



Happy Valentine's Day 2020

First grade students at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples created valentine heart figures to share. Above: Emily Becker, Brynn Stevens, Ali Reese, Gabby Schoon, Mavis Haehnel, Katie Hoppe, Zane Leach, Bentley Pettit, Reed Leach, Ryker Pesta. Not pictured: Lane Laney. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

Feb. 12	19°	1°	P. Cloudy
Feb. 13	9	-6	P. Sunny
Feb. 14	10	3	P. Cloudy
Feb. 15	14	3	Snow
Feb. 16	17	1	
Feb. 17	16	1	P. Cloudy
Feb. 18	17	7	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2019

Feb. 12	20°	10°	Snow
Feb. 13	25	2	Cloudy
Feb. 14	21	1	Cloudy
Feb. 15	2	-4	Sunny
Feb. 16	20	-6	Cloudy
Feb. 17	24	12	Cloudy
Feb. 18	21	9	Sunny

Average Temp.:
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Total snow: 49"

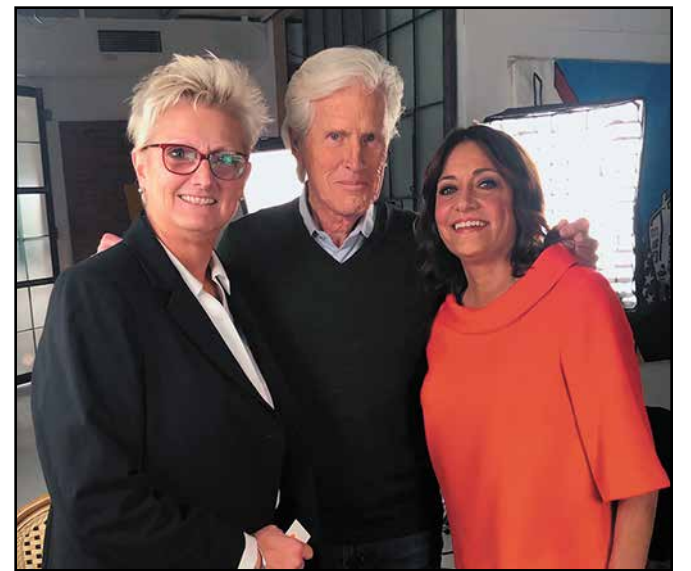
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Entrepreneur conference coming to Staples

The city of Staples has been approved to host the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities conference Sept. 10-11. The conference is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension and pulls together entrepreneurs for two days of learning about opportunities. The conference has a unique format in which breakout sessions are held in different buildings around the community, and attendees are encour-

aged to walk around the town. The application to host the conference was submitted by Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher and LEAP Marketing Coordinator Renee Kroll. The event was discussed at the Staples Economic Development Authority meeting on Jan. 28. Radermacher said "This will be a chance to promote what we have and what we don't have." She gave an

example of doing a vacant building tour during the conference. "Maybe some entrepreneurs could come and see the space we have and find a way to fill it." Mayor Chris Etzler said while this is a great opportunity for Staples, the city has the capacity to host more events. "This is something we can start to do, throw our name in the hat to do more of this kind of thing."



Local connection to NBC Dateline's upcoming show

Kyra (Odden) Quast (above left) of Staples is pictured with Keith Morrison (center) correspondent for Dateline NBC; and Cheryl (Vallow) Wheeler of Austin, Texas, at the NBC studio in New York City, following the taping of a two-hour episode scheduled to air Friday, Feb. 14. Quast shared that the episode is diving into the unbelievable story about the deaths of Charles Vallow (her long-time friend) and others, and two children who have been missing since September of 2019. "Charles Vallow was a friend that I met over 30 years ago in Texas," Quast shared via text. "He and Cheryl were married not long after I met Charles. We were the best of friends and we were very involved in each other's lives," she said, adding that their children were about the same age. Charles and Cheryl later divorced, but remained on good terms. On July 11, 2019, Charles was murdered, allegedly by his brother-in-law of current estranged wife, Lori. This event started a trail of bizarre events, including more deaths and the two missing children mentioned above: seven-year-old J. J. Vallow and 17-year-old Tylee Ryan. Quast, who offered resources, legal guidance and support for Cheryl, was flown out to New York City by NBC. Pictured below at a restaurant following the show's taping are, from left, Larry and Kay (Vallow) Woodcock, Cheryl (Vallow) Wheeler, Kyra (Odden) Quast; and Dateline producer Meade Jorgensen. (Submitted photos)



Stomping Grounds recognized on KSTP

The Stomping Grounds in Staples was recently selected as one of the five best coffee shops in Minnesota by Mike Marcotte, senior producer of KSTP television's 'Twin Cities Live' and 'Give Me the Mike,' Exploring Minnesota and Beyond. Marcotte noted that after counting thousands of votes, he visited the spots selected as the five best coffee shops in Minnesota.

Lindsey Hirschey, owner of Stomping Grounds, said she was shocked when she received the message from Marcotte that her shop in Staples was one of the top five. Marcotte and his crew visited the Stomping Grounds on Jan. 25. Marcotte ordered the Iced Toasted Salted Caramel Latte; and his colleague, the iced Nutty Irish Latte. In addition to enjoying their drinks, Marcotte was complimentary of the space itself, with its bright, inspiring colors and unique decorations, including a bicycle that's mounted on the wall along with a net filled with vintage coffee cans.

Hirschey noted there were 213 coffee shops that had received votes, many of them in urban areas, so she was very honored to have been among the top five. The other four coffee shops Marcotte visited included Nest in Perham; StoneHouse Coffee and Roastery in Nisswa; The Mocha Monkey in Waconia; and Irish Blessings Coffeehouse in Maple Lake. (Photos courtesy of Mike Marcotte's 'Bring Me the Mike' report on coffee shops)



Batcher Block funding proposal gaining steam

Renovation of the Batcher Block Opera House was included in a list of recommended funding for the upcoming state bonding bill. The bonding bill still has to go through the state senate and house of representatives before any funding is approved, but Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said "This is one more step in the right direction." Representatives of Gov. Tim Walz visited the building in August, as did members of the house of representatives. Radermacher discussed the progress of the Batcher Block proposal. The Minneapolis Star-Tribune wrote a story about the building in early January, which she said was another posi-

tive step. "The writer fell in love with Staples," said Radermacher, "He wanted to come back and do more stories about Staples, not just the Batcher Block."

Impact analysis

Also at the EDA meeting, Radermacher presented a study completed by the University of Minnesota that projected the potential economic impact the Batcher Block Opera House could have on the area. The study found that operations could generate \$1.7 million annually in the region.

"The numbers only reflect people coming into the community, not local people," said Radermacher. "The ripple effects throughout the community could be even bigger than that."

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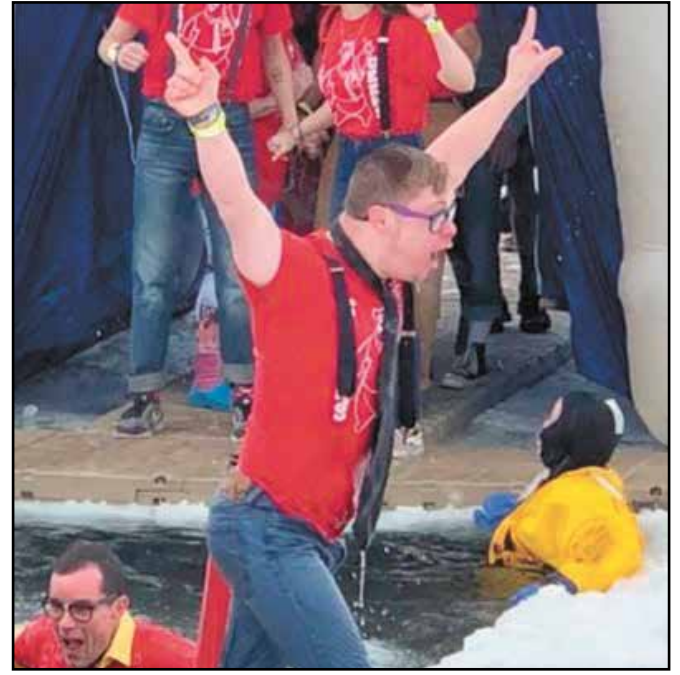
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2020 Otter Tail Polar Plunge for a cause

Gravin Christensen of Staples participates in the plunge for the cause, on Feb 1, 2020. The Otter Tail Polar Plunge hosted their first event of its kind.

Gravin, a graduate of Staples-Motley High School and his parents, Ken and Becky Christensen formed

the Central MN Adults Special Olympics team, known as "Gravin's Geeks." Team members have plunged for nine years and have successfully raised \$65,000 for Special Olympics.

Above, left: Gravin and teammates, Emma Ge-

rard and Sydney Wallace wait their turn plunge for the cause; middle: Gravin gets his toes wet. Right: Following the ice cold plunge, he gives the number one signal and a shout out. (Submitted photos)



Sourcewell, Region Five collaboration

Region Five personnel, Veterans Service Officers and Sourcewell representatives gather for Sourcewell's donation to the Region Five Yellow Ribbon program. Pictured left to right: Pete Berscheid, Todd County Veterans Service Officer; Erik Flowers, Crow Wing County Veterans Service Officer; Alex Weego, Region Five Development Commission Chairperson; Curt Kreklau Jr, City of Menahga, City Administrator; Kathy Mar-

shik, Morrison County Veterans Service; Jeff Woodford, Cass County Veterans Service Officer; Amanda Pachel, City of Menahga Administrative Secretary; David A. Anderson, Wadena County Veterans Service Officer; Kayla Voelker, Sourcewell Regional Licensing Specialist; Staci Headley, Region Five Development Commission, Regional Development Planner; Paul Drange, Sourcewell, Director of Regional Programs

Regional Yellow Ribbon Program receives funding

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) was awarded \$45,700 in 2019 Innovation Funding from Sourcewell for R5DC's Regional Yellow Ribbon Program. This comprehensive program creates awareness for the purpose of connecting service members, veterans and their families with community. It is designed to create efficiencies within the region by synchronizing community, county and company resources between and within the five-county region.

At the monthly Regional Yellow Ribbon meeting held in January, the City of Menahga was presented with a check for \$10,000 to use towards the veteran's section addition of Menahga City Cemetery.

Sourcewell Manager of Community Solutions Anna Gruber said the Inno-

vation Funding program was created in 2014 to help public agencies in Region 5 fund initiatives aimed at producing collaboration and improving the region. The annual program promotes outside-the-box teamwork on projects that might not otherwise come to fruition.

"Through the Innovation Funding process, Sourcewell is able to give back to our communities in ways beyond our imagination," Gruber said. "We've seen projects like a regional food cooperative, WIFI on public transportation, and a region-wide mental health initiative come to life. It's a wonderful way to collaborate with organizations throughout our region to do great things."

The 2020 Innovation Funding application process for local governments and nonprofits is open now

through May 6, 2020. This year will mark the sixth-consecutive year that city and county entities within Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties (Region 5) have the opportunity to partner with Sourcewell and make special projects and initiatives come to life.

Gruber emphasized that Sourcewell does not select projects. Voting is done by Region 5 cities, counties, and other government associations in attendance. Review Day for 2020 will take place on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sourcewell's campus in Staples.

To learn more about the Regional Yellow Ribbon Program, Staci Headley at sheadly@regionfive.org or 218-894-3233. Learn how Sourcewell is reinvesting in communities at sourcewell.co/reinvesting.

TCDC report shows promise

By Karin L. Nauber

The annual reports presented by Todd County Development Corporation (TCDC) Director Rick Utech are always told with a positive flair.

This year's report was no different. It really was quite positive after the last two years' reports that talked of job losses due to the closing of LSC Communications (formerly R.R. Donnelly/Banta/Harts Press) in Long Prairie.

According to Utech, in late October 2018, Quad Graphics of Wisconsin signed a purchase agreement for the LSC Communications facility.

Soon after, a federal anti-trust lawsuit was filed for monopoly reasons, preventing the sale.

The three largest magazine printers in the U.S. at the time were R.R. Donnelly, Quad Graphics and LSC Communications. After exhausting all avenues, the purchase agreement was ended in late July of 2019.

Then in late October of 2019, TCDC was approached by an investor group from Alexandria about the facility. This led to a purchase agreement being signed.

"TCDC has worked with the city of Long Prairie and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to help assist a new business targeted for the facility. DEED programs were evaluated included the job creation fund, workforce training and Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF)," shared Utech with the commissioners.

The new business, Enterprise CP, is a pasta packaging company currently utilizing the former K-Mart building in Alexandria.

They officially signed the sale contract on January 24.

According to Utech, the company has been busy for the past week moving equipment into the building in Long Prairie. They expect to employ 40 to 50 people.

Future plans for the company are to add a pasta manufacturing line. Programs like MIF, may help to finance the production equipment.

The facility also contains 52,000 square feet of office space. TCDC is working with the city and the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce to help attract an extended hour daycare operation that may utilize part of that space.

He added that they expect no less than 30 children would be in the daycare.

Utech also shared details from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) outreach office in Long Prairie.

He said that TCDC accomplished the following with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and DEED:

1) "Knowledge Exchange Program" (KEP) training through SBDC webinars.

2) Consultant Certification, December 8, 2019 at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

3) Forty one hours of financial, marketing and other business training for 2019.

Utech also touched on the affordable housing projects they have been working on in the county.

He said that TCDC continued working with a developer and local manufacturing company on a proposed 37-unit market rate housing project in Long Prairie. An application to Minnesota Housing Finance was submitted as part of the finance package, which will help reduce the market rates for our workforce.

He said they are hoping to have rental units in the

\$700-\$900 a month range.

Additionally, TCDC worked with the City of Grey Eagle on potential workforce housing.

Utech said that they held a series of eight workshops for business succession planning in September and October of 2019. The presentations were provided by professionals in the subject area, which included a succession planner, an attorney, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a financial advisor.

An update of the Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) work within the county was also highlighted in his report.

He said that TCDC participated in the May 20, 2019, ground breaking ceremony celebrating the \$2,147,863 USDA Rural Utilities grant awarded for the Moran Township area in late 2018. TCDC continues to help implementing the grant that will be used to construct fiber broadband to businesses and residents.

"TCDC also provided support as needed to West Central Telephone Association for their Broadband Fiber projects in Villard and Staples Townships. Upon completion, recipients of this broadband service will have the opportunity to receive up to 1 Gig up-load/1 Gig download service," added Utech.

Utech shared that the TCDC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) approved one loan of \$12,000 in 2019 to assist a business start-up. He added that since 2012, the TCDC RLF has provided \$427,400 in business assistance loans and leveraged \$1,981,000 in other financing for nine different projects in Todd County. Total RLF assets for the year ending 2019 equaled \$245,171.09, up 1.8 percent from 2018 and up 217 percent from the original RLF start-up of \$113,000.

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Community center plans on fees, more programming

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The City of Staples has been looking at new ways to make up revenue lost after the Staples-Motley School Board pulled out of the funding agreement that had been used in previous year.

At the Jan. 28 Staples City Council meeting, Community Center Director Tricia Jasmer showed the council some of the results of the planning. The community center has already increased membership fees and service fees for people who live outside the city limits, and the new plan could transfer the entire building to a fee-based facility in which no entry would be allowed without a membership or entry fee.

The ideas in the plan also calls for more programming, such as day camps, summer camps, dodge ball leagues, pool events, water yoga fitness classes, craft sales and indoor garage sales. The center would also offer swimming lessons during the school year.

Other revenue ideas include a local sales tax and a revenue campaign. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said many other communities use a sales tax to finance their local community centers. The revenue campaign would

raise money for specific features of the community center.

Mayor Chris Etzler said most cities have a sales tax that buyers don't usually notice. "All these communities around us are doing it, we are paying it in Brainerd and Baxter, this is a way to get some of that back to us instead of us giving it to them all the time."

Board member Mary Theurer asked if the new plans would cut into the senior meals and senior activities currently going on at the community center. Jasmer said activities like day camps could eliminate senior activities.

The board gave no specific direction but seemed to be in favor of many of the programming proposals.

"We are looking for feedback on this and for any other ideas," said Nelsen. "What type of facility do we want to be?"

In other news the council

- Approved solid waste hauler licenses for G&T Sanitation, Long Prairie Sanitation and Waste Management. Council member Mary Theurer said the \$100 license fee is a small amount "for what they do to our alleys and everything."
- Appointed judges for 2020 primary election.

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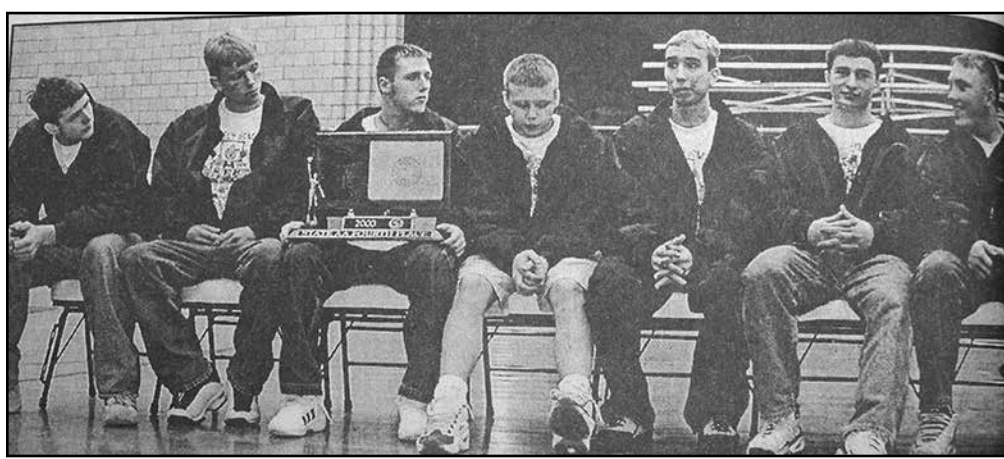
Hope for Opera House

Radermacher said a committee is started to start the nonprofit entity that will be in charge of the Batcher Opera House operations if the funding is approved. She said the nonprofit will look at funding mechanisms and she has already heard that the board at the Ordway Theatre in Minneapolis had an interest in helping out.

Mayor Chris Etzler said outside fundraising will be necessary to get the estimated \$8.5 million needed to complete the project. "Getting big dollar commitments would show that the project isn't just local," he said.

Radermacher said "this would put money back into the community." She said no city money will be spent on the project, except for some of the small cities development grant money, which is state money designated for local projects and does not come from local taxes.

Etzler noted that at \$1.7 million annually, the project will pay for itself in ten years.



Mystery photo #1 solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 30, 2000 edition of the Staples World, featured senior members of the Staples Motley Boy's Basketball team with the fourth place trophy they brought home from the Class AA State Tournament. The Cards lost to the DeLaSalle Islanders 63-48 in the third place game at the tournament. Pictured, from left, are Dustin Hjelmeland, Wade Christensen, Brent Sorenson (with trophy), Curt Burrows, Shannon Webster, Tim Rutten and Nate Grandlund.

Monica Johnson recalled that this was the 'Welcome Home' event at the Staples-Motley High School gym following the state basketball tournament at which the boys placed fourth. She also correctly identified all but one of the boys, going on to

mention that Shannon (Joe) Webster is her son and she followed the Cardinal basketball team all through his high school years. Alex Griffith correctly identified all and mentioned that he coached 7th grade basketball for a few years, so had coached most of these guys a few years before this photo was taken. Josh Winter of Staples (SMHS Class of 2002 and a member of the Cardinal basketball team that year) correctly identified all. Kevin Roline of Nevis correctly identified all but one, noting that it was the state basketball tournament. Both Johnson and Roline identified Wade Christensen as Chad Christensen. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

- Feb. 15, 1945 - More men from Staples, Motley and the communities surrounding, have been called into military service, with the following reporting, either for induction, or for preinduction physical examination: Staples - Donald Thiel, Herman Busker, Lloyd Robinson, Russell W. Petree, Orville D. Gritz, Frank W. Konz, Raymond A. Gallipo, Alvin L. Wahl, William B. Finn, Herman G. Harms. Those from Motley who have gone to Fort Snelling are:

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Elmer D. Morris, Walter A. Reyer.

- Feb. 15, 1945 - Hertel Andersen, a resident of the Leader community until last fall, and since that time a resident of Tacoma, Wash., was instantly killed at Tacoma on Saturday, Feb. 3. He had been employed as an oiler on the whirleys over the ship ways and had gone on duty at 3:30 in the afternoon and the accident occurred shortly after. Full details as to how the accident happened are not available, but Mr. Anderson fell a distance of 60 feet and died instantly. His watch stopped at 4:20.

Mr. Anderson was born April 19, 1898 and was not married.

- Feb. 15, 1945 - Severson's advertises 'A Variety of Lenten Foods,' including a 50-lb. bag of Pure as Snow Flour for \$2.29; 2 lb. box of Graham Crackers for 31 cents; and a 20 oz. can of baked beans for 14 cents. Fresh Fish advertised by Severson's included Lake Pike filets, 35 cents/lb.; and Halibut, 45 cents/lb. Also, 'Fresh from the Sunny South,' was advertised New Crop Cabbage, 5 cents/lb.; large head of lettuce, 10 cents; green top carrots, 2 bunches for 15 cents.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

- Feb. 12, 1970 - Fourteen members of the Class of 1970 at Staples high school were honored last Thursday morning through their induction into membership of the National Honor Society.

The new members initiated into the society were Thomas Goeden, Kathleen Simkins, Michael Sauer, Ruth Ann Bjelde, Allain Hankey, Mark

Schultenover, Donna Kennedy, Linda Muckala, Lucinda Dyer, Kaylene Olsen, LeAnn Naley, Diane Wilson, Karen Marden and Lucinda Case.

- Feb. 12, 1970 - The Faith Lutheran Church Men will meet Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The emphasis for the month is "Making Ethical Decisions." Devotions will be led by Wm. Haugen, with Henry Kopka as the program chairman. Kermit Kristenson, Edd Vanderhoef, Joe Simkins and Milton Johnson comprise the lunch committee.

- Feb. 12, 1970 - For the second consecutive year, Lee Jenkins, manager of Jenkins' Appliance, Inc., Staples, has been appointed chairman for the 1970 Heart Fund Campaign in Todd County.

- Feb. 12, 1970 - Showing at the Staples Theatre Feb. 11 - 17, "Easy Rider," starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper. Shows at 7:30 and 9:30. Starting Feb. 19, "Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid."

- Feb. 12, 1970 - Karen Hutchison, 18, a senior at Staples high school, is the first girl student in the aviation adult education class at Staples high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hutchison of rural Motley. Carl Johnson, Morris, is the flight instructor for the class.

- Feb. 12, 1970 - For the third consecutive year, the Cardinal Wrestling Squad of Staples high school, coached by Don Dravis, captured the championship of the Mid-State Conference.

Capturing individual titles for the Cardinals were Gordy Thompson at 127 pounds, Tom Goeden at 133 pounds, Bill Lenk at 145 pounds and Larry Kern at heavyweight.

Runner-up awards went to Gary Wert at 95, Mike Roberts at 103, John Rubel at 112, Tim Larson at 120 and Wayne Shequen at 175.

"They came back and gave that little extra to win," commented Coach Don Dravis following last Saturday evening championship round. "They are a great group of boys and our next step is getting that District 24 crown next weekend."

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

- Feb. 16, 1995 - A rural Pillager man, Jeffery Keith Martin, 33, collapsed and died Monday afternoon while working in a hog barn in May Township.

Martin apparently died as a result of an acute allergic reaction, according to Dr. Randy Peterson of the Lakewood Clinic in Staples.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 12, 1970 edition. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staples-world.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.

Preliminary findings were that an apparent acute allergic reaction caused a blockage of the airways. It may have been caused by feed, fumes or some other substance. Dr. Peterson compared the case to a reaction to a bee sting by people allergic to bees. "Piecing things together, this is our preliminary finding," he said, adding there were absolutely no signs of foul play, an accident, or any other physical injuries. Family members told Peterson that Martin had no previous history of allergy problems.

- Feb. 16, 1995 - The Motley and Staples Dollars for Scholars chapters are dissolving to cooperate and form a new chapter for the consolidated District #2170, but one that will "recognize the unique contributions of each community." Officers include Pat Held, co-chair; Alan Judd, co-chair; Linda Heier, vice chair; Mary Peterson, treasurer; and Jeanette Evans, secretary.

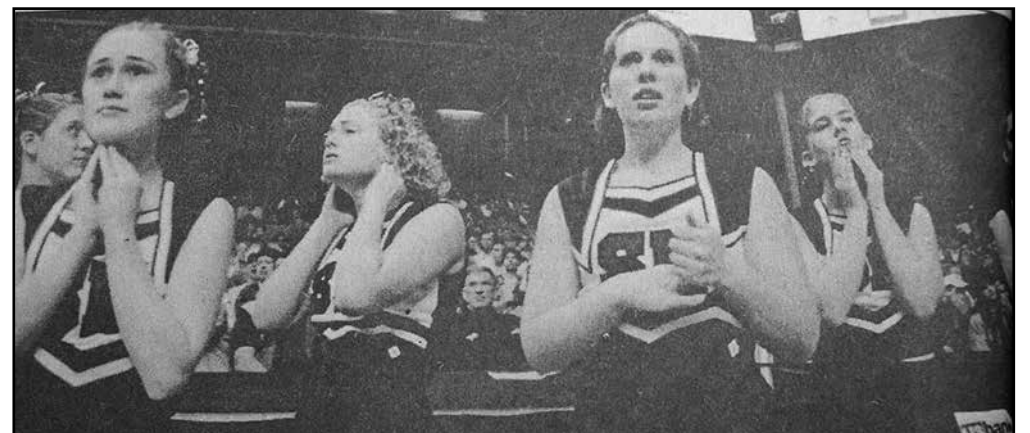
- Feb. 16, 1995 - Construction of the more than \$900,000 addition at Motley Staples Middle School is progressing rapidly, according to school and construction officials.

Most of the painting in the six new classrooms on the east side was done last week. Principal Jim Hofer expects the painting to be finished next week. As a cost saving measure, the painting is being done by maintenance personnel at the school.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

- Feb. 18, 2010 - A preliminary approval was given Feb. 10 for a \$404,000 grant to the Staples Historical Society for use in renovating and preserving the historic Staples Northern Pacific Depot. The funds, which will not be available until 2013, are part of a \$505,000 project. In order to receive the funding, the local historical society will have to provide a \$101,000 cash match.

- Feb. 18, 2010 - Valentines Day was the time for the selection of the new King and Queen at the Staples Hi Rise. Voting was done by the residents. Barb Siegel was named as queen and Donald Hagenson was named this year's king, although he was a bit reluctant. Both will represent the Hi Rise this year at events, including appearing in the Railroad Days parade.



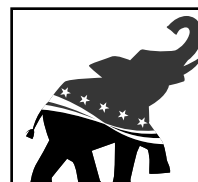
Mystery photo #2 solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the March 30, 2000 edition of the Staples World, featured the Staples Motley Boy's Basketball cheerleaders at the Class AA State Tournament. Pictured, from left, are Jessica Nytes (back), Pam Johnson,

Kelsey Hjelmeland, Laura Anderson and Kristin Martin.

Monica Johnson correctly identified two of the girls, adding that this photo was taken at the state basketball tournament. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Notice of Precinct Caucuses

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Minnesota notice is hereby given that Precinct Caucuses of the Republican Party of Wadena County will be held

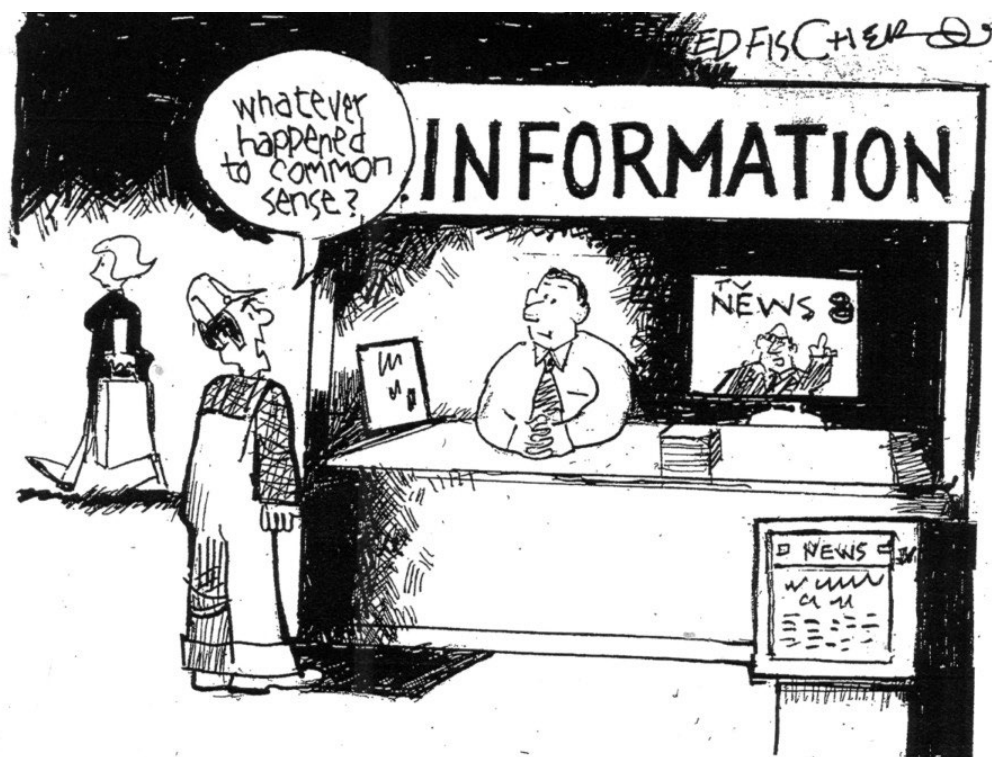
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7 p.m.
at the following locations:

- Sebeka - High School Media Center**
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- Verndale - High School Library**
Aldrich City; Aldrich Township; Bullard Township; Staples City (Wadena County); Thomastown Township, Verndale City; Wing River Township
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Be your own Valentine

By Karen McGregor

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we all have our feelings about it. If we're dating or (happily) married, we may be excited about the flowers, chocolates and candlelit dinners. If we're single, we may feel dissatisfied, sad or annoyed. (We may even retile the holiday "Singles Awareness Day.") Either way, is our tendency to define love in terms of romance making us miss a much bigger picture?

I believe so. I have no issue with Valentine's Day itself, I just don't want us to let it trivialize what love actually is.

Whether you have a partner or not, don't fall into the trap of seeing love as something outside yourself. We're all born with love, in fact, it's our Divine Purpose, our reason for being here and it's the origin of all our power. It's what allows us to exert positive influence on those around us.

When you reconnect with that primal power I call it "love-power" you unlock the door to a deeper, richer, more meaningful life. You become a heart-driven person who regularly uses your influence to not only improve your life but the lives of those around you.

You may not be used to thinking of power and influence in terms of love. That's because Western civilization views the mind (not the heart) as the source of power. But since intellect is intertwined with ego, love-based power often gets distorted, morphing into fear-based power. This causes us to seek to control others, to be passive-aggressive, to act like a victim, to engage in risky behaviors to feel special or noticed and more.

I believe the ancient wisdom of the 4,000-year-old Tao Te Ching can help us identify and break the "power patterns" that undermine our influence, create dysfunctional relationships, and otherwise squelch our potential.

When you're in pure love-power, you're happy, curious, in an unending state of awe. You're quick to forgive. You're wide open to other people and new opportunities. Everything about how you experience the world and how it experiences you shifts.

Read on for some "light" and relatively simple things you can do on Valentine's Day and afterward to start reconnecting with your pure love-power.

Take a Valentine's Day meditation break. (It's the key to experiencing life in the holy moment of now.) Why should we meditate? Because it helps us detach from our preferences which trigger our need to be "right" or "in control" and lead to suffering and practice being in the present. Just set aside 15-20 minutes to sit quietly and focus on your breath. If your mind wanders, that's okay: The point is not to judge the thoughts that stream endlessly into your consciousness but to

allow them to ebb and flow without getting emotionally hooked.

Successful meditation occurs when there is no war between your head and your heart. This state is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself. If you've always "meant" to try meditating but haven't yet done so, Valentine's Day is the perfect day to start.

Gift yourself a lovely journal. Journaling is a powerful practice that can help you get in better touch with your thoughts and feelings, recognize goals, enhance gratitude and pinpoint areas in your life that need work. Find a journal that speaks to you (pick a gorgeous one that inspires you to write). Then set aside some time alone (even just 10 minutes) to write each day.

- Journal to find gratitude. Write about your blessings until you see how abundant your life really is. Pause as you write to ensure that you really feel the state of gratitude.

- Journal to stay in the moment. When your mind is racing, journaling can help you return to the present. Make a small checkmark in your notebook or journal each time you're aware of not being in the holy moment of now. Note what took you out of presence.

- Journal about stillness in your life. When and where can you incorporate more stillness? When does your mind struggle to be still? Record how you feel after meditation or practicing gratitude daily for one week.

Sing and dance your way to gratitude. As mentioned, many people keep a gratitude journal. The problem is, it can turn into a mindless checklist that simply creates the illusion of gratitude. If that happens, try singing and dancing instead. In his book *The Mastery of Love*, Don Miguel Ruiz says this is a natural expression of our love-power—which is why little children sing and dance. They haven't yet developed the filters and fear that they'll be judged. You can dance and sing in the privacy of your room or as you clean your house. If you want to take it to the next level, consider signing up for a hip-hop or salsa class or joining a local choir.

Get rid of something that isn't serving you. Often without realizing it, we clutter and complicate our lives with things that create chaos and drama. It can be anything from too much "stuff" in our homes, too many commitments, the wrong job or relationship. A great expression of self-love is to pinpoint something to purge. Do a closet clean out or a social media detox. Turn down a project. Draw a much-needed boundary. Just take one step to simplify your life and free up your energy.

Grieve losses and release pain with this heart exercise. This may not feel very Valentine-y, but when we're changing our life for the better, we must first release what was. Otherwise we'll get stuck and block the clarity we need to move forward. Pain can be released through the portal of the heart. When you focus on your heart, a desire to release the pain of the past may arise. Even better, your heart knows how to do that without your mind interrupting.

Here's a simple exercise: Focus on the heart and allow the feelings of your past to present themselves.

Just allow the process to unfold. Allow your body to feel and release without letting your mind get hooked into the emotion, feeding the ego needs and magnifying your power patterns. When you put your attention on your heart, you may notice that it feels warm or even hot. That is a sign you are releasing stored emotional pain.

If you're single, stop searching for "the one." It's common to believe that there's one person out there who can finally see us for who we really are. But searching for our perfect match is a chase that's based on an illusion. I love romance, but I've come to believe that it's usually founded in the need to be special. People search for "the one" their entire lives, never escaping the constant craving for specialness. Never confuse love with specialness. Love supports a life of joy and love-power; "specialness" impedes it.

In that same vein, it's time to revisit the definition of "soul mate." Soul mates are actually not romantic partners but people destined to help you grow by presenting you with challenging personality traits and actions you don't like. This mind shift may defuse anger or defensiveness and help you change the dynamic with "difficult" people who cross your path.

If you're in a romantic relationship, start working toward a cause you believe in, together. There is no greater calling for a romantic relationship than to create a better world. In fact, many millennials are moving in this direction. Rather than being absorbed by one another, they are breaking the old paradigm of romantic co-dependency and choosing instead to be inter-dependent, working together for causes that uplift humanity. This new paradigm of relationship lets people shift from a state of isolation within their own dramas, fears and wounds, which are experienced as they get to know their partner, to becoming a presence in the world.

Talk with your partner and choose a project to participate in. Maybe arrange to visit an orphanage to play games with or tutor school children, or plan a fundraiser event to benefit the homeless. Think about the passions you both share and start there. You will be amazed by how deeply a project rooted in love-power can transform your lives.

While Valentine's Day is a good time to think about connecting to your love-power, or even take a symbolic first step, it's actually a journey you take every day, all year long.

Before you can bring your best self to all of your relationships, you must connect to love-power. Love-power is the key to unlocking your potential and opening your being to everything life has in store. It's how you provide clarity to those around you. It's how you join hearts with others to change the world.

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Letters to the Editor

Yes, there is a precinct caucus this year

With all the talk of Minnesota's first primary in recent memory, many people are under the assumption that there will not be a precinct caucus. That is not the case.

The precinct caucus remains the place to take the first step to get involved politically in the community. It provides an opportunity to meet neighbors and talk about issues one thinks are important in the community, state and nation.

The caucus also remains the place where individuals run to become a delegate to have a voice in the candidate selection

process at the county, legislative and congressional district, state and national levels.

If you are not sure where your precinct caucus will take place, the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office provides specific locations at <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Stan Carlson
Staples, Minn.

Cost of insulin shouldn't be cause of death

By Governor Tim Walz and Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman

There's a bright, young woman at Concordia University, in St. Paul named Alexis Stanley. Certain fears are typical for a college student like Alexis: "Will I pass my chemistry midterm? Will I land that internship? What will I do after graduation?"

But Alexis fears something no young person should: her 26th birthday. She has Type 1 diabetes and that date marks the moment when she will no longer be covered under her parent's health insurance. She fears what will happen if she is unable to afford the insulin she needs daily to stay alive.

Alexis's story is one we hear too often throughout Minnesota. The cost of insulin has tripled in the last 10 years leaving Minnesotans with diabetes scrambling to afford the drug they need to survive. Many are forced to ration their insulin to make it to the next paycheck or put food on the table for their family.

That's why we fought hard last session for "Alec's Bill" to provide critical relief to Minnesotans struggling to afford insulin. The bill is named after a young diabetic from Minnesota whose story embodies Alexis's fear. Alec tragically died rationing his insulin when he aged off his mother's insurance and couldn't afford the \$1,300 monthly cost of insulin and diabetes supplies.

Alec's Bill would place a small fee on insulin manufacturers to create an emergency insulin fund so diabetics can get an emergency dose of insulin. Centered around patients, the bill would create a safety net to ensure Minnesotans can get

the insulin they need at a price they can afford. The bill had broad bipartisan support in the Legislature last year, but died in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Since then, we've worked tirelessly to find a solution that Republicans are willing to support. We remain open to their ideas and eager for a bipartisan path forward. We even improved Alec's Bill by adding certain Republican proposals, including a program that would help Minnesotans afford insulin over the long-term. We have come close to reaching a deal.

But there's one area where Republicans simply will not budge: holding pharmaceutical companies accountable. The only way we can provide relief to Minnesotans struggling to afford their insulin is if we call upon the companies who created this crisis to help fund the solution. The insulin manufacturers and the lobbyists from Big Pharma don't like Alec's Bill and are doing everything in their power to stop it. They'd much rather have Minnesota taxpayers pick up the tab. Unfortunately, Republicans are right there with them.

Alec Smith lost his life at 26 years old, the exact age Alexis dreads turning. We cannot allow Alexis to fall to the same tragic fate. We need to act now. Lives are at stake. We will reintroduce Alec's Bill this session. We are ready to act immediately. Our bill now includes Republicans' ideas and we can begin implementing it immediately but only if it passes the Republican led Senate.

We ask Senate Republicans to do the right thing, let this common sense solution move forward, and provide much-needed relief to Minnesotans struggling to afford their insulin.

Quote of the week

"Love all, trust a few,
do wrong to none."
— William Shakespeare

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Quote of the week

"If you look at
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don't have in life,
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— Oprah Winfrey



The Great Escape

"Straight Outta Staples" (above) have escaped in 22:46 minutes from the Ski Lodge in the Staples Public Library. Close behind with 24:42 was the "Valorous Vexers" (below) and "The African and his tribe" at 34:51. The "Griswolds" did not escape but had fun trying.

Sign up for a spot to see if you can beat their time. The Friends of the Library will be giving a pizza party at Tower Pizza to the team that completes the escape room the fastest. There are openings still available; call the library at 894-1401 during open hours to sign up. This is for teens and adults with a limit of five per group. This event ends Feb. 29. (Submitted photos; names not provided)



Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

February

- 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

March

- SMHS BLOOD DRIVE March 3
- POLAR PLUNGE March 6
- MS DANCE March 6, 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- MS PLAY MATINEE March 12
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 13, 7 p.m.
- MS PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE March 14, 2 p.m.
- FFA CHAPTER BANQUET March 15
- HS CHOIR CONCERT March 16, 7 p.m.

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

Mark Your Calendar

February 12

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 15, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

February 13

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Feb. 13, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

February 19

GAME DAY AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Wed., Feb. 19, 1 - 3 p.m. Games, snacks. All are welcome, free. For info., 218-352-6466.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. Public invited.

CLC Law Enforcement Job Fair

Community members are invited to a Law Enforcement Job Fair at Central Lakes College, Brainerd campus from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Weds., Feb. 26 in the gym of the Brainerd campus.

This event is for those who are thinking about a career in law enforcement, corrections or probation. Representatives of the career field from across the region will be available to speak with visitors.

The career fair is sponsored by the CLC Criminal Justice Program. Questions? Contact CLC Counselor Suzie Karsnia at suzanna.karsnia@clcmn.edu or 855-8015 or CLC Criminal Justice Instructor Gae Davis at gae.davis@clcmn.edu or 855-8264.



LHS 2020 Care Center Queen and King

Queen Beverly Zinter and King David Zinter, were crowned Feb. 6, at the Staples-Motley High School Sno Daze Court participating. Runner-up Queen was Betty Jo Nichols. (Submitted photo) The ceremony took place with the 10th - 12th

Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD, has announced its Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement for the 2019 Fall Semester. To qualify, students must be in degree-seeking status and maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- CHELSEA HOFMANN, Staples
- BRIAN STERRIKER, Staples
- ADAM NURNBERGER, Motley
- EMILY KAUTZ, Pillager
- BENJAMIN OIE, Pillager

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, has announced its Fall 2019 Academic Honors List. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0; and for the Dean's List, a grade point average of 3.50 - 3.99. Local students named include:

- MADELINE RUTHERFORD, Aldrich, Dean's List

- ANNA BLOOMQUIST, Motley, Dean's List
- HAILEY HALVORSON, Motley, Dean's List
- ERIC KOSSAN, Motley, President's List
- ROBERT KING, Pillager, President's List
- BOBBI LOUCKS, Pillager, Dean's List
- KALEE ABBAS, Staples, Dean's List
- SARAH BARRETT, Staples, Dean's List
- ZACHARY DEMARS, Staples, Dean's List
- MADELYN ERBE, Staples, Dean's List
- ERIKA GILB, Staples, President's List
- OLIVIA LESLIE, Staples, Dean's List
- KELSIE LINDAMAN, Staples, Dean's List
- JAILYN MANUEL, Staples, President's List

students much achieve a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. Local students named include:

- MICHELLE EDIN, Motley, President's List
- ERIC LISSON, Staples, Dean's List
- KEEGAN WOLMUTT, Staples, Dean's List
- CHARLES TESTER, Staples, recently graduated summa cum laude from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree.
- HEATHER KADUS, Pillager, recently graduated from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a Master of Science in Teaching degree.
- LISA PRZYBILLA, Motley, recently graduated from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a Master of Science in Teaching degree.

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In between rounds

Members of the Staples-Motley speech team are pictured at their home meet Feb. 8, comparing notes after their second of three rounds and checking to see where they will compete next. Pictured, from left, are Iain Sams, William Dolezal, Keegan Harvey, Cy Johnson and Zach McIlravy. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Speech team first at Staples Host Lions Tournament

The Staples-Motley Cardinals Speech Team placed first at their home tournament, the Staples Host Lions 42nd Annual Speech Tournament, held Feb. 8 in Staples. Placing second in team sweepstakes points was the Pequot Lakes team; third place was the Minnewaska team. There were 15 teams competing with the farthest coming from Roseau.

Staples Motley speakers taking honors at the tournament were: Micah Larson, 4th in Creative Expression; Brooke Ferdon, 3rd in Discussion; Jack Tyrrell, 4th in Discussion; Cy Johnson, 2nd in Drama; Ari Brings, 3rd in Drama; Grace Allen, 9th in Drama; Micah Larson, 10th in Drama; Jonah Johnson and

Ethan Gilbertson, 1st in Duo; Jaydon Friedel and Connor Judd, 2nd in Duo; Iain Sams and Cy Johnson, 4th in Duo; Keegan Harvey and Keegan Bestland, 6th in Duo; William Dolezal and Zach McIlravy, 9th in Duo; Samantha Mrazek, 1st in Ext. Reading; Bel Birkholtz, 8th in Ext. Reading; Ari Brings, 1st in Great Speeches; Alex Brings, 2nd in Great Speeches; Luke Bates, 1st in Humor; Caden Mrazek, 2nd in Humor; AJ Nienow, 3rd in Humor; Mason Birkholtz, 10th in Humor; Caden Mrazek, 3rd in Improv; Cy Johnson, 5th in Improv; Connor Judd, 6th in Improv; Emery Lorber, 7th in Improv; Keegan Bestland, 9th in Improv; Lilly Niemi, 3rd in Informative; Torii Nienow, 7th in Informative; Ari Brings,

2nd in Original Oratory; Alex Brings, 3rd in Original Oratory; Grace Allen, 6th in Original Oratory; Zach McIlravy, 8th in Poetry; Katie Niemi, 9th in Poetry; and Luke Bates, 10th in Poetry; Samantha Mrazek, 1st in Prose; Jaydon Friedel, 4th in Prose; Torii Nienow, 5th in Prose; Caden Mrazek, 1st in Storytelling; Keegan Bestland, 6th in Storytelling.

"The speech team would like to extend special thanks to the Staples Host Lions for sponsoring the tournament and all their support," said Speech Coach Brian Sams. (Submitted photo)



Pick-up truck fire on Hwy. 10

A pick-up truck driver, realizing his vehicle was on fire, pulled off Hwy. 10 into the turn-off to Cty. Rd. 83 east of Staples Feb. 7. Staples Fire Department responded to the scene.

Above: Firefighters extinguish the fire underneath the hood of the pickup. Right: Firefighters use the saw to access the engine. Staples firemen cleared the scene at 11:17 a.m. A complete report was unavailable. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Selling concessions

Members of the Staples-Motley Student Council sold concessions during the home girl's basketball game Feb. 7. Pictured, from left, are sophomore Madyson Hull; and seniors Izabelle VanAlst and Mackenna Bjerga. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Republican caucus sites listed

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., Republicans across Minnesota will gather in

their neighborhoods for precinct caucuses. This is one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary election.

At a precinct caucus, attendees are invited to voice their opinion on issues, suggest party platforms, vote on platforms and volunteer as a delegate to the state convention.

Republican precinct caucus locations:

Bertha-Hewitt High School library, 310 Central Ave. S, Bertha - (for people living in Bartlett Twp., Bertha City, Bertha Twp., Germania Twp., Hewitt City, Stowe Prairie Twp.)

Browerville High School library, 620 Park Ave. N, door # 12 - (Browerville City, Hartford Twp., Little Elk Twp., Turtle Creek Twp., Ward Twp.)

Eagle Bend City Hall, 108 Main Street West - (Burleene Twp., Clarissa City, Eagle Bend City, Eagle Valley Twp., Iona Twp, Wykeham Twp)

Grey Eagle Senior Citizen Center, 114 State Street E. - (Birchdale Twp., Burnhamville Twp., Burtrum City, Grey Eagle City, Grey Eagle Twp., Swanville City)

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School commons area, 9th Street NE - (Bruce Twp., Little Sauk Twp., Long Prairie City, Long Prairie Twp., Reynolds Twp., Round Prairie Twp.)

Osakis Elementary School media center, 500 1st Ave. - (Gordon Twp., Kandota Twp., Leslie Twp., Osakis City, West Union City, West Union Twp.,

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Wrestlers finish regular season

Owen Bjerga won his weight class at the Albany tournament held Feb. 7. He won by fall, in first round, 17-6, in semifinals and won over a ranked wrestler 13-5, in the final.

Logen Weite won his first match at 145 pounds, had two close losses, 9-7 and 9-5, to finish fourth. Sam Jennissen also finished fourth, earning a pin at 152. Cole Winkels earned two pins to finish fifth, while Alex Giza had a pin and finished sixth in a very tough bracket.

Section tournament
Staples-Motley was seeded sixth in the Section 6A team tournament and will wrestle third seeded Otter Tail Central, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. in Underwood. Team semifinals and finals will be held Friday,

Feb. 14, at Underwood. Individual section tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Wadena-Deer Creek. Bjerga will be a favorite for the Cardinals to return to state and the Cardinals could see a few more wrestlers with an opportunity to advance in tournament play as well.

Coach Mark Carlson looked back on his second season as the Staples-Motley coach, and commented; "We've had some good moments this year as a team", "We have an inexperienced roster, the guys are improving every day and making gains."

"The sections will be a good time for the seniors to finish their high school careers strong and for the underclassmen to gain more experience to build on for next year and years

to come." The Cardinals could still have a few wrestlers out with injuries for the section tournaments.

"One area for us to improve on in the future will be team depth to mitigate injuries leading to forfeits," said Carlson. "You're always going to have injuries here and there in a sport like wrestling, so depth is crucial and we don't have it right now."

Team results
Albany Tournament
Staples-Motley 8th place

113 Jason Trantina 0-2
120 Levi Danilyuk 0-2
145 Logen Weite 1-2, 4th
152 Sam Jennissen 1-2, 4th
160 Owen Bjerga 3-0, 1st
170 Alex Giza 1-2, 6th
182 Emmitt Winkels 0-2
285 Cole Winkels 2-1, 5th



SM 6th grade boys basketball team

The 6th grade Staples-Motley boy's basketball team is dominating on the basketball court so far this season. They have an 11-1 record and have taken first place in three tournaments. The boys played in the Sauk Rapids-Rice tournament held Feb. 9.

Above, left to right, front: Owen Carlson, Ashton Anderson, Mathew Larson, Xander Moench. Back: Coach Cam Larson, Peyton Jares, Conner Kuhns, Avandre Brandt, Reed Olds, Eli Rutten, Noah Larson, Cameron Ganyo and coach Tim Rutten. (Submitted photo)

Lead slips away

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost a lead in the second half and ended up with a 48-41 loss at Royalton on Feb. 4. Against conference leader Pequot Lakes on Feb. 6, they lost 64-29.

Against Royalton, the Cardinals were ahead by nine at halftime.

"We played the rest of the game too tentative. We played not to lose, which is a bad mindset," said Coach

Nick Doll. "We will be in some games like this in the near future and we need to stay aggressive and continue to attack."

At Pequot Lakes, Staples-Motley kept within reach for much of the game, but in the second half they had to switch out of their zone defense to force the action or they would have run the clock out.

"When we went man we didn't stay in front of our

guy and didn't rebound, so they outscored us 21-6," said Doll.

Team results
Staples-Motley 41, Royalton 48

Scoring: Sivert Klefsaas 19, Max Strickland 8, Isaiah Schultz 7, Issac Kronenberg 3, Ben Olander 2, Adam Oberlander 2, Izaiah DeMars 1

Staples-Motley 29, Pequot Lakes 64

Scoring: Klefsaas 9, Strickland 8, Schultz 6, Olander 5, Chandler Braith 1

Cardinals drop two games

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team had 26 turnovers in a 58-39 loss to Frazee on Feb. 6 and had a season high 34 turnovers in a 58-27 loss to Pequot Lakes on Feb. 7.

Against Frazee, the Cardinals were out-rebounded 42-22, including 17-4 on offensive rebounds.

Against Pequot Lakes, the team suffered poor

outside shooting, hitting one out of 13 three pointers and 28 percent shooting overall.

The girls team has two remaining games before the section tournament starts. They played Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Feb. 10 and finish the regular season with a home game against Crosby-Ironton on Friday, Feb. 14.

Team results
Staples-Motley 39, Frazee 58

Scoring: Haley Cichos 9, Kaitlyn Smith 8, Alix Peterson 8, Elizabeth Danilyuk 8, Tabetha Allen 4, Kaila Erbe 2

Staples-Motley 27, Pequot Lakes 58

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 8, Bella Martin 5, Danilyuk 4, Cichos 3, Alleah Halverson 2, Allen 2, Smith 2, Erbe 1

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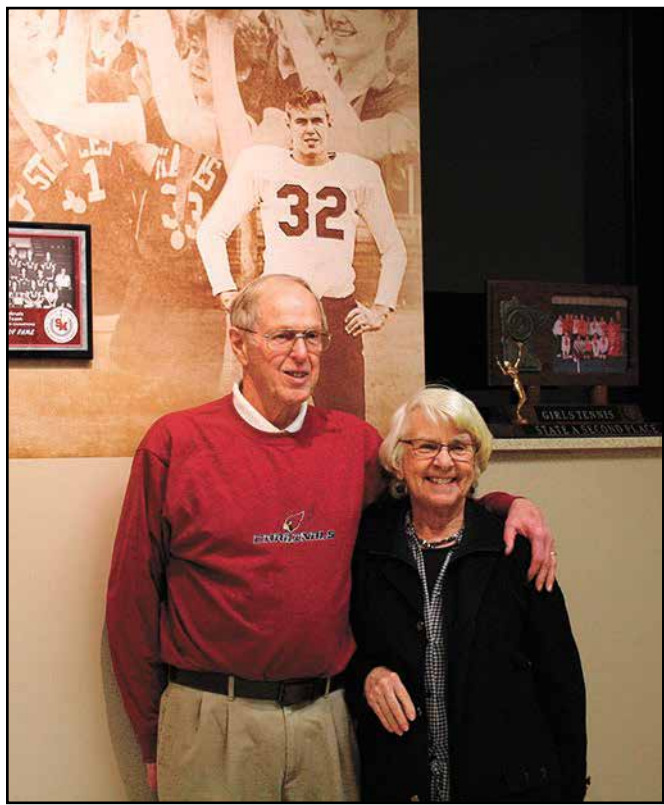
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Hall of Fame display

(Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Four-sport athlete

Bob Peterson of Staples graduated from Staples High School in 1956 and was a four-sport athlete from 1953 - 1956, earning 14 varsity letters in baseball, track, football and basketball. He has been inducted to the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame and received his pin Feb. 7, at the grand opening of the SM Fall of Fame Library. He is pictured with his wife, Darla Peterson, in front his high school football picture which is included in the newly unveiled mural. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Inducted into the 2019 SM Athletic Hall of Fame

An induction ceremony for the 2019 Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame was held Feb. 7, at the high school cafeteria in Staples. **Pin recipients included Bill Finn, coach; Don Dravis, coach; Jerry Riewer, coach; 1985 Staples Girls Basketball team; 1988 Staples-Motley Football team; Arden Beachy, athlete; Del Cerney, athlete; Warren Mertens, athlete; Bob Peterson, athlete; and Derald and Juanita Miller, at large supporters.** The event, chaired by Mike Hajek of Staples, also included the grand opening of the Athletic Hall of Fame Library, located in the lobby of the high school's main gymnasium, during which time inductee plaques and the Athletic Hall of Fame mural were unveiled. Pictured above are pin recipients, or family members who

received a pin on behalf of a recipient. Seated, from left, are Paula (Dravis) Redemske, Maple Lake; Juanita Miller, Staples; Mary Dravis, Staples; Mary Jo (Dravis) Ottosen, Duluth. Standing: Darren Holst (with daughter Jaida), Staples; Del Cerney, Twin Cities; Tom Honek, Staples; Jerry Riewer, Staples; Bob Peterson, Staples; Darcy Peterson, Dilworth; Peggy (Finn) Bounds, Staples; Kyra (Odden) Quast, Staples; Greg Dravis, Apple Valley; Barb Howard, Staples (on behalf of her daughter, Karla Howard Miller); Brian Winkels, Staples; Beau Mertens of Motley (on behalf of his dad, Warren Mertens; and event chair, Mike Hajek. Hajek reminded those in attendance that, "Time fades everything... except what we value and choose to recall." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



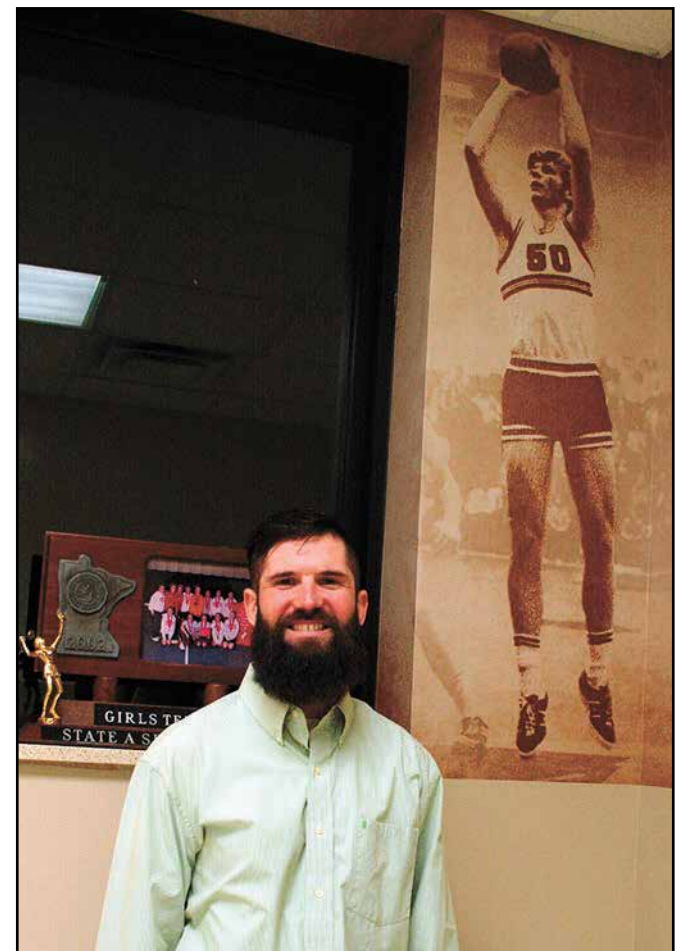
Basketball state champs

Darcy Peterson (left) of Dilworth and Kyra (Odden) Quast of Staples were members of the Staples High School 1985 State Champion Basketball team. They are pictured in front of the newly unveiled mural at the grand opening of the SM Athletic Hall of Fame Library Feb. 7. Their team, which has been inducted into the SM Athletic Hall of Fame, is featured in the right-hand corner of the mural, located in the lobby of the high school gym. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Proud of their dads

Above left: Paula (Dravis) Redemske of Maple Lake (left) and Peggy (Finn) Bounds of Staples stand underneath the mural photos of their late fathers, Don Dravis and Bill Finn, both of whom have been inducted to the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. Don Dravis was an outstanding wrestling coach and his teams recorded seven Minnesota State championships and four runner-up finishes. He coached 14 individual state champions and 64 place winners. Bill Finn was a 1948 Staples High School graduate who participated in track, baseball, basketball, football and hockey. In 1956, he became the Athletic Director and coach for Motley



School District. His 1972 MHS football team earned a trip to the state football tournament.

Above right: Beau Mertens of Motley stands near the likeness of his father, Warren Mertens, one of the athletes featured on the newly unveiled Staples-Motley Hall of Fame mural. Warren Mertens was a core member of the 1973 Staples basketball team and led the Cardinal team to the Region 6 finals in the state's single class basketball format. On the baseball field, Warren's pitching, hitting and perfect defensive season helped the Cardinals advance to the region finals his senior year. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Second place at tournament

The Staples-Motley 4th grade girl's basketball team, left, took home second place medals after a back and forth scoring tie game with Little Falls; the LF team went on to win the Royalton tournament held Feb. 8. The girls were the only fourth grade team to score over 20 points during their games at the tourney (except the final game). Above, front row, left to right: Alice Scheler, Macy Mithun, Brooklyn Winter, Ally Pesola. Back: Brooke Reisenauer, Jaida Holst, Chloe Larson, Clara Maros, Emmalyn Sullivan. (Submitted photo)

1985 girl's BB Team...

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Staples-Motley High School SnoDaze 2020



The Blues Brothers return

Staples-Motley High School Principal Mike Schmidt (left) and math teacher Marly Simmons channelled Jake and Elwood Blues (aka The Blues Brothers) during their performance of "Soul Man" at the 2020 SnoDaze event Feb. 7. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Staples-Motley High School's 2020 SnoDaze Court

Staples-Motley High School seniors Liz Danilyuk and Jose Enyart (seated in chairs) were crowned Queen and King at the 2020 SnoDaze Coronation Feb. 7. Others in the court included, front row from left: Juanita DeWald, 12th grade; Isaiah Schultz, 9th grade; Will Danilyuk, 10th grade; Cole Winkels, 11th

grade; Kaila Erbe, 12th grade. Standing, from left: Daija Halvorson, 11th grade; Bo Erholtz, 10th grade; Mandy Carter and Nicki Carter, 9th grade; and Katie Smith, Connor Fox, Hunter Klimek, Trevor Rudnick, Isaac Christoffersen, 12th graders. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Lip sync contest winners

The Staples-Motley High School senior class took first place at the Sno Daze Lip Sync contest Feb. 7, held prior to the coronation ceremony. Pictured above, center, are Kaila Erbe and Issac Kronenberg, in the final scene of their parody of "The Bachelorette" television show. Seniors pictured gasping are Alyx Peterson, Liz Danilyuk, Connor Fox and Ryan Wick. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Senior show

Country crooner Ben Olander tries to woo the bachelorette Erbe, with the help of backup singers Nathan Trantina

(back left) and Jack Tyrrell. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples-Motley High School Honor Roll

Staples-Motley High School recently released their First Semester Honor Roll.

A Honor Roll

12th Grade: Ashley Black, Isaac Christoffersen, Connor Fox, Jaydon Friedel, Mariela Gallardo-Reyes, Aidan Jaeger, Tyson Miller, Heileigh Mollner, Peter Nelsen, Benjamin Olander, Alixandra Peterson, Alexander Rosenthal, Boston Smith, Morgan Swecker, Jack Tyrrell, Isabelle VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels.

11th Grade: Tabettha Allen, Emmet Anderson, Haley Cichos, Beck Erholtz, Rose Han, Jady Kincaid, Oliver Lund, Connor Macheel, Alex McIlravy, Libby O'Neil, Ava Schneider, Amber Shequen, Maxwell Strickland, Cole Winkels.

10th Grade: Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Leah Bestland, Brooke Converse, Adriana Dickey, Abby Dukowitz, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Francesca Hanson, Brookelyn Huisenga, Madysen Hull, Sivert Klefsaas, Addison Lorber, Cassidy Radueg, Iain Sams, Klaire Storry, Jady Vogel.

9th Grade: Lily Albertson, Luke Bates, Keegan Bestland, Topanga Braith, Lucas Brownell, Amanda Carter, Nicole Carter, Emily Case, Riley Dabbs, William Dolezal, Bronte Enyart-Martinez, Camryn Ferris, Isabelle Halvorson, Caitlin Jasmer, Cyril Johnson, Jayce Kobliska, Landon Mertens, Allison Olander, Nathaniel Ritter, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Isaiah Schultz, Trinity Seamann, Meghan VanAlst, Evan Woodwick.

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Kerry Lindgren of Staples received the Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFB) Foundation FFA Advisor of the Year award at the the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Convention held in Austin, Texas, in January.

"Having the opportunity to observe the Farm Bureau Discussion Meet and the Excellence in Agriculture participants, the future of Farm Bureau leadership is bright. A special thank you to the Minnesota Farm

Bureau for this opportunity to attend the Convention," said Lindgren who recently retired as the Staples-Motley High School FFA Advisor.

Also attending the convention were Rachel and Seth Connell, representing the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee with Rachel serving as chair and on the MFB Board of Directors.

Attendees had the opportunity to attend farm tours and sessions and hear from U.S. President Donald

Trump, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and AFBF Vice President Scott Vander Wal.

"This was such an incredible opportunity to network with farmers from across the U.S., develop skills, and fuel our passion for agriculture advocacy," said the Connells. "We are very proud of how our YF&R state contest winners did in their respective areas and would encourage YF&Rs to participate."

Staples-Motley High School students recognized by MSHSL



Jack Tyrrell



Ari Brings



Torii Nienow



Cole Winkels

Four high school students at Staples-Motley were nominated for the ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) Award, and the AAA (Arts, Athletics, and Academics) Award which are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

Torii Nienow and Cole Winkels are juniors at SMHS who were selected as the school's 2019 - 2020 ExCEL Award winners. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, ExCEL is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school juniors. Students who are active in fine arts and/or athletics, who show leadership qualities and who are model citizens in their community are eligible for the award.

Nienow, the daughter of Adam and Lori Nienow, is

active at her school, participating in speech, band, orchestra, choir, Knowledge Bowl, 4-H and theatre. Her favorite classes at school include science, math and music. In the community she is a public library volunteer, sings in the area women's chorus, volunteers at her church (St. John Lutheran in Motley) and is involved in community theatre.

Winkels, the son of Bryan and Amy Winkels, is active at his school, participating in band, choir, football, wrestling and baseball. His favorite subject is math, Cole said, adding that he finds it challenging. In the community he volunteers at his church (Sacred Heart Catholic), and with youth football, basketball and baseball programs.

Jack Tyrrell and Ari Brings are seniors at

SMHS who were selected as the school's AAA Award winners. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, AAA is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school seniors. Students who are active in fine arts, athletics, who show leadership qualities, who are model citizens in their community, and excel with their academics are eligible for the award.

Tyrrell, the son of Jay and Joy Tyrrell, is active in cross country, track and field, speech, band and choir. He noted that he was captain of the cross country team that took 5th place at state last year. Jack enjoys studying and his favorite class is social studies. He plans to attend the University of St. Thomas Seminary in St. Paul next fall.

Brings, the daughter of

Kai and Heidi Brings, is active in speech, orchestra, band, choir and theatre. She has also participated in cross country, track and field, and swimming. Ari is a part of the PSEO (Post-secondary Enrollment Options) program at Central Lakes College, where she has been enjoying some challenging courses including microbiology. Ari plans to finish her Associates Registered Nursing Degree at CLC next fall.

Blake Boran, Activities & Community Ed. Director at SMHS, said the students had been selected by a panel of coaches, community members, teachers and SMHS Principal Mike Schmidt. "These are great, well-rounded kids," Boran said. "They are the leaders you want to be representing your school and community."