

Coping with polar vortex cold, like Ole and Lena

By Dawn Timbs
Staple World reporter

You know it's been cold when a weather report of -10 degrees F is followed by cheering and high-fives all around. That means it's warmed up at least 30 degrees!

Dangerously cold temperatures and wind chills swept across the Midwest, including Minnesota last week, resulting in the closures of schools and businesses, and causing emergency situations for those who lost heat in their homes or faced a vehicle breakdown out on the road.

Temperatures plunging to at least 40 below zero were reported in both Staples and Motley Jan. 29 and 30, with wind chills at -64 degrees F during that time, according to the National Weather Service.

It was so cold that even the U.S. Postal Service suspended delivery in Minnesota on Jan. 30, due to

the deteriorating weather conditions related to Polar Vortex Jayden, the name given to this severe winter storm. The same was true of postal service in Western Wisconsin, Iowa and Western Illinois.

Even die-hard Minnesotans could be heard grumbling this past week, wishing to be *anywhere* but here. It brings to mind a joke that's been passed around recently that sums up the feelings of most Midwesterners. It goes like this:

"I've got some bad news, Ole. Your farm is right on the state line, and we've determined that it's not in Minnesota. It's actually in Iowa." Ole replied, "That's the best news I've had in a long time! I was just telling Lena that I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota."

Although many events were cancelled and businesses closed due to the dangerous cold snap, others remained open and did the best they could to cope with the elements.

Rachel Pomeranz, Wadena, works for UPS. She was out in the Staples area on Jan. 30, delivering packages with temperatures nearing 40 degrees below zero.

Pomeranz said that the UPS company set curfew hours, which helped. This particular day, she was told to be done working by 4 p.m.

The key to staying warm is dressing in layers, Pomeranz said, going on to mention long underwear, an extra sweater and hand warmers to line her boots.

She went on to say that her job has been a lot more difficult in the rural areas, where she's had to contend with deep drifts of snow that's been packed down, in addition to the severe

cold.

There was no rest for area plumbers once the polar vortex descended, causing frozen pipes and clogged exhaust vents.

Clayton Hageman of Sportsman's Plumbing and Heating in Staples, said that they started getting calls from people on Jan. 29, and "it's been non-stop since," he said while helping restore heat at the Staples World the morning of Jan. 30.

He got the first call at 6 p.m., when the family was sitting down for dinner. It was time to get to work. "I can't sit home in my 70 degrees house when there are people out there without heat," he said. Hageman was out responding to calls until 3 a.m., he said, going on to note that he went home to sleep for a few hours and was back at work by 6 a.m.

It's the coldest he's seen since coming into this line of work 15 years ago, Hageman said.

Greg Giza of Giza Plumbing & Heating in Staples, said this year has to be the record of records in terms of the sub-zero weather. "Not fun," he said, but quickly added that in a couple of days we should be seeing temperatures in the 30s which "will feel tropical."

Giza recalled his first year full-time at this business was in 1996, when the temperatures reached -50 below. This year, they've had a lot of calls having to do with propane issues. There have been some households without heat, but "we get it going," Giza said.

Pastor Jim Johnson of Motley reported that the mercury thermometer on the deck at their house said 46 below zero during the

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Battling the elements

UPS worker Rachel Pomeranz delivered a package in Staples Jan. 30, contending with temperatures nearing 40 below zero and windchills nearing 67 below. Layering is key, Pomeranz said, adding that she also keeps handwarmers in her boots to help cope with the extreme cold. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Embracing winter

DeVon Brusewitz of Staples, 20, wasn't going to let something like the polar vortex keep him from hitting the snowmobile trails Jan. 29. Above, Brusewitz checks the spark plugs on one of his machines while waiting for his friend, Deavon Olson, to arrive. Right, Brusewitz takes his other snowmobile for a test drive. "We're probably the only ones out snowmobiling today," Brusewitz laughed, noting the temperature was at least -20 below F that afternoon, with wind chills much colder still. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Keeping the streets plowed

Bruce Grondahl, with the City of Staples Public Works Streets department, helped plow snow in Staples Jan. 30. Several inches had fallen throughout

the area on Jan. 28, prior to the deep freeze that lasted for several days. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

February is the shortest month, but it seems like the longest, because we are waiting for March to arrive. But February is American Heart Month, and for those of us who made it through the January freeze-up, our hearts deserve some love and those around us probably deserve some too. Let us know about your love stories and we will share them for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. February is also African-American History Month, which I celebrated before the Minnesota Gophers Women's Basketball game on Feb. 3. They honored the Rutgers coach for her stellar career that included 1,000 wins, then the Gophers went out and beat Rutgers, the number one team in the Big Ten. I thought I would add that tidbit since that sports news got lost in the Super Bowl coverage. We might be the only newspaper reporting on it.
-Mark Anderson

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SEDA agrees to join business search groups

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

At their Jan. 22 meeting, the Staples Economic Development Authority agreed to pay the fee to join three different organizations that help connect businesses to locations. The three groups, CVN, MMP and EDAM, are explained below. The SEDA also approved joining with Wadena County in a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) project that will include all of Staples, not just the portion in Wadena County.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said they can evaluate each organization in a year, as each fee is a one year membership. She also assured the board that she will be able to follow up with each group and use their unique resources to market the Staples community.

Board member Tim Rice said "We've been asking for these connections for a long time."

Board member Al Kolling said "If it brings in just one business, it will be well worth it."

The fee to join the Community Venture Network (CVN) is \$1,500. Radermacher said this is a discounted rate because Wadena, Wadena County and Park Rapids are members. She said Wadena has used the network to entice a mosaic tile company to come to town, with 30 jobs available.

Radermacher said the CVN is focused on rural communities and has a net-

work of metro area businesses that might want to move or open businesses in rural areas.

She said the Minnesota Marketing Partnership (MMP) is a program from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), and focuses on businesses out of state that may have an interest in moving to Minnesota. The board approved the \$625 membership fee for that group.

The Economic Development Association of MN (EDAM) cost \$295 to join, and Radermacher said it is a professional development organization that can help bring connections to the community. It also lobbies government for economic development.

Board member Rachel Johnson said she was looking forward to the legislative and bonding opportunities of the EDAM.

Board member Chris Etzler said the long term plan is to tie local resources to the programs the board joined. He said Central Lakes College is an example of a local resource that can help recruit businesses and provide training for workers.

Katie Heppner, Director of the Economic Alliance of Wadena and New York Mills, was at the meeting and explained the Business Retention and Expansion project. "It is about working together to connect all the dots, and not duplicate resources," she said. The project will be done with the help of staff from the University of Minnesota.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Jan. 27 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity at the 400 block of Pine Ave. S., Motley. Caller stated she was awakened by a strong

smell of marijuana which she believed was coming from the apartment above her.

Jan. 25 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Evan Bjerke, 28.

Jan. 24 - The MPD assisted the MN State Patrol with traffic control for a semi that was not able to stop for the stop sign at

the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 210 in Motley, and had gone into the ditch on the south side of Hwy 210.

Jan. 26 - The MCSO responded to a report of a residential fire at the 9000 block of 385th St. in Pillager. The fire started in the chimney. The MCSO assisted Pillager Fire as needed.

Predatory offender registrations, Morrison County

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen announced that his office, in cooperation with all local police departments in the county, have recently completed the annual predatory offender registration (POR) verifications for Morrison County.

Each year the sheriff's office organized a verification check for all predatory offenders who are on the registry and residing within the county. It is important to note that Minnesota only began registering predatory offenders in 1991 and did not assign risk level until 1997. Only those offenders who have been sentenced to prison and who were released after Jan. 1, 1997 have been assigned a risk level.

Offenders sentenced to probation or juvenile offenders are not assigned a risk level. Level 1 offenders are those deemed by Department of Corrections officials as those least likely to reoffend while Level 3 offenders are considered most likely to reoffend.

During the most recent round of checks, multiple predatory offenders were checked in Morrison County. Forty-four predatory offenders were checked by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Pierz Police Department, Motley Police Department and Royalton Police Department. Of that number 22 were Level 1 offenders, four were Level 2, one was Level 3 and 17 offenders were not assigned a risk level. Forty-

seven predatory offenders were checked by the Little Falls Police Department, which was not part of the breakdown. The total number of offenders has decreased by 18 from last year. This is because they have either moved away from Morrison County or they have reached the end of their term and registration end date.

All individuals were found to be compliant with conditions imposed upon them. According to Sheriff Larsen it is important for us to keep tabs on the predatory offender registry. "I feel it is extremely important that these people remain aware that we know who they are and our office will continue to hold them accountable."

CLC Foundation awards local scholarships

The Central Lakes College Foundation announced that more than 380 scholarship awards were made for spring semester, totaling more than \$190,000. That brings the total awarded from the Foundation this academic year to just over \$375,000.

"Thanks to the generosity of our community we were able to increase our scholarship giving by \$41,000 over last year," said Jana Shogren, Director of Resource Development & the CLC Foundation. "We're educating our future workforce here at CLC and these scholarships make a real difference to our students who are balancing school, family, employment and so much more."

These scholarships make a big impact on students. Tyler, a scholarship recipient, said:

"I moved to the Brainerd area the summer of 2017 just before starting my freshman year at CLC. The small campus and the opportunities to volunteer and be involved in so many extra activities made the

adjustment much easier for me. I was able to meet a lot of great people and get involved in things I love - service organizations, athletics, student life and more. I feel like this scholarship recognizes my extra curricular efforts and the additional volunteer service that I bring to the school and community. I am very grateful."

To learn more about donating to the CLC Foundation or establishing a scholarship fund of your own, contact Jana Shogren, Director of Resource Development, at 218-855-8129.

Students from Staples-Motley receiving scholarships included:

Jared Manuel, Jacob O'Rourke, Rebecca Nemitz, Tiffany Sykes, Kelsie Weite, and Kali Mammenga received scholarships from the following funds: Aura & Harry Peterson Scholarship, Kiwanis Club of Brainerd Scholarship Fund, American Legion Auxiliary #255, Jon Hassler Scholarship Fund, Essential Health - St. Joseph's Medical Center Auxiliary

Fund, Carl L. and Betty Lou Johnson Scholarship Fund, C.R. and Nina Peterson Scholarship Fund, AT&T STEM Scholarship Fund and Robert Danzl Memorial Endowment

From Wadena County: Noah Riedel, Lindsay Hendrickson, Haley Youngbauer, Julie Nordstrom, Justin Stevens, Toby Wood, Alexandria Kahl, Anna Hale, Nicholas Soroko and Braden Tyrrell received scholarships from the following funds: AT&T STEM Scholarship Fund, Clarence & Fran Holden, Ed and Evelyn Fox Scholarship Fund, Hazelle Carroll Fezler Scholarship Fund, Helen Anderson Piano Scholarship Fund, Ione Johnson Estate Scholarship Fund, Jean Porwoll Fund, John M Anderson and Lindsay Holmgren Engineering Scholarship, Joseph Plut Scholarship Fund, M.J. Matanich Scholarship Fund, Pamela Krueger Nursing Scholarship Fund, Presidential Scholarship, Robert Danzl Memorial Endowment and Staples Lions Club.



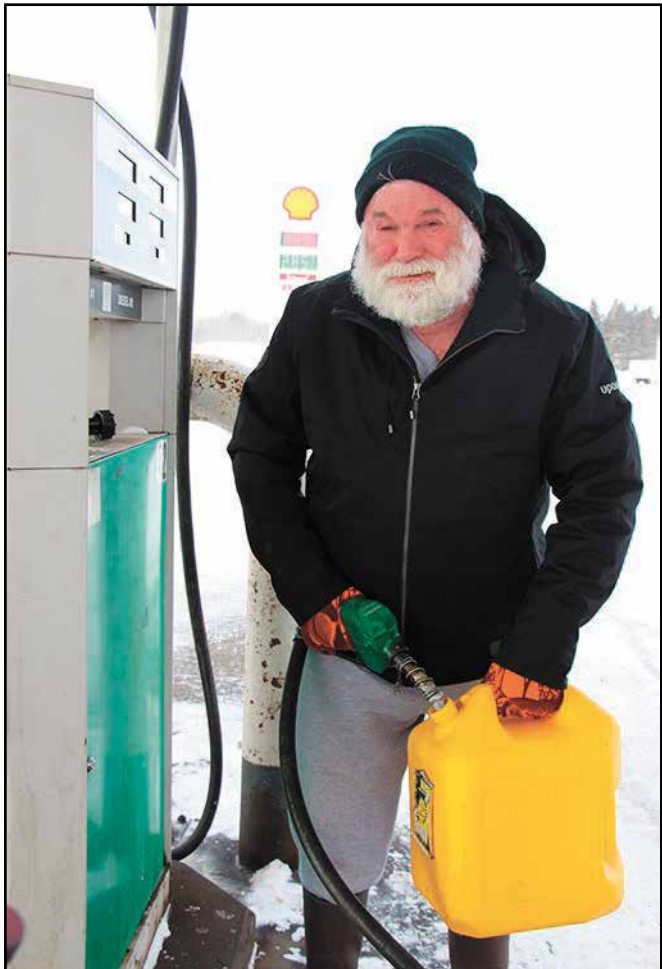
Using precaution

Quinn Marana, a truck driver from Brainerd, stopped at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley to check his engine and make sure everything was 'good to

go' before heading out on the road in sub-zero temperatures Jan. 29. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Fuel for the tractor

Tom Bisek of Motley braced himself against the dangerously cold wind chills Jan. 29, while filling up a gas can with diesel for his tractor at BRICKS in Motley. Temperatures in Motley plummeted to nearly -40 degrees F by Jan. 30, with wind chills of -57 degrees F reported throughout the area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



New 2019 Minnesota income tax brackets

The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced the adjusted 2019 individual income tax brackets.

For tax year 2019, the state's individual income tax brackets will change by 2.419 percent from tax year 2018. This annual adjustment will prevent taxpayers from paying taxes at a higher rate solely because of inflationary changes in their income.

Indexing for inflation of individual income tax brackets is required by law and first began in 1979. The brackets are adjusted annually by an inflation factor, rounded to the nearest \$10, based on the change in the

U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers. The adjustment does not change the Minnesota tax rate that applies to each income bracket.

The brackets apply to tax year 2019. Taxpayers who make quarterly payments of estimated tax should use the following rate schedule to determine their payments, which are due starting in April 2019.

2019 Minnesota Income Tax Brackets

- 5.35 percent: income up to:
- Married/Joint-\$38,770
- Married/Separate-\$19,390
- Head/Household-\$32,650
- Single - \$26,520
- 7.05 percent: income

- Married/Joint - \$38,771-\$154,020
- Married/Separate - \$19,391 - \$77,010
- Head/Household - \$32,651 - \$131,190
- Single - \$26,521 - \$87,110
- 7.85 percent: income
- Married/Joint - \$154,021 - \$273,150
- Married/Separate - \$77,011 - \$136,580
- Head/Household - \$131,191 - \$218,520
- Single - \$87,111 - \$163,890
- 9.85 percent, income over:
- Married/Joint - \$273,150
- Married/Separate - \$136,580
- Head/Household - \$218,520
- Single - \$163,890

2019 Standard Deduction and Personal Exemption Amounts

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act changed the standard deduction and eliminated the personal exemption at the federal level, but those provisions remained the same as previous years at the state level.

Minnesotans may claim either the standard deduction or elect to itemize deductions on their 2018 Minnesota income tax returns, regardless of the choice they make on their 2018 federal income tax return. For those taking the standard deduction or the personal exemption at the state level, Minnesota has calculated those amounts for 2019 as follows:

- Married Filing Joint standard deduction - \$13,300
- Married Filing Separate standard deduction - \$6,650
- Single standard deduction - \$6,650
- Head of Household standard deduction - \$9,750
- Personal exemption - \$4,250

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Staples-Motley Community Ed Summer Rec 2018 was a huge success with over 1,000 participants in a variety of sports and activities. This would not be possible without the many volunteers and program coordinators giving of their time and their talents.

To all of you I say "THANKS!"

THANK YOU

Programs like these also take money to cover the cost of equipment and other expenses. We are fortunate to have such generous financial support from the following organizations:

Motley Lions Club****Staples Host Lions Club****Lincoln Area Business Owners Association
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With their donations we were able to do the following:

- Help purchase a new pottery wheel for our Art classes
- Umpires for 13U & 15U Babe Ruth Baseball along with league & tournament registration fees
- Youth basketballs to be used at the elementary age level
- Golf supplies to help young golfers learn & develop the basic skills & knowledge for playing golf
- Volleyballs to be used at all levels
- Tennis balls & equipment
- Little Cardinal Cheer T-shirts

I would also like to thank our youth baseball & tennis t-shirt sponsors:

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Having lunch with their buddies

Mentors with the Kinship Partners' Lunch Buddy program share a meal and conversation at Staples-Motley Elementary School on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Picture above, from left, are Hunter Lind and his buddy, Sharon Swenson. Below, from left, are



Olivia Lynch and her buddy, Amy Winter. The Lunch Buddy program is offered at the Staples-Motley Middle School on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Lunch Buddy program offers meaning to mentors/mentees

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Kinship Partners has welcomed Kristi Carlson as its new Lunch Buddy Coordinator for the Staples-Motley area.

She came on board with the mentoring program last October, and has already been a witness to the impact it has on the lives of children.

"I see the excitement on their faces when it's time to have a special lunch with their mentor," Carlson said recently.

She works with Lunch Buddy mentors at both Staples-Motley Elementary School and Staples-Motley Middle School. Each mentor shares lunch and meaningful conversation with the student they've been paired with twice a month. Carlson also prepares an activity for them to do together following the meal. Sometimes they read a book together.

The Lunch Buddy mentors provide a positive role model for these students, as well as friendship. According to information at Kinship Partners web-

site, "The objective of the program is to improve a child's social skills and self-esteem to foster a better attitude for learning; ultimately improving school success." Carlson said she's been told that as a whole, students that are involved in the Lunch Buddy program have demonstrated increased attendance and better test scores. Those are just a few of the positive affects, Carlson said.

Kristi and her husband, Dan Carlson, moved to Motley from New Prague in 2016. She's excited to be a part of the Kinship Partners organization and for the opportunity to provide services to mentors and mentees.

Helping others has always been important to Carlson. After studying Human Services at Rochester Technical College, she went on to work in a variety of capacities, including group homes, schools, dog boarding facilities, mental health resources and as a flight attendant.

Carlson and her husband have two married daughters and two grand-

sons. "One of the reasons I got involved with this program is because of them," she said, noting how they would light up when ever she had lunch with them. She wanted to help provide that same experience for other children.

Kinship Partners has been providing role models to youth in Crow Wing County, southern Cass County, and the Staples-Motley area for over 30 years.

"Why is mentoring important?" is a question posed at Kinship Partners website. The answer, "Our community's future rests on the hopes and dreams of our children and youth. Every child deserves a responsible and concerned adult who will provide guidance and support, help set and accomplish goals, and act as a positive role model."

For more information about the Lunch Buddies Program, contact Kristi Carlson at 218-454-8012 or staples@kinshippartners.org.

For more information about Kinship Partners, visit their website at www.kinshippartners.org. Their mission is, "Transforming our community through the power of mentoring."



Coordinator

Kristi Carlson is the new Lunch Buddy Coordinator for the Staples-Motley area, a position she assumed in Oct. of 2018. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Baby, it's cold outside

By 10 a.m. on Jan. 30, the temperature in the Staples area had warmed up to 35 below zero...at least five degrees warmer than earlier reports. Wind chills in Staples reached -64 F that day, according to the U.S. National Weather Service in Grand Forks, N.D., naming Staples the third coldest town in the state. Ponsford was the coldest at that time, with wind chills reaching -66 F. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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More than "Brrrrrrr....."

cold snap. "We lost heat for both of those cold nights for about six hour each night," he said, adding that their propane tank regulators seem to have vapor locked/froze up. "After several gallons of very hot water on the regulators and propane tank, our furnace started again. Praise the Lord," Johnson said, adding that he was just one of many in the area who dealt with these sorts of problems during the severe cold.

A few homes in Staples Township lost power for an hour and a half the evening of Jan. 29, apparently due to a frozen transformer. Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative was at the scene and had it repaired in short order, area residents said.

Automobile mechanics were busy as well, as the cold weather had adverse effects on vehicles. Dakota Lynch, who works at Scott's Southtown in Staples, said they were called out to help jump start dozens of vehicles during the worst of the deep freeze.

said. "We also rely heavily on mutual aid. Having more people on scene to help means you can send people to rehab more often to warm up and thaw out," Chief Braith said.

In more ways than one, Polar Vortex Jayden has been a reminder of the importance of being prepared for sub-zero temperatures, as well as keeping an eye out for each other in dangerous situations like this.

The good news is, Jayden's story is quickly being replaced by the report that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on Feb. 2, so we Minnesotans should have an early spring to look forward to.

Thanks to that Groundhog Day prediction, it looks like Ole won't need to move to Iowa after all.

Staples Police investigating flare gun fired near downtown

On Jan. 16, Staples Police responded to a report of a shots fired complaint on 2nd Ave. NE. Police investigated and determined two individuals had shot a flare gun towards Highway 10. Police were unable to locate the two individuals. Anyone with information on this incident is urged to contact the Staples Police Department. There are no public safety concerns at this time.

On Jan. 12, at 1:40 a.m., Staples Police were requested to assist the Morrison County Sheriff's Department with an intoxicated subject that had been found on the ground, near Orton's in Motley. The SPD located the subject, and assisted on scene. Also responding was the Staples Ambulance. The subject was transported to detox by the Morrison County Sheriff's Department.

On Jan. 13, Staples Police responded to the Timberlake Hotel regarding a dispute. After investigation, police arrested Jodi Mann, 43, of rural Pierz, for domestic assault. Mann was transported to the Todd County Detention Center.

On Jan. 19, Staples

Police took a report of a hit and run accident that occurred on the 100 block of 2nd Ave NE near B&Bs bar. The incident occurred Jan. 18 between 5 and 8 p.m.

On Jan. 19, Staples Police received a call from a male party that stated his wife had walked out of the house and he was unable to find her. A short time later, police located the subject and returned her home safely.

On Jan. 20, Staples Police responded to the 1500 block of 4th St NE for a report of a domestic where a subject was suicidal. After investigation, Dominick Johnson, 22, was arrested for 4th degree assault, disorderly conduct, and obstructing legal process.

On Jan. 21, Staples Police received a call of a threatening letter that was given to a resident on the 900 block of 6th St NE.

On Jan. 22, Staples Police responded to Motley to assist Morrison County

Sheriff's Office with a suicidal male who had a self-inflicted stab wound to the stomach. The subject was cooperative and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

On Jan. 22, Staples Police received a report of harassment over Facebook.

On Jan. 22, Staples Police were advised of a subject that got out of a vehicle on 6th Street SE and yelled that she was going to kill herself. Police were unable to locate the subject or vehicle.

On Jan. 25, Staples Police responded to Warner Rd for a subject having a mental health issue. The subject was transported to Lakewood Health System emergency room.

On Jan. 25, Staples Police were called to a vehicle in the ditch near the intersection of Hwy 10 and 2nd Ave NE. The vehicle received moderate damage as it struck two trees when it entered the ditch. Police

are investigating as the driver left the scene prior to police arrival.

On Jan. 25, Staples Police assisted Lakewood emergency room with a violent patient.

On Jan. 26, Staples Police arrested Christopher Jansson, 30, for 4th degree DWI.

On Jan. 27, Staples Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of 3rd Street NE and 2nd Ave. NE.

On Jan. 27, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with someone attempting to take diesel fuel from a fuel barrel at a rural address on 277th Ave. The suspect was interrupted by someone driving into the driveway and fled the scene.

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Pub notes

A favorite pastime is an afternoon glued to the silver screen.

Of course, with my wife, a barrel of popcorn and Diet Coke.

It doesn't get much better, especially when the movie meets expectations and might even receive an Oscar nomination.

That fondness for a good movie goes back many years to a time most small towns supported a theatre. Movies were shown nightly and the theatre business supported a family. On weekends, theatres were filled to capacity, with kids sitting in aisles for those FREE Saturday matinees during winter months.

By Rick Gail



Staples World
Publisher

For those years, I even learned a few things about the movie industry. This was in the mid 1990s, while living in Madison. Due to progressiveness of the city Economic Development Authority, the Grand Theatre, which was closed, was renovated from a single to twin theatre. This would not have come to fruition without EDA involvement, a young man with considerable movie experience, and later, an annual city appropriation for repairs and operation.

The remodeling of the theatre into a twin was completed and opened in the early 1990s. The Grand Theatre operated for a few years, but fiscal management and failure to pay sales tax evolved into closure.

On the scene came two businessmen with no knowledge of the movie business and operating a theatre. Discussion was initiated in a church fellowship hall, and a few weeks later, owner of the town's radio station and publisher of the town's weekly newspaper were making popcorn and splicing reels. A deal was made with the EDA and city for a long-term lease. The payment schedule was very giving, meaning it was quite evident the city looked at this as a venture to save the theatre. There was a question of city involvement and owning a business, but in this case, there was a time factor.

My intent was to save the theatre from element deterioration and the wrecking ball. My involvement was short-lived, but in those two years, the community jumped on board, volunteering to replace seats and improve the theatre. The city made an annual appropriation to offset emergencies such as heating, cooling, repairing roof and more, and the future of this small business would

not have happened without this financial involvement. The theatre now has a new heating and cooling system, new seats, new roof, new marquee, and with the transition to digital, features the latest movies. All in all, it's a very unique amenity for a community of 1,500 residents.

There would not be a theatre in this community without city involvement. A few years back, theatres were forced to change from a platter system to digital. There was no other option but to make this change – meaning lots of dollars. The competition for a small theatre is overwhelming, and when you add in operational costs, the bottom line looks unattractive to anyone willing to give their time.

I reiterate my enjoyment of the silver screen and an afternoon digesting popcorn, Diet Coke and future Oscar nominees and winners. This year's award ceremony will be Feb. 24, but unfortunately, a few of these movies never appeared at my favorite venue. I did see "A Star Is Born" and "Green Book", both worthy of four-five stars, joining "Vice", "Black Panther", "BlacKkKlansman", "Roma", "The Favourite" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" for most Oscar nominations. These six movies I hope to see, but unfortunately, most likely not on the silver screen.

Most of what I share in this column is what I term "bull", and at times, the submission might be tainted with an opinion – editorial nature.

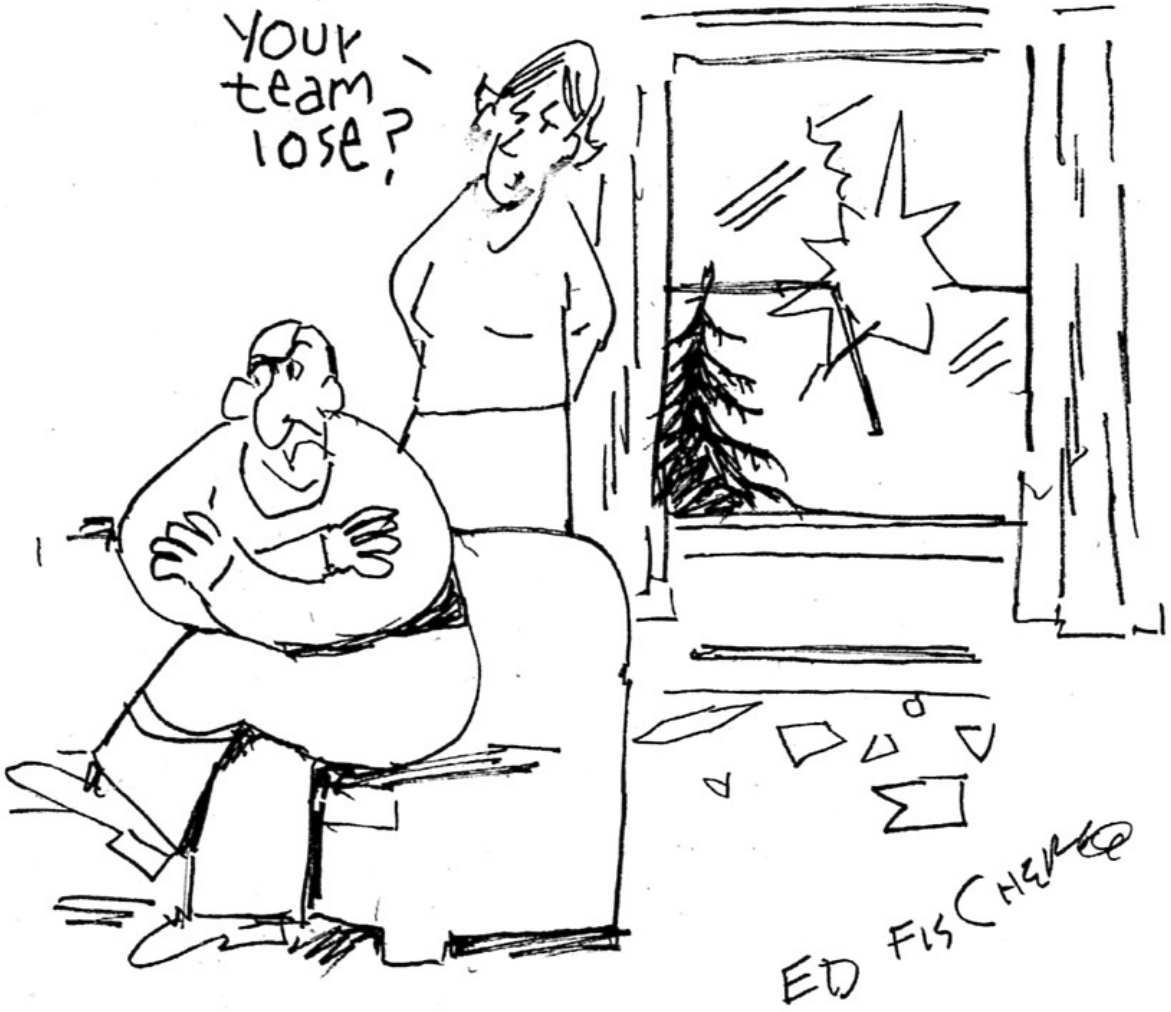
There are times my "Pub Notes" could include both. Yes, objectivity and subjectivity – fact and opinion. Newspaper staff reporters, including at the Staples World, are aware of the difference, or more appropriately, objective reporting on page one and throughout the paper versus subjective writing for the editorial page.

An editorial might express strong opinion on an issue, or even towards an individual. You might like it, or you may disagree. That's your opinion, and we welcome thought-provoking contributions. We cherish Freedom of the Press.

We reserve the right to edit content, especially if the submission is defamatory or libelous. This is for our protection.

There may come a time I silence my quill. For the most part, with the exception of a few letters-to-the-editor, this occurred in the past few years.

But for the immediate, I'm back on board. A time might come when I feel like Forest Gump in one of my favorite movies of all-time. Like when he was running from one ocean to the other, I just might get tired, maybe tired of sharing my bull, and I will move on to something else.



Letters to the Editor

Supporting the President

It seems the new publisher, in his first column of our local paper, joins the ranks of many other news media to attack the President of the United States.

We find it extremely difficult to understand, as our new publisher, why he would choose to write a very divisive, controversial first article, knowing that it is offensive to 50 percent or more of the readers and subscribers.

Rather than joining ranks with those in the media who constantly reject the results of the election, why not try to understand just why the unconventional guy who wasn't supposed to win ---- actually WON? Why not try to understand why the majority of the hard working, rural Americans were fed up with the liberal, political policies to which they couldn't relate?

Perhaps it would have

been wise for him to take time to become better acquainted with our community before adding to the already unfortunate divisiveness which he seems to indicate is completely caused by our President. Divisiveness runs both ways and the national press has contributed more than their share.

There are many who believe President Trump has reversed policies of the former administration with the goal of Making America Great Again!

Imagine what our President could have accomplished, and can accomplish, if he had more support from those who have one goal...resist and obstruct. How does that help our country?

Why does the publisher, and most media, only discuss President Trump's demeanor and not report on his many accomplishments? Does he not agree with any of the following?

1. Through his job's act, millions of jobs have been

created with unemployment at the lowest in two decades.

2. Boost in economy – businesses are thriving – taxes are lowered

3. Improved veterans benefits and strengthened military

4. Committed to denuclearization of Korean Peninsula

5. Released 19 people from foreign captivity

6. Defends the sanctity of human life at every stage

7. Nominated constitutional judges

8. Renegotiated NAFTA for global fair and competitive trade

9. Striving to improve border security to prevent illegal immigration... for safety of all citizens.

10. Fighting for religious freedom, etc., etc., etc.

There are many residents of Staples and surrounding area who think differently than the new publisher about our President. We do not need the new publisher of our local

paper to infer that those who voted for, and support President Trump, are somehow wrong to do so.

Welcome to Staples, Mr. Gail. May your future Pub notes be friendlier to all.

Bruce and Beverly Nelsen
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Staples, Minn.

For those who keep us safe and warm

Hats off and a huge thank you to the brave souls who got us through our Mn. "North-Pole" freeze; electricity restored, plumbing fixed, fire calls answered, police and medical first responders ...

As my Granny used to say, "Bless all ya'lls little hearts."

Gary Timbs
Staples

Two Minnesota bills, one goal: state child care solutions

By The Greater Minnesota Partnership

A pair of bills that call on the state to make modest investments to help address the critical child care shortage in Greater Minnesota were introduced at the Minnesota Legislature in January.

SF 537/HF 422, authored by Sen. Carla Nelson (R-Rochester) and Rep. Jeff Brand (DFL-St. Peter), and SF 538/HF 423, authored by Sen. Jerry Nelson (R-St. Cloud) and Rep. Brand,

both create and fund new grant programs with the shared goal of increasing child care capacity while fostering successful and sustainable child care business operations in Greater Minnesota.

"A big thank you to Sen. Nelson, Sen. Relph and Rep. Brand for taking on this complicated issue," said Nicole Griensewic Mickelson, executive director of the Region Nine Development Commission and president of the Greater Minnesota Partnership

(GMNP), an economic development advocacy organization that has been working with legislators to explore ways to address Greater Minnesota's child care needs.

"Communities and businesses are reeling from the effects of the child care shortage," Griensewic Mickelson added. "These bills are a promising start to bringing more child care options to Greater Minnesota and helping providers run successful businesses."

While the child care shortage is a major concern across the entire state, the impact is particularly acute in rural communities. According to a study by the Center for Rural Policy and Development, Greater Minnesota lost more than 15,000 child care spots between 2006-2015—largely due to a significant decline in in-home providers. Child care centers have helped make up for the loss of in-home providers in the metro area and larger population centers, but small and medium-sized rural communities are still struggling to fill that void.

SF 537/HF 422 addresses the need for more licensed child care providers by awarding \$3 million in grants to the Minnesota Initiative Foundations for the planning, coordination, training and

education necessary to expand child care access. The money will be used to help providers with business improvement planning, quality mentoring and workforce development.

SF 538/HF 423 aims to generate more physical spaces for child care through the Child Care Capital Grant Program, which provides grants to child care providers, local governments and regional economic development organizations in Greater Minnesota to cover up to 50 percent of the costs to build, upgrade or expand child care facilities to increase capacity and meet state requirements. The program would be funded at \$10 million under the bill.

"The child care shortage is a complex problem and there is no silver bullet, but we're hopeful that the Legislature will support these two bills that go hand-in-hand toward the same goal of finding a long-term solution to the child care crisis in Greater Minnesota," said Griensewic Mickelson.

The Greater Minnesota Partnership (GMNP) is a nonprofit corporation devoted to advocating for state economic development policies and resources that benefit Greater Minnesota. Its members consist of businesses, chambers of commerce, economic development authorities, colleges and universities, cities and nonprofit organizations from throughout Greater Minnesota. For more information, visit the GMNP online at gmnp.org or on Twitter @the_gmnp.

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Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

February

- **CONCORDIA COLLEGE BAND CONCERT** Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
 - **STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT @ HOME BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER** Feb. 7
 - **HOME SPEECH MEET** Feb. 9
 - **HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Feb. 11
 - **PROSTART DINNER AT CRAGUNS** Feb. 11
 - **ALL DISTRICT ORCHESTRA CONCERT, GRADES 6 - 12** Feb. 25
 - **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST** Feb. 27
- All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Staples Area Women's Chorus hosts 2019 'Her Voice, Her Song' Event to be held at Pillager High School

The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) will be hosting the 2019 Women's Choral Festival, 'Her Voice, Her Song' on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Pillager High School in Pillager. A concert for the public will be held at 7 p.m., at the Pillager gymnasium. Doors

open at 6:30 p.m.

Fourteen area high school girls choirs, the Colla Voce choir, and the St. Scholastica Bella Voce Women's Choir have been invited to join the SAWC's annual event.

Dr. Bret Amundson of St. Scholastica in Duluth

will be the festival's guest director. The guest clinician will be Jennifer Campbell.

Tickets for the evening concert are available for purchase at the Staples World and Nelson's Insurance Agency in Staples; Markus Hair Design in

Motley; from the SAWC members; and at the door.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Register your barn quilt

Barn quilts of Central MN

Barn Quilts of Central MN will be publishing a new brochure this spring.

To be included in the brochure, a barn quilt must be registered with Barn

Quilts of Central MN.

The barn quilt must be painted on wood, tin or a building, located in Cass, Todd, Wadena or Morrison counties and be visible from the road.

The 'Schoenrock Cross' is the most recent barn quilt added to the website on the Staples trail. It is located at the Congregational Church at 204 5th St. NE in Staples.

To register your barn quilt, download an application online at <https://barnquiltsmn.org> or contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906.

The application deadline to be included in the new brochure is March 31. There is no charge to be included in the brochure or on the website. The brochure is being funded by a grant from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.



New barn quilt in Staples

The 'Schoenrock Cross' is part of the Barn Quilts of Central MN and on the Staples Trail. It is located at the Congregational Church in Staples. (Submitted photo)



Many voices joining in song

The Staples Area Women's Chorus's (SAWC) annual, 'Her Voice, Her Song,' has become a favorite event for both participants and concert-goers. This year's festival will be held Saturday,

Feb. 9, at Pillager High School. A concert for the public will be held at 7 p.m., at the Pillager gymnasium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (Submitted photo)



High school orchestra performs Feb. 11

Cellists in the Staples-Motley Chamber Orchestra are pictured rehearsing for their upcoming concert on Monday, Feb. 11, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples beginning at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the high school orchestra, under the

direction of John Koopmann. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the concert. Pictured from left are Jakob Stangle, Rachael Isenberg and Oliver Lund. (Submitted photo)

Band to perform for Haiti school fundraiser

The Rusty Crayfish Brass Band will be featured Feb. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant in Staples. The event will be a community fundraiser for the Preparer of Breaches School in in Cazale, Haiti.

The Rusty Crayfish Brass Band plays New Orleans style brass band music and features Staples-Motley High School band director Jon Crust.

Tickets for the event are on sale at Staples and Motley DQ, Staples Elementary, Motley Middle School, Lakewood Health System, Jemma's Salon and Stomping Grounds.

The event will include a silent auction and wine tasting.

Mark Your Calendar

February 6

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 10, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

GAME DAY Wed., Feb. 6, 1 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. All welcome. For info., 218-352-6466.

February 14

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Feb. 14, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

February 16

SNOW GOLF TOURNAMENT Sat., Feb. 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lake Alexander, 4921 - 320th St., Cushing. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Free chili for all contestants. For info., 218-296-1727.

February 19, 20

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sored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Feb. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Feb. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

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Area News Briefs

From the Wadena Pioneer Journal:

After several years of fundraising, the construction costs of the Maslowski Wellness & Research Center have been covered. Jeff Browne and his team collected over \$2.8 million in donated funds from the community. Along with other funding sources, the donated money made it possible to cover the \$12,098,682 cost of the building. The City of Wadena contributed \$521,305 to the construction project.

From the Park Rapids Enterprise:

Almost 20 people responded to Travis Guida's call for community input toward the Park Rapids Area High School community career collaboration coordinator program.

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A Choral Festival for Young Women

Her Voice Her Song

Saturday, Feb. 9
Pillager High School
Doors open 6:30 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 Single or \$25 Family
Available from: Chorus members; Markus Hair Design, Motley; Nelson Insurance Agency and Staples World, Staples and at the door.

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Featuring the Festivals Guest Director, Dr. Bret Amundson, St. Scholastica, Duluth; Guest Clinician, Jennifer Campbell.



Tilt for points

Payton Bjerga turns an opponent for a near fall during the Walker-Hackensack-Akely tournament Feb. 2. (Submitted photos)

Dumpprope, Bjerga earn tournament titles

The Staples-Motley wrestling team is still not at full strength, but they had two champions as the team placed fifth in the Walker-Hackensack-Akely Invitational Feb. 2.

Blayne Dumpprope was one of the wrestlers who had been out earlier in the year, but he is back with a powerful performance to win the 138 pound bracket. Dumpprope recorded two pins to get to the championship match and then won with a commanding 13-1 major decision for the title.

Owen Bjerga continued his mastery at the 160 pound bracket, winning his title with three pins.

Payton Bjerga and Brayden Christensen were the next highest finishers, capturing third place. At 120 pounds, Bjerga recorded a 12-0 win, a technical fall and a pin in the third place match. Christensen won a 3-2 decision in the third place match at 132 pounds.

Logen Weite was fourth at 145 pounds, recording on



Cradle catch

Brayden Christensen nearly completes putting an opponent in the cradle position.

pin on the way to his medal.

Dalton Wells at 113 and Gordon Enyart at 182 placed fifth. Sam Jennisen was sixth at 126 and Connor Dobson did not place at 126.

As a team, the Cardinals placed sixth out of nine teams, but the top six teams were within 30 points of each other, a very close team competition.



Near fall

Dalton Wells gains leverage to tip his opponent over during the WHA tournament.



Arm bar for the win

Blayne Dumpprope controls his opponent's arm as he gets ready to lock up a pin.

Living the dream - a job in the outdoor industry

By Ray Gildow

Trevor Wentworth, of rural Staples, grew up as a river rat on the Crow Wing River on the north edge of town. Fishing and hunting were his passions as a young boy and he was often joined, as he still is, by his dad and older brother. He always dreamed of getting into an occupation that had something to do with the outdoors. After graduating high school, he started working at various jobs as he entered his freshman year at Central Lakes College with campuses in Brainerd and Staples.

It was while at Central Lakes College that he was introduced to Mark Ambroz, the instructor for the Video Graphics program. Ambroz suggested he enroll in his program to see if it would be a way to start connecting with the many business that were producing outdoor television programs in the greater Brainerd lakes area. After Wentworth completed his first year at CLC, he was able to get an internship working with Minnesota Hall of Fame photographer Bill Lindner, the son of Ron Lindner, who is also a Hall of Fame angler. He worked with Bill Lindner during his last year in college and for about three months after graduation. Then he started knocking on doors to see if he could find a full-time job working in the outdoor media business.

About a year later, Wentworth landed a part time job with the In-Fisherman magazine, considered the premier national publication for the fishing industry. The magazine headquarters is located in Brainerd, Minnesota, just 30 miles from his home. He worked for two years on a part-time basis and then



A fish worth filming

Trevor Wentworth shows a smallmouth bass. (Submitted photo)

was hired full time as Production Assistant, a job he currently still enjoys.

As a production assistant, he edits, shoots video, and helps put together some of the finished programs that are seen on the In-Fisherman television shows as well as other fishing and hunting videos that the In-Fisherman studios helps produce.

So, for Wentworth, he landed his dream job. But he has advice for others who might be interested in working in the outdoor media business or just working with other business that specialize in the outdoor world, "This industry is very competitive. Just knowing how to fish or hunt is nothing to hang your hat on. You have to develop marketable

skills. It is really important to be trained and to constantly upgrade your skills. Be humble, work hard, and develop contacts whenever you can. The outdoor industry is huge but really good jobs are hard to come by, so it is important to show potential employers you have skills that can help their business!"

Trevor Wentworth is a young man who landed his dream job. But to get it, he had to learn all about using cameras, editing software and a variety of other skills that allow him to keep current in the ever-changing world of technology. He considers himself very lucky to be doing what he always dreamed of--a job about fishing and hunting.

Long trips leads to losses

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team took back to back long road trips after cold weather cancellations, which may have been a factor in two losses, falling 61-44 at Thief River Falls on Feb. 1 and at Bagley on Feb. 2, 73-58.

Team results

Staples-Motley 44, Thief River Falls 61

Scoring: Sivert Klefsaas 13, Isaac Kronenberg 9, Ben Olander 8, Isaac Christoffersen 7, Jordon Carlson 5, Izaiah DeMars 3

Girls fall twice in back to back

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team played back to back games after cold weather cancellations, but ended up with two losses, falling to Detroit Lakes 70-52 at home and losing to Perham in the Heart O Lakes Showcase 60-35.

The team started well against Detroit Lakes, taken an early 11-9 lead, but

DL started getting the ball inside to their tall players and the Cardinals didn't have an answer.

Team results

Staples-Motley 35, Perham 60

Scoring: Tabetha Allen 12, Kaitlyn Smith 11, Alix Peterson 5, Claire Storry 3, Kaila Erbe 2, Haley Cichos 1, Jenna Dvorak 1

Youth wrestling tournament

At the Staples-Motley youth wrestling tournament Jan. 22, 300 kids from around the state came to compete. Pictured right, Gage Bjerga picks up his opponent. Below, Steven Petrich approaches a pin. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Axel Mertens works for a takedown at the Staples-Motley youth wrestling tournament Jan. 22.



Anthony DiGiovanni gains the upper hand.

WSI: a game of inches and days

If you asked a stranger on the street what a “winter severity index” might measure, the answers could be pretty creative. Perhaps it would measure the number of Minnesota schools that close for a snow or extreme cold event. Or the number of roadside assistance calls for tows and jump-starts during the recent “polar vortex” that descended on our state from the Arctic.

In fact, the winter severity index—or WSI—is a measure used by wildlife managers as they anticipate the effects of winter weather conditions on wildlife. And, in Minnesota—not surprisingly—the concern of wildlife managers is especially directed toward whitetail deer, the bread-and-butter big game animal of our state. Among the threats to whitetail deer—threats that include predation, disease, and collision with our cars, trucks, and SUVs—winter can be the most devastating, as well as highly unpredictable.

On Sunday, during the brief warmup after we experienced some of the coldest temperatures in a generation, my Labrador retriever and I took advantage of the pleasant weather and took a long afternoon walk. Our route took us through a forested stretch where tall pines and spruce make the light subdued on even a sunny day. Now and then a deer trail crossed, as evidenced by heart-shaped prints in the skim of snow on the road shoulder. Then, typically, those trails plunged into the drifts among the trees.

I could tell the snow was deep without having to wade out there under those stately conifers. I knew because a deer trail in those places was not defined by distinct, separate footsteps. Instead, the tracks were connected by the drag of the deer’s forelegs as it took each step, and in some places the deer’s chest plowing a shallow trough as it moved through the deep snow.

When deer are forced to fight deep snow, they expend more energy when they travel to feed, or—less often, but more critical—they flee a pursuing predator. As we all know, energy conservation is critical to the wildlife that stay here with us and endure the rigors of a Minnesota winter. Their chances of surviving to see the coming spring are greatly improved if they have enough to eat, can limit the energy they must expend.

So how, exactly, is this winter severity index calculated? Wildlife managers count the days when snow depth equals or exceeds 15 inches, and the number of days when the temperature drops below zero. The two numbers—days with 15 or more inches or snow, and days below zero—are added together. If the total does not exceed 100, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources considers it a mild winter. If it reaches 180 or more it’s considered severe, when some deer will almost certainly die of winter’s effects. And of course, there is a middle ground between these extremes.

One of these measures, low temperature, has an effect on virtually all wildlife in winter. No matter how you slice it, low temperatures require all creatures to expend more energy to maintain critical body temperature. Snow depth, on the other hand, is closely linked to the survival of deer. Let’s face it:

the top wildlife management priority in Minnesota is the whitetail. So it’s not much of a surprise that the WSI measures a weather factor that directly affects deer survival.

When snow gets deep enough, deer will “yard up,” limiting their movements to an area where they trample the snow down enough to make travel easier. But a consequence is that the food supply in this restricted area can eventually be depleted. If snow depth doesn’t diminish soon enough with warming temperatures, deer can face starvation. Or, if not starvation, then weakened condition. This can result in failure to bear healthy fawns, and greater vulnerability to predators, like gray wolves and even coyotes.

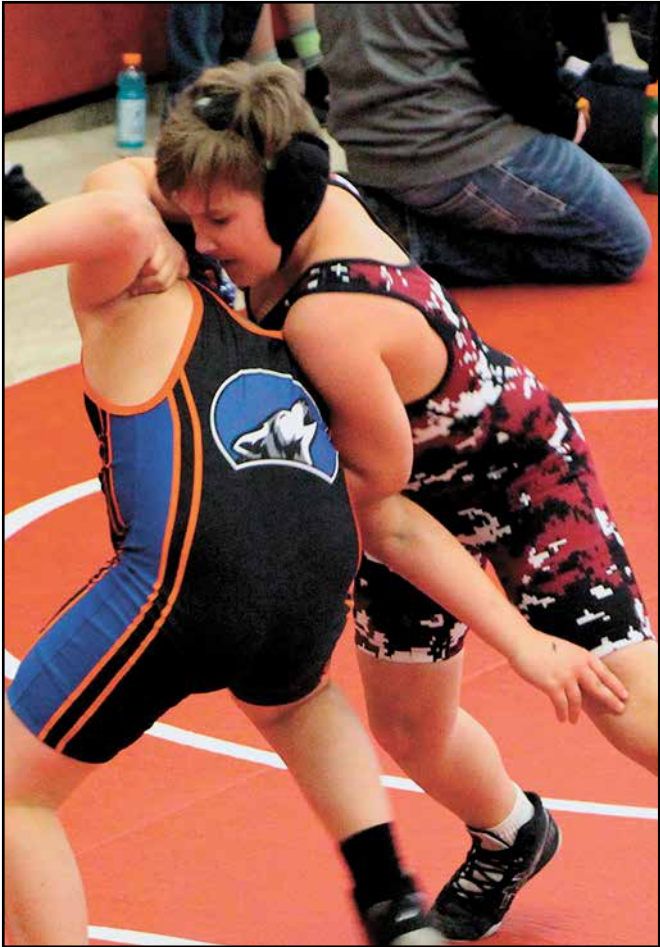
It’s ironic that the same deep snow that can threaten the survival of deer can be a benefit to some wildlife. One obvious example is an upland game bird that shares northern wooded habitat with the whitetail. That creature, of course, is the ruffed grouse. While some songbirds that remain with us in winter will “hole up” within cavities in trees, and pheasants will take shelter in dense cattail swamps, the ruffed grouse will use deep snow to its advantage.

A grouse will burrow completely under the surface of soft snow, whose insulating properties can yield a temperature that is 20, 30, or more degrees warmer than the air above the snow. This allows grouse to conserve energy and spend less time foraging to find food. This in turn means less exposure to predators and harsh winter elements.

So far this winter, almost the entire state is considered to be down in the mild WSI range, with 50 or fewer days having temperatures below zero, or a snow depth of 15 or more inches. Only

the far Northeast corner of the state, the region known as the Arrowhead, has local areas with an index of 80 to 90. But there could easily be 60 or more days—reaching into early April—before snow depths in the northern part of the state decline appreciably. Remembering that both snow depths and sub-zero temperatures contribute to the WSI, it’s way too early to say there will be no parts of the state that end the winter with severe readings.

It’s ironic that snowy winter conditions that favor the ruffed grouse—not to mention Minnesota skiers and snowbilers—will in contrast always pose a potential threat to our premier big game animal, the whitetail deer. Which brings to mind that favorite Minnesota saying: “A lot of people talk about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.”



Zachary Tabatt gets leverage for a takedown.



Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors



Be Safe

Stay clear of downed power lines

NEVER TOUCH A DOWNED POWER LINE.
Always assume it is energized and call 911 immediately.

POWERFUL STORMS can damage power lines. If you see a downed power line:

- Stay at least 50 feet away from it and assume it is energized. The ground may also be energized making the entire area extremely dangerous.
- Never touch anything that is touching a downed power line. It is as dangerous as the line itself.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle while you are in it, stay inside your vehicle until help arrives.

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Polar Vortex brings fawn to doorstep

The photo to the left shows an ice encrusted fawn on Shawna Nymeyer’s front doorstep the morning of Jan. 30. Shawna, of Baxter, posted the photo on the Staples World facebook page with a reminder to bring pets indoors and give

special consideration to nature during the extreme cold.

She updated the message Feb. 2, when temperatures were much warmer, that the fawn had survived and had returned for a visit. (Submitted photos)



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Student Achievements

COLTON PASKIEWITZ, a senior student/athlete at University of Northwestern earned Upper Midwest Athletic Conference [UMAC] Academic All-Conference honors for the fall season. Individuals who earned a 3.5 or better grade point average (GPA) during their respective semesters of competition are recognized with the prestigious individual honor. Paskewitz is a member of the Eagles college football team.

HAILEY KOENIG, Staples. has been named to the 2018

Fall Semester Dean's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99.

ERIC LISSON, Staples. has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester President's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0.

HAILEY KOENIG, Staples. has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To

qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99.

JENNIFER DOLEZAL, Staples. has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

CHARLES TESTER, Staples. has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.



Sewing with a purpose

Megan Lindgren, 24, is the youngest member of the Piecemakers Quilt Club in Staples and likes sewing baby burp pads. Every baby born at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples is given a baby burp pad and on average, over 470 babies are born there each year. From 2015 - 2018, Lindgren sewed over 371 burp pads with each year sewing more. In 2019, she has already sewn 44, for a grand total of 415. One of her fellow club members, Lisa Kajer, commented, "Megan is definitely sewing with a purpose!" For information about the Piecemakers Quilt Club, call Kajer at 218-894-2906. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Brittany and Justin Christensen of Clear Lake, a baby girl, Kallen Renee weighing eight pounds on January 25, 2019.

Born to Erica and Bryan Coe of Brainerd, a baby boy, Maverick Stone weighing nine pounds, six ounces on January 25, 2019.

Born to Melissa and Jason Raasch of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Emmaline Kathryn weighing eight pounds, six ounces on January 25, 2019.

Born to Amy Emerfohl and Shawn Keller of Brainerd, a baby boy, Clark Eugene weighing nine pounds, seven ounces on January 26, 2019.

Born to Cheri Jacobus and Neil Simmons of Pine River, a baby girl, Layla Ann weighing eight pounds, three ounces on January 27, 2019.

Born to Alysa Morley of Brainerd, a baby girl, Emmyrie Kristine weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on January 29, 2019.

Born to Kristi and Brandon Burton of Pillager, a baby boy, Jack Wiley weighing six pounds, six ounces on January 29, 2019.

Born to Kendra Petersen and Eddie Lund of Staples, a baby girl, Josephine Marie weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on January 29, 2019.

Born to Nicole McCoy and Damion Proffitt of Staples, a baby girl, Octavia Jean weighing six pounds, 0.5 ounce on January 31, 2019.

Obituary

Phyllis Marte

Phyllis Mae Marte, age 69, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019, surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in Gibbon.

Mass of Christian Burial was held February 4, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Father Gerald Meidl celebrated the Mass. Interment will be held at the Catholic Cemetery in New Ulm at a later date.

Arrangements were by Minnesota Valley Funeral Home - North Chapel in New Ulm. To leave an online condolence for the family, or to sign the guestbook, please visit: www.mvfh.org.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Eugene Marte; children, Kevin Carey (Travis, Andrew, Ashley, Alex), Kristine (Craig) Schwab (Allie, Samantha, Marah, Chloe, Taber, Hunter; step-children, Peggy Marte (Ben, Ernest), Craig (Darlene) Marte, Mark Marte (Sierra, April, Whitney, Savannah), Kevin Marte (Christopher, Tony, Nicole), Bobbie Marte, Steven Marte; siblings, Eugene (Judy) Carey, Michael (Sue) Carey, Patrick Carey, Margaret Johnson, Joe (Judy) Marte, Sophia (Gene) Bartkey; sisters-in-law, Karen Carey, Myrna Carey; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws, Carl and Alberta Marte; step-sons, Steven, Bobbie, Kevin Marte; daughters-in-law, Kris Marte, Christine Carey;



brothers, Leroy, Wayne, Joe, Gerald; sister, Roxanne; brother-in-law, Emery Johnson; and many other family and friends.

Phyllis Mae Carey was born April 1, 1949 to LeRoy and Angeline (Steies) Carey in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She graduated high school at Eau Claire Memorial in 1967 and began working at Norwesco Plastic Plant. She met and married Eugene Marte in 1974. Phyllis went on to work at Entegris, ADC Telecommunications, and owned Valley Ceramics in Henderson, Minnesota, until her retirement. In her free time, Phyllis loved going to casinos and spending hours at the slot machines. She was also a skilled craftswoman, hobbyist and ceramic artist, often sharing her art as gifts for her family. Phyllis's deepest passion was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Any time she was able to spend with them was always treasured the most. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her, blessed be her memory.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA..... 6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program)..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer..... 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club..... 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God knows you

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church - Staples

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.

Matthew 22:39 You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

God told the prophet Jeremiah that before he was ever conceived, God knew him and chose him and set him aside to be a prophet. This is true for all people - maybe not the part of being set aside to be a prophet, but certainly the first part. Before a child is ever conceived, God knows that child, God cares for them and loves them - before they are conceived, while they are yet in the womb, and after they are born for as long as they might live.

Sadly though, many in our society do not put the same value on life as God does. In our society life has been cheapened and devalued as the unborn are declared non-human and aborted on demand, even when that child would be viable if allowed to be born. At the other end

of life the weak and infirm are also cast aside, and surely some would gladly end those lives as well.

And in the interim, how many others are marginalized and cast aside because they are poor, because they may be mentally ill, or simply because in the eyes of the mainstream they are less desirable?

But to God, these lives, all lives, are precious and valuable - so valuable that He gave His Son to redeem us all from sin, death and Satan's power. And having loved us this much He tells us to love our neighbor, all our neighbors, from conception to death, and everywhere in between.

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic

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

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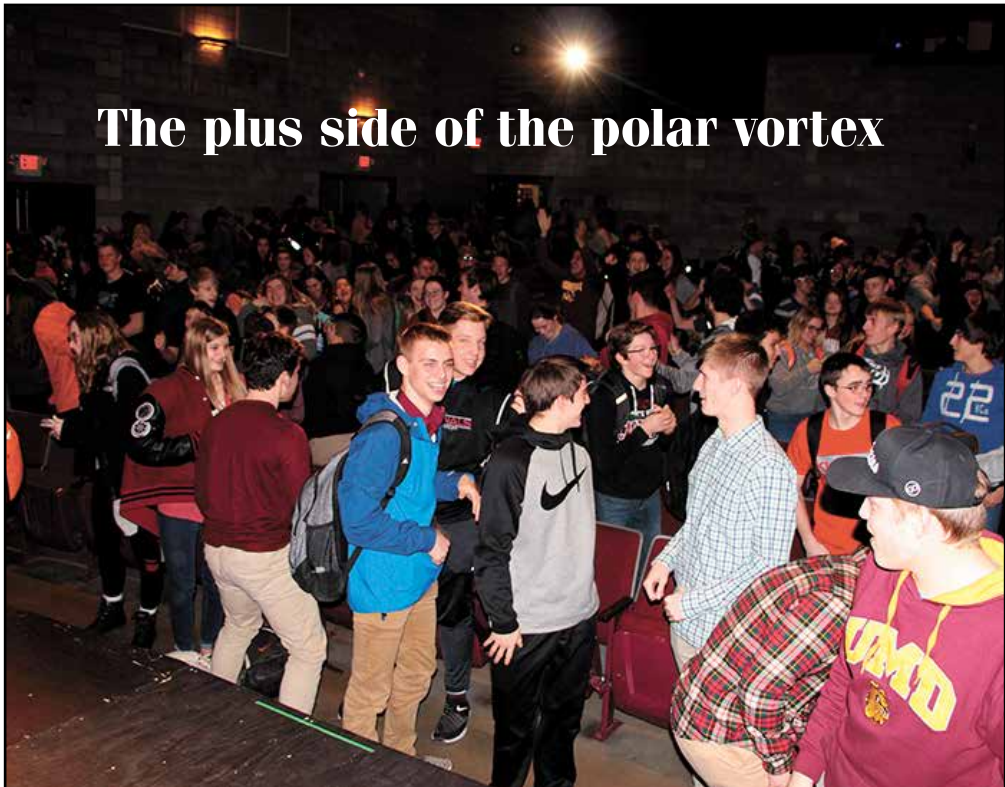
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The plus side of the polar vortex



Students at Staples-Motley High School, left, cheered when Principal Mike Schmidt announced that school would be closed Jan. 29 and 30, due to the extremely cold weather and dangerous wind chills. As temperatures continued to plummet throughout the week, school was also closed on Jan. 31. Although Gov. Tim Walz did not declare a state-wide school closing, he deferred to each district to use their best judgement and keep the safety of students and staff as top priority. Hundreds of school closings throughout Minnesota were reported by media outlets. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Dead battery

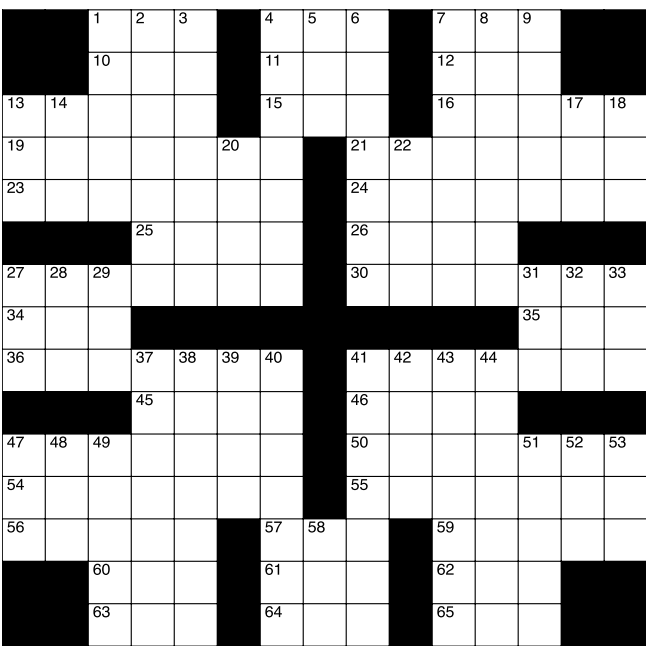
Charles Tester (above left) of Staples was one of dozens who had to deal with a dead car battery during the sub-zero temps this past week. Tester's neighbor Chad Groetsch lent him a battery charger, but even after having the battery inside all night hooked up to the charger, it didn't turn over the next morning. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Frozen vent pipe

Clayton Hageman of Sportman's Plumbing & Heating, worked to thaw a frozen vent pipe at the Staples World Jan. 30, and restoring heat to their building. This was one of several emergency calls answered by Hageman during the deep freeze that invaded Minnesota (and much of the Midwest) this past week. Other service businesses, including Giza Plumbing & Heating, had similar reports. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Chop or cut
 4. Political action committee
 7. Male parent
 10. Doctors' group
 11. Ottoman military commander
 12. A metal-bearing natural material
 13. Lively ballroom dance
 15. Male Gypsy
 16. Once-popular card game
 19. Occurred just once
 21. Streisand, singer
 23. Shiny yellow minerals
 24. Get hitched again
 25. See (Latin)
 26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
 27. Scourges
 30. Sentence
 34. Supervises flying
 35. Bar bill
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Czech monetary unit
 2. Able to arouse feeling
 3. Elk
 4. Muscular weaknesses
 5. Earlier
 6. Lightweight fabric
 7. One who greets
 8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
 9. Officially prohibit
 13. US political party
 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
 17. Make a mistake
 18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
 20. Ancient Media inhabitant
 22. About aviation
 27. Popular American sports league
 28. Cologne
 29. Partner to cheese
 31. When you'll get there
 32. Not pleased
 33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 37. Respects
 38. Shake up
 39. Ethiopian river
 40. Intrinsic nature of something
 41. Principal parts of the brain
 42. Brews
 43. Where ships dock
 44. One who wassails
 47. Shock treatment
 48. Popular average
 49. Things
 51. A type of "bear"
 52. Utilize
 53. European Economic Community
 58. Swiss river
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Wind Symphony
European Tour
June 4-15, 2020**

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to offer travel arrangements for the Wind Symphony European Tour June 4-15, 2020 at Central Lakes College. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Wind Symphony European Tour." Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
501 W College Dr
Brainerd, MN 56401

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Sec.

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**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. following the regular meeting. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The annual Board of Audit will be held following the February regular meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Questions call 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township

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**NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD**

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary

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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., at the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN 56482.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant

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**NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETINGS**

Byron Township will be holding their regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

February 21	March 21
April 18	May 16
June 20	July 18
August 15	Sept. 19
October 17	Nov. 21
December 19	

The annual meeting will

be held Tuesday, March 12 at 3 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall

Board of Equalization meeting TBD

Becki Rassler, Clerk

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**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETINGS**

May Township regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m.; with a second meeting on the fourth Monday of the month of June, July and August beginning at 8:00 p.m.

February 11, 2019
March 11, 2019
March 12, 2019 (Annual Meeting)
April 8, 2019
May 13, 2019
June 10, 2019
June 24, 2019 (Road maintenance - meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.)
July 8, 2019
July 22, 2019 (Road maintenance - meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.)
August 12, 2019
August 26, 2019 (Road maintenance - meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.)
September 9, 2019
October 14, 2019
November 11, 2019
December 9, 2019

Bianca Wyffels,
May Township Clerk

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DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• Feb. 10, 1944 - 15th Army Air Force - 2nd Lt. Robert H. Butler of Staples, has flown 40 combat missions as an AAF B-26 Marauder flight leader in the Mediterranean theatre. The 25-year-old pilot has led formations of Marauders against German targets throughout northern Italy and Southern France. Lt. Butler was awarded the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs

Clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Butler of Staples.

• Feb. 10, 1944 - Batcher's Federated Store advertised men's broadcloth shorts and cotton ribbed shirts, sizes 30 to 42, at 39 cents each. Top quality leather jackets, carefully styled and sewn, were on sale for \$14.98.

• Feb. 10, 1944 - The New River Inn in Aldrich advertised that it is open every night except Sunday with food served on Wednesday and Saturday; and an orchestra dance every Saturday night.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

• Feb. 6, 1969 - The annual Blue and Gold banquet, honoring the Cub Scouts and Webelos of the Staples pack will be held Saturday evening in the high school cafeteria. M.A. "Whitey" Mueller will be the master of ceremonies for the evening's event. Jim Ireland, district Scout representative, along with Donald Roline, local awards chairman, and James Williams, Staples Cubmaster, will give special recognition to the Cub Scouts and also make the presentation of awards. The Reverend Ray Ewing, who has played an active role in the Scouting movement for 50 years, will offer the invocation and the benediction.

• Feb. 6, 1969 - Mr. and Mrs. Maris Snyder of rural Motley won a new dishwasher in the Minnesota contest of Rural Minnesota News 1968 Fall Sweepstakes. The prize is made available by the Rural Minnesota News through the electric cooperatives of Minnesota, of which Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative participated. The prize was presented to the Snyders last Monday at Jenkins' Appliance, Inc.

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• Feb. 10, 1994 - Seth A. Neidhardt of Staples spent January in South Africa as part of St. Olaf College's international studies program. Neidhardt, a

political science and communications and German major, is a sophomore at St. Olaf. He is the son of Anthony and Viretta Neidhardt.

• Feb. 10, 1994 - With very little discussion, the Staples City Council Tuesday night voted unanimously to appoint Terry Stern of Staples to the vacancy on the council. Stern was one of three people to express interest in the opening created when Frank Williams was elected mayor last fall.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• Feb. 5, 2009 - Staples World editor Tom Crawford won a second place award for Best Investigative Reporting in the Minnesota newspaper Association's 2007 - 08 Better Newspaper Contest. Crawford's award was for a series of stories about First Integrity Bank in Staples and Florida, beginning with a story about the owners of the bank being sued.

• Feb. 5, 2009 - Pastor Bob Osell and his wife Darlene were honored at a surprise service Jan. 17, for their 31 years of service at Pillager Baptist Church. About 275 people, including past and present members of their church, family and others in the community, came from near and far to pay tribute to the Osells, and to thank them for their three decades of ministry in Pillager.

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All-team effort at Little Falls speech tournament

The Staples-Motley Speech team competed at Little Falls Jan. 26. Front row, left to right: Katie Niemi, Grace Allen, Luke Bates, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, Caden Mrazek, Andrew Bates, Sadie Thompson, Emily Roberts, Ari Brings, Jonah Johnson. Second

row: Coach Alex Erickson, Emery Lorber, Jack Tyrell, Antonio Cuertera, Coach Delaney Larson, Kimberley Stachowiak, Samantha Mrazek, Brooke Ferdon, Cael Sams, Lilly Niemi. Back: Coach Heather Sams, Coach Coleman Klimek, Coach Brian Sams. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal team brings home trophy

The Staples-Motley Cardinal Speech Team earned the first place trophy at the Little Falls Lucky Lindy Speech Tournament held Jan. 26.

“Points were awarded for all speakers, not just finalists, so everyone who participated contributed to our team’s success,” said Speech Coach Heather Sams.

Extra recognition is due to Ari Brings, who triple entered and earned first in Great Speeches, second in Drama and second in Duo (with Cael Sams); Andrew

Bates, who double entered and earned first in Drama and third in Storytelling; Sadie Thompson who double entered and placed third in Creative and sixth in Humor; Caden Mrazek who double entered and won first in Duo (with Samantha Mrazek) and third in Humor; Samantha Mrazek who double entered and won first in Duo (with Caden Mrazek) and fourth in Original Oratory. Jonah Johnson placed first in Creative Expression with straight 1’s (high scores) on the day; and Iain

Sams and Cy Johnson for placing 4th in Duo.

Earning honorable mention were Lilly Niemi (Informative), Grace Allen (Original Oratory), Jack Tyrell (Great Speeches), Alex Brings (Great Speeches), Luke Bates (Humor), and Kimberly Stachowiak (Poetry).

Special Recognition was given for first time speakers (Novices) including Kimberly Stachowiak, Luke Bates, Grace Allen, and Jack Tyrell.

Stachowiak, Luke Bates, Grace Allen, and Jack Tyrell.



Andrew Bates and Sadie Thompson.

Host Lions support many projects in Jan.

The Staples Host Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Meetings are held at the Lions building on the south side of town. Membership attendance in January was off a bit due to the flighty snow birds and road conditions. Both January meetings had about 30 members in attendance. Two prospective members attended. The January 21st meeting was held at the High School so we could support the Dollars for Scholars Spaghetti Feed. Many Lions registered for bidding numbers.

The Staples Motley Community Foundation presented their plans for improving the Dower Lake Beach area and requested support from the Lions. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended donating \$1500 to the cause.

The Community Committee reported on the success of the December Community meal. The meal was served at the Staples High School Cafeteria and 197 meals were served.

Thanks to all that came for fellowship and to visit Santa.

The Education and Youth Committee approved a donation of \$500 to support the Lions Speech Tournament. The Lions Speech Tournament has a long history in the Staples Motley High School and the SMHS Speech Program always delivers.

Zone Chair Frank Williams reports his progress on raising funds from area Lions Clubs for a KidsSight machine. The machine is used for screening children for vision problems. Lions KidsSight USA is a nationwide drive to improve early vision issues in children. You can find more info at Lion-kidssightusa.org. Franks reports that the Eagle Bend Lions have committed half of the \$7,000 needed and other area clubs in our zone are covering the rest. Frank hopes everything is complete by the next Zone meeting. The Zone meeting will be in Staples March 19.



CAD coalition holiday party

Members of Todd County CAD met recently for their Annual Holiday Party and Meeting at Sourcewell in Staples. Guest speaker was Matthew Breiter, a Long Prairie-based photographer who showed examples of his work and some stories behind his pictures.

Those attending: front row from left, Barb Becker, Teresa Sorenson, Connie Burns, Julia Davick, Marge Lelwica and Gail Honek; back row, Jana Timm, Steve Commerford, Kayla Kneisl, Autumn Pundsack-Nelson, Mary Theurer, Matthew Breiter.

CAD’s monthly meetings are every fourth Tuesday at Sourcewell in Staples. The CAD coalition works on youth substance abuse prevention activities around Todd County. For more information, contact Connie Burns at Connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2221. (Submitted photo)

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