



Gliding through the snow

Dominic Johnson's dog, Hades loves to go for a "walk" as Dominic glides behind on his snowboard. The pair can be seen in minus degree weather, as well as when the temperature hit a balmy 31 degrees on Jan. 22 in Staples.



Lenk attends JCI international collaboration in Washington D.C.

JCI Staples 2020 Chapter President Paige Lenk recently attended an International Collaboration between JCI Canada and JCI USA with several other International delegates.

The Inaugural North American Academy was held Jan. 16 - 20, in Washington D.C. Lenk was one of approximately 80 members from around the globe who attended the Academy, also representing one of six members sent to represent JCI MN.

This Academy includes approximately 30 hours of training, plus working as a part of small groups during three days together, along with delegates and trainers from around the world. This training was led by Viktor Omarsson from JCI Iceland. Members were given world class

trainings with group work to support learning modules. On the Final day of Academy members gave group presentations and in the evening enjoyed a graduation ceremony at the Skydome Restaurant.

Lenk stated that the weekend was "Transformational." As a graduate of the North American Academy, the holder of this diploma has acquired the cross-cultural leadership skill necessary to be able to empower others and to become an outstanding local, national and global leader who will, through this experience, work toward building a better world and become the leaders of tomorrow.

This weekend was meant to encourage members to step out of their comfort zones and help

them to grow as leaders.

Lenk is excited to bring what she has learned back to JCI Staples to help grow their chapter and start doing more projects with hopes for cross collabora-

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Lakewood board members earn advanced trustee certification

Fourteen hospital trustees from across Minnesota were recognized recently for earning certification through the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) trustee certification program. The comprehensive certification process prepares hospital trustees to effectively meet the growing demands of serving on a hospital board and to be strong healthcare and community leaders.

From Lakewood Health System in Staples, trustees Robert Mueller and Barb Peterson both received advanced certification.

By participating in

MHA's voluntary certification program, hospital trustees receive training on current health care trends, governance best practices, ethics, government regulations, patient safety and quality. Participants undergo 35 hours of coursework, making Minnesota's initiative the most comprehensive in the nation.

Trustees who have completed MHA board certification are eligible to participate in an additional eight hours of coursework to obtain advanced certification, which provides education to ensure

excellence, innovation and accountability in health care governance.

"In Minnesota, more and more hospital trustees are formally preparing themselves to address the complex issues facing hospitals and health systems today," said Lawrence Massa, MHA president and CEO. "Our trustee certification program proactively ensures that hospital leaders are equipped to make good decisions. Earning certification demonstrates a trustee's commitment to the patients and communities the hospital serves."

Commissioners hear from MN CEP on 'rebranding'

By Karin L. Nauber

At their January 21, 2020, meeting Todd County Commissioners were presented an update from Brian Gapinski and Darla Hoemberg, of Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program (CEP), on the program and told some of the success stories.

Gapinski shared that there are many changes being made, including the name, to the Career Center in Wadena to CareerForce. It's all part of rebranding, which they hope will sharpen the image and project more about the work they do.

Todd County citizens who utilize CEP, use the CareerForce in Wadena.

Gapinski said that it's hard to get the word out because they don't have much of a budget for advertising.

Hoemberg said they're working at getting their name out there and letting people know what they do.

She also shared some of the changes and indexes they use to measure their effectiveness or lack thereof.

Hoemberg was pleased that they've have seen growth in the number of clients that are working 30 or more hours per week, as well as 50 clients who "termed" or were able to "graduate" from the program.

The average wage of people in the program is \$13.97 per hour locally.

Because of the high rate of some of the workers, they termed because they made too much money, or clients who maybe have moved which is an automatic "term."

She spoke a little about the people who use CEP and that sometimes it's difficult for them to find jobs because of their background, mental health or other factors. But there are a lot of success stories as well.

Gapinski praised the partnership of Todd

County and Financial Support Manager Lisa Chapin who works with CEP through the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) at the county level.

In other business

- Approved a gambling permit for; Staples Sportsmen's Club to hold a raffle at the Clarissa Ballroom on March 14, 2020.

- Approved a one-day on sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Swanville/Sobieski Lions on Long Lake, February 22, 2020.

- The board previously approved the recruiting of an MIS Supervisor. Interviews were conducted and was approved to hire MIS employee, Lisa Parteka.

- Due to a resignation, a social worker position opened in the Health Services Unit. Interviews were conducted and was approved to hire Chasity Armstrong.

- Approved the 2020 parks and trails appropriation funds transfer of \$9,000 from the Todd County Allocation funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board fund.

- Approved their allocation funds transfer to the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections for \$508,386.

- The Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Office is responsible for the county's motor pool and the replacement schedule of vehicles used from that pool. Funds were allocated in the 2019 budget for vehicle replacements, but due to delayed receipt of vehicle quotes in the state bid system, the purchases were not made in 2019.

These purchases are now being recommended to occur within the 2020 year, using the 2019 budgeted dollars.

For that to take place, the board approved the transfer of \$55,000 from the 2019 budget.

- In related action, the board approved bids secured by Auditor/Trea-

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 29 22°	10°	Cloudy
Jan. 30 23	14	Cloudy
Jan. 31 27	24	Cloudy
Feb. 1 32	25	M. Cloudy
Feb. 2 31	22	M. Cloudy
Feb. 3 27	14	Snow
Feb. 4 17	4	

Last Year, 2019

High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 29 -9°	30°	Cloudy
Jan. 30 -36	-40	Sunny
Jan. 31 -10	-40	Sunny
Feb. 1 -1	10	Cloudy
Feb. 2 32	2	Cloudy
Feb. 3 24	18	Cloudy
Feb. 4 18	2	Snow

Average Temp.:
H = 14° Low = -5°

Total snow: 49"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Request for bids:
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Obituaries

Bernard Butcher, III
Allen Dirks
Robert Pederson



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Receives diploma

Paige Lenk, JCI Staples 2020 Chapter President, receives her diploma after completing the Inaugural Class of North American Academy. Pictured, from left: JCI USA 100th National President Justin Wutzke, Lenk, Lead Trainer Viktor Omarsson from JCI Iceland; and JCI Canada 85th National President Stefan Cherwoniak. (Submitted photo)



With their certificates

Lakewood Health System Hospital trustees Barb Peterson (front row, third from left) and Robert Mueller (back row, second from left) both received ad-

vanced certification through the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) trustee certification program. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports

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

Jan. 22 - The MPD received a report of theft at Dollar General store in Motley.

Jan. 22 - The MPD checked on a suspicious vehicle parked on the north side of the railroad tracks on the railroad property near 1st Ave. and Front St. in Motley. The driver stated he was there waiting for a train to come so he could videotape it. The driver was advised to go elsewhere and not to be on railroad property when videoing trains.

Jan. 21 - The MPD responded to a report of a disturbance at the Ten-Hi Bar in Motley. After a short investigation, Brad Heller, 40, was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and possession of metal knuckles.

Jan. 20 - The MPD and MCSO responded to a report from Kraig Johnson that his vehicle had been stolen from the Motley DOT Office, located at the 100 block of Riverfront Ln. A video at BRICKS Travel Center showed a tall female, wearing eye glasses, blue jeans, black windbreaker, camo muck

boots and a camo fuzzy winter hat, who walked over to the DOT building, got into Johnson's vehicle and left eastbound on Hwy 10. According to the report from MCSO, the vehicle was unlocked and the keys had been left in it. The vehicle was later located in Backus by the Cass County Sheriff's Office and returned to the owner.

Jan. 16 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Monica Bruhn, 33.

Jan. 20 - The MCSO responded to a report of a minor crash at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. According to the report, while plowing, Benjamin Huff backed into Joel Michaels' vehicle which was parked. The deputy met with both drivers, who exchanged information.

Jan. 18 - The MCSO responded to a HRO violation at an apartment in Motley. The suspect, Elijah Paul Sarbaum, 35, was later located and placed under arrest.

Jan. 17 - The MCSO arrested Lemuel Graham Rosier, 43; and Brittany Lee Nelson, 35, on a Morrison County Warrant. They were located at the 200 block of West 3rd Street in Pillager. The MCSO went to the address along with

Shamineau flooding bill introduced to legislature

State Representative Ron Kresha announced that he will introduce a bill requesting bonding funds for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District to make the necessary improvements to prevent or alleviate flooding, as outlined in the Lake Shamineau High Water Mitigation Project. The bill, which will be pre-filed on January 31, 2020, will request up to \$2,275,000 to be included in this year's Capital Investment bill.

"This is an incredibly important issue to our community, especially in light of the extreme flooding we saw this fall," said Kresha. "The area around Lake Shamineau saw homeown-

ers displaced, property damaged and businesses impacted because of the historically high water levels. This bill will allow the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District to make the changes necessary to ensure that our area will be protected from the extremely high water the community experienced in October."

Kresha called for a disaster declaration in October in response to the historically high water levels at Lake Shamineau, where the Department of Natural Resources measured water levels three feet higher than the ordinary high water mark.

Farming accident claims life of nine-year-old boy

A nine-year-old boy is dead as the result of a farming accident Jan. 19, in rural Boy River.

According to the Cass County Sheriff's Office, they received a report of the accident at 5:28 p.m. Deputies and responders arrived and learned that a juvenile male, age nine, had been accidentally pinned under the arms of a skid steer loader during a farming operation. He was pronounced dead on scene, the report said.

An autopsy was completed at the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office. Assisting at the scene were Lake Country Responders, Remer Ambulance and Cass County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Initiative.



June Fest committee hard at work

The June Fest committee met Jan. 20, making plans for the upcoming annual family festival. Pictured, front row from left: Don DeLude, Lisa Scanlon, Kelly Peterson, Paula Johnson, Stephanie Jordahl. Center: Brenda Borash, Jason Borash, Tami Brotherton, Amy Brichacek. Back: Pat O'Regan, Darci McGillivray, Mary Koenig, Sherry (Miller) Frisk, Shawn Jordahl, Bruce

Brotherton. Frisk and Brichacek are co-chairs of the committee. Lion Don DeLude is also a member of the Motley Lions, the organization that is providing sponsorship this year instead of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

June Fest will continue on without the SM Area Chamber of Commerce

Motley's annual festival is Saturday, June 20

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Plans for the annual June Fest celebration in the City of Motley are in full swing.

Set for Saturday, June 20, the all-day festival is being held in conjunction with the Motley Fair.

Committee members met recently to discuss plans for June Fest and to begin working on the details.

Events on the agenda to date include a parade, kids games, a 1 mile and 4K Fun Run, kickball tournament, water wars, pedal pull,

wings competition, car show and fireworks.

Expect to take in a variety of entertainment that day as well, including music and a lumberjack show. Weather permitting, there will also be a helicopter landing near Converse Park.

Food and crafts vendors will be on site throughout the festival and a beer garden will be available as well. Co-committee chairs Sherry Frisk and Amy Brichacek are hoping to bring in even more vendors this year.

If interested in being a vendor, or a part of the

wings competition (there is a monetary prize) email motleyjune20@gmail.com.

Committee members will also begin selling raffle tickets in the near future, a joint effort with the Motley Lions.

This is the first year that the festival is not hosted by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce, which is currently being reorganized. The June Fest Committee has taken on this responsibility, with the Motley Lions temporarily acting as their fiscal agent.

A few committee mem-

bers, all from Motley, were former members of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. These include Frisk, Brichacek, Bruce Brotherton, Stephanie Jordahl and Paula Johnson, all of whom have been a part of June Fest in past years. Frisk explained that they decided to leave the chamber because they wanted to put all of their energy into events in their own town, starting with June Fest.

The next June Fest Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at Motley City Hall.

Matthew Heier appointed to Minnesota State High School League



Matthew Heier

Staples native Matthew Heier, now of Little Falls, has been appointed to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) by Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. His term began Jan. 13, 2020 and will run through July 31, 2023.

Heier is a 1999 graduate of Staples-Motley High School and the son of Mike and Linda Heier of Staples.

Sports have been an important part of Heier's life since his high school days. While with the Cardinals, he played football, basketball and partici-

pated in track, the latter of which he took second at state his senior year competing in pole vault.

Heier went on to attend Bemidji State College where he was part of the track team.

For the past 20 years, Heier has been a referee for boys and girls basketball, volleyball; and has refereed at high school state tournaments.

Family friend John Schumacher, a former coach and member of the MSHSL, was the one who encouraged Heier to put his resume in to become a member. When Heier found out about his recent appointment, Schumacher was the first one he called, Heier's mother shared.

Outside of sports, Matthew Heier works as the postmaster at the Little Falls Post Office. He is married to Sally, a first grade teacher at Lindberg Elementary School in Little Falls; and they have four children: Tay, 10; Kyce, eight; Jaya, six; and Ady, four.



At home in Little Falls

Matthew Heier, a 1999 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, was recently appointed to the Minnesota State High School League. He is pictured with his wife, Sally, and their children Tay, Kyce, Jay and Ady. The Heiers reside in Little Falls, where they are active in their church; and enjoy sports and other fun events as a family. (Submitted photo)

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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1945

• Feb. 1, 1945 - Monday afternoon about 2:30 the fire siren was blown when a blaze was discovered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Carlson on 7th Street North.

Mrs. Carlson was at home and went upstairs for something, when she heard a crackling sound, but at first thought it was the wind. When she looked out the window she saw that shingles were on fire, and then discovered that there was a blaze between the walls of the home in



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 2, 1995 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from

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

the upper part.

The alarm was immediately turned in. Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer came to the assistance of Mrs. Carlson, and furniture was moved from the home before any great damage was done to it. A hole had to be chopped in the roof to enable firemen to battle the blaze which was of very stubborn nature due to the fire being between the inner and outer walls of the home.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be from defective wiring.

• Feb. 1, 1945 - In 'News of Motley': The post office moved from the 100F building where it has been located since the fire last October, to the new building on the north of the Farmers store. The store, you remember, moved into what was once the Akin garage, after the fire which destroyed both the store and post office last fall. The post office was moved Saturday, but there is still a lot of carpentering needed to finish up the office, beside getting everything back into place. A door and window have been put in on the north side of the post office.

50 YEARS AGO - 1970

• Jan. 29, 1970 - Donald Dravis, industrial arts instructor and head wrestling coach at Staples high school was named last Friday as the Teacher of the Year for the Staples Public School System.

Dravis was selected for the honor by a vote of the faculty members of the entire school system and administrators. Other nominees for the award were Richard Hegre, elementary director, and Mrs. Kathryn Morey, high school English teacher.

Mr. Dravis is married to the former Mary Sedivy of Glencoe and they are the parents of five children, Paula, Greg, Blaine, Jeff and Mary Jo.

Mr. Dravis becomes the seventh member of the Staples faculty to have been voted the honor of Staples Teacher of the Year. Past recipients of the award are Richard Donat, Esther Bottemiller, Mrs. Lucille Miller, Mrs. Ella Topp, Russell Norberg and Donald Moe.

• Jan. 29, 1970 - Jack Giza, instructor at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School, was chosen president of the Staples Sportsmen's club for the 1970 year at their annual meeting last Thursday evening. Giza succeeds Arthur R. Sellnow, who headed the organization the past two terms.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

• Feb. 2, 1995 - The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce will recommend to the Staples City Council

that Highway 10 should be left going through town as it is, with no bypass. The action was taken after discussion at a general membership meeting Monday evening at the Freshwater Education building.

• Feb. 2, 1995 - Officials at the Security State Bank of Staples this past week announced plans to build a new bank building late this spring at the corner of Fourth Street North and Park Avenue, just south of the former Lakewood Clinic building.

President Paul Wick said the bank plans to move from its present quarts at the corner of Fourth Street and Third Avenue after building a two-story, 6,000 square foot building which will include a drive up banking facility.

"The expansion is needed to provide better service to our clientele and allow continued growth," Wick said. He noted Security State Bank has grown from about \$4 million in assets five years ago when it opened the Staples office to over \$10 million now. The bank initially was the Security State Bank of Pillager, but it relocated to Staples in 1989 and kept a branch office at Pillager.

• Feb. 2, 1995 - In her 'win-

dows on the world' column, Staples World General Manager Brenda Halvorson wrote, "Some of our readers have noticed a difference in our photographs during the past month. We are using an exciting new technology and, as is often the case when changes are made, there is a time of learning and experimenting until we find what works best for us."

"Anyone familiar with conventional photography knows it involves a lot of expensive paper and special chemicals, and a lot of time in the darkroom. With this new technology we scan negatives into the computer, make the adjustments and print out the photograph on our laser printer on plain paper."

10 YEARS AGO - 2010

• Feb. 4, 2010 - Savanna Hill and Jason Johnson were crowned as queen and king of the Staples Motley High School Sno Daze Monday afternoon in a ceremony at the high school. Other members of the royal court included Kenny Burton, Annie Gillespie, Ryan Carter, Ashley Miles, Nick Westerlund, Kelley Hagenon, Beth Hoyt, Brandon Haglin, Katlynn Ullring and

Trevor Wentworth.

• Feb. 4, 2010 - Lamp-lighter Community Theatre's next production has been cast and is in rehearsal. "Drinking Habits," a farce by Tom Smith, will be presented Feb. 26, 27 and 28, at the Landmark Inn in Staples. The play is directed by Erik Steen of the Brainerd area. Cast members include Michelle Jeziorski, Lee Paskewitz, Cassie Magers, Dave Osgood, Dawn Timbs, Jaci Jeziorski, Shelby Wilds and Aaron Carter.

• Feb. 4, 2010 - Even though the Staples Public Library is open, the official Grand Opening will be celebrated Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26 - 27. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, followed by tours of the new building. Other library activities include special programs for all ages.

• Feb. 4, 2010 - Over 1,000 people attended the 19th Annual Fishing Derby and Raffle, held on Fish Trap Lake Jan. 30. Sponsored by the Lincoln Area Business Association (LABA), the event brought in visitors from all over the area, including Nisswa, Brainerd and Elk River.

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Todd County looks at updating voting equipment for 2020 elections

surer Denise Gaida for the purchase of two, 2020 Chevrolet Colorado pickups from Nyhus Chevrolet, Staples for a total of \$57,046.81, using transferred amount as well as some money from the 2020 budget.

• The board adopted a resolution authorizing Gaida to submit the 2019 Voting Equipment Grant Application on behalf of the county and its municipalities.

According to Gaida, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to assist in the purchase of upgrades to the existing voting equipment technologies. The commissioners adopted the 2018 Local Election Equipment Plan Revision to incorporate the voting equipment technology upgrades countywide.

This is the third and final equipment purchase scheduled for 2020 for the Assistive Voting Device (AVD) (AutoMark) according to the plan.

This grant opportunity would provide for up to 50 percent of the AVD purchase. The total estimated AVD replacement cost is \$3,000 - \$3,500.

The minimum estimated grant award per precinct is \$486.26 and the maximum award is \$5,000.

• As a member county, owning part of the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority (PLMSWA), county staff have worked with Attorney Kevin Johnson (Stoel Rives) to prepare the attached letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requesting review and approval of the enclosed waste designation ordinance.

According to Solid Waste Director Chris McConn, this proposed ordinance will further ensure Todd County's ability to supply municipal solid waste (MSW) to PLMSWA to satisfy its waste supply agreement with PLMSWA.

The board approved signing the letter to be delivered to the MPCA.

Recycling is not controlled by this ordinance. The county could look at subsidizing trash haulers to offer recycling collection. Currently the county can't tell people or haulers they have to bring their recycling to the county transfer station.

• Todd County has obtained waste delivery

agreements from licensed municipal solid waste haulers as part of the process required for waste designation. Recently, G&T Sanitation became licensed to haul MSW in Todd County.

The board approved signing the agreement to make it effective.

According to McConn if a hauler does not deliver their MSW to Todd County they could revoke a hauler's license. The ordinance referenced in the previous action will give the county more authority to do so.

• Approved a rezoning request for David and Rena Michael to rezone an area east of 141st Ave. from an Ag/Forest 1 and Shoreland Mix to all Shoreland Zoning for the purposes of developing a four lot plat.

Along with this action, the board approved the preliminary plat with the following conditions: 1. Submit a Wetland Delineation, completed by a Certified Wetland Delineator; 2. Identification of access to each proposed lot with approval from the appropriate road authority; 3. Resubmit two sewerable sites, for each proposed lot with associated soil borings and percolation tests.

• Commissioner Rod Erickson abstained, the board approved the subdivision request establishing a three lot preliminary plat called Erickson Subdivision with the following conditions: 1. No excavation, filling, drainage or grading within the most northern 300 feet of Lot 1; 2. Complete abandonment of the existing open well on Lot 1.

• Approved; purchase of a Trimble R10/R12, with reimbursement to the county from the Soil and Water Conservation District.

• Minnesota's Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) requires Local Government Units (LGU) to implement the rules and regulations of the act. Cities are required to implement the program within the city boundaries, with the option to delegate implementation to the county.

Todd County has always administered the program countywide but never formalized the process with a resolution, as the rule requires.

The board accepted the resolution to delegate the administration of WCA to Todd County within the city limits of Staples.



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Jan. 24, 1985 edition of the Staples World, featured fifth grade students from North Elementary School in Staples who had recently played their harmonicas for an adult evening class at St. Cloud State University. Pictured, from left, are Kory Kruse, Sherry Bergs, Curt Wiens, Ronda Hafften and Bryan Kimball.

Becky (Hafften) Christensen of Staples, a 1990 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, knew the names of all of the students, and also re-

called that Mr. John Wolak took them to St. Cloud to play their harmonicas that day. Becky said the students pictured (which included her sister, Ronda) were all in the class of 1992. Bryan Kimball, now of Winsted, identified all correctly (including himself) and recalled that they were all part of a harmonica group. Lloyd Allen of Staples also recognized all, as he was a fellow graduate of the SMHS Class of '92. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Middle school Students of the Month

Students of the Month named in January at the Staples-Motley Middle School were:
Allison Dukowitz**
Corben Berg**
Lilith Tester**
Emersen Bettis
Audrey Brownell
Annabella Cory-Wolfe
Skyla Tepley
Pamela Lawrence
Naila Mikhael
Heidi Zimmerman

Ivan Lozano
Jade Storry
Amy Rollins
Cole Teltie
Kassity Williams
Shannafaye Arthur
Gen Groetsch
Avery Johnson
Tiana Gonzalez
Jerry Russell
Blaine Plattner
Bailey Weiland
Emmit Djuren
Jaden Radermacher

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Motto: service to humanity is the best work of life

tion with another local service groups. She believes that fostering good partnerships with other service organizations is valuable in working together toward a common goal. The Jaycees truly believe that, "Service to Humanity is the best work of life."

JCI Staples is an organization of active citizens age 18 to 40 who are engaged

and committed to creating impact in their communities. The Jaycees provide development opportunities that empower people to create positive change. If you are interested in more information about joining JCI Staples, contact JCI Staples 2020 Chapter President Paige Lenk at 218-414-0912.

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Cardinal Chronicle returns to newspaper

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

This week marks the return of the Cardinal Chronicle, a publication that has appeared in different forms in the Staples World for nearly a century.

and what they are working on in school. It becomes apparent that students love to share their work, and this community has been fortunate to have a platform for them to share.

paper, Sacred Heart Area School contributed information for National Catholic Schools Week.



Yes, Florida is warmer...but, then, you wouldn't have the wonderful change of seasons like Minnesota...

THE KARDINAL KRONICLE. VOLUME XXII. STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL, STAPLES, MINNESOTA. OCTOBER 14, 1948. Includes articles: Large Homecoming Program Planned for S.H.S. This Year; Two Quartettes From S.H.S. Make All State Trip; Commercial Club's Initial Meeting Held October 4; Staples Victorious in Aitkin Game; Grade News; Senior High Pick Six Candidates; Students Lack Interest In Government Affairs; Historical Novel Fascinates Pupils; Boys Urged To Join Model Airplane Club.

Why small towns matter

By Becky McCray saveyourtown

People still ask me why small towns matter and whether rural areas have any future at all.

- 1) Agriculture and food production almost all happens in the rural places, and small towns are essential to the production, transportation and often the processing of our food.

From clean water and air, to wind and solar power, to mining and timber, so much of what we need to make our society possible comes from rural places.

3) Conservation and recreation of wildlife and our natural environment happens in rural areas. We all want wild places to enjoy, to nourish our health and mind.

4) Small towns grow strong people. Countless leaders and people who have changed the world for the better in all fields have credited their small town upbringing for their character and strength.

resourceful. We have a strong sense of community. We survive when things get tough. We're resilient. Rural places grow strong people.

5) Small towns and rural places are perfect for experimenting with new technology, learning how to implement and regulate it, long before it's practical to use in crowded cities.

drone deliveries right now, including mail, medicines and supplies. Driverless cars are facing growing pains in city testing, tying up traffic and worse.

Knowing that at least some small towns have a future, what are you doing to make sure your town is one of them?

Quote of the week "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." — Mother Teresa

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Thursday, October 1, 1931. The Kardinal Kronicle. Volume VI. Cows in School! North Side Grade News. Lincoln School. H. S. News. Staples graders started this year's football season with a smashing victory.



Speech team second at Little Falls

The Staples-Motley Speech Team placed second at the Little Falls Lucky Lindy speech tournament held Jan. 25 in Little Falls with 24 teams competing. Melrose placed first, SM second and Pequot Lakes third.

Earning awards at the meet were: Micah Larson, tied for 8th place, Creative Expression; Brooke Ferdon 6th and Jack Tyrell 7th in Discussion; Ari Brings, 2nd in Drama, 4th in Original Oratory and 3rd in Great Speeches; Alex Brings, 2nd in Great Speeches; Luke Bates tied for 7th in Humor; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, 1st in Duo; Samantha Mrazek 8th in Ext. Reading and 3rd in Prose; Caden Mrazek, 2nd in Humor and 8th in Storytelling; AJ Nienow, 5th in Humor; Lilly Niemi, 7th in Informative;

Katie Niemi, honorable mention in Poetry and Jacob Schmitz was recognized as Staples-Motley's top novice speaker.

Front row left to right: Brooke Ferdon, Ari Brings, Samantha Mrazek, Mason Birkholtz, Laken Hines, Emery Lorber; second row: Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, Zach McIlravy, Bel Birkholtz, Katie Niemi; back row: Brian Sams, Heather Sams, Alex Brings, Torri Nienow, Lilly Niemi, Jack Tyrell, Jonah Johnson, Ethan Gilbertson, AJ Nienow, Micah Larson, Jacob Schmitz. (Submitted photo)

The Cardinal Speech Team will host a home speech meet on Saturday, Feb. 8. The public is invited to attend and watch a variety of speeches throughout the day.

Friends of the Library set annual meeting

The Friends of the Staples Public Library will hold their annual meeting Monday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the library, 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The regular monthly meeting of the board will immediately follow the annual meeting.

Agenda items include the 2019 financial report, review of 2019 activities and acquisitions, election of board members and officers and setting goals for 2020.

The mission statement of the organization is: "to support and enhance the programs and services of the Staples Public Library."

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 218-894-1204.

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 5 - April 15.

No appointments needed.

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

The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.

'Move, Drop (everything), & Read' event Feb. 4, in Motley

Children ages 0 - eight and their families are invited to the annual 'Move, Drop (everything), & Read' event Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 6 - 7:15 p.m. at the Staples-Motley Early Education Center in Motley.

The fun-filled evening will include reading a story, followed by a number of activities including an obstacle course, parachute activities, songs and dance.

Sponsored by Staples-Motley Early

Childhood Family Education, this free event is being held in conjunction with 'I Love to Read Month.' As part of the celebration, each child/family will receive a free book.

The 'Move, Drop (everything), & Read' event provides an opportunity for parents to enjoy a special time with their child and to encourage building brain connections through reading and movement.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP Mtg third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Mtg first and third Thursday, 3

- 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Mtg first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LAKE COUNTRY ATV RIDERS MEET fourth Saturday, 11 a.m., Bear's Den in Leader. For info., 218-640-5679. Find them on Facebook.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP Mtg second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Mtg first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr, Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and

referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG second Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Republicans, or call 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE Mtg third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION Mtg second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY Mtg first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

January 29

GAME DAY AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Wed., Jan. 29, 1 - 3 p.m. Bring your favorite card/board game. Everyone welcome, refreshments served. Free. For info., 218-352-6466.

February 6

STAPLES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #70 Mtg Thurs., Feb. 6, 1 p.m., at Staples Lions building. Regular mtg., budget approval, memorial service for lost members. Bring calendars, stamps and one item from the Jan. or Feb. list needs for St. Cloud VA. Questions? Call 218-894-2254.

Cardinal Calendar Staples-Motley School events

January

• **MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR** Jan. 30, 3:15 - 7 p.m.

February

- **SNOW DAZE WEEK** Feb. 3 - 7
- **HS BAND CONCERT, GRADES 9 - 12** Feb. 3
- **HOME SPEECH MEET** Feb. 8
- **MMEA A CAPELLA CHOIR PERFORMANCE** Feb. 14
- **NATIONAL FFA WEEK** Feb. 15-22
- **DFS (DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS) KICKOFF NIGHT FOR SENIORS** Feb. 19
- **MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH** Feb. 20, Centennial Auditorium, 8 a.m.
- **DISTRICT SPELLING BEE** Feb. 20, 1 p.m., Centennial Auditorium
- **HER VOICE HER SONG CONCERT** Feb. 22
- **ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Feb. 24
- **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST** Feb. 26, at SM

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

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Matinees Sat. & Sun. Feb. 1 & 2 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3: **"DOLITTLE"**
Held Over 3rd Week!
Fri. thru Thurs. Jan. 31 - Feb. 6
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinees Sat. & Sun. Feb. 1 & 2 at 1:30 pm

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STAPLES-MOTLEY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Open House rescheduled to **Friday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.** Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria.

Reminder: Pins will be available for last spring's inductees. If unable to attend this event, please have a family member pick yours up.

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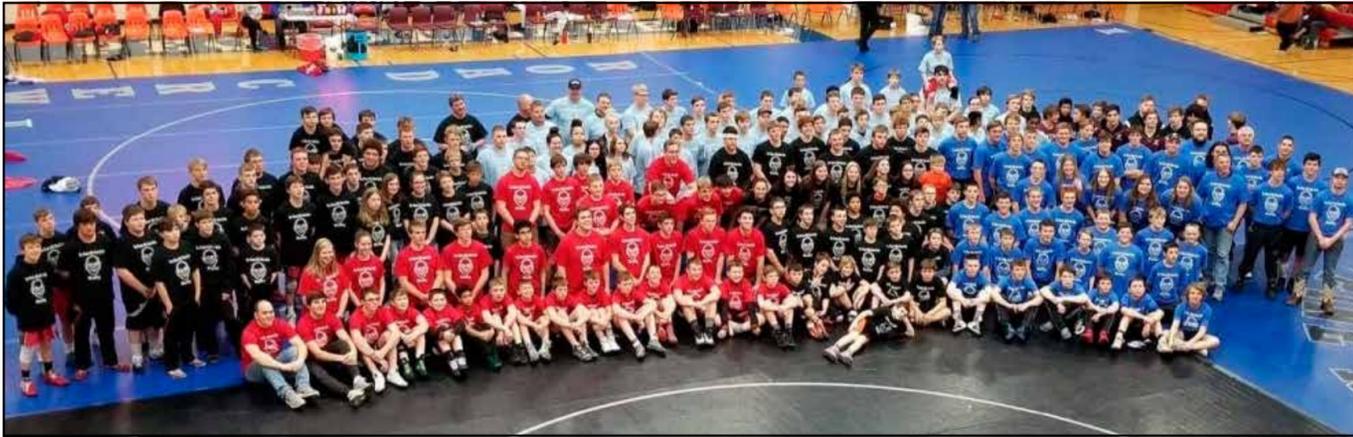
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Entire Mid State Conference comes together to honor former coach Don Dravis

The Mid State Conference Tournament was renamed the Don Dravis Mid State Duals, after former Staples-Motley coach passed away in November. "We had a wonderful tribute to Don Dravis," said Staples-Motley Coach Mark Carlson. All the

conference teams honored Dravis's legacy in wrestling by wearing tournament shirts with his image on them. (Submitted photos)

Bjerga named outstanding wrestler

Owen Bjerga was named the Most Valuable Wrestler at the Mid State Conference duals meet on Jan. 24, as he led the Staples-Motley wrestling team to two wins in their five dual matches.

This year the conference tournament was named after former Staples-Motley coach Don Dravis, and was wrestled in a dual meet format, with each team facing each other team.

The two Cardinal wins were 50-24 against Park Rapids and 43-12 against Crosby-Ironton. The team lost to Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 55-15, to Detroit Lakes 68-11 and to Aitkin 54-24.

"Overall, we wrestled okay, but have a lot of work to do yet in order to peak in February," said Coach Mark Carlson. "We are all

collectively working hard at every level to ensure the program is heading in the right direction and blazing a trail for more success, team building, and personal growth."

Wrestling at 160 and 170 pounds, Bjerga was 5-0 in the five dual matches, earning falls or forfeits in every match.

Joining Bjerga as all conference was Logen Weite, who went 4-1 at the 152/160 weight classes. Will Danilyuk won three matches at 138 pounds but lost two close matches by one point each, just missing out on all conference.

Sam Jennissen, at 152/160, had two wins and one loss, both wins by fall. Conner Dobson had three wins in his five matches. "Conner already has nine

more wins than last year and is following our motto of getting one percent better each day," said Carlson.

"Dalton Wells (126) went 3-2 with a couple nice wins," said Carlson.

The coach said it was notable what Emmitt and Cole Winkels are doing in their first year of wrestling. At the conference meet, Emmitt (195) "had two big wins and is getting better every day," said Carlson. Wrestling at heavyweight, "Cole had two wins with a pin against the Aitkin heavyweight to end the day," said Carlson. "Another first year wrestler, Alex Giza (182), is on the verge of doing some really good things in wrestling and is gaining valuable experience."

Girls basketball wins one before close loss

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team broke out in the second half to beat Aitkin 66-35 on Jan. 23, then the next night played at Park Rapids and stayed close to the conference leaders but ended up losing 65-54.

The girls will continue their busiest stretch of the season, in which they will play seven games in eleven days. The Cardinals play two early games this week, at Browerville and against Rocori, then go to Detroit Lakes Thursday, Jan. 30 and play Perham on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Moorhead. They come home to play Osakis on Monday, Feb. 3.

Open court

Lauren Rutten weaves through the defense on a fast break.



Youth wrestlers win Cloquet tournament

The little Cardinals did it again this weekend and took first at the Buzz Saw Duals Tournament in Cloquet. Staples-Motley beat North Shore 55-12, Pierz 43-30 and then Foley 32-30 in the finals. Pictured, front row from left, Maxx Carlson, Brennan Sonenstahl (manager), Beau Carlson, Gage Bjerga, Luke Bjerga, Garrett Bjerga, Jayden Rogers

and Camrick Tappe; standing, Jackson Odden, Coach Dan Bjerga, Justin Olson, Eli Greenwaldt, Liam Jennissen, Riley Reese, Turner Beachy, Bennett Sonenstahl, Cooper Tappe, Adrian Gomez, Charles Simkins, Tauren Weishair, Andrew Dobson, Zach Tabbatt, Coach Chris Dobson. (Submitted photo)

Athletic Hall of Fame event rescheduled for Feb. 7

The Grand Opening Celebration of the new Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Library will be on Friday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria. There is a girls basketball game that night, and the event will take place before the varsity game. The previous event scheduled was cancelled by a snowstorm.

Cookies and refreshments will be served. The 2019 Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame library inductee plaques will be unveiled, and SM Athletic Hall of Fame lapel pins will be awarded to 2019

inductees. This event will also launch the 2020 SM Athletic Hall of Fame nomination process. As an added feature, all 28 state championship tournament trophies will be displayed. The SM Athletic Hall of Fame library will be located adjacent to the concession area of the Staples-Motley competition gym. Make plans to be a part of this historic event, honoring the journey of the Staples-Motley athletic legacy, and make every effort to forward this announcement inviting friends and family to help celebrate.

Cardinals push game to final minutes

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost three games, to Browerville 61-54 on Jan. 21, at Aitkin 74-42 on Jan. 23 and at Park Rapids 73-40 on Jan. 24.

Against Browerville, the Cardinals started out playing good defense but missed a lot of their own inside shots. Later in the first half they suffered from turnovers, but still were able to stay within four at halftime, 18-22. Despite missing more layups to start the second half, the Cardinals came back and tied the game when Isaac Christoffersen and Izaiah DeMars made three pointers and Isaiah Schultz made two free throws. They took a lead at 40-39 on Adam Oberlander's three pointer and the two teams traded scores until it was 45-45 in the final minutes. But Browerville made free throws and a three pointer. Sivert Klefsaas scored three late baskets and added three free throws to keep the five point margin.

Aitkin is an improved conference opponent, and the Cardinals tired out playing at Park Rapids on the second night of back to back games. Schultz was the leading scorer with 11 points at Park Rapids.

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team started a new pre-game tradition, inviting any K-6 youth basketball players to line up and high five the players during the introduction of the starting lineup. "If you are in attendance in the future, be sure to send your



Strong to the basket

Sivert Klefsaas splits the defense and swoops in for a basket. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

youth Cardinal basketball player down to the floor right before the anthem so they can join us for our starting lineup intros," said Coach Nick Doll.

Team results

Staples-Motley 54, Browerville 61

Scoring: Isaac Christoffersen 17, Sivert Klefsaas 17,

Izaiah DeMars 5, Ben Olander 5, Issac Kronenberg 4, Adam Oberlander 3, Isaiah Schultz 2, Max Strickland 1

Aitkin we lost 74-42. Staples-Motley 42, Aitkin 74

Scoring: Klefsaas 13, Strickland 10, Schultz 6, Olander 5, Kronenberg 2, Oberlander 2, Chandler Braith 2, Ryan Wick 1, DeMars 1



Down to the final points

Staples-Motley youth wrestlers and Coach Dan Bjerga share the intensity of the final match of the Cloquet Buzz Saw Duals. (Submitted photo)

Wildlife combat winter weather

For most wild creatures, survival is an hour-by-hour, day-in-and-day-out, lifelong challenge. In the wild there is no social safety net, no food shelf, no retirement in which the struggle eases during "golden years." Instincts and a creature's unique physical adaptations to its world help it survive. When these fail or fall short, that creature is on borrowed time.

The degree of survival difficulty is even greater for those that live in climates as harsh as Minnesota's can be in winter. There are coping mechanisms that make survival possible. The most obvious is to flee when conditions are at their worst. Migration is necessary for birds that depend on open water to survive, like ducks, geese, swans and others. The same is true for many kinds of songbirds, which some individual exceptions proving the rule, are not well enough adapted to the scarce food resources found here in winter.

The first law of winter survival for wild creatures is to balance their energy needs with the food energy available to them. One way is to conserve energy, to make the food that fuels their metabolism stretch as far as it can. Reducing loss of body heat is one effective way to do this.

The hair in a whitetail deer's dense coat is hollow, trapping air in a manner much like the trapping of air between minute down feathers in a winter coat. The trapped air slows the transfer of heat away from the whitetail's body, just as it slows the loss of our own body heat when we wear a down jacket or crawl into a down-filled sleeping bag.

Ruffed grouse can reduce their energy output by using the wintry environment itself to slow heat loss from their well-feathered bodies. When there's deep snow, as there is in a winter like this one, ruffed grouse may spend much of the 24-hour cycle, the hours not abroad searching for food, hunkered under that snowy blanket.

They'll burrow down beneath the snow's surface, when snow is especially deep, some have reported grouse entering the snow in a shallow airborne dive, which seems a risky flight maneuver. The temperature difference under the snow compared to topside can be great. The temperature in a grouse's "snow cave" is said to rarely drop below 20 degrees above zero and is often significantly warmer, even when the air temperature is below zero.

Canines that live outdoors in the North, the Eastern gray wolf, for example, will grow a thicker layer of underfur as additional insulation to retain body heat and protect them from winter's cold. The same is true of other members of the wild dog family, the fox and coyote. When the weather moderates, and the additional insulation is no longer needed, this thick underfur will be shed, sometimes making the ani-

mal's fur visibly ragged in appearance.

Those who own hunting dogs - particularly "outdoor dogs" that spend much of their lives in a kennel - will see a change in their dog's coat in winter, too, with a thicker underfur not unlike their wild canine relatives. Those of us whose dogs are indoors year-round will generally not see the same degree of underfur growth and seasonal shedding.

There's a much more dramatic adaptation employed by some wild creatures to maintain that critical energy balance in winter. Rather than merely insulate themselves from the heat and energy-robbing cold of our winters, some dramatically reduce their body's energy demands. They do this by sleeping and substantially slowing down their metabolism. Some go into the deepest of sleeps, a state we know as hibernation, a response not only to winter's cold, but also to the reduced availability of food.

Black bears are true hibernators. To see a black bear in its prime fur pelt one might imagine it to be well-equipped to survive a frigid Minnesota winter. But consider the bear's diet, a significant part of which is made up of roots, berries, nuts, grubs and other insects, carrion and things that are less available in winter. While bears will eat some hapless wild creatures, particularly those young and vulnerable, they are not proficient predators in the same class with wolves. Wolves can subsist primarily on deer and other small mammals though a Minnesota winter; a black bear is not so equipped. Thus it hibernates.

While some hibernators' body temperatures can drop to just above true freezing, bats for example, a black bear's body temperature only drops by about 10 to 15 degrees. Nevertheless, it's a state of true hibernation, with a lower heart rate, constricted blood vessels, reduced breathing rate and lower consumption of oxygen.

Some hibernators, like woodchucks, must rouse occasionally during winter to feed briefly and "relieve themselves." But a black bear in the coldest northern environments can remain in its den for six months or more, neither feeding nor eliminating waste in all that time; this latter circumstance would be fatal to many creatures. Unlike some rodents, ground squirrels, for example, sleep so deeply in hibernation that they can be handled without awakening, a black bear is close enough to consciousness that it can be roused and leave its den if seriously disturbed.

Despite a black bear's many months of inactivity in hibernation, it does not emerge from its den in the spring with weakened muscles and degraded bone structure, as most other creatures would. Rather, a black bear leaves its den strong and healthy, a fact that biologists and medical professionals find remarkable.

Unlike humans, which more often than not, cope with winter's extremes via their thermostats or by throwing another log on the fire, wild creatures must rely on instinct and the adaptations that have made them the truest of winter survivors.



Layup

Above, Ben Olander scores over the Browerville defense.



Strong left

Addison Lorber puts up a left handed shot against Aitkin.

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Students enjoying Sacred Heart education

Sacred Heart Area School students gather in front of their school for a group photo. (Submitted photo)

Million dollar fundraiser returns to Sacred Heart

The Catholic Schools Raffle returns this winter to Sacred Heart in Staples, giving the opportunity to turn \$5 into a brand new car or \$20,000 in cash while supporting the local Catholic school.

Starting Jan. 17, students from Sacred Heart are joining students from 89 other schools across Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in selling the tickets. Each ticket purchased gives ticket buyers the opportunity to win a 2020 Buick Encore (or \$20,000 in cash), or other prizes totaling \$40,000 in value. Every penny of every ticket sold stays at Sacred Heart thanks to the Raffle's sole sponsor, Catholic United Financial. The St. Paul-based company provides all the prizes and promotion materials for the Raffle at no cost to the participating schools.

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Ticket sales began January 17 and run through March 1. Tickets are only available at participating schools. The Grand Prize drawing ceremony takes place on Thursday, March 12 at the Catholic United Financial Home Office in St. Paul. Raffle updates and a full list of participating schools can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle.

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Student Achievements

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JENNIFER DOLEZAL, Staples; KIARA STORRY, Staples; CHARLES TESTER, Staples. ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY, has announced its 2019 Fall Semester Dean's List.

KRYSTAL YODER, Motley; JACE ENGELMANN, Pillager; JACOB SIEFKES, Pillager; SUSAN MARTE, Staples; SHELBY SMITH, Staples. MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, with campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena, has announced

its 2019 Fall graduates list. Local students who graduated include:

ANNA BLOOMQUIST, Motley, Cosmetology; ROBERT KING, Pillager, Cisco Networking; ZACHARY DEMARS, Staples, Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Obituaries

Robert Pederson

Robert (Bob) Pederson, 89, of Apple Valley, passed away, December 26, 2019, at the U of MN Medical Center, Twin Cities.

A visitation will be held Fri., February 28, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a time of sharing at 7:00 p.m. at Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel, Edina.

Robert Pederson was born October 11, 1930 to John and Ellen (Larson) Pederson in Thosastown Township, Wadena County, Minnesota. Robert attended country school, District 9 and graduated from Verndale High School. He worked on the family farm until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force serving four years. He was stationed in France for 35 months during the Korean War, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. Following his honorable discharge he returned to Staples. Bob married Elvina (Ellie) Elless of Staples on May 31, 1958 at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. He worked at the Staples Post Office for 33 years, first as a Clerk, then Assistant Postmaster and served as the Postmaster for 19 years. He retired in 1989 and they moved to Apple Valley in 1993. He was a member of



Faith Covenant Church in Burnsville; a former member of both the Thosastown Covenant Church and Staples Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

Bob is survived by two daughters, Joy (Brian) Ellsworth of Lakeville and Vicki (Ross) Wunder of Prior Lake; four grandsons, Zakkari (Lisa) and Dominik Wunder; Tyler and Michael Ellsworth; one brother, Jim Pederson of Duluth; one sister, Betty (Ted) Radcliffe of Little Canada and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellie, of 60 years; three brothers, Donald, Charles and Lawrence; one sister, Doris and his parents.

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Allen Dirks

Allen "Bud" Dirks, 80, of Hewitt passed away with family by his side, on Friday, January 24, 2020, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 3, at the United Methodist Church in Hewitt, with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

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

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Bernard "Butchie" Butcher, III

July 11, 1987 - Jan. 21, 2020

Bernard "Butchie" Butcher III, 32, Buhl, died January 21, at Essentia St. Mary's Medical Center.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Fri., Feb. 7, at Taylor-Life Event Center in Brainerd. Visitation will continue from 1 to 2

p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Sat., Feb. 8, at the event center. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Atkins-Northland Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cloquet.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Nicole and Timothy Schmidt of Randall, a baby girl, Lyra Quinn weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on January 29, 2020.

Born to Beth and Jake Rahn of Burtrum, a baby boy, Maverick Dale weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on January 21, 2020.

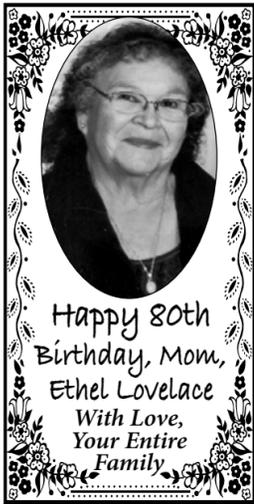
Born to Amber and William MacLaughlin of Perham, a baby boy, Finn William weighing five pounds, 12 ounces on 2020.

Born to Rachel and Rudy Patnode of Brainerd, a baby boy, Leo Everett weighing seven pounds nine ounces on January 21, 2020.

Born to Kelly and Trent Fisher of Backus, a baby girl, Sadie Michele weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on January 22, 2020.

Born to Caitlin and James Brichacek of Browerville, a baby boy, Nathan Bradley weighing six pounds, seven ounces on January 22, 2020.

Born to Emily and Matthew Schettler of Little Falls, a baby girl, Lily Ann weighing six pounds, eight ounces on January 22, 2020.



Happy 80th Birthday, Mom, Ethel Lovelace With Love, Your Entire Family

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples... 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Discipleship Classes... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer... 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY

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.

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

Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples... 218-894-1546 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.

Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples... 218-894-2296 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 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship... 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School... 9:30 a.m.

Thosastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples... 218-894-3923 218-894-3923 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... 701-261-2394 (cell) Eric Clapp... 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.org Sunday Worship... 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast... 11:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing... 218-575-2449 www.lincolnelfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad 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... 320-749-2583 Pastor Dan Holmes... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study... 7:30 p.m.

Leader Swan Valley Lutheran 218-397-2470 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.net 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 Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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. Celebrate Recovery... 6-8 p.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.

"The Big Three"

Rev. Donald Reigstad, Senior Pastor, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

Some time ago, a journalist hit upon a novel idea to write a book. He wondered if it was possible to keep all the commands of the Old Jewish Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). He confirmed what others had discovered: There are 613 separate commands. Wow! It would take a real effort just to remember them all. But he was determined to follow every command from not shaving your sideburns nor wearing clothes of mixed fabrics to not eating prohibited foods nor participating in drugs. He did this for an entire year and reached a less than startling conclusion at the end of the year - IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!!

He should have read the prophet Micah before he tried to tackle the Torah. Micah asked the question every human needs to ask (8:6): "What does the Lord, who made heaven and earth - and me, what does the Lord require of me?"

Micah discovered and tells us that the Lord requires just three things of us. (Only three because the Messiah, God's Son, would cover the rest for us.) The "big three" are:

- Do justice
•Love kindness
•Walk humbly with your God.

I think, by God's grace, I can do that. Just three.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN 218-894-3794

Staples World Your community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 218-894-1112

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Advertisement for Staples World newspaper featuring a crossword puzzle and a cartoon character. Text includes: "we're still the one... who can spell it out." and "81% of readers agree community newspapers are easy to navigate." Source: Center for Advanced Social Research.



NOTICE SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID(S) STAPLES-MOTLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL UPDATES

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the School District of Staples-Motley, to the attention of Shane Tappe, Superintendent, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, Minnesota 56479 and immediately publicly opened and read aloud, for the Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades project.

The Project consists of mechanical and electrical upgrades at the Staples-Motley Elementary and High School buildings.

Staples-Motley High School: The work includes, but is not limited to the following: removal and replacement of ceilings, structural reinforcement and support pads, replacement of fan coil units with a rooftop unit, replacement of perimeter radiation, addition of variable air volume boxes and variable frequency drives to three existing systems, and replacement of pneumatic controls with digital controls.

Staples-Motley Elementary School: The work includes, but is not limited to the following: replacement of makeup air system at wood and metal shops, replacement of dust collection recovery system at wood shop, new welding/metal shop fume collection recovery system, and improvements to the electrical system at the metals/welding lab. Alternates scopes of work at the Elementary School consist of fire protection sprinkling system and window replacement.

A pre-bid meeting for all interested bidders will be held on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** Meet at the Staples-Motley District office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds and Prevailing Wages are applicable to this Project. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/submission to the Advertisement for Bids shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

The Owner reserves the right to reject a bid which

is in any way incomplete, irregular, or to waive informalities or irregularities in the bid received. The Owner also reserves the right to reject a bid that is within the Owner's judgment to be in the Owner's best interest.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after bid opening without written consent of the Owner.

All questions are to be directed to Ryan Thorson with LHB via email at ryan.thorson@lhbcorp.com. All questions must be submitted in written form via email. Questions are due by 10:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, February 7, 2020.

Interested parties may view Bidding Information, Quest Project #6685670 at no cost on the LHB website: <http://www.lhbcorp.com/> and click on "Q" icon located in the upper right corner. Bidding Documents can be downloaded for a non-refundable charge of \$25.00. Planholders are parties that have downloaded the plans and specifications. Planholders will be notified via email as addenda are issued. Parties that download the plans and specifications and need to have them printed are solely responsible for those printing costs. The sale of paper copies for projects listed on this site is not available. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with viewing or downloading this digital project information.

Bidding documents will be available on January 30, 2020.

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE SCHEDULE HEARING

Notice to the Public: on **Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN, the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will hold a Fee Schedule Hearing to solicit public input in order to determine the 2020 Correctional Fee Schedule for Todd-Wadena Community Corrections.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
4-6pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall following the regular meeting. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
5-6pnc

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 20
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

The annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10 at 3 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. Board of Equalization meeting TBD by Cass County.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township
5-6pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY MEETING

The Fawn Lake Township will hold its regular monthly meeting one week early in February: **Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at 7 p.m.**

The Board of Audit will be held immediately following the Feb. meeting. For questions contact the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
4-5pnc

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery will hold their annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck,
Secretary
5-6pnc

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

Mark Strom,
Secretary
5-6pnc

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

The following is a list of May Township (Cass County) Board of Supervisor meeting dates for the year 2020. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

- January 13, 2020
- February 10, 2020
- March 9, 2020
- March 10, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING
- April 13, 2020
- May 11, 2020
- June 8, 2020
- June 22, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- July 13, 2020
- July 27, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- August 10, 2020
- August 24, 2020 (second meeting: road maintenance, etc.)
- September 14, 2020
- October 12, 2020
- November 9, 2020
- December 14, 2020

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
5-6pnc

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On-Line: \$37

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2017 NNA Community Newspaper Readership Survey



SQUARE SHOOTER

DEADLINE
Square Shooter advertising deadline:
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Staples World

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- Newspapers are available free to everyone at community libraries.
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Statistics based on July & September 2011 surveys conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism. Response rate was 42.5%. Error margin of plus or minus 5%.



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102 In Memory	302 Lawn/Garden	REAL ESTATE
103 Lost & Found	303 Hay/Straw/Feed/Seed	601 Wanted to Rent
104 Give Away	304 Livestock	602 Apartments for Rent
106 Personals	305 Pets	603 Houses for Rent
107 Notices	306 Sporting Goods	604 Commercial for Rent
SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT	307 Household	605 Mobile Homes for Rent
201 Business Opportunities	308 Musical	606 Land for Rent
202 Childcare Providers	309 Miscellaneous	607 Houses for Sale
203 Childcare Wanted	310 Health/Beauty	608 Farms for Sale
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All advertising copy is subject to the approval of the general manager. We will not accept ads from anyone with a past due account.

Regarding sex or age preference in help wanted advertising in accordance with the rules adopted by the Civil Rights Commission, the Staples World, Sunday Square Shooter and Heartland Market cannot accept help wanted advertising copy which in any way expresses a sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement unless the advertiser files an affidavit with the newspaper justifying the sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement.

All real estate and rental advertising in these publications is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which made it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin or any intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination." These publications will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or rental which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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501 Miscellaneous
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REAL ESTATE
601 Wanted To Rent
DEER HUNTING LAND around Staples. Don Slagter: 320-444-4881 or email dcslagter@gmail.com. c13-5p

602 Apartments for Rent
STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

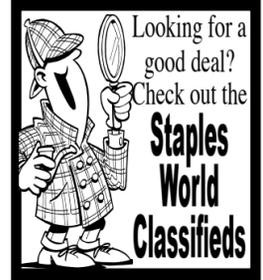
Eastwood Inn - MOTEL/WADENA: Monthly rooms available. Inquire at: 218-352-6386. 5c

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The "great escape" at the Staples Library Continues through February

The "A Team" managed to escape the Ski Lodge Escape Room at the Staples Public Library recently. Participants have 45 minutes to escape and the group that escapes in the shortest amount of time will win a pizza party at Tower Pizza in Staples.

The "A Team" escaped in 38:18 minutes - which is the time to beat. If you've never participated in an escape room this is your opportunity; it's free and fun. The object of an escape room is figuring out the clues in order to escape.

In the ski lodge, put the clues together, unlock various combination locks and free the cardinal from the bird cage in the quickest amount of time. The great escape event continues Thursdays and Fridays through February at the library.

The escape room runs simultaneously with the Winter Reading Program for teens and adult. Participants can read for fun prizes including the top prize of a \$25 gift card.



The "A" Team holds the time to beat

Everyone who reads at least 10 days in January and February will have a chance to win a prize.

Programs are sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. The FOL are also offering two \$25 gift cards to a local business

of the winner's choice for either registering for a card or referring someone to get a card.

"This is an awesome time to come to the Staples library and take advantage of our great programs and resources," said Cathy

Perish, Library Services Coordinator, Great River Regional Library. "Stop by the library for details on these and other programs."

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What is Cardinal Chat?

By Kalee Winter and Brooklyn Winter, grade 4

Mrs. Johnson, our Staples-Motley Elementary Principal, is starting a program called Cardinal Chat. She has set time aside for the second Wednesday of every month, from 8-9 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. She is holding these chats to make the school even better.

Cardinal Chats will take place in the principal's office. Mrs. Johnson hopes that many parents will come in every month and talk about making the school better. She will have donuts and coffee



in the mornings, and cheese and crackers with lemonade in the evenings. If you want to come, you can walk into the office between 8-9 a.m and 2-3 p.m. It will make her very happy.

Winter sports mid season update

By Kyanna Burton, grade 8

In the middle school, we love sports and during the winter season there is basketball, wrestling and hockey.

Basketball started in November and will end around March. The 5th grade basketball boys have not had a tournament yet, but they have been going to practices. 5th grade girls also have not had a tournament recently. 6th grade basketball boys had a great season last year and we're hoping for a great season this year as well. 6th grade girls basketball are doing very well.

The 7th grade boys basketball team has had around six games and won five. 7th grade girls had a loss against Park Rapids on the home court, and had an away tournament against C-I and Brainerd. They also won a home game against Aitkin.

The 8th grade boys basketball had about 7 games. "I like basketball because it's competitive," says Keller Anderson. The 8th grade girls basketball team had a tournament in Brainerd against C-I



7th grader Griffin Judd is ready to grab a rebound. (Photo by Kyanna Burton)

and Brainerd. They also had a loss at home against Park Rapids. They won a game against Aitkin on the 20th.

There are four 8th grade wrestlers (Blake Neelan, Caden Dobson, Andrew Salcido, Deven Kadus). They have had three meets and have 11 more to go. The 7th grade wrestlers had about

five meets and they have 11 more meets and they include Axel Mertins, Jacob Becker, Stephen Petrich, Dylan Lawrence, Skylar Self.

We only have a few hockey players and they practice in Wadena.

We have a lot of fun playing these sports and we hope that the seasons end well.

Student art



Simple Snowman by Addisyn Cichos, Squishy Pineapple by Ellie Moulton, and Precious Present by Nicole Beach. Sculptures from Amanda Toft's 8th grade art class.

Favorite winter activities

By Sabina Moe, grade 8

What do you like to do during the winter? Well, I put out a google form to the 5th-8th grade students to find out. I found out that 20% of students that took the quiz said they liked everything winter related, 12% chose snowmobiling, 16% chose sleeping

in, 10% chose ice fishing, 8% chose sledding, 7% chose downhill skiing, 6% chose ice skating, 3% chose baking holiday food and 18% chose other things such as playing in the snow, playing sports, being lazy and more.

I also talked to some staff about what they like to do. Mr. Opelia says he likes to be lazy

in the man cave, the library ladies like to read books by the fireplace, and Mrs. Vangness says she likes to pull her kids in a sled around the neighborhood. So, winter is a very fun and enjoyable time for students and staff in grades 5-8.

Opinion

Motley vs. Staples, a perspective from a middle school transplant

By Jade Story, grade 7

Wow. What a change. Here at the Staples-Motley High School quite a few things are different than at the Motley-Staples Middle School. For one, it is in Staples and not Motley. Another difference would be the amount of people. There are so many students here all crammed into the tiny school. The hallways are always so crowded. The classroom sizes are much smaller, too.

Some positive things are more options for electives. There are high school teachers that can teach different electives that weren't available at the middle school. For example, Mr. Ramstad has a class called Make It Happen. In that class, students learn about landscaping, food science and much more. There are also electives with Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Larson and more.

There is more gym space for physical education. I asked a student why he likes the bigger gym and he said "I like having a bigger gym for gym class, because there is more room to do stuff and it's easier to be more productive."

Another plus is the cafeteria. The cafeteria is bigger here in Staples, so instead of splitting grades in half, we can fit two grades in there at a time for lunch. Plus, there are more options for lunch. There is a la carte and the salad bar in addition to hot lunch. Last year at the middle school there wasn't a salad bar. At the la carte they have ice cream, burgers, chicken nuggets, a variety of drinks and much more.

I asked a student what her favorite part of lunch is and she said "I like a la carte because there are many options, instead of one choice." Mrs. Vangness says the salad bar is amazing. "I love having a fresh option for lunch here on sight," she said.

Poetry

Mr. Man

If I were to have any power,
I would definitely travel through time.
I would jump between seconds and hours,
Dressed in all purple and lime.
If I were to bend any minute,
I would need an alternative name.
If I were to help the unfortunate,
My Idea at first sounds pretty lame.
My name will not be "the insaner"
Not anything simple like Stan.
Not "clockguy" or the "cause painer,"
I'm thinking more like Mr. Man.
But that means I could access the future,
I could utilize unheard of tech.
Some cool stuff for my grand adventure,
So nothing's a pain in the neck.
But it could be even more epic
If I could fix things in the past.
All the things that made the world hectic
No matter if it did not last.
Just think:
"Mr. Man brings back long-extinct flowers"
"Mr. Man reveals world-ending clan"
"Dude helped by guy with cool powers"
But only if I become Mr. Man.

By Gabriel Ritter, grade 8

SMES Students of the Month

"Bucket Fillers" named as students of the Month at Staples-Motley Elementary School were:

Leah Nelson, Zeva Kriesel, Makenna Lang, Kaitlynn Dahlvang, Makenna Warner, Spencer Olsen, Ryan Heifort, Lukas Jares, Charlie Maros, Jayden Wilson

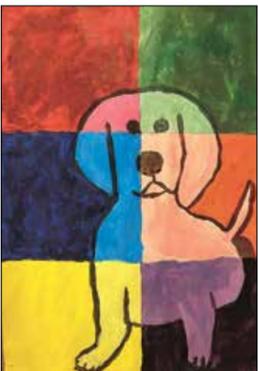
Poetry

You Comfort Me

My mind is alone in an empty world
A round ball of tissue
Surrounded by blackness.
It sits there facing downward
Working itself away
Unaccompanied.
Till warmth presses on my back
It tears me from the darkness
And I sit there for a moment
As my breathing starts to steady...

By Vernoica Dodge, grade 8

Student art



From left, Slimey Lava by Kyra Wolpert, Da Doggo by Walker Johnson and Brilliant Basketball by Andy Paklonsky. Paintings from Amanda Toft's art class, grades 5/6.



February 2020 District Happenings

Day	Event	Location
3-7	Snow Daze Week	HS & MS
3	HS Band Concert	HS Centennial Auditorium
4	7/8 Girls BB game	HS Main Gym
	3's Class Back in Session	S-M Early Ed. Center
	ECFE Drop Everything & Read	S-M Early Ed. Center
5	MMEA Dress Rehearsal Performance	HS Centennial Auditorium
6	Elementary Book Fair	Elementary Gym
	HS Girls BB v. Frazee	HS Main Gym
7	Elementary Book Fair	Elementary Gym
	7/8 + HS Girls BB v. Pequot Lakes	HS Main Gym
	Athletic Hall of Fame Grand Opening	HS Cafeteria
8	Speech Invitational	High School
9	Swing Kings Baseball Clinic	HS Gym South
10	NO SCHOOL	
	ECFE Jumpin' in the Gym	S-M Early Ed. Center
	Elementary Book Fair	Elementary Gym
11	Tentative Wrestling Sectionals	HS Main Gym
	7/8 + HS Boys BB v. Crosby/Ironton	HS Gyms
	Elementary Book Fair	Elementary Gym
	Knowledge Bowl Varsity Meet	CLC Staples
12	Elementary Book Fair - Final Day	Elementary Gym
	FFA Leadership Rally	CLC Staples
	Cardinal Chat	Elementary Office
13	Boys BB v. D/G/F	HS Main Gym
14	Knowledge Bowl MS Meet	CLC Staples
	7/8 + HS Girls BB v. Crosby/Ironton	HS Gyms
15	5/6 Girls BB Tournament	HS Gyms
16-22	National FFA Week	HS
16	Swing Kings Baseball Clinic	HS Gym South
	K-6 Wrestling Team Tournament	HS Main Gym
17	NO SCHOOL	
18	HS Boys BB v. Bagley	HS Main Gym
19	Dollars for Scholars Kick Off Night	HS Media Center
20	District Spelling Bee	HS Centennial Auditorium
	HS Girls BB v. Osakis	HS Main Gym
21	7/8 + HS Boys BB v. Aitkin	HS Gyms
23	Swing Kings Baseball Clinic	HS Gym South
24	7-12 Orchestra Concert	HS Centennial Auditorium
26	Band Concert (large group contest)	HS Centennial Auditorium
27	HS Boys BB v. Long Prairie/Grey Eagle	HS Main Gym
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