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Santa's going for a train ride

Children at the Polar Xpress were amused when Santa got off his chair and decided to take a ride in the barrel train. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Kids mesmerized by Polar Xpress More than 1,000 visitors attended the Polar Xpress event at Central Lakes College in Staples on Dec. 9-10, mostly families with elementary and preschool aged children who witnessed the wonderment of Christmas. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

School levy increases due to enrollment numbers

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School District budget is still being affected by declining enrollment after the Covid pandemic.

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a tax levy that will include a 4.83 percent increase at their Dec. 4 board meeting. Business Manager Ellie Hill said much of that is driven by the pupil decrease that school districts have seen since 2020, the year of the pandemic.

During her presentation for the school's annual Truth in Taxation meeting, Hill said the state can make adjustments to the levy calculations based on actual counts that come in two years after the levy is approved, so they are seeing reductions in those numbers.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the same factors are playing out at other nearby school districts. He

noted that the Browerville's district levy is going up eight percent, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle ten, Little Falls five, Verndale 14 and Brainerd nine, compared to the 4.83 percent increase for the Staples-Motley district.

"We've done a good job to be cognizant of what area schools are seeing in their levies," said Tappe.

Hill said they expect the enrollment numbers to level out soon, because nearby districts are starting to see it level out.

Hill said because all the money from the state and the taxpayers have specific purposes, there's not a lot of leeway to make changes to the budget. The biggest expenditure is salary and wages.

Hill said another factor on the budget increase is inflation on school operating referendums that have been passed.

Maximum levy

The 4.83 percent increase represents the maximum amount that the school is

allowed to levy under state guidelines. Tappe said that helps the school bring in more money through grants.

"Some districts choose to under-levy, they have to turn down state aid that is tied to that levy," said Tappe. "When we levy to the max, we are trying to maximize the amount of state aid coming in to the district," said Tappe.

Hill said "When you choose not to levy, you could be choosing not to have a program."

Hill said the school looks at every program piece by piece to see how to maximize the state grants. She pointed to the general fund in the school's budget, where they are deficit spending in the general fund by design right now and using state funds for technology and other categories where the dollars are tied to a specific purpose.

The board approved the levy without asking any questions about the budget presentation.

Community Christmas Chorus

The Staples Area Women's Chorus, right, and Staples Area Men's Chorus below, perform Christmas songs at A Community Christmas Concert Celebration on Dec. 9. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 13	36	27	Sunny
Dec. 14	45	34	Sunny
Dec. 15	40	27	M. Sunny
Dec. 16	39	29	P. Sunny
Dec. 17	36	20	P. Cloudy
Dec. 18	37	23	P. Cloudy
Dec. 19	37	22	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 13	34°	31	Cloudy
Dec. 14	33	29	Cloudy
Dec. 15	31	30	Snow
Dec. 16	27	20	Cloudy
Dec. 17	13	10	M. Cloudy
Dec. 18	-5	-9	Sunny
Dec. 19	9	5	Snow

Average Temps:

H = 24° Low = 10°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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‘Crazy Plant Company’ now open in Motley



Passionate about plants

Sarah and Terry Lenzen, owners of Crazy Plant Company in Motley, have a wide variety of house plants for sale at their business, including Christmas poinsettias. They are located about five miles south of Motley on Highway 10. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Sarah Lenzen has been passionate about plants and gardening since she was a kid, and she's excited to share that passion with others who stop by 'Crazy Plant Company' just south

of Motley. Located on Highway 10, 'Crazy Plant Company' is owned by Sarah and her husband, Terry Lenzen. It's the place to go if you're looking to buy or learn more about plants. "We specialize in house plants... common and rare," Sarah

in the former home of 'Tattered Edges') this past November. Prior to having a permanent space for their merchandise, they'd load up their truck with plants during spring and summer, holding pop up sales at craft fairs and county fairs throughout the Brainerd Lakes area. They were excited to learn of the availability of the attractive structure which now houses 'Crazy Plant Company.'

They have new inventory that arrives each week, Sarah said, as well as seasonal items, such as Christmas poinsettias and wreaths. In addition to plants, the Lenzens' inventory includes gift items such as soaps and candles, and 3D prints, designed by Terry.

Sarah, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota-Crookston, said she knows that caring for plants can be difficult and she wants people who buy them to succeed. This spring, she and Terry plan to offer classes in caring for plants. Currently, they offer a 're-potting' service for plant owners who need help in this area.

"We have a lot of dreams and goals," Sarah said of 'Crazy Plant Company,' going on to mention one day having their own green-

house. They're grateful for the support of the community, as well as that of their family, Sarah says, mentioning her daughters Nora Richardt, who works at the shop part-time, and Hailey Richardt, a freshman at Staples-Motley High School.

In addition to owning Crazy Plant Company, Sarah works part-time as an Administrative Assistant for the City of Motley, and Terry works for Progressive Insurance, as well as being an FFL (Federal

Firearms License) dealer. In their 'spare time' they enjoy outdoor activities, and tending to their garden every summer. "I love playing in the dirt...it relaxes me," Sarah said.

Crazy Plant Company is located at 33885 U.S. Highway 10 in Motley. They are open Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4. Closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 218-838-9905 or visit them online at www.crazyplantcompany.com or at Facebook.



New business now open

The Crazy Plant Company in Motley opened this past November, offering a wide variety of household plants, as well as seasonal gift items. The business is located at 33885 U.S. Highway 10 E., Motley, in the building which was formerly home to Tattered Edges.

Motley area police report

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

Nov. 29 - Dec. 5
Dec. 5 - The Motley Police responded to a report of a possible person in the Crow Wing River, near Hwy 210 in

Motley. It was found to be a tree log.

Dec. 2 - The MPD received a call from an employee at My Store in Motley, reporting a theft of money. The suspect is an employee at the store and it's estimated that he took over \$7,000. A KOPS alert was entered, with an attempt to locate

the suspect for questioning regarding the burglary.

Nov. 30 - A Morrison County deputy assisted a subject that was stalled on Hwy 10 and 330th St. in Motley. The subject said he had hit a bear, and the deputy observed bear hair in the front bumper. As the vehicle was disabled, the deputy gave the driver/vehicle owner a ride to Little Falls so he could stay in a hotel. The vehicle was left on the shoulder.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 29000 block of Dove Rd., Cushing, reporting suspicious activity. The caller said a person drove down his driveway and when they saw him, the vehicle backed out of the driveway at a high rate of speed. The reporting party stated he tried to catch up to the vehicle, but was unable to. No license plate information was obtained.



Motley Area Food Shelf receives \$5,000

The Motley Lions Club recently donated \$5,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Pictured, from left, are Debbie Greig, food shelf volunteer; Motley Lion

President Bruce Brotherton; and food shelf volunteers Florence Berndt and Fran Kokett. (Submitted photo)

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Nominated Anonymously
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**Lee Current, RT(R)(CT)(BD)**
Lead X-ray/CT Technologist

**Leah Anderson, RT(R), Radiology**
Technologist/PACS Coordinator

**Ashley Current, (R)(M)(CT)(BD),**
Radiology Technologist

Nominated by TJ McCall, Radiology Director
"Lee, Leah, and Ashley have been such a blessing to the radiology department and to the organization. They demonstrate integrity, accountability, compassion, high quality, and innovation routinely through their work. They are the first to volunteer to cover open shifts, work holidays, cover call, help with a patient, or come in on their days off during the weekend to help with the OCHIN transition. They are the first to jump at the opportunity to provide assistance to the best of their abilities for the department and patients. Our department is successful due to their hard work and dedication to the Mission."

**Craig (DJ) Wilson, CMA, AAMA, Laboratory**
Nominated by Carol James, Phlebotomist, Laboratory
"DJ is such a valuable part of LHS. His years of working the outpatient draw room have brought him a following of patients who really appreciate him. We hear many times a week from patients how good DJ was at getting their blood draws and how well he took care of them. He also puts in the majority of lab orders from outside providers that are faxed to us. Some of these are complicated and take research to figure out. They have special instructions and timed intervals to be done and he always makes sure that it is documented correctly so the order is understood. He is truly a STAR here at Lakewood."

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ing 'small town' happenings like the recent one she calls her 'Thanksgiving miracle.'

She was heading back to the Twin Cities after a fun and festive weekend, and stopped at the Holiday Station in town to fill up with gas. From there, Linda headed to Ernie's Grocery, only to discover she didn't have her wallet. "I freaked out," she said, noting that the wallet contained her driver's license, other cards and \$240 in cash.

Had she left it on the trunk of her car when she filled up with gas? Linda said she panicked and called her brother Walt for help. They retraced her steps, which included searching the area by the pumps at Holiday Station. No wallet.

They made a call to the Staples Police, getting in touch with Officer Ryan Walwick, who met them at the gas station to hear about the case. In addition, at Walt's insistence, they asked the Holiday manager if they could take a look at the surveillance camera footage.

"It felt like a Dateline episode," Linda said, recalling watching the clip of herself at the pump, and of leaving her wallet on the trunk. The video, which she said was picture-perfect clear, shows her taking a left hand turn from the parking lot onto 11th St. NE, heading south toward Highway 10. It was there that the wallet fell to the ground.

While they were watching the video, Officer Walwick was called out to a fire, with Linda's case taking a back burner. Not knowing what else to do, she decided to continue on her journey, and got as far as Motley when she received a phone call from the offi-

cer saying he had her wallet.

According to Officer Walwick, Staples Fire Fighter Scott (Scooter) Meech, Jr. was responding to a fire call, when he spotted a wallet in the street while he was getting into his car. Knowing the Staples Police would most likely be at the fire, Meech brought the wallet with him, and handed it to Officer Walwick upon arrival.

The wallet belonged to none other than Linda Sadusky of Brooklyn Park. What are the odds? Linda wondered, still dumbfounded that not only was her wallet found, but that it was handed over to the police officer who'd been searching for it in the first place.

All of her cash was gone, but her ID and other cards were safe and sound. As far as the \$240, Officer Walwick was confident he'd be able to get most of that back for Linda. Thanks to the Holiday manager, whose video camera captured someone retrieving the wallet and driving off with it, Officer Walwick had been able to run the license plate and track down the vehicle's owners. He informed them that Linda would not press charges, if they'd return the cash to her. They did the right thing.

"Only in a small town," Linda said, still in disbelief at how it all transpired. "And it all happened within an hour."

There's no way that she'd have had this kind of outcome in Brooklyn Park, Linda said, going on to sing the praises of Officer Walwick and Firefighter Meech. "Everyone's been saying that this is a miracle, and it is. This is just one more reason why I love Staples."

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include:

Nov. 27, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic at the Love Motel. It stated that the subject had placed the complainant's property in the hallway and would not allow them back in the room to collect the rest of their property. Police stood by as the complainant entered the room, gathered items without indecent then the complainant left the scene.

Nov. 27, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle driving westbound on Hwy 10 that was all over the road. Police located the vehicle at the Holiday Station and spoke to the driver. Police detected some possible indicators of impairment, conducted testing and determined the subject wasn't under the influence. Police explained the reason for the contact.

Nov. 28, Staples Police and Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. arrested Tristin Etzler 22, of Staples, on outstanding warrants at his residence on Ravilla Ave. NE. Etzler was transported to the Wadena County Jail by deputies and booked on the warrants.

Nov. 29, at 3:37 a.m., Staples Police, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded to Hwy 10, regarding a report of a wrong way driver traveling westbound in the eastbound lane. Officers located the vehicle involved, which had recent, minor front passenger side damage, west of the city of Staples. The driver appeared to be having some

cognitive issues. They were transported by Staples ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the incident.

Nov. 29, Staples Police assisted Crow Wing County Child Protection with placing an infant and his sibling on a 72 hour protective hold at Lakewood Health System Hospital.

Nov. 29, Staples Police received a report of individuals living in a camper in the 700 block of Forest Ave. SE. Police noticed bags of garbage stacked near the camper, car parts lying on the ground and the homeowner was served with a Notice/ Order to Abate Nuisance.

Nov. 30, Staples Police were called to the Staples-Motley school for a student found with a vape. The student was issued a citation for having a vape at school.

Nov. 30, Staples Police pulled a vehicle over for suspicion of Driving After Cancellation Inimical to Public Safety. Mark Schmidt, 59, Staples was arrested for Driving After Cancellation Inimical to Public Safety.

Dec. 1, Staples Police received a report of a theft of a package from the front step of a home in the 400 block of 4th St. SE.

Dec. 2, Staples Police responded to the report of three juvenile females playing ding dong ditch in the 700 block of Park Ave NE. The juveniles were located /identified before being sent home. The complainant was advised on the matter.

Court report Dec. 4

Long Prairie Police Department
Talia Marie Beatty, St. Paul. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jon Leslie Chase, Long Prairie. DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Dismissed. DWI- Third Degree driving while impaired; one aggravating factor. Dismissed.
Octavio Marical Perez, Willmar. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
Jeremiah Joseph Mock, Long Prairie. Domestic Assault- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals \$0. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year. Disorderly Conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
David Allen Bueckers, Royalton. Hunting- Transportation of Firearms- loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Anthony John Payne, Browerville. Wildlife Management Area- abandon trash or property in WMA; property unattended overnight. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Joseph R. Schlabach, Eagle Bend. Fish and Game- take big game over limit. Fine \$300. Fee \$85.
Brock Arthur Smude, Pierz. Migratory Birds- violate federal regulations. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Minnesota State Patrol
Xiomar Elena Castiblanco Valle, St. Paul. Instruction Permit Violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Shaun Phillip Dickman, Staples. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Tanley Harriet Lego, Motley. Speed 75/65. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
Steven Bruce Vojte, Erskine. No Minnesota Registration. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Gabriel Davae Baker, St. Peter. Hands-Free Law- access video content, images, games, software applications. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Connor Scott Crosby, Osakis. Window Restrictions- windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50.
Sarah Elizabeth Dougherty, Blaine. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Loren Harlan Freie, Long Prairie. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Carter David Holm, Alexandria. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeffrey Michael Jorgenson, Osakis. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kaitlynn Laura Lee, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Wyatt Gerald Long, Long Prairie. Window Restrictions- windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50.
Savannah Dorothy Massmann, Albany. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Annika Cheryl Mathias, Maple Plain. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee

\$85.
Nicholas John Mayo, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Oscar Mejia Cedano, Browerville. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Chrity Lynn Namvar, Osakis. Second Degree DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol.
Ricardo Ramirez Francisco, St. Cloud. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Jessica Maria Villavicencio, Browerville. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Timothy Wayne Washington, Williston, N.Dak. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff's Office
Thor William Didrikson, Roseau. Traffic regulation- failure to obey traffic signs on controlled access highway. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
David Allen Johnson, Swanville. Assault- Fifth Degree- inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed. Disorderly Conduct- brawling or fighting. Dismissed. Domestic Assault- intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another. Dismissed.
Dylan Leonard Juvrud, Henning. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Shannon Marie Mazoleny, Clarissa. No proof of insurance. Dismissed. Driving after revocation. Fine \$50. Fee waived. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.
Lany Aaron Zimney, Alexandria. Open Bottle Law; drinking and consumption. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 27, 2023.
Guillermo Guadalupe Cortez Morelos, Alexandria. Third Degree Driving While Impaired. Dismissed. Third Degree Driving While Impaired- blood alcohol content greater than .08 within two hours. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$680. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 361 days for four years. Credit for time served: three days. Supervised probation, four years. Speed 50/30. Dismissed.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 28, 2023.
Carlos Antonio Souffront, Long Prairie. Drive without a valid license for vehicle class/type. Amended court decision. Sentenced. Fine \$1,000. Stay \$950 until Nov. 21, 2024. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 90 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year.
James Sebastian Samples, Browerville. Damage to Property- Fourth Degree- intentional damage- other circumstances. Continued for dismissal. Fee \$0. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 29, 2023.
Chrity Lynn Namvar, Osakis. Second Degree DWI- operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$855. Local confinement 354 days. Stay 274 days for four years. Credit for time served: three days. Comment: 30 days to be served in custody and 60 days to be served

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Dec. 9, 1948 - *Letters to Santa:*

• Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for the presents you brought us last year. I enjoyed them very much. This year I would like a wrist watch and a bow and arrow with two dart arrows and two arrows that are pointed. My sister would like a doll house and my brother would like a train. Their names are Cheryl and Billy. Thank you, Douglas Bates.

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Dawn Timbs*
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• Dear Santa, I am a little boy 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a train, farm set, pair of skis, candy and nuts. Your friend, Dale Macho.

• Dear Santa Claus, I hope for Christmas you will bring me some of these things, fire truck, a doctor set, a cap gun, a cowboy hat and a cowboy suit and a cop set, two gun holster. I am five years old. A Merry Christmas to Santa Claus. Thank You, Roger Randgaard.

• Dear Santa Clause, Thank you for the present I got last year. This year I want you to bring me a big doll, a sled and skies, candy and nuts, a pitcher book. That all. I'm a good girl. Friend, Kathryn Smith, Motley, Minn.

• Dear Santa Clause, I liked the presents you brought me last year. I want a football, a gun, a rod and real. That's all I want. Your friend, Freddie Smith, Motley, Minn.

• Dear Santa Claus, I want a wagon and a horse and please get a doll and house and a rabbit and a dog. Edward Boelz.

• Dear Santa, I want a sled and a train. Thank you. James Nelson

• Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll buggy. I will be good girl. I am 6 years old. Diane Page.

• Dear Santa Clause, I want barn. I wants a doll. Thank you. Dennis Bienusa.

• Dec. 9, 1948 - Walter L. Becklund, of Superior, Wis-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1998. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

consin, arrived in Staples Dec. 6, and immediately assumed the management of the Staples Motor Company, which is owned by L. W. Grant of Staples.

Mr. Becklund is a married man, and accompanying him to Staples were his wife and daughter Janice. They are making their home at 323 Sixth St. North in Staples, for the time being.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Dec. 13, 1973 - Albert Dennemeyer, Route 1, Motley, proudly displayed a 21-pound northern he speared in the Crow Wing River north of Staples last Wednesday afternoon. He speared it just back of the head, but the lunker was so large, he had to enlist the help of Mark Goff, who was fishing nearby. Mark's spear pinned it to the sandbar, and it was necessary to use a crowbar to finish off the fish before they could land it. The fish was heavy with eggs.

• Dec. 13, 1973 - Two

seniors at Staples High school were selected by the members of the Staples Rotary Club as their delegates to the Model United Nations Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada. They are Lynn Dyer, son of Mrs. Margaret Dyer; and Mark Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Evans. Karen Shea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shea, will be the alternate delegate. Evans and Dyer will attend the Model United Nations Assembly in Winnipeg April 5 - 6. They will be representing the country of Iran.

Richard Donat is chairman of the event and will accompany the student to Winnipeg for the local Rotary.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Dec. 10, 1998 - Forty-eight years ago right now, 20,000 American troops (16,000 Marines and 4,000 Army troops) were in a fight for their lives.

Surrounded by 120,000 Chinese troops in the mountainous terrain of North Korea, with temperatures as low as 30 and 40 degrees below zero, they earned the name 'The Chosin Few' as they fought the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

As one Marine officer said, being surrounded wasn't so bad. "That just made our job easier. We could fire in any direction," Marvin Pearson of Motley quoted him as saying.

The American GI's fighting under the United Nations flag, took 15,000 casualties. Pearson was one of the Chosin Few, and one of the very few who came through without as much as a scratch.

Today, the soft-spoken, slightly built ex-tank gunner is on a mission to ensure that the efforts of all Korean veterans, and their fallen comrades, are not forgotten. Although he seldom talked about Korea for 40 years, he's now active in a veterans' group, the Chosin Few. He attended the dedication this summer of the Korean War Memorial at the state Capitol in St. Paul, and he's made a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., viewing first hand the Korean War Memorial there, not too far from the Vietnam Memorial.

• Dec. 10, 1998 - The Cardinal girls basketball team opened the season last week with impressive wins over Park Rapids and Wadena-Deer Creek, their Mid-State Conference rivals.

The Cards, with five girls

in double figures, downed Park Rapids 68-57 on Dec. 1. Two nights later they gunned down the underpowered Wolverine squad 58-33.

• Dec. 10, 1998 - With strong inside scoring from Dustin Hjelmeland, the Cardinal boys basketball team notched Win No. 1 on Dec. 3, downing the Park Rapids Panthers 84-43.

• Dec. 10, 1998 - The Staples Lions Club this week noted its 60th anniversary with a special program on Dec. 7. Frank Odell is the club's current president, with Jack Shriver the immediate past president.

Current Lions board members include Mike Palmer, Gary 'Koot' Knosalla, Jim Hoyt, Vern Seipkes, Jack Wilson, Al Card, Mel Weins, Rollie Penfield, Mike Gedde, Norm Krause, Tom Crawford, Don Olsen and Shriver.

• Dec. 10, 1998 - Jacque Peterson of Staples, a sixth grade student at Sacred Heart School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Staples '93 Lions Club.

Peterson's poster is among more than 300,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 11th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Her entry best portrayed the contest's theme, "Planting the Seeds of Peace."

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Dec. 12, 2013 - Seth Neidhardt of Staples loves games. Owner of 150 board games, Neidhardt said "it keeps your mind going, it is a part of having fun in life." Neidhardt took that love of games to a whole new level when he qualified to be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune.

Neidhardt's show will air on Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. on WCCO TV, although it was taped in November.

• Dec. 12, 2013 - Everett (Ev) Sowers of Motley, who turns 89 years old in April, walks three miles a day at least five days a week. Since he started keeping track in 1999, Ev has logged nearly 15,000 miles in his record book.

When he's not walking, Ev keeps busy splitting wood for his stove, playing cards on Fridays at city hall with his buddies, playing fiddle and guitar (he's a self-taught musician), and canning vegetables from his garden.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Dec. 3, 1998 edition of the Staples World featured Staples Postmaster Darrel Soderberg (left) and postal worker VerNel Anderson, posing with the post office's Santa Claus display. All letters addressed to the North Pole and received at the Staples Post Office during the Christmas season were put in that box prior to their special delivery.

Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified VerNel Anderson and the context, and guessed the man on the left to be the postmaster. John Kopp, Mike Martin, Kathy Odden, all of Staples, correctly identified Soderberg and Anderson, as well as the photo context. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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on house arrest beginning Nov. 27, 2023. Supervised probation, four years. B Card Violation. Dismissed.

Jordan Anthony Anco, Staples. Unlawful parking/storage. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Local confinement 30 days. Stay 30 days for one year. Inoperable motor vehicle. Fine \$50. Local confinement 30 days. Stay 30 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year.

Darrel Ray Glover, Becker. Burglary Third Degree. Dismissed. Theft-take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections 17 months. Stay for five years. Local confinement 30 days. Credit

for time served: eight days. Work release/STS as approved under the sheriff's rules. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Supervised probation, five years. Restitution: \$11,239.

Oaklee Ann Greenland, Pine River. Assault- Second Degree- dangerous weapon- substantial bodily harm. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections 21 months. Stay for five years. Local confinement 146 days. Credit for time served: 146 days. Fine \$300. Fee totals \$1,347. Supervised probation, five years.

Phillip James Montes, Minneapolis. Assault- Second Degree- dangerous weapon. Dismissed. Fifth Degree Possession of a Controlled

Substance. Stay of adjudication. Local confinement 32 days. Credit for time served: 32 days. Fine \$50. Fee waived. Supervised probation, five years. Domestic Assault- Bodily

Harm. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 56 days for two years. Credit for time served: 32 days. Supervised probation, two years.



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Proud to be the Cardinals

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley teams are the Cardinals. Even though it is somewhat common, I believe it is the most distinctive team nickname in the state. I've never heard the story of how the nickname Cardinals was chosen, if anyone knows, tell us about it.

I used a list of boys basketball teams to look up the most common names, because that sport has the most single school teams.

There are 13 high schools in Minnesota that use the name Cardinals. The others are Alexandria, Annandale, Bethlehem Academy (Faribault), Coon Rapids, Cromwell-Wright, Fairmont, LeRoy-Ostrander, Lewiston-Altura, Luverne, Redwood Valley, Upsala and Willmar.

That's quite a mix of small, medium and large schools. They're spread out around the state with only one Twin Cities school.

But what stuck out for me is that before I even looked them up, I knew most of them as the Cardinals. Of all the other team nicknames I looked up below, I could only name a few in each category, no other name was as recognizable.

Cardinals is a very distinctive team, standing out like the bright red birds on our uniforms.

Cardinals is not even close to the most common team names in Minnesota. There are 25 Tigers and 23 Eagles.

In the same range as Cardinals,

there are 14 Knights and 13 Panthers.

There are nine Huskies and nine Raiders. There are nine Warrior teams, which has become a more common nickname, a few of them are schools who've changed their name from Indians. One school has kept the Indians nickname, Sleepy Eye, because the town is named after Native American Chief, Sleepy Eye.

In the battle of the Greeks, there are nine Trojans opposed to eight Spartans.

Minnesota has nine Hawks, but they're broken into Winhawks, Blackhawks, Thunder Hawks, White Hawks, Tri Hawks, Redhawks, as well as just Hawks.

There are nine Lions, most of them Christian schools.

Some of the nicknames are way more popular than I thought. There are 10 Falcons, but the only one I knew of was Foley.

The Thunder have a surprising seven teams, but two of them are the Thunderbirds and two are the Thunder Hawks. There are seven Rebels teams, even though we are in a Union state.

There are seven Bears, one Bearcats and one Grizzlies. There are six Wolverines, but I only knew of was Wadena-Deer Creek.

Surprising to me, there were only five Saints. I guess I had seen enough St. Peter vs. St. James contests that I thought it was pretty common. Also surprising, none of the Saints are Christian schools. I guess Christians

have to earn their Sainthood a different way.

There are six Vikings to match our professional football team, five Wolves and one Timberwolves, not counting the LPGE/B wrestling Wolves. There are no Twins, no Wild but six Wildcats. There's only one Gophers (Chatfield) to match our state university.

There might be an advantage to being the only school in the state with a cool nickname, like the Gryphons, Centaurs or Zephyrs (Eagle Ridge, Brooklyn Center and Mahtomedi).ergus Falls is the only Otters.

Rockets

When the Staples Cardinals paired with the Motley Rockets, we could've chosen the Rockets as our name. That would've been more unique and we could do more sciencey things with it, instead of being a bird all the time.

Currently there are four teams in Minnesota named the Rockets: Randolph, Rochester John Marshall, Rockford and Underwood.

I've seen some graphics of a Cardinal blasting off on a Rocket, which I think is appropriate to keep the Rockets nickname going. The tagline that the school sometimes uses, "Together Cards Fly", could incorporate a rocket, since they also fly.

Team nicknames help us develop an identity as a community. Choosing Cardinals means that we like to stand out in the crowd. But that also means we better be on our best behavior, because the Tigers, Eagles and Falcons are watching us.

Letters to the Editor

Walk with the Docs

Since the Lakewood Walk with a Doc program started over a year ago, my wife Marcia and I have done this. We both feel that this is very enjoyable and very rewarding for us.

The thing is that we feel that more people should take advantage of this. Everyone here walks at their own pace, there are about 15 or 20 of us total, but about eight of us at any time.

During the walk, the doctor will stop, get us all together and tell us of a different medical topic. The topics have been very rewarding and enjoyable.

Most of the time, Dr. Moen has led us but we have had other doctors join us and even the CEO of the hospital has walked with us.

I feel that there should be more of us walking, it is healthy, very informative and enjoyable.

John Z. Marsh
Motley, Minn

The silent killer: CO

By Amy Klobuchar
U.S. Senator

This holiday season, as temperatures drop and we gather with loved ones, it's important to keep safety front of mind. Yes, that means driving more carefully on icy roads, but it also means keeping your family safe from a less obvious winter hazard — carbon monoxide.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, carbon monoxide killed 119 Minnesotans between 2012 and 2021. Young children and adults over 65 are especially vulnerable. The most common symptoms — often described as "flu-like" — include headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. Although carbon monoxide poisoning can happen any time of year, it is most common in the winter months, when families often run their home heating systems all day.

Two years ago, the Hernandez-Pintos, a Moorhead family of seven, were all killed in their sleep by carbon monoxide from their furnace. While determining the cause of death, investigators found that a carbon monoxide detector in the family's garage had been removed and replaced with a smoke-only detector.

And Rochester mother Cheryl Burt tragically lost two of her three sons, 4-year-old Nicholas and 15-month-old Zachary, when they were poisoned by carbon monoxide from their furnace. Decades later, Cheryl is still haunted by a shopping trip she made before the tragedy, where she bought a toy truck for her son instead of a detector. "To this day I have that truck. I do not have my son," she said.

Often called "the silent killer," carbon monoxide is

an odorless, colorless, and poisonous gas that can originate from furnaces, water heaters, or gas stoves. It can be trapped inside by a blocked chimney or flue. Running a car engine in an attached garage, burning charcoal in the home, or operating a gas-powered generator in a confined space can also produce the deadly gas.

While all Minnesota homes are required by law to have working carbon monoxide alarms, shockingly, many do not meet the standards necessary to keep families safe. Too often, a substandard alarm's failure to go off in the presence of the gas can be the difference between life and death.

That's why I introduced and fought to pass the bipartisan Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act to keep families safe across our state and country. First, my legislation enforces mandatory safety standards for alarms, which are currently not required by law to meet the voluntary standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Second, it provides states with federal resources to carry out public awareness and education programs — because the best way to keep families safe from carbon monoxide poisoning is by preventing it in the first place.

I don't want any more Minnesotans to suffer the same fate as Nicholas and Zachary Burt or the Hernandez-Pinto family. To prevent future tragedies, I'll keep fighting for stronger safety standards. In the meantime, all Minnesota families should make sure they have functional, high-quality carbon monoxide alarms in their homes. With higher standards in place and better awareness of this issue, we can save lives.

EV batteries still depend on China

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

China may have a 'lock on key parts' needed for EV battery production.

When it comes to building electric cars, the industry may have to choose between tax incentives for buyers or minerals and parts from China, reports Jeff St. John of Canary Media. "Last week, the Biden administration released long-awaited proposed guidance for how it plans to enforce one of the most complex and controversial aspects of the electric vehicle incentives created by the Inflation Reduction Act: the requirement that the country's fast-growing EV and battery industries avoid using materials supplied by China, a geopolitical rival that has so far dominated clean energy manufacturing."

The requirement leaves companies that have "spent more than \$100 billion establishing U.S.-based EV and battery factories... confronting the reality that, under the proposed rules, virtually none of the EVs they are currently manufacturing will still be eligible for the law's \$7,500 federal tax credit as of 2025," St. John writes. "Under the proposed guidance from the Treasury Department, electric vehi-

cles containing any battery component 'manufactured or assembled by a foreign entity of concern' will no longer be eligible for the tax credit starting next year. In 2025, electric vehicles that 'contain any critical minerals that were extracted, processed, or recycled' by a foreign entity of concern will no longer be eligible for the credit."

The ability of the U.S. to source all the critical minerals for lithium-ion EV batteries without doing business with China seems unlikely. "China has built a commanding lead in every step of the global EV supply chain, from the refining of minerals to the production of cathode and anode materials and the manufacture of battery cells and EVs," St. John reports. "Today, it's very difficult to find a lithium-ion EV battery that doesn't contain some portion of minerals or components processed or made in China or by a Chinese-based company."

Meanwhile, U.S. companies and partners from Europe and Asia are trying to catch up to China by "building domestic EV and battery manufacturing capacity," St. John explains. "They remain largely reliant on mineral and materials supply chains controlled by Chinese firms."

Quote of the week

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”
— Helen Keller

Quote of the week

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.”
— Aristotle

With mild weather, be wary of ice conditions on local lakes

By Bryan Welk
Cass County Sheriff

Early ice conditions are always a concern to safety officials, but this year poses a greater concern than normal due to the very mild fall and early winter we are experiencing. Recently, our area lakes have been starting to make good, solid "clear" ice; however, each year, early ice is different. With the freeze and thaw conditions and above-normal daily high temperatures this year, we are concerned about the early ice activity we have seen. We often get calls at the Sheriff's Office about ice safety, specifically if ice is safe on a particular lake or location. These are tough questions to answer, as we often do not know the exact conditions of all areas and do not measure the ice. However, we have to remember and want to share the message that NO ice, especially early ice, is ever safe. With the upcoming Holiday season, we know people will want to be out on the ice for various recreational opportunities; we want you to be safe and prepared for what might happen.

Your safety is your responsibility. Temperature, snow cover, currents,

springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in 1 place and one inch thick a few yards away. It is recommended you check ice conditions every 150 feet when traveling on ice.

In recent years, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has released a new chart based on ice conditions safe for various methods of travel.

- UNDER 4" Stay off. NOT SAFE.
 - 4" Ice fishing or other activities on foot
 - 5" - 7" Snowmobile or small ATV
 - 7" - 8" Side-by-side ATV
 - 9" - 10" Small car or SUV
 - 11" -12" Medium SUV or small truck
 - 13" Medium truck
 - 16" -17" Heavy-duty truck
 - 20"+ Heavy-duty truck with wheelhouse shelter
- Remember that it's not just dangerous for you - you're putting at risk every first responder who has to come out and attempt to save you if you fall through thin ice.

Stay safe this ice season with these recommendations:

- Wait for at least four

inches of new, clear ice before venturing out. Be sure to check ice thickness frequently.

- Always wear buoyant gear and ice picks. Each person should also carry a throw rope.
- Go with a friend and keep some distance from each other so you don't fall through the ice together.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

Garbage laws

On the same topic of ice safety, changes are coming for all ice anglers this winter. A new law is in effect related to storing garbage and other waste (in all its forms) left on the ice. The law will affect all ice anglers, regardless of the type of shelter they use, and other users of the ice as well. The law states that Specifically, people using an ice shelter, vehicle, or other conveyance on the ice may not deposit "garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters, debris from fireworks, offal, the body of a dead animal, litter, sewage or any other waste outside the shelter, motor vehicle or conveyance unless the material is placed in a container that is secured to the shelter, motor vehicle or conveyance, and not

placed directly on the ice or in state waters."

The law aims to ensure everyone who uses the ice can do so without encountering garbage and other substances that are not only a potential environmental concern but also an eyesore that take away from a quality experience for winter recreationists of all kinds. The penalty for a violation is a petty misdemeanor and carries a fine of \$100.

Plan to store your garbage when you head out ice fishing. If you can't store it inside your vehicle, bring garbage bags, a sturdy waste receptacle that won't break in the cold, and the proper tools to secure them to your shelter, motor vehicle, snowmobile, trailer, or other vehicles you drive out on the ice. Simply put, garbage and human/pet waste do not belong on the ice. Take off what you take on. Read the new statute at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/97C.363>. (MN DNR)

We often get complaints about garbage and waste left on the ice. While responding to these complaints, or if we witness a violation of this new law, we will be prepared to issue citations and educate the offenders on the violation.

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Hydroponics project

Sacred Heart Area School teacher Justin Edin and his second grade class were selected this past September by the Central Minnesota Irrigators to receive a \$500 Educational Projects grant for a hydroponics project. The purpose of this classroom project is to enrich the students' science experience as they learn about life cycles and natural science, as well as introducing them to alternative methods of growing plants. Pictured, back row from left, are Aliza Alexander, Kallyn Stevens, Rylee Dolezal. Front row, Joe Lehner, Bryce Peterson.

According to Edin, the second graders' first crop of lettuce, tomatoes and various herbs has been growing well, and the students eagerly monitor the daily progress of their project. "The kids and I are super excited about and blessed by this new addition to our classroom," Edin said. "The last couple of years I had been bringing in my personal six-pod setup. This machine is four times that size. We can't wait to see what we can grow and I can't wait to see these kids grow in their understanding of plants through various experiments." (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley School Board mtg. Monday, Dec. 18

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Individuals or groups wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

- Approve Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions (*This is the annual resolution required to allow any future budget reductions to occur*)
- Adopt the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Place for 2024 as the Staples Community Center (*This is an annual requirement, regardless of whether an election is anticipated*)
- Approve the 2022-2023 Combined World's Best Work Force (WBWF) summary
- Facilities update by ICS

Upcoming schedule:
Mon., Dec. 25-Mon., Jan. 1: Christmas break. All school offices CLOSED
Mon., Jan. 8, 2024: Organizational meeting, 6 p.m., District Office. Elect officers and set 2024 meeting schedule
Mon., Jan. 22, 2024: Regular Board Meeting.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Bjorn LeBlanc recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a program at the Staples Public Library. Pictured with Library Assistant Angie Johnson, his mom and brother, Rhett, Bjorn received his reading certificate, hardcover book and stuffed animal. The program is sponsored by The Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

December 14

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Tom Allen, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

December 15-17

NORTH POLE LIGHT DISPLAY AT PINE GROVE PARK, STAPLES, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 5-8 p.m., through New Year's Eve. Free Will donation.

December 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly board meeting Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples, at 5:30 p.m. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139. Open to the public.

December 25

COMMUNITY CHAMBER FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL Monday, Dec. 25, at Timbers Restaurant & Event Center, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples. Dine-

in. To make a reservation by Dec. 21, call and leave a message at 218-894-3974. Include name, phone number, number of dine-in meals; and 11 a.m. or noon seating.

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Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

December

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT** Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
- **HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT** Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
- **WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL** Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

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NE., Staples..... 218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2296 Church..... Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday..... 8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship..... 9:30 am. Sabbath School..... 10:45 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923 Pastor Scott Jorgenson Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH..... 6:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples..... 218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class... 10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2248 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)	Aldrich Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp..... 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship..... 8:15 a.m. Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Communion..... 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad SUNDAY Church Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel..... 10:00 a.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study..... 7:30 p.m. Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader..... 218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July..... 9 a.m. July - January..... 11 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.	St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley..... 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m. Saturday..... 4:00 p.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley..... 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m. Oylen Oylen Alliance City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cy 34 to Cy 104. Phone..... 218-746-3839 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY..... 7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m. Connection Point..... 9:30 a.m. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY PRAYER..... 7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Hewitt Community Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Worship..... 10:30 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 Tahna Kurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagon, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor SUNDAY Youth Prayer..... 9:20 a.m. Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting..... 5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Life Groups..... 6:30 p.m. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night..... 5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cy Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950 Sunday Service..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study..... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Seeds of Hope..... 7:00 p.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 Call First. Sunday Service..... 10 a.m.
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Lorraine Hamberg



A life well lived, Lorraine Winnifred Hamberg went to her heavenly home on November 28, 2023, at the age of 96 to be with the love of her life, Roy.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Lunch will be served following the service.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery.

Lorraine was born September 17, 1927, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, to Olga and Edward Johnson. Lorraine was the second child of four. She met and fell in love with Roy at a young age as they grew up on adjacent farms and their families were close friends. They were married on September 24 of 1945 at the Halma Church Parsonage.

Lorraine and Roy had five children together, Linda, LeRoy, Mark, John and Janet. They moved several times before making their forever home in Staples in 1964. Lorraine was one of the hardest workers you will have ever met, whether it was helping in the Radiator Shop, planting or picking pickles, raising vegetables to sell, or growing flowers for Hamberg's Greenhouse. Lorraine's green thumb will be remembered, she would grow the best geraniums in the state.

She was a strong and devout Christian who wouldn't miss church on Sunday and would read the Bible every day. She never had a mean word to say about anyone, she always sees the best in you, even when you didn't deserve it. She was a go getter, not letting anything stop her. She was determined, independent and selfless. She would go without to make sure someone else had, always thinking of others.

Lorraine was an amazing cook, earning her the

title of Grandma Cook from her great grandchildren. Her recipes have become a coveted secret between her grandchildren and were even recorded in her handwriting for future generations to make and remember her ever famous potato salad, scalloped potatoes, escalloped corn and apple crisp.

She had a great love of gospel music which she would play daily as she got older. She also loved listening to the Minnesota Twins games on radio or TV.

Her love of her family was evident in her sewing and crafting. She loved to sew. She used to sew clothes for her family, even making special occasion dresses and a wedding dress at one point in time. When she was blessed with grandchildren, she would use her skills to make the most beautiful barbie clothing out of whatever she had on hand.

Later in life she found joy in making quilts, embroidery pieces she would sew together and lovingly tie, gifting them to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She wanted to make sure that everyone she loved was blessed with their own quilt.

Not only was she a skilled seamstress and crafter, but she also found the love of hand-loomed rugs. This was something she and Roy started many years ago. She continued this hobby after his passing and would travel around to shows and fairs to sell her rugs. When asked what quality her rugs were, she would reply "they wear like iron". And they certainly did. Doing this kept her mind busy and her body active.

She is survived by three children, Leroy (Kathy) Hamberg, Mark (Anne) Hamberg, Jon (Darlys) Hamberg. Betty (Dave) Erbe, 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Roy, daughters, Linda (Bob) Hamilton, Janet (Jigs) Mertens and granddaughter Michelle Tipton.

Her final words were blessings onto everyone, and hopes they find a relationship with our Heavenly Father. She truly was a selfless individual who cared more about others than herself. A true gem and there will never be another quite like Lorraine Winnifred Hamberg.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Jaqueline Olson

Jacqueline (Jacque) Elaine Olson, 86, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away November 5, 2023.

A memorial service will be held Sat., December 16, at 12:00 p.m., with visitation one hour prior at The Peterson Chapel in Buffalo (119 Central Avenue).

Born February 26, 1937, to Charles and Wilhelmina (Enander) Waln in Moorhead. Jacqueline was a woman of remarkable warmth, generosity and unwavering love for her family and friends.

After graduating from Staples High School, Jacqueline pursued her passion for nursing, earning her degree from Glenwood Hills College. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Olson, and they were united in marriage in July, 1960. Her nursing career took her to various hospitals, including Staples Hospital, North Memorial in Robbinsdale and Camden Physicians where her dedication to her patients and colleagues was widely recognized. Her commitment to the well-being of others was a testament to her character and heart.

Jacqueline's kindness extended beyond her profession. She was kind and always willing to help when needed. She had a talent for crafting and crocheting, creating beautiful afghan blankets she shared with her family and friends on special occasions. Throughout decades of annual family gatherings for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, Jacque's contribution of holiday appropriate crafts, her awesome holiday cut-out and frosted sugar cookies and legendary "pink salad", were what everyone looked forward to. Jacque made the holidays special. She took pride in the decorations she put up and wrapped each present with love and care.

Jacque loved to travel, but cherished most were her visits to Oregon, spending time with family and relatives and the Oregon coast which she loved - and See's candy. Her many trips to Canada with her husband and son to spend time with other family and friends by the lake were some of her fondest memories as well. She was the best Mom and will be missed so much.

She is survived by one son, Charles (Brenda); one granddaughter, Vanessa; two brothers, Kim (Jeanne) Waln and Mike (Diane) Waln; one aunt, LaVern Scherner; as well as eight nieces and nephews, Ryan, Lindsay, Stephanie, Kristina and Jared of Minnesota, and Bruce, Tammy and Brian of Oregon and a host of other relatives and wonderful friends.

Jacqueline is preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents; one sister, Charlene Coe and two nephews, Brad and Jason. Arrangements are by The Peterson Chapel of Buffalo. Messages of condolence for the family may be shared at www.thepeterson-chapel.com.

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Honoring Your Dad and Mom...Alive or Having Passed

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Maybe you've heard that "It's the 10 Commandments, not the 10 Suggestions." It's intriguing and important to see how the New Testament reinforces each of the 10 Commandments and even makes them deeper than at first.

Would you consider with me for this devotion the fifth commandment in Exodus 10:12? It says "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live a long in the land of the Lord your God is giving you." This is confirmed in Matthew 15:4 and Ephesians 6:2.

I know that there can be a lot of upfront pain in reading this for some people who had difficult, if not, horrible upbringings. I remember in The Truth Project by Dr. Del Tackett, when he has a tattoo artist who goes by the name of Flash, reflecting on how his dad was never there for him and his mom was not a mother, she was a monster. I can't relate to that in my own upbringing in a loving Christian family, but I've heard first hand over a lifetime similar stories of people to Flash's story.

Somewhere, I remember someone reflecting on how people can live out the fifth commandment in the midst of tragic childhoods when this person observed and counselled, "you can start with thanking your dad or mom (alive or having passed away) for giving you life." I've come across counselors encouraging people to write down, with grandness and honesty, the haunting memories in order to begin the process of healing and honoring with truthfulness rather than a denial of what happened, entrusting the process to God.

I hope, if the above applies to you in any way, you can seek

out a trusted and skilled counselor or friend that can help you walk through this very tough journey.

Another way we can honor father and mother (whether good or bad) is to think about other things you can thank them for. Did they provide a roof over your head? Did they feed you? Did you have clothes provided for you? Are there family trips together that were meaningful to you? Keep going until something in your past can be remembered as something to thank them for.

I remember the scene in the film "Courageous" when a strapping deputy sheriff, trying to deal with the past with his absent and now dead father, goes to his grave and pours out his heart - disappointments about his dad. He'd written his thoughts down and now shares them out loud at his dad's grave. He reads with tears. He forgives his dad. He hopes that his dad had given his life to Jesus before it was too late. After a pause, he sets the spoken written thoughts at the base of his dad's gravestone. After another pause, he turns to slowly walk away with continued emotion.

If one or both of your parents are live, write cards to them regularly. Again, thank them in specific ways where you can. Bring flowers or bird seed to your mom. I know that touch has many stories (positive and negative) but hold hands and hug when you can. If a parent is in dementia, that touch and gratitude continues to have a needed place in relationships. In your life story, discover and express YOUR ways of honoring your dad and mom, living or deceased. It's good for both of you.

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Carol Weber

There will be a Celebration of Carol Weber's life on December 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Becketwood Cooperative in Minneapolis. You can also view the memorial on-line at: Carol Weber Memorial @ YouTube.

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Stanley Schuette

Stanley Henry Schuette, 93, of Northfield and formally of Plato and Staples, passed away November 29, 2023 at his home.

Services will be held in the Spring of 2024 and are currently pending.

Interment will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home. www.northfieldfuneral.com.

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Life Currents Policy

To request that an obituary, anniversary or other event (including benefit events) be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, it may be placed as a display advertisement at the regular advertising rates (\$10.75 /col. inch). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and must be paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is noon on Friday.

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Obituaries requested to be printed word for word will be charged regular advertising rates and marked as a -Paid Advertisement-



Cardinal wrestlers win Grand Forks tournament

The Staples-Motley wrestling team took down the third ranked team in North Dakota to win the Grand Forks Sertoma Duals tournament, held Dec. 8-9. The Cardinals met every challenge in the 16 team tournament that featured seven teams from Minnesota and nine from North Dakota.

In their four matches, Staples-Motley defeated Breckenridge-Wahpeton 63-9, Fargo Davies 49-13, Perham 42-18 and Bismarck Century 51-16 in the championship. Throughout the tournament, SM showed they're tough to beat at any weight, only losing 13 out of the 52 matches wrestled.

In the first round against Breckenridge-Wahpeton, the Cardinals had nine pins for an easy team win.

In the second round they had five pins, two forfeits and three decisions out of the 13 matches to outpace Fargo Davies.

In this tournament, the matches started at a random weight draw, so in the semi-final against Perham, Colbe Tappe was put out to wrestle the opening match at 152 pounds. He set the tone for the team with a 10-1 win over a good wrestler. Blake Neelan, Owen Winter and Luke Bjerga followed with pins and the Cardinals never looked back. They started out ahead 42-3, sealing the win before the final three matches were wrestled.

The championship match was against Bismarck Century, the number three ranked team in North Dakota. It started at 189 pounds, where Luke Bjerga put SM up 6-0 with a pin. Adrian Gomez faced the top ranked wrestler in North Dakota, losing by fall. The team score was tied before

Steven Petrich turned the tide with a one point win in overtime. After trading decisions and getting pins from Gage Bjerga and Eli Greenwaldt, Jack Carlson put the Cardinals ahead for good with a 9-5 decision against a ranked wrestler. After that, it was all Cardinals, with wins by Turner Beachy, Riley Reese, Neelan, Colbe Tappe and Winter, winning the tournament title going away.

Gage Bjerga had four pins in his four tournament matches. Other Cardinals with four wins in the tournament were Greenwaldt, Colbe Tappe and Petrich. Riley Reese was undefeated in the two matches he wrestled.

Luke Bjerga and Turner Beachy had three pins while Caden Kramer had two pins plus a technical fall.

Team results

Grand Forks Sertoma Duals Tournament

1st Place – Staples-Motley

2nd Place – Bismarck Century

3rd Place – Bertha-Hewitt-V-PP

4th Place – Thief River Falls

5th Place – Perham

6th Place – West Fargo Sheyenne

7th Place – Stewartville

8th Place – Fargo Davies

9th Place – Fosston-Bagley

10th Place – Breckenridge-Wahpeton

Other teams: Grand Forks Red River, West Fargo, Grand Forks Central, Valley City, Turtle Mountain, Jamestown

First round:

Staples-Motley 63, Breckenridge-Wahpeton 9

107 Gage Bjerga W fall, 114 Caden Kramer W fall, 121 Eli Greenwaldt W fall, 127 Cooper Tappe W fall, 133 Jack Carlson W ff, 139 Turner Beachy W fall, 145 Caden Dobson L fall, 152 Blake Neelan W 9-3, 160 Colbe Tappe W fall, 172 Owen Winter L 9-5, 189 Luke Bjerga W fall, 215 Adrian Gomez W fall, 285

Steven Petrich W fall
Quarterfinals:
Staples-Motley 49, Fargo Davies 13

107 G. Bjerga W fall, 114 Kramer W fall, 121 Greenwaldt W 8-2, 127. Cooper Tappe L fall, 133 Carlson W ff, 139 Beachy W fall, 145 R. Reese W 10-2, 152 Colby Tappe W fall, 160 Neelan L 17-0, 172 Winter W ff, 189 L. Bjerga L 6-1, 215 Gomez L 13-2, 285 Petrich W fall

Semifinals:
Staples-Motley 42, Perham 18

152 Colby Tappe W 10-1, 160 Neelan W fall, 172 Winter W 11-7, 189 L. Bjerga W fall, 215 Gomez L 6-0, 285 Petrich W 2-0, 107 G. Bjerga W fall, Kramer W 17-1, 114 Beau Carlson W fall, 121 Greenwaldt W 3-0, 133 J. Carlson L fall, 139 Beachy L 5-2, 145 Dobson L fall

Championship:
Staples-Motley 51, Bismarck Century 16

189 L. Bjerga W fall, 215 Gomez L fall, 285 Petrich W 2-1 (OT), 107 G. Bjerga W fall, 114 Kramer L 15-7, 121 Greenwaldt W fall, 127 Cooper Tappe L fall, 133 J. Carlson W 9-5, 139 Beachy W fall, 145 Reese W 4-0, 152 Neelan W fall, 160 Colby Tappe W fall, 172 Winter W fall.



Miranda Schotzko



Leading the fast break

Lauren Rutten weaves around three defenders before passing to Cami Anderson top right. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Rutten scores 22 points in basketball win

Lauren Rutten scored 22 points and led the Staples-Motley girls basketball team to a 55-45 win against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Dec. 5. They also played Pierz on Dec. 8, losing 77-53, to even their record at 2-2

Against LPGE, Liv Lorber scored the first four points and the Cardinals never trailed after that point. Rutten was not only the team's top scorer, she led multiple fast breaks where she dribbled through the crowd and found a teammate for an open shot.

With the game tied at 12, Rutten made a three point shot, fed Pam Lawrence for a fast break basket, then scored two more times for a 21-16 lead. The team maintained that lead until the end of the half when Rutten hit two free throws and Lawrence made a basket for a 31-20 lead. Their halftime lead was 31-24.

The Cardinals started

the second half on a 10-0 run, holding LPGE without a basket for seven minutes. They increased their lead to 19 late in the game, before allowing a run to make the score close at the end.

Team results

Staples-Motley 55, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 45

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 22
Olivia Lorber 13, Pam Lawrence 9, Miranda Schotzko 4, Izzy Olander 2, Cami Anderson 2



Izzy Olander tracks down a pass on a fast break.



Liv Lorber scores under the basket.

Boys basketball falls to 1-1

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team evened their record at 1-1 with a 76-51 loss at Osakis on Dec. 5. The Cardinals played Dec. 11, after this newspaper was printed.

Woodland beauty is in the eye of the beholder

If you spend much time behind the wheel in rural Minnesota, following the county roads that branch off the main arteries of travel, sooner or later you will see a sign by a mailbox or fire number that reads “Fresh Eggs.” My wife and I are fortunate to have such a sign at a residence not more than a mile from our home, where we purchase locally-raised eggs that have not been in transit for many days and many miles.

During much of the year there is a small refrigerator on the front porch, wherein are found the cartons of eggs—separated by size—on its interior shelves. Eggs, and a zippered pouch in which you can deposit your payment and make your own change if necessary, if the man and woman who reside there happen not to be home. An honor system that is atypical of most of today's commerce.

Now that winter is upon us, however, this refrigerator-enabled honor system is shut down, given the probability that eggs within it awaiting a buyer would freeze, later if not sooner. All egg sales are face-to-face for the foreseeable future,

until warmer weather returns in the spring.

I stopped there this past weekend to restock our egg supply, and as luck would have it I had to interrupt the man of the household, who was out cutting and gathering brush on the wooded portion of the property that lies behind their house.

Inside, making small talk about work and weather as we completed our transaction, the woodlot behind their home was clearly visible through an expanse of windows. Seeing my eyes drawn there, my egg supplier shared that he was gathering up fallen limbs and branches, some of which had been on the ground since several recent wind events. Also cutting brush that was growing under the oaks and other trees in their woodlot. Intent on clean-up, he was clearly proud of the appearance it was acquiring.

He would have been a man after my late mother-in-law's heart; she being of the “neat as a pin” school of property maintenance. On the backlot behind her family's lake cabin, she was a frequent sight patrolling the struggling turf between the scattered white and jack pines, poplar and birch. Her mission there was to pick up any branches or sticks that fell from those trees, whether due to a tree's life processes, or heavy summer weather.

Although her jurisdiction ceased where her driveway ended, and at her east and west prop-

erty lines, she sometimes shared opinions about other “messy” grounds and negligent grounds keeping. Her daughter, my wife, acknowledged that her sentiments extended beyond the cabins and second homes in their summer neighborhood, and applied to the larger, forested acres nearby. Fallen trees, branches lying on the ground, dead stubs rotting on the stump, all contributed to an unkempt appearance, in her humble opinion.

I never had the opportunity to debate my late mother-in-law on the subject, but some of her thinking rubbed off on her daughter, if to a lesser degree. Our daily walks sometimes take us through an extensive stand of tall pines, a mixture mostly of white pines and Norways, with some birch or aspen on the edges where more light has been available as they've grown. One of the property owners there, whose lake frontage and home are backed by a long expanse of those mature pines, has endeavored to pick up virtually every branch and limb that might have fallen beneath those trees.

On one of our walks my wife commented on how impressed her mother would have been by his tidy, neat-as-a-pin grounds keeping. “It's a biological desert,” I told her. I then launched into my stock speech about the importance of nutrients from dead and decaying vegetation being returned to enrich the soil, about homes for birds in wood-

pecker-riddled stubs and tree trunks, and the chain of life from microbes to apex predators that exists if we don't cleanse a landscape to match our vision of tidiness.

Beauty being “in the eye of the beholder” goes farther still, to an appreciation some have of forests that are not in a stage of full and picture-perfect maturity; not like those stands of stately white and Norway pines. If you are a grouse or deer hunter, you understand that some of the most productive forest acres are those that are not open and park-like. Forests that are regenerating after logging or fire are more productive of a wide variety of wildlife foods, and their dense, brushy undergrowth provides security from a variety of predators; ideally, a forest of mixed young, intermediate, and mature stages offers the most to wildlife.

As a grouse hunter, when I'm traveling backroads I'm always on the alert for those woodlands so thick with brushy undergrowth that your vision barely penetrates. Cover so thick and thorny, you anticipate a trip through it may lead to bloody lacerations, and to exercising the more colorful side of your vocabulary. Cover that is also rich in diversity of wildlife, and—to me—in hunting opportunity. Just the kind of woodland my mother-in-law would have found “messy” and unattractive. But beautiful to yours truly.



Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors



STAPLES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING

Staples Township is accepting filings for:

- One (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term
- One (1) Clerk for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk located at 48301 County 21, Staples, on January 2, 2024 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024.

Filing fee is \$2.00.
Please contact Bonnie Thoele at 218-296-2151 to file for office.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township.
51-52pnc

**TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**
215 1st Ave. South,
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420
toddplan.zone@co.todd.
mn.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of November 16, 2023, Board of Adjustment meeting minutes

1. JCP Farms LLC: Section 09, Long Prairie Township

Site Address: 25461 County 5, Long Prairie, MN 56347 PID: 18-0008301

1. Request for road right-of-way setback of twenty-one feet for proposed new addition.

2. Ryan and Angela Rengstorf: Section 02, Staples Township

Site Address: 989 2nd Ave. NW, Staples, MN 56479 PID: 22-0052500

1. Request for road right-of-way setback of twenty-two feet for the placement of mini-storage containers in Commercial Zoning.

2. Request for side yard property line setback of thirty-four feet for the placement of mini-storage containers in Commercial Zoning.

3. Randall and Beth Behling: Section 34, Leslie Township, Lake Osakis

Site Address: 14158 Ferret Drive, Osakis, MN 56360 PID: 15-0056400

1. Request for an after-the-fact variance to reduce the setback to 58' instead of 75' from the OHWL in General Development Shoreland Zoning for a deck that is approximately 420 sq. ft. in size.

Adjournment.

Next Meeting:
January 25, 2024

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
Richard Johnson, Chair
51pnc

MORAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING

Moran Township has openings for:

- One (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term
- One (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Contact Diane Mack at 320-287-2233 to complete the filing form. Filing is open from January 2-16, 2024. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township.
51-52pnc

COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Todd County, will receive sealed bids until Noon, Friday, December 29, 2023 at the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Bids will be opened at the County Board meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at or near 9:05 a.m. in the County Board Room, for publication for the year 2024 as may be required by the County of Todd, a municipal corporation, as follows:

Designation of the Official Newspaper

This requires the publishing of official proceedings by the Todd County Board, and other legal and public notices required by all Todd County Departments, publication of the financial statement and publication of the list of lands in Todd County, delinquent in taxes for the year 2023, which have not been attached to prior judgment.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such amount as may be determined by the County Board. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so require pursuant to M.S. 279.07, and to waive any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer
51-52pnc

COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Designation of Extra Printing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota will receive sealed bids for the extra publication of the Financial Statement for the year 2023 as required by law until Noon, Friday, December 29, 2023. Bids will be opened at or near 9:05 a.m. on January 2, 2024 in the County Board Room.

This requires the extra publication for distribution of the Financial Statement to the remaining parts of the county not covered by the distribution of the official paper. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such an amount as may be determined by the County Board. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so require pursuant to M.S. 279.07, and it waives any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer
51-52pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 12, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$91,121.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jose G. Garcia Montanez, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Central Minnesota Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 12, 2015 as Document Number 494587; as modified of record by document recorded on December 29, 2021 as Document Number A529700 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on June 21, 2023 as Document Number A536833 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 5 and 6, except West 100 feet thereof, Block 3, Locke's Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 620 4TH AVE SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,202.03

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Central Minnesota Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0085000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1011283-0001100379-2

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 04, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2024.

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

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

Dated: November 08, 2023

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File Number:
77-PR-23-920**

**In re the
ESTATE of
PATRICK ERIN
SHANAHAN,
Deceased**

**Notice of Informal
Appointment
of Personal
Representative and
Notice to Creditors
(Without a Will)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND
CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name
Patrick Joseph
Shanahan
Address
31 County RD 92 N
Maple Plain, MN 55359

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: November 17, 2023

Heidi Rasmusson,
Probate Registrar

Telephone: 320-412-7010
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Christmas tones

Children and adults enjoyed ringing the train bells at the Polar Xpress event.



Fun for all ages

It wasn't just children who enjoyed gathering at the Polar Xpress event. Friends and families took the chance to connect on a personal level.



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Hallelujah! for the community

Above, Staples Area Men's Chorus Director Steve Hoemberg sings a solo on "Still, Still, Still". Right, the Mixed Chorus sings "Hallelujah!" by George Frideric Handel. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Christmas trains

Children stood and watched the many different model train cars rumble down the tracks at the Polar Xpress event at Central Lakes College. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cookie decorating

The Polar Xpress had stations for cookie decorating, above, coloring and ornament making. Below, a family finds a quiet place to eat their cookies in the middle of the hectic celebration. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Arctic blast on Polar Xpress ride

Children and adults took turns riding the barrel train pulled by a golf cart at the Polar Xpress event. Train driver Erich Heppner, below, took hundreds of kids on multiple rides down the hallway, then out into the cold winter air to turn around, and back to the warm festival. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



FREE Community Meal

Christmas Day

What: FREE - DINE - IN- CHRISTMAS - MEAL - Reserve by DEC 21st

Where: Timber's Restaurant & Event Center

Reservations: Leave a message on the Chamber Voice Mail: (218) 894-3974

Include: Name / Phone #/ Number of dine in meals / 11am or Noon Seating

When: Christmas Day!

Time: 11 AM - 1 PM

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