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The American flag flies high on voting night, Nov. 3, at the Bartlett Town Hall, Todd County while the rising harvest moon peeks over the horizon. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Weather

This Week's Forecast
High Low Cond.

Nov. 11	42°	21°	P. Cloudy
Nov. 12	32	20	P. Cloudy
Nov. 13	42	31	Sunny
Nov. 14	45	30	Cloudy
Nov. 15	43	28	P. Cloudy
Nov. 16	40	24	P. Cloudy
Nov. 17	38	29	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 11	10°	6°	Sunny
Nov. 12	15	-2	Sunny
Nov. 13	25	18	Cloudy
Nov. 14	34	5	M. Cloudy
Nov. 15	36	10	Cloudy
Nov. 16	31	21	Cloudy
Nov. 17	29	16	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 37° Low = 25°

No precip through
Nov. 8

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Lakewood battling COVID-19 surge

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Like many hospitals in the state, Lakewood Health System is approaching capacity at times with the COVID-19 surge and other complications that follow.

At an online town hall meeting on Nov. 5, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Christine Albrecht said Lakewood had 54 staff members out because of COVID-19, either from testing positive or on quarantine after coming in contact with someone who tested positive.

With that many people out, “We have become creative in how we adapt our staffing,” said Albrecht.

Corrine Neisess, Lakewood Vice President of Nursing, said they have created a negative pressure wing for COVID-19 patients, which directs the air in the room away from the rest of the hospital. The wing has eight rooms that can accommodate up to 16 patients.

The number of acute COVID-19 cases has been increasing throughout October and into November.

“We had to double up the negative pressure rooms for a while,” said Albrecht.

The hospital is part of a statewide system that reports on beds available three times each day. If one area needs more space they can send patients to a nearby hospital with space at that time.

Because the larger hospitals have fewer beds avail-

able, Albrecht said Lakewood has been consulting with specialists at St. Cloud more often rather than automatically sending patients to the larger hospital.

“We keep the patients we can safely manage here at Lakewood,” said Neisess.

Albrecht doesn't want COVID-19 to be a reason patients stay away from the health system. “Don't be afraid to come to the emergency department, don't be afraid to seek care,” said Albrecht.

For example, she said some people are feeling chest pain but don't come in right away. The result could be heart problems and delayed strokes.

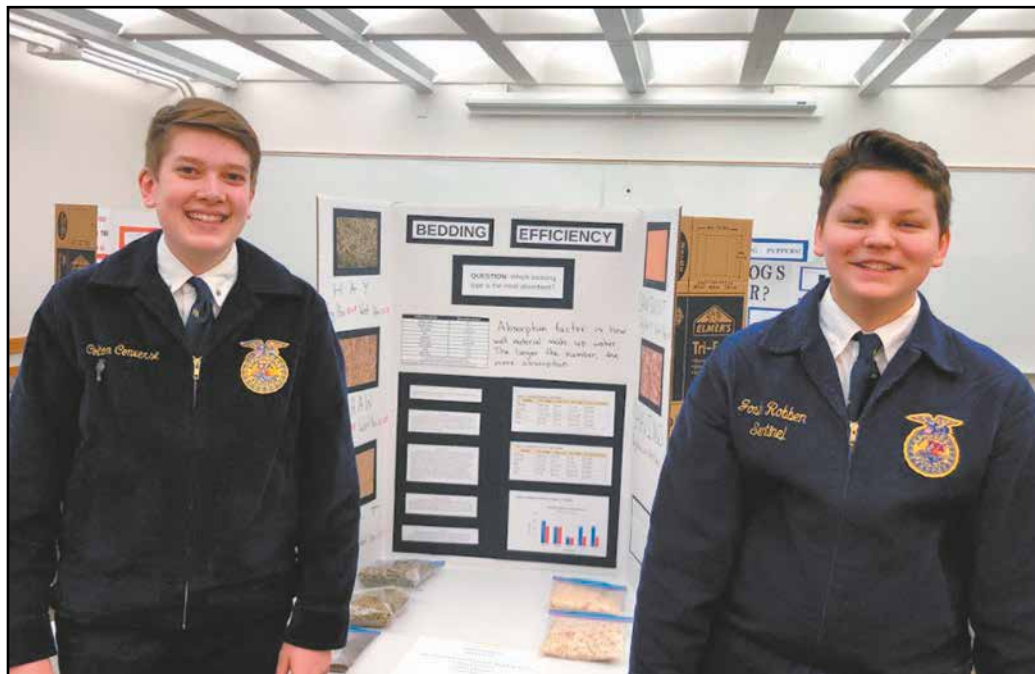
“We don't want to see that, we want people to come in when they are sick and get the care they need,” said Albrecht.

Albrecht said treatment for COVID-19 has changed greatly since the beginning of the pandemic. “Through data and science we have learned so much about what works and what doesn't,” said Albrecht.

For example, they are now asking patients to lie on their stomach and change positions at least every two hours. All COVID patients are now taking steroids, when it wasn't recommended early in the pandemic.

Another big difference is the use of ventilators.

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Winning experiment

Staples-Motley FFA students Colton Converse (left) and Caden Mrazek recently took second place at the National FFA

Convention for their Agriscience Fair Project. Due to Covid-19, the event was held virtually this year. (Submitted photo)

Converse and Mrazek take second at FFA Nationals

Staples-Motley FFA students Colton Converse and Caden Mrazek were second place winners at the National FFA Convention Oct. 27.

The cousins received the award for their Agriscience Fair Project. Normally held in Indianapolis, Indiana during October, due to Covid-19, the event was a virtual one this year.

Converse, a junior, and Mrazek, a sophomore, took time to answer some questions for the Staples World regarding this achievement.

WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIMENT ABOUT?

• **CONVERSE:** Our experiment was about animal bedding materials, specif-

ically the absorbency of five different materials. We tested the absorbency of these bedding materials, which included hay, straw, shavings, sawdust and dirt, by adding a set amount of water to a set amount of each bedding material, and measuring the weight of each bedding after 10 minutes.

• **MRAZEK:** Our experiment tested several different bedding types to determine which one was the most efficient. We used water and pudding to demonstrate excretion and its effects on the bedding.

WHY DO YOUR PROJECT FINDINGS MATTER TO YOU?

• **CONVERSE:** My proj-

ect findings matter to me because they will help me raise my own livestock. Knowing which bedding material is the most absorbent helps me choose the right bedding for the right situations.

• **MRAZEK:** Our findings matter to us and other farmers/ranchers because they can help narrow down the options for which bedding to use. Even if most farmers/ranchers don't use this bedding, they can be better educated about bedding.”

HOW WILL YOU USE WHAT YOU LEARNED TO HELP KICKSTART YOUR CAREER GOALS?

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Staples-Motley choirs present Madrigal movie

Hear ye! Hear ye! The Staples-Motley Choirs' Madrigal event will be held this year in spite of Covid, but with a few adjustments.

For starters, this year's event will be virtual. Expect to hear the same wonderful music from the Renaissance era, as well as see the same characters that have been a part of this Staples-Motley tradition for decades.

“We have to keep this tradition going,” said Nathan Thelen, choir director at Staples-Motley High School. He noted that former choir director Stan Carlson started the Madrigal Dinners in the early 1970s. Thelen said he was afraid that if the music department didn't do something this year, the tradition just might go away. “We can't let that happen.”

Thelen came up with the idea of making a movie of the Madrigal, which will be available to the public online. There will be no cost to view it. They are currently in the process of filming and hope to have it completed and ready to

be viewed the first week of December. Filming has been taking place in the choir room as well as the auditorium.

Expect to hear performances by the A Capella and Concert Choirs, as well as 7th and 8th grade choirs Voice and Cantabile. All performers will be in traditional Madrigal costumes. In addition to singers, there will be beggars and entertainers as part of the production, represented by members of the Concert Choir. It will be one continuous movie, with a few different sets. “We will close with ‘Silent Night,’” Thelen said.

There will be a royal court (A Capella Choir), with Thelen playing the part of the king. This year's virtual performance will feature four queens...all senior girls, from three separate choirs. These include Torii Nienow, Rose Han, Tabetha Allen and Jady Kincaid.

Health precautions have been taken during the course of the filming, including the singers wear-

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Decorating the cabinets

Choir members Madysen Hull and Coughlin helped add some finishing touches to a backdrop for the upcoming Madrigal production, which is being produced/filmed by Staples-Motley High School Choir Director Nathan Thelen. The cabinet artwork was provided by art

instructor Jill Schneider's painting class which included students Jaydn Kincaid, Tabetha Allen, Rose Han and Alex McIlravy. The movie (free to the public) is expected to be available for viewing online the first week of December. (Submitted photo)



Election day in Motley

There were a total of 241 ballots cast and 33 registrations at Motley City Hall Nov. 3, Election Day. More than 70 absentee ballots were also sent in from the City of Motley. Pictured above, election judge Anita Sutton (far right) helps

someone register to vote. Lower left photo, election judge Chris Rosvold (right) assists Tom Daly with his ballot. Lower right, Bruce Blake exits city hall, sporting his 'I Voted' sticker. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Terry Brisk's murder still under investigation

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) continues to ask for the public's assistance in the homicide investigation of Terrence "Terry" Brisk's death that occurred four years ago on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016. The sheriff's office is still investigating this case with assistance from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The sheriff's office has confirmed that the suspect who shot and killed Terry Brisk, killed him using Brisk's rifle. Based on evidence at the scene, the suspect was in close proximity to Terry Brisk and the

sheriff's office believes that Terry and the suspect would have interacted prior to the homicide taking place.

In the last four years, advances in technology have opened some new doors that the sheriff's office is currently exploring, which continues to keep this case active. Very few tips have been provided to them, so the sheriff's office continues to ask the public for their assistance in this case.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office encourages members of the public to contact them at 320-632-9233 with any information pertaining to this case. Another

option is to report the information and stay anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at their website [HYPERLINK "http://www.CrimeStoppersMn.org"](http://www.CrimeStoppersMn.org) www.CrimeStoppersMn.org; by calling the toll free number 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in Minnesota; by installing the Submit a Tip APP on any smart phone; or by sending a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES (274637). All contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous and you may qualify for a reward from them if your information leads to an arrest in this case.



Voting in Staples

City of Staples residents voted at the Staples Community Center Nov. 3. Because of Covid-19, there were two entrances available. Residents from Todd County entered at the east door (above), while those residing in Wadena County entered at the west door. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Great day to work outside

With temperatures in the mid 70s Nov. 4, area residents enjoyed the opportunity to finish outdoor tasks before the snow flies again. Pictured above, Peggy Bounds washes windows outside Rainbow Realty in Staples, the business owned by her husband Mark Bounds. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Outdoor dining

The Nienow family of Motley (at right) took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather Nov. 5, grabbing an outdoor table at Burger King in Staples to enjoy a bite to eat before the football game that evening. From left are AJ, Lori, Adam and Torii. The Nienows said they planned to help out at the game that evening, which featured the Staples-Motley Cardinals vs. Ottertail Central. (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:

Nov. 4 - The MPD received a call from Country Terrace Apartments in Motley reporting a white male, with a key, that entered the building and proceeded to go into the laundry room where he spray painted the security camera. No other damage was done and nothing stolen. The unknown male left the building shortly after.

Nov. 3 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Spencer Shaver, 19.

Nov. 3 - The MPD

responded to a report that Robert Follis was parked in front of the fire hall in Motley and that his vehicle was pulling a trailer with signage to vote for him for mayor. This was a violation of campaign regulations which state candidates cannot campaign within 100 feet of city hall. The responding officer stopped at Follis's residence regarding the matter. Follis admitted that he had parked in front of the fire hall stating that there was no where else to park and he was only there for a little while as he went inside the building to vote. He agreed that he should have dropped the trailer off before coming to

city hall. He was advised to not bring it within 100 feet of city hall again that day.

Nov. 1 - The MPD received a report of a theft at the 900 block of Eastwood Ln. South in Motley.

Nov. 3 - The MCSO received a report of a male party who seemed suspicious at the town hall in Cushing during the election. The subject did not have credentials. He left the property in a black truck with an election protection sign on the side. When asked what he was doing he stated he was nonpartisan.

Nov. 2 - The MCSO received a call from a Motley resident regarding a scam. The complainant

said he is getting several letters requesting money for a tax lien. He stated he doesn't own any land, and lives on his children's property.

Oct. 30 - The MCSO received a report of a stolen camper at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.

Oct. 29 - The MCSO received a call from a woman in Motley who said she saw, on camera, some subjects hang a bag near her door with something in it. She stated she observed them laughing as they left. The responding deputy located the bag, observing a Staples newspaper in the bag. Nothing else suspicious was noted.



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

- Nov. 15, 1945 - Roy R. Tankersley of Grand Rapids has opened a new tire vulcanizing and repair shop in Staples in the former Pure Oil Station building on Second Avenue opposite the Eddy Motor Company garage.
- Mr. Tankersley has had considerable experience in the tire vulcanizing business and comes to Staples highly recommended.
- Nov. 15, 1945 - Winter came to stay in this section of Minnesota the first of this week, with a light snow

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falling Monday evening and Tuesday which has partially covered the ground.

Hunters are very glad of the fact that snow has fallen, as the deer season opens on Nov. 17, and this will make the hunting and tracking much easier for them.

- Nov.15, 1945 - Irvin Knapper, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Knapper of the Leader vicinity sustained a very painful injury to his left foot when a gun he was carrying, accidentally discharged. The accident happened about a quarter of a mile from the Knapper home as Irvin, taking his 12-guage shotgun, was going to a pond to chop a hole in the ice. Just how the accident really happened, Irvin could not tell.

The gun discharged, striking him in the left foot. He was seriously injured, but he finally made his way back home, and from there was immediately rushed to the Staples Municipal hospital where medical aid was given to him.

- Nov. 15, 1945 - Just 20 years ago the 15th of November, the present editor of the Staples World (H.W. Sims) took over.

During the past years we have added many pieces of new machinery until we have one of the best equipped printing plants in this section of Minnesota. We give credit for this improvement to the loyal supporters in Staples and the nearby community. Without their patronage we could not have made such extensive improvements. Our subscription list has now arrived at the 2,000 mark.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

- Nov. 19, 1970 - Five students from Staples high school will participate in the 20th annual High School Speech Festival Friday, Nov. 20, at St. Cloud State college.

Representing Staples high school will be Guy Doud, Steve Van Buren, Patty Nagel, Kaye Schroeder and Thomas Seaton, all seniors.

- Nov. 19, 1970 - In precedent-setting action, the more-than-40,000-member Minnesota Education Association (MEA) has asked Gov. Harold LeVander to intervene in the dispute between Verndale teachers and their board of education.

Independent School District No. 818, in northwestern Minnesota's Wadena county, employs some 30 teachers for its more-than-500 students.

"It might seem ironic," says MEA President Robert F. Arnold, 6th grade science teacher in Richfield's Lincoln Hills elementary school, "That such an historic action is related to a relatively small district. But this is a matter of principle - and that's what counts, not size."

In its nearly 110 years of existence, the state's biggest professional organiza-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 19, 1970 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from

tion never before has sought a governor's intervention in a local dispute.

- Nov. 19, 1970 - John Kirk, commander of the Robert W. Hand Post No. 1910, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented a \$10 first prize award to Dianna Rudolph and a \$5 second place prize to Marie Kalisch as the top winners in the V.F.W. essay writing contest. "Freedom and Honor" was the title of Miss Rudolph's essay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Rudolph, Motley. Miss Kalisch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kalisch, staples. Both girls are seniors at Staples high school.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

- Nov. 16, 1995 - This year's varsity gymnastics program will be located in the Motley-Staples Middle School small gymnasium. Superintendent Ken Scarbrough anticipates the equipment can be moved by Dec. 1.

The move is necessary because the Staples Motley school board voted Tuesday night not to sign a rental agreement with Harold Shequen to use the former Lincoln Model school gym, which he now owns.

This vote was the latest in the saga of the new gymnastics program. Girls gymnastics was added as

a varsity sport this school year along with girls swimming to comply with Title IX requirements for gender equity in extra-curricular offerings.

- Nov. 16, 1995 - A 15-year-old Staples youth is alive and recovering today after suffering a gunshot wound early Monday morning in a deer hunting accident near Perham.

Joseph Daniel Huebsch, son of Richard and Kris Huebsch, was hit in the leg and chest when his deer rifle fired as he was about to enter a deer stand around 6 a.m. Monday, according to the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Department. Huebsch was first brought to the Perham Hospital by members of his hunting party, and from there was airlifted to St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, where he was reported in satisfactory condition early Tuesday morning.

- Nov. 16, 1995 - An early morning house fire in Motley on Nov. 9, destroyed a trailer house and claimed the life of a pet cat, but the Dave and Darlene May family all escaped unharmed.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

- Nov. 18, 2010 - The Robert W. Hand VFW Post 1910 is no more.

Due to a lack of atten-

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.

dance and a lack of interest in chapter activities, Staples VFW members voted to surrender their charter.

"For a lot of us, it was the hardest thing we have ever done," said Gary Mueller, one of the core VFW members who has kept the post going for the past decade. "Everyone had tears in their eyes that night."

- Nov. 18, 2010 - The Nov. 11 Veterans Day program at Staples Motley High School was all about thanking veterans for their service.

Master of ceremonies Tom Danculovich said a hero is someone with a positive attitude who makes the world a better place to live. He put the veterans in another category of hero, because "the put their lives on the line for you and for me."

- Nov. 18, 2010 - It's official.

After a recount held Nov. 10, Nancy Nieken will serve as Motley's Mayor for the term of 2011 - 2012. Nieken, who received 104 votes in the General Election Nov. 2, had previously been declared the winner. Her opponent, incumbent Konrad Alexander, had received a total of 99 votes.

With just five votes separating him from Nieken, Alexander requested a recount.



Mystery photo

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Jan. 17, 1980 edition of the Staples World, featured students who were winners in the local free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The winners, front row from left, were Deb Fleisher, Mary Riewer, Jeff Grove and John Joerger. Back row: Julie Spandl, Jessie Beachy, John Riewer and Troy Bates.

Maryann Riewer of Staples correctly identified all, as well as the

context. She recognized her two kids, John and Mary, and knew the rest of the names because she keeps newspaper clippings in a scrapbook. Mary (Riewer) Samuelson, now of Arden Hills, correctly identified all as well. Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified both Riewers and Jessie Beachy; and Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson of Decorah, Iowa recognized the Riewers, Beachy, Bates and Fleisher. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Traditional Madrigal dinner at home

ing masks and practicing social distancing. Although they cannot offer a meal this year along with the music, Thelen will explain to viewers about the different courses involved. That way, people can prepare a traditional dinner at home if they choose.

Thelen has also been gathering photos and recordings from past Madrigal dinners

at Staples-Motley High School. These he plans to incorporate into the film.

The students are excited to be able to offer the Madrigal this year, Thelen said, in spite of the pandemic. To find out more about the Madrigal movie and its availability, check the school's website, www.isd2170.k12.mn.us or the Staples-Motley Cardinal Choir Family Facebook page.

School phone survey to be conducted

In the coming weeks, Staples-Motley Schools will be conducting a scientific phone survey to gather input from community members regarding long-term facilities planning.

The poll will be conducted by the Morris Leatherman Company via landlines and mobile phones, who will not share the names of those

who have been interviewed. Note that this poll will be conducted using only a sample of local residents, and we hope that residents participate if they receive a phone call.

If you have questions, contact Superintendent Tappe at shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-894-5400.

Todd County flies past 1,000 COVID-19 cases

With 241 new cases of COVID-19 in the past week, Todd County is part of a statewide and nationwide surge of the virus. The county now has 1,198 total cases since the pandemic started in March.

All the area counties had their highest weekly totals during Nov. 2-8. Wadena County saw 107 new cases, Cass County 218 and Morrison 251. Nearby counties show the surge is affecting all of central Minnesota. Crow Wing saw 538 new cases, Otter Tail 288, Douglas 333, Stearns 1,431 and Hubbard 131.

The number of deaths

from the virus is starting to accelerate locally. Todd County reported three deaths in the past week, Wadena two, Cass two and Morrison three.

Cases by zip code were released Nov. 5, showing the Staples zip code with 37 new cases since the previous week, Motley 31, Pillager 24, Wadena 14 and Long Prairie 61.

Around 7.8 percent of the Long Prairie zip code has tested positive for COVID-19. Staples has 2.5 percent, Motley 2.9 percent, Pillager 1.9 percent and Wadena 0.8 percent.



Online meeting

Screen shot from the Lakewood virtual town hall meeting Nov. 5, clockwise from top left, Jackie Och, Matthew Jensen, Tim Rice, Cindy Pederson, David Endicott, Dr. Christine Albrecht and Corrine Neissess.

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Counties, schools help with COVID control

Albrecht said early in the pandemic, patients were put on a ventilator early in the treatment, but now that is not recommended.

"We haven't had to keep anyone on a ventilator yet," said Albrecht. But the hospital has acquired extra ventilators in case it becomes a need.

Transmission of the disease is the trickiest part of the pandemic.

Albrecht said a lot of people are asymptomatic, and those who do get symptoms shed the highest viral load the day before they become symptomatic, which increases the spread without knowing it.

"It is chaos for us to track that," she said.

County health

Todd County Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och spoke at the town hall and said the spread of the virus is mostly happening within homes and small gatherings in the county. She said there is no single hotspot, it is spreading in every part of the county.

Och said Todd County's 19.5 percent positivity rate is one of the highest in the state, an indication that the virus is spreading faster in this area.

Wadena County has kept a low rate of virus spread until recently. Wadena County Public Health Director Cindy Pederson said that is changing, with 31 new cases reported in one day in the county. She said Wadena County is unusual in that the highest number of cases is found in the 50-59 age category. Most counties are seeing the highest numbers in the 20-29 age category.

Education update

Central Lakes College Dean of Staples Campus David Endicott said currently they have 38 students in quarantine because of possible exposure. Enrollment is up this year on the Staples Campus so they have created smaller class sections and staff is adapting their schedules to fit the new dynamic. When students are done quarantining, staff is providing an opportunity to make up what was missed.

"We are thankful we were able to get this far with all our programs operating," said Endicott.

Staples-Motley Schools Superintendent Shane Tappe said they are not seeing a lot of COVID-19 transmission among students, but there are some staffing concerns that the school has had to work on. Tappe said the school is practicing social distancing and requiring masks.

Working together

The health system, county health services and schools are working with the Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to limit the spread of COVID-19.

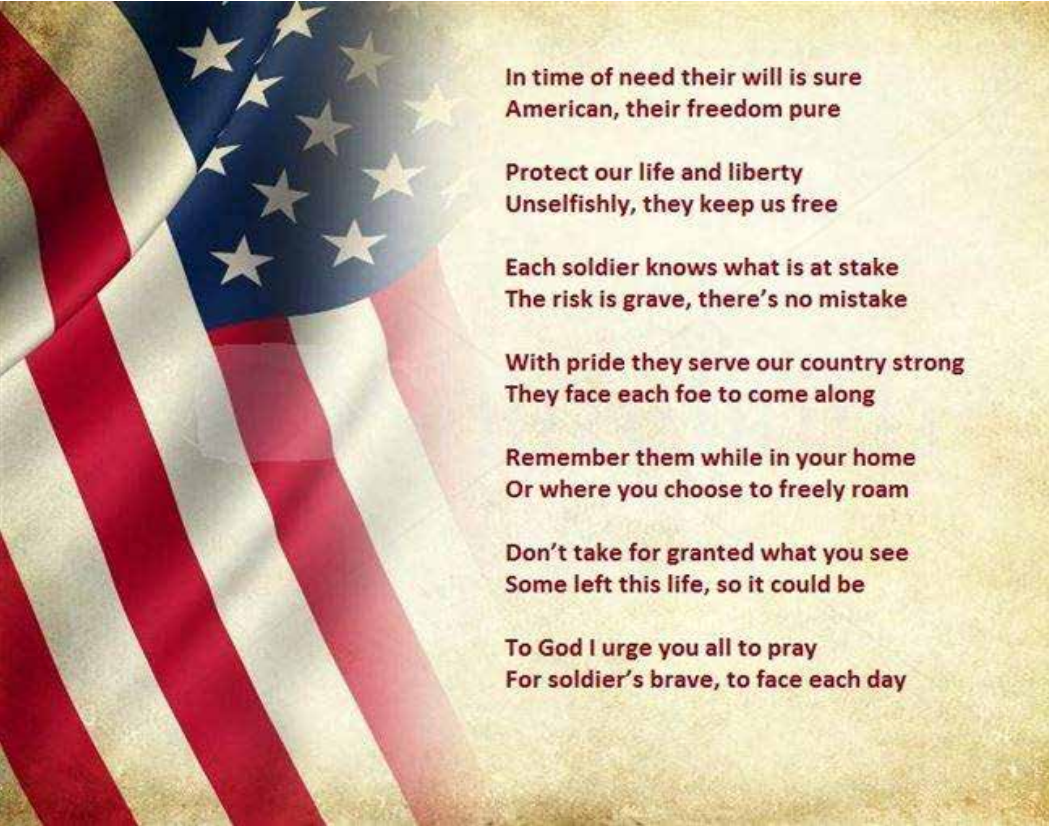
"Masking and social distancing goes a long way," said Och. "Prevention is hard to measure, but is very important."

Pederson agreed. "Community spread increases in settings we used to feel comfortable in, like small groups," said Pederson. "Social distance, masks, maybe don't have some of those gatherings, you can protect yourself."

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For the Staples World



The many faces of stress in children and teens

By Erin Walsh
Spark and Stitch Institute

Last week I walked downstairs to find my two sons playing a game of chess. “How delightful!” I thought to myself. We had been practicing social distancing for a couple of weeks already, and everyone in our family was getting antsy. Seeing my kids getting along like this was like balm for my weary parenting soul.

But it didn’t last long. The game ended abruptly when one threw the chess board off the table and stomped upstairs. His brother responded by falling to the floor in a sobbing heap. The last thing I heard before the door slammed upstairs was, “Cheater!” This sent the other into another round of sobbing. I was tempted to try to immediately figure out what went wrong in the chess game. Did someone really cheat? Is this how we resolve conflict in our family? Should I ask them to start the game over again?

Instead I decided to just sit quietly on the floor next to my son. After his sobbing subsided I opened my arms. He took my non-verbal cue and crawled into my lap. After some more breathing and crying, he quietly said “I miss my cousins.”

It wasn’t really about chess after all.

It took my other son upstairs a lot longer to settle down. After the storm had passed he later admitted, “I have no idea why I got so angry.”

The Many Faces of Stress

It is no surprise to anyone living through the COVID-19 pandemic that kids across the world are experiencing a great deal of stress. Whether it is uncertainty, upset routines, economic insecurity or lack of social support, the list of stressors is long and varied. The challenge is that children can’t always ex-

press stress in clear ways (we grownups can’t always either). Surely, some children express stress like my youngest child did after the chess game imploded, crawling into our laps and asking for comfort. This expression easily evokes empathy in us parents and invites us towards our children. More often though, the faces of stress are more difficult to detect and can be frustrating, maddening, and exhausting. They include:

- Regressions. Examples might include a potty trained child who starts having accidents, a child who could fall asleep alone who now needs a lot of extra soothing, or one who was pretty self-directed who now needs hand holding to get work started.
- Anger and irritability. This might manifest as flashes of rage or as low level but consistent annoyance and grumpiness.
- Fatigue. This might be the teen who wants to sleep all day or might explain why kids are uniquely exhausted after just a few hours of distance learning.
- Apathy or disengagement. This might be the teen who appears to be “not care,” questions the need for physical distancing, or uses humor to blow off conversations about the virus or its impact.
- Perfectionism. This might be the child who falls apart when they can’t figure out how to do an assignment exactly right or who stays up late studying for an exam they are already well prepared for.

These faces of stress make a lot of sense when you consider how the brain responds to anxiety. When we encounter danger, our entire brain responds by shutting down from the “top down.” In other words, the stress response system can hijack the “thinking

brain” and put our feelings in charge instead.

Comforting a porcupine

Rather than evoking empathy in adults, many children’s behavior acts more like quills or barbs, repelling adults away. It is easy to misinterpret the stressed porcupine as a child with a “bad attitude,” “lazy,” or even “combative.” We can also make things worse by greeting these behaviors with punishment or shame. Not surprisingly, this only escalates the stress levels and doesn’t help kids re-engage their thinking brain for emotional regulation and problem solving.

This doesn’t mean that anything goes when children are under stress. Indeed, children and teens alike are comforted by structure and warm limits, especially during times of great uncertainty. But all children, especially our porcupines, need our understanding and our emotion coaching as they navigate this difficult time.

What can we do?

- Calm. When we respond to our kids’ big feelings with our own, the result is escalation. Getting to calm helps our children relax and means that both of us can access our thinking brains for problem solving.
- Getting to calm strategies include:
 - Take a break.
 - Count, drink some water, pet a dog or cat , hand massage.
 - “I need space.” Or, “Let’s talk about this when we are both calm.”
 - Move.
 - Be gentle with yourself.
 - Connect.

Connection is the primary way that our children regulate stress and get to calm. When our kids throw barbs at us it is tempting to respond in kind. Instead, it is an important time to communicate that, “our relationship can handle

All of us need to help revitalize our democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton

Amid all the troubles occupying our attention, one of the more worrisome is also one of the least visible. It is the loss of public faith in the effectiveness of our representative democracy. Concern over our system as a whole is palpable: that it has trouble responding to the country’s needs, is resistant to reform as society evolves, and continues to perpetuate inequality and social immobility.

Americans increasingly divide themselves into different, often warring, political and cultural camps. Some politicians, including

the President, are bent on stoking division. Many play to their parties’ bases. And some seek to suppress the vote, narrowing public support for government.

The challenge we face as a nation is to revitalize our democracy and its institutions. How do we do this? Calls for greater public participation and involvement are on target, but not enough. I believe we need to repair our frayed institutions and push back against the forces that divide us.

We are, after all, the United States. Our name expresses an ideal. So does our history, which over time has trended toward expanding inclusivity and opportunity for all. One place to start is to take inspiration from that history: to recognize where we’ve fallen short, but also to highlight the remarkable progress we’ve made.

We also need to recognize that divisiveness weakens us, and that efforts to reknit American society are now urgently important.

To that end, proposals for a year of national service are particularly welcome. This would be expensive but focusing young Americans on a year of shared endeavor with oth-

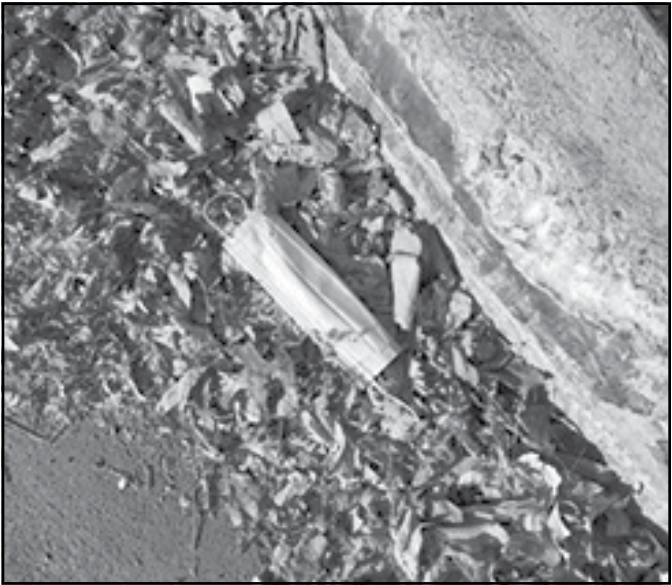
ers from vastly different backgrounds would help meet many needs and be well worth the expense.

We also need to up our game as ordinary citizens to beat back the drivers of polarization. Among other things, this means seeking out alternative points of view in the media and valuing objective, factual reporting. And it means being thoughtful about our engagement: voting for candidates focused on pulling us together for the common good and putting our time and effort into causes that unite rather than divide us.

In short, we must decide what we can do in the voting booth and in our own communities to revitalize our representative democracy. Our aim is to make our neighborhoods and our country better places to live: more creative, inclusive, and welcoming. The answer lies not in the stars, but with all of us.

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Letter to the Editor



Dropping the masks

These blue masks are rapidly replacing beer cans as the most common roadside debris. Come on people, all litter is gross but these things are so unsanitary, they all of a sudden are everywhere, and eventually someone will have to clean them up. Take care of your trash.

Rick Anderson
Staples, MN

Quote of the week

“Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.”
— Mao Tse-Tung

Quote of the week

“People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war or before an election.”
— Otto von Bismark

Quote of the week

“We do have a lot in common, the same earth, the same air, the same sky. Maybe when we started looking at what’s the same instead of always looking at what’s different... well, who knows?”
— Meowth (Pokemon)

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ISD #2170 election canvassing scheduled for Nov. 12

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their election returns canvassing meeting Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. at the district office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance and Adoption of the Agenda

2. Canvass Returns of the Nov. 3, 2020 School Board Election; Abstract and Return of Votes Cast; Clerk's Certificate as to Abstract and Return of Votes Cast; Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes; Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates; Accept the Certificate of Election.

Certificates will be given to new members and the Oath of Office will be taken at the first meeting in January, 2021 (Monday, Jan. 4, on the schedule).

'Water dancing to the oldies' at Staples Community Center

A new cardio fitness class began at the Staples Community Center Oct. 19. Taught by Kay Martin of Staples, it meets each weekday morning from 8 - 9 a.m. in the pool.

"If you would like to try a new way to work out, to get your heart pumping, but have it easy on your joints along with having less gravity pulling you down, come and join us," said Martin.

She's created a variety of song lists for the class to work out to, Martin said, mentioning disco, '50s and country music, "I used to teach this in the 1980s at a YMCA in St. Paul," Martin said. "It is just plain old fun...plus a workout."

Martin went on to share some fun facts about water exercise:

- When you are up to your neck in the water, you only weigh 10 percent of your body weight.

- It is a low impact activity that takes pressure off your bones, joints and muscles.

- Water exercises can help you lose weight quicker than the ones you perform on land. That is because any cardio or mixed workouts performed are

mixed with water resistance. The entire body gets a workout, even if you are targeting one specific area. "An ideal of 30 - 60 minutes can do wonders to your body," Martin said.

- You are very likely to feel less tired after a water workout, while burning the same amount of calories as a land exercise.

- You can feel very free while exercising in water because you don't have to be scared of falling down. This is not the case in land exercises, where you deal with gravity. Water exercises help in increasing the flexibility of back and lower body, thus increasing your coordination and fitness.

- Water exercises help to circulate the blood more evenly and effectively in our bodies. This, in turn, reduces blood pressure and makes the heart healthier. It also helps to reduce the systolic and diastolic pressure, thus resulting in longevity of life and decreasing hypertension.

- When you exercise in water, your body gets an even tone and your muscles are worked out the most. This is the reason

all world-class swimmers have very toned biceps and calves. You technically work against water resistance and that helps in the growth and strengthening of the muscle.

- Water is very relaxing and soothing for your mind and helps to calm your thoughts. It stimulates endorphins, the happy hormones that help to uplift your mood.

- Water resistance is enough for losing weight or gaining muscles in itself. There is no additional equipment that is required. It is completely different from the conventional style of exercising with weights or machines.

- Water also helps to keep the body cool and calm and the endorphins that are released due to water exercises can help make you feel joyous and delighted.

- There is also a great benefit from the pressure in the pool. Most people don't feel the pressure around your legs and feet, but they will benefit from the water pressure. As you exercise in the water, everything under the water is getting a free massage from the water pressure. The strongest



Water dance class

A new cardio fitness class, featuring water dancing, is offered at the Staples Community Center from 8 - 9 a.m. Monday - Friday. The class is taught by Kay Martin. (Submitted photo)

pressure is at the bottom, so feet and ankles get the strongest massage. If you retain fluid in your lower limbs, the pool is the best place for you. In four feet of water, there is 1.732 pounds of pressure.

- Lastly, water exercises are very important sources to build endurance and help in strengthening of the muscles. Water resistance is a more natural way

of building endurance and muscle strengthening.

"So, what are you all waiting for?" Martin asked. "Grab your swimsuit and take a dip to avail all of these benefits. I hope to see you in class."

For more information about this class, including fees, call 218-894-2553. The class is free for those who have a membership to the Staples Community Center.



Little shovelers

Third grade students at Sacred Heart Area School (at left) helped shovel portions of the sidewalk along 8th St. NE in Staples Oct. 21. The snow all but disappeared by the first week of November, but is predicted to make a showing again in the near future. (Photos by Mark Anderson)



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If you or someone you know could use a little help with Christmas gifts this year, you may pick up an application at either:

- Staples-Motley Elementary School or
- Staples-Motley High School

Ages served are birth to age 15.

Application deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020.

Parents/Guardians need to pick the gifts up Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Staples Lions Host building.

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Bonnie Grossman

Bonnie Grossman, 83, of Staples passed away peacefully, at the Harmony House in Motley on November 3, 2020.

Private family services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples.

Bonnie was born to Gordon and Delores (Fielder) Liane on January 16, 1937. She was raised in Staples and married Douglas Grossman on June 30, 1956. Together they made a life in Staples and had two children. She was a mother's mother and protected all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved a good card game and a trip to the casino. Bonnie lived



well, laughed a lot and truly enjoyed people's love. She will be forever missed and all who knew her will benefit from the love she gave.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Douglas; two sons, Steven (Marvie) and Scott (Jeff) Grossman; two grandchildren, Josh (Ellen) Grossman and Travis Grossman; four great-grandchildren, Kate, Julia, Garrett and Eli; one sister, Sharon Bramer; two nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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June Hanson



June Ida Hanson, 88, of Staples, passed away at Lakewood Health System October 30, 2020.

Funeral services will be held Thurs., Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Visitation will be held at the

Taylor Funeral Home in Staples, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m., and one hour prior to the service at the church in Motley.

June was born in Poplar Township on June 17, 1932 to Harvey and Mary Jane (Matthews) Dumpprope. She married Donald M. Hanson on April 10, 1950; Together they raised their family near Leader. June was a hard-working farm wife. Between the children and her huge gardens, she kept the home together. She spent endless hours gardening, canning, making hundreds of jars of fruits, vegetables and meats each year. She also enjoyed her beautiful flower gardens.

She always had an open door for visitors and loved to feed people. She was always cooking something and liked making desserts.

She will be deeply missed by her nine children, Jeanne (Steve) Dailey of Oylen, Charlie Hanson of Rapid City, SD, Peggy (John) Sirucek of Leader, Glenda (Gary) Dauer of Leader, John (Sandra) Hanson of Absarokee, MT, Connie (Kenny) Winter of Verndale, Dale Hanson of Motley, Leasha (Bryan) Nyland of Leader, Larry (Laura) Hanson of Motley; daughter-in-law, Donna Hanson of Leader; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Evon Cory of Staples and Joyce (Bob) Dailey of Staples; two sisters-in-law, Elsie Hanson of Motley and Carolyn Sankey of Bloomington and one brother-in-law, Jim VanBlaricom of Idaho.

June is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Don; one son, Rick; infant daughter, Patricia; granddaughter, Emmi; great-grandson, Zachary; two sisters, Maybelle Cory and Velma VanBlaricom and five brothers, Milford, Bill, Donald, Larry and Steve.

Arrangements by Taylor Funeral Home, www.taylorfunerals.com.

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Obituaries

Marlys Jares

Marlys Jares, 85, passed away November 4, 2020, at the Lakewood Pines Assisted Living in Staples, under the gentle care of Lakewood Hospice and Dr. Julie Mayer-Benson.

Private memorial services will be held with Pastor Roy Miles presiding. A public visitation with family and friends will be

held Friday, Nov. 13, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Staples.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale.

Arrangements by the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Roger Jenkins

Roger Jenkins, Anchorage, a former Alaska legislator and fighter for conservatives, passed away June 18, 2020 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage after complications from a previous surgery.

Private memorial services will be held a later date.



Jenkins was born January 17, 1941 in Staples to Leslie and Mayme (Hunter) Jenkins. He was raised there and graduated from Staples High School in 1959, earned a bachelor of science degree in history and geology from the University of Minnesota and a master of science in geography from the University of North Dakota. He decided his future was in the "last frontier" of Alaska and he traveled north with a long-time friend.

Roger was a high school science and math instructor, construction iron worker and carpentry laborer, University of Alaska Geology and Geography instructor, City of Anchorage engineering administrator and a consulting mineral geologist.

He was active in the Alaska Geological Society, Association of American Geographers, Moose Lodge No. 1434, Jaycees, Toastmasters and a member of the Iditarod Dogsled Race Committee from 1989-2002. He was a member of the Alaska Republican Party's State Central Committee and precincts and worked as a campaign consultant and ran for House again in 2002.

He was an avid follower of all things about sports teams, had yearly passes for

local games and had special spectator seats that he occupied on a regular basis.

Jenkins served a two-year term from 1985-1986 as a Representative during the Fourteenth State Legislatures. He was inspired by the trust of the Anchorage District 11-A voters he represented. As a minority member of the Legislature, he didn't get his first choice on committee assignments, but served on the House Resources Committee, State Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Fisheries. During his campaign he managed to unseat the incumbent representative from Spenard and recapture his mentor, Sen. Mitch Abood's House Seat back to the Republicans.

In honor of former state Representative Jenkins, Alaska Governor Dunleavy ordered the Alaska State flag to fly at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on July 7, 2020.

Roger is survived by one sister, Rita Jensen of Duluth and one brother, Russ Jenkins of Staples, as well as his close friend, David Garrison.

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Marjorie Wonders

Marjorie Marie Wonders, 85, passed away November 4, 2020, at the Harmony House in Motley.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Marjorie was born September 9, 1935 in Staples, to Walter and Beulah (Ryder) Spreiter. She married Robert Wonders on May 30, 1953 and together they raised three children.

Marjorie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting and going for walks.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, one son, Doug Wonders of Motley and one daughter, Karen (Joe) Zetah of Cushing; three grandchildren, Katie (Jose) Alba, Jacob



(Alison) Zetah and Kelsey (Joe) Fabro and three great-grandchildren, Mia, Andre and Xander.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; one son, Ron and three brothers, John, Jim (Louis) and Charles (Donna).

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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AWANA 6:00 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Soulight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalchurch@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
Associate Pastor: Carleton Smea
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
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Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-894-2296
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Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
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Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
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Seventh Day Adventist
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218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 10:45 am.
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
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WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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Leader 218-397-2470
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Motley 56466 218-352-6888
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Sunday Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
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Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
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717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 p.m.
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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 Classes 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
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
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The Message of God's Design in Changing Seasons

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Winter. Spring. Summer. Autumn. Have you ever heard the old adage: "not seeing the forest for the trees"? Sometimes, we can get too stuck in the moment. Life is both full of moments and eternity. We need both, this side of heaven. Moments, days, weeks, months, years, season and decades are a rich part of this world.

It is beautiful to see how again and again, God has designed His spiritual world to a parallel (connect) with His physical world. We have His movement of the consistent four seasons on the calendar as He also moves us through the seasons of life. Each and both are constantly coming from His generous, providing hand.

We spoke of "getting stuck" above. Have you experienced "stuck-ness" other than in the snow with a vehicle? Maybe you have felt the grinding slowness of recovering from surgery or sickness.

Maybe it has been the profound "stuck-ness" of grief.

What is live-giving in the seasons of life is to have the vantage point of looking back over your life to see how God brought you through difficult seasons of the past, allowing that to have a bearing on your present.

I remember someone describing life as "going through it crooked, but you look back over your shoulder and the path is straight." Wow, that is a life-giving perspective.

Let's close, thinking about the seasons of life, with Romans 8:31-32 (NCV) ***"So what should we say about this? If God is with us, no one can defeat us. He did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all. So with Jesus, God will surely give us all things."***

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Ball is in the air as the Cardinals march down the field

Staples-Motley quarterback Isaiah Schultz, right passes the ball while blockers keep the defense away from him. From left, Sam Opheim, Dusty Koval, Cole Winkels, Alex Ross-Bahn, Max Strickland (1) and Logen Weite. The pass ended up in the hands

of Chandler Braith, who evaded tacklers for a first down. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Devensive stoppers

Above, Logen Weite (44) slices through two blockers to make a tackle against OTC, while Cole Winkels helps. Right, Alex Giza lays out to trip up a runner.

Klefsaas rushes for 215 yards in football loss

The Staples-Motley football team came out flat to start the game against Ottertail Central, which proved to be ready for the Cardinal mistakes.

The Cardinals fell behind 20-0 before Sivert Klefsaas broke a long run to the 10 yard line. But the drive stopped short of the goal line. Late in the second quarter, Klefsaas burst through again with a 55 yard run, this time getting to the end zone to make the halftime score 26-6.

In the second half, Chandler Braith caught a 19 yard touchdown pass from Isaiah Schultz and Dominic Gomez kept scoring the extra point. But OTC kept scoring and the final was 57-13.

Klefsaas finished with 215 yards rushing on 23 carries, an average of 9.3 yards per carry.

Braith caught three passes for 27 yards, Dayton Anderson caught two for 13 and Klefsaas one for 14. Schultz completed five passes for 44 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, Logen Weite led the team with five tackles and 12 assists. Max Strickland had five tackles and two assists, Alex Giza 2 and 5, Sam Opheim 2 and 4, Alex Ross-Bahn 2 and 4,

Schultz 2 and 1, Cole Winkels 2 and 1, Braith 1 and 7. Also contributing on defense were Klefsaas with 4 assists, Jaden Jantz with 4, Conner Dobson 2, Taylor Serich 1, Bendeguz Pali 1 and Wyatt Kobliska 1.



Cutback

Sivert Klefsaas makes a move at the line.

The Great 2020 Deer and Duck Season Switcheroo

Minnesotans are no strangers to the unpredictable. The example of unpredictability we probably cite most is the weather, and with it the oft-repeated Minnesota-ism “If you don’t like the weather, just wait a few minutes.” This is most famously attributed to Mark Twain, speaking of New England, where the weather is not so unlike ours.

For a good example of such unpredictability, one need look no farther than the weather this fall, which delivered some unexpected surprises to those who hunt deer and waterfowl.

Seasonable weather for the general firearms deer hunting opener in early November usually means temperatures that range somewhere in the 30’s, perhaps breaking above the 40-degree mark, but with just as much probability of dipping down into the 20’s, or occasionally even the teens.

But what greeted deer hunters on this first weekend of November was temperatures that climbed into the upper 60’s—in some cases even nudging the 70 degree mark—all the way up to the Canadian border. Instead of hand warmers and portable heaters for deer stands, hunters found themselves working to keep

cool, yet remain observant of the protocol of blaze orange for visibility and safety. More than a few who might normally wear an orange stocking cap were pawing through their pheasant or grouse hunting gear in search of an orange baseball cap.

Needless to say, there was no “tracking snow” for the first weekend of the firearms deer season. This is a wish-list item that many hunters hope for. Tracking, to some, implies poor shooting, a hunter-wounded animal that needs to be found and dispatched. But it’s not at all uncommon for a “dead-on-its-feet” whitetail to run 50 or 100 yards before expiring. The cover where whitetails are found—at least in much of northern Minnesota—is typically dense and brushy, and visibility can be poor. Thus the value of snow cover that is hoped for, but was nonexistent.

Another consequence of the unpredictable, out-of-character weather on the first weekend of the general firearms deer season was legitimate concern for the quality of venison when deer are harvested under such warm conditions. When temperatures are in the 30’s, a deer can be hung for multiple days before it is butchered, and may actually be the better for it, especially if it’s an older deer. But when temperatures are high, there is much greater risk of bacterial growth and spoiled meat.

Further complicating things this year is the fact that fewer meat processors are butchering deer for hunters. Of those that are, some are reportedly requir-

ing that hunters bring in only the front and rear quarters, not the entire carcass. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) and the restrictions on disposing of deer carcasses in Minnesota—particularly the spinal column, and its potentially infected nerve tissue—is the reason behind this. With CWD a growing problem in some parts of Minnesota, and processor attitudes like this, it may behoove more hunters to acquire the know-how to butcher their own deer.

Waterfowl hunters this year experienced an unpredictability just the reverse of deer hunters. Shortly after mid-October came the cold breath of early winter, a month premature. Small ponds and larger shallow wetlands and “gamelakes”—the kind that teem with wild rice and other favored duck foods—were chilled to the point of freezing by 10 days when temperatures in the north rose above freezing for mere hours each day, if at all. Some nights were down into the teens, and in some cases single digits.

When this happens, the feed that ducks depend upon is unavailable. They may still have the larger lakes where they loaf and find security, but that is not enough. Many of these birds departed for other stopover points farther south on their migratory route, where there has been no interruption in open water and availability of food.

As waterfowl biologists will tell you—and your own experience has likely shown you—despite those shallow lakes and wetlands becoming ice-free again with warming tempera-

tures, the curtain has fallen as far as ducks go. Not totally, perhaps. Some field feeding ducks—mallards, chiefly—as well as Canada geese, are less dependent on the small wetlands. They may be around until their food supply dwindles and the larger lakes begin to freeze.

Rivers are migratory corridors of course, and there could be late-migrating ducks—like goldeneyes, buffleheads and mergansers—using them until late November. These are not the epicurean delights that mallards, wood ducks, and wild rice-fed ringnecks are, but enough time in a crock pot with the right mix of spices and sauces can do wonders for them. And anyway, “palatable” is in the taste buds of the diner, just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

These same biologists have pointed to a cyclical pattern in recent autumns, with earlier than normal freeze-up this year and the previous two, and several years of late freeze-ups before 2018. Why? No one really knows; as Minnesotans know only too well, these things are unpredictable.

Following the past week of summer-warm temperatures, forecasters are promising a return to seasonably-appropriate weather. That means temperatures that will have hunters and others wearing gloves and stocking caps, and maybe even spending a little time behind a snow shovel or snow blower. Just in time for the second weekend of the firearms deer season.

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Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Sept. 15, 2020

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of September, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2020 as presented.

To approve the termination of Employee #786 effective 08/19/2020.

To approve the resignation of Kathy Parteka, effective August 16, 2020.

To approve the retirement of Connie Burns, effective September 30, 2020.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club Inc. dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective October 2, 2020 through March 31, 2021 which fully extends their license to a full-year license.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the August 2020 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900917 through 900972 in the amount of \$482,173.40, (Manual) 567 through 572 in the amount of \$108,460.24 and (Regular) 235834 through 236004 in the amount of \$557,513.57for a total of \$1,148,147.21.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400803 through 400828 in the amount of \$28,668.70 and (Regular) 53902 through 53937 in the amount of \$35,813.38 for a total of \$64,482.08.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800976 through 801043 and (Regular) 707058 through 707111 for a total amount of \$73,325.38.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600253 through 600263 and (Regular) 515977 through 515997 for a total amount of \$51,801.40.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the County Fee Schedule Public Hearing for October 20, 2020 to begin at 9:15 a.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room and instruct all appropriate legal notices be generated and published accordingly.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2021 WHEREAS, the Auditor-Treasurer's office along with the County Ditch Inspector have been proactively working on improving the

cash flow balances within Fund-40 County Ditches on a yearly basis to maintain positive cash flow, and;

WHEREAS, per County Board suggestion, recommendations for the July 2019 through June 2020 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Work Session on September 1, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute allows for the Ditch Authority to approve maintenance fund assessments on a yearly basis without incurring the expense of a public hearing if statute requirement criteria have been met, and;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the County Board to transition from the past practice of collecting after spending to maintaining a revolving collection comparative to expense trends and to keep assessments occurring as close to real time as possible for the potential property owners affected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Todd County Ditch Authority hereby approves the Maintenance Fund/ Ditch Assessments for the 2021 Tax Payable Year as a one year repayment period without interest applied per the attached list.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and failed by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF MOBILE HOME TAXES

WHEREAS, The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office has conducted extensive research on the attached list of personal property mobile home parcels and has deemed them uncollectible, due to one or more reasons including but not limited to, owner deceased, sold and/or removal of mobile home, owner no longer in the area and the mail is undeliverable to the taxpayer and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 277.24 authorizes the County Auditor/Treasurer to cancel the taxes deemed uncollectible, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer to remove the mobile home taxes, per attached list, from the tax rolls, for the years listed, in the amount of \$2,360.72 as allowed by Minnesota Statute 277.24.

Finance Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 PRELIMINARY LEVY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a preliminary levy no later than September 30 annually, and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the 2021 Preliminary Levy for Todd County, for property taxes payable in 2021 per table below, with the authority to reduce this levy before the final levy deadline of December 30 2020.

	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	10,950,616.00	1,616,571.00	9,334,045.00
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Regional Library	330,841.00		330,841.00
Bonded Indebtedness	410,319.00		410,319.00
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Parks & Trails	20,000.00		20,000.00
Total	18,581,820.00	1,616,571.00	16,965,249.00

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the Truth In Taxation Hearing for December 1, 2020 to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Todd County Commissioner's Boardroom.

Great River Regional Library

An update was provided by Karen Pundsack, GRRL Executive Director of GRRL's 2021 budget and recent initiatives.

Planning & Zoning

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

Resolution to Adopt and Implement THE LEAF, WING, REDEYE ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN (COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN)

WHEREAS, the Todd County is an optional member of the Redeye One Watershed, One Plan per BWSR Operating Procedures and did not enter into the Redeye Planning Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Todd County has been an active participant in the development of the Leaf, Wing, Redeye River One Watershed, One Plan (Plan), also known as a comprehensive watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County recommended the Redeye Policy Committee submit the Plan for State approval at their July 16, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Redeye Policy Committee submitted the Plan for State approval on July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) North Region Committee met on August 5, 2020 and decided to recommend the Plan be approved according to Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 14 at the BWSR meeting on August 26, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) met on August 26, 2020 and approved the Plan according to Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subdivision 14;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan and serve as a substitute for the county local water management plan as per 103B for the duration of the state approved Plan.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the establishment of the preliminary plat on parcel 22-0010000 with no conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remand the establishment of the preliminary plat on parcel 14-0024700 with the proposed condition back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and allow a 60-day extension.

Commissioners

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the letter of support for Sytek Communications' grant application.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize County staff to publish

notices and schedule public hearing on October 20, 2020 for the proposed Waste Designation Ordinance as approved by the MPCA.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MARKET PRICE FOR THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TAX

WHEREAS, the solid waste management tax requires political subdivisions to identify by resolution a market price of the political subdivision; and subsidizes the cost of service at a facility, and;

WHEREAS, the political subdivision will be liable for the solid waste management tax based only on the market price amount identified through this resolution, and;

WHEREAS, the market price is identified in the state statutes as the "lowest price available in the area" and;

WHEREAS, Todd County has performed research to identify the lowest price available in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Todd declares a market price of \$77 per ton at the Morrison County Landfill.

Solid Waste Committee

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Solid Waste Recycling Drop Off Center at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.

Health & Human Services

Jackie Och, HHS Director presented an update on the COVID-19 Situation for discussion.

Administration/ Economic Development

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Becker abstaining: To award the Grants approved for the Todd County Small Business Relief Grant Program.

Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the reappointment of Christopher Odden, County Assessor.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To not implement the payroll tax holiday for Todd County Employees.

A progress report was provided by the County Coordinator regarding the CARES Act Funds projects for the County Board's review and discussion.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of an additional squad car using CARES Act funds in the amount of \$56,859.36.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2nd Round of Todd County Small Business Relief Grant Program and allocate \$870,000 of CARES Act CRF Funds to the program.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategy.

Chairperson Kircher reopened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Absentee Voting period for the General Election will be opening on September 18, 2020 to Todd County Voters.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's reported on meetings attend-

ed.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of September 2020.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
MN DEPT OF REVENUE...	\$98,518.90
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	446.80
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	819.25
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	78.62
US BANK	3,180.67
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	5,416.00
AMERICAN COMMS. INC	3,750.00
COMPATICO	3,941.64
EBSO INC	224,697.94
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,000.00
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	4,874.25
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC	4,646.43
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	120,681.99
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH	82,637.00
PSST, LLC	3,054.00
RICE/JE	2,000.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	6,724.77
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170	2,071.63
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753	3,514.17
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	6,020.76
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	6,024.36
TOWN OF GORDON.....	4,145.26
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	2,028.12
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK.....	2,542.85
TOWN OF WARD	3,538.36
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	2,176.78
TRAFFIC MARKING	
SERVICE INC	5,564.29
VERIZON	4,553.56
WEST CENTRAL TECH	
SERVICE AREA	9,062.36
41 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	17,234.22
COUNTIES PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	5,165.00
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	5,146.87
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	10,911.38
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	8,885.00
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,180.00
PHEASANTS FOREVER.....	10,787.00
RECYCLE AWAY, LLC	4,208.40
VOYANT COMMS. LLC.....	4,114.38
WATERGUARDS, LLC	28,302.74
25 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,137.23
BRETTBACH	
CONSTRUCTION CO.....	20,084.00
GREENWALDT/ERMA	4,285.00
HELLE/MICHAEL	18,983.00
LITTLE BIRCH LAKE	
IMPROVEMENT ASSC	12,287.34
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC	3,462.75
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT	15,996.28
MORRISON COUNTY	62,995.75
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES	2,295.25
STEP	7,571.04
62 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	19,215.20
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC.....	4,688.86
METRO SALES INC	2,535.04
TODD SOIL & WATER	
CONS DIST	76,501.50
TRAFFIC MARKING	
SERVICE INC	16,292.72
25 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2000	6,091.82
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	129.00
ANDERSON BROTHERS	119,320.85
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	4,906.32
KENNING/MARY PHD	3,875.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	5,062.66
23 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	12,784.85
TOTAL	\$1,148,147.21

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
CENTRAL APPLIC. INC	12,839.98
CHOSEN VALLEY	
TESTING INC	6,900.00
ROYAL TIRE	5,839.88
SUMMIT COMPANIES	4,636.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	14,777.76
57 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	19,488.46
Total	\$64,482.08

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
#16413	\$2,311.36
#15998	3,235.78
#14593	3,867.56
#15686	2,053.75
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL	2,765.20
#10746	4,143.77
NEW HORIZON	
ACADEMY 75	3,742.00
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	2,612.60
#16183	2,626.32
#13887	2,047.76
STEP	6,318.84
#16109	2,036.08
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	14,040.38
Total	\$51,801.40

Vendor Name.....	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	5,773.00
V #15377 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.	2,938.29
RURAL MN CEP INC	13,704.43
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF	2,469.92
US POSTAL SERVICE	3,490.00
117 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	44,949.74
Total	\$73,325.38

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held September 15, 2020 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 6, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal:

David Kircher,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

Public Notices

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, or via phone conference call. Please email or phone your wish to be included in the meeting at **320-732-4420, toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us** to consider the following Variance applications:

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of October 22, 2020 Minutes
- Board introduction and process review
 - o The applicant is introduced
 - o Staff Report
 - o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
 - o Public Comment
 - o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Robert and Colleen Voltz: Lot 1, Maple Shelter in Section 18, Township 128N, Range 34W in Little Sauk Township

Site Address: 17536 Echo Drive, Long Prairie. PID: 17-0048500

1. Request to increase maximum allowable roofed impervious surface in Shoreland- RD zoning from 15 percent (%) to 15.07%.

2. Request to reduce the side yard setback in Shoreland-RD zoning from the west side yard property line from 10 feet to 1 foot for same detached garage.

3. Request to increase maximum building height for accessory structures in Shoreland- RD zoning from 18 feet to 18 feet, 6 inches for the same detached garage.

2. Jake and Becky Detmer: Lot 1, Kociemba Point, Section 26, Township 127, Range 33 in Birchdale Township

Site Address: 10454 Alum Trail, Grey Eagle. PID: 03-0024600

1. Request to amend Variance #2020-010 to remove condition #1.

2. Request to amend condition #2 of Variance #2020-010 to read "Future structures must meet right-of-way setbacks of 20 feet to the easement".

3. Request to decrease Ordinary High Water setback in Shoreland-RD Zoning from 100 feet to 73.8 feet.

4. Request to increase maximum building height for structures not meeting all setbacks in Shoreland-RD zoning from 18 feet to 28 feet, 11-3/4 inches.

Adjournment.
Next Meeting:
December 17, 2020

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE WADENA COUNTY

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE APPOINTED OFFICES OF A COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER AND COUNTY RECORDER

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§469.1812 through 469.1815, notice is hereby given by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners of the intent to hold a public hearing for the purpose to consider a "Resolution of Establishing the Appointed Offices of a County Auditor/Treasurer and County Recorder." There will be a public hearing held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Wadena City Council Chambers, 222 2nd Street SE, Wadena, MN 56482, regarding this matter.

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE APPOINTED OFFICES OF A COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER AND COUNTY RECORDER

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375A.1205, passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor; provides a process for making certain county offices appointed in Wadena County; and

WHEREAS, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners desires to make the offices of County Auditor/Treasurer and County Recorder filled by appointment by the County Board and not as elected offices; and

WHEREAS, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners wishes to appoint the offices of County Auditor/Treasurer and County Recorder effective upon completion of the term of office to which the incumbent was elected or until a

vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs earlier; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadena County Board of Commissioners hereby makes the offices of County Auditor/Treasurer and County Recorder appointed offices filled by appointment by the County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the incumbent appointed to the office they previously held as an elected office will be responsible to meet the qualifications and fulfill the duties of the of job description created by the County Board for the appointed position and the appointed official shall be granted tenure based on prior years of service, shall be placed on the county wage scale after having the job description graded and scaled, and they shall otherwise receive county employee benefits the same as any other county employee that is not elected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wadena County Board of Commissioners order that the effective date of said appointments will take place upon completion of the term of office to which the incumbent was elected or until a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs earlier.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

WADENA COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Charles Horsager,
Wadena County Board
Chair

ATTEST:
Ryan Odden,
County Coordinator

Emailed and written comments will be accepted by Ryan Odden, Wadena County Coordinator, at ryan.odden@co.wadena.mn.us or Wadena County Courthouse, 415 Jefferson South, Wadena, MN 56482. 46-47pnc

Former Staples librarian is 115 years old

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

One of the ten oldest living women on the planet was once the librarian at Staples High School.

Iris Westman of Northwood, N.D., celebrated her 115th birthday on Aug. 28, 2020, at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center where she calls 'home.' Because of Covid-19, a parade was held in her honor, with family and friends waving to Iris as they drove by.

According to an article in The Gleaner newspaper, Iris is the oldest North Dakotan to ever live, the second oldest recorded U.S. resident, ranks in the top 10 supercentenarians in the world, and is a proud alumna of the University of North Dakota.

Mary Sperley of Staples shared that she had gotten to know Iris over the years through her mother, Marie. She explained that the two women, who were the same and both in education, became good friends when Iris lived in Staples. "That was back in the 1940s," Mary said.

Even after Iris returned



Iris Westman

to North Dakota, she and Marie stayed in touch. Mary recalled that every Christmas their family would receive a special card from Iris.

Years later, when Mary learned that Iris was still living at age 108, she decided to give her a call. Iris immediately knew who she was, and even asked how Mary's brother and sister were doing, calling them by name...Richard and Joan.

When Iris was a mere 111 years old, Mary and two others drove to North Dakota to pay their friend a visit. They had a lovely afternoon reminiscing about Iris's days in Staples. Due to the pandemic, a

trip wasn't possible, but Mary did phone her friend to wish her a happy 115th birthday. Iris has lost much of her hearing and was not able to directly communicate with Mary. However, Mary later learned, when a nurse told the birthday girl who was calling, Iris lit into a smile, nodding her head in recognition.

A tribute to Iris was included in a recent edition of the University of North Dakota Alumni Association & Foundation. In it are portions of her life history.

The tribute reads, "Born in 1905 on a farm near Aneta, N.D., Iris was the only one in her class to attend college. She graduated from UND in 1928 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Iris was just a year short of earning her degree when she planned to quit school to start earning a paycheck. Her father encouraged her to instead finish her studies, so she followed his advice. Ever since then, she has valued her diploma and the doors it has opened.

"Iris launched her career in education taking a dual position as an English teacher and high school principal in Killdeer, N.D.

She went on to teach in Aneta and Hillsboro (N.D.), then Staples, Minn., followed by a longtime position as Elementary School Librarian in Worthington, Minn. before retiring in 1972. During her summers off, Iris continued her studies, taking classes at the University of Minnesota to earn her Master of Library Sciences degree in 1946.

"Wherever Iris calls home, she embraces the essence of the community - attending church activities, singing in choirs, and winning her way into the hearts of many. Iris's wit and charm has made her a favored aunt among four generations of nieces and nephews."

Iris's great-niece Jane Lukens was interviewed by a local news station at the 115th birthday celebration. Since the reporter was unable to speak with Iris directly, he asked Jane what she thought her great-aunt might say when asked the secret of living such a long life.

Jane smiled and said, "She will tell you, there isn't a secret...it's all the Lord's doing. That's what she says."



Visiting with Iris

Mary Sperley of Staples, left, visited with Iris Westman in Northwood, N.D., in 2016, on her 111th birthday. Sperley's mother, Marie Sperley, and Iris were good friends in the 1940s when Iris lived and worked in Staples. (Submitted photo)



At the birthday parade

A drive-by parade was held to celebrate Iris Westman's 115th birthday. Iris, a former librarian in Staples, is a resident at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center in Worthington, N.D., where she resides. Above, Iris receives birthday flowers from staff. At left, she watches the parade, wearing a mask due to the coronavirus pandemic. (Submitted photos)



SHAS acts of kindness

Kindergarteners from Sacred Heart Area School shoveled a walkway in front of the Rowan house on 5th St. in Staples Oct. 21. "It was so cute," said Leone Rowan. "Here they came with their little shovels." The couple are new to town and Leone explained that her husband cannot walk easily. When the students found out the driveway was not shoveled, they pitched in again and cleared it in no time. (Submitted photo)

Todd County 4-H news

Todd County 4-H Leaders Council meeting was held Sept. 14, at the 4-H building at the Todd County fairgrounds. It was called to order by President Joseph Sauer.

Members from the Golden Gophers, Lone Star, Wykeham Willing Workers, West Union Country Kids, and A-1 4-H clubs attended. During the course of the meeting, reports were read and the 2020-21 officers elected.

The secretary's report was read by Haylie Wielenberg. Katrina Buntjer read the treasurer's report which was approved subject to audit.

Due to Covid-19, we were not able to have our 4-H achievement ceremony, so

clubs will have to have their own awards program.

Todd County had a great representation for the Minnesota State Fair show case, with congratulations extended to all at the meeting.

Leaders Council officers for 2020-21 include: President, Katrina Buntjer of the Golden Gophers 4-H club; Vice President, Kolt Carstensen of the Lone Star 4-H club; Treasurer, Berna dette Sauer of the Golden Gophers 4-H club; Secretary Haylie Wielenberg of the Wykeham Willing Workers 4-H club; and reporter Alexis Woeste of the Golden Gophers 4-H club.

Submitted by,
Alexis Woeste, 4-H reporter

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2021 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the last year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2020.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before **December 15, 2020**.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by **December 15, 2020** if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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Salute to Veterans



Veterans Day Parade of Appreciation

The Staples-Motley School District “Veterans Day Parade of Appreciation” is November 11.
The school invites all veterans to join them by driving through “parade-style” at each of the school sites.
•1 p.m. Staples-Motley Middle/High School - 401 Centennial Dr., Staples
Pep Band plays; FFA members hand out treats
•1:15 p.m. Staples-Motley Elementary School, 1025 4th St. NE, Staples
Veterans receive gifts and cards
•1:30 p.m. Early Education Center, 132 1st Ave. S., Motley
Waves of appreciation from preschoolers.
For information and parade route, call 218-894-5400 or go to: isd2170.k12.mn.us/veterans



What is a Veteran?

The essays about Veterans were complied by the fourth grade students at Staples-Motley Elementary School. All fourth grade students participated in the exercise, “What is a Veteran?” with two essays from each room selected for printing.

By Derek Gonzalez

Thank you for your service!
Veterans sacrifice their lives for our freedom. They go through a lot of hard training. They are strong and brave and I respect the pain that they go through. We are lucky that we have freedom in the United States. Most places do not have

freedom like we do. I am thankful that I have freedom and people that protect us from bad guys and bad people in our lives.
Veterans sacrifice their life, bodies, and people. They are important in our lives. I am happy that people protect us.

By Alea Holst

Veterans served the country and protected us. They were strong and brave to save our lives. They are super nice like superheroes. They save peoples’ lives. That

is pretty cool.
Veterans are awesome! I bet veterans had to practice a lot. Veterans, oh veterans, you do a lot for us and for our country. You saved peoples’ lives.

By Michael Jewison

A veteran is a person that may or may not carry guns, but no matter what they fight for our country or maybe even the world. Some die for us. They serve in the Air Force,

Navy, Marines, and just a lot of others too.
And rest in peace to those that have died. So be good to those poor soldiers. And if you’re a veteran stay safe and good luck.

Written by: Owen Roline

Veterans are some of the bravest people on earth. Although they seem confident all the time, half of the time they are very scared, but that’s part of the reason that they chose to be a veteran. They risk their lives for us so that we can keep living our wonderful lives and we should be grateful for everything they do for us. They travel from country to country to battle.
There are 5 dif-

ferent branches in the military, there is the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.
They also leave their families for a very long time just for us. It’s kind of crazy that they protect us from the ground, water, and air at the same time.
After all I’ve said about how veterans help us and protect us and all they do for us, what do you think about veterans?

By Garrett Bjerga

A veteran is a strong, fearless, hard working man or woman that has fought for our country in the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Army, and the Marine Corps.
They have spent lots of time away from their families and they also are willing to give up their lives so that we can stay safe at home. They have to work together and help each other when someone is hurt, even if they

have been rude or mean in the past because they are like family. They are modest and respectful people.
I know they have fought in many wars so that we can have our rights and our freedom. I would never have the courage to go into a war or do anything they do. I feel bad for the ones that never made it back. I think veterans are real life superheroes.

Written by: Evah Noska

A veteran is a person who sacrifices their life to go fight for our freedom. Veterans are very brave because they left their family to join one of the 5 branches. A veteran can be any-

one, like a man or a woman. Veterans are courageous because they fought when no one was able to. Veterans are very important to us because you could not always be free without them.



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FFA 3-Star National Chapter award

◦ **CONVERSE:** The knowledge I gained from this project helped expand my overall knowledge of livestock production, and in the future I plan on continuing to raise livestock. Knowing which bedding is the most absorbent can help me greatly improve my facilities.

◦ **MRAZEK:** All of the things that I learn from FFA will help me in my future career, as I plan to become an Ag teacher. However, in this specific case, I believe that the most beneficial thing that I learned is how to conduct a study the right way.

FFA Advisor Joe Ramsdadt shared that, “Having the opportunity to work with students as motivated, driven and invested as Colton and Caden is something that makes my career as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor so fulfilling and rewarding.

“It has been exciting to

see their collaboration, teamwork and leadership skills develop over the past few years, and their ability to apply their scientific knowledge to their own farm is something that made this project very special and relevant to what they do every day. Colton and Caden are incredibly deserving of this recognition and I am excited to see the doors that this experience opens up for them.”

OTHER FFA ACHIEVEMENTS

In addition to this national award received by Converse and Mrazek, the Staples-Motley FFA has had several other achievements added to their roster in recent months. These include:

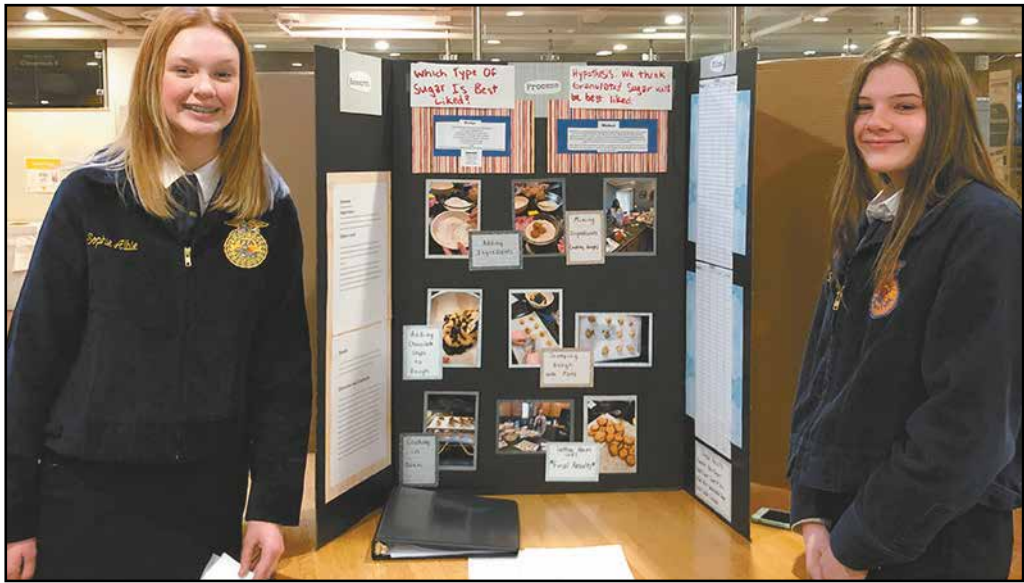
◦ Staples-Motley FFA was named a 3-Star National Chapter this year in the National Chapter Award Program. This is the highest award that can be given to a program.

◦ Sophie Albie and Abby Flaa received Bronze in the National Social Systems, Division 2 competition.

◦ Ben Olander participated in the National FFA Delegate Process since he is serving as the State FFA President, where he attended business sessions and helped shape the future of the organization.

◦ Olander received Bronze on his National Diversified Crop Proficiency Award.

◦ Addison Lorber, Olivia Leslie, Drew Berg and Ben Olander were recognized as the state champions in the Agricultural Communications Career Development Event. Because the National Convention was moved to a virtual setting this year, all national-level Career Development Events were postponed. This team will compete at the National FFA Convention in October, 2021.



Bronze FFA winners

Eighth graders Sophie Albie (left) and Abby Flaa, Staples-Motley FFA students, received Bronze in the recent Na-

tional Social Systems, Division 2 competition. This was a virtual event this year due to the pandemic. (Submitted photo)

Harriet Dent 100 years old this summer

Turning 100-years-old this year, Harriet Dent's picture was featured on the Bigfork, Montana Eagle newspaper, July 22, 2020. She received a crown to wear along with her mask, 100 roses and, to her surprise, a drive-by celebration parade.

Harriet is a former resident of Staples and many of her long-time friends had planned a trip to Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Montana to commemorate the birthday milestone. Those plans changed when her birthday, July 18, arrived in the midst of a global pandemic.

Beverly Grout, Harriet's youngest daughter said her family had originally planned a special celebration. But with the spread of coronavirus they were forced to cancel. That's

when Executive Director Suzette Herreid and Grout suggested maybe they could have a drive-by birthday party; after all you only turn 100 once.

According to the Bigfork Eagle, the drive-by birthday idea blossomed. The family spread the word to the community and shared on social media. They could not believe the response.

Harriet knew her family had down-sized the celebration, expecting a small dinner, socially distanced, with them.

Those included in the planning said the hardest part was keeping the whole thing a secret. When Dent walked outside of Rising Mountains Assisted Living wearing her favorite color, red, she saw her fellow residents spread out in chairs along the front sidewalk

with balloons, signs and, of course, face masks. Enjoying the sunshine together, yet separated for safety, they sang “Happy Birthday”.

More than 20 people, two dozen vehicles decorated with balloons, streamers and birthday signs, dogs in costumes, the local Scouts BSA troop on a float, paraded by Harriet and fellow residents. She received over 200 cards and many more well wishes.

Yes, she was surprised.

“Harriet Dent was a long-time resident of Staples. The article above was shared by one of her friends, Rita Stone of Staples. Harriet moved to Bigfork, Montana to be near her daughter, Beverly Grout.

--Story information taken from an article by Mackenzie Reiss, Bigfork Eagle.

Winkels, Reeck and Anderson on school board

Weyer wins county board seat by four votes

The three seats for the Staples-Motley School Board will go to Bryan Winkels, Jeremy Reeck and Lisa Anderson.

The Wadena County Commissioner District 2 race came down to four votes. Michael Weyer emerged with a narrow victory with 762 votes while Brian Hagen had 758. There were 12 write-in votes. In the six precincts that voted for this seat, Weyer gained the most from Thomastown Township, with a 317-170 advantage. Hagen gained votes in Verndale and Aldrich Township, by a 332-183 margin. Staples city, Aldrich city and Bullard Township were close to equal for both candidates.

Election results

Staples-Motley School Board (elect 3)

Bryan Winkels 2,430
Jeremy Reeck 2,283
Lisa Anderson 2,271
Erich Heppner 1,872
Greg Frisk 1,698

County elections

Wadena County

County Commissioner District 2

Michael Weyer 762

Brian Hagen 758

Write-in 12

County Commissioner District 4

Murlyn Kreklau 993

Curtis Kreklau, Jr. 401

Todd County

County Commissioner District 1

Barbara Becker 2,156

County Commissioner District 3

Rodney Erickson 1,706

County Commissioner District 5

Randy Neumann 2,092

Delvin Durheim 830

Soil and Water Supervisor District 2

Dean Meiners 4,942

Wayne Wendel 5,845

Soil and Water Supervisor District 4

Leland Buchholz 10,074

City elections

Staples City

Mayor

Chris Etzler 1,212

Council member (elect 3)

Douglas M. Case 929

Nonpartisan Mary Theurer 867

John M. Jewison 743

Motley City

Mayor

Al Yoder 244
Robert L. Follis 56
City Council (elect 2)
Steve Johnson 209
Pat O'Regan 147

State legislature

State Senator District 9

Paul Gazelka 31,046

A. John Peters 9,885

State Representative District 9A

John M Poston 14,010

Alex Herring 4,874

State Representative District 9B

Ron Kresha 16,852

Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Laura Wright 4,979

U.S. Congress

U.S. Senator

Tina Smith 1,567,464

Jason Lewis 1,398,795

U.S. Representative District 7

Michelle Fischbach 193,987

Collin Peterson 144,750

U.S. Representative District 8

Pete Stauber 223,526

Quinn Nystrom 147,939

President

In the U.S. Presidential election, the Staples and Motley area supported President Trump by more than 2 to 1 margin, with Trump earning 67 percent of the vote in the City of Staples and 73 percent in Motley.

The number of votes was significantly higher than the 2016 presidential election, but the percentages were almost exactly the same.

In 2016, Motley voted 73 percent for Trump and 27 percent for Hillary Clinton. In 2020, those percentages were exactly the same with 56 more voters casting a vote for the top two candidates.

In the Todd County portion of Staples, Trump earned 68 percent and Joe Biden 32 percent, almost exactly the same percentages as 2016, with Trump 69 percent and Clinton 31 percent. There were 1,011 votes for the two top candidates in that portion of the city, 206 more votes than in 2016.

A slight change was recorded for the Wadena County portion of Staples, with 66 percent for Trump and 34 percent for Biden this year. In 2016, Trump earned 69 percent in that portion of the city.

Nationally, Biden has been declared the winner of the presidential election.



Celebrating 100 years

Harriet Dent celebrated her 100th birthday (actual date, July 18, 2020) at her current residence, Rising Mountains Assisted Living in Bigfork, Montana. Friends from Staples had planned to attend the milestone event, but due to COVID-19 had to cancel their trip. Harriet smiles for a mask-free socially distanced photo.

(Photo by Mackenzie Reiss, Bigfork Eagle)

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