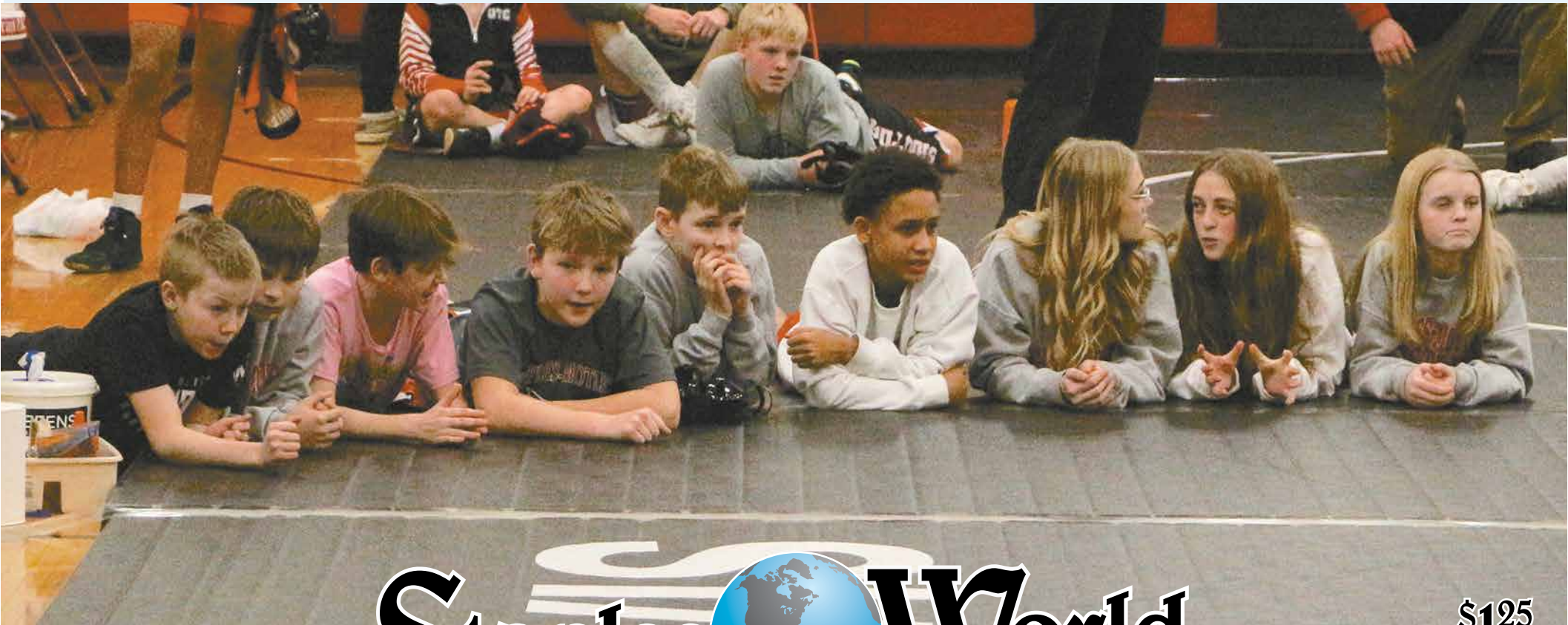


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StaplesWorld

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Staples, Minnesota

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Front row seat The gym was packed for the Staples-Motley wrestling match on Jan. 25, but nobody had a better view than these junior high wrestlers who plopped down on the mat after the JV matches were finished. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples to be featured in business magazine

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman and other city leaders will be interviewed by Business View Magazine for a feature story on Staples.

Wyman told the Staples Economic Development Authority that they were contacted by the magazine, who heard about the city's progress on housing and development. They also want to include the partnerships formed with Lakewood Health System, so LHS CEO Lisa Bjerga will be a part of the interviews, along with Mayor Ron Murray and City Administrator Jerel Nelsen.

Business View Magazine has 877,000 subscribers and describes itself as "North America's best source of news for executives, entrepreneurs, small business owners, franchisees, and anyone else interested in current industry trends and best practices."

Wyman said "We have been selected as their lead community to highlight as one of the best run communities."

Wyman had an example story that the magazine did on Farmington, Minn., which was a 10 page section that can be printed on its own. It highlighted the community's intentional approach to growth in housing, business and city amenities, plus the public engagement and partnerships they formed.

Wyman said Staples will get a similar pull-out of their story that can be used for promoting the community.

The feature story also comes along with a requirement to purchase an ad, with a half page ad costing about \$950. Wyman said the SEDA could sponsor the ad, or they could partner with Lakewood Health System and other local businesses who want to get into the magazine. The story is expected to come out in February.

Also at the meeting, the board discussed progress on a few current and upcoming projects in the community, including the

Lakewood Plaza, the Farmers Union meat cutting facility, the Lakewood Nest and schoolgym projects, the Lakewood Cancer Center and the new Essentia clinic. They also talked about the Valley View housing development and the Prairie View development, where the Ives family is putting up housing.

Todd County Development Corporation Executive Director Rick Utech was at the meeting and gave an update on his partnerships with the Staples area, including helping local businesses through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a revolving loan fund and a site selection system.

Wyman said that the former Dixie's Diner building was sold, but no one was aware of what was going to go into it. She also updated the local brewery project, which she said was delayed but is still in the works.

New downtown planters

SEDA board member Blake Gerard gave updates on plans of the Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee. He said the group looked at what other communities are doing and found that one town in Ohio has developed self-watering planters that cut labor up to 80 percent. He said the large planters have tanks that are filled with water and a wicking system brings the water to the plants.

"A lot of communities are switching to this, it seems like a way better product," said Gerard.

The group is using a portion of their Blandin grant money to purchase planters, which could arrive in March. Gerard said they would plant the flowers as the planters sit in a greenhouse until Memorial Day, then will go out on the streets.

Staples-Motley School District moving from Skyward to Region 1

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Jan. 22, the Staples-Motley School Board approved moving the district's current financial system from Skyward to Region 1's SMART Finance, as well as moving their SIS (Student Information System) from Skyward to Synergy.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said that the conversations around this change have been a strong team effort, with input from super users of the system.

Lack of support received from Skyward was one of the largest concerns voiced, which is what led to their looking at other options. Tappe noted that the costs between Skyward and Region 1 are similar.

The superintendent went on to say that this change will happen July 1, and that support and training will be provided as needed. Board member Chandler Trout asked about the transition, and what the school district's responsibility would be. Tappe said that Region 1 will take their current data to work from and he expects a positive transition.

In order to get through the upcoming financial audit, Staples-Motley School District #2170 will work with SMART Finance.

In other news, the board

- Approved the hire of Allison Vangsness, Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Advisor; Kasey Odden, Jr. High Knowledge Bowl Advisor;
- William Leidl, 8th grade boys basketball coach; Heather Sams, Brian Sams, Renee Kroll and Selket Jewet, Assistant Speech Coaches.
- Accepted donations and grants in the amount of \$5,535.77, and in-kind donations in the amount of \$525.
- Heard the finance report from Business Manager Ellie Hill, which included an update from the recent MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association) Leadership Conference she attended. She mentioned that one of the topics discussed were the different revenues received throughout the state, ranging from \$11,137 to \$21,189. Staples-Motley School District was in the lower category. Superintendent Shane Tappe followed up about the discrepancy in state funding, encouraging the board to advocate on behalf of out-state Minnesota, which includes Staples-Motley.
- Hill also said that she's been enjoying working with the different department heads during the budgeting process, noting that "things look good."
- Heard a facilities update from ICS Consultant Damien Williams. At the elementary school, Williams noted that work had been done during the past holiday break, and they are finishing up on a few minor issues including paint and calking in the gymnasium addition. At the middle school/high school, they are on schedule for the new addition, with Phase Two of the new fitness center set to begin May 30. "Things are going very well," Williams said.
- Approved the negotiation settlement of the Principal/Administrator Master Agreement.
- Approved a .4FTE Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional position in order to support a student who moved into the school district.
- Learned from Superintendent Tappe that the school district's website is in the process of being updated, which has been a goal of the school board. It will include photos, videos, up-to-date schedules and other information, and will be easy to navigate via a cell phone, as well as a computer. Tappe credited Trisha Larson, Administrative Assistant, and others for their work on this project, set to go live Jan. 31.
- Heard an update from Tappe regarding a training session he and board member Ryan Wright attended at the recent MSBA Conference. It was entitled, 'Building a High Performance School Board,' and Tappe feels that the SM School Board is functioning very well.
- Learned from Elementary Principal Alan Berg that February is 'I Love to Read Month' and that they will host a school-wide reading challenge. Students who read 1,500 hours at home during February, will be invited to throw a pie at him and another faculty member.
- Learned from Middle/High School Principal Debbie Ferdon that Sno-

Staples fire calls rise

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council heard the annual report from the Staples Fire Dept. at the Jan. 23, 2024 council meeting. Fire Chief Cole Yungbauer told the council that they had 95 calls in 2023, up from 77 the previous year.

The calls were spread out during the year, including structure fires, which had one fire in each month of January, April, May, June, July and November, plus two in October. Twenty of the calls were for vehicle accidents, with five in March.

The council approved the officers who were elected, including Chief Yungbauer, First Assistant Chief Wayne Storry, Second Assistant Chief Scott Meech, Third Assistant Chief Jamie

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Youth hoops

Staples-Motley fifth grade girls had fun playing a scrimmage at halftime of the varsity girls basketball game on Jan. 23. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 31	47	29	M. Sunny
Feb. 1	42	28	M. Sunny
Feb. 2	40	31	P. Cloudy
Feb. 3	41	28	M. Sunny
Feb. 4	40	29	Sunny
Feb. 5	40	25	P. Cloudy
Feb. 6	38	31	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 31	3°	-11	Sunny
Feb. 1	16	-4	M. Sunny
Feb. 2	4	-13	Sunny
Feb. 3	-1	-11	M. Cloudy
Feb. 4	28	3	M. Sunny
Feb. 5	25	10	P. Cloudy
Feb. 6	31	17	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 23° Low = 5°
Maybe a 40 degree day?

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

ISD #2170: 8A

Meadowbrook BOA: 8A

Staples Tnshp. Absentee ballots: 8A

Todd AIS: 9A

Todd Swanville mail ballots: 8A

Staples woman grateful for Tae Kwon Do

Shares of receiving her black belt recommendation

Penny Statema of Staples recently received her black belt recommendation, upon successfully completing the test at United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples. After learning about her accomplishment from Instructor Francisco Jimenez, the Staples World reached out to Statema, inviting her to share about this experience. Her responses are included below.

Receiving my black belt recommendation Jan. 13, 2024, was honestly an accomplishment I never dreamed of.

I joined Tae Kwon Do in 1999 and participated for two-and-a-half years before my husband and I moved to the Twin Cities area while completing college. Before moving back to Staples in 2006, I was already a mother of two and it wasn't even a consideration that I would someday rejoin Tae Kwon Do for myself. I'm sure many parents out there understand those sentiments. My husband and I continued being blessed with more children, and after six children and entering my 40s, my body was tired

to say the least. However, my son had maintained interest in martial arts for many years and at 16, we thought it was time for him to be given this opportunity. I began researching local options and was excited to find that Francisco Jimenez, my former instructor, was still operating a studio and offering this service to our community. We took Elijah to check it out and Mr. Jimenez ("Paco") encouraged me to join with my son, for which I am grateful. What an opportunity to share with my teenage son while he is still living

at home. So, after 20 years and severe health challenges, I rejoined Tae Kwon Do. It was a complete start over. I remembered nothing and for my body, it was more than a 'start over.' It took hard work and perseverance. But, these were gifts given to me from my family and this community. I didn't come by this achievement as an island unto myself. I'm a collection of all the investments my family, teachers, coaches, peers, pastors and more have poured into me over my lifetime. Every bit of encouragement given over the years found its mark and absorbed into the person I am today. Excellence inspires greater excellence, and I was fortunate to grow up in a community where excellence was displayed in many areas - academics, athletics, arts, etc. It taught me to see opportunity on the other side of every obstacle. I couldn't have done this without the continued encouragement of my current family, particularly my wonderful husband of 25 years, who continues to see and draw out the best in me. Also, my amazing children who spur me forward and welcome the sacrifices required. And of course, ultimately, there is One who deserves all the gratitude and praise...He is the One from Whom all good gifts flow and gives the ability and strength and purpose for all good things.

There are so many reasons why I love participating in Tae Kwon Do. First, it's an awesome family activity. Shortly after my son and I joined Tae Kwon Do, others in our family took advantage of the opportunity as well. I love that I get to participate with, and inspire, four of my children in this healthy and beneficial activity. It's a lifelong "sport" as there's no end to the improvement you can search out here. Tae Kwon Do is one method available to continue to better yourself for a lifetime, as there are no age limits. The physical benefits alone are various: martial arts has been shown to improve cardiovascular health, build muscle tone and bone strength, promote weight loss, lower blood pressure, increase flexibility, develop agility and reflexes, enhance stability and coordination, and improve the quality of sleep. And, perhaps even greater than these physical benefits are the mental and emotional ones: physical relaxation, self control, reduced anxiety, decreased stress levels, heightened focus and concentration, improved memory, a greater sense of peace and calmness, and increased self-confidence. I definitely notice the reduced stress after almost every class session, along with gaining clarity of mind, focus and memory, some of my favorite benefits I've noticed over the past three years. I



Three-board break

Penny Statema breaks through three 1" boards with one kick at her black belt recommend test Jan. 13, at United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples. (Submitted photo)

also love that Tae Kwon Do training is rooted in character building and promoting peace, making the world a better place. Plus, it's just plain fun.

Finally, I'd like to add that I still can hardly believe I did this at this stage of my life. I didn't dream it was possible for me anymore and cried after the black belt recommend test was done, still in disbelief I had just done it. But, I say this to encourage everyone reading that there is more to you than you give yourself credit for: You haven't even discovered all that's within you. There's nothing particularly special about me... but there is something very special about each one of us. When you step outside of your comfort zone, you just man discover there's more to you than you previously imagined.



Posing for photos after her test

Penny Statema celebrated with her family and instructors following her recommended black belt test Jan. 13, at United Tae Kwon Do Systems in Staples. Pictured above, from left: Instructor Francisco Jimenez, Assistant Instructor Randy Suess, Enoch Statema, Elizabeth Statema, Eliya Statema, Ariella Statema, Elijah Statema, Eleanor Statema, Penny Statema, Steve Statema (Penny's husband), Master Torabpour, Larry Knosalla. In lower photo, from left, Instructor Francisco Jimenez, Penny Statema, Master Torabpour. (Submitted photos)



More volunteers needed in Cass County

to promote quality of life

People in Cass County have a heart for service and caring for their neighbors. It's no surprise to find many special individuals who care enough to volunteer their time and

talents to help others. And more volunteers are needed, especially over the winter months. In 2023, 106 Faith in Action volunteers helped 331 individuals through-

out Cass County, including 152 new people. Volunteers filled 2,500 requests for services and gave over 6,600 hours of assistance. Volunteers drove over 106,725 miles to transport people and provided over 2,009 rides.

And yet, studies show that only 20 percent of Minnesota residents have ever volunteered in their community. According to the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administration, over 60 percent of emergency food, activities for youth, firefighting, and transportation for older adults is reported to be done primarily through volunteers in rural communities. Volunteers add significantly to our quality of life in rural Minnesota, and it's easy to get connected to volunteer opportunities.

A locally supported, non-profit organization, Faith in Action for Cass County connects community volunteers to provide nonmedical, neighborly assistance to seniors, the disabled, and people in need throughout Cass County. Faith in Action volunteers provide transportation, friendly visiting, respite for caregivers, light homemaking and chores, and basic home repair, and they build acces-

sibility ramps.

Volunteer experiences can be flexible - only a couple of hours each month or week, depending on your availability. You can choose how, when, how far, and how much you want to volunteer. Faith in Action Volunteers receive scheduling coordination, training, liability insurance, recognition, mileage reimbursement and the smiles and joy of being with and helping others.

Right now, volunteer drivers are critically needed throughout Cass County. Volunteers usually drive their own cars or trucks, but drivers are also needed to drive the Faith in Action van with an accessible lift system. Volunteer Van Driver Training is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. New volunteer orientation is scheduled for Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. and is held monthly. Or training can be set up to fit your schedule.

You can be the one who adds to your community's quality of life. For more information about Faith in Action volunteer services or to become a volunteer in your community, call 218-675-5435 or check out the website at www.faithinactioncass.com.

Motley police report

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

Jan. 17 - 23

Jan. 22 - Motley Police received a report that someone had driven a vehicle through Freedom Wash in Motley that was too tall and there was damage.

Jan. 20 - Motley Police stopped a vehicle at Cemetery Rd. and Hwy 10 in Motley. The driver of the vehicle, 43-year-old Daniel

Grant Cheney, was arrested for giving a false name to police. In addition, his MN driver's license was revoked.

Jan. 22 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that struck a bobcat at Dove Rd. and 350th St., Cushing. Law enforcement attempted to locate the animal but were unable to.

Jan. 21 - The MCSO received a report of a break-in to a garage at the 2200 block of W. Shamaineau Dr., Motley. Nothing was missing.



Youth shoot

More action from fifth grade girls basketball.



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DEADLINES
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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Feb. 3, 1949 - Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Johnson of Staples that their son, Staff Sergeant Floyd O. Johnson, Stationed with the 26th Bomb Squadron, and the 11th Bomb Group at Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Texas, was one of the members of his group who was privileged to attend the Presidential inauguration at Washington, D.C., recently.

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

He was in the airplane which took newspaper men from the New York Times, and from Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas over the route of the inauguration parade. There were nine others besides his crew in the plane.

• Feb. 3, 1949 - David Ellon Rosevink, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rosevink of Staples, died at the St. Cloud hospital on Jan. 27. The cause of his death was attributed to diphteria, according to this attending physician at the hospital, Dr. Weener. David was born on March 9, 1943. He would have started in kindergarten in Staples this spring.

• Feb. 3, 1949 - Another change in business occurred in Staples as of Jan. 1, 1949, and that was at the Jenkins' Appliances company.

LeRoy and Darrel Jenkins have been associated in business together for over a year, and the first of this year LeRoy purchased the interest of his brother, giving him sole ownership of Staples Locker System along with his own business of Jenkins' Appliances.

Darrel plans to return to Rockford, Ill, where he was employed before becoming associated with his brother here. He will resume his old position in Rockford.

• Feb. 3, 1949 - The Pancake Supper given in the social room of the Methodist church in Motley last week was very successful. There were over 150 in attendance, which kept Ed Morey making that pancake turner really turn. The pancakes were exceptionally good. Richard Blake played several piano selections during the supper hour.

• Feb. 3, 1949 - The Brainerd Golden Gloves event came to a glorious close Saturday evening when finals in the three-day event were staged at the Brainerd



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1992. 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

armory.

Of major interest to Staples fans was the fact that Dick Marden, a newcomer in the ring, outfought his opponent Paul Waldvogel of Little Falls, after the first round, to come out with a two-to-one decision and give him the championship in that division. Needless to say Dick is mighty proud of his victory, and proudly displays his golden gloves.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Jan. 31, 1974 - The leasing of the Burlington-Northern's railroad car shop and roundhouse which will provide Staples a new industry and scheduled to go into operation on or about Aug. 1, was announced by Howard S. Goss, president of Transco Inc., a diversified manufacturer with headquarters in Chicago.

Goss disclosed that the car shop and roundhouse have been leased from the Burlington-Northern by Transco's Railcar Division for the repair, remodeling and rebuilding of railroad freight cars for private car owners, car leasing companies as well as railroads. In addition to the buildings, Transco has also acquired sufficient adjacent trackage to accommodate 150 freight cars.

In commenting on the selection of Staples, John F. O'Hara, vice-president of Transco's Railcar Division with offices in Oelwein,

Iowa, said the management of Transco was deeply appreciate of the assistance given by the Staples Development Corporation, headed by Richard Donat, and the Staples Chamber of Commerce, working with the railroad's industrial development department.

• Jan. 31, 1974 - Dr. John M. Gorton, Staples dentist, was named this week as the winner of the Distinguished Service Award from the Staples Jaycees for 1974.

Dr. Gorton was one of four nominees seeking the honor. Others were Dr. Jon Theurer, Tom Kajer and Lynn Thornton. Judging of the four nominees was made last week by four past DSA winners, Melvin Nefstead, Lee Jenkins, Edwin Perry and James Hofer.

• Jan. 31, 1974 - Two 4-H members from the Golden Gophers 4-H Club, Staples, captured the first placing in the Wadena County 4-H Public Speaking Contest held Jan. 21, in Wadena.

Winning the Junior Division of the contest with a tie were Pam Mergens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mergens, and Krisanne Glynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Glynn.

• Jan. 31, 1974 - The Gores Company Real Estate in Staples advertised: "Kissinger couldn't negotiate a better deal! A new home on 20 beautiful wooded acres for \$22,000 is a good deal. Well insulated. Franklin fireplace. 80' drilled well. We'd

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.

like to show this to you. Stop and see us."

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Feb. 4, 1999 - The Staples Motley Cardinal wrestlers downed both C-I and Aitkin in a triangular meet Thursday, Jan. 28, at C-I.

The Cards downed C-I 58-18, winning 10 of the 13 matches. The Cards had 6 pins, two forfeits and two tech falls.

Against Aitkin, the Cards won 36-18, winning 8 of the 13 matches. The Cards had four pins against Aitkin.

Two time defending state champ Mark Carlson improved to 24-0 with two wins, while Jeff Thompson moved to 23-1 with his two wins.

• Feb. 4, 1999 - The Staples Motley boys basketball team beat an opponent from the Central Lakes Conference for the second time in as many attempts this season as they handled the Little Falls Flyers 55-39 in a home game last Saturday.

• Feb. 4, 1999 - "Which Is More Dangerous: Science or Religion?"

That's the question of the seventh Great American Think Off, the unique annual philosophy contest held in New York Mills.

• Feb. 4, 1999 - Mary Shaffer was the second place winner and Tessa Reck repeated as the first place winner in the Staples Motley School District spelling bee Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Reck will compete at the regional level in March.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Jan. 30, 2014 - A shareholder model to purchase The Vintage golf club in Staples is nearly half way to the goal of \$150,000. To date, the group has collected \$62,000.

• Jan. 30, 2014 - Congressional candidate Stewart Mills met with about 40 people at a meeting of the Crossroads Conservatives Jan. 21, at Town's Edge Restaurant in Staples. Mills is running for U.S. Representative seat in the 8th Congressional District, which incudes Wadena County.

• Jan. 30, 2014 - Over 25 years have passed since Motley resident Faye Pepin first stepped up to the plate to help start the present Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS).

"Mrs. Lodemeier, who used to run the food shelf, was no longer able to do it and had to close it down," Faye recalled. "After awhile, I decided that our community really needed the food shelf and so that's how I got involved with getting it started again."

A longtime president of the MAFS board, Pepin recently retired.

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Dolezal, Safety Officer Brandon Brusewitz, Training Captain Blake Gerard, Maintenance Captain Robbie Lange, Secretary Kyle Karolus and Treasurer Jef Cichos.

Yungbauer said they have added captains this year to help with the workload of the department.

The report also included annual awards including; Firefighter of the Year to Brandon Brusewitz and Drew Yungbauer; Chiefs Award, Blake Gerard, Most Fire Calls, Scott Meech and Most Practice Hours, Drew Yungbauer.

Three new firefighters are currently training to join the department, Mike Mellgren, Isaac Novak and William Thew. Yungbauer said they still have one opening if another citizen wants to join the departmnet. The department had one retirement this year, Wade Bendson stepped off the department after serving 20 years as a firefighter.

The Staples Fire Dept. serves the city and also has agreements to serve the surrounding townships of, Bartlett, Becker, Bullard, Fawn Lake, Staples, Thomastown and Villard, a total of 142 square miles with a populationof 5,442.

Hazardous building

The council held a public

hearing on a notice of a hazardous building at 221 Dakota Ave. SE.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they have contacted the owners of the building with no response The notice was sent to Dean Brotherton, Linda Brotherton, Benjamine Weekley Melvin Hanson and Debra Phelps Boone.

There was no public input during the public hearing and the council approved a resolution to order the removal of the building Nelsen said repairs on the home would cost more than the home would be worth when finished. Nelsen said the owners have 21 days to appeal before the city will get a court order to remove the building.

In other news, the council

• Approved a raffle permit for Lakewood Health System for an event at Land mark Inn.

• Approved a resolution ordering the preparation of street and utility feasibility study on 2nd St. NE improvement project.

• Heard from council member John Jewison about extending the recreational volleyball season at the request of participating teams. Jewison also said the number of Staples Community Center users is up from last year.

Court report Jan. 18

Long Prairie Police Department

Oscar Carrillo, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Leedalis Quinones Ortiz, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct-offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed.

Luis Mario Santana Acosta, St. Cloud. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Jayne Mark Klaphake, Melrose. ER Big Game-fail to validate deer license/tag. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Christopher Ray Pohlmann, Grey Eagle. Big Game-Remove part of carcass, process deer before registering. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Richard Victor Pohlmann, Grey Eagle. Fish and Game-Lend, borrow, or transfer a license or tag or seal; use license tag seal. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

Romen Gene Hill, Motley. Speed 84/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Tynoe Michael James Mellgren, Delano. Speed 83/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$75.

Ruaa Y Abdulqader Al-Othman. Edmonton, Alberta. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Cassandra Marie Field, Osakis. Hands-Free Law- initiate, compose, send, retrieve, read electronic message. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Megan Sue Fletcher, Browerville. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Blaine Glenn Formo, Long Prairie. Hands-Free Law- engage in cellular phone or video call. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Vanessa Garza, Long Prairie. Owner allow illegal operation. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Bayley Michael Hochhalter, Washburn, N.Dak. No Minnesota Registration. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Yovanni Juarez Ramirez, Upsala. Speed 72/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. No proof motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.

Jason Ryan Kesselring, Arden Hills. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Reuben J. King, Elizabeth, Penn. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Travis James Kirwin, Alexandria. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Cristabel Marie Malave Medina, Frazee. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof of motor insurance. Fine \$200. Child passenger restraint system- not equipped and installed. Fine \$50.

Alex Michael Marthaler, Sauk Centre. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50.

Fee \$85.

Diamond N. Metzger, West Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ana Gabriela Sanchez Membreno, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Francisco Santana Hiraldo, Sauk Centre. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Gregory William Schneider, Centerville. Seat belt required-driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Tucker Darwin Schoenfish, Minneapolis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

James Warren Scofield, Osakis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Melissa Ann Siska, Hazen, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Heather Rose Tepley, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Blake Taylor Williams, Eugene, Or. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Jossi Imanoi Ferreras Ramirez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Edwin Abran Garcia Ruiz, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Curtis Floyd Olson, Clarissa. Stray animals-running at large domestic animals prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

John Joseph Pesta, Long Prairie. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Dismissed.

Marvin Lee Witt, Browerville. Domestic Assault-misdemeanor-intentionally inflicts/ attempts to inflict bodily harm on another.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Jan. 17, 2024.

Brandon Michael Aldridge, Staples. Domestic Assault Strangulation. Dismissed. Domestic Assault-bodily harm. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Local confinement 90 days. Credit for time served: 42 days. Disorderly Conduct-brawling or fighting. Dismissed.

Dale Rex Wells, Staples. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$905. Local confinement 364 days. Stay 274 days. Credit for time served: two days. Supervised probation, four years.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Jan. 22, 1976 edition of the Staples World featured board members/officers of the Staples Arts Council following a luncheon meeting at Holm's Cafe in Staples. Pictured, front row from left: Mrs. John Gorton (Sally), president; Mrs. V. James Thompson (Linda), board member; Mrs. W. E. Stone (Marion), secretary. Back row, from left: Dr. Rick We-

ber, vice-president; Homer Clark, board member; Mark Evans, board member; and Richard Donat, retiring president, who would continue to serve on the board for one year. Officers not pictured: Stan Carlson, treasurer; Mike Blessing, board member.

Judy Wolak of Staples recognized all except for Homer Clark. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

SCHOOL continued from page 1a Special Olympics hoops coming to school

Daze is coming up and that the Student Connection Team has been working to promote positive culture at the school and encourage positive choices. They are working to create an environment where 'we all co-exist,' Ferdon said.

• Learned from Activities Director

Josh Lee that Staples-Motley is hosting the Special Olympics United Basketball Event Jan. 31, in the large gym. In his update on Community Education, Lee said that they've hosted many youth basketball games and that the tournaments went well. He said that

February will be busy, as there are many adult classes scheduled.

• Learned from Tappe that the 9th grade and under Cardinals wrestling league recently won the state tournament in Mora.

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Air is one of nature’s best insulators

One recent morning, with the temperature hovering near minus 10 degrees, I watched a cluster of juncos perched in the bare branches of the viburnum hedge that separates our yard from the neighbors next-door.

The sparrow-sized slate-colored junco—also known as dark-eyed junco—is much less colorful than the more celebrated cardinal, goldfinch, or blue jay. Less striking than even the mottled black and white of the downy and hairy woodpeckers that regularly visit our suet feeders. Still, it’s a subtly handsome bird. The junco’s plumage is like two contrasting hemispheres; one a dark slate gray on head and upper body—including wing coverts and central tail feathers—and its underparts a dusky white.

This cluster of juncos had breakfasted at the bird feeder, where you’ll often see them on the ground picking up seeds that other birds have spilled. Now they were huddled in the hedge, their feathers so puffed out that their nearly-round shapes resembled the glass ball ornaments that so recently hung from the branches of our Christmas tree.

When active in its daily routine, the junco is a trim little bird, not the rotund creature I saw on this frigid morning. What I was witnessing was a common bird world response to bitter cold. By puffing up their feathers in this way, the juncos were able to trap air between their body feathers. This “dead air” in turn was acting like an insulator to retard the transfer of warmth from their bodies to the much colder air around

them.

A songbird’s survival in winter—apart from the ever-present risk of death by an avian or mammalian predator—is a matter of addition and subtraction. Warmth and energy from metabolized food is on the addition side of the survival equation. The escape of body heat to the surrounding environment is on the subtraction side. Anything that slows the escape of body heat reduces these losses and the need for more fuel, and works in the bird’s favor. The dead air trapped within the bird’s body feathers does just that. Knowing how we humans struggle to keep warm on the coldest winter days, it seems a marvel that the metabolic furnace under a tiny bird’s feathers can keep it from becoming an ice ball.

Humans have taken a page from the birds’ play book in our quest to ward off cold. Since we don’t have the capacity to grow insulating feathers and down ourselves, we acquire the raw materials from birds, and incorporate them into gear manufactured for our use. This includes sleeping bags used by campers and “trekkers,” but much more widely in garments—jackets and coats, chiefly—designed for cold weather wear.

Most down and feathers used for insulation is harvested from geese and ducks that are killed for food, much of it in Europe and Asia, where their consumption could be considered a parallel to our consumption of turkey and chicken.

Tradition has it that the down from the wild eider duck—which inhabits the most northerly, colder latitudes—is the ultimate for warmth. It is rated above even goose down, which in turn is considered a more effective insulator than the down from most ducks. A hen eider’s down is used to line her nest during her eggs’ incubation period.

Eider down harvest is a small industry in Iceland.

The traditional collecting method is to replace the down in the nest with another soft material—such as hay—without disturbing the eider’s eggs. The quantity of eider down available is limited by the number of eider ducks that their natural habitats can support, making products containing eider down—such as luxury comforters—far and away the least available and the most expensive.

Human ingenuity has led to effective, cheaper, and more easily maintained substitutes for natural down and feather insulation. But there are definitely those who still consider the best goose down to be the ultimate for readily obtainable winter warmth. Not to mention its undeniable snob appeal.

Birds are not the only creatures that benefit from trapped air as protection in winter. A ubiquitous example here in Minnesota is the whitetail deer. Its winter coat has long, coarse, and waterproof “guard hairs,” which—while not hollow like a drinking straw—are compartmented into miniscule hollow chambers that contain air. These guard hairs, augmented by oil secreted by the deer’s skin, channel moisture away from the deer’s dense layer of insulating underfur. The principle is not identical to puffed-up bird feathers for heat retention, but the deer’s hollow hair is beneficial, nonetheless.

Deer are not the only mammals with air-trapping hairs in their winter coats. Among the others are moose, caribou, elk, wolves, and polar bears, all of which—no coincidence perhaps—inhabit climates that are inhospitable in winter.

The next time you curl up in a comfortable chair under a cozy quilt, remember that it’s not the fabric covering you generating the warmth, but the trapping of air between you and your environment that keeps you warm!

1949 letter remembers early Staples happenings

Jan. 27, 1949 - Staples World headline: ‘Letter from Herb Wilson Reminiscent of Pioneer Days in Staples and Community.’

A letter recently received from William H. (Herb) Wilson, of Alhambra, Calif., will be interesting to many people in Staples, and the letter, in part, is herewith quoted:

“Dear Sir: I took a reminiscent journey through the columns of your paper of Jan. 6, which was forwarded to me here in Sunny (?) California, and marveled at the seeming progress Staples and your paper have made over the years.

“While I never knew your predecessor or yourself, I did know J.T. Drawz, who, if I recall rightly, established the World sometime back in the 1890’s. We, as kids, used to call him “Johnny Pants.” Many of the old time residents of Staples will recall that sobriquet. However, he did much to bring the settlers into town, which was then known as Staples Mills, and I believe, before that, it was called “Presto.”

“An article describing

the new signals installed at the Sixth street crossing brought back to my mind another occasion also around 1890 when the first switch joining the Little Falls cut-off to the main line was the occasion for some celebrating. A tower was built there and an old time friend of mine was given charge of the operation, namely Pete Dewey, who had lost a hand in an accident in Brainerd years previously.

“I first came into Staples as a water boy on the first work train that made that junction, that is why I so vividly recall the incident.

“Other things in your January 6 issue paint things in my memory of people, many of them long since departed, and some of them still there. Every one of those pictured in the account of the presentation of a 50-year membership pin to my life-long friend, Fred Ames. I grew up and worked among them.

“It has been many years since I have visited the old hometown, and I scarce would know its residents now except through contact with their children and their children’s children.

“The report on your chief of police, Jess Marr, intrigued me into making a comparison of the same problems in a metropolitan city like Los Angeles. To control or apprehend violators they find it necessary

to set up road blocks to catch the cagey offenders. Mention of the police also reminds me of another old friend, Ed Britton. I stood in front of the bank there a long time ago while visiting in Staples, as Ed went into the bank to cash his check. A big car drove up and stopped right in front of the bank and in it was a guy with a machine gun. I started to walk away but was ordered not to move, or else. Another guy got out, went into the bank and stuck it up and Ed too. Later I understood they just about got all of the N. P. payroll and to my knowledge never were caught.

“In the columns of the World, if they have been kept on file, you might find many an account or happening of forest fires to the south in 1894 when most of the old timers had to get out and fight to preserve the city. I was one of them. Many a duck I shot in both Dower and Hayden lakes in the early days.

“I noticed Dr. Cook says the birth rate there is about normal. That is as it should be. Parallel parking too is a sensible system in any city, but meters to grab your dimes and nickels now-a-days, it seems cheaper to walk.

Yours Truly,
Wm. H. (Herb) Wilson

Home schooling growing

What can be more important than the decisions parents make on behalf of their child’s education. Home schooling is parent directed. There is flexibility in curriculum and scheduling. Lessons can be individualized to benefit the student. Parents are taking control more than ever before. Home schooling in-

creased by 110 percent since 2011-12.

Before COVID started there were about 2.5 million K-12 homeschoolers one year later that number doubled. Statistics vary by state, but over-all in the U.S., 86.5 percent are in public schools, 8.2 percent in private schools, 5.2 percent are home schooled. Parents are frustrated by the absence of an academically challenging curriculum. Classroom distractions and the lack of importance assigned to de-sired social values and mor-

als. According to NHERI (the National Home Education Institute) 78 percent of homeschoolers perform higher on the standardized tests. Parents who homeschool, are taking on a huge responsibility and commitment, but what can be more important than our kids’ education.

“There is no school equal to a decent home, and no teacher equal to a virtuous parent.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Kevin Jenkins
Staples, Minn.

Aspects of financial fitness

Submitted by University of Minnesota Extension

A new year brings the opportunity to ring in resolutions focused on positive changes. While many resolutions revolve around physical health, it’s equally important to consider another vital aspect of health — financial well-being.

Extension Educator Dung Mao answers questions about making financial goals and building a habit of saving.

Q: How can I make saving money a habit?

Mao: Consistency is key, no matter how much you save. Start by saving as little as a dollar each week. It may not seem like a lot, but being able to save that dollar shows you can save. Your goal could grow to \$10 or \$100 each month in the future.

Another way is to put away a percentage of your paycheck. Try saving 1% and see how you feel. If it doesn’t hurt too much, save 2% the next month, then 3% and so on. Saving might be tough at first — giving up your morning coffee to save some money could feel like a loss. It’s important to remember that saving for your needs and future emergencies is actually a win. It’s something to be proud of.

Q: How can investments be part of my saving strategy?

Mao: Investments can be a powerful tool — helping to potentially grow your money over time by putting it into different investment options, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds. Growth is often seen in the form of interest or dividends. This growth can help you reach your savings goals faster than just setting cash aside. That said, investments come with certain risks and losing money is possible. It’s important to understand these risks, be an informed investor and adjust your strategy based on your comfort level and saving goals.

Q: What is your advice for dealing with financial setbacks?

Mao: First, life happens and it is important to be kind to yourself when it does. It is common to have an illness, car problem, or something else that knocks us off the path toward our financial goals. When setbacks happen, we tend to want to blame ourselves and run away or give up. Here is what to do instead: take a deep breath, know that this is temporary and remind yourself that you can succeed. Adjust your plan and do it again. You got this!

Q: How do emotions affect our relationship with money?

Mao: It seems whenever people talk about money, it is usually in the form of numbers, charts, logic and

material wealth. When we see that, it is easy to forget that money is deeply emotional. I am willing to predict that most of us don’t work for money solely to accumulate piles of paper or to see the numbers in our bank accounts grow.

We work for money because of what money can give us, such as the joy in knowing we can provide for ourselves and our families. Joy could also come from knowing we could purchase gifts or afford enriching experiences for our loved ones. On the other hand, money can also evoke anxiety and stress, especially the feeling we get when we are not able to meet our necessities.

Either way, recognize that money can directly affect our emotions and be mindful of that connection to help improve your overall mental health as well as how you make financial decisions.

Q: What resources are available to help me work on my financial well-being?

Mao: Extension offers many resources and guidance to help with your financial journey, including budgeting, debt management, retirement planning and more. Some people prefer to create a detailed plan, while others take a more relaxed approach. No matter your situation, Extension’s resources can help you meet your goals. Visit Extension’s Spending, saving, and retirement webpage to learn more: extension.umn.edu/personal-finance/spending-and-saving.

Dung Mao is an Extension Educator in the Department of Family, Health and Well-being, specializing in financial literacy and financial capability. He is based out of the regional office in Andover and welcomes any thoughts and comments you may have around money at maox0025@umn.edu.

Tourism is a part of economic development for small towns

By Deb Brown
[saveyour.town](https://www.saveyour.town)

Tourism as economic development makes sense. Get people from outside of your community to come visit your natural resources, your events, and your community. Have them shop in town, eat at the restaurants, get gas in town, and stay overnight in your hotels, and that will stimulate your economy. We can all see that picture pretty clearly.

Why do people come to our town?

Some of the things we don’t always see are why people want to come to our towns. It’s no big deal to us to go down to the small beach at the lake and enjoy swimming. Or drive out to

the woods and fish by the creek. How about enjoying the dirt track races? Or park the car on the main street, sit on the benches, and listen to live music on Thursdays.

What else can you do in a small town?

Look for ghosts at sunset in the old cemetery or make etchings on paper of the headstones. Learn the history of that family at the local library. We can just walk into the fire station and ask for a tour and be treated to a hands-on amazing try-on-the-uniform kind of tour! Many things we take for granted we assume others in our town know about, but that’s not true.

Ask people ‘What are the fun things to do in town?’ Make a list of them and

share them. Keep adding to that list.

What can you do as a local?

This year as you plan your vacations, why not plan a few days spent in your town? Look at that list and add some of those activities to your staycation. Enjoy time with your family and friends and think about each day as an adventure. Post pictures on the socials, just like you do when you are on vacation. Hashtag it: #stayhome #staycationintown.

Bringing more people to our community as visitors is a step towards economic development. Seeing what an area offers in the way of recreation and entertainment helps to get people thinking ‘Maybe I could live in a community like this.’

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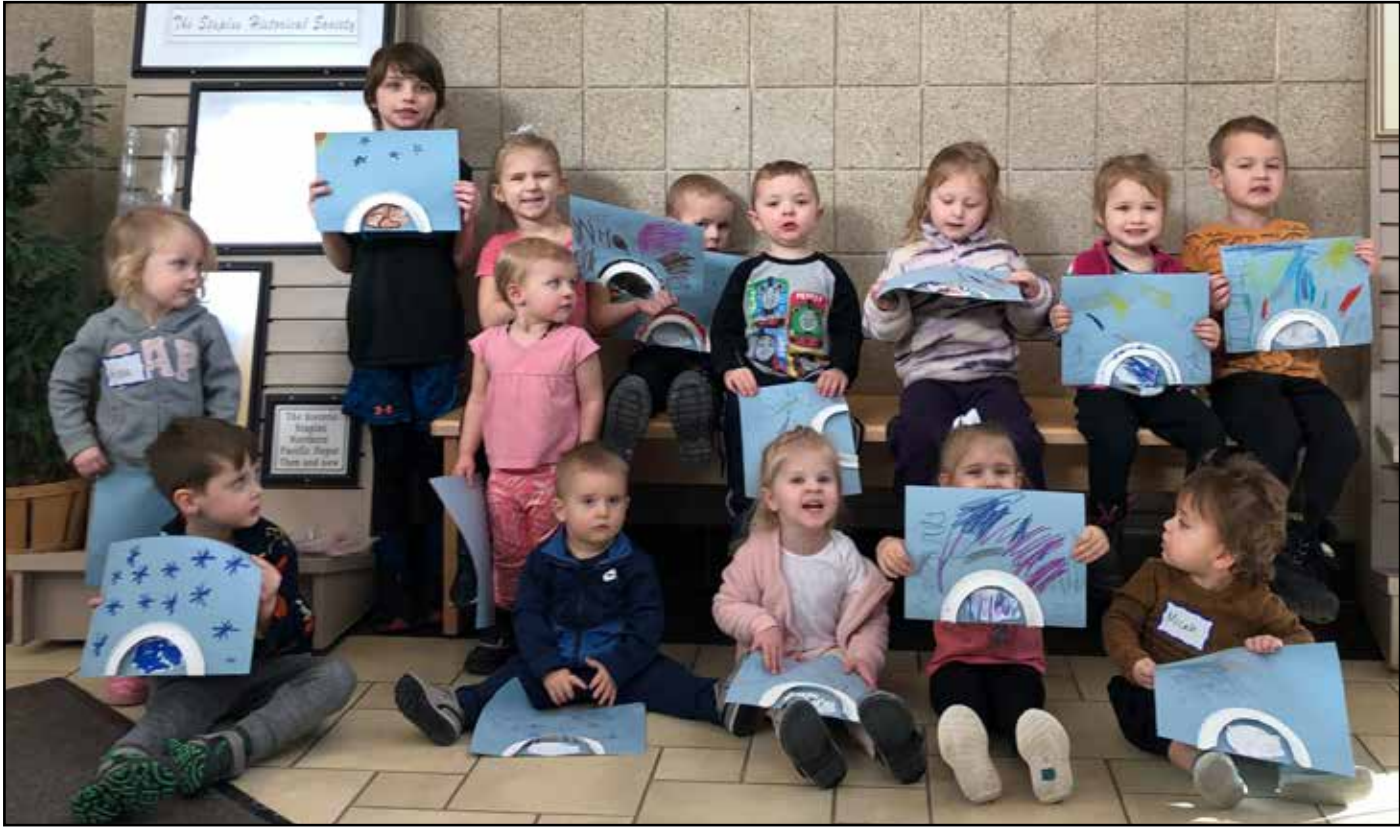
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Preschool Storytime at Staples Library

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Front row: Samuel Reigstad, AJ Biggar, Malakhi Doss, Jolene O'Keefe, Ella Doss, Micah Augar. Back: Alana Reigstad, Ray Biggar, Adaniya Doss, Rhett LeBlanc, Bjorn LeBlanc, Faith Frisk, Alida Hanson, Archie Hanson. (Submitted photo)

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at Staples City Hall on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 6 - April 11. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 218-296-6616.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

Mark Your Calendar

January 25

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>
WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Charley Huhtala, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

ERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

January 27

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

January 30

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

January 26

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOV-

Lakewood board members complete Minnesota Hospital Association Trustee Certification program



Receiving certification

Norm Krause (center) receives his certification from MHA President and CEO, Dr. Rahul Koranne, and Lakewood District Board Chair, Mary Theurer. (Susan Peet was unavailable for a photo) (Submitted photo)

The Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) recognized 16 hospital and health system trustees from across Minnesota for their successful completion of MHA's rigorous and comprehensive trustee certification program. This certification underscores their unwavering commitment to the patients, care teams and communities they serve. "Hospitals and health sys-

tems are cornerstones for the communities they serve, and are facing a multitude of historic challenges," said Dr. Rahul Koranne, MHA president and CEO. "MHA's trustee certification program ensures that hospital and health system leaders are well-prepared for their roles." MHA's trustee certification program provides hospital and health system trustees with training on current health care trends, governance best practices, ethics, government regulations, and patient safety and quality. Participants undergo 30 hours of coursework, making Minnesota's program the most comprehensive in the nation. Susan Peet and Norm Krause from Lakewood's District and System Boards, respectively, completed their trustee certification for Lakewood Health System in Staples.



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Cardinal Calendar
SM school events

January

• **SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL EVENT** Jan. 31, Main Gym, SMHS

February

• **SNO DAZE WEEK** Feb. 5 - 9
• **SNO DAZE CORONATION** Feb. 7, 9:15 a.m.
• **HOME SPEECH MEET** Feb. 10, SMMS/HS

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Student Achievements

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its Fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify for the honor, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least nine class credits. Local students named include:

- Beck Erholtz, Motley

- Gabriel Grimsley, Pillager
- Kylee Wilson, Pillager

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its Fall 2023 Dean's List. To qualify for the honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Jordyn VanVickle, Pillager, SDSU's College of Nursing
- Emilya Case, Staples, SDSU's College of Nursing

TASHA MICHAEL, Staples, has been named to the 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 or higher.

JESSA KIMMAN, Pillager, has been named to the 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List at The University of Wisconsin-River Falls. To qualify, students must be full-time and earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH has announced its 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify for the honor, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits. Local students named include:

- Jada Bentson, Pillager
- Cayden Kleffman, Pillager
- Keelie Shafer, Pillager
- Chandler Braith, Staples
- Aften Robinson, Staples
- Samantha Schimpp, Staples

BYRN WILLIAMS, Staples, has been named to the 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List at Iowa State University. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Community invited to Cultural Thursday: "24" and Ukraine

The community is invited to attend Central Lakes College's next Cultural Thursday event, happening at noon on Thurs., February 8 in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. Speaking will be CLC Ukrainian student Mary Kharytonova, who will discuss her book "24" and her experiences after Russia invaded her country.

Kharytonova's life changed forever when Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. After spending a couple of weeks hiding in her home with her mom, the lack of food and medicine, and Russian troops getting closer, drove the pair to seek refuge in Poland.

In the dead of night, Kharytonova (with a cat in her backpack and suitcases in hand), walked nine miles with her mom and best friend to the Polish border.

After reaching the border, Kharytonova eventually came to Minnesota, where she chose to study Graphic Design at CLC. Now in her second year at the college, Mary wanted to do something for her friends, family, and those who are still in Ukraine.

Mary shares her reflections on her journey and co-authoring (with her friend Sofia Vasylenko) the book "24", a collection of 24 stories from Ukrainians who faced terrifying, tragic, and hopeful situations since the war started.

Cultural Thursday is the monthly cultural literacy program of Central Lakes College where invited and host speakers from around the world help us better understand the diverse peoples, perspectives and places of our planet.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. 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 Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church.....
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
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
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jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
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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.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
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Fr. Gabriel Walz
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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
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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 Maltore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

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

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 Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, 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 Maltore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod rd)
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.

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass 218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Running catch on fast break

Miranda Schotzko catches a long pass before scoring on a fast break against West Central Area.

Rutten, Lorber, Lawrence hit double figures in win

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team picked up a win at Melrose on Jan. 25, pulling away in the second half for a 63-51 final score. Lauren Rutten scored 19 while Liv Lorber and Pam Lawrence each had 12.

That game was between two home losses, 70-34 against West Central Area on Jan. 23 and 77-47 against Crosby-Ironton on Jan. 26.

Against West Central, Lauren Rutten scored in just about every way possible, hitting a jump shot, driving to the basket, scoring off a rebound, completing a three point play and sinking free throws after making a steal and driving the length of the court. That was all in the first half. The WCA defense clamped down in the second half, limiting Rutten mostly to free throws. The Cardinals fell behind early and were down 22-40 at halftime, as West Central made a lot of three point shots against their zone defense.

Against Melrose, Rutten continued her strong play, but had a lot more help from her teammates. Rutten scored 12 points in the first half, but the team was still down by one point, 28-29 at halftime. Liv Lorber picked it up in the second half with 10 points, including sinking five straight free throws. Pam Lawrence was steady in both halves, sinking three baskets in the first half, including a three pointer and two in the second half.

The Cardinal defense allowed nine free throws in the first half, but stopped fouling in the second half, allowing only one free throw, which was missed. They did give up four, three pointers,



Izzy Olander shows good form on her jump shot.

but protected the basket, with only five two pointers scored against them in the second half.

Team results

SM 34, WCA 70

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 20, Liv Lorber 4, Izzy Olander 3,

Miranda Schotzko 2, Pam Lawrence 2, Cami Anderson 2, Ellie Lange 1

Staples-Motley 63, Melrose 51

Scoring: Rutten 19, Lorber 12, Lawrence 12, Olander 8, Anderson 7, Schotzko 5



Left, Ellie Lange leads a fast break. Right, Lauren Rutten scores a basket with her left hand.



Chin drop

Adrian Gomez pulls his opponent towards the mat before earning a pin. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers breeze to two wins

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won two matches in a home meet on Jan. 25, over Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 59-12 and Ottertail Central 74-0.

Against WHA, the Cards had several forfeits a long with wins by Eli Greenwaldt, Jack Carlson and Turner Beachy.

Against OTC, most of the wins were on the mat, with several big wins coming in the middle of the lineup by Caden Dobson at 139 pounds, Riley Reese at 145, Blake Neelan at 152, Owen Winter at 160 and Reece Headley at 172. Steven Petrich showed good patience and the ability to strike at the right time

to earn a decision at heavy-weight.

The team scores may have been lopsided, but the large crowd was able to witness some excellent wrestling by Staples-Motley, which is ranked fifth in the state as a team.



Steven Petrich, right, leans on his opponent to tire him out.



Riley Reese looks back at his coaches after earning a takedown.



Reece Headley comes up with a leg in his varsity win against OTC.

Ninth Grade League regional

A week after their Minnesota Ninth Grade Wrestling League state title, the Staples-Motley 7th-9th grade wrestlers competed in the individual regional competition Jan. 27 at Mahanomen. They won with 181 points, other scores included; Grand Rapids 145, Moorhead 133, Wadena-Deer Creek 121, Fergus Falls 129, Detroit Lakes 114 and 12 more teams. Weight class champions were Garrett Bjerga, Beau Carlson, Cooper Tappe, Zach Tabatt and Reece Headley. Others placing included Justin Olson (2nd), Jackson Odden, Liam Jennissen and Tristan Moore.

Cardinal BBB drop two

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team took two losses, but had an offensive explosion in one of them.

The Cardinals lost 63-39 at Pequot Lakes on Jan. 22, then came back to score 82 points at Detroit Lakes, falling 100-82 on Jan. 25.

Eli Rutten scored 32

points at DL, hitting on seven three point shots, but it still wasn't enough to keep up. Detroit Lakes scored 57 points in the first half, making 11 three pointers in the half and 18 for the full game.

Team results

Staples-Motley 39, Pequot

Lakes 63

Scoring: Alex Schultz 20, Eli Rutten 13, Logan Robben 3, Avandre Brandt 2, Grant Bestland 1

Staples-Motley 82, Detroit Lakes 100

Scoring: Rutten 32, Schultz 20, Noah Larson 16, Conner Kuhns 8, Brandt 5, Bestland 3

NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT The Board of Audit for Meadowbrook Township will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at the Leader Community Hall, immediately following the monthly town board meeting. Ty Peterson, Clerk Meadowbrook Township. 5-6pnc	NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS Staples Township residents needing an Absentee ballot for the township election on March 12, 2024 should contact the clerk at 218-296-2151 between February 9 and March 9, 2024. Bonnie Thoele, Clerk Staples Township 6pnc	NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall. Mark Strom, Secretary Leader Community Hall Board 5-6pnc See PUBLIC NOTICES on page 9a
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○ ○ Staples-Motley School Board Minutes ○ — ○	
ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #9 Mon., Dec. 18, 2023, 6 p.m. District Office MINUTES Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Members Anderson, Reese, Winkels and Trout were present, comprising a quorum. Members Reeck and Wright were absent. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Ferdon, Principal Berg, Business Manager Hill, recording secretary Larson, community members, staff, students and Staples World Managing Editor Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reese, to approve the addition of agenda items #12c and #12d. MC Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda. MC Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized the public School/Community Forum None Audit Report The 2022-2023 Audit report was presented by Brady Martz Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reese, to accept the 2022-2023 Audit as presented by Brady Martz. MC Consent Agenda Approve the minutes from the November 20 Regular Board Meeting Approve the minutes from December 4 Work Session and Truth in Taxation Meeting Approve the 2023-2024 Certified Staff Seniority List Approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar Approve the Fundraiser request from Student Council Approve the Leave of absence request from Gerald Freese Approve the resignation of: a. Justin Edin, Varsity Tennis Coach b. Tammy Johnson, Assistant Speech Coach c. Garret Ballantine, JH Baseball Coach d. Mark Bettis, Assistant Baseball Coach Approve the hire of: a. Bobbyjo Johnson - Honor Society Advisor b. Brian Alt - Middle/High School Industrial Tech - Long Term Substitute c. Miranda Anderson - District Office Receptionist d. Jessica Sadlo - Elementary Paraprofessional e. Evan Woodwick - Custodian Other - none Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC Donations and Grants Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution to Accept donations and Grants in the amount of \$23,442.47 and in-kind donations in the amount of \$1000. MC <i>Thank you to the SM Wrestling Booster Club, Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club, Staples Historical Society, Staples Lions Club, Infinite Health Collaborative PA, CARE Ministries and Lakewood Health System for</i>	<i>your generous donations.</i> Finance Items Finance Report presented by Business Manager Hill Motion by Trout, seconded by Reese, to approve the November Disbursements. MC General Fund: \$750,519.66 Food Service: \$ 56,438.99 Community Service: \$22,298.38 Construction Fund: \$747,152.34 Debt Service: \$0.00 Fund 45: \$9.47 Fund 47: \$0.00 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the November receipts. MC General Fund: \$619,187.15 Food Service: \$162,577.88 Community Service Fund: \$ 45,181.70 Construction Fund: \$355,449.03 Debt Service Fund: \$584,180.59 Fund 45: \$ 17,128.65 Fund 47: \$10.54 Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions. MC <i>This is the annual resolution required to allow any future budget reductions to occur.</i> Roll Call Vote - In favor: Winkels, Anderson, Reese, Trout. Absent - Reeck and Wright Other - none Facilities update Presented by Williams from ICS Other Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to Adopt the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Place for 2024 as Staples Community Center. MC <i>This is an annual requirement, regardless of whether an election is anticipated.</i> Roll Call Vote - In favor: Anderson, Trout, Reese, Winkels. Absent - Reeck and Wright WBWF (World's Best Work Force) report presented by Principal Berg, Principal Ferdon and Teaching and Learning Coordinator Pantzke. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Trout, to approve the 2022-2023 Combined WBWF summary. MC Reports 1. School Board: a. FED b. Sourcewell - October 17, 2023 Minutes c. Other 2. Principals 3. Activities Director 4. Superintendent 5. SMEA 6. Other Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. MC 6pnc MINUTES ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING #10 Mon., Jan. 8, 2024, 6 p.m. District Office MINUTES Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Oath of Office to newly elected Board Members NONE Roll Call
Members Anderson, Reeck, Winkels, Reese, Trout and Wright were present, comprising a quorum. Also Present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Ferdon, recording secretary Larson, staff, students and Staples World Managing Editor Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reese, to adopt the agenda. MC Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized the public. Reorganizational Items Chair Winkels called for nominations for Board Chair . Reeck nominated Winkels. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations Winkels was declared the Board Chair. Election of other Officers Chair Winkels called for nominations for Vice Chair . Winkels nominated Wright. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, Wright was declared Vice Chair. Chair Winkels called for nominations for Clerk . Wright nominated Anderson. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations Anderson was declared the Clerk. Chair Winkels called for nominations for Treasurer . Trout nominated Reeck. Winkels called for additional nominations and with no further nominations, Reeck was declared the Treasurer. Motion by Reese, seconded by Wright, to appoint Trisha Larson as Assistant to the Clerk and Ellie Hill as assistant to the Treasurer as recommended by MSBA. MC Annual Organizational Items Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson, to designate 2024 School Attorneys, Official Depositories, Investment of Funds, Electronic Transfers, Signature Approvals: Official School Attorneys To name Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls; Kennedy & Graven; and Knutson, Flynn & Deans to serve as the official school district attorneys for 2024, and that the selection be determined by the administration. Authority also was granted to the administration to employ any other attorney/law firm as deemed necessary. Official Depositories To name the following as official depositories for 2024: First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank Central, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, MN School District Liquid Assets Fund Plus, MN Trust, and other financial institutions which are in compliance with MN Statutes governing school district depositories. Signers at these Official Depositories shall include the Board Chair; Board Treasurer; Superintendent; and Business Manager. Official Newspaper To designate The Staples World as the legal and official newspaper for the Staples-Motley School District for 2024. Official(s) to Invest Funds To authorize school officials to invest funds on behalf of the school district: Business Manager and Superintendent. Agent(s) to Make Electronic Transfers To authorize school officials to electronically transfer funds to be invested for the district: Business Manager and Payroll Clerk. Signature Approvals Authorize Superintendent Shane Tappe, and Business Manager Ellie Hill, to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf of the Staples-Motley School District. Appoint Board Members to Serve on Educational Committees Members voiced their intent to serve on the following committees: Freshwater Education District: Lisa Anderson (Alternate Ryan Wright); Sourcewell Delegate Assembly: Chandler Trout; MN State HS League: Jeremy Reeck; QCOMP: Lisa Anderson MSBA Legislative Liaison: Kyle Reese and Supt. Tappe; Community Education Advisory Council: Jeremy Reeck; Economic Development Authority: Supt. Tappe; Finance Committee: Ryan Wright and Jeremy Reeck; Policy Committee: Kyle Reese and Chandler Trout; Technology Committee: Ryan Wright; Meet & Confer Committee: Bryan Winkels and Lisa Anderson; Facility Committee: Kyle Reese and Jeremy Reeck; Superintendent Evaluation: Jeremy Reeck and Bryan Winkels Motion by Trout, seconded by Reeck, to set the 2024 meeting schedule as presented. MC Regular meetings will be held the second to the last Monday of the month with the following exceptions: February will be held 2/26/24, June will be held 6/24/24 and December will be held 12/6/24. All regular meetings will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m., with a school / public forum first on the agenda if someone would like to address the board on any topic, subject to the limitations of policy #206. Work Sessions will be the first Monday of the month with the following exception: April will be held 4/8/24 (no Work Session scheduled in July or Sept). All work Sessions MAY be followed by a regular Board Meeting as needed. Other meetings may be called as needed. All meetings will be held in the building of the District Office. Motion by Winkels, seconded by Wright, to set the School Board Salary at \$3,550. MC Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to Adopt the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Place for 2025 as Staples Community Center. Members Reeck, Reese, Winkels, Anderson, Wright and Trout voted in favor. MC Motion by Trout, seconded by Reese, to Approve the Resolution Allowing the School District to Purchase Supplies or Services from a School Board Member. Members Wright, Anderson, Trout, Reese, and Winkels voted in favor. Member Reeck abstained. MC Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. MC 6pnc	
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 the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 14, 2018 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,657.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Henry A. Youngvorst, an unmarried man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 20, 2018 as Document Number A508910 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Rocket Mortgage LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, by assignment recorded on November 13, 2023 as Document Number A538905 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 133 North, Range 33 West lying between the North line of said Lot 1 and a line parallel therewith and 150 feet southerly therefrom measured at right angles thereto and between two lines parallel with and distant respectively 184 feet and 359 feet westerly, measured at right angles, from the east line of said lot, Todd County, Minnesota . STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 24709 THUNDER RD, STAPLES, MN 56479 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$84,579.62 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Quicken Loans Inc. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-0007602 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100039034015630181 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: March 07, 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 September 9, 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: January 09, 2024 ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC Mortgagee TROTT LAW, P.C. By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Sung Woo Hong, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (23-1256-FC01) THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR /s/ on file Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 6pnc 5-10pnc	



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2024 RFP

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Contact Katherine Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165 or kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet.

Submit cover letter, resume and completed application to Katherine Langer, Director, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled.

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Placing at Knowledge Bowl meet

This four person Staples-Motley Knowledge Bowl team placed fourth at the first meet of the season on Jan. 19. From left, Cedrik Mills, Aiden Stevens, Bel Birkholtz and Heidi Zimmerman. (Submitted photos)



Staples-Motley Knowledge Bowl team, from left, Marissa Heifort, Lily Davis, Elizabeth Larimer and Jaden Johnson



Staples-Motley Knowledge Bowl team, from left, Evan Schultz, Atlas Mills, Tyson Turner and Thomas Johnson.



Staples-Motley Knowledge Bowl team, from left, Mason Birkholtz, Sabina Moe, Skye Larson and Madison Perius



Knowledge Bowl by Sourcewell at CLC

Knowledge Bowl teams from multiple area schools get their first look at the written test, which is worked on by teams. Sourcewell is holding many Knowledge Bowl competitions, both junior high and senior high, at Central Lakes College in Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Teamwork and concentration

Staples-Motley Jr. High Knowledge Bowl teams work together on the written tests, with each competitor weighing on questions they are familiar with.



Are you smarter than a jr. high knowledge bowler?

- Below are some sample questions from the Junior High Knowledge Bowl competition at CLC on Jan. 11.
- Both the written test and oral rounds had questions about science, history, literature, math, English, geography, culture and other intellectual pursuits.
- Sample questions:
- Which of the following is NOT an Islamic empire?
A. Babylonian Empire in Mesopotamia
B. Mughai Empire in India
C. Ottoman Empire in Anatolia
D. Rashidun Caliphate in Arabia
E. Safavid Empire in Persia
 - In a bakery, the ratio of chocolate cakes to strawberry cakes is 2:5, and the ratio of straberry cakes to vanilla cakes is 3:4. If there are 82 cakes total, how many are strawberry?
A. 12 B. 15 C. 24 D. 30 E. 42
 - In the Greek story, Zeus turned Io into what creature?
A. Cow B. Dog C. Horse D. Spider E. Swan
 - Q. Jacobsen, Alaska Young, Hazel Grace Lancaster and Augustus Waters were all created by what contemporary young adult author?
A. J.K. Rowling
B. John Green
C. R.J. Palacio
D. Suzanne Collins
E. Veronica Roth
 - In Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, which instrument portrays the cat?
A. Bassoon B. Clarinet C. French Horn D. Oboe E. Piano
 - Which of the following is a correct definition of the word "emminent"?
A. Constant B. Discharge C. Famous D. Nearby E. Sleepy
 - If the last New Moon occurred about 12 days earlier and the Moon appears in the southeastern sky at sunset, then what phase is the moon currently in?
A. 1st Quarter
B. 3rd Quarter
C. Full Moon
D. Waning Gibbous
E. Waxing Gibbous



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Jr. High Knowledge Bowl team

Staples-Motley competitors in the first Knowledge Bowl competition on Jan. 11, front row from left, Alexander Tkalcich, Eli Bounds, Carter Odden, Olivia Lynch, Aleea Holst, Kaylee Perius, Millinda DeWald, Hudsyn Nanik, Ally Pesola; back row, Caleb Kopp, Gunnar Kleinschmidt, Owen Roline, Jackson Alexander, Tristan Moore, John Schotzko, Lydia Roelofs, Kennedy Judd, Karsyn Wingert, Lauren Dolezal, Brooke Reisenauer, Jackson Odden; not pictured, Jackson Bitzer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)