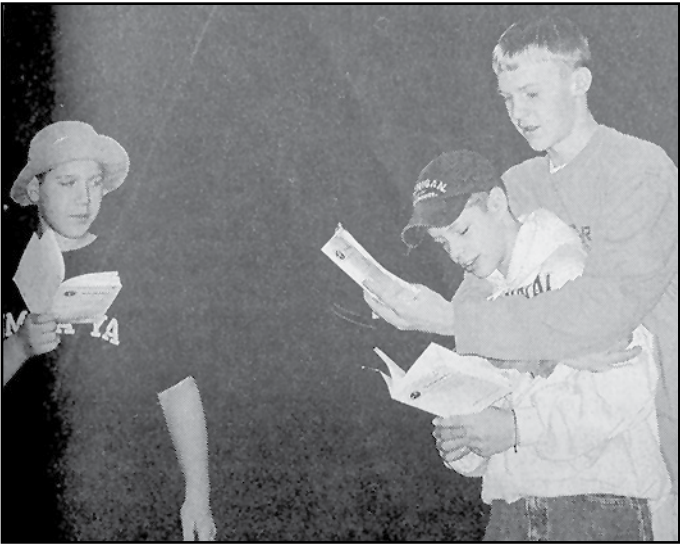
50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• March 9, 1972 - The Staples Snowmobile Rescue Patrol purchased a rescue sled and it arrived in Staples last week and is now ready for use, officers said.

The sled is 7 1/2 feet long with a removal hood. Robert Sellnow, captain of the squad, and James Hess, secretary-treasurer, said that a patient on a stretcher can be placed on the sled and then covered by the hood to be protected from the elements. The sled, priced in excess of \$300, is presently on display in the window at the C. R. Anthony Co. Donations are accepted and benefits are being planned.

• March 9, 1972 - Robert Thorn, Jack Tangen and Dennis Macheel, who comprise the Motley F.F.A. farm mechanics team, placed second in the district four contest Feb. 25. Jack Tangen was third high individual in a contest of 20 students won by Little Falls.

Other boys from the Motley F.F.A. team who placed at the contest included Doug Disterhaupt, Mike Johnson, Kenny Zetah,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 24, 2000 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Brad Frisk, Scott Rollins, Phil Richmond and Roger Shequen. These boys were the wildlife and general livestock teams which placed 7th and 11th.

• March 9, 1972 - After 32 minutes of play, a stunned group of Staples Cardinals found themselves eliminated from District 24 Basketball Tournament play as the Pillager Huskies sent them down to a 51 to 41 defeat on the Brainerd court.

• March 9, 1972 - (Special to the World) NEW YORK - In Todd County, due to changes in recent years in the birth rate and in life expectancy, the median age of the local population is now 31.7 years.

It means that for every resident who is younger than that there is one who is older. The current median is somewhat higher than it was in 1960, when the previous census was taken. At that time it was 31.3 years.

By way of comparison, the median age of the American population as a whole is now 27.9. It is 26.8 throughout the State of Minnesota.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• March 6, 1997 - The Staples Motley Cardinals left no doubt which team wanted the third place award more (at the state wrestling tournament). They won 11 of 13 matches Saturday, defeating the Komets from Kasson-Mantorville 47-8.

Cardinal team members and cheerleaders included Nate Erickson, Adam Putnam, Cody Vacek, Mark Carlson, Jeff Thompson, Jamie Carlson, Aaron Fuller, Chad Hoffman, Bobby Anglin, Jamie Dolezal, Justin Cox, Sonny Dukowitz, Josh Hirschey, Ross Bendson, Jesse Jennissen, Matt Rice, Matt Hanson, Paul Detloff, Robin Reichel, Angie Thompson, Devon Wilhelmson and Penny Knosalla.

• March 6, 1997 - Mark Carlson has learned one lesson. Stay out of trees.

Carlson this past week

culminated a sensational sophomore season, capped with the state wrestling title at 125 pounds.

One thing he did to accomplish that was to stay healthy, and for Mark, that means staying out of trees. His freshman year was a struggle after a late summer tree climbing adventure. He injured his back in a fall from a limb, an accident few have let him forget.

"Yeah, everybody gave me a lot of grief about that," he said Saturday just after achieving a goal he set for himself several years ago.

• March 6, 1997 - Lewis Christopherson is retiring this year after serving 32 years as an elected official in Thomastown Township.

Christopherson, who will turn 72 in a few weeks, said he's served 32 of the past 33 years on the Thomastown board, the first 16 years as the township treasurer. In between, he took a year off.

"There was very little competition for the treasurer's job. No one else ever filed," he said.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• March 8, 2012 - A snow storm on Feb. 29 didn't stop Adriana Dickey from celebrating her birthday with neighborhood friends in Staples. "They closed school today, it was a great birthday present," Adriana said, adding that she was born in 2004. "I'm only two years old...but really I'm eight," she shared.

• March 8, 2012 - Artist Pam Collins of Staples will be featured on Lakeland Public Television's "Common Ground," March 15, at 7 p.m. The television segment will focus on Pam's work in mosaics, an art form she began experimenting with about five years ago.

• March 8, 2012 - Motley Staples Middle School's "Cinderella in New York" will be presented at Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 9 and 10.

• March 8, 2012 - The Staples Motley boys basketball team closed out the regular season with a 67 - 47 win over Sebeka on March 2.

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Gym, surrounding walking track will still be same size, same construction dates

Superintendent Shane Tappe said "changing philosophies at MDE will not allow us to do what we were hoping to do based on other projects at other districts."

Now ICS is planning to redesign a smaller elementary school addition to meet the new regulations. Their plan is to move the weight room space that was in the project to the high school building instead of the elementary school, and eliminate the multi-purpose room adjacent to the wellness center.

Tappe said by moving portions of the project, they might be able to better use the lease-levy dollars for other unfinished projects.

Board member Bryan Winkels said they might be able to finish work on the south gym at the high school, which they were never able to do in the past.

Board member Brad Anderson said moving the weight room to the high school was one of the options they had discussed before the final proposal.

Tappe said the new proposed elementary addition will still have the same size gym, the same walking track and the same athletic training space for Lakewood as part of the wellness center. It will be missing the multipurpose room and some circulation space.

The redesign also doesn't change the timing of the wellness center project, which was not projected to start until the summer of 2023.

The board has sent out for bids for the elementary school refurbishing project, which could still be started this summer. Those bids

are expected to be opened March 24.

In other news, the board

• Approved spring season coaches, with head coaches listed first: Softball - Lonna Dille, Ben Bestland, Carly Bell, Kelly McCarty; baseball - Greg Kossan, Jeff Halverson, Mike Martin, JR Bettis, Garret Ballantine; track - Bruce Fuhrman, Chris Kappler, Tony Spandl, Steve Fligge, Steve Jennissen; golf - Glen Hasselberg, Brad Anderson, Heather Erholtz, Bruce Lund, Bill Israelson, Paul Mithun; speech - Brian Sams, Heather Sams, Tammy Johnson, Emily Olson; knowledge bowl - Allison Vangsness, Sarah Dano

• Approved Health Occupation Services agreement with Browerville school.

• Approved retirement of Craig Otteson, bus driver and Deb Otteson, administrative assistant.

• Approved hiring Trisha Larson as administrative assistant.

• Approved hiring Randy Peterson as custodian.

• Approved hire of Jordan Walz as Food Service Director.

• Approved school calendar for 2022-2023 school year, with school starting Sept. 8 to accommodate possible construction time.

• Approved negotiation settlement with 9 and 10 month employees with \$1 per hour increase for 2021-22 and .25 per hour for 2022-23.

• Approved bus driver pay schedule, with pay now based per route, instead of by mileage.

• Approved school board boundaries in Cass County, at the request of the county.

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Downtown summit suggested to get groups together

to local businesses, and how to bring people together to work on new ideas.

The Staples Chamber of Commerce is compiling results of a survey to determine their next step forward. LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Positiveness) is already gathering people together but is more of a convener and does not actively participate in local projects. The Staples Tourism and Marketing group is also active but has more objectives than just downtown.

Linscheid suggested that one barrier keeps coming up every time someone has a new idea, the problem of who will carry out the idea. He said with a limited number of active people and groups that already have projects, if someone comes up with a new idea they feel like they are the only one to carry it out.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said there are some things going on in down-

town Staples with several young owners of businesses, who either recently purchased a business or started one. She said one of the empty buildings downtown, formerly Ron's Musical Resale, has been purchased and the owners are assessing to see whether it can be saved.

One suggestion to get things going is to find local entrepreneurs and encourage them to try new things, starting with small temporary ideas to see what works.

Linscheid suggested the committee could bring all the groups and businesses together into a single summit meeting for downtown Staples. Of the ideas generated by the group, he suggested they try ones that are high impact and easy to do.

Wyman said she is scheduling a meeting with Rethos, a company that works to improve Minnesota main streets.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 25, 1993 edition of the Staples World featured, from left, Deb Roach, Amy Hjelmeland and Cheryl Taylor, rehearsing a song for "Juke Box Saturday Night," the Staples Area Men's and women's Chorus annual variety show. The trio performed a medley of songs by the Supremes, including, "Stop! In the Name of Love."

Former Staples resident Amy (Hjelmeland) Hunter, now of Richmond, recognized Cheryl Taylor and herself, but thought Deb Roach was RoAnn Trout. She remembered they were practicing for the Variety Show. "Great memories," Amy added. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all, as well as the context. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Motley law enforcement

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

Feb. 24 - Mar. 2

March 2 - The MPD received a report from a public works employee that there were two dogs running loose, barking/acting aggressively, and keeping an employee of the Dairy Queen in Motley from getting into the business. MPD was unable to locate the dogs. They were described as a black lab and a German shepherd.

Feb. 26 - The MPD responded to a report of a snowmobile accident at the 300 block of Main St. W., Motley. The driver was found lying in the street and was complaining of back and shoulder pain. The driver stated he came over the edge of a snowbank and the snowmobile rolled and ejected him from the machine, which was corroborated by his son who witnessed the accident. The

driver was transported to Lakewood Hospital in Staples by Staples Ambulance. Motley Fire and Rescue assisted on scene.

March 1 - The MPD received reports from the Holiday gas station in Motley of gas drive-offs.

Feb. 25 - Mar. 1 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Cynthia Oostreich, 34; Ashley Nicholas, 27; Tania Hammer-Luken, 59; Joshua Lillquist, 41; Marshall Azez, 19; Gayle Gordon, 70; Monica Martinez, 43.

Feb. 24 - The MPD issued a citation to Josey Wolf, 39, for driving after revocation.

March 2 - The MCSO reports that Cole Edward Franzen, 25, had been advised he was under arrest and then fled with a motor vehicle from the Motley Laundromat. Franzen was later arrested by two Cass County deputies and while they attempted to take him into custody, Franzen fought with the deputies causing injury to both. Franzen was then transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Region Five announces board of directors

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) announces 2022 Board of Directors and incoming members.

R5DC Directors include Chair - John Benson, Cass County Town Boards; Vice Chair - Jon Lubke, Crow Wing County Municipalities; Secretary - Julie Polak, Todd County Town Boards; Treasurer - Greg Blaine, Morrison County Commissioner; Directors - David A. Anderson, Wadena County Municipalities; Andrea Haverinen, Region 5 School Board Representative; Bob Kangas, Cass County Commissioner.

The Commission's newest representatives are Dr. Carrie Brimhall, Higher Education Representative; Annie McMurrin, Cass County Municipalities.

R5DC is grateful to Alex Weego and Doug Kern for their service to the R5DC Board of Directors and to

the following individuals for their service on the Commission: Chet Bodin, Workforce Development Representative; Kevin Egan, Cass County Municipalities; Randy Finn, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Tami Klucas, Camp Ripley Representative.

Executive Director Cheryal Lee Hills shared, "We are fortunate to work for elected officials and leaders of public interest groups who continually seek regional cooperation and efficiencies in ways that improve our rural quality of life."

The work of the R5DC is guided by a governing commission that consists of 24 members representing a cross-section of constituents from around the five-county region. For a full listing of Commission representatives visit regionfive.org/about.



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Counties present priorities to legislature

From the Association of Minnesota Counties

More than 250 county commissioners and officials from nearly every Minnesota county gathered at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul as part of “County Day at the Capitol,” organized by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Officials met with state legislators including key committee chairs and caucus leaders to advocate for their 2022 legislative priorities. They discussed a wide variety of issues including investing in mental health services, supporting the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, expanding statewide broadband infrastructure, transportation funding, and more.

“Counties are looking for reinvestments in County Program Aid, as well as to re-balance the state-local funding partnerships from past state budget shortfalls. This will produce better outcomes for required county services but also provide property tax relief,” said Lac qui Parle County Commissioner Todd Patzer, president of the Association of Minnesota Counties. “State investment in counties is critical to keeping local tax levies manageable and maintaining high quality of life for all Minnesotans.”

“County officials are public servants implementing programs mandated by other levels of government. We gathered to advocate for our shared priorities on behalf of the residents of Minnesota’s 87 counties, across ideological and regional lines,” said Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, 1st Vice President of the Association of Minnesota Counties.

The Association of Minnesota Counties’ 2022 Legislative Priorities are:

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: AMC supports a statewide effort to develop an accessible and reliable statewide behavioral health continuum of care and infrastructure that meets the needs of communities across Minnesota, including justice-involved and incarcerated individuals.

HOUSING INVESTMENTS: AMC continues to support a comprehensive approach that includes additional state investments across the housing spectrum including but not limited to workforce and affordable housing, senior housing, and emergency/transitional housing supports.

BONDING AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING: AMC supports a robust bonding bill that includes funding for transportation-related programs, including the Local Road Improvement Program, the Local Bridge Replacement Program, the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program, and the Busway Capital Improvement Program.

BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING: AMC supports equity in broadband infrastructure in Minnesota, including legislation that would provide adequate and continuous funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION: AMC supports changes to the community supervision funding model so that state fund allocations are transparent, needs-based, and equitable among county and state supervision providers. Counties need a substantial increase in community supervision funding to achieve this model.

PUBLIC WATERS INVENTORY: AMC supports a solution agreed to by stakeholders, including counties, for any proposed change to the Public Waters Inventory.

HHS/CHILD PROTECTION COST STUDY REPORT: AMC supports a legislative study outlining budget impacts of child protection mandates on counties’ levies, operations, and property taxes.

ADDRESS ACUTE CHILDCARE SHORTAGE ACROSS THE STATE: AMC supports addressing the statewide workforce’s need for affordable and accessible childcare.

PILT SUSTAINABILITY: AMC supports strengthening Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding programs to address regional inequalities and guarantee full property tax loss replacement.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FOLLOWUP: AMC will pursue and support legislation to implement the terms of the opioid intrastate allocation plan.

SUPPORT STATE IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS OF FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICE ACT TO AVOID COST SHIFTS TO COUNTIES: AMC supports a state implementation of Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) that meets the core tenets of the federal statute and ensures equitable access to services statewide, while also being financially sustainable to counties and avoiding unfunded mandates and cost shifts to counties.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT/PROTECTING WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES: AMC supports reinforcing a county’s ability to perform its solid waste management responsibilities as required by Minnesota Statute Chapters 400 and 473, which includes ensuring the viability of resource recovery facilities, which support the state’s solid waste management hierarchy and help provide an effective, efficient, and environmentally focused waste management system for all residents.



Engage with local youth to retain entrepreneurs

By Deb Brown
SaveYour.Town

We complain that our young people don’t want to stay here, or come back here. In fact, in our survey of rural challenges this complaint is always in the top 5. Let’s take a look at how we’ve created this monster and what we can do about it.

Why is it they don’t want to be in our small towns?

We encourage them to leave and go to college or find a job in a big city. Live a bigger life.

We don’t get them involved in the community while they are students.

We don’t share the great reasons to stay like:

- Recreational opportunities and how big a deal that is in our town.
- Great jobs available and how to be prepared to get them.
- The ability to have your own business and learn how to make that happen.

How are we encouraging them to be part of the community?

So many of us separate school activities from daily life in our towns. What if we became more active in their lives, and not just in sports? We could:

- Give the entrepreneurial class the opportunities to intern at our local businesses.
- Involve the art students in various projects (think murals, window decorating,

painting the streets etc.) around town.

- Ask the shop students to make benches, or statues, or signage to be placed around town.
- Have students be a part of the local boards and give their input.
- Ask them for their ideas of how to be more involved in the community. Then do those things.

Do we support their attempts at entrepreneurship?

Do you even know who the kids are that have entrepreneurial projects? You can find them at places like the county fair. Ask your peers, who knows more about this? Visit your businesses and see if they are selling products the students have made. Actively look for them and ways to support them.

Is there a way you can offer them a place to try out their ideas? Of course there is.

- Include them in your own businesses. A corner, a shelf, a window - just a small space to try their products for sale.
- Develop a shared space incubator project for your town. Begin with students.
- Involve SCORE reps to help them learn how to do the paperwork and business end of things.
- Shop with them. Buying local means even more when you support a young entrepreneur.

Do we squash their ideas

with comments like ‘that will never work’ or ‘we tried that before’?

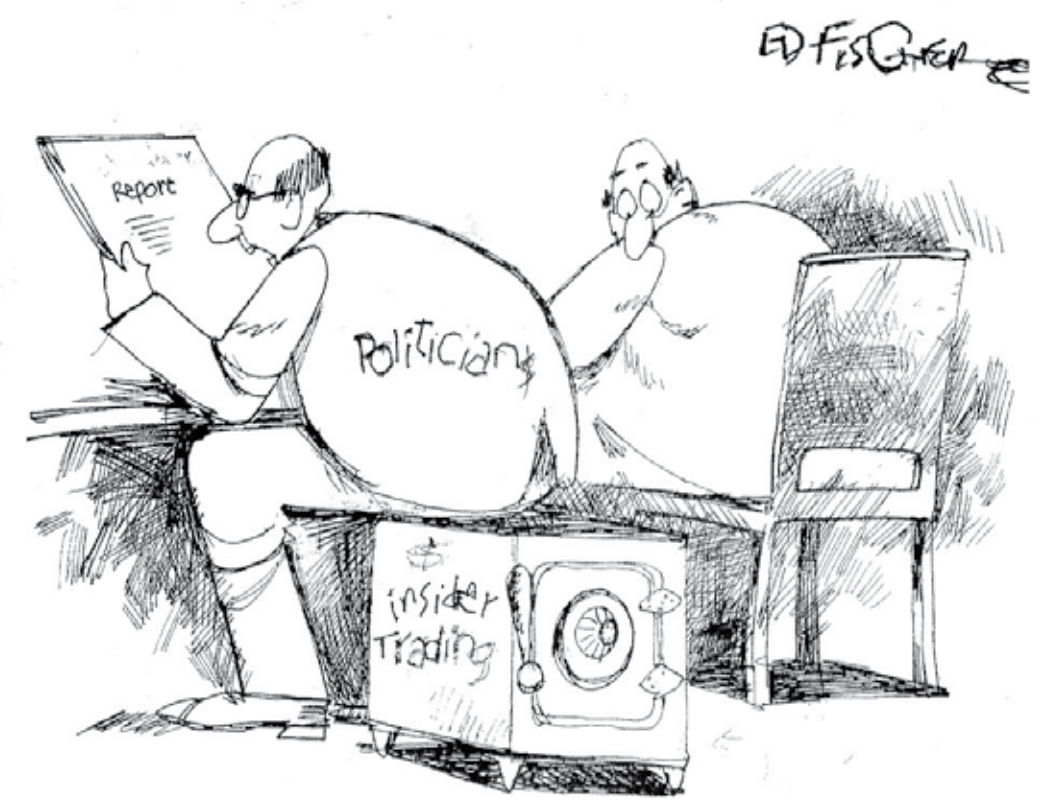
Yes. Not all of us, but some of us. One way to avoid this knee jerk reaction is to belong to the Venture Capitalists of Ideas. Instead of being the people they come to and ask for money, be the VC’s of Ideas. You can do this informally as a group of you and your friends who want to support new ideas in town.

How to do this:

- Listen to their ideas.
- Encourage them to try them.
- Ask them what connections you can help them with.
- Have them come back and let you know how it’s going. Then if it’s a good idea that’s working, offer more help if needed. If it doesn’t work, thank them for trying and encourage them to keep working on their ideas.
- Share the ideas that are working.

I believe we can slay this monster we’ve created and support our young entrepreneurs. We’d love to hear the stories of your town and how you’ve made your young people valued members of the community. Just email us at deb@saveyour.town We love to see pictures too if you have them.

You can address this challenge head on. Growing Young Entrepreneurs gives you the steps and ideas to get started.



Gazelka advocates for school transparency

From the Senate Republican Caucus

Senator Paul Gazelka joined colleagues to introduce a “Parents’ Bill of Rights” that would put parents’ in the driver’s seat of their kids’ education. After years of COVID restrictions and distance learning, children struggle to meet basic educational goals. The proposal aims to get kids back on the right track by increasing school transparen-

cy, disclosure, and accountability to parents.

“Children are most successful when their parents are engaged and involved in their education. Period,” Gazelka said. “Unfortunately, Minnesotan parents are being shut out of the classroom by teachers and administrative bureaucrats who think they know best. We need to get parents back in the room, and this legislation reaffirms the importance of their involvement in the process.”

The caucus presented a bill that states schools must not withhold information about their child’s well-being or education and requires schools to have a regular system for notifying families of activities at school. It applies to both public and charter schools and serves as the cornerstone of parental rights for the proposal. “

Two bills aimed to increase transparency in the classroom are part of the proposal. One requires access to each class syllabi made available to parents within the first two weeks of the academic term. The

second has a broader curriculum review that requires schools to make all instruction materials available to parents. It requires the school to allow for reasonable accommodation for alternative instruction if a parent objects to the content without penalty to the student. The school is not required to provide alternative instruction.

After parents across the nation spoke up with curriculum concerns and faced backlash, the Senate proposed a bill to prevent doxing of parents’ home addresses. The bill clarifies that a parent or other citizen may not be forced to provide an address or contact information to participate.

In addition to increasing transparency and accountability, there is a bill for Educational Savings Accounts. These accounts allow parents to set aside money to pay for tutoring, tuition, and other support services with a tax-preferred account, which could help significantly help students struggling with COVID-related learning loss.

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Concert for the food shelf

The Ruby/Cline Band will be performing at the Motley Free Methodist Church on Saturday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Motley Area Food Shelf. (Submitted photo)

'Agate Man' at Staples Public Library Mar. 12

Lyndon Johnson, AKA 'Agate Man,' will be giving a program at the Staples Public Library on Saturday, March 12, from 10 - 11 a.m. This is a Legacy event and there is no charge to the public.

Johnson has been collecting agates for years and is known for having the largest collection in the state. During his program, he will speak about the variety of agates, fossils, gemstones and artifacts that he has found in Minnesota.

Following his presentation, Johnson will sign copies of his new book, "Lake Superior Agates - What to Look For." Expect to see samples of his collection.

Staples Public Library



'Agate Man'

is located at 122 6th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-1401.

School board session changed

The Staples-Motley School Board work session originally scheduled for March 7 has been moved to Monday, March 21, before

the board's regular meeting. The work session will be at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6 p.m., at the District Office.

Mark Your Calendar

March 9, 10

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

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

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, March 3 - May 26. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, March 10, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Larry Fruetel, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

March 11

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

March 16

STAPLES 60+ SENIOR CITIZENS FREE BINGO ST. PAT'S DAY PARTY Wednesday, March 16, at noon. Come wearing green. Prizes galore. Limited seating. Call Arlene at 218-894-2254 to reserve a seat. Call 218-894-2556 for 11 a.m. meal reservation.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold their monthly board meeting Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. The public is invited to attend. To attend via Zoom, contact Bob Hamaan at 218-894-3139.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

March

- **SPRING BREAK - No School** March 7 - 11
- **MS PLAY PERFORMANCES** March 18, 19, 7 p.m.
- **FFA BANQUET** March 19
- **POLAR PLUNGE** March 23
- **MS/HS CHOIR CONCERT** March 24
- **MS DANCE** March 25, 3 - 5:30 p.m.

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

USDA offers pasture risk management

From Wadena County FSA

Minnesota producers concerned about a repeat of 2021 drought conditions are encouraged to consider USDA risk management options available for the 2022 crop year. The Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a risk management option for pasture and other crops for which crop insurance is not available. The coverage deadline for pasture and spring seeded annual crops for the 2022 crop year is March 15, 2022.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

NAP, offered through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), helps producers manage risk through coverage for crop losses and for crop

planting when planting was prevented due to natural disasters. The eligible or "noninsured" crops include agricultural commodities not covered by federal crop insurance, including pasture and forage in certain counties.

To receive program benefits following a qualifying natural disaster, producers must be enrolled in and have purchased NAP coverage for the eligible crop in the crop year in which the loss is incurred. The deadline to obtain NAP coverage in Minnesota for spring seeded annual crops and forage is March 15, 2022.

Eligible causes of loss include drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes, earthquakes and flood. These events must occur during the NAP policy

coverage period, before or during harvest, and the disaster must directly affect the eligible crop.

NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Buy-up coverage is not available for crops intended for grazing.

In USDA service centers where COVID cases exceed safety levels, staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Producers with level 2 authentication access can electronically sign contracts or may make arrangements to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors.



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- "Cut the Spending"! - A panel on all funding opportunities for famers;
- Innovations and Updates at Central Lakes College;
- Irrigation Management Options;
- Silviculture; & so much More!

Dawn and Grant Breikreutz, Husband and Wife farmers on Successful Cover Crops on Central MN Livestock Farms

Don Reicosky, USDA-ARS Retired Soil Scientist, now retired on Carbon Myths & Must Haves

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TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com. Application deadline Noon on March 11, 2022.

Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Obituaries

Arthur Meinhardt

Arthur W. Meinhardt, 82, of Farmington passed away February 27, 2022.

Funeral services were held March 5 at Heritage Lutheran Church, Apple Valley.

Interment will be held at a later date.

Arthur proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years as a computer analyst.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Myrna; one son Tim; one daughter, Michelle (Colin) Bigalke; five grandchildren, Jonathon, Jennifer, Timothy Neal, Benjamin and Sydney.



He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; three sisters; one son and one grandson.

Arrangements were by the White Funeral Home, Apple Valley.

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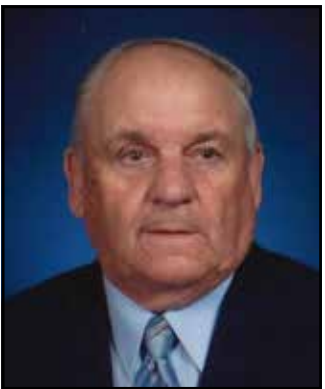
Dick Pavlacky

Dick S. Pavlacky, 88, of Pillager, passed away February 23, 2022, at the St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services were held March 5 at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley with Rev. Jim Johnson officiating.

Dick Pavlacky was born on August 6, 1933 to Frank and Dorothy (Hamann) Pavlacky in Naper, Nebraska. Dick and his family moved from Nebraska to Guthrie near Bemidji in 1936. They made a living by working in the woods. In 1940 they moved north of Staples and then to Esterday, a community northeast of Staples. During his childhood, Dick attended rural elementary schools north of Staples until the eighth grade then attended Staples High School. On November 15, 1955, he was drafted into the United States Army. He served his military time in the continental United States and was honorably discharged on November 15, 1957. Following his military service, Dick worked various jobs including at Giza Plumbing and Heating in Staples for five years.

Dick married Geraldine (Geri) Quine on August 27, 1966, at First Baptist Church in Pillager. He went to work at Larson Boats, Little Falls in 1966, working in the warehouse in inventory control for 30 years until his retirement in 1996. During this



time they lived in Hillman, and in the Pillager area. Dick was a people person, made friends easily and loved to visit. Dick enjoyed lawn work, growing flowers, blowing snow, feeding the birds and wild animals. He was a member of Motley Free Methodist Church and Pillager American Legion Post 100.

Dick is survived by wife, Geri, of Pillager; one brother, Malcolm "Shorty" Pavlacky of Little Falls; sister-in-law, Doris Pavlacky of Watertown, SD and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Donald (Erma) Pavlacky, Howard (Thelma) Pavlacky, Marlo Pavlacky, Larry Pavlacky; two sisters, Arlee Dailey and Geraldine Elifrits and one sister-in-law, Joann Pavlacky.

Arrangements were by the Halvorson-Taylor Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Lorraine Toedter

Lorraine Toedter, 86, of Staples, passed away March 3, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital.

A memorial service was held March 8 at the Staples Alliance Church with Pastors Zach Jones and Paul Johnson officiating.

Interment will be held at a later date at the Thomastown Covenant Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Donald Hallwachs

Donald Richard Hallwachs, 91, of Palmdale, California, passed away February 8, 2022.

A private memorial service will be held April 9 in Lompoc, CA is planned.

Inurnment will be in the Lompoc Cemetery in Lompoc.

Donald was born to Ernest Morgan and Alvina (Moeser) November 18, 1930 in St. Paul. He married Joanne Stachurski October 13, 1955 in Milwaukee, WI.

Working 40 plus years in the aerospace industry, Don starting at McDonnell Aircraft in 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri and worked there for three years. When his new bride became homesick for Wisconsin they returned to Milwaukee where he worked for General Motors hired him to test equipment from IBM. A strong work ethic promoted him to supervisor for the Apollo Ground Support team. Willing to move his family (which had grown to three girls and one boy), General Motors relocated him to Santa Barbara, California working in the defense research laboratory built in Goleta. This relocation was supposed to last one year but stretched into 33 years of groundbreaking work for the U.S. government including: pingers installed in the South Pacific and the first successful delivery that was on time and without delay; printed wiring boards (PWB) production for computers and the Apollo guidance systems, plus pioneering electronic design replacing paper designs, were his standout accomplishments. Retiring in April, 1993, Don and Joanne took advantage of their free-

dom and traveled throughout the United States taking in school and family reunions, watching baseball and football games at every stadium west of the Mississippi River and participating in bowling tournaments where it was not uncommon for Don to bowl 300 point games. Don and Joanne also volunteered at the La Purisima Mission in Lompoc where they organized and attended the yearly mission days held at the mission. Also, Don worked with other retired General Motor engineers making wooden toys to donate to families in the Santa Barbara area. Don was grateful for all of his colleagues who helped him throughout his long electrical engineering career. He greatly missed Joanne, who preceded him in 2014, after 57 years of marriage. His remaining family of Catherine, Donald Morgan, Judith and Audrey (who passed away in 2019) and their children all hope Don and Joanne are reunited once again to look down to enjoy our adventures and protect us with their love. We love you, Dad, and may you rest in peace.

Don is survived by two daughters, Catherine Hutzel, Palmdale and Judith (Greg) Pryor, Burbank; one son, Donald (Alice) Hallwachs, Grand Terrace; seven grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one brother, Morgan (Nancy) Hallwachs, Ocala, FL.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, one daughter, Audrey Evans and two sisters, Sarah LaVake and Shirley Hallwachs.

Arrangements were by Starbuck-Lind, Lompoc.

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Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages)9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade)After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult)9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC

firstconougccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2571
Worship9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
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MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
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Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
Sunday Worship10:30 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 Clapp701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship8:15 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Communion1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnfree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July9 a.m.
July - January11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone218-746-3839
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering10:00 a.m.
Connection Point9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER7:00 p.m.

"Don't Take Sides"

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist Church

The world has become gripped with the situation in Ukraine. Social media has been set ablaze with "support and prayers for Ukraine." It's rather curious that the majority favors Ukraine with a volatile backlash towards Russia.

From a diplomatic perspective, I understand, but as people of faith, would Jesus "take sides" in this situation? Would Jesus support the people of Ukraine while rejecting the Russians? I say, no.

Jesus went to the cross and sacrificially gave Himself as the supreme atonement for all. Ukraine, Russia, America, along with every single country in the world today is part of the "world" of John 3:16 that God so loved.

Acts 10:34-35, Peter declares "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right." God's love is for everyone. When everyone is included, there

are no "sides" to take. God wishes that all would embrace His love through His Son Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 33:11, "As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live." God does not choose sides but includes everyone so that they may have an opportunity to learn about and ask for salvation in Jesus. He loves everyone that much.

We must love that much. Unconditionally. Regardless of what country they call home. When we love unconditionally, we can include our fellow believers in Russia just as strongly as we do for those in Ukraine and the rest of the world. John 13:34, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." Don't take sides. Love one another.

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Girls basketball team wins playoff opener

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team won their opening playoff game in the Section 7AA tournament, 68-54 at Eveleth-Gilbert on March 1. The Cardinals advanced to round two, where they played number one seed Pequot Lakes on March 3, but they lost 81-28.

In the first Section 7AA game for Staples-Motley, they made the long trip to Eveleth. This matchup would be the final game for the E-G Golden Bears as the district will consolidate with Virginia into the “Rock Ridge” school district.

“Both teams were ready to play in this contest and exchanged baskets the first half. The game was fast paced and intense,” said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. “Addison (Lorber) was shooting well from the outside, while Lauren (Rutten) was creating space on drives to the basket. We held a narrow lead at halftime of 29-24 and were confident in the adjustments we would make at the half.”

In the second half, the Cardinals had several opportunities for some fast break baskets. The

team also began to dominate them on the defensive boards.

“They were much taller than us but our girls were getting into position for rebounds,” said Fuhrman.

Shots attempted in the first half were virtually even at 25 and 26. In the second half, Staples-Motley had more attempts and had few turnovers.

In the second round, Staples Motley played a team that had beaten them twice in the conference and is ranked in the top ten in the state.

“As in the previous contests, our girls were able to stay in the game for the first part of the first half,” said Fuhrman.

Turnovers became a problem and the game began to quickly turn into a route.

“Pequot Lakes has a solid team and able to play fourteen players in most contests,” said Fuhrman. “We became intimidated by their full lineup changes, as this is how they made substitutions. They were always fresh and ready to play.”

“We had several good moments in this contest early on. As we fell further behind, we showed no signs of regaining momentum,” said Fuhrman.

The Cardinals held their season ending banquet with the following individual awards:

Most Valuable Defensive Player: Ashley Robben

Most Valuable Offensive Player: Addison Lorber

Most Improved Player: Cami Anderson

MVP athlete: Lauren Rutten

Team results
Section 7AA playoffs
Staples-Motley 68, Eveleth-Gilbert 54

Scoring: Addison Lorber 31, Lauren Rutten 19, Aften Robinson 8, Olivia Lorber 5, Ashley Robben 2, Mandy Carter 2.

Rebounds: A. Lorber 16, O. Lorber 11, Robben 8, Robinson 7. Rutten led the team with steals

Staples-Motley 28, Pequot Lakes 81

Scoring: A. Lorber 10, Rutten 4, Robinson 4, Cami Anderson 3, Robben 2, Amy Rollins 2, O. Lorber 2, Ellie Moulton 1

Boys basketball ends regular season

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team finished their season with three conference losses, playing close to their opponents before falling behind in the second half. On March 1, the Cardinals lost at Crosby-Ironton 80-60, came back home against Detroit Lakes on March 3 and lost 80-65, then finished their regular season at Aitkin with a 65-58 loss.

Against Crosby-Ironton, Isaiah Schultz made six three point shots to lead the team with 30 points. He was also six of seven from the free throw line but was the only player on the team to shoot a free throw.

Against Detroit Lakes, the Cardinals held the lead for most of the first half, but DL started hitting three point shots and didn’t let up. By the end of the game, Detroit Lakes made 17 three pointers, scored by six different players.

Against Aitkin, Staples-Motley led by two at halftime but were outscored in the second half.

The Cardinals finished the regular season with a 6-19 record but did not get a win in conference play.

Staples-Motley will start the Section 7AA playoffs at

Pequot Lakes on Thursday, March 10, with the game starting at 6 p.m.

Team results
Staples-Motley 60, Crosby-Ironton 80

Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 30, Hunter Miller 12, Chandler Braith 9, Wyatt Kobliska 4, Dakota Hennigar 3, Josh Schimpp 2

Staples-Motley 66, Detroit Lakes 80

Scoring: Schultz 25, Sivert Klefsaas 18, Hennigar 11, Schimpp 7, Miller 4

Staples-Motley 58, Aitkin 65

Scoring: Schultz 28, Klefsaas 11, Miller 6, Hennigar 6, Schimpp 4, Dominic Gomez 3



Cardinal basketball action

Left, Ashley Robben scores on a fast break; above, Lauren Rutten looks to pass.



Hunter Miller



Isaiah Schultz



Dominic Gomez



Sivert Klefsaas

We’re not alone in our impatience for spring

As eager for spring as humans always are, there’s greater urgency for wildlife. Nothing less than survival is at stake. One manifestation of this urgency is the return of migratory birds from their wintering grounds at warmer latitudes, their mission now being to breed and raise the next generation of their kind.

In some cases this happens well before we might expect it, when Minnesota still seems a hostile place to be.

Last Friday, just the fourth day of March, I was cruising a country road as dusk approached. A camera with telephoto lens was on the seat beside me. I hoped to see and photograph the deer that so routinely travel along the boundary where forest or field and the road right-of-way converge. Focused on things at ground level, I was not prepared for my eyes to be drawn skyward. But there they were, a pair of swans that were briefly in view above the treetops.

Swans are easily distinguished from other waterfowl: pure white in plumage, measured wingbeats that seem slower than ducks or geese, and—the clincher—their great size. Given that

brief glimpse, and at that distance, I could not tell whether they were trumpeter or tundra swans. But that was less relevant than their unexpected sighting.

Here, as over much of Minnesota, the ground remains covered in deep snow. Lakes and wetlands are still ice-covered, with an insulating layer that will take time to melt and let the ice beneath it thaw. Rivers, too, are not yet flowing free, though they will provide the first substantially open water while winter is still a reality both on the calendar and on the land.

Having seen the swans, I had a hunch that there was open water somewhere. Swans are not restricted to water environments, as are loons, whose body structure and leg placement make it all but impossible for them to become airborne without open water. Swans, like geese and many ducks, can navigate on land and will feed in crop fields when the opportunity presents itself. So common is their feeding on crops in their wintering areas—North Carolina, for instance—that some farmers disparagingly call them “sky carp,” an unflattering reference to the rough fish that can be a harmful nuisance.

Notwithstanding their ability to navigate on land, swans, like most waterfowl, find security on the water. They find a significant amount of their food there, too, in the form of submerged vegetation and aquatic animal life. This

being the case, I was willing to bet a few gallons of gasoline that—even though less than a week into March—there was open water to be found somewhere.

A Saturday afternoon trip to a local hardware store for some project essentials provided just the excuse to make at least a cursory search for that first evidence of open water. It would be a magnet for any early-returning waterfowl, not just these swans.

The Long Prairie River passes under U.S. Highway 10 in the small crossroad community of Motley, where Highways 10, 210, and 64 meet. Unfortunately, I found no evidence of open water in the visible reach of the river there. I headed east, detouring well beyond the most direct route home. I eventually came to a bridge that spans the Crow Wing River, at a point well east of where the Long Prairie River had joined the larger waterway.

There, in a narrow strip not more than 75 yards long—no wider than a few swimming strokes from the shore—was a dark, rippling ribbon of open water. Watching my rear-view mirror for approaching traffic, I came to a stop on the bridge. And there, in the confines of that narrow sliver of open water my eyes came to rest on a swan.

Despite my remaining inside my vehicle, the swan was clearly wary, as a bird so close to shore—and potential predators—would rightly be. If there was

a mate nearby, as would be expected, I didn’t see it. Perhaps its white plumage against all that ice and snow hid it from sight. It’s anyone’s guess whether this swan was one of the pair I saw the day before while on my deer-seeking mission. More important, it was an affirmation that open water everywhere is now just a matter of time.

There is more warmth from the sun now, with its rays striking the earth at a more vertical angle. These potent rays are able to melt snow and ice even when temperatures are below freezing. You can see proof of this in impressions in the snow. Sunlight is absorbed by dark-colored conifer cones, fallen branches, or late-dropping oak leaves, with the focused heat melting their image into the snow.

Well before our larger lakes are open, shallow ponds and wetlands will be the first to thaw and offer the welcome of open water. They’ll be aided by sun-absorbing vegetation along their edges, like the remnants of last year’s cattails, or what some waterfowl hunters call “Kouba reeds,” a nod to Minnesota wildlife artist Les Kouba, who painted scenes such as this.

We’ll soon see more of the ice-eroding power of moving water, as rivers and streams flow freely once again and accelerate the reopening of our winter-bound northern world. I know of a pair of swans that will welcome that

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Staples-Motley

School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #13
Jan. 24, 2022, 6 p.m.
District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order by Chair

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, Reeck and L. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). B. Anderson was not present. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Finances, Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; approximately 10 employees, students and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Motion by Lund, seconded by L. Anderson to add agenda item #12 and delete item #23. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize the Public - Chair Winkels thanked everyone for attending.

**School/Community
Forum**

None

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Consent Agenda items

#3 - #11 MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve #12. MC. Winkels Abstained.

**Resolution for
Accepting Grants and
Donations**

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to Approve the Resolution for accepting Grants and Donations in the amount of \$15,403.70. MC

Finance Items

John Regan presented the Financial Report

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the negotiation settlement of the 11/12 Month Employees; two percent (2%) pay increase for 2021-2022 and 2.45 percent (%) for 2022-2023 MC

Facilities

Motion by Reeck, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve the amendment to the AIA Document G802-2017 Professional Services Agreement. MC

Damien Williams reviewed the timeline and HS/MS construction documents.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to approve the HS/MS construction documents and proceed

with public bidding. MC

Personnel

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the retirement of Mary Moen, Elementary Music, eff. June 3, 2022, with permission to post. MC

Thank you, Mary, for 28 years of service to our district and many hours of music programs.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to accept the retirement of Bonnie Madson, DO Admin. Asst., effective June 30, 2022 MC

Thank you, Bonnie, for 30 years of service to the district.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the employee handbook, eff. July 1, 2022. MC

Reports:

School Board; FED; Sourcewell (Nov. 16 Minutes)

Principals and Activities - written reports

Superintendent Report

SMEA

Adjournment

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. MC

Complete minutes are available at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us.

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING #14**

Public Notice

**SECTION 00 1113
ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

**TITLE:
Staples-Motley
Facility Improvements
- Elementary**

LOCATION OF WORK:

1025 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479

OWNER:

Staples-Motley Public
Schools ISD #2170

905 4th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479

CONSTRUCTION:

**ICS Consulting,
LLC.**

MANAGER:

1139 Franklin Ave,
Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-360-5506

Contact:

Jorden Pangrac

ARCHITECTURAL:

JLG Architects

525 Broadway
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-408-7008

STRUCTURAL:

**Northland Consulting
Engineers**

102 South 21st Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55806
218-727-5995

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2201 12th Street N
Suite E

Fargo, ND 58102
701-280-0500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of interior and exterior renovations to the existing Elementary School. Renovations include interior classroom refreshes, indoor air quality upgrades and kitchen renovation. Work scopes include but are not limited to: Earthwork, Masonry, Roofing, General Construction, Aluminum Doors & Windows, Flooring, Acoustical Ceilings & Acoustical Treatment, Food Service Equipment, Fire Suppression, Mechanical, and Electrical.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 p.m. local time on March 24, 2022. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for

the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact the Construction Manager at (320) 360-5506. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any, and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bid) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified

to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to; (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on his investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which Owner deems to be in his best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100 percent (%) of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontractors). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will af-

fect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of his failure to study and record his own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid or be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **3:30 p.m. on March 9, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479.** If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley Elementary School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is March 31, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 1, 2022.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete in different areas throughout the site on or before milestone dates as listed in the Summary of Work as well as the overall construction schedule provided in section 01 3210 Project Schedule Requirements. Final completion of all work must be completed by 12/1/2022.

**END OF
SECTION 00 1113**

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Garda Ventures

2. Principal place of business:

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Staples, MN 56479**

United States

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Gary J. Hoemberg

Date: January 18, 2022

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Creations

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF

BUSINESS:

48874 291st Ave.

Staples, MN 56479

United States

**NAMEHOLDER(S):
Jessica Marie Paklon-**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-22-156**

**In re: the Estate of
Joan Bernette Brandt,
Decedent**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated July 30, 2007.

The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Carol J. McCarthy, whose address is: 13783 Schuelke Beach Rd NW, Miltona, MN 56354, to serve as personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 25, 2022

District Court Judge

Rhonda Bot

Court Administrator

ATTORNEY FOR

APPLICANT:

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#388245

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Keep public notices in newspapers!



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 17, 2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$47,400.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joanne M. Collins, a single person

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, EXCEPT the West 24 feet and all of Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 3, Kilburn's 3rd Addition to Village of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 409 2ND AVE NW, BERTHA, MN 56437
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 29-0017400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in

said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE: February 25, 2022

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 31, 2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,637.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Alejandra Aguilar, a married woman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

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

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

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been insti-

tuted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

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

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2022.

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

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

DATE: February 22, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 13, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,790.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Ann M. Bowman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002262815

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0027700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002262815

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

DATE: February 21, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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203 Childcare Wanted	311 Firewood	609 Mobile Homes for Sale
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207 Equipment for Rent	314 Farm Services	612 Real Estate Wanted
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NOTICES

100 Events/Announcements 101 Card of Thanks

THANK YOU for your thoughts and prayers, beautiful flowers and memorial donations. Also, a special thank you to Rev. Jim Johnson, Hospice, Sue and Alex, Floyd, John, Linda, Missy and all of you that came to the house before Viv passed away.

The Family of
Vivien Griffith
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Lost/Found

LOST: Boston terrier, black and white, comes to the name of Stella, wearing a red collar. Last seen Feb. 26, at 83rd Ave SW in Motley, by the river. Call 218-838-0262. 11x

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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SCHEDULE: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAGE RANGE: \$17.91 to \$24.42 per hour.

Appraiser - Accredited Minnesota Assessor

Responsible to determine equitable appraisal values and appropriate classification for all real and personal property for Ad Valorem real estate tax assessment purposes. Verifies and processes all property transactions, develops reports from compiled data, and performs other tasks as assigned for the Wadena County Assessor's Department.

SCHEDULE: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WAGE RANGE: \$21.47 to \$29.27 per hour.

Chief Deputy Assessor

Independently physically inspects properties to determine equitable appraisal values and appropriate classification for all real and personal property for tax assessment purposes, as well as coordinates any new programs from the Minnesota Department Revenue and/ or state law changes. The Chief Deputy maintains the CAMA system, attends seminars, workshops, and Region VII meetings, and verifies and processes all property transactions and develops reports from compiled data.

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WAGE RANGE: \$22.78 to \$31.04 per hour.

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Application deadlines will be listed on the County website postings. **WADENA COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**



GARAGE SALES

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Miscellaneous

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REAL ESTATE

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Grants for Partridge River feedlot projects

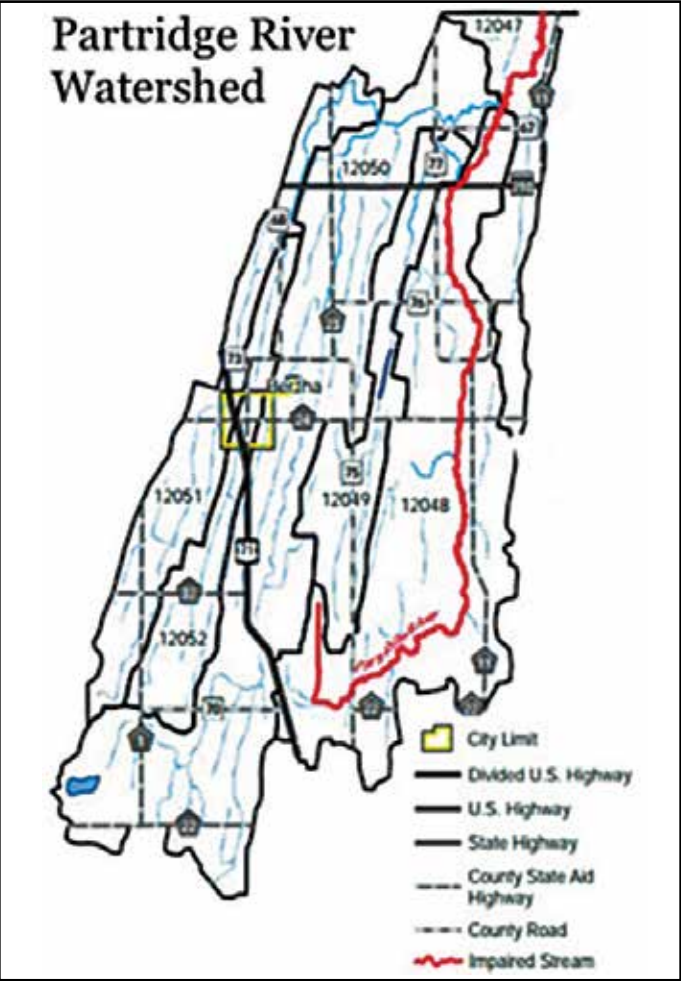
Are you thinking about doing a feedlot project on your farm? Todd Soil and Water Conservation District has a grant to help offset the cost of these projects.

The target area of this grant is the Partridge River and its tributaries of Egly Creek, Little Partridge Creek, County Ditch 15, and Bear Creek. These minor watersheds are all part of the Crow Wing River Watershed.

The Partridge River Watershed has the highest livestock density per acre in Todd County. With a ratio of 1:1 this is equal to approximately 8800 head of cattle. The Partridge River drains an area of 94 square miles and is currently listed as being impaired for E. coli.

Land being used by livestock in areas near streams is known to impact the water quality of these streams by decreasing the stability of stream banks. The combination of repetitive hoof traffic and the reduction of plant cover results in a greater area of exposed soil and phosphorous loading. Contamination can occur from both pathogens and bacteria due to run-off from areas heavily concentrated with manure and livestock directly defecating into surface water.

This grant aims to support landowners with projects like feedlot fixes, construction of winter manure storage areas, increased buffer areas, fencing projects to limit livestock access to surface water, and even abandoned manure pit closures.



Map of the Partridge River watershed, with impaired stream in red, and City of Bertha in yellow.

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Todd County to set up checking accounts for probate cases

License including strong beer and a Setup License for TMF Resort Inc. DBA Head of the Lakes Resort effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a Seasonal Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License, a Seasonal On Sale Wine License including strong beer and a Setup License for Donald Panitzke DBA Rainbow Lodge effective April 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022.
- Approved a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Rohdes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc, DBA Midway Bar & Grill effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.
- Approved an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC., effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.
- Approved an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC. DBA Saukinac Campground effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.
- Approved an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge, Inc. effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.
- Heard the annual report from the Great River Regional Library.
- Approved the set up of a new American Heritage National Bank checking account for estate probates.

Background: At the February 15, work session, discussion was held about the Health and Human Services (HHS) department moving forward to establish a process for initiating estate probate for deceased individuals with a Medical Assistance claim in limited situations.

Part of this process includes setting up a new checking account and adding funds to the account, to be used as working capital when needed to support the expense of probating an estate. Funds will be utilized when the estate has no readily available cash assets, and payments need to be made for the ongoing running of the property; such as electric or fuel bills.

All monies used on behalf of an estate will be reimbursed to the county upon completion of the probate when estate assets are approved by the judge to be distributed.

- Authorized the director's designee to establish indi-

ARP/SLFRF Obligations		
Project Name	County Board Action Tracking #	Estimated Obligation
Court Case Backlog-Asst Co Atty	20210720-21	\$184,086.00
Rooftop Air Handling Units-Annex 1	20210817-17	\$ 29,496.00
Solid Waste Staffing Shortage	20210921-19	\$129,200.00
Sheriff Deputy-Court Security & Mental Health Emergency Calls	20210907-22	\$ 90,000.00
Attorney & TWCC Office Remodel	20211005-21	\$ 44,349.76
Eligibility Worker	20211005-36 & 20220215-07	\$ 31,117.00
Eligible Micro-Purchases	20211116-11 & 20211228-08	\$ 29,546.82
Total:		\$537,795.58

vidual checking accounts for estates that the county is initiating probate proceedings.

Background (See above in part): Part of this process includes setting up individual checking accounts for each estate that the county initiates a probate proceeding.

The director's designee will be appointed at the start of each probate that is initiated, who will also be named as the Estate Administrator. Part of the Estate Administrator's role is to establish an account for the estate's funds to be deposited to and payments made against. The account will be closed at the end of each probate, once the judge has authorized final disposition of all estate assets and the probate action is completed.

As part of a strong internal control procedures, two signatures will be required on any payments made from these types of accounts.

- Approved to ratify the Integrated Financial System (IFS) System Support Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) Trimin Professional Services Agreement.

Background: MnCCC is the county's managing entity for the county owners/users of the IFS program along with Trimin.

This is a contract renewal effective on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 with continuance provisions. The User Group has voted to approve the contract and each county is required to ratify the agreement.

- Background: The United States Treasury has adopted their final rule on January 6, 2022 for the use of ARPA-SLFRF funds.

The final rule includes a provision which allows recipients to elect a standard allocation up to \$10 million under the Revenue Loss Category.

Electing the standard allocation of funds into the Revenue Loss Category allows for greater flexibility in use of funds for government services, streamlines reporting and eliminates the requirement of sub recipient monitoring.

Recipients must determine this one-time, irrevocable election to utilize either the revenue loss formula or the standard allowance of up to the fund award and report this decision to United States Treasury by April 30, 2022.

Information was presented at the February 15 work session, including next steps of a decision on utilizing the Revenue Loss Category.

The board approved to allocate the standard allowance of total recovery funds received by Todd County to the ARPA-SLFRF Revenue Loss Category.

- Since Todd County chose to elect for a standard deduction of funds into the Revenue Loss Category they may also choose to amend existing project obligations categorizations under ARPA-SLFRF to be assigned to the Revenue Loss-Government Services Category.

The board approved to amend the categorization of the existing ARPA-SLFRF project obligations to be allocated under the Revenue Loss-Government Services Category.

Commissioner David Kircher cautioned them to be careful because this was still taxpayer money. He asked when all of this "free" money giving by the Federal Government was going to end.

- Accepted the John-

son Controls bid through Sourcewell for a total of \$273,360 for the Annex 2 rooftop units and air handling equipment. ARP funds will be used.

The main air handling unit could take up to 50 weeks to receive due to supply chain problems.

- Approved the award of construction contract for 2022 bituminous highway construction related projects located in various locations in Todd County to Central Specialties, Inc. Alexandria in the amount of \$5,261,696.41. This is for projects throughout the county.
- Public Works director Loren Fellbaum informed the board that the county had been selected for the Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) FY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP). Todd County's County State Aid Highway 2 application was successful in obtaining the TAC's programming recommendation for the 2026 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) dollars in the amount of \$916,003 for a bituminous mill and overlay project with aggregate shouldering and pipe maintenance, located on CSAH 2 from CSAH 11 to Trunk Highway 28.
- Adopted a resolution for permanent appropriation of Solid Waste Management Tax Revenue to SCORE grant funding in lieu of the State General Fund.

Background: The State of Minnesota generates approximately \$90 million in revenue from its solid waste management tax. Less than \$20 million is shared with the Minnesota Counties.

Approximately \$30 million is put into the state's general fund.

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) 2022 state legislative policy position states, "AMC Supports allocating 100 percent of the revenue generated by the Solid Waste Management Tax to state and county product stewardship, household hazardous waste and other waste management activities."

The resolution supports recently drafted bills (HF 2367 and SF 1531) regarding solid waste management tax provided that the funds are dedicated to counties through SCORE grants.

- Authorized the Solid Waste Department to utilize and sign for the county a Film Plastic Rental & Service Agreement with residents participating in the Film Plastic Program.

Todd County has partnered with Wadena and Otter Tail counties to sustain a film plastic collection program.

The three counties have used \$232,000 of grant funding to reduce costs for purchasing a front load packer truck and collecting recyclable film plastics generated by agricultural practices and boat wrap for winter storage. The grant included money to purchase additional containers to allow additional farms and boat wrap businesses to join the program.

To continue the program, the solid waste department recommended that all existing and interested participants in the program sign a film plastic Rental and Service Agreement. It establishes general conditions including cost for use of the county owned container and collection fees.

- The demolition landfill needs to be expanded in order to receive more demolition waste in 2022.

A proposal from Widseth for \$29,949 is for design, bidding, construction documentation and construction administration assistance for this project. The project will provide approximately 8-12 years of additional disposal capacity. The scope of services also includes some pre-design efforts for future final cover construction on the areas of the landfill that are full.

The board approved.

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