



## Ice block nativity built in Staples

Multi-colored lights stream through a wall of ice blocks, illuminating a nativity scene at the home of Peter and Deb Fink of rural Staples. The ice blocks were cut by Peter and his sons, along with help from neighbor Creig Mertens, with a chain saw from a pond on the family's property. See the Fink family on page 8a. (Submitted photo)

### Hello, Readers,

Time to celebrate winter. Technically, the first day of winter will be Friday, Dec. 21, the date of the Winter Solstice, which marks the day of least sunlight for the year. There will also be a full moon the next day, so the longest night will also be one of the best lit nights of the year. This would be a good year to go outside on the night of the solstice, to show winter that it can't get us down and we will be looking forward to increasing sunlight every day from then on. With little snow so far this year, winter opportunities are still available. Motley and Staples both have outdoor skating rinks open to the public, and the North Pole Lights Display is still being shown at Pine Grove Park in Staples every weekend in December, from 6-9 p.m.

### Public Notices

County fee schedule: **7A**

### Obituary

Lois Reggie



Thank you for subscribing!

## Special Christmas church services

Area churches are planning special services for Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, plus other holiday events. The lineup includes:

**Faith Lutheran, Staples**  
Christmas Eve  
2 p.m. Family Service  
5 p.m. Candlelight Service  
10 p.m. Lessons and Carols

**Staples United Methodist Church**  
Christmas Eve  
4 p.m. Candlelight service

**Motley United Methodist Church**  
Christmas Eve  
6 p.m. Candlelight Service  
11 p.m. Vigil

**Trinity Lutheran, Staples**  
Christmas Eve  
5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service  
Christmas Day  
9 a.m. Service

**Thomastown Covenant Church**  
Christmas Eve  
4 p.m. Candlelight Service

**Staples Alliance Church**  
Christmas Eve  
4:30 p.m. Service

**Verndale Family Life Church**  
Christmas Eve  
4 p.m. Service  
**St. John's Lutheran, Motley**  
Christmas Eve  
5 p.m. Candlelight Service

**Motley Free Methodist**  
Christmas Eve  
4:30 p.m. Service  
**Staples Church of Christ**  
Christmas Eve  
4 p.m. Candlelight Communion

**Staples Assembly of God**  
Christmas Eve  
5:30 p.m. Service  
**Staples Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
Saturday, Dec. 22  
10 a.m. Christmas Songs, Stories and Poems

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples**

**St. Michael Catholic Church, Motley**  
Christmas Eve  
5 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
8 p.m. Mass at St. Michael  
Christmas Day  
8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
10:30 a.m. at St. Michael



## Festive holiday tune

The Staples-Motley High School Symphonic Band, under the direction of Jon Crust, donned their holiday hats prior to performing a rousing rendition of "Sleigh Ride" at the Cardinal Christmas Concert Dec. 17. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame process

The Staples-Motley High School Hall of Fame has been announced and a committee is in place. "We feel it is time and perhaps overdue to honor some of our schools coaches and athletes," said a press release from the school.

All nominations will come from the public. "Staples-Motley has a long and rich history of pride in our athletic competition and accomplishments. The school and community wants to remember, recognize and honor the outstanding achievements

and contributions with a Hall of Fame," said the press release.

The nominee must, during and following his or her career, have exemplified that pride and spirit of Staples-Motley athletics and finished their time in good standing. To be clear, they can have coached and/or had been an athlete in Staples, Motley or Staples-Motley.

Nominate as many as you wish in any of the four categories:

- Player: Must be a graduate of Staples, Motley or

Staples-Motley and out of high school for at least seven years. Team: Last competition date was at least seven years ago.

- Coach: Must have coached in Staples, Motley or Staples-Motley. (Varsity, JV, C Squad or Middle School)

- At Large: Any member of the community who has made significant contributions to our athletics.

- Athletic Team: Staples, Motley or Staples/Motley high school team.

Induction will be Tuesday. See **FAME** on page 8a

## Carlson named Outstanding Young Minnesotan by JCI

Jayme Carlson of Staples has been named one of JCI Minnesota's 2018 Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans...a select group of young leaders from across the state.

These honorees were recognized at a special awards celebration Dec. 8, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bloomington.

Jayme is the owner of Jemma's Salon in Staples. She and her husband, Mark Carlson, have three sons, Jack, 12; Beau, nine; and Maxx, seven.

In her acceptance speech, Jayme thanked JCI Minnesota for "this amazing award and opportunity. It is truly an honor and very unexpected." She went on to thank JCI Staples member Paige Lenk who organized her nomination, as well as the individuals who contributed stories about her as part of it.

Since 1950, JCI Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Jaycees) has acknowledged

the efforts and accomplishments of young adults who have contributed to our state through their service, thought and influence, community involvement, or entrepreneurship through the Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans (TOYM) program. According to a press release, each year the best of the best are carefully chosen and have the honor of being named an outstanding young Minnesotan bestowed upon them.

Past recipients include Vice President Walter Mondale, Senator Dave Durenberger, baseball hall of famer Dave Winfield and news anchor Jason DeRusha, to name a few.

Jayme is thrilled to have been added to this list, only the third from Staples to be named to it. Sally Gorton received the honor in 1975; and Lori Rothstein in 2008.

It is a well-deserved recognition, which is evident upon reading the documentation about Jayme submit-

ted by JCI Staples with her nomination.

Jayme was born and raised in Staples, the daughter of Mike and Jeanne Hajek. "Her parents had a love and passion to make their community better and Jayme certainly shares that passion," was noted by JCI Staples.

"She continually serves people and her community in more ways than a cut, color, style and blow-dry. When you first step into her salon you are greeted with a warm and energetic, 'hello,'" is written in the nomination.

It goes on to note that Jayme has used her salon as a platform for outreach in her community and amongst her peers, including offering a "Pay it Forward Service." Outside of her salon, Jayme has offered her services for the past five years at the Back to School Fair in Staples, providing free haircuts to families in need. She has

See **JAYME** on page 3a



## At the awards celebration

Jayme Carlson (left) of Staples was recently recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans (TOYM) by JCI Minnesota. She is pictured with her husband Mark Carlson at the 68th Annual TOYA awards program held Dec. 8, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bloomington. (Submitted photo)



## Christmas co-op elves in Staples

Allison Uselman and Kallie Van De Venter were the two elves running around Staples on Dec. 6, driving the Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative ve-

hicle, and stopping in businesses who are customers to promote their Co-op Connected Card. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Johnson takes part in elected women cohort

The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) recently concluded their 2018 Annual Conference, celebrating 80 years of the organization. Staples City Councilwoman Rachel Johnson, Senator Carrie Ruud and Brainerd Councilwoman Sue Hilgart attended along with more than 100 other elected women in Washington, DC from Nov. 13-17.

"I am extremely honored to be a part of this organization, where we connect

with women across the aisle and across the country," Ruud said.

Women elected to public office on the state and local level from across the country came together to identify effective solutions to some of the nation's most pressing issues.

Fostering a bi-partisan environment that encourages dialogue and the exchange of diverse legislative ideas through programming and networking events, elected women are empowered and inspired to become thought leaders who shape America's future.

NFWL is dedicated to

providing elected women with strategic resources for leadership development, and the 2018 Annual Conference put a particular emphasis on this personal growth.

New Jersey Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, the current NFWL's Chair shared, "I'm so proud to lead a bi-partisan organization of elected women and meet elected women like Senator Ruud and councilwoman Hilgart and Johnson. We're able to share ideas, and feedback on issues we all deal with and engage on a personal level as well."

## Staples city budget up, taxes go down

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a budget slightly lower than their preliminary budget, and received news that it could cost taxpayers even less.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they reduced the budget so that the proposed tax levy was cut by \$30,000 for a final levy of \$1,039,262.

That is a seven percent increase in the budget, but Nelsen said taxpayers should still see a 14 percent reduction in the city portion of taxes, due to new

developments going on the tax rolls, including the new Lakewood Health System Clinic addition and the TimberLake Hotel.

The final budget included a few changes, including a salary structure study so the city can attract employees in the future, said Nelsen.

The Staples Fire Department changed their truck replacement schedule so they can purchase a tanker truck in two years.

After the budget was passed, the council canceled their second meeting in December, which would have fallen on Christmas Day. Nelsen said there are no pressing issues for the council at this time and they will still get council members to come in to sign off on the bills to be paid.

## Solution to school violence is personal prevention

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Personal connections can help overcome societal factors that contribute to violence and depression among children, according to the RIPL training in Staples on Dec. 10.

Ben Rudrud, one of three presenters at the event, said credit should be given to Lakewood Health System for bringing this topic to the public. Rudrud and Scott Doss are the duo who have started National School Safety Consulting, and were joined in the presentation by psychologist George Tetreault.

While the RIPL (Rational Impactful Preventative Leadership) training is normally presented to teachers in schools, Doss also appreciated the chance to talk about it to parents and community members. "The reason to do this is to invest in our children and in other people's children," said Doss.

All three speakers had one message in common: that simple personal connections are needed to help stem the trends of violence, depression and suicide among the youth in every community.

Rudrud described the solution as the Power of One, one of the lessons in the training. "Every kid has to have at least one adult who truly believes in them, someone who loves them and cares for them," he said.

The societal factors that contribute to violence, bullying and depression are well known but are also increasing.

Rudrud said some social media can lead towards harassment, violence, depression and suicide through online bullying. Tetreault backed that up by saying it is easy for children to retreat into the electronic world of social media and games, espe-



## RIPL effect

Scott Doss, with microphone, and Ben Rudrud talk to the audience at Timbers Restaurant in Staples during their RIPL training. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

cially if they are depressed.

Rudrud also talked about violent video games numbing children to actual violence. "Where did we come from if we thought this was remotely acceptable?" he asked.

Again, the solutions

come back to helping children navigate the pitfalls of electronics. "Kids have no idea how to use it," Tetreault said about technology. "Your child needs a parent."

When asked by an audience member about bullying, Tetreault and Rudrud agreed that parents have a better opportunity to set an example than any preventative actions the schools are able to teach.

Parents are also the front line to help children who are on the receiving end of harassment and bullying.

"Parents need to take a more active role in the lives of their children," said Tetreault. "You won't know if they have symptoms of depression and suicide unless you talk to them every day."

Doss had some suggestions for ways parents can invest in kids. "There are fun things you can do as a parent or a mentor," he said.

Doss called one option a "Love Dare," in which you do something different every day with the child.

"Every day, tell your kids and your spouse 'I love you, I'm proud of you, you're so good at ...'" (fill in the blank), said Doss.

And there are simple personal skills that go a long way towards making those connections happen. "Engage them with your eyes, show them that you are listening," said Doss. And once they are engaged, "tell your story," he said.

Doss said this approach is also a way to help overcome the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), which have been proven to limit the abilities of adults who have suffered them as children. The connections help build resilience that helps people overcome their problems.

This doesn't mean parents need to hover over every step the child takes, but rather should be involved in what is going on.

"Get your kids in activities where they can explore who they are," said Doss.

Doss and Rudrud are presenting this program to area schools through Sourcewell's education cooperative.

## Foster Grandparent recognition held

Foster Grandparents from Central Minnesota gathered Dec. 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples to recognize their volunteer efforts. Foster grandparents volunteer in area schools by acting as role models as they mentor students.

Thirty-seven foster grandparents, many area educators and five Catholic Charities staff members were treated to a performance by the Staples-Motley High School A Capella choir followed by a meal catered by Ted and Gen's Bar-B-Q of Aldrich.

Foster Grandparent Director Stacy Lund and Area Supervisor Jon Knopik led the annual program and acknowledged Foster Grandparents with one, five, ten and 15 years of service.

Two foster grandparents, Margret Rairdon, Menahga Schools and



The Staples-Motley High School A Capella Choir recently performed in honor of Foster Grandparents Day held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Gladys Erickson, Wadena Extended Care, were recognized for completing their first year of service in the program.

Three foster grandparents were recognized for completing five years of service. Janet Johnson, Verndale Area Christian Academy, Dorothy Killian, Motley-Staples Middle School and Jean Schmidt, St. Henry's Area School in Perham, reached the five year milestone.

Foster grandparent Leona Porter, Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary School, was recognized for ten years of service.

This year marks the 53rd anniversary of the Foster Grandparent Program and the belief that inspired its start in 1965 could not be truer today. Namely, that seniors have extraordinary gifts and talents to share with vulnerable children.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers seniors age 55 and over the opportunity to work with students in local schools, or other non-profit agencies where there are children who need extra assistance.

The benefits to the volunteer are as great as those to the children. Statistics reveal 90 percent of the foster grandparents have reported that volunteering gives them a sense of purpose and 76 percent have reported that their physical and mental health is significantly better when they volunteer.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers many benefits to those who participate, including a tax free hourly stipend, transportation reimbursement for mileage or for using a city bus, orientation, on-going training, health benefits and more.

The joy of helping children and getting frequent hugs seem to be among the "most mentioned" benefits.

For information or to apply to be a foster grandparent, contact Jon Knopik at jknopik@ccstcloud.org or 320-229-4593.

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Outstanding leader

also provided free haircuts during the Community Connect Day. “Jayme realizes the lift a chat in the chair and a new cut, wash, style and/or color can do for a person. It can certainly turn someone’s day or attitude around.”

In addition to her work at Jemma’s Salon, Jayme is known in the community as a coach for the Little Cardinals cheerleading program and as a volunteer at various school events. She is also active in her church as a Sunday School teacher and member of the worship team. Jayme also shares her singing voice at weddings, funerals and the annual variety show in Staples.

“Jayme is also an extraordinary example of perseverance and bringing beauty from ashes,” was written in the nomination. While she was pregnant with her youngest son, Jayme was diagnosed with Lyme’s disease. “Jayme turned her own long, painful and difficult battle with Lyme’s into an opportunity to educate people in the community and provide support for people suffering with this disease.”

Jayme’s friend and fellow business owner Staci Schultz, Staples, said that “Jayme Carlson is a person who exudes compassion and positivity. She is always willing to give her time and resources to help others in our community and around the world. She has created a business that is known for its compassion and generosity. Jemma’s Salon is a bright spot in our community.” Schultz went on to say that Jayme “has a nurturing heart, a passion for her community and fierce love for her family and friends. To know her is to be loved by her. If only every community had a Jayme Carlson, how much better and more connected we would all be.”

She’s proud to be a part of the Staples community, Jayme said at the awards ceremony in Bloomington. “Everywhere you look, there are people and organizations who are lifting others up and making our community and world a better place. No challenge or opportunity seems too big for our small town.”

As she closed her speech, Jayme said, “We all have the opportunity every day to lift up those around us. A smile, a kind word, a compliment. It doesn’t have to make a wave, even if it makes a ripple...it’s kindness moving in a positive way. I often imagine life like a garden. Can you imagine if we all planted seeds of kindness and goodness. Think about what a wonderful world it would grow into. Never doubt the power of what that seed can do. I encourage all of you to go out and plant those seeds of kindness and watch them grow into something beautiful. I believe that every day here on this earth is an amazing gift and every day I am here I will continue to share whatever God has



Nominator

JCI Staples member Paige Lenk (right) is pictured with Jayme Carlson of Staples at the recent TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans) recognition event. Lenk is the one who submitted the nomination for Carlson on behalf of the JCI Staples organization.

given me. Thank you again for this humbling recognition and the opportunity to share my story.”

In addition to Jayme Carlson, others named to the 2018 Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans list include Heidi Becker, Austin; Anahita Champion, St. Paul; Mark Lindquist, Fargo, N.D.; Chris Hawk, Eagan; Jackson Jones, Mankato; Nick McLaughlin, Rochester; Bo Weber, Elko; Rob Williams, Roseville; and Rachael Zuleger, Bloomington.



Proud of their daughter

Jeanne (left) and Mike (right) Hajek of Staples are pictured with their daughter, Jayme (Hajek) Carlson, at the 68th Annual Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans (TOYS) program at which she was recognized Dec. 8. In her acceptance speech, Jayme credited her parents for teaching her to “use your ‘gifts’ to help others. Whatever it is, use it for good. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” (Submitted photo)



Adventure Island - Young Authors Conference at CLC

Rapper and teaching artist Joe Horton, left, led a session of the Young Authors Conference, hosted by Sourcewell and held at Central Lakes College in Staples on Nov. 13. Horton talked about keeping a dream

journal and gave students imagination techniques to carry into their writing. More than 150 students from the five county area attended the conference. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Amazing stories in everyday life

Students practiced finding incredible things that go on in their everyday lives with author Mary Losure at the Young Authors Conference.



Creating characters

Students enjoy inventing interesting characters in the “Scriptfrenzy” segment of the Young Authors Conference with playwright Mary Aalgaard. Keynote speaker for the event was author Geoff Herbach (“Stupid Fast”, “Fat Boys vs The Cheerleaders”). Other presenters included musician Paul Nye (“Tell My Monkey”), author Alyssa Vanderhoof (“When the World Goes Dark”), novelist Candace Simar, photographer Wing Young Huie, writer Quinn Nystrom (“If I Kiss You, Will I Get Diabetes?”), novelist John Coy (“Crackback”), and publicist Krista Rolfzen Soukup.

Happy Holidays.

From Brian, Tasha and the Staff.

Tom and Jerrys served Dec. 24 noon-6 p.m.

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## CLC Pres. Charlier newsletter

Dr. Hara Charlier, President,  
Central Lakes College

With the holiday season upon us, homes and businesses have been transformed with strings of bright lights and fresh cut pine trees. That lively change reminds me of the transformations we see every day here on our campuses at Central Lakes College.

We've seen students transform from being quiet and scared, sitting in the back of the classroom to advanced thinkers, and as Ghandi espoused, ready to "be the change they want to see in the world." They've become leaders in the classroom, as student leaders, as change advocates, and by encouraging others to get involved.

That transformation doesn't happen on its own. It takes willpower and it takes persistence. CLC students have these qualities and so many more. They inspire us every day.

It also takes amazing people guiding them along the way. Of course, these are the employees at Central Lakes College. This dedicated group knows students by name. They say hello and offer a warm smile in the hall. If you visit our campuses, they'll ask

you how you are and truly care about your response.

I've seen so many examples of staff and faculty reaching out to our students in need. I recall one instructor sitting down next to a student in the Fireside Lounge. He saw the stress on the student's face. They sat together, talking it out until the student felt better. Recently, another staff member noticed a different tone in a student's "hello." Of course, this led to a long conversation about a recent heartache in the student's life.

These are just a few examples of the true compassion and heart that our employees bring to our campuses. They're what bring to life our "culture of caring."

We cultivate this unique campus culture through striving to make sure each student has at least one faculty or staff member they can reach out to. They build these relationships to a point where it's not uncommon for a group of students to show up at an instructor's office with a pizza and good conversation.

Our students are more than numbers. They're vital members of the college community. We want each student to feel like they belong, whether that be through their courses or extra curricular activities like student life events or one of our many student clubs.

Providing this comprehensive experience is important to us. It provides the foundation for students to succeed as they transform their lives. After all, our mission is to "build futures" by helping students successfully reach their

goals.

We are so serious about student success that we have an entire day dedicated to it. While Student Success Day has no classes, all students are invited to connect with our employees to learn the skills and knowledge they need to be successful both inside and outside the classroom. Topics range from selecting a program of study, reviewing academic requirements for graduation, study skills and even life skills, such as maintaining health and wellness.

Our students work hard to be successful every day. CLC is proud to offer a wide range of resources to help students wherever and whenever they face a challenge. These services range from the TRiO lab, which offers one-on-one advising, tutoring and other great services to first generation or low-income students, to our expansive library, Learning Commons, computer lab, and Veteran's Resource Center. The Student Link connects students with great advisors to talk about programs, services, financial aid and much more. And, our Student Life Center is a hub of activity where students can relax, play games, and get to know one another. There's also the food pantry, where we've handed out 17,000 pounds of food to our students in the past year alone. This great program is run by our Student Life Department, with key partners America's Second Harvest and Kids Against Hunger.

New this year, we've added free, 24/7 online tutor access. While traditional in-person tutoring sessions will always be available, this new option

helps students who can't come to campus or simply need tutoring services outside traditional hours. We've also added programs to help students when the semester doesn't go as planned. Through our new Raider Student Value Program, known as RSVP, our advisors reach out to students before they go on academic warning. They offer additional support, resources and advice to help these students be successful.

At CLC, we know that when our students have access to excellent instruction, great services, and the opportunity to connect with the college, they then have the power to transform themselves and our communities. We've seen this come to fruition recently, when our students organized efforts to ensure kids had warm winter clothes and gifts for the holidays, worked to fight mental health stigma, increased awareness about sexual assault, volunteered many hours in our communities, and educated the campus community about other cultures. This month, our students made sure that countless children could celebrate the holiday with a party just for kids. They do so much to make us proud.

Transformation is part of the fiber here at CLC. The work of our students, employees and community partners makes this a place where all are welcome and anything is possible. Please visit our campuses to feel the "culture of caring" and see the transformations happening every day.

From all of us at Central Lakes College, we wish you happy holidays.



## Letter to the Editor

## Cemetery beautification

Wow. What a momentous feat to almost single-handedly transform our cemetery according to a small group's vision of beautification and dignity.

My goodness, what would us "nobodies" do if we didn't have someone looking out for us and deciding what is best for us and our property at the cemetery. Truly, we don't have many rights left in the poor world of ours, so why should small towns be any different?

Silly us, thinking after all these years of cleaning, decorating and what we

thought was beautifying our cemetery and our loved ones' graves, now to discover it was looked upon as tacky, gawdy, ugly and so forth. And the money we spent to do this - what were we thinking?

What happened? After all these years, what did us stupid people do wrong? I guess we just didn't know what was best for us, our property and our monuments.

So thank you for turning our cemetery into a sad, dark, dreary, depressing and neglected final resting place, the way a cemetery should look.

Penny Wolpert and  
Joan Holmberg  
Staples, Minn.

## Drummers drumming costs more this year

By Derrick Kinney

This is just a fun tongue-in-cheek look at inflation. If the Fed needs any more data before deciding whether to hike rates, they may want to consult this list.

The 2018 cost of "The 12 Days of Christmas" gifts compared to last year:

- One partridge in a pear tree \$220.13 (+0.1%)
- Two turtle doves \$375.00 (unchanged)
- Three French hens \$181.50 (unchanged)
- Four calling birds \$599.96 (unchanged)
- Five Gold Rings \$750.00 (-9.1%)
- Six geese-a-laying \$390.00 (+8.3%)
- Seven swans-a-swimming \$13,125.00 (unchanged)

- Eight maids-a-milking \$7,552.84 (unchanged)
- 10 lords-a-leaping \$10,000.00 (+3%)
- 11 pipers piping \$2,804.40 (+3.5%)
- 12 drummers drumming \$3,038.10 (+3.5%)

"Labor costs have been creeping up in the past year, so the fixed cost of hiring drummers, pipers and lords-a-leaping is going to set you back the most," explains financial strategist Derrick Kinney. "But the cost of gold rings has actually gone down significantly, so we're not seeing any meaningful inflation for the 12 Days of Christmas this year."

Derrick Kinney is a Private  
Wealth Advisor.



## Cass County Sheriff's Corner, December 2018 newsletter

Tom Burch,  
Cass County Sheriff

We have recently received several requests to clarify trespassing rules and laws. This is a common issue that comes up frequently in calls for service to our office, especially during the fall hunting season and other times of the year.

This article will highlight the main concepts of the Trespassing Law, as laid out by Statute, along with some guidelines for properly posting your property to enforce trespassing rules.

The State of Minnesota has trespassing laws. These laws make it illegal to go on another person's property without permission or to stay on their property after being told to leave.

It's important to note that usually such laws punish those that knowingly or intentionally trespass on another person's property. This means that if a person

accidentally or unintentionally goes onto someone else's property, they're not necessarily guilty of committing a criminal trespass violation.

Minnesota Statute Chapter 609.605 discusses Criminal Trespassing. The statutes state that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person intentionally:

- permits domestic animals or fowls under the actor's control to go on the land of another within a city;
- interferes unlawfully with a monument, sign or pointer erected or marked to designate a point of a boundary, line or a political subdivision, or of a tract of land;
- trespasses on the premises of another and, without claim of right, refuses to depart from the premises on demand of the lawful possessor;
- occupies or enters the dwelling of locked or posted building of another, without claim of right or consent of the owner or

the consent of one who has the right to give consent, except in an emergency situation;

- enters the premises of another with intent to take or injure any fruit, fruit trees or vegetables growing on the premises, without the permission of the owner or occupant;
- enters or is found on the premises of a public or private cemetery without authorization during hours the cemetery is posted as closed to the public;
- returns to the property of another with the intent to abuse, disturb or cause distress in or threaten another, after being told to leave the property and not to return, if the actor is without claim of right to the property or consent of one with authority to consent;
- returns to the property of another within one year after being told to leave the property and not to return, if the actor is without claim of right to the property or consent of one with authority to consent;
- enters the locked or posted construction site of another without the consent of the owner or lawful possessor, unless the person is a business licensee;
- enters the locked or posted aggregate mining site of another without the consent of the owner or lawful possessor, unless the person is a business licensee; or
- crosses into or enters any public or private area lawfully cordoned off by or at the direction of a peace officer engaged in the performance of official duties.

When posting your land for No Trespassing, it is important to know and fol-

low some guidelines as laid out by the same statute:

The placement of a sign at least 8 1/2 x 11 inches in a conspicuous place on the exterior of the building, or in a conspicuous place within the property on which the building is located.

The sign must carry a general notice warning against trespass. If the area is less than 3 acres, one additional sign must be placed within that area. If the area is more than three acres but less than 10 acres, two additional signs must be placed. For each additional full ten acres of area being protected beyond the first ten acres of area, two additional signs must be conspicuously placed within the area being protected. The sign must carry a general notice warning against trespass.

When posting your land, the statute requires that the sign(s):

- carries a general notice warning against trespass;
- displays letters at least two inches high;
- state that Minnesota law prohibits trespassing on the property; and
- are posted in a conspicuous place and at intervals of 500 feet or less.

By knowing and understanding criminal trespass laws, you can help protect your property from unwanted visitors.

In the event you wish to prosecute any unlawful acts by following the guidelines as laid out, it may be possible to do so. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609.605>)

If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, please feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods:  
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## Journey to Bethlehem

Faith Lutheran Church featured a "Welcome to Bethlehem" event Dec. 16. Those entering the church were told to stand in line for the census takers, while beggars (Luke Bates) asked for food and coins. The commons was filled with cloth draped booths, some offering dates, figs, apricots, clementines and other special treats of the times. The animals included ducks, sheep, goats - visited by Gunnar Rice - and the donkey, Peppy. Pastor Carl Larson wrote name tags in Arabic as people milled about the streets.

The Christmas pageant service, led by the Confirmation youth, included the Chapel Choir, Bell Choir and the Sunday School classes with their teachers.



## Community Education offers variety of classes

Staples-Motley Community Education offers a variety of classes and activities for lifelong learners. Activities for the next few weeks are listed.

For class descriptions and rates or to register see the Community Education brochure (Build 2170) on counters in the community or on Staples-Motley Schools website at [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us). Click on the \$\$ Online Payments tab. You can also register in person at the Community Education office, located on the northeast side of the high school, Centennial Auditorium entrance (door #1).

Office hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Find Airline Ticket Deals: Tues., Jan. 15, 6:30 - 8 p.m., SMHS rm. 309. Lorna Klefsaas, instructor.

- Paint Clinic: Tues., Jan. 22, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Staples Community Center. Free.

- T-Shirt Quilt: Mon., Jan. 14, 6 - 8 p.m., SMHS rm. 603. Deanna Millar, instructor.

- Timbers Cooking Series: Thursdays, Jan. 10, Feb. 21, March 21, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Timbers Event Center, Staples.

- Fabric is Paint: Sat., Feb. 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., SMHS rm. 603. Pam Collins, instructor.

structor.

- Photography: Mondays, Feb. 4, Feb. 25 and March 18, 6 - 8 p.m., SMHS media center. Cassie Hodgden, instructor. Questions? Call 218-639-4283.

- Yoga Classes: Mondays at the Staples Community Center. Relaxed Yoga, 6 - 7 p.m.; Power Yoga, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Lydia Olson, instructor.

- Paintworks: Mon., Feb. 4, Moonlight Dreamers, at Staples True Value; Mon., April 1, Sunrise, Sunset, at Jordahl Hardware in Motley. Classes begin at 6 p.m. Amanda Toft, instructor.

- Technology: Mon., Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m., SMHS computer lab, rm. 110. Craig Waldvogel, instructor.

- How Can it be Italian Without Pasta?: Thurs., Jan. 31, 6 - 9 p.m., SMHS rm. 601.

- The ABCs and Ds of Medicare: Wednesdays, Jan. 23 and March 27, 6 p.m., SMHS media center. Lauren Hebert, Mediquest Agent, instructor.

- Essential Oils: Mondays, Jan. 14 and Feb. 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m., SMHS rm. 601. Beth Kunstleben, instructor.

## Christmas Brunch

If you are alone on Christmas Day (Dec. 25th) plan to come to Faith Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. and enjoy a Christmas Brunch. We are located at 430 12th St. NE, Staples. For more information call Mary at 218-894-2594.

## Mark Your Calendar

December 27

**WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG** Thurs., Dec. 27, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Royce Nelson, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

### UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

**Saturday Dec. 22**

Judging for 1st & 2nd place at 11:30pm

**\*dj Coltor 8:30-11:30**

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**Mon. Dec. 24 7am-1pm**  
**Tues. Dec. 25 Closed**  
**Wed. Dec. 26 6am-7pm**

*Happy Holidays*

## New Year's Eve candlelight hike

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum, Charles Lindbergh House & Museum, and Lindbergh State Park are hosting their annual Candlelight Hike to help families and friends celebrate the new year. The Candlelight Hike will be held Monday, Dec. 31, from 5 - 8 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

All three sites will be open during the event, giving participants an opportunity to view exhibits, warm up, and enjoy refreshments. Participants can start at any of the sites and hike the trails, which

will be lit by luminaries between the sites. If there is snow accumulation by Dec. 31, people are encouraged to bring snowshoes.

For information call the

Weyerhaeuser Museum at 320-632-4007, the Lindbergh House & Museum at 320-616-5421, or Lindbergh State Park at 320-616-2525.



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## Santa is coming to Bricks

### Pancakes with Santa

**Sat. Dec. 22 9am-Noon**

Kids 10 & under eat **FREE** pancakes.

Bring the kiddies for a fun, delicious breakfast. While they are waiting for their Christmas pancake they can visit Santa, take pictures and color a picture. Santa's elves will also be here to help!!

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218-352-6677  
265 Hwy 10 W.  
Motley



At the foreground table are: James C. Olson, Carol Olsen, Maryann Riewer, Annette Crocker, Arlene Skov, Lorraine Wheeler and Ethel Dezell. Front table includes Kathy Kruse, Arlene Grover; Christmas Elf (Becky Hasselberg), listening to Gary and Carmen Schimpp singing Christmas music for the event.

## Senior Citizen Christmas gathering



The Staples Senior Citizen Christmas gathering was held at the Staples Community Center Dec. 13 with nearly 40 people attending the Nutrition Site Meal. Above, left to right: Bernie St. Pierre, Amelia Lindstrom, Donna Breckenridge, Gene Floistad, Iris Floistad, Arvilla Dyer and Bruce Dyer.



Dorothy Bakken, Gloria Marden, Jeanette Olsen, Rose Hoemberg, Rita Stone, Jeanie Huebner, Jean Medley.



Virginia Poreba, Gail Magnuson, Betty Lee, Susan Bergeson, Doug Grossman, Judy Palmer and Rolland Pogreba.

## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cushing**  
**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
www.bethanylutherancushing.com  
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449  
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad  
Pastor: Jim Brown  
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Praise & Prayer ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Kids' Club..... 6:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group ..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

### Motley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Hewitt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Hello World

### BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Daniele Moreland of Ottertail, a baby girl, Elena Jae weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on December 7, 2018.

Born to Rachel and Ryan Dreher of Browerville, a baby boy, Tyson Ryan weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on December 7, 2018.

Born to Julie Koblika of Staples, a baby girl, Aviah Riley weighing six pounds. 9.5 ounces on December 10, 2018.

Born to Gretel and Glen Dierkhising of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Zemirah Aguilos weighing seven pounds, three ounces on December 10, 2018.

Born to Jeanne and Marshall Thelen of Hewitt, a baby boy, Levi Neil weighing nine pounds, five ounces on December 10, 2018.

Born to Mackenzie Gatewood and David Pearson of Nevis, a baby girl, Ensley Rose weighing sev-

en pounds, two ounces on December 10, 2018.

Born to Ashley and Tyler Thiel of Staples, a baby girl, Timber Evangeline weighing seven pounds, three ounces on December 11, 2018.

Born to Brandy Doll and Dustin Elgin of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Weston Lee weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on December 11, 2018.

Born to Tiara and Jared Walker of Backus, a baby boy, Jason Duane weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces, on December 12, 2018.

Born to Adelene and Jonathan Decker of Motley, a baby boy, Jonas Emmanuel weighing nine pounds, five ounces on December 12, 2018.

## Obituary

### Lois Reggie

Lois Marilyn (Barnard) Reggie passed away December 4, 2018, at Lake-wood Care Center in Staples.

A celebration of life will be held in California at a later date.

Arrangements were provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service of Wadena.

Lois was born to Alden Cobb and Annie Summers (Mooklar) Barnard on January 2, 1942 in Kansas City, Missouri. Due to her father's military career in aviation, the family was stationed in Hawaii, then settled in Los Angeles. As a young girl, she played piano for about eight years. Lois married Robert Frederick Reggie on May 18, 1961. She worked at Savon Drug Corp in administration, then at IC Gilfillan and IC Engineering before taking over her husband's business, Culver Sandblasting, upon his death.

Lois enjoyed gardening, growing rose bushes and tropical plants/flowers such as ginger and plumeria bushes, traveling, outings, shopping and especially being with family and friends. Her favorite past time was watching her husband drag race. She would watch the NHRA drag races when they were on TV.

She is survived by one daughter, Debbie (Buck) Foster of Wadena; one son, Gary Reggie of Fergus Falls; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren: one sister, Martha Barnard of Provo, Utah; "grandson" Jarrett; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents and husband.

## 95th Birthday Celebration honoring



**Ruth Boldan**  
Sat., Dec. 22  
1 to 4 p.m.  
Bear's Den, Leader

To our Dad who we loved the most.  
We will leave an empty chair for you,  
we may not see you, but we know  
you will be there in spirit.



THINKING OF YOU THIS CHRISTMAS  
AND HOW NOTHING'S QUITE THE  
SAME, BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY  
HEARTACHE NOW  
WHEN SOMEONE SPEAKS  
YOUR NAME.  
AND SADLY, NO NICE GIFTS FOR YOU  
JUST SILENT TEARS THAT FALL  
FOR CHRISTMAS TIME WITHOUT YOU  
IS THE HARDEST TIME OF ALL  
BECAUSE THE PAIN OF LOSING YOU  
JUST SEEMS TO LINGER STILL  
AND SINCE YOU LEFT,  
THERE'S BEEN A SPACE  
THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN FILL.  
FOR LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS  
THE BEST TIMES THAT WERE HAD  
WERE DOWN TO  
JUST ONE SPECIAL MAN  
AND THAT WAS YOU, DEAR DAD.  
Love you and miss you dearly,  
Deb, Brandon and Josh

## "Prepare the Way"

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

Christmas is a celebration of the arrival of the greatest King the world has ever known. The Bible tells us that there was a man whose entire purpose in life was to get people ready for the coming of King Jesus. John the Baptist was his name. This is what the gospel says about him:

*There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.* (John 1:6-8)

John insisted that he himself was not important - Jesus was the one to focus on. John prepared the way for Jesus' coming by calling people to repent and be baptized. Although John the Baptist's task was unique in many ways, we can learn a lot from him. If you're

a Christian, your calling is similar: to prepare people for the time when King Jesus comes again.

Like John, we who trust in Jesus must continue to insist that we are not so important - Jesus is the one people need. Like John, we call people to repent. This means to turn from our former ways - to turn our allegiance from whoever or whatever we've been following, and give our commitment to the Coming King. Like John, we Christians invite people to baptism. Baptism means a fresh start. We don't have to live in our past anymore. We can live forgiven and free through the power and love of King Jesus.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is coming again to rule the earth. This Christmas and beyond, let's learn a lesson from John the Baptist and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

### The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

**Longbella Drug Store**  
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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 20, 2018

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 20th day of November, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated November 20, 2018 as on file.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants (ACH) 400042 through 400053 in the amount of \$6,833.37 and (Regular) 50324 through 50441 in the amount of \$200,569.41 for a total of \$207,402.78.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514494 through 514567 in the amount of \$136,391.32 and warrants number 703793 through 703905 in the amount of \$52,749.96.

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

CD4 REVISION TO COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2019

WHEREAS, the Auditor-Treasurer’s office along with the County Ditch Inspector have been proactively working on improving the cash flow balances within Fund-40 County Ditches on a yearly basis to maintain positive cash flow, and;

WHEREAS, per County Board suggestion, recommendations for the July 2017 through June 2018 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Worksession on August 21, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute allows for the Ditch Authority to approve maintenance fund assessments on a yearly basis without incurring the expense of a public hearing, and;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the County Board to transition from the past practice of collecting after spending to maintaining a revolving collection comparative to expense trends and to keep assessments occurring as close to real time as possible for the potential property owners affected, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved a \$5,000 assessment to County Ditch 4 parcels on September 4, 2018 by resolution #20180904-06 due to expenses anticipated from a Minor Maintenance Project approved on June 19, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the CD4 Minor Maintenance Project did not encompass the entire 500ft estimated for the culvert drainage goal to be achieved, therefore, the collection of the entire \$5,000 assessment to CD4 is unnecessary at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Todd County Ditch Authority hereby ap-

proves the County Ditch 4 Revision to be hereby stated as \$1,000 to Maintenance Fund/Ditch Assessments for the 2019 Tax Payable Year.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of the County Car Fleet Unit #7 Replacement for \$22,686 being a 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan from Nyhus Chevrolet, Staples, MN.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To renew the Hands of Hope Resource Center Lease Agreement for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge and accept the \$4,000 donation from the Long Prairie Hockey Association to assist in the payment of the mold remediation expenses of the locker room space at the Expo Building.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the \$30,845.74 prepayment of the Street Improvement Special Assessment on parcel 36-4002900 commonly known as the Todd County Fairgrounds to the City of Long Prairie.

Todd County Ag Society

Delvin Durheim, 2018 Todd County Ag Society President, presented a summary of the 2018 activities of the Todd County Ag Society for the County Board’s review.

Commissioners

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Commissioner Neumann, Commissioner Kneisl, and Coordinator Stainbrook to consult the Legal Counsel services of Iverson Reuvers (Paul Reuvers) regarding the proposal of a buggy lighting ordinance.

Public Works

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

Final Payment Authorization - 2018 Gravel Surfacing Contract

WHEREAS, the contract with Braaten Aggregate, Inc. for the 2018 Gravel Surfacing Contract known as CP 18:80 located on County Road 80 in Eagle Valley Township, has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2018 with the value of the total work certified being \$62,439.68, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$59,317.70, have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$3,121.98 still remains to be paid to Braaten Aggregate, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

Planning and Zoning

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

Final Plat Approval - “Summer Shores” Subdivision

WHEREAS, Applicant KJ Land Company LLC - Jeremy Donabauer applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of Government Lot 1 of Section 34 AND Part of SE4 of Section 27 ALL in Leslie Township with the plat to be known as Summer Shores.

WHEREAS, Summer Shores consists of six residential lots, Lot 1 52,200±

sq. ft., Lot 2 51,900± sq. ft., Lot 3 51,500 ± sq. ft., Lot 4 51,500 ± sq. ft., Lot 5 52,300± sq. ft., Lot 6 52,800± sq. ft. located in the Shoreland (GD) zoning district of Gordon Township.

WHEREAS, On October 4, 2018 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: SECT-27 TWP-129 RANG-35

THAT PART OF SE4 OF SEC 27 LOCATED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING: BEG AT N QUARTER CORNER OF SEC 34, S 522 FT MORE OR LESS TO SHORELINE OF LAKE OSAKIS, NE’LY ALONG SHORELINE 606 FT MORE OR LESS TO E LINE OF W 600.00 FT OF GOVT LOT 1, N 608 FT MORE OR LESS TO CENTERLINE OF C.S.A.H NO 10, SW ALONG CENTERLINE 605.49 FT, S 79.57 FT TO POINT OF BEG 5.70 ACRES

AND SECT-34 TWP-129 RANG-35

THAT PART OF GOVT LOT 1 OF SEC 34 LOCATED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING: BEG AT N QUARTER CORNER OF SEC 34, S 522 FT MORE OR LESS TO SHORELINE OF LAKE OSAKIS, NE’LY ALONG SHORELINE 606 FT MORE OR LESS TO E LINE OF W 600.00 FT OF GOVT LOT 1, N 608 FT MORE OR LESS TO CENTERLINE OF C.S.A.H NO. 10, SW ALONG CENTERLINE 605.49 FT, S 79.57 FT TO POINT OF BEG 12.25 ACRES

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2018 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Summer Shores preliminary plat with conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of “Summer Shores” subdivision be approved as presented.

Soil & Water Conservation District

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve hiring Deja Anton as Todd SWCD District Manager position starting November 26th, 2018.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To purchase the payload from Ziegler for \$152,790 and to decline the \$2,000 trade-in option provided.

Health & Human Services

Motion to table Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative Interlocal Cooperative Agreement was made by Becker and after additional discussion with County Board and HHS Director, the motion to table was raised.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To approve the Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the condition that a County Commissioner is appointed as a liaison to attend the regular meetings.

Auditor-Treasurer’s Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on the meetings attended and current activities in the office including the November 6, 2018 General Election statistics, upcoming Bruce Township Supervisor A Recount and upcoming meeting notice reminders.

Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator’s Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attend-

ed and project statuses.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson the meeting was adjourned for the month of November 2018.

| COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS    |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Vendor Name               | \$ Amount    |
| CARGILL SALT DIV .....    | \$18,889.01  |
| CENTRAL APPLIC. INC. .... | 17,257.82    |
| CENTRAL APPLIC. INC. .... | 2,050.40     |
| CITY OF EAGLE BEND .....  | 18,204.71    |
| HERDERING INC .....       | 2,835.00     |
| RELANCE TELE. INC .....   | 2,000.00     |
| SEACHANGE PRINT .....     |              |
| INNOVATIONS .....         | 11,137.62    |
| STAPLES WORLD .....       | 9,297.95     |
| TODD SOIL & WATER .....   |              |
| CONS DIST .....           | 70,489.00    |
| TURNKEY/THREE .....       |              |
| SQ. MARKET .....          | 2,066.65     |
| WADENA ASPHALT CO ....    | 2,490.00     |
| WIDSETH SMITH .....       |              |
| NOLTING INC .....         | 3,921.58     |
| ZINS/LINDA .....          | 2,134.69     |
| 117 PAYMENTS LESS .....   |              |
| THAN \$2,000 .....        | 44,628.35    |
| Total .....               | \$207,402.78 |

| HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Vendor Name                      | \$ Amount   |
| RURAL MN CEP INC .....           | \$13,584.74 |
| 112 PAYMENTS LESS .....          |             |
| THAN \$2,000 .....               | 39,165.22   |
| Total .....                      | \$52,749.96 |

| Vendor Name                             | \$ Amount    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| #14524 .....                            | \$2,543.86   |
| #14813 .....                            | 5,704.20     |
| #15336 .....                            | 2,930.74     |
| EVERGREEN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES ..... | 2,800.00     |
| HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS .....    | 5,003.18     |
| J & J HOLMES INC .....                  | 2,990.55     |
| KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS .....              | 7,787.20     |
| #15511 .....                            | 6,940.59     |
| LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME .....            | 6,942.45     |
| #10746 .....                            | 2,437.84     |
| NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR IN ..... | 6,248.50     |
| #13849 .....                            | 4,650.00     |
| #1557 .....                             | 2,959.98     |
| #13286 .....                            | 4,047.05     |
| #15615 .....                            | 2,930.71     |
| STEP .....                              | 7,475.82     |
| VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC .....         | 5,270.00     |
| VILLAGE RANCH INC .....                 | 12,995.51    |
| WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR .....     | 3,479.17     |
| PAYMENTS LESS .....                     |              |
| THAN \$2,000 .....                      | 40,253.94    |
| Total .....                             | \$136,391.29 |

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held November 20, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 5, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 51pnc

Public Notices

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE

Notice to the Public: on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota), the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a County Fee Schedule Hearing to solicit public input in order to determine the 2019 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including, but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Auditor-Treasurer, Environmental Health, GIS/MIS, Health & Human Services, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Recorder and Sheriff.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the County Board 50-51pnc

AERATION NOTICE

To whom it may concern: There will be an aerator located at Mohrs Pt. on Lake Alexander from Dec. 18, 2018 until the end of the season.

51pnc

Public notices are a community’s window into the government. You look for those notices in your newspaper. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know. Keep public notices in newspapers!

COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Designation of Extra Printing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota will receive sealed bids for the extra publication of the Financial Statement for the year 2018 as required by law until 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2018. Bids will be opened at 9:05 on January 2, 2019 in the County Board Room.

This requires the extra publication for distribution of the Financial Statement to the remaining parts of the county not covered by the distribution of the official newspaper. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such an amount as may be determined by the County Board. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so required pursuant to M.S 279.07, and it waives any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer 50-51pnc

FILING NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP

Bartlett Township is accepting filings for:

Supervisor for a three (3) year term

Treasurer for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk on January 1, 2019 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

Filing fee is \$2.00. Please contact Jan Jares at 218-445-5090 or 218-640-3176 to file for office or at the Clerk’s home, 47810 193rd Ave, Aldrich

Jan Jares, Clerk 51pnc

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of candidacy for the upcoming township election March 12, 2019, may be filed by appointment at the home of the clerk beginning Tuesday, January 1, 2019 and ending on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for the following offices: one supervisor for a 3-year term and one treasurer for a 2-year term. Filing fee is \$2.00. Please call the clerk at 218-352-6564 to set up an appointment.

Ken Swecker, Clerk 50-51pnc

NOTICE OF FILING MORAN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Moran Township that filing for township offices will open January 1, 2019, and close January 15, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

The offices that may be filed for are: One (1) Supervisor for a 3 year term, and One (1) Treasurer for a 2 year term.

Candidates may file at the clerk’s office at 28316 410th St., Browerville, Mn.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk 50-51pnc

NOTICE OF FILING FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Fawn lake Township is accepting filing(s) for:

Supervisor for a three (3) year term

Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the clerk on January 1, 2019 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019, by appointment.

Filing fee is \$2.

Please contact Kelly Miller at 218-531-0287 for an appointment to file for office.

Kelly Miller, Clerk 51-52pnc

TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 First Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. Jeremiah Korfe & Kalie Wright: Section 8 Township 131 Range 34 SW4 SW4 in Eagle Valley Township

Site Address: 17608 County 78. PIN: 07-0007000

1) Conditional Use Permit request to host wedding events with short-duration camping.

2. “Summer Shores First Addition” Preliminary Plat: Section 27 Township 129 Range 35 in Leslie Township And Section 34 Township 129 Range 35 in Leslie Township

Site Address: NA. PIN: 15-0031803 and 15-0040302

1) Subdivide 9.19 acres and 760 feet of Lakeshore into 5 residential lots.

3. Kevin Bruder: Section 24 Township 129 Range 33 in Long Prairie Township

Site Address: 24310 281st Ave. PIN: 18-0028802

1) Conditional Use Permit request to operate a diesel repair shop in AF-1 zone.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission Michael Wiener, Chairperson 51pnc

TODD COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC SOLID WASTE FEES

Notice to the Public: on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Todd County Historic Courthouse (215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota), the Todd County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing to solicit public input in order to determine the 2019 fees for the Solid Waste department.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Stainbrook, Todd County Coordinator Solid Waste Director 50-51pnc

COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY - MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Todd County, will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2018 at the County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office. Bids will be opened at the County Board meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 9:05 a.m. in the County Board Room, for publication for the year 2019 as may be required by the County of Todd, a municipal corporation, as follows:

Designation of the Official Newspaper

This requires the publishing of official proceedings by the Todd County Board, and other legal and public notices required by all Todd County Departments, publication of the financial statement and publication of the list of lands in Todd County, delinquent in taxes for the year 2018, which have not been attached to prior judgment.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such amount as may be determined by the County Board. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so required pursuant to M.S. 279.07, and to waive any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer 50-51pnc



## Fink family gathering at the manger scene

The Fink family gathered near the ice block nativity scene located at the home of Peter and Deb Fink, rural Staples on Dec. 15. Pictured above are three generations. Front row, from left: Riley Gustafson, Fairmont; Andrew Fink, Motley; Julia Fink, Mankato; Abram, Jacob and Isaac Fink, Sartell; Jeremiah Fink, Motley; Peter Fink holding Ephrem Fink; Madeline Fink, Motley; Bentley Fink of Perham holding Jack Fink, Motley. Back row: Ashley Fink, Sartell; Amelia Fink, Motley; Maureen Fink of St. Paul holding Lucy; Nicole Fink

and Jon Fink, Motley; Joseph Fink of St. Paul holding Peter. Grandpa Peter, along with the help of his sons and neighbor, Creig Mertens, cut the ice blocks from a pond on the family's property using chain saws and built the ice wall. With temperatures nearing 40 degrees that day, the Finks weren't sure the ice block wall (which is illuminated at night) would remain standing, but as of Dec. 17, it had not melted. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

# Burglars arrested in Staples

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office reports that during the week of Dec. 10, several area burglaries were solved and arrests made.

Burglaries had been reported in the rural Staples areas of Wadena and Todd counties starting around the middle of November. The majority of items taken were hand tools, power tools and tool bags.

After obtaining a vehicle description from witnesses, several suspects were identified. A traffic stop was conducted on the suspect vehicle in the City of Staples and four individuals were detained for further questioning.



Brandon Aanerud



Zachary Bennet



Taylor Wellnitz



Avery Judd

During the traffic stop, several items taken from area burglaries were located inside the vehicle. A search warrant was later executed on the vehicle, as well as a residence in the City of Motley.

The following individuals were charged with burglary-related offenses by the Wadena County Attorney's Office and appeared in Wadena District Court last week:

- Brandon Aanerud, 29, Motley
- Zachary Bennet, 25, Motley

- Taylor Wellnitz, 21, Staples
- Avery Judd, 19, Jenkins.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office reminds citizens to report any suspicious activity occurring around your homes, with as many specifics as possible - time

of day, vehicle description, description of anyone you saw, etc. In addition, citizens are urged to take the time to document make, model and serial numbers of any of your possessions. This aids greatly when property is recovered and allows the sheriff's office to enter certain items into a nationwide database to be flagged as stolen, should another law enforcement agency come across them.

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## Nominations open

day, April 2, at Staples-Motley High School, Centennial Auditorium. at 6:30 p.m.

Send a letter of recommendation and rationale(s) of the candidate(s) or team(s), including present address, phone number, years of service and accomplishments. Please enclose your name and contact information.

Mail nominations to: Hall of Fame Selection Committee c/o: Mike Schmidt and Mark Jacobs, 401 Centennial Lane

Staples, MN 56479

Or send nominations by email: mschmidt@isd2170.k12.mn.us or mark.jacobs@isd2170.k12.mn.us

Nominations are due by Friday, Feb. 15.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee Members include: Mark Anderson, Ray Gildow, Mike Schmidt, Carrie Beachy, Sally Gorton, Doug Shehuen, Mike Carlson, Mike Hajek, Kevin Swecker, Chris Etzler, Mark Jacobs and Craig Wolhowe.



## “Giving Plates” by ‘93 Lions

The Staples '93 Lions decorated white plates at their December meeting. Each plate was designed and decorated as a “Giving Plate”. The 35 plates will be circulated throughout Staples.”If you should receive a “Giving Plate”, please ENJOY the contents on it, REFILL the plate, and PASS it on to someone else,” said Beth Gedde, '93 Lions member.

“Also, if you would like to tell us about the path our plates are taking, we'd like to hear from you,” she said. Tell a Staples '93 Lion who you received your plate from and to whom you passed the plate onto.

For those interested in joining the Staples '93 Lions, contact Deb Sing: 218-895-5230 or Beth Gedde: 218-296-0896.



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# Police deal with possible drug paraphernalia

Items on recent Staples Police reports include:

On Nov. 27, Staples Police disposed of a glass smoking device for a resident that took it from a relative.

On Nov. 28, Staples Police responded to a report of a tire that was stolen off a vehicle.

On Nov. 29, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of Dakota Avenue SE for a report of an assault. Police are investigating.

On Nov. 30, Staples Police assisted Lakewood Health System Hospital with a patient who walked away after being placed on a mental health hold.

Patient was located and transported back to the hospital.

On Dec. 1, Staples Police responded to assist the Todd County Sheriff's Department with a report of a one vehicle rollover on Todd County road 28, west of 331st Ave. Also responding to assist with the crash was the Minnesota State Patrol. Police assisted with traffic control on scene. After investigation, Marvin Ostrowski, 63, of rural Motley, was arrested by the Todd County Sheriff's Department for DUI. Ostrowski's vehicle received moderate to severe damage. Ostrowski was not injured in the crash, and there were no other passengers in his vehicle.

On Dec. 2, Staples Police

responded to a report of a domestic assault on the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Also assisting was the Todd County Sheriff's Department. After investigation, Robert Mayer Jr., 50, of Staples, was arrested for domestic assault, disorderly conduct, 2nd degree assault, and terroristic threats.

On Dec. 2, Staples Police received a call about a juvenile receiving threatening messages. The juvenile and parent were advised.

On Dec. 4, Staples Police responded to Dower Lake Park for a report of a burglary. The incident is under investigation.

On Dec. 3, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute, between roommates, which was reported to have occurred

on the 400 block of 7th Street NE. After investigation, all parties were advised on the incident.

On Dec. 7, Staples Police received a report of a dispute during a child custody exchange. The reporting party stated that two males were yelling at him and acting aggressive while he was picking up his child. He was advised to meet in a public place in the future.

On Dec. 7, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a report of a suspicious person on the 500 block of 8th St. SE. A male subject knocked on a door and indicated they were Chris the meat man and then left in a vehicle. Police patrolled the area and were unable to locate the male.

On Dec. 7, Staples Police were called to a report of a suicidal subject.

On Dec. 7, Staples Police were called to a disturbance near the address of 221 Dakota Ave SE. A male subject had knocked over a garbage can and was knocking on a neighbors door. Officers questioned people at the residence and they did not know who the person was causing the problem.

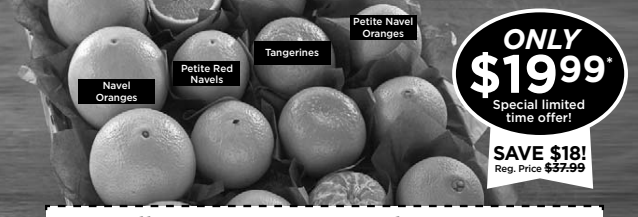
On Dec. 9, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave SE for a report of a chimney fire. The Staples Fire Department arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

On Dec. 11, Staples Police responded to the Clark gas station for a vehicle that struck the side of the building. The driver stated that he mistook the gas for the brake and struck the building. The wall was partially pushed in.

On Dec. 14, Staples Police received a report of a resident who gave out his personal information to a scammer. He was advised to notify his banking institutions and not give out personal information.

On Dec. 14, Staples Police received a report of a theft from a vehicle at a construction site on the 1700 block of Airport Rd.

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## Bjerga blasts Big Bear

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Owen Bjerga cruised to the 160 pound championship at the Big Bear wrestling tournament at Cass Lake-Bena Dec. 14-15. He won with a pin in the title match and his closest match along the way was a 10-5 win.

“Our young guys won some matches and will use this year’s experience,” said Coach Mark Carlson. “Much like Owen did, as he built upon his 4th place experience last year and this year won in dominating fashion.”

Spencer Miller came extremely close to a title, falling 3-2 in the finals to a highly ranked wrestler. “He’s right there with anybody in the state,” said Carlson.

Three other Cardinals went deep into the wrestlebacks, winning multiple matches and nearly earning a top eight finish in the 40 team tournament.

Gordon Enyart at 182 pounds and Logen Weite at 145 both wrestled well, and Brayden Christensen was on his way when he had to injury default.

“Big Bear is like a mini state tournament type ex-

perience,” said Carlson. “it was a valuable wrestling experience for all of our wrestlers. Brayden Christensen was doing well before having to injury default

**Team results**  
**Big Bear wrestling**  
126 - Payton Bjerga - 0-2  
132 - Conner Dobson 0-2  
138 - Brayden Christensen 2-2  
145 - Logen Weite - 2-2  
152 - Spencer Miller 3-1, 2nd place  
160 - Owen Bjerga 4-0, 1st place  
182 - Gordon Enyart - 3-2  
195 - Shaine Guggenberger 0-2



## Dry spells lead to losses

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team played strong against two good teams, but ended up falling to Detroit Lakes 64-35 on Dec. 10, and to Barnesville 51-45 on Dec. 15. In both games, the Cardinal offense had dry spells that allowed the other team to go on a run.

“We got up 4-0 early and our defense the first six minutes was really good,” said Coach Brian Smith. But DL started getting inside shots and the Cardinals had a hard time stopping them. DL ended up with 49 points by post players. “They are big and have very skilled post players

and they are a very tough match-up,” said Smith.

The Cardinals finished with their worst shooting night of the year with 24 percent, but they kept working against the big team. Tabetha Allen had 10 rebounds and Kaila Erbe had seven.

Against Barnesville, Katie Smith and Haley Cichos each hit three pointers late in the half to bring it to a three point deficit.

In the second half, the Cardinals continued to be hot and took a lead, but Barnesville made some outside shots and forced tough shots. “We had a few possessions where we didn’t score and that allowed them to retake the lead,” said Smith.

Staples-Motley had a

season low 15 turnovers. “It was a really good game, both teams played very hard and good mistake-free basketball,” said Smith.

The Cardinals shot 36 percent from the field and 50 percent on freethrows, but Coach Smith said they are looking to do better.

Kaitlyn Smith made four 3-pointers, Allen pulled down 11 rebounds and Cichos had five steals.

**Team results**  
**Staples-Motley 35, Detroit Lakes 64**  
Scoring: Tabetha Allen 12, Kaitlyn Smith 9, Kaila Erbe 7, Addison Lorber 3, Alix Peterson 3, Bella Martin 3  
**Staples-Motley 45, Barnesville 51**  
Scoring: Smith 15, Cichos 11, Peterson 7, Allen 5, Erbe 4, Lorber 3

## No fear entering the lane

Left, Izaiah DeMars drops off a pass to Bentley Christensen (3). Right, Jordon Carlson heads through the middle of the Swanville defense. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

## Christensen leads Cardinals to victory

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Bentley Christensen’s hot shooting propelled the Staples-Motley boys basketball team to their first win of the year on Dec. 11 against Swanville, 50-43. Christensen scored 27 points, including five from behind the arc, and helped

the team pull away late.

In their next game, the Cardinals lost at Park Rapids 67-51, with Sivert Klefsaas scoring 19 and Ben Olander 12.

Against Swanville, Christensen’s first three early on gave the team their biggest lead of the half at 13-9. When they fell behind in the last minute of the half, Isaac Kronenberg made a basket, Christensen scored off a pass from Izaiah DeMars, and the team’s ball pressure forced a turnover and Christensen got a fast break layup just before the buzzer.

In the second half, Sta-

ples-Motley fell behind early but Christensen’s four long shots eventually put them ahead. They maintained the lead until Christensen fittingly made four of six free throws in the final minutes to seal the win.

**Team results**  
**Staples-Motley 50, Swanville 43**  
Scoring: Bentley Christensen 27, Isaac Kronenberg 8, Izaiah DeMars 5, Sivert Klefsaas 5, Ben Olander 2, Connor Fox 2, Max Strickland 1  
**Staples-Motley 51, Park Rapids 67**  
Scoring: Klefsaas 19, Olander 12, Christensen 4, Ryan Wick 4, Jordon Carlson 4, Emmitt Winkels 4

## Staples-Motley winter sports schedules

### Staples-Motley Wrestling

Saturday, Dec 1 @ Wadena-Deer Creek  
Friday, Dec 7-Sat., Dec. 8, @ Brainerd,  
Friday, Dec 14-Sat., Dec. 16 @ Cass Lake-Bena  
Thursday, Dec 20, 5:00 p.m. Barnesville, Otter Tail Central  
Friday, Dec 21, 5:00 p.m. @ Menahga,  
Thursday, Jan 3, 5:00 p.m. @ Paynesville  
Saturday, Jan 5, 9:30 a.m. @ Buffalo,  
Tuesday, Jan 8, 7:00 p.m. @ Wadena-Deer Creek  
Saturday, Jan 12, 9:00 a.m. @ Bertha-Hewitt  
Saturday, Jan 19, 9:00 a.m. @ Cambridge-Isanti,  
Friday, Jan 25, 2:00 p.m. Mid State Conference @ Park Rapids  
Tuesday, Jan 29, 5:00 p.m. Bertha-Hewitt, Pelican Rapids  
Friday, Feb 1, 4:00 p.m. @ Walker-Hackensack-Akeley  
Tuesday, Feb 5, 5:00 p.m. @ Fergus Falls  
Tuesday, Feb 12, Section TBD

### Staples-Motley Boys Basketball

Tuesday, Dec 4, Wadena-Deer Creek  
Friday, Dec 7, @ Verndale  
Tuesday, Dec 11, Swanville  
Friday, Dec 14, Park Rapids Area  
Tuesday, Dec 18, Detroit Lakes  
Thursday, Dec 27, @ Little Falls Tournament 6:00 p.m. vs. Stewartville  
Friday, Dec. 28, @ Little Falls Tournament  
Friday, Jan 4, 7:30 p.m. @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton  
Tuesday, Jan 8, 7:15 p.m. @ Pequot Lakes  
Friday, Jan 11, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton  
Tuesday, Jan 15, 7:30 p.m. Pillager  
Tuesday, Jan 22, 7:30 p.m. @ Browerville  
Thursday, Jan 24, 7:15 p.m. Aitkin  
Tuesday, Jan 29, 7:30 p.m. @ Park Rapids  
Friday, Feb 1, 7:30 p.m. @ Thief River Falls  
Saturday, Feb 2, 3:30 p.m. @ Bagley  
Thursday, Feb 7, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lakes  
Friday, Feb 8, 5:45 p.m. Osakis  
Tuesday, Feb 12, 7:15 p.m. @ Crosby-Ironton  
Friday, Feb 15, 7:15 p.m. @ Detroit Lakes  
Tuesday, Feb 19, 7:15 p.m. Parkers Prairie  
Friday, Feb 22, 7:15 p.m. @ Aitkin  
Tuesday, Feb 26, 7:15 p.m. Royalton  
Thursday, Feb 28, 7:15 p.m. @ Long Prairie-Grey Eagle  
Thursday, Mar 7, Section TBD

### Staples-Motley girls basketball

Tuesday, Nov 27, @ Wadena-Deer Creek  
Thursday, Nov 29, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton  
Tuesday, Dec 4, Frazee  
Thursday, Dec 6, Park Rapids  
Monday, Dec 10, @ Detroit Lakes  
Saturday, Dec 15, @ Barnesville  
Friday, Dec 21, 7:15 p.m. Aitkin  
Thursday, Dec 27, 2 p.m. @ Little Falls Tournament  
Friday, Dec 28, @ Little Falls,  
Friday, Jan 4, 7:15 p.m. @ Pequot Lakes  
Tuesday, Jan 8, 7:30 p.m. @ Hawley  
Thursday, Jan 10, 7:15 p.m. Crosby-Ironton  
Saturday, Jan 12, TBD @ Frazee  
Friday, Jan 18, 7:15 p.m. Long Prairie Grey Eagle  
Friday, Jan 25, 7:30 p.m. @ Park Rapids  
Monday, Jan 28, 7:30 p.m. Browerville  
Thursday, Jan 31, 7:15 p.m. Detroit Lakes  
Saturday, Feb 2, TBD @ Perham (Fargo Civic Center)  
Tuesday, Feb 5, 7:15 p.m. Pequot Lakes  
Thursday, Feb 7, 5:45 p.m. Royalton  
Tuesday, Feb 12, 7:00 p.m. @ Osakis  
Thursday, Feb 14, 7:15 p.m. Pillager  
Friday, Feb 15, 7:15 p.m. @ Crosby-Ironton  
Thursday, Feb 21, 7:15 p.m. @ Aitkin  
Thursday, Feb 28, Section TBD



## Safe ice is anything but a sure thing

One of the constants of my workday is receiving a flood of incoming e-mails, as well as those “instant-messages”—innocently referred to as “IM’s”—that magically appear in a corner of your computer screen and instantly distract you. Not much more than a week ago I got one such “IM” from a co-worker who lives on a popular fishing lake near my home, and commutes to the same office I do. From time to time we share experiences we’ve had with roadside wildlife, contending with traffic, and “talk shop” as two people who serve the same employer.

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*Inside the Outdoors*



Mike Rahn  
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I saw quickly that this message was different, however. “Two of my friends and neighbors were fishing on our lake this weekend,” it began, “and went through the ice and drowned,” his message read. As impersonal and emotion-less as e-mails and IMs can be, I could read disbelief and grief between his lines, perhaps because I have known him a long time.

It seems like it’s a rare year when one or more ice anglers doesn’t make the critical mistake of misjudging the soundness of early winter ice and breaking through. Sometimes it’s a very cold, uncomfortable, and expensive mistake. Other times, it’s a fatal mistake.

Most often the event is far enough removed from your own personal connections, or your home waters, that the event is an abstrac-

tion, a statistic that is remote and somehow doesn’t quite seem real. You read about it, or see or hear broadcast news coverage, but in the absence of any personal link, you move on pretty quickly.

This was different. It’s a neighboring lake to the one on which our family cabin sits. I know anglers who fish it, have acquaintances who live on it, and in years past have canoed its “thoroughfare,” the winding, shallow ribbon that connects these two bodies of water.

We’ve been watching the ice form on our lake since late November, saw the trumpeter swans evicted when the last open water closed up, and have listened to the rumblings as the ice sheet expands or contracts with temperature changes, all the while getting thicker as average around-the-clock temperatures have stayed below the freezing point.

In this, our first winter on the lake, we’ve watched the hard-water pioneers, those ice anglers who pull sleds carrying their portable shelters and other “sinews of war”—the equipment needed to bore holes in the ice, and then to tempt a walleye, northern pike, or panfish into mistaking a jig or ice fly for a meal. Ice skaters, too, as they’ve taken advantage of a surface that froze smooth and level; maybe not indoor rink Zamboni-smooth, but pretty close.

Over the next several days, details of the tragic drowning event became known. The location where their side-by-side all-terrain vehicle broke through was over a depth 40-plus feet. According to law enforcement reports, one managed to pull himself out, but died on the ice. The other was found with the ATV. The area where the vehicle broke through was

described as an ice “pressure ridge,” a feature that sounds innocent enough, but can in fact be deadly. It is not unique to the early stages of lake ice formation, but at this point in the winter such places may be the weakest point in a lake that is still far from its maximum thickness.

A pressure ridge can form along a crack that results from temperature changes, changes that cause ice to expand and contract. The effect can be compared to the plates of the earth’s rocky crust being forced against one another. On a lake, one side may slide up and over the other, forcing one edge downward to where water is warmer. This is referred to as an overlapped ridge.

Sometimes, however, the plates of ice fold, like the pleats of an accordion, with the edges either folding under the surface, or rising above. This, understandably, is called a folded ridge. I’ve seen plates of ice four to five inches thick that were forced up equally on both sides, forming a shape whose profile resembled a pup-tent; high enough that a person could have climbed inside—if, that is, they trusted the safety of the ice that had re-frozen beneath those up-ended plates.

Often, as two ice plates are forced against one another along an expansion crack, the pressure breaks the edges into fractured chunks. These may re-freeze, but will not have the strength of an unbroken sheet of ice. The zone of fractured ice chunks—the area of weakness—may be very narrow; or it may be wide enough to swallow a large vehicle driven over it. On popular ice fishing lakes with many fish house rentals, like Mille Lacs, from time to time you may find a steel “bridge” laid over a pressure ridge to as-

sure vehicles safe passage.

The allure of fishing through the first good ice of the season is considerable. It can provide some of the hottest “bites” of the ice fishing year. Unfortunately, there is no sure-fire way to know when the ice is safe. Most popular fishing lakes don’t freeze over their entire area at the same time. The aforementioned pressure ridges can weaken ice and make areas dangerous even when ice thickness should be adequate.

Early in the ice fishing season, there may be no way short of drilling test holes to be sure that the on-ice destination you’re hoping to reach can be attained safely. For this period, especially, a flotation suit—or a life jacket—may be the best assurance that if you fall through you may at least have a chance to avoid drowning. Ice spikes, resembling bike handlebar grips with spikes protruding from them, may help you get back onto the ice if you’ve fallen through.

Some anglers, when driving on ice, will do so with vehicle doors partially open for emergency escape. Otherwise, if you break through, water pressure can prevent you from opening a door until the vehicle fills almost completely with water. By that time you may be on the bottom, and the vehicle may be upside down; something more likely in deep water due to the weight of the motor up front.

With notable exceptions, like pressure ridges, lake ice can be completely safe at some point in the winter. But the prudent assumption is that ice is unsafe until there is solid evidence to the contrary. No fish is worth paying the ultimate price in its pursuit.



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# Trumpet sounds

Orchestra director John Koopmann accompanied the audience as they sang "The First Noel" during the recent Cardinal Christmas concert.



## Festive players

Members of the Symphonic Band, directed by Jon Crust, donned Santa hats prior to playing "Sleigh Ride."

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## Making art for the community

Students in Amanda Toft's Community Art class at Motley-Staples Middle School are in the beginning stages of creating signs to share Cardinal Spirit with the community. Pictured, from left, sixth graders Ryan Neelan and Ellie Lange trace stencils which will be used to paint a variety of programs offered to students in the district on to large boards. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Signs will share Cardinal Spirit

Expect to see a few large signs promoting Cardinal Spirit as you enter Staples and Motley in the near future. It's a project spearheaded by students in Amanda Toft's Community Art class at Motley-Staples Middle School. "They came up with the idea to bring Cardinal Spirit to the community and show off just some of the many programs we have to offer our students," Toft said. The art teacher went on to say that the students wrote letters to area businesses asking for donations and support for the project. They raised enough money to purchase materials for three large signs. Recently, the students have been in the process

of designing and painting the signs. "It's been a fun class since they are the ones that come up with the ideas for the most part and I just guide them along," Toft said. She went on to say that they are hoping to finish the signs before the new year and will work with local construction companies to get them hung up on structures.

## Randall boy dies in one-vehicle crash

### Two other boys injured

One boy is dead and two others injured following a one-vehicle crash north of Little Falls in Green Prairie Township the early evening of Dec. 15. According to Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen, 15-year-old Riley Ballou of Randall was traveling east on Forest Road when the vehicle he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree. The Little Falls Fire Department was dispatched to the scene for extrication purposes. Lifesaving efforts were attempted on Ballou but were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at the scene. The two passengers have been identified as 15-year-old Harley Gangl of Little Falls and 16-year-old Derrick Andres of Randall. Gangl was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital by North Air Care and Andres was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital by Gold Cross Ambulance. The extent of their injuries is unknown at this time. The news release said the crash is under investigation by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota State Patrol.

## Motley's final 2019 levy up two percent

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Dec. 10, the Motley City Council approved the total levy for 2019 (\$375,938), a two percent increase from last year's certified levy of \$368,567. They also adopted the final budget for 2019 as presented. The total certified levy includes sums of money from the following funds:

- Street Improvement: \$59,769
  - Beaulieu Project Bond: \$45,000
  - 2011A Street Improvement: \$16,175
  - 2012A Street Improvement: \$43,325.
- Prior to voting on the levy and budget, the public was given an opportunity to speak and ask questions. Galen Krantz of Motley expressed concern that his 2019 Proposed Property Tax Statement had nearly doubled from the previous year. They went from \$427 to \$868, Krantz said. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that the majority of his tax increase was due to the increase in his taxable market value, which is determined by the county. Questions or objections related to market value are handled during a public meeting with the county assessor in April. A notice about this will be published in the paper prior to that date as well as in the city's spring newsletter. Krantz also told the council that he lives in the Mill Pond townhomes development which takes care of its own streets and sewer. He wondered what the city did for them? Mayor Al Yoder sympathized with Krantz, saying that he would be frustrated too if his taxes went up that much. In other matters the council:

- APPROVED the Motley Fire Department's recommendation for the following officers: Chief, Brad Olson; 1st Asst. Chief, Jim Uhlman; 2nd Asst. Chief, Jace Carlson; Medical Officer, Nick Dille.
- APPROVED a request to send Motley firefighters to a training in Mankato in the spring.
- APPROVED hiring Karen Thiede as an MFD firefighter pending satisfactory completion of a background check and physical exam.
- APPROVED a one year leave of absence for MFD firefighter Brandon Mertens; and a three-month leave of absence for MFD firefighter Birt Herman.
- APPROVED a motion that the Motley Police Department (MPD) sell the Crown Victoria squad vehicle.
- APPROVED installing security cameras at city hall.
- APPROVED selling the city's half ton public works truck. It will be advertised

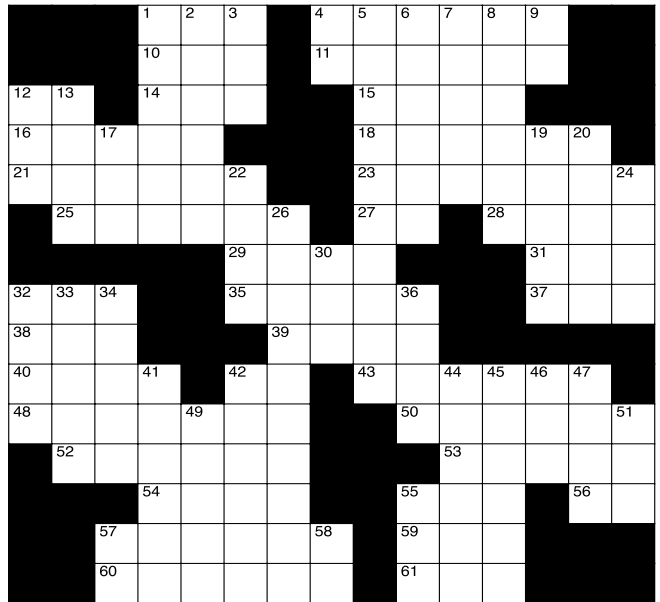
- online via MinnBid.
- APPROVED the sale of excess property belonging to the city. The items will be sold online for previously approved prices. Remaining items may be sold during the city wide garage sale next spring.
- APPROVED purchasing lights and other items for the skating rink. The city has received a \$2,000 matching grant from the Staples-Motley Community Foundation to be used for this project.
- LISTENED to questions from Gerald Girtz of Royalton regarding a new building he would like to build on property he owns in Motley. He would also like to plant trees there. However, he is not sure where the property line is and did not want to build something on his neighbor's land. The council recommended he get the property surveyed.
- LEARNED about an upcoming training opportunity for the council and city staff. Smieja said there is money in the budget for this.
- APPROVED hiring a police officer pending the outcome of his background check.
- APPROVED a land use ordinance amendment requiring standards for keeping of chickens and placement of recreational vehicles.
- APPROVED an ordinance repealing and replacing the ordinance pertaining to the keeping of animals.
- APPROVED an ordinance amendment relating to procedures for enforcing administrative offenses.
- APPROVED an ordinance setting fees and charges for 2019.
- APPROVED resolutions ordering summary publication of all ordinances approved during this meeting.
- APPROVED a resolution establishing precinct boundaries and designating Motley City Hall as a polling place for the 2019 elections.
- APPROVED a resolution setting fees and charges for 2019.
- HEARD monthly reports from all city departments.
- LEARNED city hall will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25; and New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.



## Donation to the food shelf

The Motley Lions recently donated \$2,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Pictured, from left, are Sherry Miller Frisk, MAFS Director; Florence Berndt, food shelf volunteer; Lion Janet Greig; and Fran Kokett, food shelf volunteer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Humbug
  4. Meaningless talk
  10. Conceit
  11. Not studied
  12. Megabyte
  14. When born (abbr.)
  15. Placed on a golf ball stand
  16. Melekeok is the capital
  18. Mischievous
  21. Mason's mortars
  23. Spain's former monetary unit
  25. Small fries
  27. Article
  28. Capital of Yemen
  29. Type of Theater companies
  31. Plastic, paper or shopping
  32. Electronic counter-measures
  35. Language along the lower Yenisei River
  37. Institute legal
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Besmear
  2. Genus dasyprocta
  3. A male ferret
  4. Unit of volume (abbr.)
  5. Italian hors d'oeuvres
  6. N.W. German city & port
  7. Signal sounds
  8. Adult females
  9. - , - , denotes past
- CLUES ACROSS**
12. Gas usage measurement
  13. Fishhook point
  17. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
  19. In a way, thrusts
  20. Grimm brothers birthplace
  22. Withered; dry
  24. Genus salvia
  26. About senator
  30. Livestock enclosure
  32. Work units
  33. Hebrew name meaning dog
  34. A tumor composed of muscle tissue
  36. Satisfy to excess
  41. Third mast
  42. A horse's strut
  44. Tree producing gum (Arabic)
  45. Armour carried on the arm
  46. Winged goddess of the dawn
  47. Ego
  49. Hesitancy
  51. Young woman of society
  55. Founder of Babism
  57. Mark (abbr.)
  58. Jeans maker's initials



## Helping students at MSMS

Motley Police Chief Jason Borash spends approximately 10 hours per week at Motley-Staples Middle School, interacting with students and assisting them with math and science assignments. He is pictured recently helping students in Linda Card's science class. From left are Reuben Mathison (back to camera), Dalton Ruika, Blake Neelan, Logan Martin, Chief Borash. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Dec. 7 - 12 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Terah Hollen, 25; Bonita Chandler, 57.

Dec. 9 - The MCSO received a 911 call with an open line. A child could be heard screaming and crying and then a subject in the background said, "Why are you doing that?" The call pinged near an address in Motley. Todd County was contacted and according to the report sent a Staples unit to check.

Dec. 8 - While patrolling, the MPD observed a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road by the west

doors at Bjerga Feed store. The driver told Police Chief Jason Borash that he had stopped to urinate after leaving a meeting in Motley and was on his way home to Staples. He was advised of his conduct.

Dec. 8 - The MCSO received a call regarding two suspicious African American males that came into Morrey's retail store in Motley. The caller stated that the two males came into the store and spoke with two female employees about the fish prices being too high. They then made several comments asking them to go outside with them and talk about this. The females felt uncomfortable and directed the men to speak to the caller. The caller stated that the men pro-

ceeded to ask her to go outside with them as well. She handed them a sale brochure at which point one of the men lightly grabbed her arm and suggested she go outside with them. The caller said she quickly walked away from them and the two males left in a smaller four-door older black car, the report said. She did not see what direction they went. The males are described as being in their late 40s or early 50s and having a strong southern accent.

Dec. 7 - The MCSO issued speeding citations to Matthew Dobias, 29; Brooklynn Janson, 20 and David Liberty, 57.

