



## '09 Sports highlights

One of the sports highlights of 2009 for the Staples Motley Cardinals was their fifth place team finish at state girls tennis tournament and third place finish for Emma Koskiniemi and Skye Coughlin in the doubles portion of the individual play. Front row, left to right: Annie Gillespie, Ashley Lisson, Caitlin Robinson, Skye Coughlin, Savanna Hill, Kelly Hagenson, Abby Edin. Back row: Coach Kevin Coughlin, Mikayla Wing, Anne Kautto, Emma Koskiniemi, Hallie Olsen, Maggie O'Keefe, Andrea Koskiniemi and Don Sanda, team photographer. Other sports highlights included

an undefeated Cardinal football season, state team appearance for the Cardinal boys cross country team, and individual state appearances for several athletes, including golfers Cydney Hasselberg and Nick Forsberg, Jordan Peterson in tennis and track athletes Ashley Lisson, Kelly Pearson, Brooke Simonson and Jason Johnson. Jordan Bendson finished second at state wrestling, while Jaelin Beachy qualified for state swimming and Emma Pogreba and Kaytlin Roth qualified for state cross country.

## Apply for spring turkey hunting through Jan. 8

Applications for the 2010 spring turkey hunt are being accepted through Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Adult hunters may apply for one of nearly 57,000 permits to hunt a five- or seven-day season in one of 77 permit areas. Youth 17 and younger no longer need to apply for the lottery. They will be able to purchase a spring turkey permit for any permit area and any time period directly from a license agent. Applicants choose one of eight time periods in which to hunt.

"Turkey hunters can look forward to more great opportunities this spring," said Bill Penning, farmland wildlife program leader for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "We have significantly increased permit numbers during the last two time periods, thereby allowing anyone who is not selected in the lottery or already purchased a 2010 spring turkey license for another time period to purchase a license for one of the last two time periods."

Minnesota residents 18 and older by April 14, 2010, must apply for a spring turkey permit either in person, via the Internet or by telephone at 1-888-665-4236 by Friday, Jan. 8, 2010. A non-refundable \$3 application fee must be paid at the time of application. An additional non-refundable \$3.50 convenience fee will be charged for all applications made by telephone or the Internet. Nonresident hunters may apply by mail or by telephone.

Penning said the permit application no longer asks hunters to indicate a second choice for the time period in which they want to hunt. Hunters who are successful in the drawing and choose not

to purchase a tag, will lose the current year's preference point for future drawings. They will not lose accumulated preference from past years.

Spring turkey archery hunters have two options. They can apply in the lottery or purchase a regular license over-the-counter for one of the last two time periods from the eight available, which allows them to hunt with a bow or firearm during the time period chosen. A second option allows them to purchase a spring turkey archery license, which allows them to hunt with a bow during both of the season's last two time periods.

Spring turkey archery licenses only are available in permit areas that offer 50 or more permits. Applicants who are successful in the spring permit lottery are ineligible for a spring archery license.

Spring turkey hunt application information is available at DNR license agents and online at <http://mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey>. The application booklet contains maps of open wild turkey permit areas, permit quotas, season dates and an application worksheet. Hunters are encouraged to fill-out the application form prior to purchasing a license so the process goes smoothly at the license vendor.

DNR uses a preference system drawing to select spring turkey permit winners. A special landowner-tenant preference drawing for up to 20 percent of the permits also is part of the drawing. Successful applicants will be mailed the 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Hunt Book in February.

For more information, call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or toll free 888-MINNDNR (646-6367).

## Wild deer disease surveillance continues

With test results for the entire fall sample of hunter-harvested deer in northwestern Minnesota pending, tissue samples from one suspect deer submitted for expedited testing have come back positive for bovine tuberculosis (TB).

The National Veterinary Services Lab in Ames, Iowa, confirmed the test Dec. 16, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH).

"This deer is just one of more than 1,400 samples we collected from hunters since the opening of the season," said Dr. Michelle Carstensen, DNR Wildlife Health program coordinator. "While it did not have obvious lesions in the lungs or chest cavity that are most indicative clinical signs of bovine TB, it did have an enlarged and abscessed lymph node, which is also associated with TB

infection, and is why the sample was submitted for immediate testing."

Complete results of these tests, along with the test results from the 2,685 samples collected in southeastern Minnesota for CWD testing, are not expected for about two months, she added. The bovine TB positive deer was a three and one-half year-old buck, which was taken within three miles of where previous bovine TB positive deer have been found. "This finding reinforces the need to remain focused on continuing efforts to accomplish the goal of completely eliminating the disease in Minnesota," said Carstensen.

This latest result brings the total number of wild deer found positive for bovine TB in Minnesota to 27 since the disease was first found in the state in 2005. All of the 26 previously infected deer were animals born in 2005 or earlier. This

most recent bovine TB positive deer was born in 2006, but there is still no indication of significant recent infections or that the disease is efficiently spreading in the deer population.

The DNR has conducted surveillance for TB in hunter-harvested deer in the bovine TB area every fall since 2005. To date, more than 7,500 deer taken by hunters and sharpshooters have been tested in this area and there has been a decline in the number of positive deer found over the past three years. In 2007 there were 11 bovine TB positive deer detected, in 2008, there were six and in 2009, there were three.

"This is encouraging given that we have increased surveillance efforts over the past few years and yet have detected fewer positive animals and they were all found in a relatively small geographic area," Carstensen said.

## Cardinal girls down Holdingford

By Tom Crawford  
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The Staples Motley Cardinal girls basketball team downed Holdingford 69-35 to close out the pre-holiday girls basketball schedule on, Dec. 22.

The girls led by just six points - 30-24 at halftime, but allowed the Husker girls just 11 second half points while scoring 39.

The Staples Motley girls took a Christmas break before competing Dec. 29 and 30 in the Little Falls Holiday tournament. They played Big Lake in the Tuesday game.

The 5-2 Cardinals received 22 points from Kelly Pearson, 18 from Ashley Lisson and 13 points from Nikki Pearson. Kelly and Nikki Pearson each hit three 3-point baskets for the Cards.



**This week:**  
12-29: Girls at L. Falls Tourney vs. Big Lake  
12-30: @ LF tourney

Lisson had 18 points and ten rebounds

After seven games, Nikki Pearson and Caitlyn Robinson lead the team in scoring with 84 and 82 points each. Pearson is scoring 12 points a game, with Robinson at 11.7.

Ashley Lisson is the next highest with 61 points.

Nikki Pearson also leads the team in assists with 40, in steals with 29 and she has three blocked shots.

Leading rebounder for the girls is Bobbi Jo Mathe with 53 boards. Robinson has 38, followed by Nikki Pearson with 31 and Lisson with 28.

### Girls Results

Dec. 22		
Holdingford	24	11 - 35
Staples Motley	30	39 - 69

Holdingford (35): Stephanie Hellman 4, Jena Volkert 5, Nicole Bersheid 9, Anna Bernstetter 2, Rachel Lane 4, Rachel Nelson 11. FT 10-21 (48 percent), 3-point baskets: 1 (Lane). Overall: 2-4.

Staples Motley (69): Nikki Pearson 13, Kelly Pearson 22, Caitlin Robinson 4, Jennifer Vasquez 5, Ashley Lisson 18, Jasmine McGillvray 5, Kelsey Rice 2. FT 4-6 (67 percent), 3-point baskets: (McGillvray 1, K. Pearson 3, N. Pearson 3). Overall: 5-2. Next: vs. Big Lake at Little Falls tournament. Dec. 29.

## DNR Question of The Week

**Q:** How thick should the ice be before I venture out on it?

**A:** Remember that the thicknesses mentioned below are only guidelines for new clear solid ice and that many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe such as currents, wind, water chemistry, vegetation and its age. It's also important to note that white or milky ice is only about one half as strong as new clear ice.

- Four inches of new clear ice is the minimum for travel on foot.

- Five inches for ATVs or snowmobiles.

- Eight to 12" for cars or small trucks.

Before any trip on the ice, check with a local resort or bait shop for conditions on the lake where you are heading. Then check the ice a number of times as you walk out, since ice is seldom a uniform thickness, especially early in the season.

**Q:** Where can I find information about snow depth and ski trail/snowmobile trail conditions?

**A:** The DNR provides a Web page that provides snow depth and ski/snowmobile trail condition reports for DNR-maintained trails around Minnesota. Information is updated weekly or as conditions warrant. For current conditions go to [http://mndnr.gov/snow\\_depth](http://mndnr.gov/snow_depth)

## Card boys down Osakis 73-40

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The Staples Motley boys basketball team defeated the Osakis Silverstreaks 73-40 on Dec. 22.

All nine seniors scored, led by Jon Bristow with 14 points, as Class 2A's sixth-ranked SMC Cardinals rolled past Osakis 73-40 in a non-conference game.

Jason Johnson added 12 points for the 4-1 Cardinals



**This week:**  
12-29: Fargo South

whose only holiday opponent was Fargo South on Dec. 29 at Staples.

Osakis	17	23 - 40
Staples Motley	37	36 - 73

Osakis (40): Zach Spychalla 2, Devin Waldvogel 3, Andrew Allen 2, Adam Sadlemeyer 9, Dominic Baker 4, Mitch Herzog 11, Tony Roggenbuck 9. 3-point baskets: 7 (Roggenbuck 3, Herzog 3, Waldvogel). Overall: 3-2.

Staples Motley (73): Trevor Wentworth 8, Gunner Johnson 4, Jason Johnson 12, Jordan Peterson 3, Derek Wolhowe 9, Isaac Fuhrman 9, Jordan Riewer 7, Brandon Larson 7, Jon Bristow 14. 3-point baskets: 7 (Fuhrman 3, Peterson, Riewer, Larson, Bristow).

## Cardinal B-squad wins third game

The Staples Motley B-squad boys on Dec. 22 defeated Osakis 45-32.

Staples Motley scoring for the Cards Dennis Vasquez 1, Colton Hill 6, Grant Longbella 3, Zack

Borders 16, Jordon Jenkins 9, Cody Shafer 2, Lucas Nelson 3, Tanner Roberts 5.

The B-squad records 3 wins and 1 loss at the Christmas break

## Drive safely this snowmobile season

The recent snowfall over much of the state is a reminder that another snowmobile season is upon us. The first snowfall of the year is often one of the most dangerous time for snowmobilers since many trails have not been groomed and ice conditions are very hazardous.

"Snowmobile operators need to contain their enthusiasm for that first ride and get this season off to a smooth, safe start," said Capt. Mike Hammer, DNR's education program coordinator. "They should drive safely and drive smart when operating a snowmobile. Drivers should also be aware of potential hazards and use good judgment. Taking a Snowmobile Safety Course will reduce your chances of getting into trouble."

Any resident born after Dec. 31, 1976, who operates a snowmobile in Minnesota, must possess a snowmobile certificate and may attend either a youth or adult training course. Volunteer instructors who have been certified by the DNR Division of Enforcement offer classes throughout the state. For more information on the dates and locations of these courses, visit the DNR Web site: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or call 800-366-8917.

In addition to training requirements, snowmobilers should follow these safety tips:

### Don't drink

Drinking and driving can be fatal. Drinking alcohol before or during snowmobiling can impair judgment and slow reaction time. Snowmobilers who have been drinking may drive too fast or race across unsafe ice. Alcohol also causes body temperature to drop at an accelerated rate, which increases the likelihood of hypothermia slow down and stay right.

Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drivers should proceed at a pace that will allow ample reaction time for any situation.

### Be prepared

When traveling, be prepared for the unexpected by making sure to bring a first aid kit, a flashlight, waterproof matches, a compass and cell phone.

### Stay alert

Fatigue can reduce the driver's coordination and judgment.

### Ice advice

Avoid traveling across bodies of water when uncertain of ice thickness and strength of ice on lakes and ponds. Snow cover can act as a blanket and prevent snow from forming. Never travel in a single file when crossing bodies of water.