



Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 23	5°	-18	P. Cloudy
Feb. 24	5	-24	M. Sunny
Feb. 25	6	-5	Sunny
Feb. 26	19	1	P. Cloudy
Feb. 27	9	-9	M. Sunny
Feb. 28	16	4	P. Cloudy
Mar. 1	23	10	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 23	38°	28	M. Cloudy
Feb. 24	26	21	Sunny
Feb. 25	35	14	Sunny
Feb. 26	43	29	P. Cloudy
Feb. 27	32	21	Cloudy
Feb. 28	20	14	Sunny
Mar. 1	18	3	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 29° Low = 10°
Get the shovel out!
Can't wait for spring

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Becker: **9A**

Obituaries

Elva Amelung
Margaret Cheney
John Erickson
Ardis LuConic
Maurice Roth
Barbara Wetherell



Area sees big changes in new political districts

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

Residents of Staples, Motley and surrounding townships, whether in the Wadena County or Todd County portion, will now be in the same voting district for state elections. Wadena County residents will have a big change in the election for U.S. representative.

New districting maps were released by the state for both Minnesota Legislature districts and U.S. House of Representatives districts on Feb. 15.

State districts

A brand new Minnesota District 5B is all of Todd County and the southern half of Wadena County, but also includes portions of Cass and Morrison Counties, including Motley and Pillager.

District 5A is the northern half of Wadena County, with portions of Becker, Hubbard and Cass County. This includes Park Rapids in the north and stops just short of Detroit Lakes in the west.

Fairview Township, north of Pillager, is in District 5A, but otherwise most area residents are in District 5B.

Those two districts combined will be the senate district for this area, District 5. The former district for this area was District 9.

The current senator for this area, Paul Gazelka, and the two representatives, John Poston and Ron Kresha, do not live in the new district, so area residents will have to get to know new candidates.

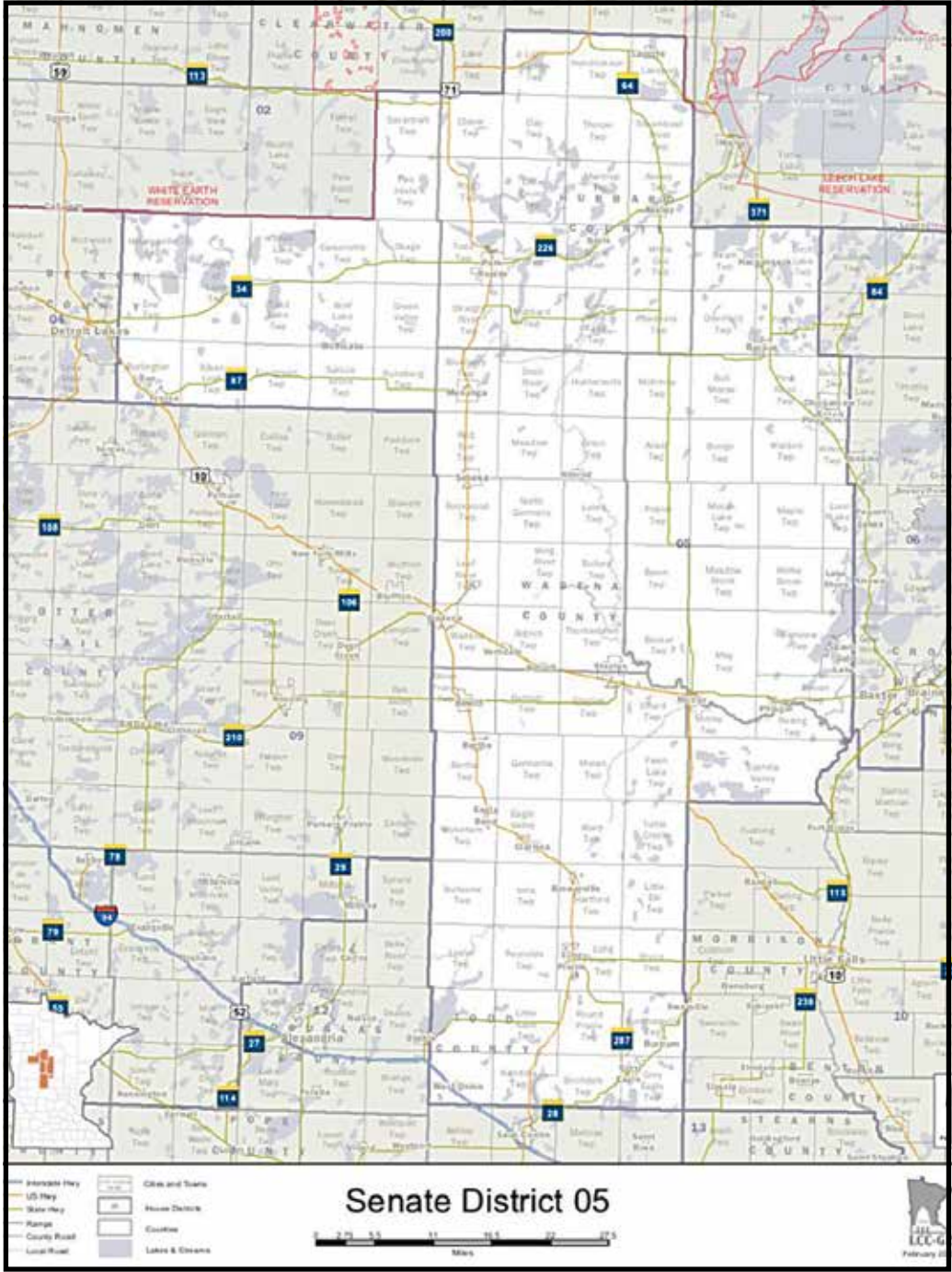
U.S. House districts

The residents of Wadena County will be represented by a different district in the U.S. Congress after the new Minnesota redistricting maps were released Feb. 15. The districts remain similar to the current maps, but the big change is that all of Wadena County shifts to District 7.

All of Todd, Wadena and Morrison County are now in District 7, while all of Cass and Crow Wing County are in District 8.

Residents of Motley and Pillager are on the dividing line between the two districts, so they will have to pay attention to which county they live in.

Michelle Fischbach is currently the representative in District 7 and Pete Stauber is in District 8.



Commissioners discuss legal publications

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

After discussion at the Feb. 15, 2022 meeting, the Todd County Board of Commissioners denied a request from the Staples World newspaper to print the county's official legal notices as a separate supplemental contract at a rate of

\$3.50 per column inch.

It was noted, the Staples World, has served as Todd County's official legal publication for many years. This year due to a mix up in the letting of the bids, the Staples World, which typically let the bid on behalf of themselves, the Long Prairie Leader and the Independent News Herald, missed

the communications with the other newspapers and did not become part of the bid process.

Prior to the discussion at the meeting, the Staples World had submitted a letter requesting consideration of their publication as a supplement to the other publications in printing the legal notices.

This letter was available for review.

Commissioner David Kircher said, "I have a problem. Granted they have been involved but Jason (Brown, editor of the Long Prairie Leader) said they had contacted the World several times with no response. There was nothing from them at the bid opening."

Kircher asked what the cost would be if they did this supplemental contract.

Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Jolene Sabrowsky said that it would be an estimated \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the year 2022.

Kircher said he would have a tough time supporting the request and that the

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Spreading love The Colla Voce Girls Choir, directed by Steve Hoemberg, shared songs and Valentines at the Staples High Rise Feb. 15. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Colla Voce Girls Choir spreads love to Staples community

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Colla Voce Girls Choir helped spread love and joy at a two-part Valentine's Day event in Staples recently.

Both parts included music, handmade gifts and smiles from the givers and recipients alike.

During 'part one' on Feb. 14, the young singers provided a video of songs they had recorded to the residents at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Each resident also received a Valentine's card and a crocheted heart.

The next day, the Colla Voce singers brought their music, cards and crocheted hearts to the residents at the Staples High Rise, where they were able to give an in-house performance.

Directed by Steve Hoemberg, with Sandy Paskewitz providing accompaniment, the girls sang a variety of songs, including a final humorous one called "Cold Snap" that most anyone living in Minnesota this time of year could relate to.

Following their performance at the high rise, the

girls handed out the cards and gifts, and then joined the residents in celebrating Valentine's Day with a pizza party provided by the Staples High Rise.

"The tenants loved it," said Bobbi Blanchard, Executive Director at the high-rise. "They were so happy to have the girls sing and have a 'treat' from Tower (Pizza)."

Hoemberg said that although they were unable to perform in-person at the care center, he hoped the residents there enjoyed the YouTube video of their songs.

The equipment used to make the recording had been made possible thanks to a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, Hoemberg said. He mentioned that both Colla Voce and the Staples Area Men's Chorus received grants to purchase recording equipment (including cameras), which they've been able to share.

As far as the hearts, credit went to his wife, Wendy, the director went on, noting that she had crocheted 100 of the holiday gift items. Sixty-five crocheted hearts

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Gabbing with grandma

Colla Voce Girls Choir member Naudia Djuren was excited to give a Valentine's Day card to her grandma, Lyda Cocking, following a concert at the Staples High Rise Feb. 15. The two spent some time visiting during the Valentine's pizza party held at the high rise. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Thank you for subscribing!

Fatal crash in Cass Cty on Hwy 64

A driver was killed in Cass County the morning of Feb. 20, when his truck left the road and struck a tree.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, 55-year-old Jack Kevin Dailey of Becker

was driving a pickup truck southbound on Highway 64 near 20th Street Southwest in McKinley Township at around 3:45 a.m.

Dailey, who was not wearing a seatbelt, then left the road and struck a tree, causing him fatal injuries.

The road conditions were dry and alcohol was not a factor in this incident, the report said.

Agencies at the scene included Cass County Sheriff's Office, North Ambulance and Backus Fire Department.



Supporting the truck drivers

A 1984 grain truck, sporting flags from the USA and Canada, sits in the parking lot at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. Joe Brichacek, one of the owners at BRICKS, said the truck is from their family farm. They are supporting all of the

truck drivers, Brichacek said, when asked about the truck and flags. They have heard a lot of positive comments about this so far, he said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Three-vehicle crash on Hwy 64 among Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Crash on Hwy 64

Feb. 10 - Two people received non-life threatening injuries during a three-vehicle crash at Hwy 64 in Motley, near mile marker 3. The crash involved a 2013 International Propane truck, a 2021 Ford F-150; and a 2005 Ford Freestar.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, the propane truck, driven by Marshall Douglas Forland, 49, of Pequot Lakes, was southbound on Hwy 64. The Ford Freestar, driven by Stefan Scott Tucker, 47, of Cushing, was northbound on Hwy 64, as was the Ford F-150, driven by Connor James Stanton, 23, of St. Louis Park.

The report went on to say that the Ford Freestar crossed the center line, striking the rear dual wheels on the propane truck. The propane truck proceeded to go off the road to the right, vaulted and landed on its side, which resulted in damage to four vehicles parked in a parking lot from debris. In addition, a tire came off the propane truck, striking the Ford F-150, which was directly behind the Ford Freestar.

Other responders at the scene included the Motley Police, Cass County Sheriff's Office, and Staples Ambulance.

Motley Police Chief Jason Borash reported that upon his arrival, he located

the crash at the entrance of Enberg Logging and was advised of another vehicle, a mini-van (Ford Freestar), in the ditch just north of the truck. Chief Borash responded to the location of the mini-van and let a Cass County Deputy deal with the propane truck and driver.

Chief Borash reported that the propane truck was leaking fuel and fumes were floating along the highway, so Hwy 64 was shut down with Motley Fire on scene for fire safety concerns. Traffic was re-routed by Motley Fire around the scene.

According to state patrol, Both Forland, the driver of the propane truck, and Tucker, the driver of the Ford Freestar, were transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with non-life threatening injuries. No injuries were reported for Stanton, the driver of the Ford F-150.

The state patrol reported the road condition was dry and that all three drivers were wearing seatbelts. Alcohol was not a factor for Forland and Stanton. The report states that it is unknown whether it was a factor for Tucker.

Other reports

Feb. 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Gunnar Morrell, 27, for no proof of insurance.

Feb. 14 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a juvenile that had taken off running into the woods near Dove Rd. in Pillager. Upon his arrival, the officer spoke with the subject's father who showed him the direction his son

had run. The officer then called over the PA for the subject to come out of the woods. A few moments later the subject walked out of the woods and up to the squad vehicle. The officer spoke with the subject about what had happened and placed him in the back of the squad car to keep him warm and separated from his father until MCSO arrived.

Feb. 12 - The MPD arrested Artie Wayne Cole at the 1100 block of Hwy 10 S. in Motley on three warrants, and transported him to the Morrison County Jail without incident.

Feb. 11 - The MPD issued a citation to Eric Noonan, 26, for expired registration and speeding.

Feb. 11 - The MPD issued citations to Anthony Geerdes, 23; and Joseph Strack, 34, for speeding.

Feb. 14 - The MCSO received a report from Cass County of a vehicle fire at Hwy 64 and 80th St. SW in Motley. Motley Fire was paged.

Feb. 12 - The MCSO responded to Scandia Valley Township for a report of a domestic assault. After speaking with the involved parties, the deputy arrested Ryan Hansen for domestic assault and transported him to the Morrison County Jail.

Feb. 7 - The MCSO assisted state patrol in briefly shutting down Hwy 10 in Cushing for a vehicle fire.

Feb. 5 - The MCSO assisted state patrol with a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 10 in Motley. There were no injuries.



Shaw awarded for service

At a recent Staples All Veterans Park meeting, board member Dan Shaw received an award from the Aitkin Chapter of Quilts of Valor. Paul and Paulette Manemann from the organization along with Donna Shaw presented a Quilt of Valor to Dan for lifetime achievement.

Pictured from left, Paul Manemann, Dan Shaw, Paulette Manemann and Donna Shaw.

Paulette said, "This quilt is a small token to let you know how important you were and still are to us. We feel it is the best for the best. We honor and respect you for your dedication, sacrifices, and the commitments you have made to us, the United States of America. You were there for us - no matter what role you played, either big or small, every one of you were a necessary cog in our great military. So, because of you we have a free, safe and great nation."

Dan served in the U.S. Air Force from July 1969 to May 1973 and was in Vietnam from May 1972 to May 1973.



Just like old times

All members of the Motley City Council and department heads were present at the council's regular meeting Feb. 15. The meeting was held in their former chambers, due to the Motley Fire Department holding their annual physicals in the larger room that's been home to the council's meetings the past few months. Pictured, back row from left, are council members Jace Carlson, Pat

O'Regan, Mayor Al Yoder, Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson. Front row, from left, are Brad Olson, Fire Chief; Curt Bryniarski, City Clerk/Treasurer; Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Jason Borash, Police Chief. A report from the meeting will be included in next week's paper. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Lions donate to SMHS Speech

The Staples Lions recently donated \$500 to the the Staples-Motley High School Speech team. Above: Iain Sams, SMHS Speech team and Staples Lions president Ken Christensen. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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sale ads, letters to
the editor and news
items for the
**Staples World is
Friday noon.**

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Extra request denied

World needed to be more responsible in submitting their bids.

Staples World Managing Editor Mark Anderson said that there was a mix up on the process when the three editors had gotten together this past summer.

Anderson said he was suggesting an increase in the rate of no more than 1.5 percent (%), however one of the other newspapers (not named) wanted to do an increase of three to four percent.

Anderson said he struggled with that and thought it was unethical and said he didn't want to gouge the county.

He also said that he had no knowledge of a deadline for submitting the bids to the county.

Commissioner Barb Becker said, "It was run in the Staples paper."

Anderson asked, "In what format?" Becker said, "A legal notice."

Sabrowsky reviewed what had gone out to the newspapers with the deadline specifically stated.

Anderson replied that it was another person that handles that and so he was unaware of it.

Chairman Rod Erickson said that he apologized, but that he did not want to cross lines.

Anderson said he was also not informed of the Leader's bid.

There was further discussion about the World having missed the deadline.

Anderson said that his request would not be part of the bid process but would be supplemental to the Leader/Independent's bid.

Becker said she hated to not run these notices because Staples does cover a different area in northern Todd County.

Anderson said that he was not sure that the process was followed correctly.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said that the bid process was followed to a "T."

"Yes, it was followed," Anderson said.

He added that he would not have been able to submit a bid without the other two newspaper's approval, however.

Since there was no representation from the County Attorney's office at this time, the discussion was tabled until representation could arrive. Some other matters were discussed before getting back to this.

When Assistant County Attorney John Lindemann arrived a bit later, Anderson had left the meeting.

Lindemann said that the statute is clear and it does not allow the county to give the Staples World a piece of the apple.

Lindemann said that he could not advise the Staples World what to do, but that they could negotiate with the Long Prairie Leader separately. He said that the World would have to run a disclaimer that they are not the legal publication for the county.

It was stated that the county would not want to set a precedent on this by allowing the World to put in a bid as a supplemental contract.

Becker said that it was really sad that the northern part of the county will be excluded but she is hopeful that next year it will right itself.

With a motion by Kircher and a second by Commissioner Gary Kneisl to deny the Staples World request, the motion to deny was approved unanimously.

Kircher thanked Lindemann for his presence and said that it was nice to have legal advice right by their side which hadn't happened in his 16 years of being a commissioner.

In other business

- Approved the resignation of Connie Spanwick from her position of part-time correctional officer, effective December 31, 2021.

- Hired Jenna Lawin as a part-time correctional officer, start date pending.

- Approved the hiring of Kasen Christensen as Soil and Water Conservation District Resource Conservationist - Wetlands.

- Due to a promotion, an

Office Support Specialist I position existed within the Health Services Unit. The board approved to hire Taylor Lemke to fill this open position.

- Due to a promotion, an Office Support Specialist II position existed within the Health Services Unit. The board approved to hire Abigail Deters to fill this open position.

- Approved Mika Jacobson to fill the open eligibility worker position.

Commissioner Barb Becker questioned if there was an end date for the ARPA funding that would partially pay for this position.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said that it was her understanding that with future retirements and other happenings that this would become a regular position and not an additional one at that point.

The position will be reviewed in one year.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Msgr. T. Leo Keaveny 4th Degree Knights of Columbus to hold a raffle event at the Thunder Lodge on June 16, 2022.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a raffle event at the Marthaler's Shed in Kandota Township on April 23, 2022.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Society of St. Pius X to hold a raffle event at the St. John Vianney Chapel in Round Prairie Township on August 7, 2022.

- Approve a one year Club On Sale & Sunday Liquor License for the American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort in Birchdale Township effective April 15 through October 15, 2022.

- Approved a Seasonal On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for DT Lisson Inc. doing business as (DBA) Double Eagle Golf & Grille in Burleene Township effective April 1 through October 31, 2022.

- Approved a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Hub Supper Club LLC DBA The Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Long Prairie Country Club effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce at the Marthaler's Shed in Kandota Township effective April 23, 2022.

- Approved a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Shady's Golden Eagle in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

- Approved a one day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Sylvan Shores Association Inc. in Fawn Lake Township effective March 11, 2022.

- Acknowledged receipt of a request from Benson Air Ag, Inc. for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the calendar year 2022 with public notification made within 48 hours prior to a spraying event.

- Heard a program update on livestock from the U of M Extension Educator Brenda Miller.

- A subdivision request to establish a seven-lot preliminary plat in Leslie Township called Lakeside Acres First Addition Preliminary Plat was the topic of a good deal of discussion during the meeting.

This item had been remanded back to the Planning Commission on December 21, 2021.

Most of the discussion centered around the cul-de-sac and road and who would be responsible for building it and maintaining it.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said he wanted to make sure that all permits and things from other agencies were in place before the final plat.

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75 YEARS Ago - 1947

- Feb. 20, 1947 - Ed Smith, prominent resident of the Leader Community, was in the World office Friday morning, to say that he saw the "first robin" of spring. "We looked at him, looked him over carefully, and asked him if this had been going on for some time, or was it jut something - just an old spring affliction." He still stuck to his story that he DID see the first robin of spring on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Smith stated that he would furnish an affidavit signed by competent witnesses - so what can we do about it - there must have been a robin.

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- Feb. 20, 1947 - Laurence Sellnow, who is with the United States Navy, sent The World a clipping which was taken from the San Jose, Calif. daily newspaper, telling about Bernard McGuire also of Staples. The clipping read:

"Bridegroom Is Hero of Basketball Win (Heading) - Moorhead, Minn., Feb. 14 (UP) - Bernie McGuire played basketball on his wedding night and scored 27 points to lead Moorhead Teachers college to a 45 - 44 victory over Concordia last night."

Mr. Sellnow, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sellnow of Staples, is with the United States Navy. He expects to be sent overseas very soon. He is married and his wife is living with her parents at Trenton, N.J. at the present time.

Mr. Sellnow graduated from the Staples high school a year or so before McGuire finished, and stated - "Well it is a small world, after all," when he saw the article in the California paper.

- Feb. 20, 1947 - The first twins to be born in the Staples Municipal hospital in 1947 were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Anderson Thursday morning, Feb. 20. The first child to arrive was a girl, Carol Faye, who weighed five pounds, 6 ounces. She was born at 5:02 a.m. In a short time along came a boy, Leo Michael, who weighed five pounds and 1 ounce. He was born at 5:10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one other child, a



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 24, 1972 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

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

daughter. Both mother and babies are doing fine.

- Feb. 20, 1947 - Members of the Staples Men's Civic Chorus did some recording at their regular meeting Monday of this week, with Bill Blaha at the controls of the recording machine he had taken to the school house. Mr. Blaha has a splendid recording machine, and the records made by the chorus were very good.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

- Feb. 24, 1972 - "Congratulations, Cardinals! on your accomplishments in winning the titles in conference, district and regional wrestling. Our sincere best wishes for continuing success in the state High School wrestling tournament this week!" Staples Federal Credit Union.

- Feb. 24, 1972 - A group of friends enjoyed snowmobile trip to Bagley this past weekend. Ten men left Staples Saturday morning at 8 and drove their snowmobiles approximately 130 miles to Bagley, where they were joined by their wives. The men arrived at 7:30 Saturday evening.

The group traveled in road ditches and cross country. When they arrived at Park Rapids they were guided through that area by a Park Rapids man. Those who made the trip from Staples were: Roger Bienusa, Ken Woehle, Joe Vukelich, Mike Reger, Stan Trana, Roger Peterson, Dennis Smith, Ron McCauley, Ed

Lenk and Tom Miller.

All returned to Staples Sunday, hauling their snowmobiles by trailers.

- Feb. 24, 1972 - Bruce Van Dyke, guard for the Pittsburgh Steelers Football Team, has been named as the guest speaker for the annual Staples High School Athletic Banquet, which is slated to be held April 4.

- Feb. 24, 1972 - A crowd estimated in excess of 1,500 persons attended the open house of the Staples Area Vocational Technical School Sunday afternoon. A photo in the World showed Dilip Poncholi, student senate president, explaining equipment in the plastic injection mold shop to a group touring the school. Dilip is a student from India, in the Machine Shop I course.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

- Feb. 20, 1997 - "Quilters," a folk musical, will be presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre on Feb. 28 and March 1, at Staples Centennial Auditorium.

- Feb. 20, 1997 - Induction ceremonies were held last Thursday for the 1997 National Honor Society at Staples Motley High School.

Twenty-two students, 14 seniors and eight juniors, were added to the Staples NHS Chapter. They joined the eight members of the senior class who were inducted a year ago. Dr. Sarah Israelson of Staples was the guest speaker for the program.

Current members of

the NHS conducted the program. Those members included Jeff Joerger, Steve Hoemberg, Malcolm Gold, Penny Knosalla, Chris Schock, Julie Vogel, Lisa Detloff and Erik Kelly.

New members inducted included the following students: Juniors - Aubrey Noska, Katrina Fabian, Paul Detloff, Carlee Noska, Nicolle Shaffer, Justin Windschitl, Inga Storbakken. Seniors - Jaclyn Zahler, Aaron Fuller, Matthew Hanson, Lisa Otteson, Stacia Sams, Amos Self, Christopher Heier, Scott Moore, Amanda Sorenson, Joy Taber, Staci Yoder, Angela Thompson, Maria Brenny, Devon Wilhelmson, Alicia Toews.

- Feb. 20, 1997 - Amos Self helped the Little Falls-Staples Motley swim team with a first and third place finish in individual events, but his efforts were not enough to overcome a strong Park Rapids Panthers team Feb. 11.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

- Feb. 23, 2012 - Mike and Pamela Withage heroically saved 11 dogs from a burning barn, but they are mourning the four that they couldn't save. They are also in limbo over the future of their dog care business after years of effort were wiped out by the fire.

On Feb. 18, a fire broke out in one of the three connected barns at Withage Farm's Camp Canine, on 130th Ave., northwest of Staples.

- Feb. 23, 2012 - Approximately 180 people attended a fundraiser dinner at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Feb. 19, to help raise money for the Central Minnesota Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. (sponsored by the Staples Host Lions) scheduled for April 12-13. A total of \$1,807 was raised at the event which was hosted by Faith Lutheran Church and the FLC Men's Group.

- Feb. 23, 2012 - Internationally recognized artist and filmmaker Mara Adamitz Scrupe is hoping her documentary, "Working Out," will help introduce the Leader area to an audience far beyond Cass County.

"We have high hopes of entering this into the Sundance Film Festival at some point," Mara said in a recent phone interview from her home out East in Virginia.

The 60-minute documentary explores the lives of five generations of extended families tracing their Midwestern roots to the mid-nineteenth century in and around the small community of Leader.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Feb. 6, 1986 edition of the Staples World featured the Snow Days Royalty Candidates at Staples High School. Queen candidates, from left, were Lisa Plattner, Michelle Åustad, Kerri Sinotte, Julie Hirschey, Tosha Martell and Kristi Anderson. King candidates were Rob Rychner, Jon Vukelich, Paul Wickham, Jamie Mueller, Doug D. Pe-

terson and Tim Penfield. The following week's paper announced that Rob Rychner and Kristi Anderson were crowned Snow Days King and Queen.

Sonya Lindeen of Elk River and Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified all. Judy also knew that Rob and Kristi were crowned king and queen. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



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“Goodness exists” and “Happiness is right here” are written on a modern, bright-colored mural with native wildlife and flowers over a landscape of the Palouse area of Washington State.

Pew Research released a major rural vs. urban study, and the headlines missed the best bits.

Pew Research’s new social trends study has shown up in a lot of news stories with widely varying headlines. Pew themselves titled it “Americans Are Less Likely Than Before COVID-19 To Want To Live in Cities, More Likely To Prefer Suburbs.”

There’s a lot more interesting rural conclusions to be drawn from this new data comparing people’s living preferences from 2018 to 2021. Most of the positive trends for rural places are being overlooked in the headlines.

Way more people prefer rural

More people said they preferred to live in a rural place than an urban place. The gap was 13 percentage points in 2018, and the gap increased to 16 percentage points in 2021. The preference for rural over urban holds true in all age groups except the youngest, ages 18 to 29 in this study.

More people prefer rural than actually live rural

While 35 percent say they prefer rural, around 17 percent of the total U.S. population lives in rural places. Allowing for differences in the definitions of rural, and the survey question’s exclusion of those with no preference, it seems likely that a lot more people prefer rural than live rural right now. This implies there’s pent up demand for rural living.

This aligns with previous studies of the number of people who would live rural if they had their choice. In 2018, Gallup asked people where they preferred to live, offering six different levels of urbanization to ruralization. Rural came out on top for all age groups, except for 18-29 year olds, where rural came in a surprising second out of the six choices. Trulia research in 2015 showed seven percent more people wanted to live in rural places than did at the time.

From 2015 to 2018 to 2021 from three different research groups, that’s been a consistent finding: more people would prefer to live in rural places if they had a choice.

Rural people want to stay put

A growing share of urban dwellers say they would move if they could. Only 25 percent of rural people who want to move say they would move to a different type of community if they could, compared to 35 percent of suburban and 43 percent of urban people. The percentage of urban people who said they wanted to move showed a big increase, from 37 percent in 2018 to 43 percent in 2021.

Rural people are most likely to say that if they moved, they’d stay in the same community type: 47 percent of rural people who want to move would stay rural, compared to 37 percent of suburbanites who’d stay in the suburbs and only 28 percent of urbanites who would stay urban.

Pandemic increased motivation

Daily Yonder pointed out that the number who preferred rural areas didn’t increase with the pandemic, despite apparent increases in the number of people moving into rural communities. People didn’t have to suddenly develop a preference for rural places, because the preference was already there.

What the pandemic changed was some people’s motivation to move because of perceived risk and some people’s ability to move with the rapid adoption of remote work. That’s what changed the demand and sent some rural real estate prices higher.

More urban people rated pandemic as major

Many more city people said the health and economic effects of the pandemic were major problems in their community than rural or suburban people. There was a 10 percentage point difference in each measure. Urban and rural people are equally pessimistic about how long it will take to get back to normal, and suburban residents are a shade more optimistic there.

Housing and drug abuse

On most of the challenges the Pew survey listed, it appears that urban residents were more concerned about it than rural or suburban people.

Housing was a major problem to 63 percent of urban, but only 46 percent of suburban and 40 percent of rural people.

Drug addiction was a major problem in their area for 49 percent of urban, but only 40 percent of rural, 29 percent of suburban people.

Rural people were more likely to say access to doctors and hospitals and high speed internet access were major problems in their communities.

On healthcare, 22 percent of rural people rated it a major problem, but only 20 percent or fewer for urban and suburban people.

For high speed internet, it was 26 percent of rural people calling it a major problem in their communities versus 20 percent or fewer for urban and suburban.

Everyone wants community

What people said they consider important in a community hasn’t changed much compared to 2018.

Most of the factors scored similarly among rural, suburban and urban people.

The number one ranked factor is a community that is a good place to raise children. Rural-favoring factors that showed an increase in support between 2018 and 2021 included a community with access to recreational and outdoor activities and a place with a strong sense of community.

This also aligns with what rural people said in a 2021 Montana Extension survey. They selected some of the most remote and challenged rural communities to go find and talk to a few newcomers in their town. New residents said they were pulled to their new community because they want to raise their kids like they were raised, to be closer to nature, to have a slower pace of life and a lower cost of living. Being part of a small community and friendly people were the top things they loved about their new towns.

Word picture of reasons new residents moved to remote Montana communities

Positive rural trends

Overall, the Pew Research study brought out some positive points for rural places to consider and largely agreed with previous studies of rural preferences. Society may realign significantly as work is increasingly decoupled from place.

Becky McCray started Small Biz Survival in 2006 to share rural business and community building stories and ideas with other small town business people. She and her husband have a small cattle ranch and are lifelong entrepreneurs. Becky is an international speaker on small business and rural topics.

Poston decides not to run again

It has been my honor to serve in the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2017. Thank you for supporting me as your Representative for MN House District 9A.

Last fall, I announced that I would not be running for the House again, but I was planning to run for the Minnesota Senate in District 9.

The new district maps

were announced last week. After prayer, discussion with my family, and council with my fellow Republican lawmakers, I have made the decision to retire at the end of my House term.

The new map for Senate District 5 includes portions of Becker, Cass, Hubbard, Todd, and Wadena counties. Paul Utke (Republican) resides in Park Rapids. He has been serving in the Minnesota Senate since 2017. I am confident in Paul’s commitment to all Minnesotans. He will continue to advocate for tax reform, health care reform, and our 2nd

Amendment rights.

I will finish my House of Representatives position with pride. I will continue to stand on the core principles that I have campaigned for the past 3 terms. I will continue to make your voice heard at the State Capital.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to represent you. I am a proud Republican. I am a proud Minnesotan.

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Township Day is Tuesday, March 8

All township residents have a direct voice and a direct vote with their local government. On Tuesday, March 8, townships will hold their annual meetings on “Township Day.” Make sure to attend to make your voice heard.

The tradition of a town meeting has roots in colonial America. New England

town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. Those meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized problem-solving through group efforts.

Growing from this historic background, we are still effective as ‘grassroots government.’ Residents participate in discussion and a direct vote on the tax levy, and many townships will be electing new officers.

We encourage every township resident to at-

tend your annual meeting - together we’ll shape the future. Mark your calendar for March 8 and find the location and time by checking your local newspaper or contacting your township clerk and invite your neighbors to the annual meeting on Township Day.

Jeff Krueger
Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Townships
St. Michael, Minn.

Minnesota business strengths emerge

By DEED Commissioner Steve Grove
Originally published in the Duluth News Tribune

In an economy that’s been disrupted in almost every way these past few years, it can be hard to point to one single indicator of how well we’re doing as a state. But in a highly competitive environment for workers and jobs, there’s one question I find myself coming back to again and again: Where are people and businesses moving to?

The pandemic has made where you work more flexible than ever before, and new business starts are on the rise across the country. That kind of mobility and dynamism puts every state in a competitive marketplace.

A recent report from Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower showed that last year, Minnesota lost around 13,000 residents, a little over two people per 1,000 in the state. While these numbers aren’t huge, they aren’t headed in the right direction — and they continue a broader trend over the last two decades, as outlined in the Minnesota Chamber’s “Minnesota 2030” report.

Business starts, on the other hand, have increased significantly in Minnesota. Entrepreneurs started 42 percent more businesses last year than in 2019. People are trying new things here and hoping to build

Minnesota’s next Fortune 500, which would bring new jobs and opportunity to our state.

One thing is certain: In this moment of economic fluidity, we can’t afford to sit back and hope that Minnesota will come out on top. For far too long, Minnesota has been too humble about our considerable strengths.

That’s why the Department of Employment & Economic Development recently launched a new platform at joinusmn.com, seeking to attract businesses and people to Minnesota. Our strong business climate, our talented workforce, and our quality of life all contribute to the case for, “Why Minnesota?”

The platform has a host of resources for what Minnesota offers, as well as rankings, stories, and regional snapshots.

The central theme of the message is rooted in positioning Minnesota as the “problem-solving capital” of the country. It’s an idea backed by data: We have one of the hardest-working workforces in the country and one of the best business-survivability rates in the nation. The tagline “Build What Matters in Minnesota” elevates that people here care about what they do.

The result is an economy that has punched far above its weight for a long time, leading to many world-changing innovations in medicine, technology, agriculture, and beyond.

Recently, we’ve been holding roundtables across the state with business leaders and have been hearing an exuberance for what Minnesota has to offer the world.

“Why Minnesota? I like to say, ‘Why not Minnesota?’ because it has so much to offer,” said Mark Emmel, president and COO of the Lion Hotel Group, at a re-

cent roundtable in Duluth. “This includes a fantastic education system, which also helps with workforce development.”

At a Mankato roundtable, Jeff Chambers, founder of sports startup Kato Collar, said, “We raised slightly over \$1 million in Minnesota to get my business going, and the Angel Tax Credit was a major factor in that fundraising because it gave us credibility with investors. Minnesota cities, counties, and state government are incredible resources for growing businesses.”

This legislative session, Gov. Tim Walz’s budget includes a recommendation for marketing dollars to promote Minnesota to key audiences, something other states do all the time. It is critical to share our message with those who’d consider moving to our state.

Promoting Minnesota on the global stage comes at a critical time. We know the view of our state these last few years has been influenced largely by the killing of George Floyd and the essential racial reckoning that followed. Our message must not ignore that fact but rather embrace that this is an inflection point in Minnesota. On our platform, we point to a host of examples of business, government, and community efforts to address racial disparities in our state.

We can be honest about our journey and still promote our state.

This is a critical juncture in the global economy. It demands bold action by states wanting to author the next chapter. And that means attracting more people and more business to Minnesota. We hope leaders across the state can embrace this new campaign to place Minnesota where it belongs: on a list of the best places to live and do business in the world.

Quote of the week

“What a newspaper needs in its news, in its headlines, and on its editorial page is terseness, humor, descriptive power, satire, originality, good literary style, clever condensation, and accuracy, accuracy, accuracy.”
— Joseph Pulitzer

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Lamplighter production and ProStart meal

Lamplighter Community Theatre will present "The Velveteen Rabbit", a play, adapted by Scott Davidson. A family friendly production, the performance includes dinner, March 3, 4 and 5 at 6 p.m. and Sat., March 5 at noon and will be held at the Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria. The Staples-Motley High School ProStart students will be serving a meal of soup, sandwich and dessert.

The cast includes: Ashley Franklin

- Nana/Train; Hearther Pearson - Skin Horse/Bunny 2/Magic; Zachary McIlravy - Boy; Meghan VanAist - Velveteen Rabbit; William Dolezal - Mouse/Bunny 1. Go to www.LCTStaples.com for information. (Submitted photo)

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

Chief Deputy Bryan Welk announced candidacy for Cass County Sheriff in 2022 election

This November, voters in Cass County will choose a new Sheriff to lead our law enforcement team for the next four years. As your Chief Deputy, it has been my privilege to help oversee the day-to-day operations of our 77-member staff of law enforcement professionals. Our team effort serves the people of Cass County well and because I want to continue our tradition of outstanding service to the people of Cass County, I am pleased to announce my candidacy to become the next Sheriff of Cass County.

During my 24-years of Cass County law enforcement service, I started as a dispatcher, then became a deputy in 2004. I was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and then, in 2019, to Lieutenant. I have served as Chief Deputy since November 2021. The broad range of responsibilities and opportunities for leadership in these positions has provided me with a good blend of insight into the needs of our officers and staff, as well as the citizens we



Chief Deputy Bryan Welk

proudly serve each day.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office has a well-deserved reputation for innovative practices. As a law enforcement officer who has spent my entire career working for the people of Cass County, I am proud to be a part of this great agency.

As your sheriff, I pledge to continue our commitment to the best practices that are the foundation of our current law enforcement efforts. I pledge to support ongoing learning and the implementation of

new best practices as they emerge. This commitment allows me to assure you that our team will always work to maintain your trust and ensure your confidence in our ability to meet your public safety needs.

I look forward to personally connecting with as many of you as possible during and after the campaign that lies ahead. Learning how we can serve you better will help all of us manage the ever-changing demands of our duty to serve you. I also invite you to check in with us at our website www.welkforsheriff.com and on Facebook as this exciting journey unfolds.

I am excited to begin the process of becoming your next sheriff. As a highly qualified candidate, I humbly ask that you vote Welk for sheriff in the upcoming November 2022 election.

For additional information, contact Bryan Welk by phone 218-851-0939, by email bryanwelk@icloud.com or by mail PO Box 161, Remer MN 56672.

Mark Your Calendar

February 23, 24

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 14, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-2159. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP Mtgs are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

February 25

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

February 26

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Free.

February 28

AA GROUP Mtgs IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

March 1

RUBY'S PANTRY is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

February

- **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL CONTEST** Feb. 23, Pillager
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Feb. 23, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Staples
- **FFA ICE SKATING** Feb. 23, Motley rink

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



"Escapee" winners

The "Valorous Vexers" escaped the "paradise island" challenge with the fastest time of 15 minutes and 45 seconds. They won a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant supplied by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above: Valorous Vexers, Benjamin and Stacy Underhill, Michael and Veronica Tappe. (Submitted photos)



"Lunch Ladies" Kylie Peterson and Amy Winter escaped in 39:45.



"Mystery Gang" Anthony Maule, Heather Maule, Sam Ness and Melissa Zetah needed to be rescued.

Grief Support Group offered in Motley

'GriefShare,' a grief support group, will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., March 3 - May 26.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group offering help and encouragement after the death

of a loved one. It's designed to help people who have lost someone rebuild their lives.

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Ardis LuConic

Ardis (Nurnberger) LuConic, 89, of Woodbury passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2021.

After a Celebration of Life on May 27, 2022, Ardy will be laid to rest at the Veterans Cemetery, Camp Ripley with her husband.

Ardy was born March 1, 1932, to Robert and Mary Nurnberger in Staples. After graduating from Staples High School in 1950, she was employed by Honeywell Corp. in Minneapolis.

In 1953 she married Andrew LuConic, going on to have two daughters, Antoinette and Tamara, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Next to her faith and family, Ardy's greatest love was her art. She was obviously an artist from a very young age with some of her first drawings appearing in the Staples High School yearbooks in 1949 and 1950. She loved working with watercolors and had numerous favorite subjects.



Maurice Roth

Maurice Roth, 93, of Wadena passed away February 8, 2022, at Green Pine Acres, Menahga and went to his Heavenly reward.

Memorial services will be held February 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wadena Alliance Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Maurice Roth was born May 8, 1928, to Amos and Phoebe (Roth) Roth on his parent's farm on the banks of the West Blue River, near Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

As a young man, Maurice attended Riverview Country School through the eighth grade. Later in life, at the age of 59, he went back to school and got his GED.

Marice married Eileen Stutzman, of Milford, NE on Sept. 18, 1949. They made their home in the country southwest of Milford, where they were blessed with three sons: Steven, Brian and Clark. While they farmed for a number of years, until they were hit with two tornados and lost many of their possessions. In January of 1959 they moved to Minnesota where they bought a farm north of Staples on the Crow Wing River. After farming for a few years Maurice knew the importance of irrigation, so he purchased the first irrigator in the area. He became involved in irrigation and was one of the first leaders to start Central Minnesota Irrigation Association which served the central Minnesota farmers in the knowledge and management of irrigation. Later he helped start the statewide program called Irrigators Association of Minnesota and served as president.

In 1974 Maurice and his three sons started Roth Riverside Farms, Inc. and still doing some farming with his son, Brian and grandson, Nathan.

The Roths attended the Leader Mission Church and later the Covenant Church north of Staples. Upon moving to Wadena and



Margaret Cheney

Margaret (Killian) Cheney, 81, of rural Staples, passed away February 13, 2022, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Funeral Mass was held February 19 at The Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo, ND. Interment will be at Fosston in the spring.

Margaret (Marge) Mary (Killian) Cheney was born December 18, 1940 to Lawrence and Fern Killian in Fosston. She grew up on a dairy farm with seven siblings. She was Baptized and Confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fosston.

On September 16, 1961 she married Gale L. Cheney. From this union four children were born: Craig (Pam) of Cottage Grove, WI; Duane (Leanda) of Frazee; Fr. Jim of Fargo, ND and Joyce of Minneapolis. She was blessed with nine grandchildren, Jessica, Tasha, Jacob (Lacy), Tessa, Joshua, Aubree (Kai), Jensen (Dan), Thomas (Sara); Chloe (Levi) and six great-grandchildren, Avery, Cooper, Lila, Evie, Scarlett and Margaret. How she loved them all, the biggest loves of her life.

After their marriage, Gale and Marge resided by Forest Lake for 11 years, then purchased a small dairy farm near Wolf Lake where they lived for about 10 years. They took jobs in the Twin Cities and continued to fly home on week-ends until they sold their farm to their son, Duane and moved to Anoka.

Marge worked for IDS/American Express Financial Advisors (now Ameriprise) for 16 years as an Administrative Assistant in the Law and Finance Departments. The couple retired in 2001 near Staples. Together they would sometimes cook the "buck luck" meal at the Newman Center in Fargo where their son is a priest. They were known



as "Ma and Pa Cheney". She and Gale loved fishing with their sons, Craig, Duane and James during the summer months. When their daughter, Joyce came home they enjoyed playing board games, visiting and cooking great meals.

Marge taught religious education at Sacred Heart Church in Staples for 15 years. She loved sharing her faith with the students who came to grow and learn. She loved to read and always had a book or the Bible by her side. Some of her other favorite past times were to pray on her walks through the woods and attend Mass. She and Gale were Eucharistic Ministers at their church and enjoyed bringing Jesus in the Eucharist to the home bound and visiting with them. She LOVED to laugh and hear new jokes; she had a list of her favorite Ole and Lena jokes. Her next love was sewing, making felted wool mittens and her son's clerical shirts. She enjoyed baking, especially homemade breads.

She is survived by her husband, Gale and their four children.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Thomas and Dennis and one granddaughter, Tasha.

She carried Christ in her heart each and every day.

Elva Amelung

Elva M. Amelung, 90, of Sauk Rapids passed away February 10, 2022, at the St. Cloud Hospital with her daughter, Jeannette, by her side.

No services will be held per her request.

Elva was born June 7, 1931 to Glen and Olive (Matthews) Brant in rural Cass County. She was united in marriage to Ivan Payne. Together they had six children and later divorced. Elva then married Carl Amelung. She lived in Oregon for 30 years, moved to Silver Bay for a few years and has lived in Sauk Rapids since 2010. Elva worked as a clerk for S&H Green Stamps for many years, cleaned medical buildings and retired from Bluefin Bay Resort in Tofte in the early 2000s. She enjoyed fishing, especially on the ocean in Oregon, baking, cooking, puzzles and reading. Elva was kind, sweet and overall, a wonderful person and always helped those in need. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She loved them very much.



Duane (Judy) Payne of Mississippi and Tom (Sue) Payne of St. Cloud; special daughter of the heart, Julie (Steve) Fagan of Milwaukee, OR; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Chico Brant of Leader and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl; three brothers, Kenneth, Alfred and Marvin and two great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the nurses on North 5th Floor Oncology Unit at the St. Cloud Hospital for their care to Elva.

Arrangements were by Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids. Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

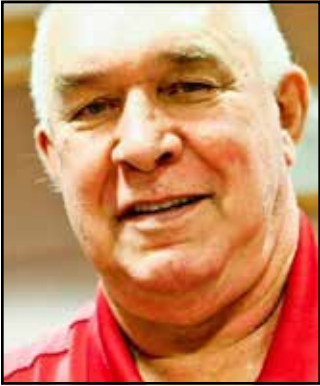
John Erickson

John Albert Erickson, 80, of Cohasset, passed away February 9, 2022, at Essentia Health - St. Mary's Medical Center-Duluth.

Memorial services were held February 22, at Libbey Funeral Home in Grand Rapids.

John was born in 1941 to Maurice and Elna (Gustafson) in Frederic, WI and graduated from Staples High School. John and Verlie Gaarder were united in marriage on November 3, 1962. John worked in the tool and die department at Honeywell in Minneapolis until they moved to Grand Rapids in 1975. There he worked for Minnesota Power and retired as a supervisor in 2001.

John enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, traveling



and spending time with his family and caring for his wife until her passing.

He is survived by two sons, Greg (Sara) Erickson of Soldotna, AK and Mike (Jen) Erickson of Grand Rapids; one daughter, Lisa (Adam) Erickson-Trego, of Bemidji; one brother, Maurice Erickson of Staples; four grandchildren, Garrett (Megan) Reinarz, Sam Trego, Kennedy Erickson, Hunter Erickson; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Kenna Reinarz and his nephews, cousins and lifetime friends.

John is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Arrangements were with Libbey Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids. To sign the online guestbook or send condolences visit www.libbeyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Wetherell

Barbara Ann Wetherell, 73, of Staples, passed away at Lakewood Care Center on February 14, 2022.

Services for Barbara will be private.

Barbara was born in Wadena to Russell and Mabel (Dahlvang) Wetherell.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples, www.taylorfunerals.com.

Student Achievements

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE, St. Peter, has announced its 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must have earned a 3.7 grade point average or higher for the semester. Local students named include:

- Torii Nienow, Motley
- Rose Han, Staples

SAMANTHA THOMAS, Pillager, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List at Bethel University, St. Paul. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Samantha is the daughter of Joseph and

Larae Thomas of Pillager.

LINDSEY PERSONIUS, Pillager, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester President's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must have earned a grade point average of 4.0.

ALEXANDER GRATKE, Pillager, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must have earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Katie Denny and Ryan Bartylla, a baby girl, Emma Jo weighing five pounds, 10 ounces on February 11, 2022.

Born to Becky and Keith Crisman of Browerville twin boys, Troy Scott weighing five pounds, 14 ounces and Trevor Russell weighing six pounds,

six ounces on February 13, 2022.

Born to Melissa and Jeff Fink of Staples, a baby girl, Emma Jo weighing five pounds, 10 ounces on February 16, 2022.

Born to Elizabeth and Nick Kiekhafer of Brainerd, a baby girl, Sadie Quinn weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on February 17, 2022.



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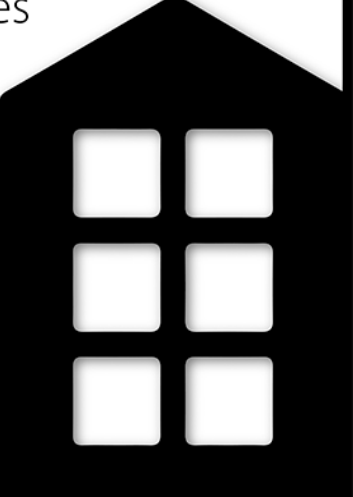
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Wrestlers advance in playoffs, fall to top team

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won a narrow match in their first playoff round but lost against the top seed in the semifinals of the Section 7A team tournament on Feb. 18.

The Cardinals were the fourth seed in the tournament and faced number five seeded Deer River. Staples-Motley got off to a slow start but Owen Winter turned things around with a win before the team got pins by Colbe Tappe, Jason Trantina, Dalton Wells and Blake Neelan. Going in to the last match, Staples-Motley had a 30-28 lead, meaning the winner of the heavy-weight bout would win it for the team. It couldn't

have been closer as Steven Petrich eked out a 1-0 win to advance the Cardinals to the next round.

In the section semifinals, Staples-Motley did not have the firepower to keep up with the third ranked team in the state, Royalton-Upsala. Despite falling behind early, the Cardinals came back to take a lead at 21-18 midway through the match. The team ended up forfeiting many of the upper weights to fall 54-21.

The Section 7A individual tournament is Friday, Feb. 25, at Cass Lake-Bena.

Team results
Section 7A team tournament

Staples-Motley 33 Deer River 28
106 Eli Greenwaldt L 10-3, 113 Jack Carlson L 6-0, 120 Riley Reese W 7-2, 126 Owen Winter W 6-0, 132 Colbe Tappe W fall, 138 Jason Trantina W fall, 145 Dustin Converse L fall, 152 Dalton Wells W fall, 160 Blake Neelan W fall, 170 Luke Bjerga L 12-1, 182 Adrian Gomez L fall, 195 double ff, 220 ff, 285 Steven Petrich W 1-0

Staples-Motley 21, Royalton/Upsala 54
106 Greenwaldt L 12-2, 113 ff, 120 Reese L 4-0, 126 Winter L 23-8, 132 Tappe W fall, 138 Trantina W inj., 145 Wells W fall, 152 Neelan W 6-1, 160 ff, 170 ff, 182 ff, 195 ff, 220 Petrich L fall, 285 ff



Firing from the outside

Addison Lorber puts up a shot over the Upsala defense in the first half. (Staples World by Mark Anderson)

Lorber shoots Cardinals to win

Addison Lorber scored 23 of the team's first 27 points, leading Staples-Motley girls basketball team to a 52-50 win over Upsala on Feb. 15. The Cardinals also

had two conference losses during the week, 75-49 against Detroit Lakes and 83-46 against Pequot Lakes. Against Upsala, Lorber opened the game with a three point shot and made four 3-pointers in the first half. She also scored driving to the basket, on fast breaks and off an offensive rebound, for a total of 19 points in the first half. Lorber was also instrumental on defense, guarding the top inside players.

The teams went into halftime with a 23-23 tie, so Lorber started scoring again in the second half, with two free throws and another basket that tied the game at 27, the last time the Cardinals trailed in

the game. After that, Cami Anderson, Aften Robinson and Ashley Robben made baskets to start building a lead, with Robben adding three more important baskets. Lauren Rutten took over the scoring late in the game, hitting a three point shot and scoring enough to keep the lead.

The Cardinals missed some free throws that could have assured the win, but Upsala missed a shot at the buzzer as the Cardinals held on.

Team results
Staples-Motley 52, Upsala 50
Scoring: Addison Lorber 25, Lauren Rutten 11, Ashley Robben 10, Aften Robinson 4, Cami Anderson 2



Negotiating traffic

Cami Anderson keeps the ball away from reaching opponents as she drives.

In Minnesota, wolf news is always big news

If there is one issue that can be counted on to make "page one" in both general news and outdoor news outlets, it is news related to the status and management of Minnesota's eastern gray wolf—what we have historically called "timber wolf." That has been borne out in the two weeks since a U.S. District Court judge in California ruled that the gray wolf here and in neighboring Midwest states is to be returned to the Endangered Species List.

With this court decision, management of the wolf within our borders has been taken away from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and our state's statutes and regulations. The wolf is once again fully protected here, with limited exceptions for verified losses of livestock or pets if a wolf has been determined to be responsible.

Our eastern gray wolves have come a long way since the 1960's and early 1970's, when they were unprotected, could be shot indiscriminately, and were actively trapped for their fur. Wearing animal fur was more accepted then than today, and wolf fur was an attractive and functional material on high-end winter clothing. And as late as the mid-1960's, bounties were still being paid by the State of Minnesota for wolves linked to the killing of livestock.

Back then, the wolf was strictly a creature of Min-

nesota's northern counties, associated with wilderness and near-wilderness. Its numbers were estimated to be as low as 350 in the 1960's. When the wolf was first granted federal protection its numbers began to climb, and its range expanded. There were estimated to be roughly 1,200 by 1979. Minnesota's wolf population has continued to trend upward, and today is estimated at 2,700.

And the wolf is no longer a creature only of the far North. Packs have established themselves as far south as Central Minnesota, in places like the military's Camp Ripley in northern Morrison County, not much more than a stone's throw from Little Falls. Several months ago, while driving a rural road that follows Camp Ripley's western boundary, I spotted a lone wolf at the mouth of an old logging road. I watched it at close range for several minutes, the animal looking my way and giving no indication of fear of my vehicle stopped on the road's shoulder, before it turned and trotted unhurriedly into the timber. Lone animals have even been seen in the vicinity of the northern Twin City suburbs.

Our history of managing wolves has resembled the swing of a pendulum. The wolf went from unappreciated and persecuted, to protected, to "game" status following a rebound in its numbers. Most recent was its removal from the endangered species, but now—in early February—the court decision declaring that the gray wolf will be returned to the endangered list.

To elaborate, the latest swing began with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in November of 2020 issuing regulations removing the gray wolf from the

Endangered Species List, regulations that were set to become effective in January of 2021. This led to the current lawsuit on behalf of several groups opposed to the prospect of wolf hunting and trapping.

In the recent California District Court ruling, the judge stated that the FWS had failed to show that gray wolf populations in the Midwest could be sustained without continued status as endangered. While that may be true for states like Wisconsin and Michigan, which have far smaller gray wolf populations, it is hard to find similar logic for Minnesota. The gray wolf population here is now roughly double the target of 1,400 that was set in the DNR's original wolf recovery plan.

Minnesota held wolf hunting and trapping seasons during 2012, 2013, and 2014, years when the gray wolf was first removed—temporarily, as it turned out—from federal protection. The Minnesota Legislature authorized these seasons, and combined harvest by hunting and trapping totaled 413, 238, and 272 in those three years.

The eastern gray wolf is an iconic animal here in Minnesota, as it is elsewhere. It remains a symbol of wilderness, notwithstanding the fact that it is becoming more and more comfortable in close proximity to humans. That does worry some people. It's one thing for hungry deer to munch their way through the arbor vitae in your yard, or nip the branch trips on your woody shrubs. It's quite another to have wolves feeling comfortable in close proximity to human habitations where pets spend time outdoors, or where livestock are kept.

A recent survey of 10,000 state residents by the Min-

nesota DNR—conducted in collaboration with the University of Minnesota—revealed that 49% of respondents overall do not favor hunting or trapping of gray wolves. The numbers break differently among those who raise livestock or hunt whitetail deer, and those who do not. Eighty-eight percent of livestock producers and hunters support limited hunting of wolves, and only slightly fewer support wolf trapping. On the other hand, only 41% of Minnesotans overall support a wolf hunt, and even fewer—just 30%—support the trapping of wolves.

Of course, support or opposition seems moot for the time being, given the California District Court's ruling. But there is always the possibility that the District Court's ruling could be appealed. The U.S. Congress could act, as well, as it did in removing federal protection of wolves in several states in the West in the last decade. But with the present gridlock in Congress on just about every issue, that seems an unlikely prospect.

Beyond this is a widespread belief that Minnesota Governor Tim Walz would oppose any future wolf hunting or trapping seasons if the pendulum of federal gray wolf management should swing the other way again.

Many Minnesotans believe there is something intrinsically special about the gray wolf that makes harvest by man unthinkable. Others believe that this apex predator can only coexist with humans in numbers that are in balance with its habitat, with limited direct conflict, and that complete protection may not be the answer.



Cardinal action

Mandy Carter dribbles past the defense.

Cardinals fall in overtime

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost in overtime at Park Rapids on Feb. 16. Isaiah Schultz made four three pointers in the first half to give the team a 32-28 lead, but Park Rapids came back and reversed the

score in the second half and outscored the Cardinals in overtime.

Despite the loss, it was a better game for Staples-Motley, who lost to the same team by 18 points in January.

SM Speech Team successful at home meet

The Staples-Motley Cardinal Speech Team took first at the Staples Host Lions home tournament held Feb. 12, with the Cardinal speakers competing among 13 other teams. Traditionally, host teams are not awarded trophies, so the first place trophy was awarded to the PACT Charter School, Ramsey; second, Thief River Falls and third, Park Rapids.

Award winners were, Creative Duo: 1st Caden Mrazek and AJ Nienow, 2nd Cy Johnson and Keegan Harvey; Creative: 1st Micah Larson, 6th Keegan Harvey; Discussion: Red Ribbon, Issiah Tabatt; Drama: 3rd Laken Hines; Duo: 1st Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek, 2nd Iain Sams and Cy Johnson, 3rd Olivia Opheim and Estella Bock, 4th Keegan Bestland and Keegan Harvey and Blue Ribbon, Addy Toepper and Brynn Bestland; Extemp Reading: 4th Isabel Birkholtz; Extemp Speaking: 3rd Brynn Bestland; Great Speeches: 1st Iain Sams, Red Ribbon, Raina Mikhaeil; Humor: 1st Connor Judd, 3rd AJ Nienow; Inform: 1st Olivia Opheim, 2nd Estella Bock, Red Ribbon, Andy Daniels; Original Oratory: 6th Jaden Johnson; Poetry: 1st Grace Allen, 2nd Riley Dabbs; Prose: 3rd Riley Dabbs, Blue ribbon, Cy Johnson, Grace Allen, and Red Ribbon, Luke Bates; Storytelling: 2nd Keegan Bestland, 4th Caden Mrazek, 5th Laken Hines and Blue Ribbon, Maddock Harvey.

Above, left to right: Olivia Opheim, Andy Daniels, Maddock Harvey, Cecily Moe, Raina Mikhaeil, Addy Toepper, Brynn Bestland, Bel Birkholtz; middle: Estella Bock, Cy Johnson, Gabe Kroll, Sarah Kroll, Connor Judd, Issiah Tabatt; back: Grace Allen, Laken Hines, Jaden Johnson, Micah Larson, Riley Dabbs, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, AJ Nienow, Keegan Harvey, Keegan Bestland, Iain Sams. (Submitted photos)



Champions

Left: front, Olivia Opheim, Luke Bates, Connor Judd, Micah Larson; back: Grace Allen, Caden Mrazek, AJ Nienow, Iain Sams.

Staples-Motley School District recognizes school board

Minnesota School Board Recognition Week Feb. 21-25

The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February 21-25 as Minnesota School Board Recognition Week to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society.

Staples-Motley School District is joining other public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to the Staples and Motley communities and their students.

“Strong schools help build strong communities - and the Staples-Motley School Board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level,” Superintendent Shane Tappe said. “School board members make difficult decisions every month - and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.”

Tappe said the key work of boards is to prioritize student success by:

- Creating a vision for what the District wants through initiatives like the district’s Continuous Improvement Plan;
- Adopting policy that upholds the district’s mission and vision;
- Maintaining oversight of district assets including facilities, annual budget and more;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Creating positive outcomes and accountability in decisions to foster positive and productive district climate;
- Forming partnerships within the community to create great partnerships for lifelong learning and opportunities; and
- Working with the Superintendent to steer the district.

“Even though we’re making a special effort to show our appreciation this week, school board members’ work is a year-round commitment,” Tappe said.

The members serving our district and their years of service are as follows: Mary Freeman (18), Bryan Winkels (9), Brad Anderson (8), Bruce Lund (7), Lisa Anderson (1) and Jeremy Reck (1).

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA 6:00 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Children’s Church (Kids start in main worship service) 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting 5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongaucstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. 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Desperate

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

By Thomas W. (An excerpt)

Have you or I ever been desperate for God? Why would we be when He says that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5)? The truth is that in real life, being the calm and confident person that we wish we could always be doesn't come naturally. Sometimes we have certain needs in our lives which remind us of our dependence on God.

There is no shame in being desperate for God. Anyone who would die an undeserving death on a cross to save us could be considered desperate for us, even though Jesus did it out of self-control. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love Him because He first loved us."

Some examples from the Bible of people who were desperate for God are: In Mark, Chapter 2:1-5 a paralytic man could not get to Jesus who was surrounded by a crowd. The men who carried him opened up the roof above Jesus and let the paralyzed man down to where Jesus was standing. Jesus saw their faith, forgave the man of his sin and healed him. In Luke 8:43-48, Jesus, being surrounded by a crowd was touched on the border of His garment by a woman who had suffered a physical

affliction for 12 years and had spent all her money on doctors. Apparently, she had to try and make it through the crowd in that condition to be able to get to Jesus. When Jesus saw her He told her, "Be of good cheer, your faith has made you well. Go in peace." She was healed. In Luke, Chapter 18:35-43 a blind beggar along the road heard that Jesus was in the crowd passing by and began to shout, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" There were those who warned him to be quiet, but he called out all the louder. Jesus called to have the man brought to Him. When the man told Jesus what he wanted, Jesus restored his sight.

Notice that in the examples just mentioned, those individuals who were desperate for God had to bypass or override anything or anyone who got in their way. They all had one focus and other people were not part of it. The Lord can reveal Himself and become much more real to a person in a short time who is desperate for Him, than to a casual Christian who simply attends church or reads Christian books all of their life. You and I will never know how real the Lord can become for us, or what He may reveal, until we are desperate.

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Dated: September 24, 2021

District Court Judge

Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Becker Township Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

In case of bad weather it will be held the following Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

Byron Township will hold their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Becki Rassler, Clerk
Byron Township
9pnc

**NOTICE
ICE WINGS, LLP
CASS COUNTY
MPCA APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Ice Wings, LLP has made an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/ County of Cass for a permit to build a new livestock feedlot greater than 500 animal units.

The existing feedlot is in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23 in Poplar Township, in Cass County, Minnesota. There are currently two existing barns on this site. The existing farrowing barn is a total confinement barn 180'10" x 252'4" with a 2' below barn concrete manure storage area that pull plugs to the gestation barn. This barn has a capacity of 416 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 166.4 animal units. The existing gestation barn is a total confinement barn 122'7" x 573'6" with an 8' below barn concrete manure storage area. This barn will have a capacity of 2,080 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 832 animal units. The existing site currently has a total 2,496 head or 998.4 animal units.

The proposed expansion will include an additional two barns. Gestation barn two will be a total confinement barn 122'7" x 594' with an 8' below barn concrete manure storage area. This barn will have a capacity of 2,080 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 832 animal units. The second proposed farrowing barn two will be a total confinement barn 180' 10" x 228'8" with a 2' below barn concrete manure storage area that will pull plug to the gestation barn. This barn will have a capacity of 416 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 166.4 animal units.

After construction the new capacity will be 4,992 head for a new total of 1,996.8 animal units for this site.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot, as required by Minnesota State Law.

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**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING CHANGE**

Fawn Lake Township will be holding the regular March meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

This will be one week earlier than normal. Questions, call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

Fawn Lake Township will hold an election for:

One (1) supervisor position, three (3) year term

One (1) clerk, two (2) year term

on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Fawn Lake Hall. Board of Canvass to immediately follow.

The Annual Meeting will immediately follow the Board of Canvass.

In case of inclement weather, all will be held the following Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at the same times.

Questions call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
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**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Staples Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Staples Town Hall located at 25750 490th St., Staples.

The Polling Hours are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Positions to be filled are:

One (1) supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Clerk, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will follow the election with the Annual meeting immediately after that.

In case of inclement weather, the Election and Annual Meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP 2022
ANNUAL MEETING**

The May Township, Cass County, will hold it's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall.

In case of bad weather, the Annual Meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 15, 2022, same time and place.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9-10pnc

**NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting for Villard Township will be held Tuesday March 8, 2022, immediately following the regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn, Motley, MN.

Any questions or concerns please call the clerk at 218-640-6115.

Mary Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
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**NOTICE
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING
FOR THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP**

The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for the Thomastown Township election of:

One (1) supervisor
One (1) clerk

The annual township meeting will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:10 p.m.

The election and Annual Meeting will be held March 15, 2022, at the same time if there is bad weather on March 8.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
8-9pnc

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Top spellers

Contestants in the Staples-Motley District 2170 spelling bee, with students from 5th to 8th grade from Sacred Heart Area School and Staples-Motley Middle School. Front row from left, John Schotzko, first place, Kennedy Judd, second place, Brock Graton and Molly Hoem-

berg, tied for third place. Back row, from left, contestants Lily Davis, Ember Munger, Brooke Reisenaur, Alexa Dolezal, Isabel Cole, Mariah Sullivan, Owen Roline, Charles Simkins, Tristan Harvey and Bryson Dumpprope.

Practice makes perfect as Schotzko wins spelling bee

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

John Schotzko correctly spelled “preened” and “emitting” in round 13 and 14 to win the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee on Feb. 17. He never missed a word on his way to the title.

Schotzko, a fifth grade student at Sacred Heart Area School, said he reviewed “emitting” while practicing for the bee, and remembered the double “t” as the tricky part of the word.

The same was true for another word in round 11, “dingoes”.

“I just remembered it from practice,” Schotzko said about remembering to add an “e” to the word.

Other words he spelled correctly included “orientation” and “novice”.

The spelling bee started with 14 contestants and they all got their first word right. In the next few rounds, students started making mistakes with the wrong vowel or saying a letter out of order. By the eighth round, six contestants remained. As the list got harder, they all correctly spelled their next word, including “ogre”, “fidgeting”, “weird” and “lavished”.

But the next two rounds were harsh, with two mistakes in each round. Molly Hoemberg missed on “telescope” and Brock Graton missed “surrounded”.

That left Kennedy Judd and Schotzko. Judd matched

him for a while, correctly spelling “sardine”, “decimal” and “archduke”, but missed on “symbol” while Schotzko remained perfect.

Schotzko was fairly confident in spelling the words he received, but said he wasn’t so sure on some of the words the other contestants got.

“I didn’t know some of theirs, I kind of got lucky that way,” he said.

Schotzko said one reason he is a good speller is that he reads a lot. He mostly likes non-fiction but reads many different types of books.

With the win, Schotzko qualified for the Regional Spelling Bee, which is hosted by Sourcewell in March.



Giving gifts

Residents at the Staples High Rise were given Valentine’s cards and crocheted hearts from members of the Colla Voce Girls Choir following their concert Feb. 15. Pictured, from left, are Carol

Heldman, resident; choir members Charlie Rose Noska and Piper Hanson; and resident Phyllis Paskewitz. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A day brightener

Annette Crocker, resident at the Staples High Rise, was all smiles as she received a Valentine’s Day gift from Colla Voce Girls Choir member Allea Holst. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Pizza party after the concert

Following their concert at the Staples High Rise Feb. 15, members of the Colla Voce Girls Choir enjoyed pizza from Tower Pizza in Staples. Pictured above, seated from left, are Elise Trif, Aleea Holst, Sarah Kroll, Jaida Holst, Lizzie Kroll. Standing is

Wendy Hoemberg, wife of choir director Steve Hoemberg, who has been dubbed the ‘choir mom’ for Colla Voce. Wendy crocheted a number of hearts which were given to all of the residents. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Cards, hearts, poems

were given to the care center residents and 30 were given to those living at the high rise. Nearly 100 cards (made by the girls with some help from the adult leaders) were given out along with the hearts.

Shaped as hands, the cards contained a cut-out heart, along with poems written by the girls.

There are currently 25 girls in the choir, Hoemberg said. Most of them are in 3rd and 4th grades,

with three representing 6th grade. Girls in grades 3rd - 8th are welcome to join Colla Voce.

To watch their recent recording, visit “Valentine’s Day wishes for the Care Center” on YouTube.



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