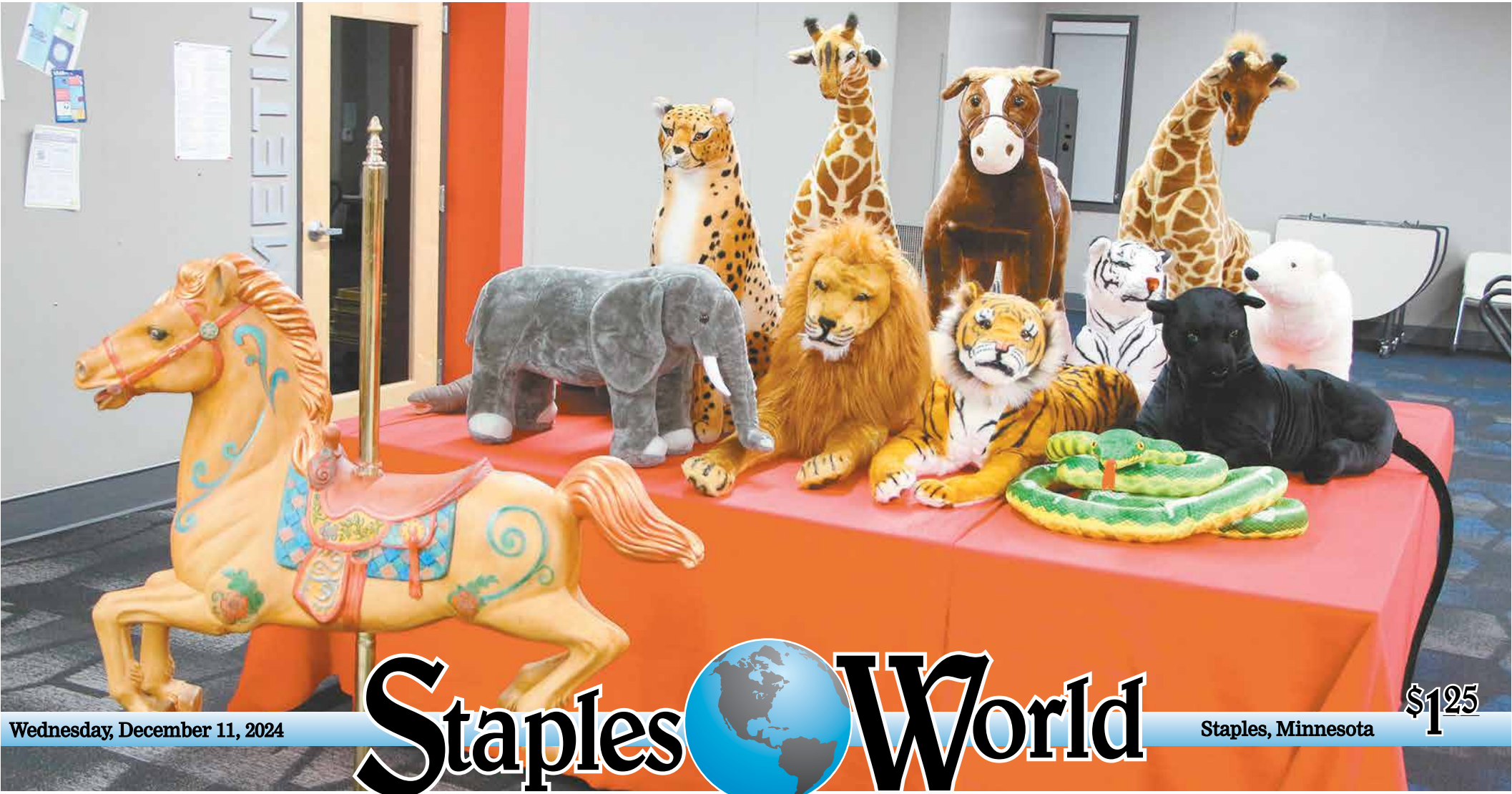


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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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The animals are ready for the circus

This year's Polar Xpress at Central Lakes College in Staples will have a circus train theme, with the above circus animals ready to be a part of the display. On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15, the Polar Xpress will combine history, trains, and circus memorabilia. The event is free and open to the public. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

School avoids cuts, has slight levy increase

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board held their annual Truth in Taxation meeting on Dec. 2 to explain how taxpayer money is spent at the district.

Business Manager Ellie Hill gave a presentation and said this year's taxes did not go up because of the school district levy. The levy increase was around \$2,000, less than a half of a percent, but the tax base of the district went up by more than that, so people would not pay more unless the valuation on their property went up.

Many school districts around the region are making cuts, but Hill said Staples-Motley has been avoiding those cuts. The district did not add new programs or staff with recent grant money that has ended,

so they were not stuck with unfunded positions. Hill said the schools making cuts have staff salaries around 80 percent of the budget, while Staples-Motley is around 70 to 75 percent.

"The district has done a good job with contracts and staying within their means," said Hill.

Hill said it looks like the school budget has gone up recently because of construction projects, but the general fund had just a few changes.

Hill said the school enrollment numbers are looking good this year.

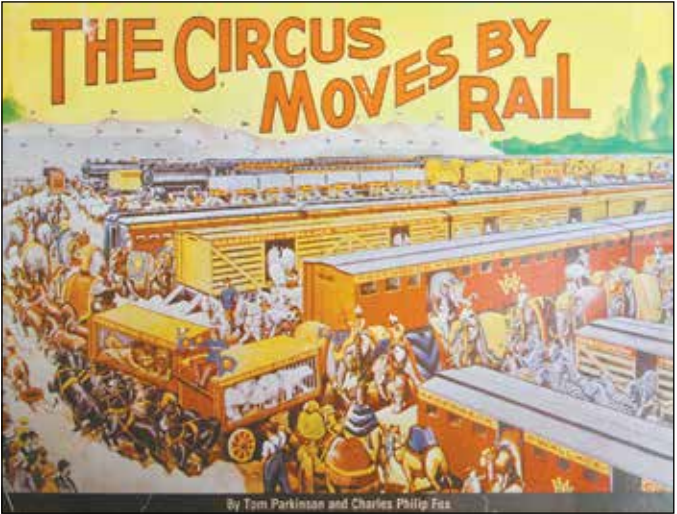
There were no questions from the public following the presentation and the board approved the 2025 levy.

Also at the meeting, the board approved Tenessa Mumm as a long term substitute.

Circus trains in history

The circus train theme was inspired by the book The Circus Moves by Rail by Tom Parkinson and Charles Phillip Fox, right. The first circus train in America left New Jersey in 1872. The Northern Pacific Railroad has moved many circus companies over the past century.

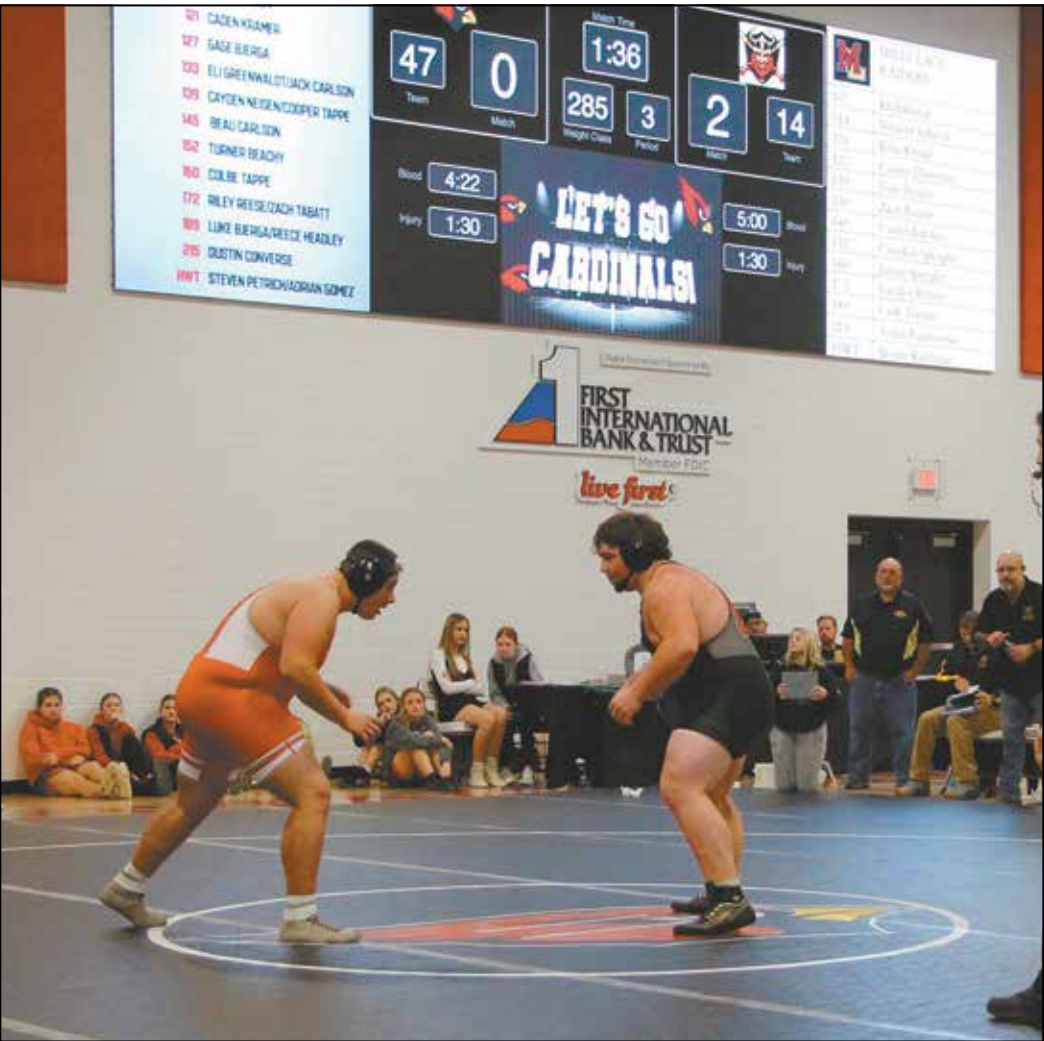
This year's Polar Xpress will have a G scale circus train operating, with more historical and Christmas related displays.



First action at The Nest

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team and wrestling team had successful debuts in The Nest, playing the first varsity contests in the newly refurbished gym. Pictured above, Josiah Burton (20) contests the opening tip with a full crowd in the stands. The Cardinal basketball team beat West Central Area xx-xx on the opening night.

On the next night, the wrestling team hosted two schools to their debut of The nest. Pictured, Steven Petrich, left, approaches his Mille Lacs opponent as the two biggest wrestlers in the building are dwarfed by the large video scoreboard on the wall. The Cardinals defeated Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa and Mille Lacs. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson).



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2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 11	1	-10	Cloudy
Dec. 12	3	0	Sunny
Dec. 13	17	12	Cloudy
Dec. 14	29	22	M. Cloudy
Dec. 15	31	26	Cloudy
Dec. 16	30	17	Cloudy
Dec. 17	22	13	Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 11	30°	19	P. Sunny
Dec. 12	22	13	Cloudy
Dec. 13	40	19	Sunny
Dec. 14	51	28	Sunny
Dec. 15	37	35	Rain
Dec. 16	33	31	Foggy
Dec. 17	34	28	Cloudy

Average Temps:

H = 24° Low = 10°

Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

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Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently made several donations, including \$2,000 to Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters, with funds going toward jerseys; and \$2,000 to Timbers/LEAP with the funds going toward the community holiday meal. Pictured above, from left are Cam Larson with the BB Boosters and Lion President Dan Shaw. Pictured below, from left, are Mary Theurer and Lion President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Motley area law enforcement

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

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3
Dec. 2 - Motley Police responded to a complaint regarding dogs that were running out into the roadway at the 500 block of East River Road in Motley. The complainant said that when she walks in that area these dogs agitate her dog and she is afraid of falling.

The police chief spoke with the owner of the subject dogs about the complaint, and advised them to keep their dogs on their own property.

Nov. 30 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 200 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting Motley Fire Dept. be paged to assist at a two-vehicle accident at 10180 79th Ave. SW, Motley.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO received a report of an



Pine Grove lights display

The Pine Grove Park lights display includes lighted tunnels and animals running around the shelter. The display will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of the year, from 5-8 p.m. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tribute to Tricia Jasmer

The lights display at Pine Grove Park includes a tribute to Tricia Jasmer, the former Staples Parks and Recreation Director who started the lights display in the park, but died this year after battling cancer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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December 12

‘WALK WITH A DOC’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood 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, Dec. 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Charley Huhtala, caller. For info., 612-743-3480.

December 13

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

December 15

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

December 16

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Meth-

odist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

ISD #2170 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, Monday, December 16, 6 p.m. at the Staples-Motley School District Office, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479

December 17

WOMEN’S AA MTG Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

‘GRIEF SHARE’ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

December 18

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m., at the Staples Community Center. Public invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.



Storytime for preschoolers at Staples Library

Storytime is held every second Saturday (Dec. 14) and third Wednesday (Dec. 18) at 10:30 a.m. at the Staples Public Library. To register your child for Reading Roundhouse call the library, 218-894-1401 during open hours. Reading Roundhouse engages singing, age appropriate activities and crafts while developing important literacy skills to foster a life-long love of reading and learning. Above: Alida Hanson, Rhett LaBlanc, Bjorn LaBlanc, Malachi Novak, Ray Biggar, James Dahlheimer, AJ Biggar, Althea Whalen, Ori Tepley, Beau Dahlheimer. (Submitted photo)

Dine-in meal at Staples Community Center on Dec. 18

Senior Nutrition Program 218-894-2556

A congregate dine-in meal followed by penny bingo will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior’s room on **Weds., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.** The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

You may choose to bring a dish to share for potluck and still order a meal. Bring your pennies for penny bingo which will be played following the meal. Meals may be reserved through the nu-

trition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.** Even if not ordering a meal, call to let LuAnn know you’re coming.

Dec. 18 menu: Pork roast, pork gravy, candied yams, green beans, dinner roll, marg., snickerdoodle cookie, 1% milk.

The Meals on Wheels lunch program is also available by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. Meals are offered at a nominal fee on a weekday basis through LSS Meals.

To volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver, call LuAnn.



Donation to Pine Grove Park’s holiday lights

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$1,131.36 to go toward holiday lights at Pine Grove Park. Pictured, from left, are Bob Schafer, Pine Grove Park

lights volunteer; and Lion President Dan Shaw. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

DNR asking to locate Brainerd area bear dens

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is asking hunters and other recreationists spending time outdoors this fall to report the locations of occupied bear dens they encounter in and around the Brainerd and Duluth areas. Bear researchers with the DNR and University of Minnesota Duluth hope to fit an additional number of bears with GPS tracking collars this winter.

“Getting a few bears collared in winter would really help these studies,” said Andrew Tri, Minnesota DNR bear project leader. “It would allow us to get a whole year of movement data, which we can’t do with bears that we catch and collar in mid-summer.”

The purpose of this research is to document bear movements on the landscape (both rural and urban) and assess the age of first reproduction in these two study areas.

Anyone finding a den in either area should obtain a GPS location (if possible) and call DNR bear research in Grand Rapids at 218-328-8879 or 218-328-8874.

The Minnesota DNR has had a decades-long study on bears collared in the Chippewa National Forest and at Camp Ripley Training Center to assess survival, reproduction and move-

ment. Assessing the age of first reproduction is critical to keeping tabs on the bear population and effectively set harvest quotas.

“Bears can cause conflicts when they live near people, and collaring and tracking bears in the Duluth area will help us better understand how they are using the developed landscape,” said Michael Joyce, UMD wildlife ecologist. “Ultimately, we would like to use the information we gather to help reduce human-bear conflicts and promote coex-

istence.”

Bear research provides a better understanding of factors that cause populations to change, and in this way enables the Minnesota DNR and partners to better manage and conserve this species.

Separate from the bear den study, the Minnesota DNR also has an online tool that allows people to report bear sightings. The bear sightings tool and more about bear management in Minnesota is available on the Minnesota DNR website.



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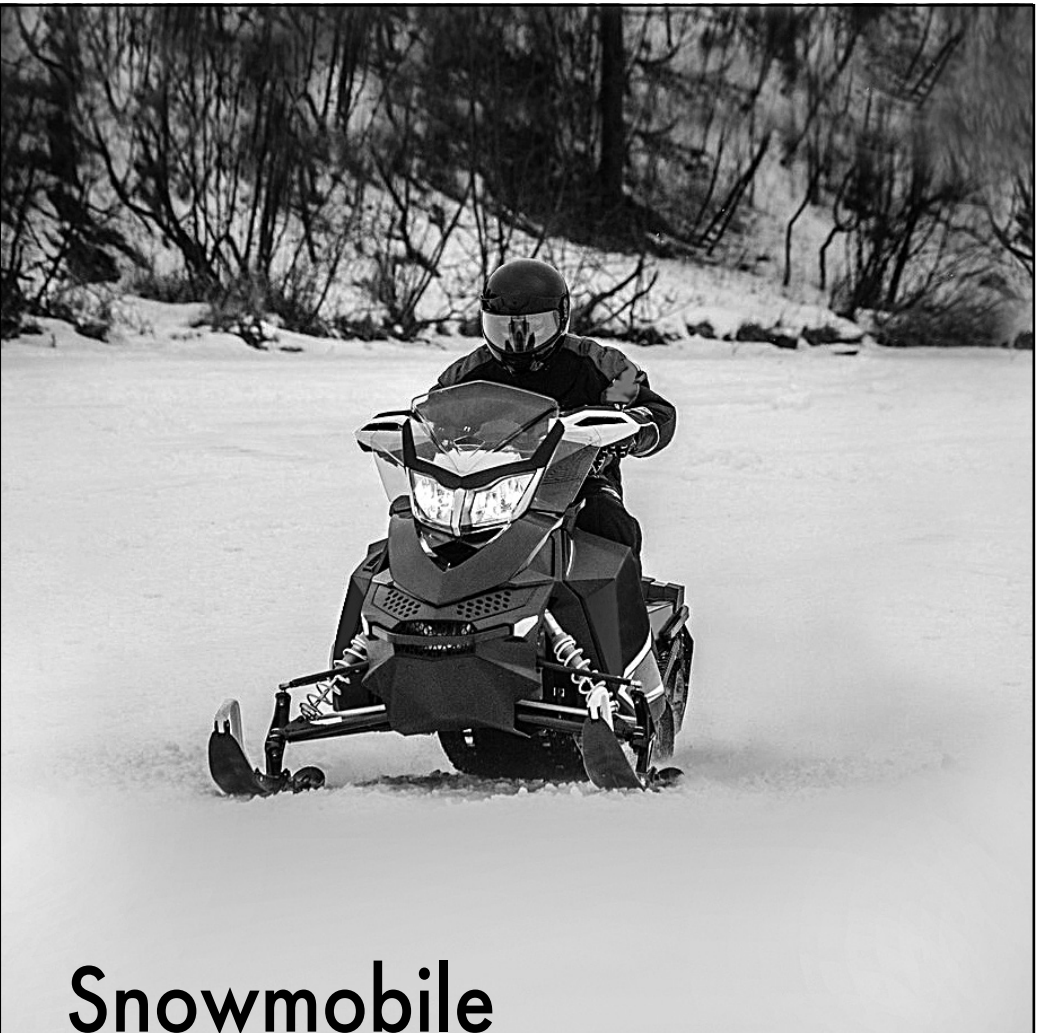
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- Power poles are often anchored with wires extending out from the pole. Avoid snowmobiling directly next to or underneath power lines.
- If you see a downed power line, stay away from it and call 911 to report it. Always assume it is live and can carry currents strong enough to kill.

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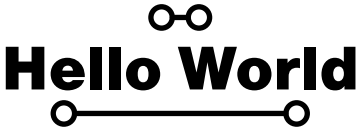
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You were everything
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you because I thought there
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light in the world.
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Obituary

Patrick Dvorak

Patrick (Pat) Dvorak, 64, of Cushing, passed away at home on November 29, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held in Pat's honor in the spring of 2025. Patrick Joseph Dvorak was born December 9, 1959, to Arnold and Marjorie Dvorak in Little Falls. Pat spent his youth working on the family farm alongside his siblings. In 1977, he joined the National Guard, serving his country until his honorable discharge in 1983. Pat was a gifted craftsman, primarily working as a drywall finisher. His skills extended across many facets of the building trades, but his true passion lay in woodworking, where his creativity was most evident. A lover of the outdoors, Pat found joy in gardening, generously sharing the fruits of his labor with family and friends. He could often be found collecting agates with his loyal dog, Jojo, who was always by his side. Pat is survived by his sons, Preston and Tyler; their mother, Marylynn, and 13 siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents; one nephew and numerous aunts and uncles. Pat had a kind and giving spirit, he will be missed by his family, friends, and all who got to know him.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
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
Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)
.....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade)
.....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., 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:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 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
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
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
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship.....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
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
Cushing Baptist
26290 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
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)
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
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays
.....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
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
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 Wollenden, 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 Community Church
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.
St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale;e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.
St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)
**Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church**
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.
Wadena
St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

CLC Performing Arts Center presents Rock & Roll Xmas Spectacular

The holiday season is about to rock once again as the Rock & Roll Xmas Spectacular returns to Brainerd December 14, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. The lobby opens at 7:00 p.m., with doors at 7:30 p.m. This beloved band celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2024, bringing the Brainerd Lakes community together for a night of high-energy music and holiday cheer. The show has become a seasonal highlight and one of the most-requested performances of the Central Lakes College Performing Arts Center. Get ready for your favorite holiday classics and legendary rock anthems. Featuring the talents of Paul "Stretch" Diethelm and Ted Manderfeld, alongside powerhouse vocalists Pamela McNeill, Stacy Bauer and Tim Haussner. They'll be backed by an incredible band with Cody McKinney on bass, Mike Kreitzer on saxophone and flute, and Pete Hennig on drums. Audiences can expect reimagined versions of timeless holiday hits like "Silent Night," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Jingle Bells," and "The Little Drummer Boy", all delivered with a rock twist that promises to ignite the holiday spirit. And, of course, no Rock & Roll Xmas Spectacular would be complete without enough confetti to make Rudolph blush. Tickets are available at www.clcperformingarts.com/events or by calling the Box Office at 218-855-8199. For more information, contact the CLC Performing Arts Center at www.clcperformingarts.com.

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Report OPEB Fund Balance, Facility Reserve Fund Balance and FY24 Finance Review.
SPED Director J. Wothe shared Academics' current enrollment of 36 Students; Offering of Adaptive Phy Ed and Disability trainings; Parent Advisory Mtg. held on October 21; Behavior & Assessment Specialists are now supporting districts at a 1:4 specialist-to-district ratio; and Monitoring Update.
Executive Director, E. Weber shared updates on the READ Act is in full force for Spec. Ed and Early Childhood Teachers; Budget Re-educations Work Session Nov. 14 with Member Districts' Superintendents.
Recognition and "Thank You", to Charles Funk for his 16 years of service to the Freshwater Ed District Board.
Facilities Updates: shingling project in full swing; Curb and fill completed for east side parking lot at site 2222.

ALC Updates: ALC Enrollment: 25 students more now than last year; 10 active Targeted Services Programs up and running.
ABE Updates: Student enrollment/hours are up from last year - mostly from the Long Prairie site.
ECFE/SR Updates: Bertha-Hewitt gained about 13 Head Start students.
Perkins/CTE Updates: Coordinator, Mike Kaluza, is doing a fine job - lots of communication with CTE staff and school administration about professional development opportunities.
Technology Updates: Staff transition to Google Workspace is going smoothly; Applied for a grant to allow for cyber security tools to be E-rate eligible for FED.
Adjournment
MOTIONED BY Funk and SECONDED BY VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m..

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"On The Receiving End"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Recently, my dad died at the age of 90 after a long siege with Alzheimer's disease. My dad was one of ten men who signed my ordination certificate back in 1978 as a lay church leader of our Albert Lea Church of Christ church family. Six of the ten names were the lay leader elders at that time. Now, it looks like only two of the ten men who signed it are still living. Each of them poured a part of their lives into mine to help develop my story in God. Isn't it wonderful how God designs people to influence us while they are living and then to continue to influence in their legacy effect upon us? It does beg this question for all of us. What kind of influences am I pouring into other people's lives around me? We are entrusted with incredible concentric circles of effect upon those around us... both known and unknown... for better or for worse.

So, back to the direction of the title of this devotion. Over the years since that 1978 ordination, my wife and I, along with the four church families that we have had the privilege of serving with, have reached out to hundreds of hurting people. It's but one of many examples, but the example serves well when we are entrusted with people who are dying along with their families. It is a sacred time. We are aware of the comforting flowers, prayers, cards, phone calls and most of all, "being there" and sometimes words aren't needed. Then comes the funeral planning and service. It's not an exhaustive list, but I think of funeral home staff, custodians around church buildings, administrative assistants, funeral meal point people, parking lot attendants and general quiet helpers the day of the funeral.

It all reminds me of Romans 12:9-13 (NIV) which says, "Love what be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

All of that would be worthy of multiple devotions, but I want us then to hear Romans 12:15 (NIV) which says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. It's truly great to celebrate occasions TOGETHER but how powerfully needed it is to mourn TOGETHER. When something needs to be celebrated, it needs multiple people to fully honor the occasion. The same is true in sorrow. Celebration needs to be shared and sorrow needs to be shared.

On one day in the month, in my thank you prayer guide, I thank God for the "shock absorbers" in life. Yes, they are good on car suspensions but it's even more important within people. Dying and death are certainly among those life experiences where right people at the right time are indispensable and irreplaceable. Right people "soften the blow" in ways that helps us move through the difficult losses and disappointments in life. Thank you when you have been one to someone.

So, as not it has recently been our turn as a family, thank you to any and all who lent a listening ear, reaching out in innumerable ways and even unknown ways. Yes, "Thank You." We definitely have been richly on the receiving end. I will try to be faithful in replicating your kindnesses to the next person who is entrusted to me.

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The Nest opens with basketball win

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team baptized The Nest by taking down a returning state tournament team, winning 66-60 against West Central Area on Dec. 5. The got their second win the next night at Frazee, winning 67-43.

In the first game ever on the new varsity gym, they faced a WCA team that has very good size and excellent guard play, giving the Cardinals a challenge that took a whole half to solve. The WCA lineup had three players around 6'5" in the game at the same time, but they were slowed down by the Cardinal front line of Josiah Burton, Noah Larson and Alex Schultz.

Larson scored the first Cardinal basket in The Nest with a three point shot. Staples-Motley forged an early lead when Eli Rutten hit a three pointer to go up 15-8. WCA started scrambling back and clamped down on defense, with six free throws by Rutten the only Cardinal scores before the game was tied.

Late in the half, Staples-Motley went cold and had some defensive lapses as WCA scored eight straight points to take a five point lead. WCA held the ball to attempt the final shot of the half, but when they started running their play, Noah Larson poked the ball away, caught up to it and scored a layup with three seconds left, making the halftime score 27-29.

In the second half, Schultz made two 3-pointers to finally take the lead back. WCA tied it twice, but Avandre Brandt responded each time, with a driving basket and a three pointer that gave Staples-Motley a 49-46 lead that they never lost. Schultz and Rutten hit free throws to keep the lead until the end. Rutten made



Tough score

Eli Rutten slices through the defense.

all eight of his free throws and Brandt was six for eight.

Against Frazee, the Cardinals again fell behind in the first half and then stormed back in the second half. They accomplished this by shutting down the top scorer for Frazee, who had 14 points in the first half but only two in the second half. As a team, Frazee only scored 14 points in the second half.

Meanwhile, Brandt took off, scoring three 3-pointers in the second half, making five total for the game.

Team results

Staples-Motley 66, West Central Area 60

Scoring: Eli Rutten 20, Alex Schultz 18, Avandre Brandt 13, Noah Larson 9, Josiah Burton 4, Ryan Neelan 2

Staples-Motley 67, Frazee 43

Scoring: Brandt 17, Larson 14, Rutten 14, Schultz 11, Neelan 5, Burton 4, Jaden Johnson 2

Girls basketball losses on road

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team lost to Park Rapids 73-54 on Dec. 3. They lost at Frazee on Dec. 6, 72-48.

Team results

Staples-Motley 54, Park Rapids 73

Scoring: Livi Lorber 17, Clara Maros 12, Mirand Schotzko 10, Chloe Larson 6, Joci Lenk 5, Ellie Lange 1, Jasmyne Hove 1



Flying with the Cardinal

Avandre Brandt rises up in front of the new video scoreboard at The Nest, in the first varsity game played there. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Bringing energy to The Nest

Staples-Motley cheerleaders were a big part of the first competition at The Nest, bringing new cheers, new moves and positive energy to the games.

In Minnesota, lake ice is more a process than an event

There are events in the yearly cycle of seasons that capture our attention each time they come around. For some, they are momentous enough to note formally in a diary or log book. For others—most of us, probably—they simply make an impression on our awareness and memory. These things differ between us,

depending on our interests and passions. Things like the first snowfall in autumn; the first robin to brave a return to our backyard in March, or bloodroot blossoms that match the white of scattered snow patches on the forest floor when the trout season opens in April.

This time of year, the most high-profile seasonal outdoor event is unquestionably the formation of ice on our lakes and wetlands. It rivals the transformation of leaves from summer green to dazzlingly colorful tones in autumn, and the greening of the landscape in spring after months of a monochromatic wintry world. Its headlining attraction is not color, but new recreational opportunity.

There is a special attraction and thrill in “walking on water.” When a lake or wetland freezes with clear ice—something most

common with the first safe ice to form—the underwater world can be seen with a clarity impossible on “wet” water. The effect is like peering into the depths from a glass-bottomed boat, so popular with tourists at sub-tropical destinations like Florida, and the Gulf Coast.

The clear ice is a lens through which we’re given a bird’s-eye view of the forests of underwater vegetation in a lake’s shallows, and—if we haven’t telegraphed our presence—we might spot fish going about their business. Skaters, especially, find it exhilarating to glide almost without effort over places that they have visited at other seasons only in a boat, and whose depth has only been seen as readouts on a depth finder.

But there’s little doubt that anglers are the subset of Minnesotans who look forward to “ice-up” with the most elevated eagerness and urgency. It is more or less gospel that some of the best fishing is likely to be had during the initial days and weeks of on-ice angling. Which explains why we may even see small portable fishing shelters on ice-covered parts of lakes—protected bays, for instance—when substantial sectors of those lakes still have open water.

At times this eagerness can lead to unfortunate and disastrous outcomes. Sometimes it is anglers, sometimes ATV riders or snowmobilers. And at others it is simply an eager, adventurous person who can’t resist the allure of venturing out to slide and

glide on that glistening crystalline surface. A Twin City area teenager who fell through thin ice on a suburban lake during the first week of December became the first fatality of the 2024-25 season. Pulled from the lake by first responders after a lengthy period under water, the teen did not recover, and died three days later.

Much of the treachery of the ice-up period lies in the fact that bodies of water may not freeze uniformly, or at the same rate. Eventually, most inland lakes will freeze over their entire surface and be safe—with some exceptions—but early in the process uniformity is probably the exception rather than the rule. Though it seems to defy logic, some lakes with a smaller surface area may reach safe ice status later than lakes with a larger surface area. Factors that contribute to this variability include depth, exposure to prevailing winds, barely detectable currents at inlets, outlets, and channels, and springs that enter a lake underwater, where they can’t be seen. All of these have an impact on ice formation and safety.

Sometimes a lake’s normal ice-up process can even do a complete reversal. Case in point, in 2023, Lake Alexander in Central Minnesota’s Morrison County was almost entirely ice-covered by December first. But, with a spell of warm temperatures, strong winds, and some rain thrown in for good measure, the lake reopened, and did not regain its covering of ice

until the first week of January. Certainly an example of what ice anglers do not like to see, and can present unexpected risks.

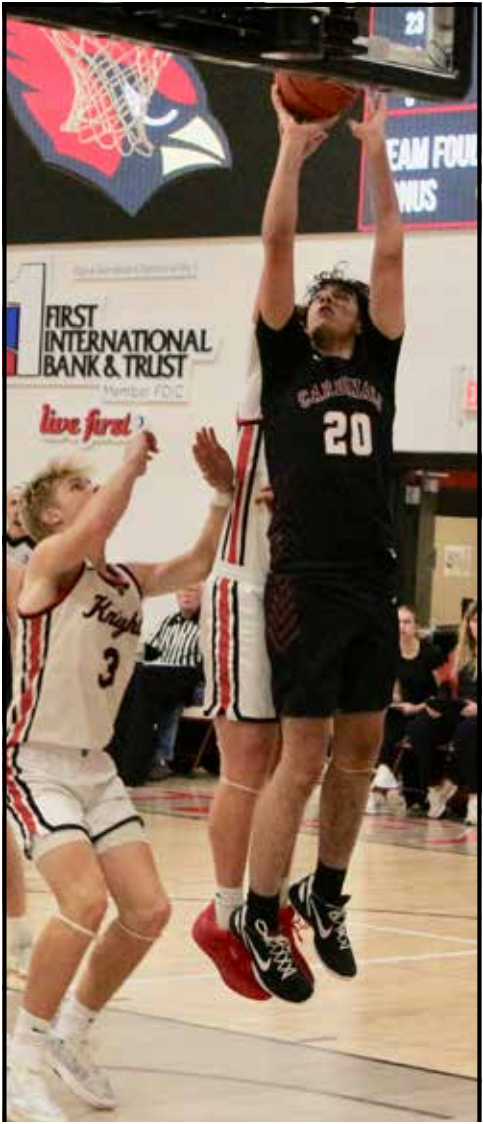
Considering the number of ice fishermen in Minnesota, the number of fatal mishaps associated with the pastime is statistically minute. About 10% of the state’s roughly 1.5 million licensed anglers are believed to fish through the ice in winter. That’s about 150,000 anglers. Other recreations may contribute to the fatalities, including snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riding. Sometimes both angling and the means of transportation are factors that combine in the same fatality.

In 2023-24 there were two fatalities on popular winter angling waters. The number recorded since these statistics were first published beginning in 1976 has fluctuated between as few as zero in 2022, and a high of 12 in 1980. Even that is statistically small considering the number who venture onto the ice in a Minnesota winter; but sobering, nonetheless.

Incidentally, that year—1980—coincided with the so-called “miracle on ice,” the gold medal winning performance of the U.S. men’s Olympic hockey team over the Soviet Union and other world hockey powers. The transformation of Minnesota lakes to a winter angling and recreational playground might be considered miraculous in its own right. Just ask a rabid ice angler.

Feed the bird at The Nest

Above, Noah Larson scores off his steal with three seconds left in the first half. Right, Josiah Burton goes up for a score, right in front of the Cardinal on the large scoreboard, looking like he is feeding the bird at The Nest. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





MORAN TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF FILING

The clerk's office will be accepting notice of candidacy for the position of Supervisor for a three (3) year term and Clerk for a two (2) year term. Filing notices will be accepted between December 31, 2024 and January 14, 2025.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township

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STAPLES TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF FILING

Staples Township is accepting filings for:

- Supervisor for a three (3) year term
- Treasurer 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, 2025 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2025.

Filing fee is \$2.00.

Please contact Bonnie Thoele at 218-296-2151 to file for office.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP
FILING NOTICE

Thomastown Township will hold an election of one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term, one (1) treasurer for a two (2) year term and one (1) clerk for a one (1) year term. The filing period for these offices opens on December 30, 2024 and closes on January 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. To file for office, contact Sue Walsvik at 218-639-8465.

Sue Walsvik, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD
OCTOBER 15, 2024

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of October, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Byers and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 1st, 2024 as presented.

To approve the hire of Anjali Richter to fill the Eligibility Worker position. Grade 6, Step 1 at \$22.22. Start date: TBD

To approve the hire of Darichel Ramirez Cruz to fill the Open Office Support Specialist I position. Grade 3, Step 1 at \$18.66. Start date: TBD Approve the retirement of Judy Schultz, Accounting Specialist, effective January 3rd, 2025.

Approve the retirement of Ronald Hibbs, Mental Health Worker, effective December 30th, 2024.

GAMBLING PERMIT –
BROWERVILLE SPORTSMAN
CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 2, 2025.

To approve a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for Ivy's Legacy Foundation at the address of 10098 County 11, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective October 26th, 2024.

Commissioners

The Todd County Board of Commissioners recognizes the County employees are our most valuable asset and would like to recognize staff for years of service. 3rd Quarter 2024 service awards were presented.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the September 2024 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 904372 through 904438 in the amount of \$982,030.37 (Manual) 998 through 1005 in the amount of \$69,145.69 and (Regular) 243198 through 243346 in the amount of \$2,298,388.21 for a total of \$3,349,564.27.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 805806 through 805865 and (Regular) 712414 through 712466 for a total of \$78,992.39.

MINUTES

FRESHWATER ED.
DISTRICT #6004
October 23, 2024

2222 Industrial Drive,
Wadena, MN

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

A quorum was determined with the following members present: Board: Lisa Anderson - Staples-Motley; Charles Funk 0 Sebeka; Chuck Wolf - Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; Barb Tumberg - Wadena-Deer Creek; Scott Veronen - Verndale; Jodi Hillmer - Browerville; Russ VanDenheuvel - Bertha-Hewitt; Rodney Thalmann - Henning; Katie Howard-Menahga.

Superintendents: Absent - Lee Westrum - Wadena-Deer Creek and Scott Vedbraaten - Browerville. Administration: Eric Weber, Executive Director; Jamie Wothe, SPED Director; Jordan Anderson, Finance Manager; Sharon Thiel, Admin. Assistant-Recorder.

Others in Attendance: Bucki, Academies Comfort Dog and Jena Osberg, Academies Manager.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and SECONDED BY Tumberg to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- U/C

Presentation

J. Osberg, Academies Manager presented to the Board "Bucki" the Academies Comfort Dog.

Old Business

MOTIONED BY Howard and SECONDED BY Thalmann to approve the August 21, 2024 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer and SECONDED BY Tumberg to acknowledge receipt and

review of the September and October 2024 Superintendent Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business

MOTIONED BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Funk to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024-September 30, 2024) payments 64917-65323 totaling \$2,238,069.74 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and SECONDED BY Anderson to accept the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, Health Insurance Rates as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk and SECONDED BY Thalmann to accept the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, Voluntary Dental Insurance Rates as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Howard and SECONDED BY Tumberg to accept the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 Voluntary Vision Insurance Rates as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer and SECONDED BY Veronen to accept the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027 Life Insurance Rates as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY VanDenheuvel to accept the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027 Life Insurance Rates as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and SECONDED BY Funk to approve the fiscal year 2025 Budget Revision I and Assessment Manual Revision I. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY Howard to approve the transfer of \$86,000 to the facility reserve fund balance. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel and SECONDED BY Funk to approve the business office service agreements with

the Verndale Public School ISD #818. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk and SECONDED BY VanDenheuvel to approve the business office service agreements with the LPGE ISD #2753. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer and SECONDED BY Veronen to approve the 24/25 Regular Year Targeted Services/Credit Recovery Services Agreement as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Tumberg to approve and adopt 2024 Legislative Session Model Policy Updates as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann and SECONDED BY Anderson to approve the first reading of the replacement Model Policy #522 - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure, and Process as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Howard and SECONDED BY Hillmer to approve to set the January Reorganization and Regular meeting for Wednesday, January 22, 2025. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY Wolf to accept the two (2) submitted bids from Benjamin Bernatsky Enterprises, LLC for the replacement of shingles at 624 Jefferson St. N, Wadena, MN for \$45,000 and at the 2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN for \$159,000 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Thalmann to approve the posting of the following Seniority Lists: Licensed Teachers, Probationary Licensed Teachers and Paraprofessionals. VOTE-U/C with Howard Abstaining

MOTIONED BY Tumberg and SECONDED BY VanDenheuvel to approve the amended service agreement with Eluma as presented. VOTE- U/C

Todd Commissioners Minutes

real estate taxes are also due for the 2nd half installment today.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had nothing new to report.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported on affordable childcare and housing work meetings; continued working on Cannabis Ordinance and that there is a broadband presentation at the Browerville Community Center on October 16.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended. Commissioner Denny was unable to attend most meetings due to illness.

Commissioner Becker attended the cannabis hearing, dept head, policy, AMC District and SWCD Award meetings. Reminded of the AMC District meeting at the end of the week.

Commissioner Neumann attended the dept head, policy, candidate forum, and solid waste meetings. Extended thanks to STS and Public Works crews for their clean up work at Battle Point Park.

Commissioner Noska attended meetings and brought forward that a proposal is in the works for the Law Library.

Commissioner Byers attended the AMC Property Tax, Candidate Forum, and SWCD Award meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Byers, the meeting was adjourned for the month of October 2024.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
CELLEBRITE INC	\$6,900.00
COBORNS	
INCORPORATED	2,024.00
EBSO INC	306,681.52
HEALTH PARTNERS	
DENTAL	8,332.70
MIDFIRST BANK	84,913.07
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	7,992.93
VERIZON	6,560.90
16 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,905.61
BOULDER CREEK, INC.307,055.87	
BRAATEN AGGREGATE	
INC	267,077.93
CARD SERVICES	
COBORNS.....	2,797.86
CENTRA CARE	12,109.12
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	6,339.50
COBORNS	
INCORPORATED	2,057.00
FLEET SERVICES/WEX	
BANK	9,444.04
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CONSTRUCTION	369,735.25
JOHNSON CONTROLS...	6,774.03
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC.....	4,863.62
METRO SALES INC.....	2,688.78
PETERS LAW OFFICE,	
P.A.....	7,770.80
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SOLID WASTE	
AUTH	90,689.08
REDSTONE	
CONSTRUCTION	141,085.92
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GROCERIES INC	3,709.13
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STEP	13,506.93
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LLC	3,425.35
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GINA.....	19,527.84
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INC	76,469.85
INNOVATIVE OFFICE	
SOLUTIONS, LLC.....	5,802.00
KATTERHAGEN/NATE	37,195.50

Personnel Consent Agenda

MOTIONED BY Veronen and SECONDED BY Thalmann to approve the items as follows:

ADMINISTRATION:

Amendment to SPED Director contract, effective July 1, 2024, AND Reassignment of Michelle Olson, SpEd Paraprofessional to Full-Time Paraprofessional Substitute, effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

Hiring of Jessica Nelson, School Social Worker, for 181 Days at BA/Step 1, effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

A R E A L E A R N I N G CENTER:

Resignation of Alyssa McQuistion, ALC Paraprofessional effective the end of the 23/24 School Year, AND Increase in Hours for Heather Jasmer, ALC Paraprofessional from 1,111.50 hrs. to 1,227 hrs., effective September 19, 2024, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY ED/SCHOOL READINESS: Decrease in Hours for Brenda Faust, ECFE/SR Instructor, from 1,377.5 hrs. to 1,353 hrs., effective the 24/25 School Year, AND Decrease in Hours for Peggy Kellen, School Readiness Paraprofessional, from 1350 hrs. to 1094 hrs., effective 10/9/2024, AND

Hiring of Vanesa Wood, School Readiness Paraprofessional, for 823 Hours at Grade 1/Step 8, effective September 16, 2024, AND

Authorization to advertise and hire for the following position: Early Childhood Family Education Child Educator for the Menahga School District, AND

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Hiring of Jackie Beavers, Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional, for 854.5 hrs. effective October 14, 2024, AND

Hiring of Anika Cook, Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional, for 438.5 hrs. effective October 2, 2024, AND

Hiring of Kellie Kane, Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional, for 998.5 hrs. effective August 26, 2024, AND

Increase in Days for Whitney Wegscheid, Speech Pathologist from 155 days to 165 days, effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

Voluntary Reduction in Hours for Kristena Harstad, School Psychologist from 1,448 hrs. to 1,240 hrs., effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

Voluntary Reduction for Maureen Baymler, Full-Time Substitute Teacher, from 171 Days to 132 Days, effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

Request for Lane Change of Bryan Winkels, Occupational Therapist, from BA/Step 12 to BA+10, effective the 24/25 School Year, AND

Decrease in Hours for Leigh Peterson, SpEd Paraprofessional, from 1,015 hrs. to 930 hrs., effective October 1, 2024, AND

Resignation of Kirstin Noska, SpEd Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 23/24 School Year, AND

Resignation of Brianna Sandy, SpEd Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 23/24 School Year, AND

Authorization to advertise and hire for the following positions: Regular Route Van Driver; Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional for the Perham School Preschool Classroom; Part-time School Psychologist; Part-Time Physical Impairment Teacher. VOTE- U/C

Department Reports

Finance Manager, J. Anderson shared FY 25 Finance Reports of Fund Balance, Cash

See **FRESHWATER** on page 6a

96 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	43,501.24
Total:	\$78,992.39

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
#16704.....	\$6,786.00
#17598.....	4,053.90
#16192	2,579.40
DHS - MOOSE LAKE	
RTC - 462	\$5,115.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX	
OFFENDER PROG.....	11,978.40
DHS - ST PETER	
RTC - 472	24,242.00
HEARTLAND GIRLS	
RANCH	15,183.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERVICES OF	
MN - ST PAUL.....	2,540.66
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH	
CTR INC.....	11,611.70
#17597	3,891.30
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	10,441.20
WEST CENTRAL REG	
JUVENILE CTR.....	6,459.00
29 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	27,730.03
Total:	\$132,611.59

On a motion by Noska and seconded by Byers, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 15th, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19th, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD
OCTOBER 22, 2024

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 22nd day of October, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and seconded by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the agenda as presented.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To close the session at 5:01 p.m. pursuant to MN Statute §13D.03 to consider strategies for labor negotiations.

On motion by Byers and seconded by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 6:02 p.m.

Adjourn

On motion by Denny and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

On a motion by Noska and seconded by Byers, the preceding minutes of the Special County Board meeting held October 22, 2024 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Barbara Becker, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Riley Reese

Wrestling season starts with win at The Nest

The Staples-Motley wrestling team inaugurated The Nest with a rematch of the state semifinal from last spring, and another dual win against an up and coming section rival.

The Cardinals defeated Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa 60-9 and beat Mille Lacs 47-14 in the first wrestling matches held at the new varsity gym on Dec. 6.

BBE placed third at state last year after Staples-Motley won their semifinal matchup, but this year they graduated three of their stars and are looking to fill those holes. They still have some state level wrestlers, one of whom took Colbe Tappe to overtime, before Tappe earned a takedown for a 6-3 win.

Against Mille Lacs, the Cardinals faced a section opponent with a young and strong team. In one top matchup, Cayden Neisen did well against the defending state champion but got

caught trying to force the action late in the match.

In both matches, the Cardinals introduced their new lineup, with Garrett Bjerga and Justin Olson at the lower weights and their state medalists Gage Bjerga, Eli Greenwaldt and Colbe Tappe moving up weights. Riley Reese moved up four weights above last year's wrestling season, after gaining weight to become a line-man in football.

On Dec. 7, the Cardinals won the Wadena-Deer Creek Dennis Kaatz tournament with five champions and placers in all but one weight class.

Team results
Staples-Motley 60, BBE 9
107 Garrett Bjerga W fall, 114 Justin Olson L fall, 121 Caden Kramer W fall, 127 Gage Bjerga W fall, 133 Eli Greenwaldt W fall, 139 Cayden Neisen W fall, 145 Beau Carlson W fall, 152 Turner Beachy W tech. fall, 160 Colbe Tappe W 6-3 OT, 172 Riley Reese W 10-1, 189 Luke Bjerga L 6-5, 215 Reece Headley W ff, 285

Steven Petrich W ff
Staples-Motley 47, Mille Lacs 17
107. Gt. Bjerga W fall, 114 Olson L fall, 121 Kramer W 11-2, 127 Gg. Bjerga W fall, 133 Greenwaldt W fall, 139 Neisen L 15-2, 145 Beachy L 4-1, 152 Carlson W 4-2, 160 Tappe W fall, 172 Reese W 13-3, 189 Bjerga W fall, 215 Dustin Converse W fall, 285 Petrich L 5-0

WDC Dennis Kaatz tournament
Staples-Motley 233, United North Central 210, Frazee 179, Thief River Falls 131, Detroit Lakes 116, Albany 60, Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 57, Badger-Greenbush-Middle River 37, Wadena-Deer Creek 33, Ottertail Central 31
107 Gt. Bjerga 1st place
114 Olson 5th
121 Kramer 1st
127 Gg. Bjerga 1st
133 Greenwaldt 1st
139 Neisen 2nd, Cooper Tappe 5th
145 Beachy 3rd
152. Carlson 5th
160 Tappe 1st
172 Zachary Tabatt 3rd
189 Headley 5th
285 Petrich 3rd, Adrian Gomez 4th



Dustin Converse



Turner Beachy, right



Beau Carlson



Colbe Tappe

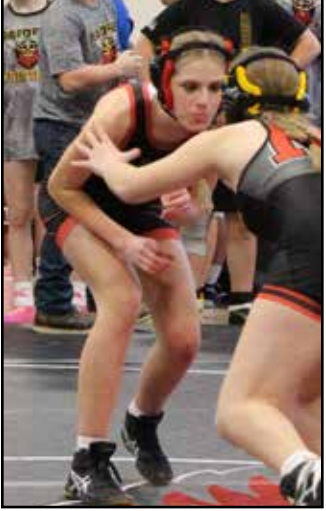
Reese, Greenwaldt win tournament titles

The Staples-Motley girls wrestling team placed fourth at the Wadena-Deer Creek Dennis Kaatz Tournament on Dec. 7.

Kana Reese and Leah Greenwaldt won their weight class. Both Cardinal wrestlers had three pins on their way to the title. Isabelle Dobson placed second with a 9-4 loss in the championship match.

Team results
Wadena-Deer Creek Dennis Kaatz Invite
100A Kana Reese 1st
100B Mikaela Pesta 1st, Milli Dewald 2nd
106 Isabelle Dobson 2nd, Addy Holst 4th
112 Leah Greenwaldt 1st
118 Maddie Kist 4th, Brooke Bendson 5th
190 Anika Tureson 2nd

Thief River Falls 143, Wadena-Deer Creek 81, United North Central 65, Staples-Motley 56, Ottertail Central 50, Osakis 41, Badger-Greenbush-Middle River 40, Frazee 31, Detroit Lakes 30, Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 24, New York Mills 23, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa 20, Albany 0



New season, new gym, new wrestling room, new uniforms

The Staples-Motley wrestling team also debuted new uniforms in their first match of the season and their first competition at The Nest. The Cardinals entered the arena through the door from the new wrestling room that is part of The Nest addition. Left, Eli Greenwaldt gets behind his opponent to lift him up for a takedown. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Justin Olson

Staples-Motley
Middle School honor roll

Staples-Motley Middle School recently announced the First Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll
Grade 8

Chloe Badger, Logan Bendson, Garrett Bjerga, Eli Bounds, Millie Dewald, Elaina Elfstrum, Brock Graton, Lexa Graves, Preston Hangge, Aleea Holst, Liam Jennissen, Ella Judd, Kennedy Judd, Kaleb Kopp, Aubrey Lang, Levi Larsen, Alex Leach, Olivia Lynch, Roxy Mertens, Rylee Mevisen, Hudsyn Nanik, Evah Noska, Jackson Odden, Kaylee Perius, Taylee Reese, Owen Roline, Nadia Santos, John Schotzko, Cooper Tappe, Ryder Thompson, Eva Weber.

Grade 7

Tenley Bartylla, Caleb Bestland, Jackson Bitzer, Emma Borash, Lily Brichacek, Maxx Carlson, Naudia Djuren, Layla Dumpprope, Natalie Dumpprope, Mari'vel Duran, Kelsey Elfstrum, Katelyn Erickson, Gemma Fairbanks, Maggie Grunewald, Danielle Hanson, Piper Hanson, Addyson Holst, Aubree Hove, Annabella Hurtig, Addison Macheel, Ryan Macheel, Lucille Maros, Levi Mumm, Berkeley Nelson, Nathan Nelson, Nora Nelson, Payton Nelson, Charlie Noska, Carter Odden, Ben Rutten, Leiten Rychner, Chadia Schultz, Ben Stevens, Elise Trif, Jocelyn Vogt, Josh Winter, Madisyn Zetah, Landon Ziegler.

Grade 6

Everett Allen, Phaedra Arndt, Malakai Bestland, Paislee Boozell, Ashlynn Borntrager, Kamryn Brenna, Kalliema Corey, Tyler

Daly, Harrison Grunewald, Lukas Jares, Ryleigh Johnson, Mia Kriesel, Elizabeth Kroll, Reed Leach, Zane Leach, Taylin Lind, Abbie Lucas, Isaac Norring, Alexis Odden, Alexandria Pearson, Serenity Scharen, Parker Sharpe, Taija Shequen, Andromeda Smith, Camrik Tappe.

Grade 5

Danni Borash, Kaiya Brenna, Adalynn Dewald, Charlee Dukowitz, Emma Dumpprope, Hugo Ellingson, Willow Hines, Adaline Hogate, Dakota Karjala, Brekken Kuhns, Andrew Larsen, Auror Lydeen, Elliana Mumm, Lilth Orr, Robert Owen, Ava Roline, Roman Ross-Sullivan, Tristan Samborski, Benjamin Santos, Bennett Sonenstahl, Shay Sturm-Hughes, Dominic Thiede, Reese Thompson, Zara Vogel, Anna Warner, Annika Weber, Jayce Wilson, Axel Young.

B Honor Roll
Grade 8

Jackson Alexander, Waylen Anderson, Isaac Cole, Elliot DiGiovanni, Jessica Dukowitz, Brayden Granby, Airen Gutknecht, Collin Hall, Michael Hinson, Hannah Holker, Michael Jewison, Ray Laney, William Lange, Julie Linehan, Jack Lundquist, Cameron Martin, David McKenna, Abby Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Tristan Moore, Lee Morrison, Vanessa Nelson, Chord Pagel, Mikaela Pesta, Jacob Reeck, Evan Richards, Jayden Rogers, Alexis Schwegel, Sawyer Storry, Daniel Sturm-Hughes, Henry Zimmerman.

Grade 7

Tucker Baumgartner, Easton Bitzer, Ethan

Bounds, Quinn Brichacek, Kiera Chenoweth, Braxton Cherry, Jaxton Critten, Odin Davis, Austin Dumpprope, Meredith Hoemberg, Ben Hoggatt, Logan Hoggatt, Matthew Jewison, Lalonie Kenyon, Arthur Keplin, Easton Larson, Aubrey Lund, Brielle Mevisen, Lllana Michel, Chris Mikhaeil, Blake Mongan, Kianarose Nobles, Nyah Noska, Angelina Paklonsky, Kade Potter, Brennen Sonenstahl, Aubrey Suomi, Aubrey Vogle, Tayden Weite, Abiri Ziegler.

Grade 6

Gavin Caldwell, Nakoda Church, Kaitlynn Dahlvang, Skyloh Dahlvang, Charles Davis, Logan Dukowitz, Nevaeh Elifrits, Brooke Georges, Talia Graves, Katherine Hoppe, Nathan Huwe, Logan Jares, Savannah Kirby, Rylan Kuhns, Lane Laney, Tim Lind, Riley Lothson, Charlie Maros, Alexys Martinez, Beckett Messer, Maddy Michael, Matthew Michel, Wyatt Nanik, Lylianne Nurnberger, Breydi Orozco, Ryker Pesta, William Rassler, Beau Soderline-Arnett, Hailee Suhl, Aiven Sullivan, Makenna Warner, Jayden Wilson, Corey Wojciechowski, Anna Zolatoryova.

Grade 5

Preston Caldwell, Payton Church, Jackson Elifrits, Tyler Fraundorfer, Jeffrey Hruza, Kayd Ingersoll, Raquel Johnson, Gustavo Lozano, Grayson McKenna, Agnes Moncada, Libby Mumm, Leah Nelson, Jace Odden, David Olivarez, Cadence Pruitt, Connor Reeck, Camden Sirucek, Austin Thomson, Carlson Vargas, Leanna Warner, Ryker Weite, Derek Zimmerman.

Staples-Motley High School recently announced the First Quarter honor roll for 2024-25.

A Honor Roll
Grade 12

Sophie Albie, Katerra Barnhart, Tucker Braith, Jack Carlson, Dustin Converse, Violet Dahlvang, Kaylee Eckel, Sawyer Ferdon, Cole Greenwaldt, Alexander Helstrom, Emma Lamke, Ellen Lange, Olivia Lorber, Jessica Lundquist, Brianna Mitchell, Peyton Mithun, Anika Mollner, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Steven Petrich, Jaden Radermacher, Israel Ritter, Benet Robinson, Hayden Rutherford, Logan Samborski, Miranda Schotzko, Kendra Shoup, Autumn Smith, Jade Storry, Kris Taylor, Ben Tyrrell, Heidi Zimmerman.

Grade 11

Sadye Anderson, Summer Anderson, Kat Beach, Brynn Bestland, Ava Birkholtz, Abby Brichacek, Audrey Brownell, Natalia Burciaga Perez, Owen Carlson, Isabel Cole, Geoffrey DeCamp, Emmalee Dobson, Isabelle Dobson, Addison Fonteyn, Eli Greenwaldt, Parker Hammer, Alexander Harren, Jameson Harvey, Avery Japke, Walker Johnson, Skye Larson, Pamela Lawrence, Jason Martinez, Raina Mikaeil, Cecily Moe, Alexis Opelia, Kiya Pope, Riley Reese, Torence Rodrigues, Eli Rutten, Annie Schlosser, Onna Schmitz, Michal Stastny, Colbe Tappe, Ruby Thoe, Livia Trif.

Grade 10

Isabelle Becker, Brooke Bendson, Emersen Bettis, Hannah Cole, Lily Davis, Savanna Davis, Allison Dukowitz, Mabel Haehnel,

Jacob Hansen, Maddock Harvey, Reese Headley, Conner Heifort, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Madelyn Kist, Caden Kramer, Ronnie Noska, Sam Olsen, Justin Olson, Madison Perius, Mia Pesta, Bryant Peterson, Tristan Rendon, Carter Sarbaum, Katelyn Schotzko, Evan Schultz, Chloe Trantina, Tyson Turner, Paige Warren, Kylie Wilson, Cloey Wingert.

Grade 9

Gage Bjerga, Andrew Black, Adalyne Brenny, Beau Carlson, Alexa Dolezal, Lauren Dolezal, Jada Ellingson, Roman Engebretson, Kain Erickson, Lexi Fishman, Leah Greenwaldt, Ryan Heifort, Molly Hoemberg, Carolyn Hoppe, Jasmyne Hove, Casey Kaehn, Sarah Kroll, Lyndon Laney, Chloe Larson, Nathaniel Macheel, Clara Maros, Jadalynn McKenna, Kiera Mevisen, Maci Mithun, Nayomi Perez, Ally Pesola, Addison Potter, Kana Reese, Lydia Roelofs, Alyce Scheler, Paxton Sharpe, Scarlett Stracek, Anika Tureson, Brooklyn Winter, Kalee Winter.

B Honor Roll
Grade 12

Jacob Becker, Wyatt Berg, Grant Bestland, Gavin Chenoweth, Josiah Critten, Cameron Deutsch, Tristan Drevlow, Drake Dukowitz, Laken Hines, Zackery Hruza, Brooklyn Huwe, Jaden Johnson, Griffin Judd, Elizabeth Larimer, Ivan Lozano, Naila Mikhaeil, Arabella Moore, Blaine Plattner, Mateus Rincon, Dillan Robben, Logan Robben, Giovanna Santos, Alex Schultz, Furio Secci, Skyler Self, Lilly Tyrrell, Jamie Weinandt, Trentan Zetah.

Grade 11

Mason Albertson, Elliot Allen, Ashton Anderson, Turner Beachy, Mason Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Avandre Brandt, Trayce Buckmaster, Charles Dabbs, Abbigail Dobson, Gage Foss, Adrian Gomez, Alexander Holmberg, Peyton Jares, Reid Judd, Huntington Kleinschmidt, Gabe Kroll, Conner Kuhns, Wyatt Lahr, Noah Larson, Carson Mertens, Mason Michael, Natalie Miller, Cedrik Mills, Xander Moench, Ember Munger, Andrew Paklonsky, Elizabeth Tangeman, Skyla Tepley, Adelaide Toepper, Teegan Vogel, Alaina White, Keila Zavala.

Grade 10

Corben Berg, Leighton Bettis, Marie Casilla, Joshua Cushing, Lillian Czechowicz, Loudon Krotzer, Jocelyn Lenk, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Atlas Mills, Bali Minoletti, Dallis Parker, Tyler Pruitt, Phillip, Rapp, Kyleena Rudlang, Logan Serich, Charles Simkins, Gavin Stevens, Jack Tetlie, Landon Thotland-Quenzer, Gracie Wolpert, Daniel Zimmerman.

Grade 9

Jayci Borash, Jacob Brandsma, Connor Buss, Seth Cossentine, Ruben Dahlvang, Stella Daniels, Carson Dewald, Andrew Dobson, Bryson Dumpprope, Michael Falcon, Jacob Faulkner, Jesus Gallardo, Natalie Hanson, Gauge Holst, Jaida Holst, Carter Kist, Gunnar Kleinschmidt, Grace Lamke, Karter Lynch, Jaxon Macheel, Landon Moench, Josiah Mumm, River Munger, Spencer Olsen, Brooke Reisenauer, Caleb Ritter, Elliot Stracek, Emlynn Sullivan, Carsen Sweeney, Hunter Vogt, Angelica Zavala.



Received black belts

An awards ceremony was held recently at the United Tae Kwon Do Systems School in Staples for students who received black belts. Pictured above, from left, are Instructor Francisco Jimenez; Asst. Instructor Randy Suess who achieved a black belt; Asst. Instructor Penny Statema, who achieved her 1st degree black belt; and Master Torabpour, Jimenez's teacher and head of National Tae Kwon Do Institute. (Submitted photo)



Students in action

Pictured above, Randy Suess breaks a cement block with his heel, one of the requirements for his Tae Kwon Do black belt test. He also successfully passed five board requirements for his test. Right, Penny Statema prepares to do a jump into two boards (front kick), with the boards held by her husband Steve Statema (left) and her son Elijah Statema. (Submitted photos)



'93 Lions
present quilts
to Kamp KACE

JoAnn Schornack, Beth Gedde, Linda Albrecht-Norby (Kamp KACE) and Amy Leindfrost present Linda with over 25 tied quilts made by the Staples Lions groups for children attending Kamp KACE. Kamp KACE (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere) is a camp held near Perham for children battling cancer. Each camper can attend this four-day camp free of charge because of generous donations online at kampkace.org (or Kamp KACE, P.O. Box 6462, Fargo, ND 58109). (Submitted photos)



Honored for
donations

Beth Gedde, right, representing Staples '93 Lions, received an award from Linda Albrecht-Norby, Kamp KACE organizer for the donations given in support of the childrens' cancer camps.



Hall of Fame section at The Nest

The Staples-Motley Hall of Fame has a display screen and murals at The Nest. Above, guests at the grand opening on Dec. 2 view the screen. Below, the trophy cabinets were built into the new construction by

Derek Holst Construction, below. The Hall of Fame is also adding more murals to the hallways at The Nest. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Collecting candy

Children enjoyed collecting candy at the Staples Holiday Parade of Lights Nov. 30, set to become an annual event. In addition to the parade, the event featured a tree lighting ceremony, along with festive music and holiday refreshments. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Court report Dec. 4

Long Prairie Police Department

Jose Octavio Garcia Orozco, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Adrian Uriel Vilchis Morelos, Long Prairie. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Marvin E. Beechy, Bertha. Fail to display ATV registration/decals as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Timothy Leonard Berberich, Sioux Falls, SD. Hunting-Pheasants without a stamp validation. Fine 450. Fee \$85.
Zackry Robert Einerwold, Andover. Loaded firearm. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Robin Wayne Hinzmann, Eagle Bend. Fail to register deer as required. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Mosie N. Swartzentruber, Long Prairie. Lend, borrow or transfer a license tag or seal. Fine \$200. Fine \$85.
Joseph Mark Sweazey, Osakis. Hunting-deer without a license. Fine \$300. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Macy Jo Ismil, Staples. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Tanya Rose Poster, Bertha. Speed 69/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Myles Jay Smith, Milaca, Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jaryn Timothy Boon, Clearwater. Speed 87.70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Theresa Rose Booth, Watkins. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Arian Gabriel Caballero Montalvo, Sauk Centre. Speed 76/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Brianna Nicole Carrizales, Gackle, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Kaden Jeremy Grzybowski, Alexandria. Speed 98/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.
Roger Richard Hodgman, Brainerd. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Corrin Jean Lisson, Browerville. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Robert William Peterson, Minneapolis. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Kayla Pham, Blaine. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Robert Charles Pray, Groton, SD. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kathleen Ann Sellnow, Long Prairie. Fail to Yield right of way (making left turn). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Travis Allen Stortroen, Albert Lea, Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Chloe Renee Nonbank, Rosemount. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Mark Alan Wanderscheid, Sauk Centre. Fail to dim headlights. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Staples Police Department

Joseph Grant Knosalla, Staples. Headlamps required. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County

Jamal Abdulkadir Ahmed, Sauk Centre. Speed 92/55. Fine \$150. Fee \$235.
Cristofer Ferreras Santana, Long Prairie. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Leonor Roque, Deer Creek. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 27, 2024.

Tanley Harriet Lego, Motley, Speed 75/65. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo). Fine \$50. Fee \$125.

Mitchell Allen Goff, Long Prairie. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local confinement (45 days, stay 0 yr 0 days credit for time served: 5 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 5 yr. Introduce contraband drug into jail. Dismissed.

Walter Paul Hoppe, Burtrum. Threaten crime of violence. Dismissed. Domestic assault-fear. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Local confinement (90 days, stay 83 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 7 days). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Shannon Marie Mozoleny, Clarissa. No proof of insurance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Driving after revocation. Fee totals \$50.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 22, 2024.

ber 26, 2024.

Zachary Arthur Billman, Staples. Disorderly conduct. Continued. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Local confinement (3 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 3 days). Fee totals \$100.

Lindsey Michelle Reinbold, Grey Eagle. Disorderly conduct. Continued. Local confinement (90 days, stay 86 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fee totals \$100.

Eric Michael Tepley, Long Prairie. Domestic abuse-violate order for protection. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 82 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 8 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr.) Fine \$100. Fee \$75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 25, 2024.

Duane Joseph Berns, Sauk Centre. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$500. Fee \$500.

The following cases were heard before Judge Leah J. duCharme in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 22, 2024.

Rylan August Bahl, Maple Grove. Speed 92/70. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo.) Fine \$125. Fee 75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County November 21, 2024.

Mitchell Allen Goff, Long Prairie. Theft. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 85 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 5 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (45 days, stay 33 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 12 days). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

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