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Kindergarten enrollment

Piper Noska, left, chats with Karen Bergemann, right, school nurse during enrollment night March 12 at SMES, Staples. Mom carried baby Loclyn and brother Drake accepted a sucker. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

SMACF grant round open

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) announced their upcoming 2020 grant round, with application deadline April 15.

The SMACF is a Turn Key fund of the Initiative Foundation, established with the mission to develop and strengthen community resources and to enhance the quality of life of individuals, families, and organizations in the Staples-Motley School District. Through local dollars, the SMACF provide direct grants to projects within the community that:

• Strengthen Youth and Families: Supplementing the endeavors of others in developing and implementing positive opportunities for youth and families.

• Improve Community Appearance: Making our community attractive and inviting to visitors and improving the appearance of the community to make residents proud to live here.

• Increase Community Involvement and Leadership: Promoting citizen community involvement by developing and identifying leaders within the community in order to instill a sense of solidarity based on the assets of our community.

Grant opportunities are available to public, academic, and nonprofit organizations that serve residents living and/or working in the boundaries of the Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170. For full eligibility requirements, visit staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

To start an application, visit staplesmotleyfoundation.org/how-to-apply.html and click "Start a New Application." This will redirect to an online grant system operated by the Initiative Foundation. Through this system, applicants can create an account, complete an eligibility quiz, submit proposals, review application history, and submit grant reports. The deadline to submit applications is April 15.

Questions about the grants available or the application process, can be directed to the SMACF Grants Committee Chair, Nick Trout, by phone at (218) 296-2565 or email at troutnicholas@gmail.com.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 18	37°	26°	Snow
Mar. 19	32	9	Snow
Mar. 20	21	-2	P. Cloudy
Mar. 21	25	8	Sunny
Mar. 22	35	19	P. Cloudy
Mar. 23	38	21	M. Cloudy
Mar. 24	38	23	Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 18	44°	28°	P. Sunny
Mar. 19	43	27	Sunny
Mar. 20	44	27	Sunny
Mar. 21	45	26	Sunny
Mar. 22	44	25	Sunny
Mar. 23	47	28	Sunny
Mar. 24	36	28	Cloudy

Average Temp.: H = 38° Low = 15°

Total snow: 53"

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Who bought the TP? Two's the limit at Dollar General

Lillie Payne and her son, Auston Payne, both of Staples, stocked up on household supplies at Dollar General in Staples March 13. A sign posted in the toilet paper aisle says that customers are limited to two packages each. Store employee Justin Eckenrode (not pictured) said that the sign had been posted the day before in response to the exorbitant amount of toilet paper people had recently begun purchasing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Preparing for COVID-19 in Staples-Motley area

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The COVID-19 coronavirus is at the forefront of national news stories, as well as conversations throughout our local area.

Since January, when this novel virus first came onto the scene in the United States, there have been 41 deaths, a total of 1,629 cases, with 1,362 cases still under investigation, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In Minnesota, as of March 16, 54 positive cases have been identified, with three to five in Stearns County, which borders Todd and Morrison counties.

Effects of the coronavirus have been felt throughout Minnesota, including the Staples and Motley area. The Staples World will try to keep the public informed about the local ramifications about COVID-19, but as information about the coronavirus changes day by day, and often hour by hour, readers are urged to check websites of reputable sources, such as the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Locally, Lakewood Health System is working to provide information to the public about the coronavirus, and Staples-Motley Schools will provide up-to-date information about COVID-19 and its affect on students at its website, as well as by communicating to parents/guardians via phone messages and email.

Below are press releases as well as other information to date that's been from local establishments in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lakewood Health System

We know many people are concerned and wondering about the spread of coronavirus and how that impacts Lakewood Health System. Ensuring the health and safety of our communities is our top priority. Therefore, we are following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and taking steps to reduce the potential for the coronavirus to enter our building.

Starting March 13, NO visitors will be allowed to enter Lakewood facilities until further notice. An exception will be made for special circumstances. For those circumstances, visitors should expect a simple screening for symptoms to minimize the risk of exposure of this illness within our facility. Specific restrictions are below:

- Hospital/Emergency Department - No visitors, except for birthing partners and medically necessary hospital patient visits.
- Clinics - No visitors, except medically-necessary caregivers and guardians.
- Care Center - No visitors, except for end-of-life visits.
- Lakewood Pines - No visitors, except for end-of-life visits.
- Lakewood Manor - No visitors, except for end-of-life visits.
- Behavioral Health Unit (Reflections) - No visitors, except for end-of-life visits.

If you have questions or feel a visit to one of these facilities is necessary, please call the respective number below:

- Hospital/Emergency Department/Clinics - 218-894-1515
- Care Center - 218-894-8345
- Lakewood Pines - 218-894-4460
- Lakewood Manor - 218-

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Todd County discusses Second Amendment resolution

By Karin L. Nauber

The commissioners heard a little about the Second Amendment support rolling through Todd County during their open forum prior to the start of their March 2, 2020 meeting.

Citizen Al Emblom talked about the Facebook group that had been created in Todd County regarding support of the Second Amendment. He said the Facebook group grew to over 2,094 members in a very short time.

Addendum: The Second Amendment reads: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

Emblom talked about defending the Second Amendment. He said that five other counties have already approved resolutions regarding the Second Amendment. He said that Todd County should consider passing a resolution as soon as possible.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Randy Neumann talked about the county becoming a Second Amendment dedicated county.

He said that State Representative John Poston and State Senator Paul Gazelka have asked why Todd County hadn't already approved a resolution.

Neumann said that as a gun owner and hunter he "believes very strongly in the Second Amendment."

Coordinator Chris Pelzer has researched some of the resolutions regarding the Second Amendment including the one recently passed in Wadena County and said if it was the board's wish, she would draft a similar one.

She said she would have the county attorney and county sheriff review it.

Sheriff Steve Och said that was important because they have to be careful about some of the language in the resolution.

Chair David Kircher said that he would like it brought to the March 17 meeting.

"I see no difficulty in passing it. I think it will be passed quite swiftly," he said.

In other business

• Approved: Seasonal Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort effective April 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020.

• Approved: Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License, a Setup License and an On Sale Wine License (including Strong Beer) for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC doing business as (dba) Head of the Lakes Resort effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

• Approved: Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License, and a Setup License for Rainbow Lodge effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

• Approved: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

• Approved: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinac Campground effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

• Approved: Gambling permit for the Society of Saint Pius X to hold a raffle event at the St John Vianney Church and Academy on August 9, 2020.

• Approved: Gambling permit for the Wahoo Valley Area Chapter of Minnesota Deer Hunters to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom on April 4, 2020.

• Approved:Tax Forfeited Land Auction, April 3, 2020 at 10 a.m.

• Approved: Resolution for a Tax Increment Financing Plan; for a Tax Increment Financing District in the city of Long Prairie for a new market rate housing development. It's a nine-year TIF followed by a five-year

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Motley receives their 'Yellow Ribbon City' sign

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting March 9, the Motley City Council was presented with a 'Yellow Ribbon City' sign from Randall Mayor Danny Noss.

Noss is also a member of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Morrison County, of which he serves as secretary. Their primary mission, Noss explained in a later conversation, is to help families of deployed soldiers while they are actively deployed. The secondary mission of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Morrison County is to help all veterans who ever served in the Armed Forces.

Their support to these veterans is usually for a one-time issue. Noss shared that the organization does not have a large budget, but they have provided gas cards to veterans in need, moved a spouse and children from an apartment to a house, cut down trees after wind storms and delivered the wood to veterans in need. They've also shoveled snow, cut lawns, repaired lawnmowers, helped clean up flooded basements and located a donor to purchase a water heater and pay for a professional plumber to install it for free. "If we cannot for some reason resolve the issue, we locate individuals who can resolve it, at a discounted price," Noss shared.

When people see the sign in Motley, they know that they can stop at city hall to inquire as to how to go about getting help from the Yellow Ribbon Network of Morrison County.

Noss suggested that people can be referred on to call Kathy Marshik, the Morrison County Veterans Service Officer whose office is in Little Falls; or Savanna Polzin, the Family Assistance Center Director whose office is located a Camp Ripley.

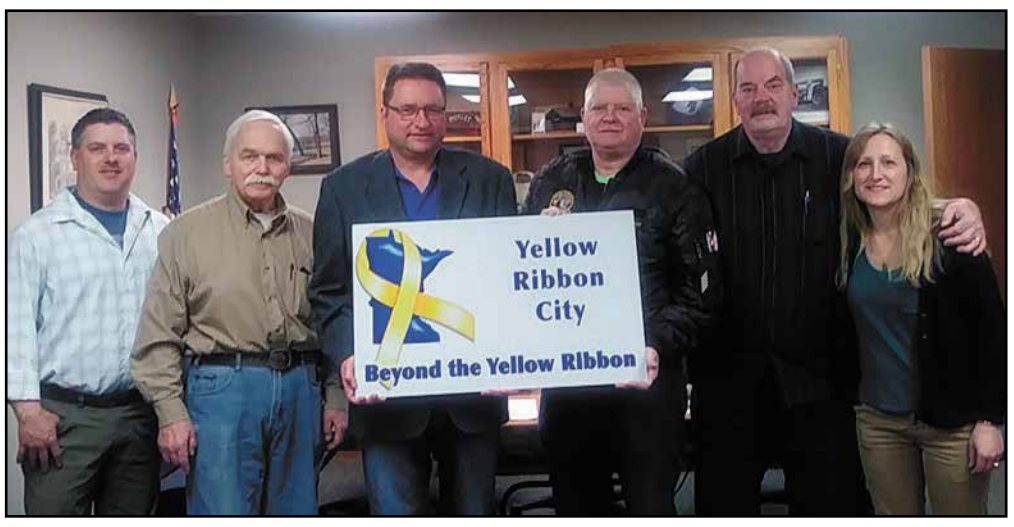
The Yellow Ribbon Network Steering Committee has purchased one 'Yellow Ribbon City' sign for every city in Morrison County. Motley is able to purchase additional signs if they so choose, Noss said.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD monthly reports from all department heads.
- LEARNED that the old squad vehicle that the fire department purchased from the police department is now being used as a rescue rig.
- APPROVED a request from the Motley Fire department (MFD) that they be allowed to apply for a DNR grant. They are hoping to use it to purchase miscellaneous items such as brush fire gear.
- LEARNED that the new squad vehicle purchased by the Motley Police Department (MPD) has arrived and is already in use.
- APPROVED the MPD's request to apply for grants from Staples-Motley Community Foundation and Sourcewell for the purpose of purchasing another solar-powered radar sign.
- APPROVED the MPD's request to apply for state and federal grants in order to purchase bulletproof vests.
- APPROVED a request from the MPD to amend the city's fee schedule, adding a $60/hour fee for special call-outs for the police department.
- LEARNED that there have been no changes in the new pavilion that is under construction at Converse Park.
- APPROVED hiring Marilyn Bayerl, of Bayerl Water Resources in Alexandria, to complete the second phase of the city's Wellhead Protection Plan.
- APPROVED a motion allowing Bob Koenig to use the fire hall meeting room to conduct a Spring Firearm Safety Class on April 20, 21, 23, 27, 28 and 30. There is no charge for him to use the room.
- APPROVED a resolution naming Curt Bryniarski, the city's new Clerk/Treasurer, as an authorized signer for the city's banking transactions in 2020. Former Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja's was removed from that list.
- APPROVED a resolution appointing Curt Bryniarski as the responsible authority to administer the requirements for the collection, storage, use and dissemination of data on individuals, government data, or summary data, within the city.
- APPROVED a motion to accept donations to the city which are designated to go toward the MFD's truck fund. The donations were from Angela and Brian Hartwig; and Bjerga Feed Stores.
- HEARD from council member Amy Hutchison and Mayor Al Yoder during the council's open forum. Both welcomed Bryniarski, the city's new Clerk/Treasurer, to the meeting. Hutchison said she hoped his first week working at city hall went well.

Mayor Yoder also extended his thanks to Randall Mayor Dan Noss, who allowed Matt Pantzke, City Manager of Randall, to help them during their interviews of the city Clerk/Treasurer candidates. Hutchison also thanked Karen Pogreba, the city's new Administrative Accounting Assistant, for her work and for always being so pleasant.

- SET next regular meeting for Monday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.



Motley named 'Yellow Ribbon City'

Randall Mayor Danny Noss (fourth from left) presented the Motley City Council a 'Yellow Ribbon City' sign at their regular meeting March 9. Mayor Noss is a member of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Morrison County, of which he serves as secretary. The program provides assistance to veterans and their families. Also pictured, from left, are council members Jace Carlson and Pat O'Regan; Motley Mayor Al Yoder; and council members Steve Johnson and Amy Hutchison. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Motley's new police squad vehicle

Motley Police Chief Jason Borash stands near the police department's new squad vehicle that recently arrived. The vehicle is a 2020 Chevy Tahoe that was ordered last August from Ranger Chevrolet in Hibbing. The MPD's former squad vehicle was purchased by the Motley Fire Department to be used as a rescue rig. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

March 11 - The MPD responded to a report of two people digging through the dumpster at Dollar General in Motley. The two subjects were advised that the store did not want them digging through the dumpster.

March 11 - The MPD received a report of a truck that had broken down and was blocking the eastbound lane of Hwy 10 in Motley. The MPD assisted the driver of the listed vehicle with emergency lights while waiting for the vehicle to be towed.

March 11 - The MPD issued a citation to Greggory Peterson, 60, for not having a Minnesota Driver's License.

March 10 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to a juvenile near the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley.

March 9 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Tessa Tabatt, 27.

March 9 - The MPD was asked by the Staples Police Department to assist with making contact with a juvenile's parents whom was suspected of a theft. The parents were advised of the incident, after which they gave the MCSO permission to question their son. Subsequently, the parents retrieved the stolen property from where their son claimed it to be located. It was returned to the Staples PD. The incident took place at the 600 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

March 6 - The MCSO assisted state patrol with a two-vehicle accident at Hwy 10 and 320th St., Cushing. One subject was arrested at the scene.

March 6 - The MCSO issued a citation to Mitchell VanAlst, 28, for driving with a revoked license.

March 6 - The MCSO issued a citation to Dalton Emerson, 23, for hands free violation and not wearing a seatbelt.

March 9 - The MCSO was dispatched to a theft at the 2000 block of Birchcrest Dr., Motley. The reporting party said he'd left his residence on Dec. 20, 2019 and returned on March 6. He advised that someone stole the catalytic converter out of one of his vehicles while he was gone, and he received an estimate of $500 to have it fixed. There were no tracks, photos or anything left behind. No suspects at this time.

March 7 - The MCSO issued a hands free violation citation to Travis Richards, 24.

March 7 - The MCSO issued a citation to Duane Hannahs, 53, for driving without insurance.



Motley Food Shelf donation

The Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group recently donated $147 and 33 pounds of food items to the Motley Area Food Shelf. They collected these donations at their Valentine's Day party in February. Pictured, from left, are Marge Tepley and Barb Peterson, members of the Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group; and Sherry (Miller) Frisk, Director of the Motley Area Food Shelf. (Submitted photo)


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Taking precautions

Krystal Ramos and her husband Joan Nunez of Browerville donned medical face masks while grocery shopping at Ernie's in Staples March 13. Ramos, who is pregnant, said that she wears one in public as a precaution against the coronavirus. The two were stocking up on household supplies including disinfectants, paper towels and toilet paper. Also pictured are Ernie's Grocery employees Tim Wickman (left) and cashier Martha Cooper. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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New county squad cars

abatement. The Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School also approved the resolution. Construction is expected to start in August. Long Prairie City Administrator Ted Gray was unsure when the TIF would begin.

• Heard 2019 report from Great River Regional Library. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2019.

• Approved: Supplemental Federal Boating Grant for hazard bouys and channel markers; for $6,944.

• Accepted the amendment to the service order agreement from Motorola/Vesta Solutions which reduced the cost of the non-recurring charges by $1,200. This amendment is to off-set charges incurred due to a delay in installation.

• Approved Sheriff Och to purchase three new squad cars from Tenvorde Ford of St. Cloud. At a price of $33,449, each, total price: $100,347 on State contract bid. These squads are a 2020 budgeted item.



Backpacks for veterans

The Staples '93 Lions and Staples Host Lions are giving away backpacks filled with personal care products to veterans in transition. This is a Lion Zone Project, of which the two Staples organizations (along with seven other Lions Clubs) are a part of. The backpacks will be dispersed by the Todd County Veterans Services Office. Pictured above, from left, are Bev Dolezal, member of the Staples '93 Lions, and Joe Roline, member of the Staples Host Lions. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Donation to '93 Lions

The Staples Host Lions recently donated $500 to the Staples '93 Lions, for their Easter Eggstravaganza event. Pictured above, from left, are Staples '93 Lions member Joann Schornack; and Staples Host Lions member Joe Roline. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1945

• March 22, 1945 - The safety of the Warner bridge over the Crow Wing river east of Staples was somewhat endangered early this week when huge cakes of ice came down the swift current of the river, backing up against the cement abutments and steel girders, until people in that vicinity notified County Commissioner N. B. Schultenover of Staples, and he obtained a highway crew to dynamite the ice jam which had formed.

• March 22, 1945 - 'Penicillin her now!' was at the top of an ad placed by Staples Drug Store, W. J. Shelver, Druggist. The ad goes on to read, 'The most dramatic HEALTH NEWS since Louis Pasteur discovered germs. We are proud to be first in announcing that the new wonder drug Penicillin is now available in our R Department for civilian use on Doctor's Prescriptions and the price is unbelievably low.'

• March 22, 1945 - Movies playing at the Staples Theatre March 23 - 29 included 'Sunday Dinner for a Soldier,' with Anne Baxter and John Hodiak; 'Dangerous Passage' 'Beau Hunks' and 'Chip Off the Old Block' with Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan.

• March 22, 1945 - Somewhere in the Philippines, T/5 Delma Fairman, daughter of Mrs. Iza Pepin of Staples, is serving with the Women's Army Corps in the Philippines.

T/5 Fairman enlisted in the WAC in November of 1943, completed basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and was later stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, and For Oglethorpe, Georgia, as cook, and as acting supply sergeant.

On Sept. 11, 1944, she landed in Brisbane, Australia, and has since traveled the length of the theatre through New Guinea, the Netherlands East Indies and on up to the Philippines.

Recently promoted to the grade of Technician Fifth Grade from a private's rating, she says, "I wouldn't have missed it for the world and hope to see China before this is over. It has all been very exciting and a wonderful experience, but I want the folks back home to know I miss the good fishing, and especially that golden, sizzling, fresh pike in the frying pan."

50 Years Ago - 1970

• March 19, 1970 - Three Staples residents received injuries Friday afternoon, about 4:15, as a result of a car-truck accident at the intersection of Erickson Enterprises and Highway No. 10, about 1-1/2 miles west of Wadena.

Injured in the collision were Barry Ackley, Mrs. Inez Betts and Edith Johnson, all of this city.

• March 19, 1970 - Gordon Greenwaldt, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Greenwaldt, received injuries while riding a Staples school bus home from school Tuesday evening, March 10.

Dr. Duane R. Lund, superintendent of schools, reported that young Greenwaldt, an elementary student, was riding the late bus that evening, which left the high school about 5:30 p.m. Carroll Miller was the driver of the bus and about 1 mile south of Philbrook, the bus hit a frost boil in the road, Lund reported. Greenwaldt, who was sitting in the rear seat, was thrown forward and received stomach injuries. He was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital, where he underwent surgery. His progress is reported as satisfactory and is expected to be released this weekend.

• March 19, 1970 - The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 61 held their regular meeting Tuesday, March 10, at city hall.

The meeting was called to order by senior patrol leader, Guy Doud. The flags were presented by the Moose patrol.

Assistant scoutmaster, Dr. John Gorton, and scoutmaster, Dr. Raymond Garland, drilled the scouts on the Morse code. Assistant scoutmaster, Wilbur Holst, worked on advancement with the new Webelos.

25 Years Ago - 1995

• March 23, 1995 - Holding the Section 6 trophy as high as they could, the Staples Motley Cardinals whooped it up Friday night after the trophy presentations and their big win over Morris. Members of the 1994-95 team headed for the state Sweet 16 tournament this week, include Cy Bestland, Jamie Nichols, Jeff Joerger, Scott Moore, Blaine Joerger, Erik Kelly, Jason Becker, Kyle Stevens, Craig Noska, Loren Brownell, Bob Hazuka, Jim Goff, Rob Opheim, Dan Otteson, Jamie Dolezal and Chris Heier.

• March 23, 1995 - Due to the Staples Motley boys basketball team playing in the state tournament, there was no school in the Staples Motley School District on Wednesday.

Students were provided with the day off, and responded by filling at least two student fan buses. The cost of the two buses was sponsored by Mid Central Federal Savings Bank.

School official decided on Monday to keep Thursday's schedule dependent on the outcome of Wednesday afternoon's game. If the Cardinals win their first game, there will be no school again on Thursday. If the Cards lose, classes will resume as normal on Thursday.

• March 23, 1995 - Staples Motley High School juniors Lori Rothstein and Nicole Farber placed first and second, respectively, in the annual Four-Way Test Essay Contest sponsored by the Staples Rotary Club. Rothstein won $100 and her essay was submitted to the next level of competitions with the possible prize of $200. Farber won $50. Other entrants included Daryn Lecy, Michele Heier and Robert Toews.

10 Years Ago - 2010

• March 25, 2010 - Dustin Smith participated in the Public Speaking CDE (career development event) March 11. Dustin's speech was on rural leadership. He finished in first place earning a gold medal in the Region 2 competition. Dustin will participate in state competition April 26 - 28.

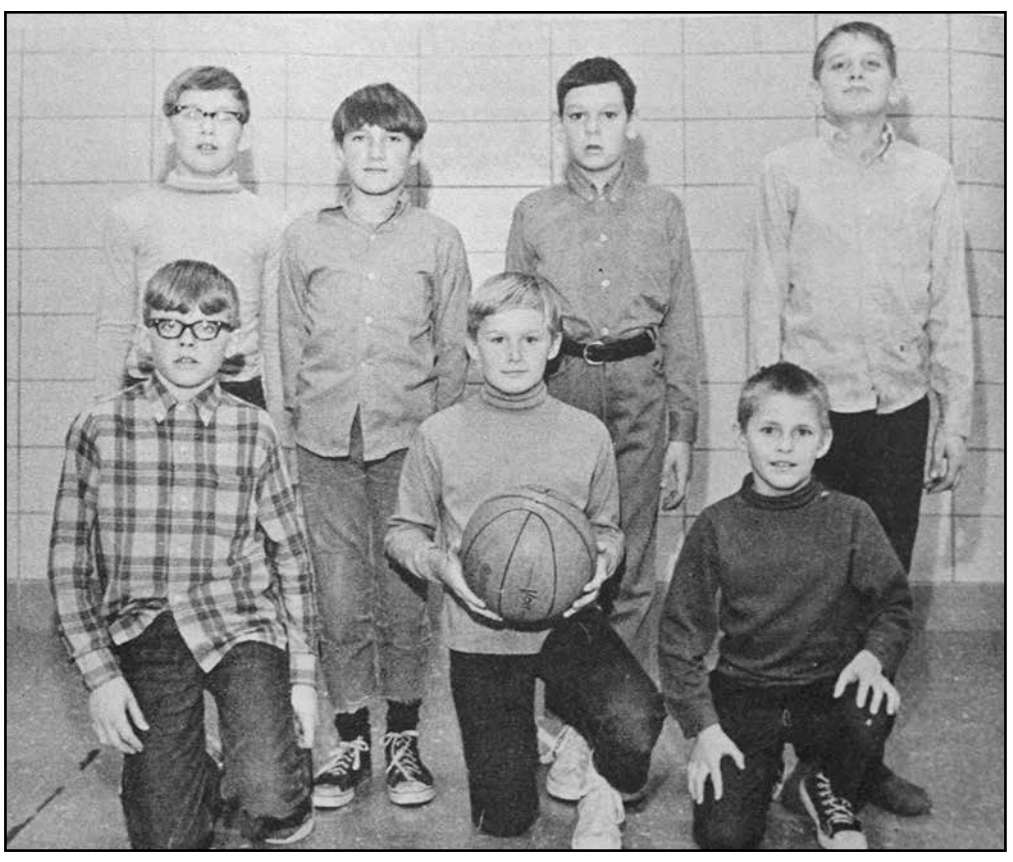
• March 25, 2010 - The Staples Area Men's Chorus has been named host choir for this year's "Big Sing" Convention. It will be held at Staples Motley High School and Cragun's Resort and Conference Center. During the convention, to be held April 16 - 18, 11 AMCA (Associated Male Choruses of America) male choruses will be participating from Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota. The Staples Area Men's Chorus is directed by Stan Carlson.

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Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our March 30, 2000 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 5, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured playoff champions of the basketball season at the Staples Elementary School for the 1969-70 season. Pictured are cagers of Coach Bruce Larson's fifth grade. Front row, from left: Bruce Grondahl, Gary Otteson, James Johnson. Back row, from left: Steve Gardner, Steve Haste, Tom Crawford and Dwaine Winter.

Lisa (Faber) Muenchow of Motley correctly guessed all in the photo. She mentioned that she was married to Steve Haste for 28 years (until his death in 2013) and knew him since she was 15 years old. "I recognized his face as soon as I started reading the paper," she said. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

HHS prevents STIs

Todd County Health and Human Services

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are infections caused by bacteria, viruses or parasites that can be spread through sexual activity. Pregnant women with STIs risk passing their infection to their unborn baby during pregnancy or childbirth.

Most Common STIs in Minnesota:

• Chlamydia is the number one reported infectious disease.

• Gonorrhea is the second most reported STI.

Risks associated with STIs:

Chlamydia is said to be the most widespread sexually transmitted disease today.

Ways to help prevent STIs:

• Abstinence
• Reduced number of sex partners
• Practice monogamy
• Use condoms

Several STIs have little to no symptoms to alert you to the fact that you're infected. If you suspect you may have an STI, get tested.

To learn more about STIs or for an appointment call Todd County Health and Human Services: 320-732-4500. HHS also coordinates with Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership: 1-877-275-6123 and holds monthly reproductive health clinics to provide affordable and accessible family planning and reproductive health services.

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Loneliness and the coronavirus

Sports are usually a good outlet whenever things start to feel overwhelming. If you don't like what's on the news, just turn to sports, they always provide entertainment and drama, but not too much drama.

Now sports are one of the fulcrums of the bad news, the NBA suspended their season after a player tested for the coronavirus. Major league baseball and pro hockey did the same a day later. The NCAA cancelled their tournaments.

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

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The sports world is conspicuous because of the nature of the business, people from different segments of the country come together for a contest. Fans from all over flock in to watch, then everyone goes back home. Sports are a great social enabler, but they are gone for the time being.

Once we realize how much people cross paths in sports, we start to compare it to other walks of life, and see that the human race is incredibly dependent on face to face interactions, going to places where people have one set of goods or services, and workers who travel from place to place. It started with sports, but now all events are suspended.

Rural areas might have a lower risk because we don't have as mobile of a population, but we have residents who travel extensively, and we are a crossroads where people travel by cars, buses and trains. All it takes is one person to cross paths with another person.

In just one day at the Staples World, we had visitors from Cushing, Motley, Staples, Sebeka and Wadena, to name a few. Visitors stop in with questions and requests all the time. Who knows where they went before and after coming here, or who they crossed paths with in the past week.

People think they can live by just their cell phone, but their food delivery comes from real people, their Lyft driver is a real person, if they need anything it has to come from real people.

Unless someone has the ability to sequester themselves for months at a time, there is a chance of getting a widespread virus.

On a personal level, the best solution may be to limit travels if possible and follow the suggestions sent out by the Todd County Department of Health and Human Services and Lakewood Health System:

• Frequently wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

• Stay home when sick.

• Cover coughs and sneezes.

• Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Don't be embarrassed to wear a face mask around town, I have been to places where many people wear face masks just as a general rule.

Health officials are telling people to stay home and stay away from others if they start exhibiting symptoms. A new concept was introduced to the public: social distancing (see page 10a).

Just the thought of being under quarantine for a virus gives us a feeling of lonliness, like there is nothing that can help us. Our health care professionals will be able to boost the health of patients through hydration and fever medication, but since there is no vaccine and the main cure is to wait it out, this seems like "me against the disease."

Studies show that we are already living in the lonliest of times, despite being connected with everyone else by technology and our reliance on goods and services. Perhaps because of our modern lifestyle, people don't develop deep relationships as much as in the past. But in a weird way, maybe the virus scare will make people realize how important our personal connections are and could help bring people together, even as we make a conscious effort to stay apart.

Letters to the Editor

Local pride

On a business trip to Spain some years ago, I was impressed by my customer's glowing review for the local bakery. He said "our bakery is the best!" When I asked why, he said "because it's our bakery!"

That sense of ownership and pride is missing too often in our country as we strive for deals at WalMart and Costco. If we believe our local suppliers and resources are "the best!", then we should patronize them, brag about them and promote our local communities.

My wife and I spend much of our summers at Lake Shamineau and for us this lake is "the best!" But this local jewel is threatened by flooding caused by excessive rainfall and congested drainage. We are losing cabins and lake residents due to high water. Other water resources in Central Minnesota are facing similar problems of high water and flooding.

Like my Spanish customer, we as proud local residents and caretakers of these natural resources need to own, manage, protect and maintain them so that we can continue to proudly proclaim them as "the best!" This is not just a local problem for people situated on the lake, there are ramifications for all of Central Minnesota. Local businesses depend on seasonal residents for sales.

We need our local governmental agencies and businesses proclaiming loudly that these natural resources are "the best!" We need to protect, enhance and improve them. Lakes and rivers have been a part of our heritage for generations. Let's not abandon them.

Dale Williams
Lake Shamineau Assoc.
Board member
St. Paul, Minn.

I speak for a stutterer, he speaks for me

We all find our own ways of connecting with candidates.

For most of the last few years, I was ambivalent about the idea of Joe Biden as a presidential candidate. I appreciated his work on women's and LGBT issues as vice president and the sense of warmth and decency he always radiated, but there didn't seem to be anything particularly special about him that I felt from some of the other candidates running.

Lately though, as Biden has continued to build his coalition and has begun to weather increased scrutiny and attacks, something changed. I began to hear implications if not outright accusations that Joe Biden was suffering from dementia because of his habit of mixing up words or seemingly forgetting certain things during speeches. This enraged me, because I knew that, like me, Biden suffers from a speech impediment.

There've been occasional articles and interviews about this, but by and large Biden's stutter has been an aspect of his of his life that most coverage has avoided. I can understand that - not only do many people not understand stuttering to be a disability (speech impediments ARE disabilities), the teasing and bullying suffered from those who have them is a source of much emotional pain that revisiting it, even for biographical reasons, can be immensely uncomfortable. But it's always there.

Biden's been in the public sphere for long enough to develop coping mechanisms to work around his stutter and sometimes they can make him seem forgetful or absent-minded. You can see that by how he avoids saying "Barack Obama", often substituting "My Boss" - clearly he's avoiding sounds that are difficult for him, much like how for me, words with a lot of S, P and T, sounds serve as a sort of verbal minefield. You can see that in how he tends to ramble. I often speak quickly to avoid stumbling over my words, and sometimes my mouth gets ahead of my brain in the process. You can also see this in how he tends to function better in more intimate settings like a town hall in comparison to a rally or debate with several other participants. Even for an extrovert, being able to connect to one person at a time brings much different energy than having to listen and react to a number of other people as well as an audience.

Clearly, Joe Biden is getting older. But that's no reason to conflate a verbal disability with a mental disorder. Maybe - just maybe - having a presidential candidate with a speech impediment will inspire more dialogue about what that means and how it is treated in day to day life. Maybe people who don't have them will take the time to listen and learn. That's how we grow as humans, through empathy, understanding and dialogue, even if one person has difficulty getting the words out.

Kevin Klawitter
Staples, Minn.

Over assessed

I never thought I'd see the day when I would open my house's new tax evaluation statement and think "Wow! Chad Schwendeman couldn't even sell my house for that much!". I've owned three different houses over the past 30-plus years and however the tax evaluation works it has always been way less than what the house could actually sell for. Apparently those days are over.

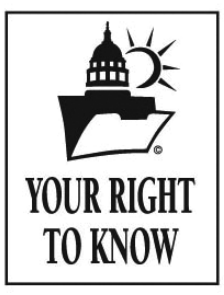
I guess I should be happy that they think my house has increased in value by $48,400 in the last three years, but unfortunately to me it just looks about one year older with each passing year.

As usual I won't go to the meeting to complain because that's about as futile as a mosquito trying to stop an incoming atomic bomb. However, I'm tempted to go because I've never seen a real live alien ... and whoever comes up with these numbers is obviously from another planet.

Gene Johnson
Motley, Minn

Sunshine Week 2020
It's always your right to know

By Jim Zachary, CNHI
Deputy National Editor



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Journalists keep an eye on government, shine the light on its actions, fight the good fight for access to documents and meetings, champion transparency and defend the First Amendment because of a core belief in your basic, fundamental rights, principally, your right to know.

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Poston: it's time for tax relief

State Rep. John Poston,
Dist. 9A

House Republicans held a press conference recently calling for significant tax cuts for Minnesota families using the state's $1.5 billion budget surplus. Senate Republicans announced their "Get Your Billion Back" tax plan earlier this year, while House Democrats and Gov. Walz have remained silent on whether they will put forward a tax cut bill this session.

"The 1.5 billion surplus is almost $200 million more than what was initially projected back in early December and is further proof that the economy continues to do well as the state takes in tax revenue at higher levels than expected," said Representative John Poston, R-Lake Shore. "This surplus ultimately belongs to the people and I will continue to advocate for returning the surplus to hardworking Minnesotans through tax relief."

The House Republican proposal is comprised of five bills including:

Eliminating state taxes on social security benefits. House Republicans successfully pushed to eliminate social security taxes for 250,000 plus, Minnesotans in 2017, this provision would finish that effort and eliminate social security taxes entirely.

Childcare tax credit. Republicans are seeking to help families dealing with childcare expenses by increasing the income threshold for the dependent care credit from the current cap of $52,160 to $75,000 making thousands more families eligible for assistance paying childcare bills.

Doubling the student loan tax credit. Rep. Greg Davids helped create the first-ever student loan tax credit of up to $500 for college graduates making payments on their loans. The House GOP proposal would double that credit to $1,000.

Tax fairness for farmers and Main Street businesses. Last session's failure to enact full Section 179 conformity is causing massive unexpected tax bills for farmers and businesses. House Republicans are proposing to fully conform and make it retroactive so farmers and businesses are not stuck with tax bills many simply cannot afford.

Property tax relief. By putting an additional $50 million into school equalization aid, this would effectively result in a property tax cut for Minnesota homeowners by reducing reliance on local property tax revenue.

Increasing the personal exemption. Every Minnesotan would benefit from an approximately $1,300 increase to the personal exemption.

In total, Republicans are putting forward approximately $1 billion in tax relief.

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Square dance graduation celebration

On Feb. 13, Wadena Whirlaways celebrated the addition of nine new members to our square dance community during their regular dance at the Wadena VFW. Since last September, these students have been meeting at Staples Elementary School once a week to dance with experienced dancers. During these 18 weeks they have shared a lot of laughter and fun while learning and practicing the 68 mainstream square dance calls. Pictured, from left, are Pat and Larry Johansen (caller/instructor); Kathy and Tom Bisek, Motley; Rosie Muldowney, Brainerd; Linda Brotherton (lesson coordinator); Linda Bartylla, Motley; Jeff and Janice Barron, Staples; and Lisa Toepper, Staples. Graduates Ron and Mary Murray were not able to attend the graduation dance. "We would love to share the fun with many more community members when we begin our next lesson series next autumn," said Brotherton. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

March

Per the Minnesota State High School League, all Speech, Baseball, Softball, Track and Field and Trap practices between March 16 and March 29 are cancelled. All contests, scrimmages, events with other schools between now and April 5 are cancelled. Visit the link:

Minnesota State High School League Spring Activity Participation Limitations March 15, 2020 11:45 am

All meetings, Community Ed classes/practices, rehearsals and Booster Club practices scheduled at the Early Education Center (Motley), Elementary School and Middle/High School between March 16 and March 29 have been cancelled until further notice.

Student Achievements

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities recently announced its 2019 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Jacob Johnson, Pillager
- Madeleine Schuld, Pillager
- Katherine Benson, Staples
- Molly Lindgren, Staples.

Minnesota State University Mankato recently announced its 2019 Fall Semester High Honor and Honor Lists (Dean's List). To qualify for the High Honor List, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average; and to qualify for the Honors List, students must achieve a 3.5 - 3.99 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Jessica Klima, Pillager, Honor List
- Julia Fink, Staples, Honor List
- Ryan Gerard, Staples, Honor List
- Brooke Jackson, Staples, Honor List
- Kaitlin Spar, Staples, Honor List.



Five generations

On 96-year-young Jeanette Olsen's bucket list for 2020 is visiting her four new great-great-grandchildren. The five-generation photo above was taken recently in Houston, Texas, at the first birthday party of Cora Little, Jeanette's great-great-granddaughter. Pictured, from left, are birthday girl, Cora; her mom, Alexandra Little; grandmother, Jennifer Koll of Houston; great-grandmother, Cheryl Koll, Motley; and great-great-grandmother Jeanette Olsen, Staples. The next bucket list trips for Jeanette are to Rice, Minnetonka, and LaCrosse, Wisc., to meet three more new babies. (Submitted photo)

Veterans News

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The St. Cloud VA Health Care System is paying special attention to Veteran health due to the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) outbreak and escalation.

Veterans with fever, cough or flu-like symptoms are being asked to call ahead before visiting or consider using VA's telehealth and virtual care options like VA Video Connect or VA Health Chat. VA's telehealth providers can evaluate their symptoms and provide comprehensive care. Veterans can contact the St. Cloud VA at 320-252-1670 and select Option 2, or, if after-hours, select Option 3.

On March 10, the St. Cloud VA Medical Center started minimizing the number of entry points at buildings on its campus to control access and conduct a screening process. VA clinics in Brainerd, Montevideo and Alexandria are also implementing the same screening process.

The screening consists of three questions:

1. Do you have a fever? Do you have a worsening cough or flu-like symptoms?
2. Have you traveled to China, Japan, Italy, Iran or South Korea in the last 14 days?
3. Have you been in close contact with someone, including health care workers, confirmed to have the coronavirus disease?

A process is in place to report and track Veterans and staff who screen positively for COVID-19. Those individuals will also be taken through a protocol that helps them and protects others.

Operating hours are unchanged. Routine operating hours for most services are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., closed weekends and federal holidays. The Urgent Care Clinic is available in Bldg. 1 (Main Entrance) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 365 days a year.

Designated entry points. All outpatient Veterans, visitors, volunteers and vendors can enter and be screened at the following locations:

- Bldg. 1 Main Entrance, open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends
- Bldg. 116 Rehabilitation Center, open 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.- Fri.
- Bldg. 111 Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. After 4:30 p.m. and weekends by appointment only. Veterans enrolled in the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MH RRTP) may use the entrance from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days a week.
- Bldg. 48/49 Entrance Pavilion, open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week.

All other entryways at the facility are not available for use.

Visitation Restrictions. Visitor access to the Community Living Center (CLC) and MH RRTP will be greatly limited. Visitors can anticipate additional screening each time they enter. The goal is to approve access to individuals with no fever and no symptoms or exposure. Visitors who screen positive will not be granted access. Visitors providing support to a Veteran in hospice will be provided access on a case-by-case basis.

ADHC & Chapel Services. The Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program is suspended and regularly scheduled Chapel services will switch to broadcast service only in order to meet the spiritual needs of Veterans.

"Preparation and screening are prudent courses of action and we are taking steps to ensure our Veterans, staff, volunteers, visitors and others coming to our campus are screened," said St. Cloud VA HCS Director Dr. Brent Thelen. "While screening is an inconvenience, we are still taking care of Veterans and those with appointments should plan to come unless they have respiratory symptoms. Those individuals are asked to call ahead. This pre-screening of individuals entering the campus is to ensure everyone stays healthy. We strongly encourage Veterans who have symptoms to contact their primary care provider if they feel they may have a viral illness," Dr. Thelen added.

Everyone can take precautions to prevent the potential spread of this disease:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have questions. Contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

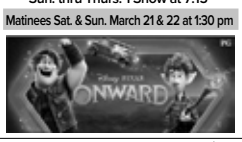
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"Everything we do before a pandemic will seem alarmist. Everything we do after will seem inadequate."
- Michael Leavitt, former HHS Secretary under President George W. Bush


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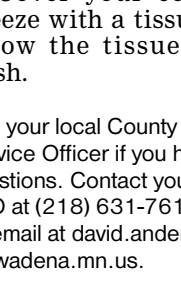
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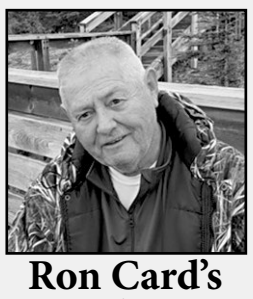

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Over the past twenty or so years, millions of apps have been developed that offer smartphone users tools for functioning in today's world. They can even be helpful for people suffering hearing loss. For instance, there are several apps that recreate the "Text Relay" service used by landlines, by turning the caller's speech into readable text. Some apps even use the microphone on a smartphone to translate speech to text for in-person conversations. Forgot to put your hearing aids in this morning? There are apps that amplify sound through headphones that can get you through the day. Most of these apps are free or available for a small fee, and all can be found in your phone's app store.
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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Sammi and Lewy Becker of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Roxy Jo weighing six pounds, five ounces on March 6, 2020.

Born to Seanay and Benjamin Berghuis of Motley, a baby boy, Abraham James weighing six pounds, six ounces on March 9, 2020.

Born to Katie Hopp and Nate Braith of Sebeka, a baby boy, Wyatt Steven weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 9, 2020.

Born to Miriam and William Decock of Wadena, a baby boy, John Anthony weighing five pounds, 12 ounces on March 10, 2020.

Born to Becky and Zach Broom of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Nora Lynn weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on March 10, 2020.

Born to Haley and Derek Wiese of Bertha, a baby girl, Harper Lynn weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on March 11, 2020.

Born to Connie Schwartz and Luis Duarte of Wadena, a baby girl, Avery LaMern weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on March 12, 2020.

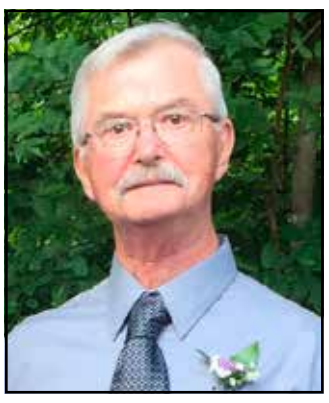
Born to Mecayla Holmquist of Browerville, a baby girl, Lyra Phae weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on March 13, 2020.

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Born to Alex McPherson of Staples and Vince Daily of Sebeka a baby girl, Heather Rose Dailey weighing three pounds, two ounces on February 20, 2020 at St. Cloud Hospital. Grandparents are Jack and Kim Dailey, Sebeka, the late Heather Rose McPherson; great-grandparents are Ron and Nancy Walz, Wadena, John McPherson and Crystal Imre, Big Lake; great-great-grandmother is Joanne Walz, Sebeka.

Obituaries

Donald Jambor



Donald Jambor, 74, of Browerville passed away surrounded by his family on March 14, 2020.

Funeral services will be held Sat., March 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, at Iten Funeral Home in Browerville and one hour prior to the service at the church March 21.

Burial will be held at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, Moran Township.

Don was born February 19, 1946, in St. Paul, in Ramsey County to Valentine and Florence (Motl) Jambor. He grew up in St. Paul with his family. Early in life it was evident that he had a sense of humor and enjoyed playing practical jokes on friends and family. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1964 and pursued a career as a professional painter. He was a proud member of Painters Union 61 in St. Paul for over 30 years until his retirement in 2004.

Don was united in marriage to Kathleen Anderson on March 6, 1981. He was a devoted family man who enjoyed raising their son, Mike and Kathy's children, Deb and Paul. He enjoyed family camping trips, later built a cabin near Hinckley, fishing, hunting and anything outdoors. He was a selfless family man who cared for Kathy until she lost her battle with cancer in 1994.

On March 28, 1997, Don marriaged Dianna Bench in Guthrie, Oklahoma. After living in Oklahoma for a short time Don, Dianna and Mike moved back to St. Paul. Upon retirement, Don and Dianna purchased part of the family farm near Browerville where they built their retirement house. He truly enjoyed living in the country and staying busy with projects around the property, painting and watching for deer and turkeys.

Don was proud of his children, loved spending time with them and their families. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed day trips/adventures with Dianna, sight-seeing around the state in his attempt to find a good fish sandwich.

He is survived by his wife Dianna; children Michael (Melissa) Jambor, Debra (Tim) Minnick, Paul (Jodi) Gilbert and Edward Bench; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Chivers; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Don is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Janice; wife, Kathy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lakewood Health Health System-Hospice in Staples, or the American Lung Association are preferred.

Arrangements with the Iten Funeral Home - itenfuneralhome.com

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Marjorie Thrasher

Marjorie Darlene (Homan) Thrasher, 86, of Staples, formerly of Park Rapids, passed away at Lakewood Pines Assisted Living on March 5, 2020.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Garden of Memories in Iowa.

Marjorie was born July 6, 1933 to David and Jesse (Benesmiller) Homan in Keswick County, IO. She attended country schools and worked on the family farm. She married and had two children. The family lived in Waterloo, Denver, CO and Park Rapids. She was a stay at home mother until her children were school age. She worked as a seamstress at a garment factory for 18 years. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, canning, crafts and was referred to as "pioneer mom" by her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Vicki (John) Lyons of Backus and Noreen (Bill) Bradfield of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Maxine (Homan) Lemley and three brothers, Edward, Dale and Richard.

The family requests memorials be made to Tri-County Hospital Home Health Care Hospice, 415 Jefferson St. N, Wadena, MN 56482 w12p A00006B2020MA18

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program)....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

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

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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

Leaf River Township

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship .....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery .....6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal ..... 6:30 p.m ...Groups

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

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

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

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

"Cast out Fear"

Charles E. Mallory, Associate Pastor; Motley Free Methodist Church

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said during his 1933 inaugural address, *"…the only thing we have to fear is fear itself!"* He went on to say that we should not fear unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts "to convert retreat into advance."

Yes, we now have a pandemic with the Coronavirus. We have cause for concern, but must we really live in fear? The basic emotion of fear can be good as it guides our "fight or flight" response to stay safe. Fear heightens our sense of awareness to get prepared and to remain vigilant.

But, fear, if allowed, can be dangerous. The negative side to fear is when it holds us back from doing what is right which can lead to panic, clouded thinking and mayhem.

1 John 4:18 says that ***"There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out all fear…."*** God is love. God's love is perfect and unconditional. The closer we are to God and His love, the less power fear can have over us because we are basking in God's continual presence, strength, comfort and guidance.

This love is more than a head-knowledge of "yes, I know God loves me." It is living out this belief by seeking after God intimately in order to dwell deeply within this love.

We must be actively pursuing God through a personal, intimate and obedient relationship with Him. We must be intentional and guard against being sporadic in our pursuit.

There are many things happening in the world today that can be frightening. May we combat all fear, to prevent our own paralysis, by heeding the words of James 4:8, ***"Come near to God and He will come near to you."*** Purposely draw near to God and rest in His love and peace.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to $250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN
218-894-3794

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value
"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Student Achievements

Sawyer Kallroos Pillager, was recently named to the 2019 Fall Semester Dean's List at Northwest Technical College. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average during the semester.

The Central Lakes College Foundation recently announced that more than 425 scholarship awards were made for spring semester, totaling more than $178,206. Local students receiving scholarships include:

- From Staples: Claire Japke, Jabin Mallory, Abigail Willgohs, Rebecca Daly, James Barrett, Brittney Lisson, Tyler Davidson, Jacob O'Rourke and Hope Ratajczak.

Bemidji State University recently announced its Fall 2019 President's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- MacKenzie Zetah, Motley
- Gregory Gentry, Pillager
- Elizabeth Brown, Staples
- Claire Wolhowe, Staples.

Bemidji State University recently announced its Fall 2019 Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Lisa Kossan, Motley
- Kelsie Weite, Motley
- Jordan Hines, Pillager
- Vanessa Peterson, Pillager
- Haley Christoffersen, Staples
- Kyle Huepenbecker, Staples.

Aylin Ornelas, Motley, recently graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Apparel, Retail Merchandising and Design.

Simon Unger, Pillager, recently graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.



Dave Bartylla

March 9, 1950 - March 11, 2018

I miss my hunting partner, our special occasions together, our Sportsmans Banquet where you were the emcee, Monday morning coffee at Lefty's with friends, family gatherings and yearly tractor shows.

Missed and loved by your wife, Linda

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Care Center

March Birthdays at Lakewood Health System Care Center include:

Verie Zillmer, March 18; Lillian Rollins, March 28; Betty Jo Nichols, March 29.

NOTE: Lakewood Health System Care Center is currently closed to visitors and non-essential personnel.

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.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 12, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $122,550.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Meyer, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 13, 2017 as Document Number 503546 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded on December 17, 2019 as Document Number A517474 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 S1/2 NW1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Thirty-one (131) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the Fifth P.M., according to the United States Government Survey thereof, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 35614 205TH AVE, CLARISSA, MN 56440

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $121,773.47

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 07-0027201

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100032412170200270

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 16, 2020 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 16, 2021.

THE TIME ALLOWED

See **PUBLIC** notices on page 8a

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 10th, 2020 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due
01-0000700 Phillip L Arent 50498 Thorn Apple Rd Aldrich MN 56434	Sect 1 TWP 133 Rang 34 S2 SW4 80.00 Acres	$ 2,609.80
01-0007900 Timothy C Jasmer 17206 490Th St Verndale MN 56481 Charles M Jasmer 50667 County 77 Verndale MN 56481	Sect 8 TWP 133 Rang 34 S2 SW4 80.00 Acres	$ 2,216.96
01-0011002 Sean Habiger 49206 County Road 11 Aldrich MN 56434	THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 133 NORTH, RANGE 34 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINS 11 SEC WEST, ASSUMED BEARING ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 208.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND TO BE DESCRIBED: THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 34 MIN 11 SEC WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 716.65 FEET TO POINT 1730.00 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MIN 49 SEC EAST 840.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MIN 11 SEC EAST 734.75 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE BEING PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼ SW ¼) OF SECTION 11 AND PASSING THROUGH THE POINT OF BEGINNG; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MIN 10 SEC WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼ SW ¼), 840.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.	$ 613.95
07-0039500 Lucky D.W. Moore 500 Warner Rd NE Apt 106 Staples MN 56479	ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼ NE ¼), SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 131 NORTH, RANGE 34 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼ NE ¼) OF SAID SECTION 34, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼ NE ¼) A DISTANCE OF 68 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE 466.69 FEET SOUTH; THENCE 466.69 FEET EAST; THENCE 466.69 FEET NORTH, THENCE46.69 FEET WEST BACK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.	$ 48.82
08-0052700 Daniel & Jane Rode 1101 5Th Street N Cannon Falls MN 55009 Nicole M Philippi 2310 40Th Ave S St. Cloud MN 56301 Linda Lutz 11020 Girard Curve Bloomington MN 55431 Robert E Lutz & Mary Jo Lutz Address unknown Phyllis J Aalbers 4226 Cheyenne St Cheyenne, WY 82001-1923 Sylvan Shores 40302 Paradise Dr Browerville MN 56438	LOT-2 BLK-8 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1	$ 139.23
08-0085400 Jack A Schirmer 865 Page Pl Newport News VA 23608	LOT-7 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 138.54
08-0086900 Sandra L Garrity 110 Goldfinch Lane Clearwater MN 55320	LOT-22 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 138.54
08-0087200 Aaron Corrick 18080 235Th Ave NW Big Lake MN 55309	LOT-25 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 138.54
08-0087300 Aaron Corrick 18080 235Th Ave NW Big Lake MN 55309	LOT-26 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 138.54
08-0088300 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwauke OR 97267	LOT-36 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 126.33
08-0088800 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwauke OR 97267	LOT-41 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 112.55
08-0101000 M N & N General Contracting 15720 SE Orville Ave Milwauke OR 97267	LOT-46 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 128.30
08-0119500 William & Frances Pribbenow 67349 360Th St Watkins MN 55389	LOT-39 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS	$ 135.08
08-0133000 Stacy Ann Eckel 15458 CO RD 82 Eagle Bend MN 56446	LOT-18 BLK-4 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	$ 135.08
08-0141700 Chad Schwartz 3006 Thomas Ave North Minneapolis MN 55411	LOT-36 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	$ 135.08
08-0143900 Nicole M Philippi 2310 40Th Ave S St. Cloud MN 56301 Pavel Matveyev 14501 Se Laurie Ave Milwauke OR 97267 Carl LaRue 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge OH 43725 Sylvan Shores 40302 Paradise Dr Browerville MN 56438	LOT-58 BLK-6 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS	$ 116.55
08-0167100 Stephanie L Olson 2208 26-1/2 Ave S Fargo ND 58103	LOT-2 BLK-11 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH	$ 132.63
09-0011202 John M & Joann M Miller 19 3RD Ave N Waite Park MN 56387	SECT-15 TWP-132 RANG-34 BEG AT SE COR OF SW4 SW4, W 45 FT, N 819.47 FT, E 50 FT TO E LINE, S TO BEG	$ 132.64
12-0031600 Robert A Drong, David D Drong & Daniel L Drong 25965 290TH St Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-27 TWP-130 RANG-33 N2 NW4 EX S2 S2 N2 NW4	$ 3,905.83
18-0003802 Efren Suarez Ramos & Rocio Ruiz Gomez 630 2ND Ave NE Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-05 TWP-129 RANG-33 SE4 NW4 LYING E'ERLY OF CENTERLINE OF HWY #71 EX HWY R.O.W.	$ 1,678.44
18-0013700 Bradley J & Denise M Schmidt 25575 250TH ST Long Prairie MN 56347 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation 8200 Jones Branch Drive Mclean VA 22102	THE W ½ NW ¼ OF SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 129 N, RANGE 33 W OF THE 5TH PM, EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT 920 FEET EAST OF NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW ¼ NW ¼ SECTION 15, TWP 129 N , RANGE 33, THENCE EAST 400 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 272.25 FEET, THENCE WEST 400 FEET, THENCE NORTH 272.25 FEET TO POINT OF BEG	$ 7,202.00
19-0081700 Donald L & Norma J Mickelson 233 11TH Ave N South St. Paul MN 55075	LOT-2 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS	$ 109.23
19-0107700 Glenn & Mae A Rollins 15698 County Road 49 Cold Spring MN 56320	LOT-1 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	$ 120.89
19-0111500 Christopher & Leah Ganoe 1829 Eastern Star Loop Sauk Rapids MN 56379	LOT-39 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES	$ 133.26
19-0133300 Bryan W & Janet Steppe 3460 N Key Dr #109E North Fort Myers FL 33903	LOT-40 BLK-3 TIMBER RIDGE	$ 112.15
21-0007702 Verneal & Pauline Goertz	SECT-06 TWP-128 RANG-33 ALL THAT PORTION OF BURLINGTON NORTHERN RR CO 100 FT ROW OVER AND ACROSS SW4 SE4 EXC THE N 260 FT	$ 374.16
22-0026700 Dwaine L Winter JR & Cheryl R Carlson 23735 464TH ST Staples MN 56479 Wayne H Hansen	SECT-29 TWP-133 RANG-33 NE4 SE4 & THAT PT OF THE NW4 SE4 DESC AS; BEG AT POINT 35 RODS (577.5 FT) E OF NW CORN OF NW4 SE4, E 45 RODS (742.5 FT) TO NE CORN OF NW4 SE4, S TO THE SE CORN OF NW4 SE4, W 20 RODS (330 FT), NW'RLY TO THE POINT OF BEG	$ 2,910.09
25-0038600 Keith Barry C/O Korina Barry 610 E 47TH Street Minneapolis MN 55411	PLAN OF PHILBROOK 33 & 34-133-32 OUTLOT 3 EX COMM AT NE COR OF BLK 1 OF PHILBROOK & 60 FT NE DISTANT THEREFROM, THENCE NE-RLY & ON AN EXTENSION LINE WITH THE W SIDE OF LONG STREET TO THE HIGH BANK OF FISH TRAP CREEK, THENCE WNSTREAM TO THE S LINE OF OUTLOT 2, W ALONG S LINE TO SW COR OF OUTLOT 2, SE-RLY ALONG E-RLY LINE OF 6TH STREET TO PLACE TO BEG	$ 1,304.14
25-0039200 Keith Barry C/O Korina Barry 610 E 47TH Street Minneapolis MN 55411	PLAN OF PHILBROOK LOTS 1,2,3,6,7 & 8 BLK 3	$ 4,299.31
28-0019300 Gary Hommerding 35938 145th Ave Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT 23 TWP 131 RANG 35 BEG AT NW COR NW4 NW4, S 398.19 FT, E 615.90 FT, N 376.84 FT, W 617.36 TO PT OF BEG	$ 4,522.28
29-0003201 Marlowson Real Estate & Investments 2340 119Th Circle NE Blaine MN 55434	SECT-11 TWP-132 RANG-35 COMM AT NW COR OF NW4 SW4 S 596.92 FT TO PT OF BEG THENCE S 466.18 FT E 277.22 FT N 144.39 FT W 3.24 FT N 324.43 FT W 282.95 FT TO BEG	$ 30,571.02
29-0025100 Leo Haisman 303 1ST Street SE Bertha MN 56437	STRASBURG'S ADDITION LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2 EX W 80 FT	$ 2,957.61
31-0006700 Tammy Aguilar 17848 County 10 Long Prairie MN 56347	LOT-5 BLK-3 TOWNSITE OF HANSEN (BURTRUM)	$ 3,545.38
32-0019700 Dean A & Laurie MN Wysocki 503 John ST N Clarissa MN 56440	NUTTING'S ADDITION TO CLARISSA S2 OF 6 & ALL LOT 7 BLK 7	$ 3,227.86
33-0000200 Lawrence B Hansen Po Box 427 435 Clark St W Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-11 TWP-131 RANG-35 BEG 44 RD N & 205 FT W OF SE COR OF SEC 11 THENCE N 147 FT W 105 FT S 147 FT E 105 FT TO BEG	$ 11,404.15
33-0004100 Keith Gabler 16207 County 84 Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-13 TWP-131 RANG-35 E 7.66 CH OF NW4 NE4 N OF RY EX N 4.25 CH	$ 948.00
33-0033200 Melvin W Plemel 1613 County Road 22 NW Alexandria MN 56308-4960	SARFF'S CENTRAL ADDITION S 84 FT OF LOT 1 BLK 2	$ 2,619.47
33-0038600 Keith Gabler 16207 County 84 Eagle Bend MN 56446	LOT-1 BLK-1 EAGLE BEND RAILROAD ADD	$ 4,245.69
34-0001900 David J & Mary Tschida 35592 County Road 185 Sauk Centre MN 56378	LOT-1 AUD SUBD SE4 NE4 & GOVT LOT 4 W 64 FT OF E 297 FT OF S 50 FT	$ 7,613.39
34-0009300 David J & Mary Tschida 35592 County Road 185 Sauk Centre MN 56378	LOT-9 BLK-1 TOWNSITE OF GREY EAGLE	$ 2,328.35
34-0022000 Jerome K & Karen J Baxter Po Box 122 Grey Eagle MN 56336 First State Bank of Swanville PO Box 128 Swanville MN 56382	LOT-9 BLK-1 MCNAMARA'S ADDITION…	$ 5,383.89
Floyd Snelling 318 Main Street North Hewitt MN 56453		
35-0011700 Kevin B & Carisa C Haviland 13895 Mobile Home Dr Wadena MN 56482	TOWNSITE OF HEWITT E2 OF S 20 FT OF 10 & E2 OF 11 & 12 BLK 4	$ 3,004.16
36-0032300 Gerald & Cheryl Braastad 20459 County 101 Long Prairie MN 56347	LOT-10 BLK-2 TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION	$ 9,270.34
36-0033300 Bjerga Feed Stores Inc Po Box 296 Motley MN 56446	TWEED'S SECOND ADDITION S 115 FT OF LOTS 9 & 10 BLK 3	$ 4,899.11
38-0018600 Ronald D Lade	Staples Mill N2 of Lot 4 Blk 16	$ 3,356.35
38-0043100 Michelle & Stewart Weekley 216 Wisconsin Ave SE Staples MN 56479	LOT-11 BLK-9 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION	$ 1,942.14
38-0060900 Darwin K Anderson 805 2ND AVE NE Staples MN 56479	LOT-11 BLK-10 SEARLES FIRST ADDITION TO STAPLES	$ 4,021.37
38-0062000 David L Lanhart 3720 State 371 Pine River MN 56474 Charity Crusno 811 US 10 E Staples MN 56479	LOT-10 BLK 11 SEARLES FIRST ADDITION TO STAPLES	$ 9,155.28
38-0111626 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 7 TO 9 BLK 2	$ 619.39
38-0111632 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 1 TO 10 BLK 6	$ 3,156.69
38-0111633 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 1 TO 6 BLK 7	$ 4,324.94
38-0111634 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 7 TO 12 BLK 7	$ 1,761.33
38-0111635 Michael D Stevens c/o Chuck Stevens 520 9th St NW Perham MN 56573	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES LOTS 9 TO 12 BLK 8	$ 2,535.47

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or **July 10th, 2020** whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31st, 2020. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid *on or after* April 1, 2020.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of March, 2020.

Denise Gaida

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Becky Jager,

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE 526 INCREASE AGE TO PURCHASE AND SELL TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICES

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN:

ARTICLE III. - SALE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICES

Sec. 20-62. - Basis for denial of license.

(a) The following shall be grounds for denying the issuance or renewal of a license under this section:

(1) The applicant is under the age of 21 years;

Sec. 20-63. - Prohibited sales.

It shall be a violation of this section for any person to sell or offer to sell any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product:

(2) To any person under the age of 21 years;

(3) By means of any type of vending machine, unless persons under the age of 21 are at all times prohibited from entering the licensed establishment;

Sec. 20-67. - Compliance checks and inspections.

All licensed premises shall be open to inspection by the city police department or other authorized city or county officials during regular business hours. From time to time, but at least once per year, the city or county shall conduct compliance checks by engaging, with the written consent of their parents or guardians, persons over the age of 15 years but less than 21 years, to enter the licensed premises to attempt to purchase tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products.

Sec. 20-68. - Other illegal acts.

Unless otherwise provided, the following acts shall be a violation of this article:

(1) *Illegal sales*. It shall be a violation of this section for any person to sell or otherwise provide any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product to any person under the age of 21.

(2) *Illegal possession*. It shall be a violation of this section for any person under the age of 21 to have in his or her possession any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product. This subdivision shall not apply to persons lawfully involved in a compliance check.

(3) *Illegal use*. It shall be a violation of this section for any person under the age of 21 to smoke, chew, sniff, or otherwise use any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product.

(4) *Illegal procurement*. It shall be a violation of this section for any person under the age of 21 to purchase or attempt to purchase or otherwise obtain any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, and nicotine or lobelia delivery product and it shall be a violation of this section for any person to purchase or otherwise obtain such items on behalf of another. It shall further be a violation for any person to coerce or attempt to coerce a person under the age of 21 to illegally purchase or otherwise obtain or use any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product. This subdivision shall not apply to persons lawfully involved in a compliance check.

(5) *Use of false identification*. It shall be a violation of this section for anyone to attempt to disguise their true age by the use of a false form of identification, whether the identification is that of another person or one on which the age of the person has been modified or tampered with to represent an age older than the actual age of the person.

(6) *Minor employee*. It shall be a violation of this section for any person under the age of 21 years to sell tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product without direct supervision by a licensee's employee who is 21 years or older.

This Ordinance is effective this 10th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:
Diane Archer, City Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS Friday, April 3, 2020 10:00 a.m. Todd County Commissioner board room, Historical Courthouse 215 1st Avenue So., Long Prairie, MN 56347 New forfeited parcels and repriced parcels will be on auction.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2020, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/ Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So,, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: 320-732-4469, or online at: www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_lands

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY 2020 BITUMINOUS PROJECTS Closing date: March 31, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 31, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-601-022
SAP 077-603-009
SAP 077-611-033
SAP 077-614-018
SAP 077-632-006
SAP 077-593-001
SAP 077-598-028
CP 77-20-01

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

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 Phone 320-732-4420 Fax 320-732-4803 Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the commissioners meeting room, **Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave South, Long Prairie, MN.**

Agenda

•Call to Order.

•Introduction of Planning Commission Members.

•Approval of the March 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Justin Olson - CUP: Part of Section 29, Township 127, Range 34 in Kandota Township

Site Address: 10203 183rd Ave. PID: 14-0030600

10205 183rd Ave

1) Conditional Use Permit request for an auto body repair shop/car dealership.

2. Bruce and Deborah Kociemba; "Kociemba Point" Preliminary Plat: Part of Lots 1 and 3 of Section 26 Township 127 Range 33 in Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 10450 Alum Trail. PID: 03-0024600

1) Plat 4.47 acres of Shoreland-RD zoning into 2 residential lots of Lakeshore.

3. Punctuation Changes to Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Minor corrections to Sections 7.07C, 8.04C, 9.10D, and 9.16A for punctuation errors.

4. Change to Section 6.03B of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) References to Section 7.13 which does not exist, needs to change to Section 7.15 Subdivision/Plat Provisions.

5. Change to Section 6.03D of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Include road frontage requirements for Duplex Non-riparian lots.

6. Change to Section 6.04B of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Discrepancy of multiple homes/guest cottages in Shoreland zoning

7. Change to Section 6.04C of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Addition to commercial uses to include Wedding/Event Centers

8. Change to Section 9.04B of Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance

1) Adjustments in wording and allowable number of railroad cars, cargo containers, and semi-trailers of storage units.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-20-195

ESTATE OF
Betty Mae Hansen, formerly known as Betty Mae Gilbert, Betty M. Gilbert, and Betty Gilbert, also known as Betty M. Hansen and Betty Hansen,
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 11, 1980 pursuant to Min. Stat. § 524.2-513. The Registrar accepted the Application and appointed Nancy J. Sunder, whose address is 9139 Colfax Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420, to serve as the Personal Representative of the Decedent's Estate.

Any heir or other interested persons 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 30 days from the date of issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is also 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 Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: March 2, 2020

Antoinette Wetzel
District Court Judge

Rhonda Bot,
Deputy Court Administrator

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Daniel J. Steinhagen,
ID #178469
STEINHAGEN & CRIST, P.L.L.P.
5001 Chowen Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55410
(612) 922-2260
Fax: (612) 922-2996
dsteinhagen@steinhagen-crist.com

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 77-PR-19-1044

Estate of Frank Victor Jares, Sr. 419 3rd St. SE Staples, MN 56479 Decedent.

ORDER OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (INTESTATE)

The Application for the Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, signed by Cheryl Irene Hahn, came before the Judge on November 19, 2019. The Judge, having considered the Application, determines the following:

1. The Application is complete.

2. The Applicant has declared or affirmed that the representation contained in the Application are true and complete to the best of Applicant's knowledge and belief.

3. The Applicant appears from the Application to be an interested person as defined by Minnesota law.

4. On the basis of the statements in the Application, venue in this County is proper.

5. The Application indicates that the Applicant has conducted a reasonably diligent search, and is unaware of any unrevoked testamentary instrument. The requested appointment does not relate to any will.

6. Any notice required by Minnesota law has been given.

7. Decedent died on August 24, 2019 and at least 120 hours, but not more than 3 years (except as permitted in Minnesota Statutes Section 524.3-108) have elapsed since the Decedent's death.

8. From the statements in the Application, the person appointed below has priority and is entitled to be appointed personal representative, and is not disqualified to serve as personal representative.

9. The Application indicates that there is no personal representative appointed in this or another county of Minnesota whose appointment has not been terminated.

10. Decedent's heirs are as identified in the Application.

11. All persons identified as heirs under Minnesota law have survived the Decedent by at least 120 hours.

12. Decedent left no surviving spouse.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Application is granted.

2. Cheryl Irene Hahn is informally appointed as the personal representative of the Decedent's Estate, with $0.00 bond.

3. Upon filing any required bond and statement of acceptance and oath, letters of general administration will be issued.

Dated: November 15, 2019

District Court Judge

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Closing date: April 7, 2020

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor-Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

S.P. 077-070-012
6-Inch Ground-In Wet Reflective Multi-Component Edge Lines Various County Roadways (38.276 miles)

S.P. 077-070-013
6-Inch Solid Latex Edge Line Pavement Markings Various County Roadways (177.00 miles)

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Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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Public Notices

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

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

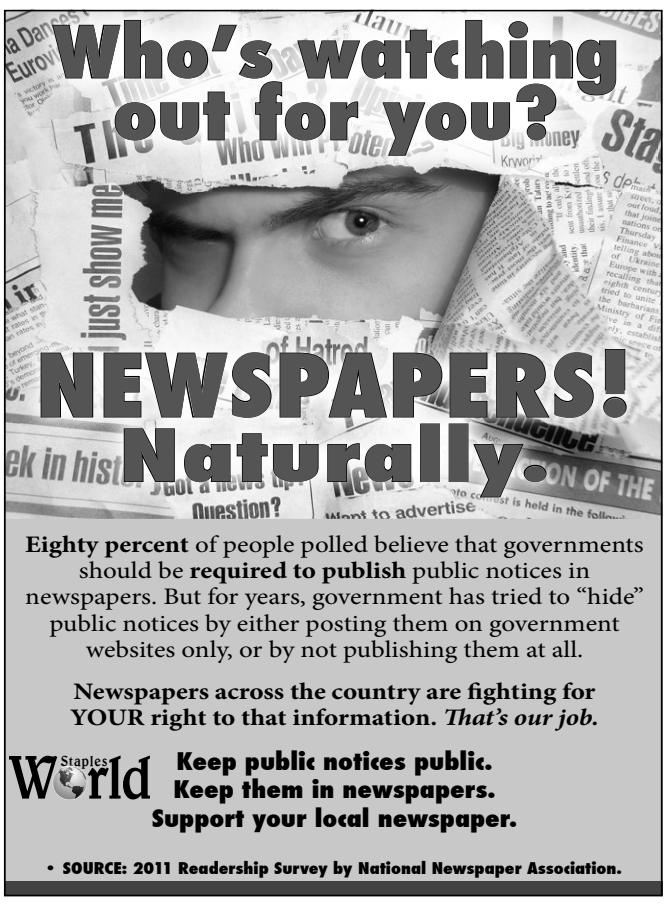
Dated: February 24, 2020

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
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Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Michael Van Muelken, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
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Real Estate

602 Apartments for Rent

STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

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Full-time Employment

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections seeks one **full-time Administrative Assistant** for our **Long Prairie office**. Travel between both counties may be required. Current responsibilities include, but are not limited to, serving as general agency office manager, serving as computer and systems administrator for our database systems, maintaining all bookkeeping/ accounting functions for agency, supervising and evaluating support staff, coordinating support staff coverage and work assignments, coordinating employee payroll and insurance benefits, maintaining employment and financial records, assisting Director with budget preparation and administration, providing administrative support and assistance to Supervisor and Director as needed, and performing other related duties as required and assigned. Successful applicant must be highly organized and efficient and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Minimum qualifications include: an Associate degree or vocational/ technical diploma in business/office administration, accounting/finance or related fields. Two years of increasingly responsible experience in office functions, computer operations, financial management, records management, data base management, or related fields; or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this position. Must have experience using a personal computer and programs such as Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat. Must have valid MN driver's license and auto insurance and reliable transportation. Must pass agency background check requirements prior to employment. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Salary range is $22.68 - $34.23 per hour.

Contact Kathy Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165, kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet.
Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Position will remain open until filled.
First round of application reviews scheduled for March 24, 2020.

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Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12
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Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN.

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Mental Health Specialist/ Social Worker

Freshwater Education District, Alternative Learning Center is seeking a Mental Health Specialist/Social Worker. The position will include conducting individual and group sessions with students, working with students and their families, responding to crises, acting as a liaison with local health facilities and county agencies, and exploring grants that improve mental health. A four-year degree is required with licensure in Germane area. The position will be a 181-day contract for the 2020-2021 school year.

Application deadline: Noon on April 3, 2020

Please send Letter of Application, Resumé and 3 Letters of References to:

Jana Timm, ALC Specialist
Freshwater Education District
2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482
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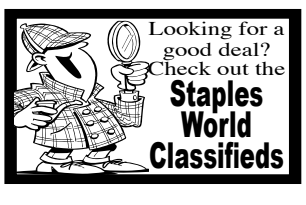
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How to practice 'social distancing'

By MIT Technology Review's
Tanya Basu and Karen Hao

In theory, never leaving home during the coronavirus pandemic is the most effective means of prevention. It reduces your chance of infection and quickly contains the disease's spread. A recent study in science found, for example, that this kind of distancing is even better than widespread travel bans or restrictions.

In practice, however, it's not always possible to hole up. Your circumstances may not afford you the luxury of working from home or avoiding public transit.

The good news is that tamping down the coronavirus isn't an all-or-nothing game. There are still many ways you can practice responsible social distancing even when you have to be out and about in the world. In addition to the basics don't touch your face, and wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, here are some other tips, collected from half a dozen experts, to follow in different areas of your life.

The bottom line: don't stress too much. It's equally important to "keep some sense of sanity," says Moses Turkle Bility, an assistant professor of infectious diseases and microbiology at the University of Pittsburgh: "Your mental health and well-being affects your immune system." Do what you can and develop habits you can stick to, but don't panic if you can't do everything.

Here's what you should do when you…

Take flights, long-haul bus and train rides

Monitor the coronavirus stats of your community and destination. With help from the CDC website, educate yourself about places to avoid up until the minute you board. Information is changing "so quickly, in the matter of hours," says Lin-Hwei Chen, president of the International Society of Travel Medicine and an associate professor at Harvard Medical School. Reconsider your travel if the risk is high.

Stay six feet away from people (as much as possible). The CDC's six-feet rule might not be possible if you're waiting in line to get to your seat, but there's no need to rush to your boarding-area queue or crowd around a coffee shop.

Wear a makeshift mask (if it gives you peace of mind). It's still unclear how much a mask will reduce a healthy person's risk of contracting coronavirus, says Chen, but the extra protection doesn't hurt. The caveat is if you're not used to masks, you might fidget with it and thereby break a cardinal rule of coronavirus prevention: don't touch your face.

Take a shower after you arrive. When you get to your destination, take a warm soap-and-water shower before interacting with people or lounging around too long in common spaces. "Soap and water is one of the best disinfectants," says Bility. A bath is more comprehensive than hand washing when you've been in contact with a lot of different surfaces. Avoid rewearing your travel clothes again until you've washed them.

Are sick

Stay at home. If you're sick (with something other than the coronavirus), reconsider whether you need to be out and about. The coronavirus is most threatening and more likely to result in complications when contracted along with another disease, says Fenyong Liu, a professor of virology at the University of California, Berkeley. With a weaker immune system, you will be more vulnerable. Exposing others to whatever you have, especially if they are immunocompromised, will make them more susceptible as well.

Wear a mask. But for essential trips, such as to go to the doctor, wear a mask or other makeshift barrier across your nose and mouth to protect others. Even a scarf or other cloth is better than nothing for reducing the spray of droplets when you cough or sneeze. The tighter the barrier the better, says McMurry. Do not, however, hoard surgical masks, which need to be reserved for front-line health-care responders. "That backfires for everyone," McMurry says.

Need food

Get it delivered. Always opt for grocery or restaurant delivery if you have access to those services. It will reduce the flow of people circulating in-store and the chance of community spread. When the food arrives, wait for the delivery person to leave before you pick up the package. This minimizes delivery workers' and the community's exposure to potential germs as they go from one home to another.

Use self-service checkout. If you have to go to the store, minimize contact with other people.

Decontaminate your packages. Once you've received your delivery or bought your food in-store, figure out a decontamination procedure. This might be overkill right now, says McMurry, "but it's really important that everyone consider this a dry run." Build the habit for when things get worse.

Wash and disinfect items before storage. After unwrapping the packages, use warm water and soap to scrub any washable items. While no specific studies have shown the effect of water and soap on the novel coronavirus, the combination is known to work against envelope viruses in general. The soap damages the envelope and renders the virus ineffective. For other items that can't be washed, use friction to wipe them down with soap and water or alcohol. The evaporative action of the alcohol inactivates the virus. (The EPA has also published a list of disinfectants that work.)

Opt for cooked over raw foods. Cooking produce is the safest way to guarantee decontamination, says Liu. But diligent washing can also be a good defense.

Leave and come back home

Run errands together and during off-peak hours. Try to get as much done as possible in one fell swoop. "You want to minimize the number of trips, then stay home for as long a period of time as you can," McMurry says. Also, try to avoid crowds by going to stores and public places early before work or late at night.

Create a dedicated reentry zone. In addition to changing clothes and taking off shoes, use this space to disinfect your phone and keys. Phones, in particular, can be hard to disinfect, so consider putting yours in a thin plastic bag when you leave home. Wipe it down with soap and water or alcohol once you take it back out.

Take a shower after every outing, Jump in the shower right away if you can. Children especially have a tendency to touch their faces, so bathe them with soap and water. If you don't have time, at a bare minimum wash your and their face and hands, says Lauren Combe, a registered nurse and president of the National Association of School Nurses.

When you have kids

Don't exaggerate or panic. Explain coronavirus in an age-appropriate manner, says Mark Reinecke, a clinical psychologist and director of the Child-Mind Institute. But "maintaining a sense of perspective becomes critically important." Don't freak out if your kid coughs or dwell for hours on coronavirus coverage. Your kids want to feel secure.

D**emonstrate good habits.** Teach kids how to cough and sneeze into the crook of their arm and thoroughly wash their face and hands while singing "Happy Birthday" twice, says Combe. If you're tired of the same song, pick something else easy for kids to remember, like "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and the ABCs.

Get creative with playdates. If their schools have closed, kids are prone to quickly develop cabin fever and feelings of isolation. Use technology creatively: give them permission to FaceTime or play video games with friends, Reinecke says. Online social activities can help maintain and foster friendships. You can also opt for no-tech solutions like board games and crafts with the family. If you do end up hosting a playdate, keep the group small, make sure the other kids are not sick, and don't share utensils, says Combe.

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Telling the story of school athletic success

A sign has been proposed to commemorate champion athletic teams from Staples-Motley schools. The project grew out of the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame, which inducted its first class in 2019.

Subsequent research revealed 28 team state champions and 61 individual champions from the schools. The medallion for the projected sign has since been updated to 62 individual champions after Owen Bjerga won a state wrestling title. The numbers would be replaceable in case it needs to be changed again.

"Every school and community has a story to tell. Like other communities, we have many local successes and unique advantages of our area," said Mike Hajek, who is spearheading the sign project. "As a school and collective community, we have an uncommon story of athletic success to tell those who pass through our communities."

Hajek said there are very few schools in the state that can boast of that many titles, and no school the size of Staples-Motley has that many.

The plan is to build a high quality wood carved sign set in stone, with a message that demonstrates the pride of the school and community.

"The lasting impression will leave no doubt of our commitment to excellence and the meaning of 'Cardinal Pride,'" said Hajek.

The goal is to build two signs, one on the southeast corner of the stoplights in Staples and one along Highway 10 as drivers come in to Motley from the south.

This community sign and concept is in the draft stage with no final decisions at this point. The group is looking for financial support to make this landmark sign of community pride a reality. For support details, contact Mike Hajek or email at mjhajek@arvig.net.



Sign of success - example of project's goal

A preliminary rendering of what the Staples-Motley champions sign could look like if placed along Highway 10 near 6th Street NE in Staples. The full design of the sign and final location will still be determined as the process moves along.

There can still be joy in Mudville

Apprehension, if not outright fear, has gripped our nation as we try to deal with an historic pandemic that will likely replace the post-World War I Spanish flu as the standard by which we judge global health disasters.

The termination or abandonment of virtually all athletic events and seasons—which mere days ago seemed a radical step—now seems obvious, as state after state suspends school attendance, closes pubs and restaurants, and we curtail travel in and out of the country. Like no other event in my three-score-and-then-some lifetime, the outbreak of the coronavirus infection—COVID 19—qualifies to be called "historic."

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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A co-worker of mine, just as avid about sports as I am, had just informed me that Major League Baseball had called a halt to spring training, with no plans to complete a 2020 season. Having raised a family that includes seven children, all of whom have been athletes, he is deep into competitive team sports. I responded with a comment that could have been interpreted as an elbow to the ribs: "I guess you'll just have to become a serious angler!"

"Guess so," was his good-natured response, though I'd never known him to be a hook-and-bullet sort of guy, and his disappointment over the demise of the baseball season was evident. The ways in which our minds connect things are not always clear, but—perhaps because baseball was the underlying theme—I found myself remembering the poem "Casey at the Bat."

If you don't know the poem, the story is of a hometown—Mudville—baseball hero who to—to everyone's disappointment—strikes out when the game is on the line. The final line to the poem reads: "...there is no joy in Mudville; mighty Casey has struck out."

It must be heartbreaking for high school and college athletes to have trained hard, honed skills, and demonstrated dedication to teammates and coaches and their own ideals, only to have the it all come to an abrupt and undeserved end. The risk that any large gathering of people could contribute to spreading the potentially deadly virus demanded we limit contact with others. Competitive sports and crowds are virtually inseparable, thus the radical step of curtailing sports that has been taken.

It's hard to see a silver lining in all this. Hard to subscribe to aphorisms like "It's an ill wind that blows no good," or "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." But for those who find some of life's greatest enjoyments in Nature, or around a campfire, in honing a hunting dog's skills, gathering wild edibles, or wielding a fishing rod or sporting firearm, the isolation and "social distancing" demanded by this health crisis may not be as much of a hardship.

These and other pursuits of the out-of-doors—if not always solitary—are pursuits that do not depend on a crowd. Though we might fish or hunt with companions, we don't need an audience. In fact, solitude is likely to make these pursuits of the outdoors more enjoyable, not less. Meeting the northward migration of brilliantly plumed waterfowl with binoculars or a camera, wading a trout stream, casting to panfish in the shallows soon after ice-out, or searching for morel mushrooms, are but a few of the many ways that those of us with outdoor inclinations can continue to find fulfillment.

To call the times that lie ahead uncertain would be a gross understatement. Only the very oldest among us remember the upheavals of the Great Depression, which threatened financial well-being, but not immediate survival. No one alive today would have been old enough to recall the Spanish flu of 1918, which killed more than all the soldiers and civilians combined who died during World War I.

Today's virus and the illness it causes—COVID-19—may someday be remembered for effects of the same magnitude. The primary strategy for limiting its spread, social distancing, will result in some level of personal or economic upheaval—perhaps both—for many of us.

If there is a bright side, it might be that many of the largely solitary outdoor pursuits so many of us enjoy will still be open to us. They may provide the dose of normalcy and sanity we need to maintain our composure and optimism in the face of challenges that may lie ahead.

There may still be some joy in Mudville, after all.



Cardinal basketball blast from the past

Donna Johnson of Staples shared a photo of the 1945 Staples High School basketball team, which her late husband, Doug Johnson, had been a part of. Pictured, from left, are Orin Peterson, Lefty Cameron, Mac Dahl, Jerry (Boob) Grant, Doug Johnson, Russ Dahl, Jack Clausen, John Peterson, John Westin, Wayne Stewart. (Submitted photo)

Invasive carp captured on Mississippi River

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is conducting an immediate response to the capture of 51 invasive carp on the Mississippi River. The invasive carp were caught by two commercial fishing operators near La Crosse and Trempealeau, Wisconsin, during routine spring netting last weekend.

In response to this discovery, the DNR is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Wisconsin DNR and commercial fishing operators to conduct large-scale netting, studies of the captured carp and increased monitoring.

"This robust response will provide additional information about the population while removing any other invasive carp they happen to catch," said DNR invasive species unit supervisor Heidi Wolf.

When the commercial fishing operator operating near La Crosse saw what he thought were invasive carp, he contacted the DNR. The DNR invasive carp field crew assisted in removing and identifying the fish. The DNR identified 39 silver carp and 11 grass carp caught in Pool 8 of the Mississippi, just south of La Crosse, and one silver carp caught in Pool 6, about 20 miles farther upstream. All invasive carp recovered have been given to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine their age, size and gender.

"The location where these fish were caught is commonly netted because of concentrations of commercially valuable fish," said DNR invasive carp field lead Ben Larson. "This is the largest congregation of invasive carp we've seen this far upstream."

Invasive carp have been progressing upstream since escaping into the Mississippi River in Arkansas in the 1970s. These large fish compete with native species and pose a threat to rivers and lakes. No breeding populations have been detected in Minnesota waters to date. Individual invasive carp have been caught as far upstream as Pool 2 of the Mississippi, near the Twin Cities (bighead, grass, and silver), the King Power Plant on the St. Croix River by Oak Park Heights (bighead), and just downstream of Granite Falls in the Minnesota River (bighead).

Previous captures of invasive carp in Minnesota have been individuals or small numbers of fish. This capture indicates an increase in the abundance of invasive carp in the Pool 8 portion of the river between Minnesota and Wisconsin, and is very likely related to the prolonged high water conditions on the Mississippi River during the summer of 2019. During high water, gates at the locks and dams on the river are kept open to pass flood waters. These "open river" conditions allow easier upstream movement of fish from downstream portions of the river, where invasive carp densities are higher.

The DNR has built partnerships with state and federal agencies, conservation groups, university researchers and commercial businesses to prevent the spread of invasive carp. The 2015 closure of the Mississippi River lock at Upper St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis was a major accomplishment of these efforts.

The DNR is actively engaged with several prevention efforts:

The DNR is an active partner in the Upper Mississippi River Invasive Carp Workgroup. The group includes representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and several federal agencies.

In partnership with the DNR, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) at the University of Minnesota is testing and evaluating carp deterrents in Mississippi River locks and dams. Previously, MAISRC installed and evaluated a speaker system at Lock 8. Development of this technology will continue with the installation of an updated speaker system.

Invasive carp captures must be reported to the DNR immediately. Call 651-587-2781 or email invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us. Take a photo and transport the carp to the nearest DNR fisheries office or make arrangements for it to be picked up by a DNR official.

Deer feeding bans in effect

To help prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is adjusting bans on the feeding of deer in certain parts of the state.

The DNR will expand deer feeding bans in central Minnesota starting Monday, Feb. 24, due to additional discoveries of chronic wasting disease in captive deer in late 2019. New counties included in the deer feeding ban are: Carlton, Chisago, Douglas, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine and Pope. The deer feeding ban will remain in Stearns County due to the proximity to Douglas County.

Starting July 1, the DNR will remove the feeding ban from Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville and Wright counties, as CWD was not detected in any wild deer in the third-consecutive year of wild deer disease testing in central Minnesota.

A deer attractant ban will remain in the following counties in north-central and southeastern Minnesota: Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena and Winona.

"Deer often gather around feed and attractants, and that close contact encourages disease spread," said Barbara Keller, DNR big game program leader. "We're asking all Minnesotans to help prevent the spread of this deadly disease by following these feeding and attractant bans."

In counties where deer feeding is banned, people need to remove any grains, fruits, nuts and other food that entices deer. People who feed birds or small mammals need to make sure that deer cannot access the food

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Staples-Motley Schools

In a letter sent to Staples-Motley families on March 15, Staples-Motley School District Superintendent Shane Tappe wrote:

"This morning, Governor Walz has mandated closures for schools by Wednesday, March 18 - Friday, March 27 (there is always the possibility that this timeline may adjust). We will begin our closure on Monday, March 16 - this closure will include all extra-curricular and Community Education activities including practices as well. Little Cardinals Academy childcare will remain open. This is not a simple closure, but an ever-evolving situation. We are working hard at the district level to navigate next steps for our district, as the situation seems to be changing on a daily basis.

"This closure is designed to create planning time for the district so that we can continue to provide instruction via distance learning in the case of a longer-term closure. However, during this closure, we are required by the state to provide care for children of emergency workers.

"Another priority for the district during their 10-day planning window, is figuring out how to provide nutritional services (breakfast and lunch) to students. Grab'n'go lunches were offered on March 16 and 17.

"We understand that this may be a challenging time for many of our students and their families. We appreciate your flexibility through this frequently evolving situation. The mandates released today (March 15) could change in the near future. Check our website (www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) for the most up-to-date district information."

In a later conversation Superintendent Tappe said that he is very proud of the way the staff at Staples-Motley has been handling this very stressful situation.

Sacred Heart Area School

Sacred Heart Area School will be following the same schedule as the Staples-Motley Public Schools, closing March 16 - 27. This includes all classes, as well as kindergarten roundup. The faculty has been preparing homework packets for students, which will be picked up on a weekly basis.

The School's Friday Lenten Fish Frys will be 'take out' only. For more information, call 218-296-2425.

Churches

Some area churches have chosen to not hold services or other activities in the near future, in an attempt to help slow the spread of COVID-19. For up-to-date information on church schedules, be sure to contact the church directly or check their website.

Community events

Below is a list of events that, to date, have been cancelled or postponed:

- Care Ministry Meals - cancelled for March 24, April 28 and May 19.
- 'A Musical Night at the Movies' event at Timbers March 21, sponsored by the Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses, has been postponed.
- Caregiver Classes, sponsored by Faith in Action for Cass County, will be postponed until April. For more information, call 218-675-5435.
- Staples Public Library will be closed through the end of March. This includes all special events held at the library, including 'Agate Man' March 21.
- The community program on Internet Safety and Human Trafficking on March 31, has been postponed.
- The Easter Eggstravaganza on April 4, sponsored by the Staples '93 Lions, has been canceled.
- The Pillager Fiddler's Contest on April 4, has been canceled.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has released additional guidance on strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota. The following is intended to provide general guidance for mitigation strategies. Organizers or settings may need to take into consideration unique risks and make decisions that are protective of their communities or agencies.

MDH recommendations

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends postponing and canceling:

- Large events where 250 people or more would gather, including but not limited to: concerts, conferences, professional, college and school performances or sporting events.
- Smaller events (fewer than 250 people) that are held in crowded auditoriums, rooms, or other venues that do not allow social distancing of 6 ft. per person.
- Events with more than 10 people where the majority of participants are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes and support groups.

The MDH also asks that people continue to protect themselves, their family and others from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses, like the coronavirus, by practicing everyday preventative behaviors including:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Stay home when sick. Call your healthcare provider before going to see them.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.

The MDH has a hotline to answer questions about COVID-19 at 651-201-3920.



Staples '93 Lions

Pictured above at their February meeting are members of the Staples '93 Lions. Front row from left: Donna Shaw, Rita Stone, Mary Kobliska, Sharon Thew, Deb Sing, Mary Dravis, Mary Giza. Standing, from left: Joann Shornack, Lorrie Decker, Gail Honek, LaVonne Selleck, Cindy Zetah, Rayma Miller, Janet Opheim, Bev Dolezal, Amy Leidenfrost, Sue Flaten, Diane Archer, Beth Gedde, Karolyn Brenny, Liz Lindgren, Heidi Brings, Sandy Knosalla, Cindy Marsh. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Organization Spotlight

Staples '93 Lions Club

Are you interested in getting involved in a community organization? Perhaps you thought about it in the past, but weren't sure where to start.

Over the next several months, the Staples World will feature information on a variety of organizations in the Staples-Motley area that are always looking for new members. There's bound to be at least one that's a good fit for you.

Be a part of your community! In addition to helping others, most likely you will reap benefits personally. As author Dan Buettner notes in his book, "The Blue Zones," being a part of a community is one element that can lead to people living longer, healthier, happier lives.

1. Name of Organization
Staples '93 Lions.

2. When And Where Do You Meet?
The second Monday of the Month at 6 p.m. at the Staples Host Lions Building, 402 Wisconsin Ave., Staples.

3. Description Of Organization/Major Projects Accomplished/Focus of Group
Lions Clubs International's motto is "WE SERVE." We are the world's largest service organization. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International and we are first in to help with disasters and the last ones to leave. We are currently participating in the Campaign 100 Project, hoping to serve over 200 million people in three years. All the donations received by LCIF go to the project they are designated for; there are no administrative costs because all the aid is distributed by Lion volunteers. We are focusing on these global areas: diabetes, hunger, environment, vision, childhood cancer, in addition we also support youth activities and we are there in times of disasters.

The Staples '93 Lions meet on the second Monday of the month and we are always looking for new members to help with our projects.

Christmas for Kids and Easter Eggstravaganza are our signature projects. Other projects that we do include:

- Youth activities
- KidSight Screening
- Autumn decorations in downtown Staples
- Sponsoring Bingo and birthday parties at Lakewood Health System Care Center
- Participating in Railroad Days and the parade
- Giving scholarships to Staples-Motley High School seniors
- Work at and donate to the Staples Area Food Shelf.
- Sponsoring a luncheon and bake sale at the Staples Community Center during their annual craft fair
- White Cane Days
- Decorating and delivering 'goodie bags' at Christmas to resident at Lakewood Health System Manor and Pines, and A Daughter's Love.

4. Expectations Of Members
Attend monthly meetings and participate in our projects. Be a service-oriented person.

5. Membership Fees?
Yes.

6. Experience Needed?
None.

7. Contact Information
Contact Lion Amy Leidenfrost, Secretary, at 218-894-1935.

A few rolls of TP left in Staples

Heather Eischeid of Motley said she'd had no luck finding toilet paper at any of the large box stores in Baxter March 13, including Target, Costco and WalMart. Although the shelves were clearing out, she finally found some TP at Family Dollar in Staples. Paula Randall, the store's manager, said that they'd been selling out of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, Chlorox wipes and rubbing alcohol (which people mix with aloe vera gel to make their own hand sanitizer). The escalated sales of these items appears to be connected with the outbreak of the coronavirus in the United States, Randall said. In addition to its effect on toilet paper sales, Eischeid said she's concerned about the impact of the coronavirus on the economy. She and her husband, Joe Eischeid, own a cattle company in rural Motley and cattle prices (which have already been low) have plummeted since the onset of coronavirus COVID-19. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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