

Jiménez and Kincaid pledge allegiance to United States

January is often associated with new beginnings, fresh starts and personal resolutions. For two local residents, 2020 will be remembered as their first new year celebrated as American Citizens.

The Staples World recently caught up with Francisco Jiménez and Anne Kincaid, both of Staples, and asked them to share their immigration stories. Their answers are included below.

Francis Jiménez

WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM? I am from the southern coast of Spain. I grew up in the city of Almuñécar in the southern province of Granada.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES?

I have lived in the United States since December 11, 1988... 31 years!

WHERE DID YOU AND YOUR WIFE, TRACEY MEET?

We met in my hometown on the southern coast of Spain. I was working as a chef in a French/Spanish restaurant. Tracey (Kloeckl) was studying Spanish and living with a host family in Granada, Spain. We dated for a couple of months while she was studying there. After graduating from college, she returned to my hometown of Almuñécar, Spain, where we got married in September of 1988.

HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU AND TRACEY HAVE?

We have three sons and a daughter. Their names are Anton, Francis, Lucas and Emali. Our oldest, Anton, lives in Duluth and has two children, our grandkids Simone and Felix. Our second son, Francis, lives

in Brooklyn, New York and works as an industrial designer and musician. Our third son, Lucas, is a senior at St. Olaf College in Northfield. And our daughter, Emali is an 8th grader at Staples-Motley.

WHAT IS YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE? DID YOU KNOW ENGLISH BEFORE ARRIVING HERE?

Spanish is my native language. I studied a bit of French in school and knew a bit of English before arriving to the United States, but not much. It took me a little over six months to learn English and communicate with others at work without needing a translator. My wife and mother-in-law were a big help with this! You never really learn a second language completely, so I keep getting better at it, as I communicate with more and more people.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TAUGHT TAE KWON DO?

I have taught Tae Kwon Do to many people in our area for over 20 years. The name of the school is United Tae Kwon Do Systems. We are affiliated with the National Tae Kwon Do Institute in Owatonna.

WHEN DID YOU DECIDE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN? DID YOU KEEP CITIZENSHIP IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY?

We decided to move to the United States after my boss (the owner of the restaurant where I worked) died of a heart attack in August of 1988. We decided to try living in the United States to find employment and be closer to Tracey's family. We had to apply for a resident visa for me to live with my wife in the United States. That was about a three-month process. In addition to submitting a number of forms and documents to the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, my

mother-in-law and father-in-law agreed to submit an affidavit of support for my wife and me, in order for me to obtain a resident visa.

Even though I could have applied to become a U.S. citizen after five years of living here, I did keep my Spanish Nationality, because at that time you had to choose one or the other. I was thinking of becoming a U.S. citizen long ago, but I did not want to lose my Spanish nationality. As of 2003, I can now hold dual nationality between Spain and the United States. As our children grow up and seek their own paths (including dual nationality), and as Tracey and I get closer to retirement, I decided to pursue U.S. citizenship and dual nationality as well.

DO YOU STILL HAVE FAMILY IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY? DO YOU GET BACK TO VISIT?

We are five boys and three girls in my family. The rest of my siblings live in Spain. I do have a first cousin, who lived first in Florida and then in Kentucky for over 40 years with his family. We have visited my hometown a handful of times over the years, but not as often as I would like. My second and third sons have also studied in Spain; Francis in Barcelona and Lucas in Salamanca and Valencia. They both took time to visit family when they were there.

WAS IT A LENGTHY PROCESS TO BECOME A CITIZEN? WHAT DID IT ENTAIL?

The process to become an American citizen is different and goes on a case-by-case basis until everyone is interviewed and tested on their knowledge of American Civics and on their ability to comprehend, read and write basic English. Also, one has to be of good moral character and have a very



New citizen

Francisco "Paco" Jiménez stands near the American flag shortly after becoming a United States citizen Nov. 26, 2019. (Submitted photo)

clean record. After the first application, I had to make a couple of trips to St. Paul. The entire process took a little over a year. Throughout my time as a permanent resident, I had to renew my green card every five or ten years and pay a fee.

Every time we entered the country, my identity would be verified with an eye scan and fingerprint check. Once, I was detained and questioned in New York City, because my son Francis and I had shared a similar itinerary and also have the same birthday! (We were both born on October 1st and both

Weather

This Week's Forecast

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| Jan. 8 | 9° | 6° | Cloudy |
| Jan. 9 | 21 | 4 | P. Cloudy |
| Jan. 10 | 14 | 6 | P. Cloudy |
| Jan. 11 | 18 | 7 | Sunny |
| Jan. 12 | 20 | 9 | P. Sunny |
| Jan. 13 | 22 | 10 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 14 | 16 | 3 | M. Sunny |

Last Year, 2019

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|---------|------|-----|----------|
| Jan. 8 | 35° | 21° | Cloudy |
| Jan. 9 | 8 | -3 | M. Sunny |
| Jan. 10 | 28 | 5 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 11 | 31 | 19 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 12 | 33 | 20 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 13 | 35 | 28 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 14 | 32 | 23 | Cloudy |

Average Temp.:
H = 18° Low = 2°

Snow for Week: 2"

Total Snow: 36"

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher



New Year's baby born at Lakewood

The year 2020 brings the celebration of birth for Eric Platzer and Ashley Stansberry, Sebeka, who welcomed their new baby girl, Leighton Mae, into the world on Jan. 2, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. Leighton was born at 1:04 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Leighton joins big brother, Ryker, who turned three in December.

The delivery physician was Dr. Lindsay Leveille. To celebrate Leighton's birth, the Lakewood Health System Auxiliary and Piecemakers Quilting Club of Staples presented gifts to the family in honor of the New Year. The Auxiliary, represented by LaVonne Selleck, gave a gift of \$50; and representing the Piecemakers Quilting Club, Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska gave a beautiful handmade baby quilt, prepared just for the 2020 New Year's baby. The Auxiliary and Piecemakers Quilting Club annually present gifts to the family of the New Year's baby at Lakewood.

All patients who give birth at Lakewood Health System receive gifts to enhance their birthing experience and help prepare them for life at home. These gifts include a candlelight dinner, a relaxing massage, an infant car seat, a CD of baby photos, a diaper bag, a complimentary home visit by the expectations team and a case of diapers.

Pictured above, back row from left, are Dr. Lindsay Leveille; Hannah Pearson, RPAP student; Melinda Guzman, Lakewood RN; Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska, Piecemakers Quilting Club. Front row, from left, are Eric, Ryker, Leighton and Ashley; and LaVonne Selleck, Lakewood Auxiliary. (Submitted photo)



With his sponsors

Francisco "Paco" Jiménez (far right) is pictured with his sponsors, Marge and Tony Kloeckl of Arlington after Paco's citizenship ceremony in the William Morrissey Ballroom of the St. Paul Xcel Energy Center on Nov. 26, 2019. The Kloeckls are the parents of his wife, Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez. (Submitted photo)

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Glen Wentworth
Paul Wick

Todd County Commissioners approve auditor/treasurer salary, address P&Z violations

by Karin L. Nauber

The third time was the charm for Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida having her salary approved. It wasn't the 15 percent she had requested, she did however receive 11 percent with Commissioner David Kircher opposing.

The two previous commissioners meetings Gaida's salary request was not approved.

The year-end meeting on December 30, 2019, Commissioner Barb Becker asked where Gaida's salary was in comparison to other county auditor/treasurer's.

It was determined that Gaida was within 95 percent of the average salary, but this still left her five percent below the average. Commissioner Rod Erickson made a motion to set her increase at eight percent which would put her salary at \$90,076.32.

After three calls for a second to the motion, the motion died.

Chairman Gary Kneisl

then asked for any other motions.

Commissioner Randy Neumann moved for the 15 percent increase he had motioned for at the two prior meetings and seconded by Becker.

A Roll Call vote was taken; motion failed with Erickson, Kircher and Kneisl voting against it.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said the board could reconsider or rescind the last motion and do something different.

Kneisl said he wanted this to get resolved, although the salary increase did not have to be decided before the first of the year.

Pelzer pointed out that it should be resolved before the first payroll of the new year.

Becker then made a motion of an 11 percent increase which was seconded by Neumann.

A Roll Call vote was taken; motion was approved with Kircher opposed.

The 11 percent increase

will put Gaida's salary at \$92,578.

Violations addressed

Several planning and zoning violations were addressed which had been previously discussed during a number of work sessions.

Blake and Noelle Elliot. The property is in violation of major shoreline alterations. A violation update was given, December 17, 2019 during the work session. (It includes all of the following violations).

The board approved leaving the \$1,000 assessment in place for failure to complete the restoration order.

The board discussed removing the assessment because some of the work was completed; moving boulders, which will block vehicle access to the peninsula and island, approximately 250 trees had been planted as reported by Elliot, but the peninsula continues to erode.

Todd County Planning

and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort said that the violation has been going on for 16 years.

Timothy Forcier. This property is in violation of miscellaneous public nuisances. The board opted to take no action and left the \$1,000 assessment in place for failure to complete the restoration order.

Jamie J. Messer. This property was in violation of failure to obtain land use permits for; mobile home and other miscellaneous public nuisances.

Ossefoort said that all appropriate permits have been obtained, significant clean up has been completed on this site, and the violations have been completely satisfied and verified by planning and Zoning.

The board approved a motion removing the \$1,000 assessment on this property and acknowledged that the violation has been completely satisfied.

Kimberly J. Midden-dorf. This property was in violation of building a

dwelling or structure without land use permits, and failure to obtain septic permits when building a dwelling.

Ossefoort said the violation has been completely satisfied and verified by planning and zoning.

The board approved a motion to remove the \$1,000 assessment on this property, acknowledged that the violation has been completely satisfied.

Guadalupe J. Montanez. This property was in violation of failure to establish a riparian buffer.

The buffer has been fenced off from cattle, seeding wasn't completed due to weather conditions. Ossefoort said that they anticipate the buffer will naturally revegetate.

The board approved a motion to remove the \$1,000 assessment on this property and acknowledged that the violation has been completely satisfied.

Steven and Daniel Owen. This property is in violation of more than

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SM Bell Choir prepares to ring in the New Year

The Staples-Motley Bell Choir toured around town Dec. 18, stopping at the Early Education Center in Motley for a performance. Pictured from left: Alex McIlravy, Jadyn Kincaid, Torii Nienow, William Dolezal, Valeria Lozano,

SM Orchestra teacher Kristina Haataja, Oliver Lund, Zachary McIlravy, Andrea Arundel, Meghan VanAlst, Madysen Hull, and Keegan Bestland.

Law enforcement reports

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

Dec. 31 - At a traffic stop on Dec. 31, the MPD arrested Robbie Rocheleau, 37, on a Morrison County warrant. He was also cited for drug paraphernalia and an open bottle. At the same stop, the MPD issued a citation to Kristen Daniels, 40, for careless driving, and having over 1.4 grams of marijuana and an open bottle in a motor vehicle.

Dec. 30 - The MPD received a call from BRICKS Travel Center that stating they wished to have a former employee given a permanent trespass notice. The subject had been fired from working at BRICKS months ago, but has continued to call, stop at the business and harass other employees. The subject had already been told by the owner that he was not welcome at their establishment, that he needed to stop calling there and that he would be arrested for trespassing if he came to the store. When the MPD proceeded to inform the subject about the complaint, he began to argue, stating it was a private matter and that he would have the MPD arrested for harassing him. He stated he would continue to call BRICKS and show up there. The subject was advised that if he showed up again, he would be arrested for trespassing, and if he continued to call he would be charged with harassment.

Dec. 30 - The MPD assisted a motorist who went into the center median ditch on Hwy 10 southbound, just south of Azalea Rd.

Dec. 30 - The MPD assisted Minnesota State Patrol with two vehicles that went into the center median ditch on Hwy 10 near Ridge Rd.

Dec. 30 - The MPD responded to a report of a vehicle that had spun out just west of Motley on Hwy 10 and was blocking traffic. MPD Chief Borash was able to push the car out with the help of others who stopped by. The driver, Christina Hove, 38, was cited for driving after suspension.

Dec. 28 - The MPD received a call from Motley Discount Liquor reporting that a tall young native male had come into the store, grabbed a bottle of whiskey and then ran out of the store without paying. The reporting party did obtain a vehicle license plate from the suspect vehicle. Dispatch learned later that the car had been reported stolen out of St. Cloud so they advised Stearns County. Dispatch later informed the MPD of this report because the suspect was arrested in Otter Tail County. The MPD then spoke with the reporting party, but he said he did not want to make a report even though the subject was currently in custody, stating, "It's just not worth it."

Dec. 26 - The MPD issued hands free violations to Vincent Huerd, 48; and Zachary Johnson, 39.

Jan. 1 - The MCSO was advised of a subject with a warrant from another county that was in Morrison County. The subject, Matthew Joseph Mcnamara, 27, was located in Motley and taken into custody and transported to the jail after the warrants were confirmed.

Dec. 16 - 17 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Zachariah Leeb, 20; Austin Vignal, 22; Kade Reddemann, 20; Paul Oxberry, 72.

Dec. 12 - The MCSO received a call from a Motley woman reporting her cell phone had been stolen out of her vehicle at her place of employment. On Dec. 13, the MCSO received a call that the phone was mysteriously found by the woman back at her work place. It was located in one of the barns at her work.

Dec. 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Sean Harp, 29, for driving with a revoked license.

Dec. 23 - The MPD assisted MN State Patrol with a vehicle/foot pursuit on Hwy 10 south of Motley. Suspect was in custody upon the MPD's arrival.

Dec. 24 - The MCSO responded to a report of some "boom" noises near the 2000 block of Red Stone Dr., Cushing. The deputy was unable to locate any more "booms."

Dec. 24 - The MCSO received a call regarding a missing German Shepherd from a residence at the 29000 block of Hwy 10, Cushing. The caller stated that after looking and calling for her dog, Sarge, she posted a lost dog incident on a Facebook thread titled 'Lost Dogs in MN.'

A short time later, she stated she received a message from someone saying that they had seen a dead German Shepherd that matched the description in Todd County.

The complainant went to the location and found her dog. She stated it was missing its collar and appeared to be shot with a small caliber bullet. The MCSO contacted Todd County and requested they go to the scene to look for any evidence. The Morrison County deputy went to the complainant's residence and observed the dog, noticing a small caliber hole to the chest of the dog which appeared to be from a .22 caliber firearm. He did not observe an exit wound. The deputy also reported that there was minimal blood on the dog and the dog was very clean, leading him to believe that the dog had not been out wandering around as its legs and feet would have been dirty. He also did not feel any broken bones related to its possibly being struck by a vehicle.

Dec. 23 - The MCSO assisted MN State Patrol in looking for a vehicle. The responding deputy was unable to locate. Subsequently, David Davon McAfee, 23, was arrested.

Staples Area Church Directory. A large directory listing various churches in the Staples area, including their names, addresses, phone numbers, and service times. Churches listed include Staples Alliance, United Methodist, Motley Free Methodist, Hewitt Church of the Nazarene, Aldrich Balsamund Lutheran, Cushing Bethany Lutheran, Lincoln Evangelical Free, Oylen Oylen Alliance, Pillager First Lutheran Church, Swain Valley Lutheran, Maple Hill Lutheran, Leaf River Township The Old Country Church, Trinity Lutheran, and many others.

"New Year - New Start"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

"And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Matthew 6:12

It's a new year. Did you make any resolutions? New Year's resolutions for many are about new starts. Lose weight, exercise, read 30 books, the lists go on - what can I do to be a better me? Truth is, Christmas is about new starts - as is Easter. In fact the whole Christian Faith is about new starts. But it has nothing to do with what you can do to be a better person. It has to do with what God has done for you, and continues to do for you, in Jesus Christ - namely, forgive your sins. That's why Jesus was born; that's why HE lived a life of perfect obedience to God's Law; that's why He died on Calvary's cross; that's why He rose from the dead on Easter - the forgiveness of your sin, all of your sin.

Whenever you pray to God for forgiveness (and you do need to do that) you're asking God for a new start. And for Jesus' sake He gladly gives you that new start, forgiving your sin, because of Jesus' holy and sinless life, His suffering, death and resurrection.

But combined with our prayer asking God to forgive us is also the prayer and promise to forgive those who have sinned against us. That's not to say that God's forgiveness is conditioned on our forgiving others; that is based solely upon faith in Christ. But what does it say about one's faith in God's forgiveness if you refuse to forgive someone else?

Praying: "as we forgive others..." is simply acknowledging God's gift of forgiveness to us in Christ; acknowledging that as He forgives ALL our sin, we too will strive to forgive others, for Jesus' sake and giving us both a new start. To the glory of God, Amen.

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Deadlines for all classified ads including garage sale ads. is 5 p.m. Monday to be published in Thursday's Staples World and 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter.

Thank you... for reading the Staples World

Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1945

Jan. 11, 1945 - Beers and Champagne were served at the Staples Municipal hospital last week, as one of the emergency diets which often has to be "whipped" up, all of a sudden to care for the patients...It takes a lot of ingenuity on the part of the dieticians to figure out liquid diets, and enough of a variety so the patient won't start to grumble about the second "meal" he has. Adding Beers and Champagne to the diet is a novelty, and resulted in almost an immediate

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

release for the patients. Now don't get this wrong folks:

Mrs. Harry Beers of Motley was a patient at the hospital, having X-rays taken on December 28.

Dorothy Champagne of Leader was a surgery patient and was released within a very few days.

The two patients have been released from the hospital, and no longer are Beers and Champagne being served.

Jan. 11, 1945 - Noticing an ad in the classified section of The World for "Farm for Sale", Franklin A. Ringering, of Wisconsin, immediately called Fred Simon relative to the farm he advertised in the last week's issue of the World. The farm was sold that evening, and the deal was officially closed the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ringering have two children, and will move on the farm within a few weeks.

50 YEARS AGO - 1970

Jan. 8, 1970 - The first baby born at the Staples Municipal Hospital in 1970 arrived at 6:29 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3. She was Leslie Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kiheri, 412 Seventh Street S.E., Staples. Leslie Ann weighed 8 pounds 4-1/2 ounces and is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Kiheri.

Mr. Kiheri, a native of Esko, is a second year student in Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance at the Staples

Area Vocational-Technical School. Mrs. Kiheri, the former Nannette Montgomery, is originally from Duluth.

Jan. 8, 1970 - Reminders were issued today by Mrs. Dorothy Klick of the Todd County Public Health Nursing Service, and by Mrs. Ruby Kittilson, Staples school nurse, that Minnesota is waging a war against rubella (German measles), armed with the newly approved rubella vaccine and facing the possibility of a major outbreak of the disease in 1970-71. A series of rubella immunization clinics for all boys and girls, ages 1 year old through sixth grade will be held in all the schools of Todd County on Jan. 12.

Jan. 8, 1970 - A highly favored group of Staples Alumni were upset by the Staples Faculty team in a game played at the Staples Auditorium Friday evening, Jan. 2. The faculty emerged victorious against the stars of past years by the score of 71 to 66.

The alumni led throughout the entire first half, 20 to 10 at the end of the first period and 36 to 31 at the close of the second. The final two periods belonged to the faculty as they went ahead 54 to 45 at the end of the third and then the final 71 to 66 score.

Jerry Riewer led the faculty scoring with 28 points. Other members of the team were Rollie Penfield, 12; Jim Tuchscherer, 11; Gary Spidahl, 6; Ron Beachy, 5; Dave Anderson, 3; Jack Nelson, 2.

The scoring for the alumni was as follows: Jerry Hoernberg, 17; Fran Sauer, 11; Charlie Martin, 10; Don Hesse, 9; Mike Heier, 7; Bob Dahl, 6; and Mark Roline, 6.

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

Jan. 12, 1995 - Providing we get some more snow sometime this winter, snowmobile enthusiasts will soon be able to use the new groomed trail system in and around Staples.

Volunteers from the Todd County Trail Association last week completed the second of two wooden bridges needed for the new trail which goes around Staples on three sides. Sled riders can now easily navigate through or around



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 1, 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@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Staples, something that hasn't always been an easy task in the past. The new trails will follow a route from south of Staples to the north side, or from the west to the north or south side.

Jan. 12, 1995 - Brett Elizabeth Brockpahler, a seven pound, nine ounce addition to the Melanie and Rick Brockpahler family of Sebeka, was the first baby born in 1995 at Greater Staples Hospital. She arrived at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4. The first baby, who joins a brother, Brenen, received a quilt made by Piecemakers Quilting group and a \$50 check from the Greater Staples Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Jan. 12, 1995 - Hard-ee's of Staples is proud to name Mark Carlson as this week's Cardinal Athlete of the Week. Mark, an 8th grader at Staples Motley High School, wrestles at the 112-lb. weight class for the Cardinal wrestling team. He has a 12-1 record this year and won at the Brainerd Tournament and the Granite Falls Tournament. "Mark works very hard in practice, and for his grade and age, has the best technique that I have ever coached," said Head Coach Don Dravis. "He is willing to do whatever it takes to get better." Mark is the son of James and Sandra Carlson of Staples.

10 YEARS AGO - 2010

Jan. 14, 2010 - In the midst of five foot high snow drifts and bitter wind chills, Staples residents know they have something to look forward to in five months or so - road construction.

Minnesota's other season will be a memorable one around Staples in 2010, as the city's core business district, the former two lane Highway 10 route through the city, will be torn up.

In addition, two blocks of Fourth Street, one block north and south of the old Highway 10 signal lights, plus other streets, will go under the backhoe as part of this project.

Jan. 14, 2010 - The roof of the new Ernie's Food Market building is going up. Fourteen workers for Hammers Construction of Perham were on the site Monday. The recent below-zero weather slowed work, according to Curt Zacharison, construction superintendent, but the project is close to being on schedule. Once enclosed, the building will be heated and the ground thawed to allow plumbing, concrete work and other below grade work to continue during the cold weather. A May 1 store opening is the target date.

Jan. 14, 2010 - The home of Ruth Boldan, Leader, was destroyed in a fire the evening of Jan. 10. Ruth and her great-grandchildren, Kelsie and Logan Weite, were able to escape the flames, thanks to Kelsie's quick thinking and the kindness of a Bemidji family driving by who saw the fire and stopped to help.

A look back at the 2019 weather

By Dale Hausmann

2019 Weather

Jan. 1 - April 12: 56" Snow

April 15 - Nov. 1: 31.15" Rain

Nov. 2 - Dec. 31: 36" Snow

Total Snow: 92" (10" snow + 1" rain) yields 9.2" rain

Year 2019 Total Precipitation: 40.35"

Staples/Motley: Average Rain: 28.48" Average Snowfall: 46"

90-day Forecast: (Jan., Feb., March)

Looks like 2020 will be similar to 2019 for the first part of the year. Temperature outlook for January will be below average, while temperatures going into February are expected to be well below average for most of the Midwest (much like Jan. - Feb. 2019).

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TCC approves purchase of tandem truck and plow

one dwelling per parcel, establishing a new dwelling without land use permitting, excess abandoned homes, other public nuisances and failure to obtain septic permitting for a new dwelling.

There has been no further progress on this property.

The board approved leaving the \$1,000 assessment in place for failure to complete the restoration order.

James E. Stemig, The property is in violation of miscellaneous public nuisances. No significant progress has been made in clean up of this property.

The board approved taking no action and leaving the \$1,000 assessment in place for failure to complete the restoration order.

Joseph R. Wysocki, This property is in violation of a noncompliant sewer system.

The board approved taking no action, leaving the \$1,000 assessment in place for failure to complete the restoration order.

In other business

Approved the lease agreement with Hands of Hope Resource Center for 2020. They utilize space in the Main Street Government Center.

On January 15, 2019 the board approved the purchase of a tandem truck and plow.

Todd County Public Works Director Loren Fellbaum said that according to the plow equipment vendor - Towmaster Truck Equipment of Litchfield - the plow equipment is scheduled to be mounted in 2020.

The board approved carrying over the expense from the 2019 Road and Bridge Budget to 2020.

Approved the 2020 contracts for city prosecution with the cities of Grey Eagle, Eagle Bend, Clarissa, Bertha and Hewitt.

According to the coordinator job description; "If required by the county board, in absence of a department head, the coordinator may act as the head of any department, the appointment of which is made by the county board, provided the coordinator has the qualifications required by law".

It was approved that Chris Pelzer be appointed as the MIS director as part of her coordinator responsibilities.

There's no change to the salary associated with this action, as the ability to act

The outlook from the Weather Company suggests that some significant changes are possible as winter ends and spring begins. March 2020 temperature outlook shows near or slightly above average.

2019 was a very wet year in Minnesota with record snow and rain during the summer. It was a brutal year for the farmers and the lake owners on Lake Shamineau.

"Even owners next to the Crow Wing River and Long Prairie River May have problems next spring with a warm April & May. I for one am worried."

Enjoy the winter and the start of a new decade!

as a department head was included in the job description when it was evaluated by Baker Tilly (formerly Springsted).

Becker asked if what they're doing was different than what Wadena County is doing with their coordinator/public works director regarding where the salary was paid from?

Pelzer said that there'd be no split in where the wages were paid from because it was written that the coordinator would take on these duties as necessary.

Neumann requested that Pelzer let the board know if doing double duty becomes too much.

Pelzer said that she would and that she was hoping that in six months they would have a good picture of where they were.



And the answer from last week is...

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Jan. 1, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured the winners in the annual Christmas Club promotion at Jenkins Appliance, Inc. in Staples. Lee Jenkins (left) is shown with the prize winners, Mrs. William Skeeskick of Motley, Kelvinator freezer; Mr. and Mrs. Homer McKellvey of Staples, Maytag dishwasher; Nonie Dosh of Staples, set of encyclopedias; and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dahl, Motorola portable color television set.

Bill Skeesick, Jr., of Motley wrote in

to say, 'I opened the Staples World newspaper this morning and on page 3a there was my mother's picture, Ruth E. Skeeskick from Motley. It took me back in awe to see her picture! She won the pictured upright freezer from then Jenkins Appliance, which now is the site of State Farm Insurance. Standing beside her is Lee Jenkins. I have the original clipping from the original paper.' Photo.

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Mental health related to sports again, but this time in a good way

It used to be that you could tell how the local sports teams did by the mood of the biggest sports fan at your work the next day. It isn't always healthy for us sports fans to live or die with our athletic teams, but sometimes we just can't help it.

Small town diet

So as I write this, the Minnesota Vikings just won in a big playoff upset and the Minnesota Gophers and Timberwolves are both winning by 20 points on TV. That should boost my mood and it does, but it all pales in comparison to what the Minnesota Gophers football team accomplished this year.



By Mark Anderson
Editor

When Fleck first came to Minnesota, I questioned his ability to coach a team because he had a lot of slogans that are meaningless if he can't back them up.

The first time I learned that he was doing something distinctive was when I heard the team was implementing a program to make sure the players get enough sleep every day. I knew that was a higher level training technique, because athletes work hard during the day and sleep works better than therapy to repair their muscles and joints that get stressed from hard workouts.

More and more, I kept hearing positive things like that about the team. They are conscious of their diet. They work on how to handle adversity. After their first loss this year, they played "Hakuna Matata" all week during practice.

None of this is by accident, the coach had created what he calls a "life program."

One of his quotes from after the bowl game was about the team's goal to give players "the resources that are needed to be able to help them, holistically, academically, athletically, socially, spiritually, and then mentally, physically and emotionally."

That sounds like a lifestyle guru, not a football coach.

The Gophers employ mental health specialists, and every week the head coach and staff sit down with them to discuss every one of the 125 players on the team, not just the best players, to assess what is going on in their personal life and school and how it is affecting their mental health. None of this has anything to do with football, yet somehow it has everything to do with a football team.

Compare this to another successful coach at a different college who was fired for forcing an injured player to sit in a closet,

because he wasn't being tough enough or something. The Gophers have a large team of people devising what they can do for every single player, including injured players who won't even see the field this year. "What does our trainer see, what does our Athletes in Action or what does our nutritionist see," said Fleck. "You can turn anywhere and get the help you need."

The other reason this works is that the entire system is directed towards student empowerment, so that each player knows how to use the training they are getting. "It's not just on the coaches, it's around the whole support system that we provide our student athletes that give them the ability to read body language, to ask the right questions, to be able to dive into these young people's lives to get the most out of them, mentally, physically and emotionally," said Fleck. "It's a player-driven and player-led team."

Finally, there is a sports team that is doing things on a higher level, and it is being implemented right here in Minnesota. Sure it helps that this is a multi-million dollar program that has the resources to attempt this, but someone flipped the switch and there are lessons that all of us can use for our local organizations and work environment.

Sports are always cyclical and things will swing back the other way. The Vikings will break our hearts again, the other teams will have up and down trends. But my own mental health is boosted by knowing that the Gophers have elevated above their decades of football ineptitude. It worked for winning games this year, but I don't really care if they ever equal that number of wins again, as long as I know this is a first-class organization that represents our state.



Better to win or play by the rules?

The Cultural Center in New York Mills has announced the 2020 Great American Think-Off question: Which is more important: to win or to play by the rules?

This is the 28th annual Think-Off topic—a classic philosophical quandary meant to inspire thinkers from all walks of life.

Winning and playing by the rules are both highly valued in our society, but they are sometimes in conflict. Information abounds on both sides of this topic; a quick Google search reveals stories from college campuses, parenting blogs, Harvard Business Review, ESPN, and the Bible.

What is your experience with winning or losing? Did you play by the rules, or not? How did you feel if you won but cheated? How did you feel if you lost to someone else who didn't follow the rules?

These are the topics we want to hear about – your personal experiences with winning, losing, and playing by the rules, or not. Which is more important? How did you come to this belief?

All are invited to submit their answer in essay form for a chance to win \$500 and participate in the live

debate on June 13, 2020 in New York Mills, Minnesota.

The Great American Think-Off is a philosophical essay and debate competition held each year in rural New York Mills, (population 1,224). 2020 marks the 28th year of the contest, which is free to enter and open to all, and has received thousands of entries from all 50 states and a number of international countries through-out its nearly three decade history.

To enter, submit an essay of 750 words or less by April 1, 2020. Four finalists will be selected to receive \$500 each, plus travel expenses and a chance to win the title of America's Greatest Thinker at this year's annual debate held on June 13, 2020 in New York Mills, MN.

Essays can be submitted online at www.think-off.org (preferred), by email to info@think-off.org, or by mail to Great American Think-Off, c/o Cultural Center, P.O. Box 246, New York Mills, MN 56567. Finalists will be announced May 1, 2020.

For additional contest details, visit www.think-off.org or call the Cultural Center at 218-385-3339.

Now in its 28th year, The

Great American Think-Off is an exhibition of civil disagreement between powerful ideas being explored by everyday people. Designed to bring philosophy down from the ivory towers of academia and accessible for all, the contest has received national acclaim including coverage by C-SPAN, the New York Times, and The Today Show.

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center, located in the rural farm and manufacturing town of New York Mills, Minnesota, sponsors this annual philosophy contest and encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to participate. The Cultural Center is a rural hub for creativity, community vitality, and lifelong learning in the arts. Since our incorporation in 1990, we have been passionate about connecting people to artists and rich cultural experiences in rural Minnesota, celebrating the local and being a window to the world.

To get a better sense of the Think-Off, find details, historical information, and a list of the past 27 years of questions and winners on the event website think-off.org.

2020 - census year trends

In January 2020, the United States is expected to experience one birth every eight seconds and one death every 11 seconds. Meanwhile, net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 34 seconds. The combination of births, deaths and net international migration will increase the U.S. population by one person every 19 seconds.

The projected world population on Jan. 1, 2020, was 7,621,018,958, an increase of 77,684,873, or 1.03%, from New Year's Day 2019. During January 2020, 4.3 births and 1.9 deaths are expected worldwide every second.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's national and state population estimates, forty-two states and

the District of Columbia had fewer births in 2019 than 2018, while eight states saw a birth increase. With fewer births in recent years and the number of deaths increasing, natural increase (or births minus deaths) has declined over the past decade.

Nation's Population

"While natural increase is the biggest contributor to the U.S. population increase, it has been slowing over the last five years," said Dr. Sandra Johnson, a demographer/statistician in the Population Division of the Census Bureau. "Natural increase, or when the number of births is greater than the number of deaths, dropped below 1 million in 2019 for the first time in decades."

The nation's population was 328,239,523 in 2019, growing by 0.5% between 2018 and 2019, or 1,552,022 people. Annual growth peaked at 0.73% this decade in the period between 2014 and 2015. The growth between 2018 and 2019 is a continuation of a multiyear slowdown since that period.

The South, the largest of the four regions with a population of 125,580,448 in 2019, saw the largest numeric growth (1,011,015) and percentage growth (0.8%) between 2018 and 2019. This growth is driven mainly by natural increase (359,114) and net domestic migration (407,913), which is the movement of people from one area to another within the United States. The Northeast region, the smallest of the four regions with a population of 55,982,803 in 2019, saw population decrease for the first time this decade, declining by 63,817 or -0.1%. This decline was due to net domestic migration (-294,331), which offset population gains from natural increase (97,152) and net

international migration (134,145), or the difference between the number of people moving into and out of the country.

Forty states and the District of Columbia saw population increases between 2018 and 2019. Ten states lost population between 2018 and 2019, four of which had losses over 10,000 people. The 10 states that lost population were New York (-76,790; -0.4%), Illinois (-51,250; -0.4%), West Virginia (-12,144; -0.7%), Louisiana (-10,896; -0.2%), Connecticut (-6,233; -0.2%), Mississippi (-4,871; -0.2%), Hawaii (-4,721; -0.3%), New Jersey (-3,835; 0.0%), Alaska (-3,594; -0.5%), and Vermont (-369; -0.1%).

Also released were national- and state-level estimates of the components of population change, which include tables on births, deaths and migration.

Additional Highlights

Nationally, net international migration continues to decrease, falling to 595,348 between 2018 and 2019. Between 2010 and 2019, the year with the highest net international migration was 2016 at 1,046,709; however, since 2016, the net international migration has been gradually decreasing each year.

Between 2018 and 2019, natural increase was 956,674, reflecting 3,791,712 births and 2,835,038 deaths.

Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia lost population through net domestic migration between 2018 and 2019, six of which had losses over 25,000, and three of which experienced losses greater than 100,000. The top states with net domestic migration loss were California (-203,414), New York (-180,649), Illinois (-104,986), New Jersey (-48,946), Massachusetts (-30,274) and Louisiana (-26,045).



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Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

January

- **PROSTART DINNER** Jan. 9, 6 p.m., Timbers in Staples
- **SM SPEECH** The Staples-Motley Speech team will participate in a Varsity Invitational, Sat., Jan. 11 at the Pequot Lakes Early Bird Meet, 9 a.m.
- **MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS** Jan. 16, 8 a.m.
- **NO SCHOOL** Jan. 20
- **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS** Jan. 20. Dinner at 5 p.m.; Auction at 6:15 p.m.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR** Jan. 30, 3:15 - 7 p.m.

February

- **SNOW DAZE WEEK** Feb. 3 - 7

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



Bells of all shapes and sizes

The music of the bells depends on a team effort. Pictured above are members of the Staples-Motley Bell Choir, under the direction of Kristina Haataja, performing during the recent holiday season. From left: AJ Nienow, Oliver Lund, Zachary McIlravy, Andrea Arundel, Meghan VanAlst and Keegan Bestland. (Submitted photo)

U of M Cow/Calf Days event in Staples

By Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension

University of Minnesota Extension will be holding the annual Cow/Calf Days workshop in Staples on Tuesday, Jan. 21 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Area at Central Lakes College. This event has been held for over 45 years and continues to be the leading information, technology and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota.

This year's event will feature information on: opportunities to evaluate carcass genetics in your beef herd, scours prevention in beef cattle herds, improving profits and managing calves pre and post weaning. The corresponding tradeshow will feature vendors with new information, technology and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector. The program is directed at cow/calf producers, allied industry representatives and is open to the

public. A meal will be served with the program; a registration fee will include the meal, proceedings book and program materials. The program is approximately three hours long.

RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 14 or if you have any questions about the event or would like to be an event sponsor contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at 320-533-4655 or email her at nels4220@umn.edu. Or register online at: <https://z.umn.edu/StaplesCCD>. The registration fee can be paid at the door on the day of the event.



Piano concert

Jared Campbell will perform in an Church, Staples. The concert begins concert Sunday, Jan. 12 at Faith Lutheran at 1 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Pianist Jared Campbell to perform January 12, in Staples

Jared Campbell will be hosting a piano concert at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. He is raising funds for his trip with Concordia College to Israel and Palestine. There is no admission, however a free will offering will be taken; all welcome.

Jared is the grandson of Jack Nelson and nephew of Heidi and Kai Brings of Staples. He will be playing a variety of music including Christmas, classical, Christian, John Lennon and Billy Joel, to name a few.

Family Fiesta Time Jan. 13

The Staples-Motley ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) will host a Family Fiesta Night in Staples on Monday, Jan. 13, 5:15 - 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria and will include:

- Fiesta meal served at 5:30 p.m.
- Fun games and activities
- Free book for every child.

Space is limited. For more information or to RSVP by Jan. 8, call 218-894-5400 ext. 3531.

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The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering a 55+ Driver Discount refresher course on Monday, Jan. 13, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Completion of an eight-hour course qualifies you for the discount. To maintain the discount, you must complete a four-hour refresher every three years.

For more information or to register, visit our website at www.mnsafetycenter.org or call 1-888-234-1294. Courses are also available online.

Mark Your Calendar

January 9

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Jan. 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

MOTLEY BLOOD DRIVE Thurs., Jan. 9, noon - 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd. Ave. S., Motley. Sign up online at Redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins welcome.

January 11

2020 ARCTIC BLAST HAMFEST - HOSTED BY WADENA AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, Sat., Jan. 11, Bertha Community Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A Hamfest is a convention of amateur radio enthusiasts. It combines a trade show and flea market with various other activities. More information is available online at www.wadenaham.org or on Facebook.

January 21-22

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK-IN Tues., Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Sponsored by Cass County Public Health. For info., 218-547-1340.

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Hall of Fame compiles legacy of Staples-Motley athletic success

28 team champions, 61 individuals

Staples-Motley AHOF

Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) library Grand Opening will be held Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Inductees, families and general public are invited to see the unveiling of the inductee's plaques, wall mural display in the NEW Athletic Hall of Fame area, the AHOF inductee pins which will be awarded at this time. If an inductee is unable to attend, please have a family member attend to receive your pin.

To download the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form, go to the district's main website, click on "ACTIVITIES TAB" and the form is found there - www.isd2170.k12.mn.us.

The girl's basketball team can also pick up your copy of the Staples World issue with the inductee ceremony in it and a program from the inductee ceremony. Questions can be directed to: mjhajek@arvig.net.

SM AHOF can be found at www.facebook.com/Staples-Motley-AthleticHOF/

By Mike Hajek
Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

As time ticks by, the one thing we can count on is this: time will fade everything, except what we choose to value and recall.

Recalling and valuing our high school athletic experience rekindles fond memories within all of us. In most cases, high school athletics had a huge impact and influence in molding and developing our priorities, personalities and characters. Recalling those experiences creates a common reflection that each generation of athletes and coaches can easily relate to. Winning and losing each had equal range of emotions and as we look back. With few exceptions, the lessons and regrets that surrounded the losses seem to be what athletes and coaches remember most vividly.

Passing on the torch of experience and example is one of the foundation purposes of the Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. Our hope is also for generations of Staples-Motley coaches and athletes to be inspired by past athletic examples and experiences, encouraging them to reach higher levels of athletic achievement. As coaches and athletes value and participate in the Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame, each have the opportunity to "pay it forward" to future generations by inspiring

others to set their goals toward a higher level of success.

As we recall the Staples and Staples-Motley High School athletics and past success and achievements, not often do we take the time to accumulate the number of total team state championship in all sports. Staples and Staples/Motley teams have earned 28 Minnesota team state championships to date. Throughout the State of Minnesota and recorded as far back as 1913 there have been 432 high schools or consolidated groups of high schools that have earned one or more state championships. Out of the 432 schools, Staples and Staples/Motley's 28 state championships ranks 15th among all those schools in total team state championships. All of the schools ahead of us are from much larger schools or located in the metro area. The next closest out-state school is Perham with 19 state championships. This achievement is truly amazing and uncommon by any measurement and something that we can all be proud of.

Another amazing achievement is the number of individual state champions. Historically, we have researched 61 individual athletic state champions in individual sports. Once again, this is an amazing achievement. In 1971 we all thought our first Staples High School state champion was wrestler Loren

Bendson, followed by state champion pole vaulter Jeff Marden in 1974. We all boldly celebrated Loren's and Jeff's achievements but in reality, Staples's first state champion was in 1935 with Robert Skinner winning the gold in the javelin throw at the Minnesota High School State Track and Field event.

With Skinner's title, Staples and Staples/Motley has earned 25 individual track and field championships throughout the years, 18 for boys and 7 for the girls. Track and field teams have three Minnesota team state championships and one True Team Coaches Association state championship to date.

Our success in wrestling is well known throughout the state of Minnesota, with 7 team state championships and 22 individual champions.

Cross country is also an icon of our success throughout the state with 9 boys and 1 girls team state championships with five boys earning individual state championships.

We have 4 golf team state championships, 2 for the boys and 2 for the girls. Boys golf has 1 Individual state champion and the girls have 2 state champions.

Tennis has two back to back team state championships with 1 singles champion and 1 doubles championship.

Swimming has four individual state champi-

ons and baseball and girls basketball teams have each won team state championships to total our 28 team titles and 61 individual champions.

As one can imagine, there is always a fine line between a state champion and the runner up and third place finishes at the state level. Many times, a fraction of a second or inches is the difference. Staples/Motley has 17 state team runner-up finishes and 26 third place state team finishes. Staples and Staples/Motley have also combined for 59 individual second place finishes, and multiple 3rd place and numerous top six state place winning achievements in each sport.

Just to compete at the State level represents an over the top level of commitment by the athlete and coaches leading the teams and athletes. All Staples and Staples/Motley state championship and state place winning trophies can be viewed in the new Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Library located in the concession area of the high school competition gym.

No matter how you summarize, measure or evaluate our athletic achievement or compare it to other communities our size, uncommon and amazing are surely a part of the conversation. So how does this happen? What is the secret sauce of our athletic success?

Without question, coaching surely is a key factor and foundation of our success. Staples, Motley and Staples/Motley have been and continues to be fortunate to have a wide range of exceptional coaches with an extreme level of commitment to our programs and athletes.

Families of athletes is always a factor in any school athletic success and without a doubt Staples/Motley is blessed with families that embraced a work ethic and sprit of competition that has led to our athletic success and over the top achievement.

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The Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is committed to not let our amazing and uncommon athletic achievements fade into distant memories. It's a priority of the committee to not allow the pathway of our success and athletic legacy that we are known for by many, to be forgotten. The SM Athletic Hall of Fame program will also serve as a reminder of the value and impact of the High School athletic competition and achievement. We don't have to search too far back to see the connection between our High School athletics and who we now are as communities and who our athletes and coaches have become as individuals.

Staples-Motley state champs

Following is the list of state champions from Staples, Motley and Staples-Motley schools, compiled by the Staples/Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. The current count is 28 team titles and 61 individual championships.

Girls tennis is one team not on this list, but deserves recognition. The team has been to the state tournament numerous times, with two second place team finishes and they finished third seven times, with one individual second place finisher. Similarly, the girls cross country team has three runner-up finishes to go with their one state title.

Team state championships

Boys cross country 9
Girls cross country 1
Boys golf 2
Girls golf 2
Boys tennis 2
Boys track and field 3
Wrestling 7
Baseball 1
Girls Basketball 1

Wrestling state champions

1971 - Loren Bendson
1972 - Gordy Thompson
1976 - Dave Sowers
1976 - Jim Johnson
1978 - Dave Sikora
1980 - Paul Mergens
1981 - Don Heldman
1982 - Phil Corbett
1982 - Bob Sterriker
1982 - Blaine Dravis

1983 - Bob Sterriker
1987 - Jeff Sterriker
1990 - Darren Heldman
1992 - Gordy Thompson
1996 - Eric Kramer
1997 - Mark Carlson
1998 - Mark Carlson
1999 - Mark Carlson
1999 - Jeff Thompson
1999 - Jamie Carlson
2007 - Hakan Binek
2017 - Alex Erpelding
(21 second place finishers)

Swimming state champions

1983 - Curt Jenkins, 100 butterfly
1988 - Del Cerney, 50 freestyle
1988 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle
1989 - Mark Lelwica, 100 freestyle
(3 second place finishers)

Golf state champions

Jody Wilson
Mary Hasselberg
Andrew Israelson

Tennis state champions

David Joerger (singles)
Mark Haglin/David Cizek (doubles)

Cross country state champions

1983 - Randy Richel
1988 - Collin Beachy
1997 - Derek Mattila
1998 - Jeff Brever
1999 - Jeff Brever
(4 second place finishers: 3 boys and 1 girl)

Boys track and field state champions

1935 - Robert Skinner, javelin throw
1974 - Jeff Marden, pole vault
1979 - Tony Spandl, 120 high hurdles
1979 - Tony Spandl, pole vault
1985 - Scott Tryggeseth, long jump
1989 - Collin Beachy, 800
1989 - Collin Beachy, 1,600
1989 - Arden Beachy, triple jump
1990 - Ryan Beachy, pole vault
1993 - Jeremy Rondorf, discus
1998 - Derek Mattila, 3,200
1999 - Erik Klingaman, 3,200
2000 - 4x400 relay (T. Johnson, K. Detloff, E. Frisk, J. Tholl)
2000 - 4x800 relay (K. Detloff, R. Klingaman, J. Brever, J. Tholl)
2001 - 4x800 relay (B. Burton, J. Tholl, J. Brever, R. Klingaman)
2004 - Josh Smith, 400
2013 - Brian Huber, long jump
2018 - Max Giza, pole vault
(22 second place finishers)

Girls track and field state champions

1998 - Jacenta Spandl, high jump
2012 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2013 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2014 - Jaelin Beachy, 100 hurdles
2016 - Millie Klefsaas, 100 hurdles
2016 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault
2017 - Millie Klefsaas, pole vault
(4 second place finishers)



Rising above

Ben Olander scores a contested basket.



Slick save

Ryan Wick saves the ball from going out of bounds.

Basketball team working on overcoming lapses

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team played back to back games against winning teams and had first half breakdowns in both games that kept us out of contention the rest of the way. The Cardinals lost 75-55 at Osakis and 83-58 to Pequot Lakes.

Against Osakis, the Cardinals had a scoring drought midway through the first half.

"We stopped being aggressive offensively, stopped running the floor and defending and turned it over a few times," said Coach Nick Doll. Within a few minutes, a close game turned into a 12 point margin.

"We can't have lapses like that," said Doll. "We have been addressing this as a team and we are hoping to make strides in the near future."

Against Detroit Lakes, it was more of a defensive lapse playing on the second night of back to back games.

"While we are becoming a stronger team offensively, we know that we can't give up 80 points and come out on top," said Doll. "Pequot is solid but there is no reason we need to give up that many points."

PL scored inside, outside and on fast breaks, leading to a 12 point margin or more for most of the game. Every time the Cardinals made a run, they were answered at the other

end. "We are not doing our jobs defensively, and when we do, we are too often not cleaning up the rebounds," said Doll. "It is a challenge for us as we are giving up strength and height. Our lineup is nowhere near set as we are looking for guys who can get the job done. We can do it."

Staples-Motley plays more tough teams this week, at Breckenridge on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and at Crosby-Ironton Friday, Jan. 10. Next week they play at Pillager on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

"We can compete with all of these teams," said Doll. "We just have to decide collectively that nothing less than that is good enough. Our improvement from

last year to now is obvious and we are proud of the guys for the work they have done and how far they've come. It is clear that we are capable of more and we need to keep going. We need to take that next step and start competing with the top teams."

Team results

Staples-Motley 55, Osakis 75

Scoring: Ben Olander 16, Sivert Klefsaas 13, Issac Kronenberg 10, Max Strickland 8, Isaiah Schultz 2, Tanner Robben 2

Staples-Motley 58, Pequot Lakes 83

Scoring: Isaac Christoferson 15, Schultz 11, Klefsaas 10, Olander 9, Kronenberg 4, Chandler Braith 3, Josh Schimpp 2, Max Strickland 2, Ryan Wick 2

Whitetails' winter begins badly

One of the constants in our daily home routine is a game of tennis ball toss-and-retrieve with our Labrador retriever, Bella, led by my wife or me; or—on a lucky day for Bella—each of us in turn. We tend to lose more tennis balls in winter, thanks to their ability to disappear if they strike the snow at a steep angle. Sometimes Bella will sniff them out, but—winter scenting conditions and icy tennis balls being what they are—sometimes not. They're also lost when my wife wields the tennis ball Chuck-It device and an errantly thrown ball lands on the snowy garage roof.



Mike Rahn

Inside the Outdoors

But snow conditions have changed in the last couple of weeks, and as a result we're losing fewer tennis balls. On top of the earlier snows—which together had totaled 15 inches and more—there recently came several more inches of what the forecast called a “wintry mix,” which sounds more like a seasonal salad than weather. It had a consistency somewhere between snow and a snow cone, and the temperature drop that followed left the drifts with a skin of ice on top, and the heaps piled up by plows as rock-hard ice sculptures.

Now, the tennis balls we throw for our Labrador don't disappear into the snow. Unless one falls into a track, or some other depression in the snow, they bounce and roll on top. As for Bella, except in sheltered areas where some snow remains comparatively soft, she—at 65 pounds—can run on top of the snow, too.

It's a different story for Minnesota whitetail deer, most of which weigh more than twice what our Labrador does. Whether ice-encrusted or soft, moving around in the snow we've accumulated is no walk-in-the-park for a whitetail. Though the surface area of a deer's foot set flat on the ground might surprise you, the lightest whitetails probably weigh 85 to 100 pounds, and adult does and bucks average 140 to 170. That much weight—on

four thin legs, and relatively small, pointed feet—is too much to be supported by the snowpack; icy or not.

The depth of snow and a deer's ability to navigate through it play a very-well-known role in determining whether a whitetail will survive a Minnesota winter, and this one has started out on the wrong foot over much of the state. Early December brought snowfall of 12 to 15 inches over a wide area of Central and Northern Minnesota, and more than two feet—24 inches and more—in a swath of Northeast Minnesota, including Duluth. More has fallen since.

Snow is a factor in deer survival, because—when there is too much of it—snow can restrict a deer's movement between feeding and security areas, as well as in efforts to escape predators. These predators include the Eastern gray wolf, and to a lesser extent coyotes. Coyotes are most successful in preying on whitetail deer when fawns are young and especially vulnerable, and also in winter when snow conditions restrict deer movement and weaken them physically.

While predation is the most dramatic cause of death suffered by whitetails, it is often aided and abetted by the stress of a severe winter, weakening deer and making them more vulnerable. Sometimes winter itself is the killer, with the vector of death starvation—deer using more energy to fuel their metabolism under the stress of extreme cold, and expending more just to reach that food. And, some that survive the winter will be too weakened to bear healthy fawns.

There is an index used by many biologists to measure the severity of a winter, called—logically enough—the winter severity index, or WSI. Though severe winters can have a negative impact on any number of creatures—wild or domestic—the WSI seems particularly suited to guesstimating the negative effects of a winter on deer. For one, it measures snow depth as a negative, when in point of fact for some creatures—ruffed grouse being the obvious example—deep snow is actually advantageous.

The WSI works like this: count the number of days with a snow depth of 15 inches or more, then add to it the number of

days with a temperature of zero degrees or lower. For example, a single day with 15 inches of snow on the ground and a temperature that drops below zero, would add “2” to the WSI; one count for the snow depth, and one for the low temperature.

According to the legend on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) WSI map, an end-of-season WSI of less than 100 indicates a mild winter, while a WSI above 180 indicates a severe winter, one in which deer can be expected to be lost. On January 2nd the state snow depth map posted by the DNR showed that the upper one-half of the state had snow depths that mostly range from 15 to 30 inches, with some small pockets in this half of the state having as little as 12 inches. A very substantial amount of it—perhaps one-third of this upper half of the state—showed 18 to 30 inches of snow.

It should be noted that snow depth is not completely static throughout an entire winter. Snow will compact some over time, especially during spells of warm, sunny weather. Wind can also move snow, reducing depth in one area, and deepening it in another by depositing drift snow.

On the current DNR map, all of Minnesota now shows a WSI index labeled “50 or lower.” But it should be noted that we're a scant month into the winter season; not even a month, if you count December 21st the start of winter. Some years we have little snow during the entire month of December, but this year much of the state has had 15 or more inches of snow for the better part of a month. We also do not typically begin to receive our annual complement of sub-zero temperatures until early in the New Year.

So, while the WSI is far from the danger point at this juncture in the winter of 2019-2020—at any location in the state—we have roughly three months of potentially winter-like weather ahead of us. Any of those months could add 30 points to the WSI based on snow depth alone, to say nothing of the number of 24-hour periods when the temperature drops below zero.

No cause for alarm or panic now, but a cautionary start to the winter for our whitetails.

Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters wraps up elementary season Dec. 21



Second grade players

Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters completed their K-2nd grade participants' season on Dec. 21 with players receiving their medals.



First grade players



Kindergarten players



Power move

Issac Kronenberg hits an inside shot with his left hand.



Driving in a crowd

Isaiah Schultz goes up strong and gets fouled against Pequot Lakes. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Playing hard on defense

Preston Butler stops an opponent and forces a pass.

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5 p.m. Wed.



Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 17, 2019

Public Comment

David Drager voiced concerns regarding the proposed apartment building project and activities of the Sauk River Watershed District.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 17th day of December, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 5.7 Support of the 37 Unit Multifamily Housing Project and removal of item 10.3 Rural MN CEP Update and 10.6 Northern Pines Contract Renewal.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2019 and December 5, 2019 as presented.

To approve a One-Year On & Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Don and Dave's Store at the address of 26762 County 26, Brownville, MN in Moran Township effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

To approve the 2020 tobacco license applications for Clarissa Municipal Liquor Store, Don and Dave's Store, The Hub Supper Club, Jon's Family Foods, Eagle Valley Express, Oscar Jacobson American Legion Post #417, Partridge Creek Blinds and More LLC, Rohde's Midway Gas, Bar and Grill, Saukinac Campground Full of Fun LLC and Shady's Golden Eagle.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400464 through 400487 in the amount of \$10,491.06 and (Regular) 52678 through 52760 in the amount of \$70,917.28 for a total of \$81,408.34.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800268 through 800329 and (Regular) 706138 through 706196 for a total amount of \$72,664.37.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600089 through 600099 and (Regular) 515549 through 515583 in the amount of \$77,452.14.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR ABSENTEE & MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS WITHIN TODD COUNTY FOR THE 2020 ELECTION YEAR

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.16, subd 1 requires, by ordinance or resolution, to designate on an annual basis the polling places to be utilized for the upcoming year, and;

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of Todd County are provided accessible and equipped polling locations to exercise their right to vote, and;

WHEREAS, changes to the polling place location may be made at least

90 days before the next election if the authorized polling place becomes unavailable for use, and;

WHEREAS, changes to the polling place locations may be made in the case of an emergency when it is necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.175 and 204B.181.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following polling place for the Todd County Absentee Precinct and the City of Swanville's Mail Ballot Precinct for elections conducted in 2020 to be:

Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office 215 1st Ave. S, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN 56347

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the County of Todd would require to call a special election not held on the day of a statewide election that the polling places of the County's Municipalities along with the Todd County Absentee Precinct will be utilized dependent on the needs of the County of Todd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to designate a replacement polling place meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes for the polling place designated herewith if said place becomes unavailable for use by the County of Todd.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to designate an emergency replacement polling place meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes for any polling place designated in this resolution when necessary to ensure a safe and secure location for voting.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2019 Elections Budget Carryover per the attached Budget Request Form details in the amount of \$25,500.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COUNTY DITCH 18 - PARTIAL REPAYMENT

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2017 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the advance of \$300,000 from the General Fund (Fund 01) to the Ditch Fund (Fund 40) per BA#20171228-06; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the special assessment payment terms, granting a 10 year repayment term with two percent (2%) interest to be credited to the General Fund (Fund 01). The first year of the special assessment collection began for taxes payable in 2019 per BA#20180904-07; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in taxes payable year 2019 is \$20,299.39 on the principal balance, along with \$4,060.28 of interest; and

WHEREAS, prior to the implementation of the Special Assessment for taxes payable 2019, the County Auditor-Treasurer collected \$50,142.12 in pre-paid assessments, without interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$74,501.79 from Fund 40-County Ditches/Ditch 18 to Fund 01 General Fund.

Todd Wadena Community Corrections

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Kathy Langer, Director of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, to sign

the Minnesota Department of Corrections Grant Application Agreement for 2020-2021.

County Assessor

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the abatement request for Hilltop Regional Kitchen for property tax exemption on parcel 33-4001900.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of the voice logging recorder for the Todd County Dispatch Center from Northland Business Systems for the price of \$19,356.45.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Policing Contract with the City of Hewitt effective January 1, 2020 for two years.

Policies Committee

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO TODD COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners has recognized a need for strong, up to date personnel policy; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners and policies subcommittee have had an opportunity to review the policy revisions put forth in Article VII, Section 8.11 of the Personnel Policy and moved it to Article VII, Section 7.27 and find their implementation to be in the best interest of the sound administration of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached changes to the Todd County Personnel Policy and directs the County Coordinator to begin administration of said policy as of December 17, 2019.

Other Resolutions

It is understood that this Resolution replaces and supersedes all prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

Health & Human Services

Cory Lawrence from STEP provided the County Board with an update on their services in Todd County.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Step Purchase of Service and Host County contract renewal.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the renewal contract for Rural MN CEP to provide MFIP & DWP Employment Services.

Northern Pines Mental Health Center staff provided an update on the services being provided in Todd County.

Solid Waste

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2020 SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to adopt an annual budget and certify it to the County Auditor; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the following as the 2020 Budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund of the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 2020 Budget. Includes Property Taxes And Penalties (889,220), Licenses & Permits (800), Intergovernmental (1,654), State Grants (50,000), Charges For Services (1,340,000), Miscellaneous (214,500), Transfers In (-), Subtotal Revenues (2,496,174), Personal Services (527,854), Services And Charges (1,518,900), Supplies And Materials (115,150), Capital Expenditures (266,000), Other Expenditures (90,608), Transfers (-), Subtotal Expenditures (2,518,512), Balance ((22,338)).

Table with 4 columns: Category, Certified Levy, Program Aid, Local Levy. Includes General Revenue (9,860,213.00), Road & Bridge (2,617,380.00), Human Services (3,844,228.00), Public Health (603,373.00), Comp Water (5,360.00), Regional Library (333,406.00), Bonded Indebtedness (570,590.00), County Fair (20,000.00), Parks & Trails (20,000.00), Total (17,874,550.00).

Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the terms of the Employment Agreement and start date of 12/5/2019 for Chris Pelzer as County Coordinator.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and failed by Roll Call vote with the Commissioner Becker and Neumann for and Commissioner Erickson, Kircher and Kneisl against:

2020 COUNTY AUDITOR TREASURER SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are responsible for setting the compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the salaries of elected offi-

the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Auditor-Treasurer salary with an increase of 15 percent (%) at \$95,915 for 2020.

Finance Committee

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous roll-call vote:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2020 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to adopt an annual budget and certify it to the County Auditor; and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the operations costs and revenues of the County for fiscal year 2020; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the following as the 2020 Budget for the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

On motion by Becker

Table with 3 columns: Category, 2019, 2020. Includes REVENUES (Property tax, State General Purpose Aid, etc.), EXPENDITURES (General Government, Public Safety, etc.), and Budget Balance (0, 750,000).

cial in other comparable counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor Treasurer is not on the County Comp worth Springsted pay scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 FINAL LEVY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a preliminary levy no later than September 30 annually; and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the following as the 2020 final levy for the County of Todd, Minnesota, for the property taxes payable in 2020 directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and upcoming CLA audit preparations.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

County Coordinator's Report

The Interim County Coordinator reported on meetings attended.

Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until December 30, 2019.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts, totaling \$81,408.34.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists vendors for Health & Human Services Warrants, totaling \$72,664.37.

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists vendors for SSIS Warrants, totaling \$77,452.14.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 17, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held December 30, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205 Help Wanted
TODD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: We are looking for a reliable, service oriented individual to serve the citizens of Todd County in the following area: **Social Worker - Child Protection.** To learn more about this position and how to apply visit the official Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us. Questions may be directed to Administration, 320-732-6155. *EOE c12c*

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The position is full-time and requires some evening hours.
A resum , cover letter and City application are required.
Application forms and a full list of hiring requirements can be found online at www.cityofmotley.com, or at City Hall. Contact Lacey Smieja at 218-352-6200 or cityofmotley@brainerd.net with any questions about the position or hiring process. All application materials must be received no later than **3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020**, and can be emailed to cityofmotley@brainerd.net, dropped off at City Hall during office hours, or mailed to 316 Hwy. 10 S., Motley, MN 56466. Attn: City Clerk.
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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Bailee and Tristan Palmer of Sebeka, a baby boy, Clayton James weighing nine pounds, five ounces on December 27, 2019.

Born to Emilie and Kenny Perez of Brainerd, a baby girl, Charlotte Michelle weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on December 28, 2019.

Born to Erin and Damon Schwarz of Brainerd, a baby boy, Declan William weighing nine pounds, two ounces on December 28, 2019.

Born to Emily and Garrett Streitz of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Hazel Katherine weighing seven pounds, three ounces on

December 30, 2019.

Born to Emily Granby and Dominic Eckel of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Colt William weighing eight pounds, six ounces on December 30, 2019.

Born to Sabrina and Tate Benning of Alexandria, a baby boy, Sonny Arlo weighing eight pounds, three ounces on December 31, 2019.

Born to Ashley Stansberry and Eric Platzer of Sebeka, a baby girl, Leighton Mae weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on January 2, 2020.

Born to Alyssa Johnson and Michael Ingersoll of Staples, a baby girl, Emma Jane weighing eight pounds on January 3, 2020.



Glen Wentworth

Glen Wentworth, 69, died Friday, December 27, 2019.

Funeral services will be held in the spring of 2020. Burial will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Glen was born May 21, 1950 in Staples to Leo and Lila (Vetruba) Wentworth. He graduated from Staples High School in 1969. After graduation Glen enlisted in the Air Force and proudly served his country in Vietnam and the Philippines, where he received commendations for exceptional leadership in Air Freight management. After his honorable discharge in 1975, Glen joined the Army National Guard in Wyoming. For many years he worked on the oil rigs. Also while in Wyoming, Glen earned his Respiratory Therapy Certification, making the Dean's list several times. He was passionate about playing golf, pinocle, fishing and did some oil paintings of family members. He was very musically gifted and shared his guitar and vocal talents at many events. He has also written some amazing Christian songs that we will keep in our hearts forever. Much of his adult life was spent in Wyoming and Montana.

Glen is survived by his siblings, Gordon of Lewistown, MT; Sandee (John) of Eau Claire, WI, Richard of Cushing, MN, Carol (Fred) of Cushing, MN and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gary.

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Tom Kramer

Thomas Gorge Kramer, 67, of Motley, passed away on December 23, 2019 at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

A memorial service was held Jan. 7, 2020 at Motley United Methodist Church.

Tom was born February 16, 1952 in Staples to Joseph and Helen (Kieffer) Kramer. Tom married his high school sweetheart, Robin Thorn in 1972. They made their home in Anoka for 36 years.

Tom had a love of helping people. He enjoyed cutting wood with Paul, snowmobile trail grooming with Mick, or having a cup of coffee with his aunt, Florence. Put him in the woods deer hunting with Zachary, Joe and Bob, he was guaranteed to have a smile the whole time. He also like fixing things at church with Greg; but riding his John Deere tractor in the snow or mowing grass for hours was his joy. Sundays were reserved for the Vikings games. He was proud of his 42 years work at Coffmann Memorial Union, at the University of MN as Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor. He loved that building, the students and the full time staff that worked for him. He was known to them as TK. He always had his radio on and set to 94.5 KS95-Rock on!

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Robin; one son, Joseph (Carli) Kramer and one daughter, Jackie (John) Stockhausen; eight grandchildren, Zachary, Brianna, Nicholas, Kyle, Josephine, Maddy, Kennyn and Devyn; great-granddaughter, Kalynn; two sisters, MaryLou (Pat) Corkran and Janice Hallwachs; one brother, Ron (Carol) Kramer; brothers-in-law, Robert Thorn and Gary (Peggie) Thorn; sister-in-law, Gayle (Bruce) Quinn; 21 nieces and nephews, Debbie, Sue, Tim, Dan, Sandy, Vicky, Doug, Holly, Morgan, Carlyn, Andrew, Laurie, Shelly, Tracy, Gary, Mark, Mike, Taunee, Mitch, Jim, LeAnn and their spouses and children.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home.

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Paul Wick

Paul David Wick, 59, Staples, passed away on January 1, 2020 at the Lakewood Health System in Staples, with his loving family at his side.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Weds., January 8 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Paul was born on November 20, 1960 in St. Paul, son of Helmer "Sam" and Velma (Waisanen) Wick. He grew up and received his education in Grand Rapids and continued his education at the Duluth Business University in Duluth. He was united in marriage with Lonna Walls of Grand Rapids in 1983, became a father with the birth of their son, Adam, and worked as a banker in the Brainerd area. He moved to Staples, where he married Christie Berg of Crosby in 1994, was blessed with their sons, Jordan and Ryan, and worked at Security State Bank, later Unity Bank. He was united in marriage with Lisa (Sadusky) Haglin of Staples on July 24, 2010 aboard the Breezy Belle at Breezy Point Resort. They continued to make their home in Staples. He was currently employed as vice-president at Star Bank in Bertha.

Paul was a loving husband, proud father, devoted brother and giving friend. He loved deeply and gave with every ounce of his heart. He had a one-of-a-kind sense of humor and a special way of making people laugh. He enjoyed mowing the lawn and yard work, playing and watching all sports, boating, fishing and hunting, sitting by the fire and spending time at the Wick Family cabin 'up north'.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Wick of Staples; three children, Adam (Ashley) Wick of Farmington, Jordan Wick of St. Paul, Ryan Wick of Staples; four stepchildren, Alyssa (Jared) Peterson of Savage, Brandon (Chelsea) Haglin of Williston, ND, Karlee (Matthew) Chenoweth of Browerville and Jordan Haglin of Nashville, TN; eight grandchildren, Kendra, Kyla, Ezekiel, Elena, Jaymee, Ameara, Lydia, and Devin; siblings, Cathy (Terry) Madsen of Grand Rapids and Keith Wick of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are preferred and greatly appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples. www.brenny.com

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CITIZENSHIP continued from page 1a

Jiménez and Kincaid become American citizens



Celebrating with family

Several of Francisco "Paco" Jiménez's family members were in attendance at his citizenship ceremony in St. Paul last November, as well as the celebration dinner that followed at Cossetta's Restaurant. Pictured above, from left, are Tracey Kloeck-Jiménez, Francisco's wife; and two of his children, Émali and Lucas. (Submitted photos)



have the name Francisco.) Francis had been studying in Barcelona and traveled to Italy with his Aunt Tricia in the fall of 2010. I traveled from Barcelona to Italy with my wife, my two younger children and a group from Staples-Motley High School in June of 2014. For some reason, this information set off a more intense customs check upon our return to the United States.

WHAT WAS THE CEREMONY ITSELF LIKE? WHERE DID IT TAKE PLACE?

The ceremony itself took place at the William Morrissey Ballroom of the St. Paul Xcel Energy Center. It was quite interesting, as there were over 2,200 applicants becoming U.S. citizens, in addition to the many family and friends who were there to support them.

The judge named the 148 countries represented, and each applicant stood when his/her birth country was named. I was the only one from Spain. Interestingly, there were over 220 beautiful smiling immigrants from Somalia who stood up when he named that coun-

try! This influx of immigrants from Somalia is due to the civil wars which this country has recently endured. We all stood and reviewed our oath and allegiance to the United States at the same time. Afterwards, we celebrated with family at the Louis Ristorante & Bar and Cossetta's in downtown St. Paul.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE UNITED STATES?

Well, that's a good question. I have worked with local families in cabinetry businesses, both the Sterrikers and the Brichacek families. Both families were very good to me. I currently work with Miran Creek Cabinets. I appreciate the Brichacek family for putting up with me for 17 years! I've enjoyed working with them in putting out higher standard, quality products. I also worked with a landscaping business north of Brainerd when the construction business took a hit several years ago.

I like how Americans put aside their differences and pull together to get things done for their communities and help one

another through tough times. Last year, we had some neighbors, Brian and Melinda Amiot, come over at the drop of a hat and shoveled us out when both my wife and I had walking pneumonia! One never forgets these acts of kindness. This is just a small example of the love we have experienced in this community.

YOU HAVE LIVED HERE MANY YEARS ALREADY...DO YOU THINK BECOMING AN 'OFFICIAL' CITIZEN CHANGES YOUR FEELINGS ON THINGS ABOUT THIS COUNTRY?

I have always kind of felt like a citizen or community member since the first day I arrived in this country, without even knowing the language or culture very well. Maybe I began to feel this way when my wife's family showed me unconditional love and put me to work right away!

Now, I still feel like an important community member, but I feel more empowered to get involved in making change for the good. I intend to do that with my votes: local, state and federal. I can now vote to make an impact on how society is governed by

choosing the right representative. I am also looking into how I can hold a federal job myself in order to serve my new country.

Anne Kincaid

WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM? I am from Finland. I was born in Helsinki, but grew up mainly in the city of Espoo. My maiden name is Aaltonen.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES?

I have lived in the United States for 40 years.

WHERE DID YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND, JOHN KINCAID, MEET?

We met in the United States. I was visiting a Finnish family friend who had married an American man she had met in Finland. They lived in St. Paul and she worked with John's mother.

HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU AND JOHN HAVE?

We have three children: Michael, Laura and Aleksis; and two grandchildren, Jady and Ashley.

WHAT IS YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE? DID YOU KNOW ENGLISH BEFORE ARRIVING HERE?

Finnish is my native language. I started learning English when I was in third grade.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT STAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

I started working there (as church secretary) at the beginning of April in 2000. So, about 20 years.

WHEN DID YOU DECIDE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN? DID YOU KEEP CITIZENSHIP IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY?

I have been meaning to do it for awhile, but I had a hard time with having to give up my Finnish citizenship, which people might not be able to understand. Then, some years ago Finland changed their laws to allow dual citizenship. However, procrastination set in for quite a few years.

Then there was a change in how I would renew my passport (Finnish). In the past, I could do it through mail, but now you have to appear in person either at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. or the Finnish Consulate General in New York, N.Y. I can also renew it while I'm in Finland. I'm not sure why the change, but I'm guessing something changed after 9/11 happened (that's just my opinion, I don't really know). So, now after becoming a U.S. citizen I can get a U.S. passport without having to travel so far.

DO YOU STILL HAVE FAMILY IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY? DO YOU GET BACK TO VISIT?

I still have my sister and her daughter that live in Finland. My brother passed away this spring from cancer. He had a wife and together they have a son who is married and has three children. I also have 28 cousins, but some of them do not live in Finland.

WAS IT A LENGTHY PROCESS TO BECOME A CITIZEN? WHAT DID IT ENTAIL?

To become a citizen you first have to submit an application. It is somewhat lengthy and has a lot of questions. You also have to get some documents to accompany the application, like marriage certificate, children's birth certificates, tax documents for proof of living here and to show that you have paid taxes. Once you submit the application you will then receive a letter

from Homeland Security that has a date, time and place for where you are to appear for a "biometrics appointment."

This took place in St. Paul, at which time I was fingerprinted, had my photo taken and had to submit a signature. After the biometrics appointment, you later receive another letter from Homeland Security telling you when and where your interview is. Mine was in Minneapolis. At the interview they ask you again some of the questions that were on the application. Then you take the U.S. History and Civics test, and English writing and reading test. If the interviewer finds you acceptable and you pass the tests, then you are recommended for naturalization. Another letter will then come from Homeland Security telling you the date, time and place of the Oath of Naturalization ceremony is. Mine took place at the St. Paul River Center. The timeline for my process of becoming a citizen: In March I submitted the application; March/April - biometrics appointment; Nov. 22 - Interview; and Dec. 17, 2019 - Oath of Naturalization Ceremony.

WHAT WAS THE CEREMONY ITSELF LIKE? WHERE DID IT TAKE PLACE?

There were a lot of people there (St. Paul River Center), those becoming a citizen and their families and friends. The families and friends sat in the back of the hall and the ones taking the oath of naturalization sat separately in the front of the hall. We were handed a packet that had the program, a little booklet that included The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; and a sheet with the words to The Star-Spangled Banner and Pledge of Allegiance. On the flip side were the words to the Oath of Allegiance. The packet also had a small American Flag, a U.S. passport application; and a couple of other informational leaflets.

There were also a couple of speakers at the ceremony. One was from the League of Women Voters. The judge who was the official also spoke. Then we sang the National Anthem, and they read all of the countries where people were from.

After that we were lead



Proud to be an American

Anne (Aaltonen) Kincaid of Staples waves her American flag after becoming a U.S. citizen on Dec. 17, 2019. (Submitted photo)

by the judge to take the Oath of Allegiance. Then they played a video called "America the Beautiful" at the end of which we recited the Pledge of Allegiance and were given our Certificates of Naturalization. Six-hundred and fifty-two people became citizens at that ceremony.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE UNITED STATES?

The summer in Minnesota is longer than in Finland, which I like. I know some states are warm all year 'round, but I do like winter as well. It's just nice to have a little longer and warmer summer than they have in Finland.

YOU HAVE LIVED HERE MANY YEARS ALREADY...DO YOU THINK BECOMING AN 'OFFICIAL' CITIZEN CHANGES YOUR FEELINGS ON THINGS ABOUT THIS COUNTRY?

Not really. I am happy about one thing: I can now vote!

ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

People sometimes confuse not being a citizen as not being "legal." A person can live and work here in the United States if they work here legally and if they have a Permanent Resident Card, also called a green card.

Staples to build new wastewater plant

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved accepting a \$6 million loan from the Public Facilities Authority to construct a wastewater treatment plant. Most city residents will pay an extra \$6 a month on their utility bill to pay for the new plant. The city is also receiving \$7 million from the Point Source Implementation Grant Program and \$3 million from the Water Infrastructure Fund's Clean Water Grant.

At the Dec. 30 council meeting, council member Doug Case questioned the \$17 million cost of the wastewater project. He said the original projection was a \$9 million project. But there has been a steep rise in construction costs and as the project moved along it reached over \$16 million.

"It starts to get to the point of how much can the people of Staples afford to pay?" asked Case. Case said he heard of another city in Minnesota that got a 10 year extension from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and he has heard of other sewer plants that don't meet state specifications. "Rolling back on pollution standards would give us a little break," he said.

Council member Rachel Johnson said the price will keep going up if the project is delayed.

Council member Thomas Toepper agreed, saying "If it went from \$10

million to \$17 million, what is it going to do in 10 years?"

Council member Mary Theuer said the interest rates are low now, but there is talk about raising the rates in the near future.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the amount of the loan and grants from the state are determined by the price of the project and the income level of the city. He said if costs go down, the amount of the state money would go down and citizens would have to pay a similar amount.

"We are grateful for the grants we have gotten," said Theuer.

Because of costs, Case said it might be better to just fix up the plant for now.

Council member Roy Miles said that would be a "big mistake."

"We are required by the state to get this done," said Miles. "We have the ability to get these grants this year, there may not be any money next year at all," said Miles.

Council member Ron Murray said "I do know our plant is in bad shape, our workers are in jeopardy. I don't want to spend that kind of money, but for the people that work there, it sounds archaic. It is doing justice for the workers."

Case voted against the project while the rest of the council approved.

The council approved the low bidder for the project, Magney Construction of Chanhassen, at \$13,933,600, which was very close to the other two

bids, Gridor Construction \$14,077,600 and Rice Lake Construction \$14,273,100.

The council also approved engineering fees of \$632,000 to Bolton & Menk. Murray joined Case in voting against this motion, saying "that is a lot of money" for engineering services.

New community center hours

The council also approved new hours for the Staples Community Center.

Dealing with reduced cost sharing from the school district, the center will now be closed on Sundays, and there will be no open swim on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Open Swim hours will now be Monday and Wednesday 5-6 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Friday 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays 12-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.

Except for Sunday, the gym and fitness center hours will remain the same.

Nelsen said the move could save some money operationally, and will give the community center a chance to look for additional programming to generate more revenue.

In other news, the council agreed to labor agreements with IBEW Union with increased vacation hours and clothing allowance, some higher wages according to the classification and compensation study, with 2.75 percent and 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment for 2020 and 2021.



Much to be thankful for

Anne and John Kincaid of Staples celebrated Thanksgiving with family in Los Angeles, Calif., shortly before Anne officially became a citizen of the United States. Pictured standing, from left, are Laura Rahman, the Kincaid's daughter; Anne Kincaid; and son-in-law Sais Rahman. Kneeling, from left, are granddaughter Jady; John Kincaid; and granddaughter Ashley. (Submitted photo)



Cheering on the new American citizen

After the citizenship ceremony in St. Paul Dec. 17, 2019, friends and family of Anne Kincaid posed for a photo with the new American. Pictured, from left, are Darlene Kincaid, Anne's mother-in-law, of Brooklyn Center; family friend Bruce Knosalla, Staples; Christine and

Michael Kincaid of Staples, Anne's daughter-in-law and son; Anne and her husband, John Kincaid; and Allison and Aleksis Kincaid of Hudson, Wisc., Anne's daughter-in-law and son. (Submitted photo)