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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 7	16	4	Cloudy
Dec. 8	28	13	Sunny
Dec. 9	34	25	M. Cloudy
Dec. 10	33	22	Snow Showers
Dec. 11	29	18	Snow Showers
Dec. 12	27	17	Cloudy
Dec. 13	24	18	Cloudy

Last Year, 2021

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 7	14°	7	Cloudy
Dec. 8	16	4	Cloudy
Dec. 9	33	18	Cloudy
Dec. 10	29	20	Cloudy
Dec. 11	28	14	M. Sunny
Dec. 12	35	23	Sunny
Dec. 13	44	25	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 27° Low = 12°

Compiled by
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Obituaries

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A work of love

Lee Jenkins of rural Staples has spent hours bringing his favorite Peanuts characters to life, a hobby which includes tracing their likeness on wood, cutting them out and then painting them. They are on display (complete with lights) at the Jenkins home north of town in Vintage Villas during the Christmas season. (Submitted photo)

‘Peanuts Gang’ hobby leads to new Christmas tradition

By Lee Jenkins

In honor of Charles Schulz (Nov. 26, 1922 - Feb. 12, 2000), I have started a “Peanuts Gang,” a fun hobby at my childish age (halfway to 80).

After seeing so many wise, healthy and informa-

tive pictures on Facebook I now have a collection of 52 and growing in my library of photos, all unique.

This whole Peanuts thing started when I noticed a small pine tree in the woods about 200 feet from

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Changemaker Kimberly Pilgrim: Champion for Resilience

The following article about Staples resident Kimberly Pilgrim and her work with the Meta 5 Minnesota Family Resiliency Program was featured in a recent publication of the Minnesota Women's Press. It's being reprinted in the Staples World with permission.

By Chelsey Perkins

Her mother's courage to make a swift exit from a neighbor's home after he made a racist comment was a defining moment in Kimberly Pilgrim's childhood. She witnessed the power of standing up, facing fear, and finding one's agency - a power she has guided other women to unearth within themselves over the past 25 years.

Pilgrim is the program director of the Meta 5 Minnesota Family Resiliency Program, which assists those facing sudden loss of income due to disability, separation, divorce, or death of a spouse. Based out of the Central Lakes College campus in Brainerd, the free pre-employment office is one of six locations in the state intended to ease the burden of a life-changing transition and help people on the path to self-sufficiency.

Pilgrim says this path looks different for each client. For some, it might mean learning how to pump gas or gaining the confidence to drive, while for

others it could be finding stable housing in lieu of living in a tent, or acquiring the skills to prepare a resume.

“It is not providing services to someone. It is ‘We are all in this together, and we are all part of this wonderful opportunity for change,’” Pilgrim says.

Through personalized and culturally relevant programming - including support groups, intensive workshops, and peer counseling - 97 percent of clients complete the state-funded program.

Based on the most recent data of those served, one in five were unhoused at the start, 60 percent experienced domestic violence, and three-quarters were single parents who received no child support. In an overwhelmingly white area of Minnesota, Pilgrim says 33 to 35 percent of clients are Indigenous or people of color.

These tend to be the people who are not included in the story of rural America, Pilgrim says, which is why it's important for other community members and policy makers to connect with them as something other than statistics. Program clients share their experiences with civic groups and take trips to the state capitol to talk with legislators.

“There is a richness in rural life. I think for many years there has been more

Replica on display during Polar Xpress

A replica of the Staples Depot, built by Rick Brichacek, will be on display at Central Lakes College, Staples campus, during the Polar Xpress Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11, noon - 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Staples Historical Society (SHS). Pictured, from

left, are Mike Blessing, Sally Gorton, SHS members; Brichacek; Ryan Youngbauer, CLC Student Senate President; Tom Kajer, SHS member; Erich Heppner, Director of Student Life at CLC; and John Wolak, SHS member. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Building history: Brichacek replicates Staples Depot

By Andrea Brichacek

In 1909, well know architects Charles A. Reed and Allen H. Stem, from New York, were commissioned by Northern Pacific Railroad to oversee the construction of a train station in Staples. Now, more than a century later, the ol' depot is once again being designed and built - only this time to a 1:32 scale by local cabinet maker, Rick Brichacek of Browerville.

The project was borne during the 2021, Christmas holiday when Brichacek teamed up with John Wolak of the Staples Historical Society to set up a large train display in the commons area at Central Lakes College, Staples campus. It will be on display during

the Polar Xpress at CLC, Dec. 10 and 11, noon - 4 p.m.

“We discussed how a replica of the depot would be a great way to showcase the unique architecture and the importance of this building to our community,” said Brichacek. “And by the end of our conversation, I was dreaming up plans and had agreed to commit to the time to make it happen.”

While building and construction are his day job, this project is close to his heart and hobby, wood carving, as well as his interest in historic revitalization.

“To be accurate, the devil is in the details,” Brichacek said. “It may surprise you that over 100,000 bricks were hand carved and the eight columns have over 2,000 bricks.”

Fortunately he did have some help. His cabinet shop, Rick's Miran Creek donated the materials and two of his granddaughters, Abby and Lily Brichacek of Staples, jumped at the opportunity to help - taking charge of the 3D printing of the window panes and doors.

“There are over four hours in the installation of the windows and doors, the shingles have 11 hours and counting,” said Brichacek. When asked how many total hours he has invested, he didn't have an answer, not tracking all the time dedicated during the evenings, weekends and free time over the last eight months saying that number would scare him.

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Committed to social justice

Kimberly Pilgrim, program director of the Meta 5 Minnesota Family Resiliency

Program, is pictured at her office in Brainerd. (Submitted photo)

of a singular story (of that, rural Minnesota), but that is changing. Sometimes that is met with resistance.

“Resistance basically comes from fear,” Pilgrim says. “What I have noticed is that there are a lot of white people that are afraid of being erased. I believe wholeheartedly what Paul Wellstone said: ‘We all do better when we all do better.’”

Pilgrim's commitment to social justice goes beyond

her Meta 5 work. She received a grant to support relationship-building work between rural communities of color and law enforcement, bringing people together to share a meal.

“There is something about breaking bread that is nurturing. We can tear down walls when we are having a meal with someone,” Pilgrim says. “It is nothing forced, nothing planned. We just let it organically happen.”

She helped start the Staples Motley Beyond Poverty coalition, which seeks to eliminate rural poverty.

Pilgrim seeks to create a loving and comfortable environment for anyone who enters her community spaces, at the college and at off-site retreats and workshops. She also visits the sites of social services agencies or employment programs before recommending

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Motley Lions donate \$10,000 to food shelf

The Motley Lions recently donated \$10,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Pictured above, from left, are food shelf volunteers Jim Kaup, Deb Greig, Florence Berndt; Lion Pat O'Regan; food shelf board member Fran Kokett; and food shelf volunteer Pearl Dingman. (Submitted photo)

Todd County Board of Commissioners Transfer Station update presented

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

At the Todd County Commissioner's meeting held Nov. 16, 2022, the board heard an update on the Todd County Transfer Station from Supervisor Mike Eberle.

Eberle went over several of the design changes that the Transfer Station crew and the architect felt would enhance the effectiveness of the site.

They will be getting water from the city of Browerville, but weren't able to agree on the wastewater due to the potential hazards of the tipping floor waste.

They're hoping to treat the approximate 20,000 gallons per year of tipping floor waste in Long Prairie.

After the update the board approved the construction agreement with the city of Browerville.

Background: Current state building code requires that the proposed new transfer stations have fire suppression. Typically, connection to municipal water is the most economical solution if the utility is nearby.

County staff have worked with city of Browerville staff to draft a construction agreement whereby Todd County would pay for installation of city water main to serve the proposed transfer station.

The agreement includes provisions that the city would charge the transfer station for the sale of water at the same rates they charge their residents.

The total cost of this work (including engineering, administration and legal) is estimated at \$209,300 and is an eligible expense for grant dollars from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) \$4 million CAP Grant.

The board agreed to sign the construction agreement for water main extension with the city of Browerville.

Commissioner Randy Neumann attended one of the meetings with the city of Browerville and was unhappy that the city kept referring to the Transfer Station as the "dump."

He said that they needed to just refer to it as the Transfer Station.

In other business:

- Approved the appoint-

ment of Sunday Nelson to fill the vacancy on the Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority created by the resignation of Duane Grewe. The term will expire on September 18, 2024.

• **Background:** In March, 2022, Todd County received grant funds through the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which funds are available to improve accessibility, implement security improvements for election systems and fund other activities to improve overall security within the county systems.

Todd County MIS has received quotes to replace the current wireless network system which is utilized to ensure elections equipment have the latest security updates, and will improve overall county wireless network security. The total cost of the equipment is \$8,302.71. Total cost to install is not to exceed \$1,500.

The board approved the purchase and installation from Morris Electronics.

• **Background:** The Long Prairie River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been completed through the One Watershed, One Plan process.

The Plan has gone through public comment periods and has been formally approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on October 26, 2022.

The board adopted the Plan and the Memorandum of Agreement for implementation of the Plan.

• Approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Charles and Pam Rapp in Fawn Lake Township to establish temporary family housing with the following conditions:

1. Temporary family housing must comply with Section 9.17 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.
2. Applicant must allow for biennial review by Planning and Zoning staff.
- Approved a CUP for John Allen in Staples Township to establish temporary family housing with the following conditions:
 1. Temporary family housing must comply with Section 9.17 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.
 2. Applicant must allow

for biennial review by Planning and Zoning staff.

• Heard an update regarding the Todd County Health and Human Services contract with Rural MN CEP to provide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and DWP Employment Services.

• Counties are required to have a biennial service agreement approved by the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services (DHS) to receive consolidated funds for MFIP. The purpose of the agreement is to provide DHS with information about services and strategies intended to meet program measures with the goal of increasing the economic stability of low income families using MFIP.

The board approved the MFIP biennial contract addendum second year 2022-2023 for program administration by Todd County.

• Heard an update on the STEP program from Director Cory Lawrence.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked how the bus transportation from Rainbow and Friendly were working out.

Lawrence said it's working well and was a benefit in doing it. He felt it was an overall good relationship on both sides.

• **Background:** The U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) created the Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solution initiative as part of its mission to expand opportunities for rural communities.

An application was submitted and approved. There will be out-of-state travel required for three in-person trainings throughout 2023, with the first being held in February in the state of Virginia. The cost of travel will be covered by a scholarship.

The board approved participation in Reaching Rural Advancing Collaborative Solutions Initiative.

• Approved the purchase of two Motorola APX6500 squad radios. The purchase price per radio is \$5,875.52, for a total of \$11,751.04. The radios have gone up about \$1,000.

• The board met briefly in a closed session for negotiation strategy.

• The next meeting is on Dec. 9, 2022. This is a change from Dec. 6, due to the MCA conference.

Motley area law enforcement report

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

Nov. 23 - 29

Nov. 29 - The MPD responded to a call of an assault at Artesian Homes, located at the 200 block of Ash St. E., Motley. The suspect, 21-year-old Unessa Mae Flores, was arrested and taken to the Morrison County Jail.

Nov. 28 - While at the sheriff's office, the MPD was requested to assist Little Falls PD with transporting an elderly female to Motley as she had been abandoned in Little Falls and was walking home to Cass Lake. The MPD transported the female to BRICKS Travel Center and found transportation to pick her up and bring her home.

Nov. 28 - The MPD received reports of two gas drive-offs at Holiday station in Motley. One, on Nov. 21, in the amount of \$64.34 and the other, on Nov. 20, in

the amount of \$47.

Nov. 23 - The MPD was advised by dispatch that there was a subject laying on the road just south of Motley. Upon his arrival, the officer observed the subject, who was waving him down. The officer spoke with the subject who stated he was trying to get to Anoka. The officer could smell a very strong odor of alcohol coming from the subject, who submitted to a PBT with a result of .135. The subject was transported to Little Falls Holiday East where his mom was going to pick him up.

Nov. 27 - The MCSO was flagged down by employees at the Holiday Station in Motley, who stated there was a male who'd been hanging out in their parking lot all night and they would like him to leave. The subject, Nathaniel Brimson, told the MCSO that someone had dropped him off during the night, and he was cold and wanted to go to the hospital. The Little Falls PD sated they don't want him back in Little

Falls, so the deputy had no choice but to bring him to the hospital in Staples. A short while later, the MCSO received a request from Staples PD requesting assistance with Brimson at the hospital. Upon arrival, the MCSO located the subject and gave him a ride to the Salvation Army in St. Cloud.

Nov. 26 - The MCSO conducted a traffic stop at the 1000 block of 320th St., Cushing. The driver, 50-year-old Dennis Edward Walsh, was found to be canceled-IPS (Inimical to Public Safety) and subsequently arrested.

Nov. 25 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Siupeli Kavapalu, 46.

Nov. 24 - The MCSO received a call from someone reporting seeing a "fireball" in the sky near 270th Street and Hwy 10 in Cushing. He stated he wasn't sure what it would've been. The deputy checked the area but was unable to locate anything suspicious or anything out of the ordinary.



New 4-H Club in Staples

The North Star Super Clovers is a new 4-H Club in Staples. Recently elected officers are Katie Connell, president; Taylor Seeley-Beach, vice president; Aubry Houchin, secretary; Neveah Sirucek,

treasurer; and Kana Reese, reporter. For more information about Wadena County 4-H, contact Kim Daily at walz0130@umn.edu. (Submitted photo)

Local study on effectiveness of invasive species prevention

From Todd County SWCD

While there is great necessity in managing already established aquatic invasive species (AIS), prevention is the most cost-effective method of AIS intervention. But how does each prevention method compare to the next? Graduate Research Assistant, Nichole Angell and her team from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) are comparing and testing three common prevention methods used statewide: Public education, watercraft inspection, and watercraft decontamination. How effective are these methods?

In early August, Angell and her team were set up at public boat accesses in Todd County. They utilized mock boat inspections to ask Todd County participants, boaters and already trained watercraft inspectors, to

look for and remove AIS from a boat that had been realistically staged with AIS from that lake. Does the general public actually know what to look for? How successful are program inspectors at finding AIS?

Prevention and management of AIS and their impacts is a daunting task that costs billions of dollars each year nationally. Money allocated to AIS prevention is limited and needs to be used in ways that maximize output. The team has conducted interviews with AIS program coordinators and reviewed reports and other literature to better understand what the average Minnesota county spends on each of the three varying AIS prevention methods annually.

A final outcome of this experiment-based research will include a powerful decision making tool transforming how managers view and

pursue AIS prevention. The tool will allow managers to create and test prevention scenarios to best match the needs and budget of their local AIS prevention program. Todd SWCD, delegated to manage the AIS prevention program for Todd County, looks forward to reviewing the compilation of Angell's findings and research in 2023. The tool could be used to narrow down the list of prevention methods to those proven to be the most cost effective and successful in Todd County. Currently, zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and Chinese mystery snails are the primary aquatic invasives confirmed in Todd County lakes with several other species, including Starry Stonewort, lurking just outside the County's door.

Traffic stop in Backus results in arrest - drugs seized

Sheriff Tom Burch reports that on Nov. 26, at 6:49 p.m., deputies with the Cass County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Pine River Township, rural Backus.

A K9 was utilized during

the traffic stop investigation and approximately 50 grams of suspected methamphetamine was located during the search of the vehicle. The driver, Terry Foster, age 60 of Backus, was arrested on charges

relating to possession of a controlled substance and driving under the influence. Formal charges are pending and the investigation continues.



DEADLINES
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Houses on the move

Above, a house moves across the Hwy 10 overpass in Staples on Dec. 6, coming from Verndale enroute to the south side of Staples. Also moving along (left) are the houses being built in the Valley View subdivision north of Staples. Picture shows two poured slabs and some of the new homes. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Changing hearts

mending them to clients, and offers cultural competency training to many organizations. “It is important that (program clients) have the safety of inclusive community and services for those that come here. The intentions are good, but (agencies) have maybe not had the training to provide culturally specific services or even understand those that they are serving,” Pilgrim says. “It is about knowing your community.” Pilgrim believes the world can be stripped of poverty and racism, set free of patriarchal systems serving the few, and transformed into a kinder, gentler place for everyone. “This is an exciting time, because we are standing at a pivotal time in history where we can shape and mold our futures,” Pilgrim says. “That human connection and the change of the heart - changing one person also changes that whole sphere of influence. That is where real change happens. It is in the ordinary where extraordinary things happen.”

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kelsey and Christopher Peterson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Kasem Michael David weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces on November 28, 2022
Born to Caroline and Dean Harrison of Wadena, a baby boy, Declan James weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces on November 29, 2022
Born to Haley Hoemberg and Toby Wood of Wadena, a baby girl, Adalynn Grace weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces on November 29, 2022.
Born to Carrie and Paul Sandy of Brainerd, a baby boy, Everett Paul weighing 8 pounds 1 ounces on Dec. 1, 2022.
Born to Jewelle and Braxton Hirschey of Staples, a

baby boy, Archer William weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces on Dec. 1, 2022.
Born to Karli and Jonathan Lynn of Little Falls, a baby girl, Elsie Mae weighing 9 pounds 0 ounces on Dec. 1, 2022.
Born to Rebecca Hanson and Austin Bendson of Staples, a baby boy, Elmer Richard weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces on Dec. 1, 2022.

BIRTH REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA:

Baby girl Oakleigh Rose Larson was born on November 14, 2022, to Kelsey and Tony Larson of Wadena. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Siblings are Gauge and Colt. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Larson, and Robin Floyd.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• Dec. 4, 1947 - “A Case of Springtime” a rollicking comedy in three acts, will be presented by the junior class of the Staples high school at the Staples auditorium on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9. according to Miss Mary Forsan, who is the director of the play, and Miss Lorraine Reber, who is the business manager for the cast.

• Dec. 4, 1947 - Final

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

arrangements have been completed for the annual Christmas party for the children of Staples and this trade area at the New Staples theatre on Saturday, Dec. 18.
Santa Claus, in a letter to James Randgaard, pres-

ident of the Staples Civic & Commerce Association, stated that he would arrive in Staples for the first show for the town children by 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.. He stated that he plans to circle the town several times, and will land at the Staples Municipal airport, from where he will be brought to town by car.

The afternoon show is at 2:00 o'clock and this show will be for the rural children. The Civic & Commerce Association is providing treats for all the children.

• Dec. 4, 1947 - Doug Morris, 13, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Wallace Morris of South Staples, was injured Monday afternoon while at play with Darrel Hanley.

Doug and Darrel were playing in the alley near the American Legion club building and were chasing each other. Doug ran to the sidewalk in front of the building and started to slip, continuing on out into the

street, and he could not stop.

An approaching motorist hit the boy, knocking him to the ground, cutting a gash in his chin, but kept on going. The identity of the driver is not known at the present time although it is reported that he was driving a 1941 Chevrolet.

Doug was able to get up under his own power, and went to the taxi cab, which was standing nearby and was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital, where five stitches were taken to close the wound. He received several bad bumps and was shaken up considerably, but was able to go to school the next day.

• Dec. 4, 1947 - Clyde L. Townsend arrived in Motley this last weekend and began his duties as a member of the Motley high school faculty on Monday. He will teach general business, typing, assist with the school paper, and be in charge of debate and ora-

tory.

• Dec. 4, 1947 - Results of the village election held at Motley Tuesday, Dec. 2, reveal that LeRoy Greig was elected mayor of the village for the coming two years. His only opponent was C. A. Mosher, who was defeated by a margin of 91 to 55.

Dell Strong was elected for the office of councilmen (receiving 84 votes); Rev. A. Ramey, for the office of justice of peace (receiving 109 votes); and Wallace Scruppie was elected constable for two years, receiving 15 votes.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• Dec. 7, 1972 - Winning awards from the Staples Jaycee Chapter last Monday evening were James Hofer, Distinguished Service Award as Outstanding Young Man of 1972; Herman Wiese, Outstanding Young Farmer; Mrs. Maude Dahl, Outstanding Female Citizen; and Dr. Duane R. Lund, Outstanding Male Citizen.

• Dec. 7, 1972 - The merchants of Staples will again be sponsoring free movies at the Staples Theatre the three Saturdays before Christmas.

Tom Kurpius, theatre owner, said that the schedule of free movies is as follows: Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m.; Dec. 16, Santa Claus Day, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Dec. 23, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

• Dec. 7, 1972 - Another addition to the athletic program in the Staples Public Schools was made recently when the Lettermen's Club purchased a Sony Video-tape machine.

The unit, which consists of a camera, video-corder and two tapes, was purchased by the club at a cost of \$1,650. Earl Mergens, advisor, said that the club paid \$600 down, with a balance due of \$1,050.

The video tape machine will mainly be used in the athletic department for the filming of sports events, Kevin Olsen, club president, reported, but it can be used throughout the school.

• Dec. 7, 1972 - Officers for the coming year were elected by the Staples Historical Society Monday evening. Peter Card Jr. was chosen as president, with Richard Hegre, vice-president; N. C. Hurd, second vice-president; Mrs. Jeanne Whitney, treasurer; and Mrs.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Dec. 21, 1989 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Maude Dahl, secretary.

• Dec. 7, 1972 - Using their heighth to good advantage, a veteran squad of Staples Cardinals overpowered their opponents, Frazee and Park Rapids, to chalk up two victories in their opening games. The Cards, coached by Tom Wolhowe, opened their 1972-73 season Nov. 29, on the home court with a 78 to 59 victory over the Frazee Hornets. Friday evening, also at home, the Staples cagers dealth the Park Rapids Panthers a 72 to 35 shellacking in Mid-State Conference play.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• Dec. 4, 1997 - The 13-year-old victim in a hunting accident Nov. 9 just north of Motley has returned home, and is hoping to be back in school this week.

Teresa Poynter's survival is a miracle, according to her mother. “Her doctors say she's a miracle girl. One quarter of an inch difference in how she was sitting, and it would have been a whole different story,” Kathleen Poynter said.

• Dec. 4, 1997 - Students of the Week at Motley Staples Middle School included Eric Mueller, Jessica Kobliska and Neil Kent.

• Dec. 4, 1997 - Where do you go, after losing a nucleus of senior players who took you to the state tournament three years in a row?

If you're like most

coaches, you go back to the basics and develop your program, hoping some day you may just be lucky enough to get back to state.

But if you're Lynn Peterson, you just take the Cards you've been dealt, shuffle them around a little in your hand, and come out with another winning season and make going to state your goal for another year. “We return only one starter form year ago in Kyle Stevens,” Peterson said. “We lost eight seniors.” Those included three year starters Erik Kelly, Chris Heier and Dan Otteson, along with two-year veteran Jeff Joerger. Other seniors last year included Scott Moore, exchange student Jan Berge, Bob Hazuka and Rob Opheim.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• Dec. 6, 2012 - The last remains of the old Staples City Hall, which was a hospital before that, were being hauled away on Dec. 3. Included in the demolition is the retaining wall at the front of the lot. The land is expected to be divided and sold as residential lots.

• Dec. 6, 2012 - Each year, the Staples American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 holds a special ceremony in honor of a lady veteran. This year's honoree is Specialist (E-4) Heidi (Dump-prope) Smith. She spent six years in the Army National Guard before retiring.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 27, 1997 edition of the Staples World featured members of the Professional Development Committee at First Integrity Bank and the New Horizon Club in Staples. Thanks to their efforts, children at Belmont Elementary School in Grand Forks will be a little warmer this winter. The bank committee purchased 102 pairs of mittens from Perry's Ben Franklin in Staples and the club donated 12 scarves, 28 pairs of gloves and 23 hats to send to the school. From left are Elaine Brauch, Sherry Dullinger, Nancy

Koval, Betty Arndt, Darla Peterson, Gloria Perfetti, Leah Olander and Dan Orth.

Stacy DeMars from Staples correctly identified all, as well as the photo's context. She shared that she has “many memories from working with this crew.” Betty Arndt of Staples correctly identified all except Leah Olander. Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified Brauch, Koval, Perfetti and Orth; and Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Arndt, Peterson and Orth. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Our annual miracle on ice

To many Minnesotans—especially those who have an interest in ice hockey—the Miracle on Ice will forever be the most important subplot of the 1980 Winter Olympics. It will be the story of the U.S. Olympic men’s hockey team defeating the next-to-unstoppable Russian bear on their way to the ultimate Olympic prize, the gold medal.

But there’s another amazing—if not miraculous—event in which ice is the central character. It is the transformation that has so recently taken place on our lakes, wetlands, and all but the fastest moving rivers and streams.

No matter how often we may have witnessed Nature’s cycle of “making ice,” this molecular miracle is always awaited with excitement and high expectations. It ushers in a radical change in our angling. It opens a new landscape—a frozen waterscape—for travel by snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle. If calm winds allow lakes and ponds to freeze level and smooth, they become a magnet for ice skaters.

As Nature’s processes go, ice-up is a metamorphosis as radical as the caterpillar becoming a butterfly, or a tadpole becoming a frog. It’s under-appreciated by those of us who live in the snow and ice belt, perhaps because it happens like clockwork each year, and is visible all around us. We take it for granted, and fail to be impressed by the magnitude of the transition.

Water is a dynamic force.



Mike Rahn

When it falls in great quantity it can cause devastating floods. When driven by wind, it can sink great ships on Lake Superior. Flowing through the turbines of a dam, water’s energy can light and power entire regions. Yet this powerful force is tamed and immobilized by falling temperature alone!

Temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit rob water molecules of most of their energy. Instead of flowing freely, the molecules stick together, and what we see is sheets of ice, or icicles where water freezes as it falls. A scientist will tell you that those hydrogen and oxygen molecules in ice are actually still in motion; just too slowly to be seen. That’s a bit difficult to fathom as your auger cuts through 30 inches of solid ice as you prepare to fish!

The features of a body of water—its depth, size, shape, sometimes even its vegetation—have a lot to do with how soon it will freeze when temperatures plummet. Some of the shallow, wild rice-filled lakes where I hunt ducks had a coating of ice before the last week of October. Such waters cool more rapidly than deeper waters, and dense stands of rice dampen the effect of wind that might otherwise help to keep them open. It’s not uncommon for a warm spell to open them up again, but by then the waterfowl that have been feeding there may have moved on.

Larger and deeper lakes, especially those whose shape exposes them to unimpeded wind, will typically be the last to become ice-bound. That was the case with the lake that for the last 70 years has been the site of our family cabin. Large in acreage, deep, with few islands or deep coves, and wide at most points, it tends not to become ice covered until the end of November.

I’ve hunted ducks here on the last day of the season, when the only birds to zoom over the decoys were late-migrating goldeneyes or mergansers, species that eat more aquatic animal life than plants, and therefore favor the deeper, late-freezing waters where such forage is most abundant.

It is surprising how—literally sometimes overnight—a lake can go from open to icebound. On Wednesday, the last day of November, my wife and I walked a road near our lake’s eastern end, in sub-freezing temperatures and a fierce wind. We watched whitecaps as they neared the end of their march toward the eastern extremity of the lake’s nearly 3,000 acre expanse. A narrow border of ice that had formed along that eastern shore was being ground to pieces, tinkling like broken glass as breaking waves drove it into the sand. What signs of ice there had been, were fast disappearing.

Yet next morning, after a night during which the wind died, the gathering light at dawn showed not a wave upon the lake’s surface; it was ice, as far as the eye could see. The explanation for this overnight change is that the lake’s surface water had been thoroughly cooled by sustained cold temperatures and the mixing effect of wind. The water was virtually at the freezing point, and needed only a halt to the wind for the transformation to be complete.

Now begins the exciting but potentially dangerous time when ice thickness is gradually building, transitioning from being a trap for the unwary, to a surface solid enough to fish and play on. Different personalities react to this situation in very different ways. Some are risk takers, or seem to believe that accidents—including ice-related acci-

dents—always happen to someone else. Others play it safe.

Already this year, we heard of some 200 anglers stranded and in need of rescue when early ice on Upper Red Lake in Beltrami County broke free from the shoreline, and drifted out into still-open water. In 2017, a young man and young woman died when their all-terrain vehicle (ATV) fell into open water on Upper Red Lake in late November. Closer to home, in 2018, two anglers died on the lake that connects to our lake when the ATV on which they were riding broke through the ice in early December.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) annually warns of the danger posed by early winter ice. It recommends at least four inches of ice to safely support an adult, 5-7” for a snowmobile or small ATV, 9-10” for a small car or SUV, 16-17” for a heavy duty truck, and 20” for a truck pulling a trailerable “wheelhouse” style ice fishing shelter.

The problem is that ice may initially form unevenly at different locations on the same lake, due to such factors as current, under-water springs, distance from shore, etc. Testing depth in one location with your augur or ice “spud” is no guarantee that it will be the same elsewhere. Those who venture out on potentially weak early ice on foot, or on an ATV, should wear a flotation vest or garment, planning for the worst, even though they may expect the best.

As my wife put it when we later looked out on portable shelters and shelterless anglers standing 80 or 100 yards offshore, on just the fourth day after our lake’s ice-up, “No fish is worth dying for.”

Quote of the week

“When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Managing stress during the holidays

From Todd County Health and Human Services

For many of us, the holiday season can bring an increased sense of family responsibility and, along with it, additional feelings of stress. Advertisements about the joys of the season can seem lost on us as we scurry around trying to do even more than usual. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed.

Unfortunately, we may turn to unhealthy stress management behaviors such as overindulging in eating or drinking. These actions don’t help and often make us feel worse. There are better, healthier and longer-lasting techniques we can use to make holiday stress – and other stressful times – more manageable.

Strengthen social connections – We know that strong, supportive relationships help us manage all kinds of challenges. So, we can view the holidays as a time to reconnect with the positive people in our lives. Accepting help and support from those who care about us can help alleviate stress. Also, volunteering at a local charity can be another way to make connections; helping others often makes us feel better, too.

Set expectations – It is helpful to set realistic expectations for gifts and holiday activities. Depending on a child’s age, we can use this opportunity to teach kids

about the value of money and responsible spending. We need to remember to pare down our own expectations, too. Instead of trying to take on everything, we need to identify the most important holiday tasks and take small concrete steps to accomplish them.

Keep things in perspective – On the whole, the holiday season is short. It helps to maintain a broader context and a longer-term perspective. We can ask ourselves, what’s the worst thing that could happen this holiday? Our greatest fears may not happen and, if they do, we can tap our strengths and the help of others to manage them. There will be time after the holiday season to follow up or do more of things we’ve overlooked or did not have the time to do during the holidays.

Take care of yourself – It is important that we pay attention to our own needs and feelings during the holiday season. We can find fun, enjoyable and relaxing activities for ourselves and our families. By keeping our minds and bodies healthy, we are primed to deal with stressful situations when they arise. Consider cutting back television viewing for kids and getting the family out together for fresh air and a winter walk.

Source: American Psychological Association

Spring (semester) is in the air

By Paul Preimesberger
Central Lakes College Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success

It’s hard to think spring with our recent spate of winter weather, but we just can’t help ourselves at CLC. Current and new CLC students are registering now for spring semester courses and can continue to register through the second week of January. Classes start January 9, and we have a lot of great opportunities for you at Central Lakes College.

No matter your academic or career path, we have a spring semester start for you. Maybe you want to pursue a technical program, like Meat Cutting & Butchery, Nursing, Information Technology or Law Enforcement? Perhaps you want to kick start your journey to a Bachelor’s Degree?

Both our A.A. and Transfer Pathways Degrees provide a strong foundation for completing your 4-year degree at a university. Of course, you’ll save a lot of money by starting with us at CLC, especially with the financial aid and scholarships we offer.

If you’re interested in pursuing an education at CLC, I highly encourage you to visit the campus, take a tour and meet with an advisor. No matter where you are in your academic or career planning process, our advisors will help you map out your academic plan. While you’re here, stop by the Financial Aid Office to learn about grant and scholarship opportunities, or check in with our Career and Transfer or Veteran’s Resource Centers. Can’t make it to campus? These resources are available to you virtually, too.

At CLC, we very deliberately have developed a student experience that strives to meet all of your needs, so you can successfully complete your degree or program. We recently opened The Hub, which houses the expanded food pantry, full-time social worker, and community organizations like Bridges of Hope, Lutheran Social Services, Crow Wing County for SNAP and health insurance, and Affinity Plus for financial literacy.

CLC students can also take advantage of an incredible program called the Random Acts of Kindness Fund. If students are experiencing a financial emergency, say, an unexpected vehicle repair, for example, or a high utility bill, or if they just need a temporary boost to make ends meet for the month, they can apply for up to \$500 in assistance from the Random Acts of

Kindness fund.

In fact, this fiscal year we’ve already awarded nearly \$7,000 to our students. If you’re interested in donating to the Random Acts of Kindness fund to support students in this way, you can do so in person or online at www.clcmn.edu/scholarships.

We find that when we connect students to resources that can help them, they are more successful in the classroom.

There are plenty of ways to get involved on campus, even if you’re not a student. We have holiday music shows, theatre performances, and cultural and art events on campus. I encourage you to check our event calendar on our website: www.clcmn.edu. We hope to see you this spring (semester).

Quote of the week

“Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too.”

— Mark Twain

Farmers Union supports renewable standards

Minnesota Farmers Union

On Dec. 1, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposal calling for increased use of biofuels in the nation’s fuel supply over the next three years.

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Set proposal requests public input on required volumes of biofuel for the next one to three years and on a series of modifications to the program.

“With this proposal, the EPA seeks to provide consumers with more options while diversifying our nation’s energy mix,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan in a recent news release. “EPA is also focused on strengthening the economics of our critical energy infrastructure, needed to maintain and boost our energy security. We’re ea-

ger to continue the dialogue on how biofuels can bolster U.S. energy security, protect consumers from high fuel costs, strengthen the rural economy, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

“Minnesota has long been a leader in the production of renewable fuels and RFS Set proposal from the Biden-Harris administration is a great way to expand biofuel usage,” said Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU). “As I often say, renewable fuels are a win-win-win-win. They provide a market for family farmers, jobs in rural communities, lower-cost fuel at the pump and cleaner air for all. MFU also supports the Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act co-authored by Sen. Amy Klobuchar to allow year-round E15 sales.”

A virtual public hearing on the RFS Set proposal will be held Jan. 10, 2023.

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‘Turkey’ talk at Staples Public Library Storytime

Staples Public Library recently held Turkey Storytime. Those attending included; from left, Greyson Winter, Sawyer, Elias and Martin Krier, Rhett LaBlanc and Lucas Imrick.

The Staples Public Library offers two monthly Storytime events; held at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday

and the third Wednesday of each month. Registration is Required. Join the library for fun stories, flannel boards and craft activities. Children gain early literacy skills by listening to stories, singing songs and making crafts. Call the library to sign up for the next Storytime on Saturday, Dec. 10 or Wednesday, Dec. 21. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal alumni invited to rehearse massed choir pieces

‘For All the Saints’ Concert Dec. 10

Staples-Motley Cardinal Choir alumni are invited to join in singing the massed chorus numbers at the Community Christmas Concert in Staples Dec. 10. The pieces include For All the Saints, the Hallelujah Chorus and others.

The two remaining rehearsals for these massed chorus numbers, held at the SMHS choir room, are:

- Dec. 5, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 7, 8 p.m.

For All the Saints Community Christmas Concert

The all-school choir re-

union will coincide with the 2022 Community Christmas Concert, ‘For All the Saints,’ which will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., at the SMHS gym in Staples.

Tickets for the event, which is sponsored by the Staples Area Men’s and Women’s Choruses, are available online at staplesmen.org; at the door; and at Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples; Markus Hair Design, Motley; Local Legends Bar, Staples; and from men’s and women’s chorus members.

Mark Your Calendar

December 8

‘WALK WITH A DOC’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood Health System’s main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

December 9

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Mot-

ley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

December 12

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

December 14

STAPLES 60+ SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. - noon. Cash drawings, music, entertainment, meal. To register for 11:20 meal, call 218-894-2556 before noon on Dec. 13. Questions? Call Kathy Crews at 218-894-2256.

Wadena BookEnds to feature Nordic skiing

Author Ryan Rodgers will talk about cross-country skiing on BookEnds Online Edition Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

“Winter’s Children: A Celebration of Nordic Skiing”, is a book that captures the essence of cross-country skiing in the Midwest, from its earliest days of making wooden skis to the snow-making loops and large races of today.

“Winter’s Children” traces Nordic skiing in the Midwest from its introduction in the late 1800s to its uncertain future in today’s changing climate. Generously illustrated, this is an

engaging look at the earliest ski teams and touring clubs; the evolution of cross-country skis, gear, and fashion; and the ambitious effort to maintain a vast trail network across Minnesota’s state park system.

For more information and to access the ZOOM program call 218-631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net or visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Cardinal Calendar Staples-Motley School events

December

- **ELEMENTARY CONCERT** Dec. 7, Elem. Commons
- **COMMUNITY CONCERT** Dec. 10, 7 p.m., HS Gym
- **CHRISTMAS BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Dec. 15, MS at 6 p.m.; HS at 7 p.m.
- **CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL** Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

January

- **SCHOOL RESUMES** Jan. 3
- **SADIE HAWKINS DANCE -HS** Jan. 7

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

Freshwater recognized for produce program

The Freshwater Education District’s produce and decor program was named

as one of two Innovation Program Award honorees at the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) 2022 Greater Education Summit.

MREA celebrates innovative programs in rural districts with the Innovation Program Awards. Programs throughout MREA member districts are nominated and then selected by the MREA Board of Directors based on core criteria of innovation, benefit to students, collaboration, and ease of adaptability.

The 2022 Innovation Program Award honorees are:

- Mesabi East Environmental Education Center // Mesabi East School District
- Freshwater Produce and Décor // Freshwater Education District

MREA celebrated the work of award honorees at the 2022 MREA Awards Ceremony on Nov. 13 at Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd. The Awards Ceremony kicks off the MREA Greater Education Summit, a conference for rural education leaders to come together to learn, celebrate, and network.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Nov. 17, Staples Police received a driving complaint from Todd County that they had received from Wadena County Dispatch. It was reported that a heavily intoxicated individual driving a white Chevy coming into Staples. Officers stopped the vehicle and Jamie Linker, 45, was arrested for DWI.

Nov. 22, Staples Police responded to a panic alarm at the Southside Mini-Mart, Staples. Police were also notified of a 911 caller reporting an individual in the business attempting to forcibly harm the clerk. Upon arrival, police found the person still on scene, and learned that the man had made threatening and sexually explicit comments to the juvenile clerk. Police arrested Lin Neal, 63, for two counts of felony threats of violence, assault, harassment, stalking and disorderly conduct. Police were assisted by Todd County Sheriff’s Dept.

Nov. 22, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept with a traffic stop near the intersections of 12th St NW and US Hwy 10. The driver of the vehicle was arrested on suspicion of DUI, along with the passenger being arrested for being in possession of a hypodermic needle. The Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. is investigating the incident.

Nov. 23, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. with trying to get a dog out of the Crow Wing River. Upon arrival at the scene, both dogs were out of the water and in the house.

Nov. 23, Staples Police were called to person walking on Hwy 10 near the Staples Vet Clinic wearing dark clothing. The subject was located and was given a ride to Motley.

Nov. 26, Staples Police located a suspect in the 300 block of Wisconsin Ave SE, where they arrested Cassy Grunwald, 28, on a Todd County warrant. While making the arrest, police located methamphetamine and used syringes in her possession. Grunwald was charged with 5th degree possession and possession of a hypodermic needle.

Nov. 27, Staples Police, along with Wadena County Child Protection, placed a newborn child on a 72 hour hold, after the mother had tested positive for methamphetamine.

Nov. 27, Staples Police responded to a residence for a report of an unresponsive individual. Police found the subject to be deceased and assisted Wadena County with the investigation.

Nov. 27, Staples Police took a call regarding a vehicle blocking a business entrance. Officers attempted to locate the owner, when no owner was located, the vehicle was towed.

Festival of Trees planned for Staples

A Festival of Trees will be held by the Staples Motley Women of Today in collaboration with the Staples Community Center/Parks and Rec.

The event will be held Dec. 16-17, with the public invited to visit this tree extravaganza held in the gym at the community center and cast their vote for their favorite tree.

This will be a free event for the public. The people’s

choice winner will receive a holiday gift basket.

Local individuals, organizations, businesses and churches are invited to support this event by decorating a tree to display. Trees must be under 7 feet. After the event, trees and decorations may be donated to a family in need or can be kept by the participants.

Anyone interested can email s_finck4@hotmail.com.

Hewitt United Methodist Church

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Full-time Employment

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections seeks one **full-time Office and Administrative Specialist** for our **Todd and Wadena Offices**. Travel between both counties will be required. Current work load assignment consists of, but is not limited to, the following: providing word processing, data entry and retrieval, receptionist services, maintaining information tracking systems, and utilizing technology to fulfill assigned tasks. Successful applicant must be highly organized and efficient and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Minimum qualifications Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, plus skills in the following areas: data entry, database management, business English, customer service, word processing, and typing/keyboard.

Preferred qualifications include an associate degree or vocational/technical diploma in relevant field, experience entering data into information tracking systems and experience working in a correctional setting.

Must have valid MN driver's license and auto insurance, and reliable transportation. Must pass agency background check requirements prior to employment. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Salary range \$18.63-\$24.69 per hour.

Contact Kathy Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165, kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet and/or to request a reasonable accommodation. Veteran's preference applies. Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to: Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled. First round of application reviews scheduled for December 27, 2022. cl49-51c "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"

Obituaries

Barbara Mertens

Barbara Jean Mertens, age 76, of Staples, passed away unexpectedly on November 27, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services were held December 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Staples. Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Barb was born on April 22, 1946, in Little Falls to Lawrence and Anna (Lajesse) Colombe.

Barb worked as a receptionist at the Staples Veterinary Clinic for 33 years. She loved spending time with her granddaughter. She was a very neat and tidy woman and a friend to everyone.

Barb will be forever missed by her children, one daughter, Teresa (Dennis) Winzenburg and one son,



Mike Corner; one grand daughter, Amber Winzenburg; and one sister, Shirley Colombe.

Barb is preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Joseph Corner; second husband, Robert Mertens; significant other Larry Delaney.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....
After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....
After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstconougccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples • 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
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
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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
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Pastor Chris Mathiason
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Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

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Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

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Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

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Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
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Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Greg Leslie
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Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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

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Pastor Dan Johnson
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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
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903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
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Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.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.

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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.

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
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Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service10 a.m.

“Preparing for the arrival of Jesus”

Pastor Chris Mathiason, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

The snow has started, the weather is getting cold and Thanksgiving is over. Now is the time to start thinking about Christmas. In many Christian churches, the 4 Sundays before Christmas are celebrated as an Advent time. Advent means “arrival” and in the Church, Advent is a time of preparing for the arrive of Jesus.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus in a strange way don't we? We give gifts to each other. Shouldn't we give gifts to Jesus? Not gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Three Kings. What if we gave Jesus gifts by our actions? Caring for the hungry. Housing the homeless. Welcoming the refugee. Visiting the lonely.

What is more in Advent we prepare for Jesus return. We look forward to Jesus returning and

redeeming this world. What is broken will be mended. What is lost will be found. Where there is pain, there will be healing.

This December may you find a place where you are welcomed and loved. A place where you can hear the Old, Old Story of Jesus and his love. A place to hear about a family gathered in a barn because there is no room in the inn. A story about a baby born in humble beginnings far from home, who changes the world.

This Advent I pray you will prepare for the Arrival of Jesus. May God help you to care for others and lighten their load. May others walk with you and give you peace as well.

Blessed Advent to you and I hope to see you Christmas Eve.

Joseph DuBay

Joseph “Joe” Warren DuBay, 65, of Richfield, MN passed away on November 25, 2022, after a courageous battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. A service to honor Joe's life was held on Friday, December 2, 2022, at the Church of St. Peter in Richfield, Minnesota. Funeral Services entrusted to Gill Brothers Funeral Home in Bloomington, MN.

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Robert Lindberg

Robert L Lindberg went to be with our Lord and savior after a brief struggle with cancer.

A memorial service for Bob was held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. Interment was in Clearwater, at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Student Achievements

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY has announced the names of students that graduated Summer of 2022. Local graduates named include:

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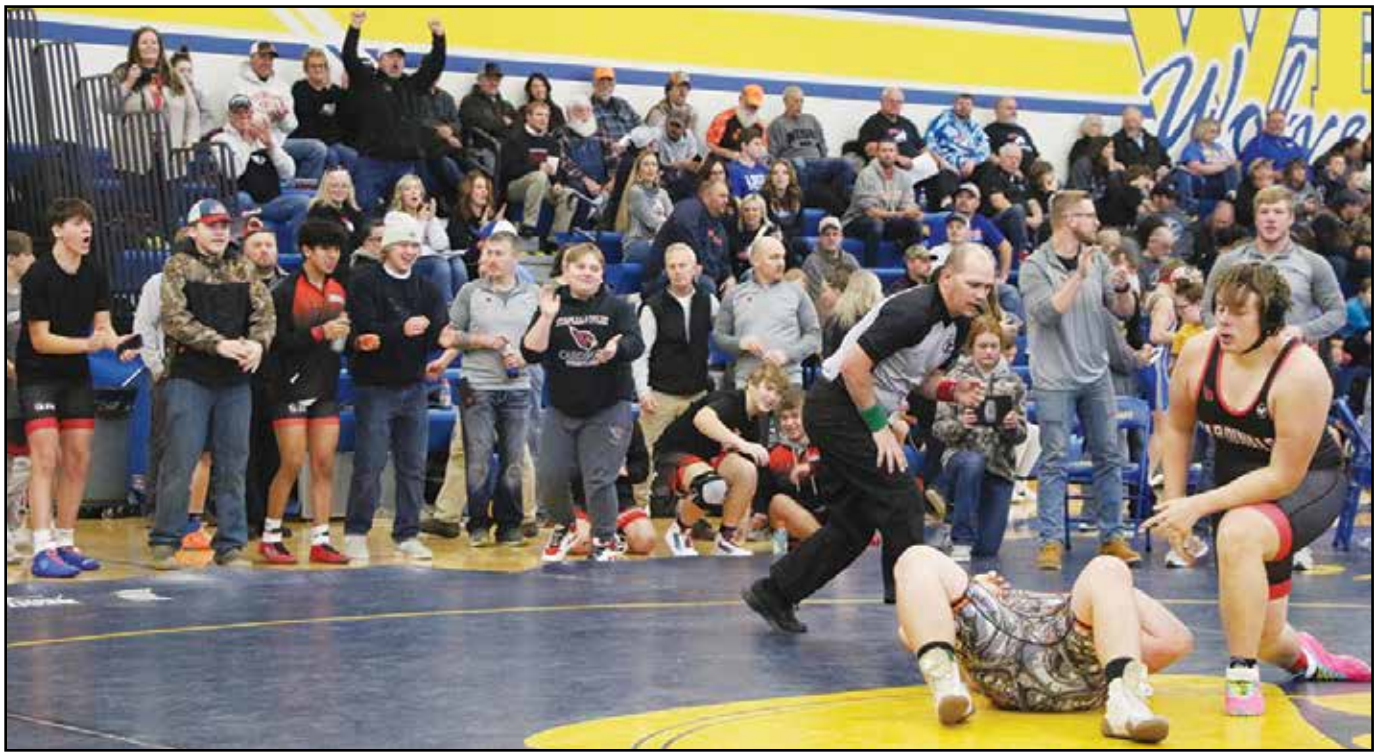
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Big moment for Cardinal wrestlers

Staples-Motley wrestlers and fans celebrate when Steven Petrich completes a pin.

Greenwaldt, Tappe win in first tournament

The Staples-Motley wrestling team had two champions and two second place finishers in the Wadena-Deer Creek wrestling tournament on Dec. 3. Elijah Greenwaldt and Colbe Tappe won their weight brackets while Gage Bjerga and Turner Beachy were both second.

The Cardinals placed seventh out of nine teams at the tournament, but all the teams ahead of them are ranked in the state or have received votes for the state rankings. It was the first action of the year for the Staples-Motley wrestling team.

The Cardinals showed their strength in the lowest weight bracket, 106 pounds, as Greenwaldt and Bjerga both reached the finals from opposite sides of the bracket. Greenwaldt won by fall and had a 10-3 decision while Bjerga won by fall and by a 12-0 score to reach the final. In the championship match, Greenwaldt won 5-0.

Tappe swept through the 145 pound class, earning a bye in the first round, then winning with a pin to reach the final. The final match was an 8-1 win.

Beachy wrestled at 126 pounds, where he won by fall, won 5-2, then lost by technical fall in the final.

Jack Carlson placed third at 120 pounds. He lost a close semifinal match but came back strong with a 7-0 win and a pin in the third place match.

Blake Neelan placed 4th at 160 pounds. He had a 10-8 win to reach the third place match, but lost there.

Riley Reese placed fifth at 138 pounds. He lost in the fourth overtime period in the semifinal, but came back to win the fifth place match.

Owen Winter placed fifth at 152. He earned a 9-1 win in the fifth place match.

Luke Bjerga was fifth at 182 pounds. He had three wins, including a 10-5 victory against a wrestler who had beaten him in an earlier round.

Steven Petrich was fifth at 285 pounds, with a pin and a 4-3 win in the fifth place match.

Wrestlers who did not advance to the placing round included Caden Dobson at 132, Andrew Salcido at 170 and Jacob Becker at 170.

Basketball win for Cardinal girls hoops

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team won one of their first three games of the season. The Cardinals opened at home with a 53-43 loss to Browerville on Nov. 29, then traveled to Wadena-Deer Creek on Dec. 1, where they lost 65-29. The next day the team took a farther trip to Greenway, where they won 56-36.

Against Browerville, the team struggled to score in the first half, starting out on a 0-9 run. Cami Anderson brought them back within two with hustle plays on defense and rebounding. But a 12-4 run by Browerville put Staples-Motley

behind by 11 at halftime.

In the second half, Browerville built the lead to 15, but the Cardinals came on strong late in the game with Lauren Rutten scoring six points to cut the lead to 10 at the end. Staples-Motley made 9 of 12 free throws in the game, with Rutten getting four of her 16 points from the line

Team results

Staples-Motley 43, Browerville 53

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 16, Cami Anderson 8, Livi Lorber 7, Miranda Schotzko 4, Mandy Carter 2, Alli Olander 2, Izzy Olander 2, Georgia Kruchten 2



Staples-Motley basketball action

Left, Meghan VanAlost collects a loose ball. Right, Alli Olander makes a pass. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Wrestling action

Above, Eli Greenwaldt glances up as he tips his opponent at the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament. Right, Gage Bjerga, right, puts an opponent in the cradle lock. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Splitting defenders

Cami Anderson drives into the lane.

Cardinal boys fall on road, at Target Center

The Staples-Motley boys basketball played two notable games to open the season, but they both turned out to be losses.

The Cardinals opened the season at Wadena-Deer Creek on Dec. 1, where they came back from a seven point halftime deficit, but ended up with a 57-55 loss.

The next game was at Target Center in Minneapolis on Dec. 3, against Hennig. The Cardinals again fell behind in the first half and cut the deficit in the second half, but ended up with a 69-48 loss.

Team results

Staples-Motley 55, Wade-

na-Deer Creek 57

Scoring: Hunter Miller 17, Isaiah Schultz 16, Grant Bestland 9, Dakota Hennagier 8, Luke Brownell 3, Elijah Claussen 3

Staples-Motley 48, Hennig 69

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**BID DATE AND LOCA-
TION:**

Sealed Bids will be received at **Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2:00 p.m. local time on December 14, 2022.** Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**EXAMINATION OF
DOCUMENTS:**

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact **Angie Stahnke at 218-336-5901.** The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

**BIDDING REQUIRE-
MENTS:**

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

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Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alter-

nate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

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**BIDDING DOCU-
MENTS & SITE REVIEW:**

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Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the

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**PRE-BID CONFER-
ENCE:**

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479.** If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley Elementary School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed con-

tract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is **December 19, 2022.** Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than **June 2, 2023.**

**SUBSTANTIAL AND
COMPLETION DATE:**

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete by:
**IAQ Phase 1:
August 25, 2023
IAQ Phase 2:
August 23, 2024
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**END OF
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Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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CITY OF STAPLES

**Notice of Public
Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Staples will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Staples Government Center located at 122 6th St NE, Staples to receive public input regarding the 2023 Final Budget and Property Tax Levy.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter or submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing. For a copy of the proposed 2023 Final Budget and Property Tax Levy, contact City Hall at 218-894-2550.

Dated: December 6, 2022
/s/ Tara Greer, City Clerk

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**NOTICE
Second and Final
Reading of Ordinance**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading to require a license to enact a local sales and use tax in the City of Staples.

The second and final reading will be considered at the December 13, 2022 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: December 6, 2022
/s/ Tara Greer, City Clerk

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #6
Oct. 24, 2022, 6 p.m.
District Office**

MINUTES

**Call to Order by Vice
Chair Lund**

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, L. Anderson, Lund, Reeck and B. Anderson present. Winkels was absent. Also attending: Supt. Tappe, Business Mgr. Lego, Principals Ferdon and Berg, Pangrac representing ICS, several students, staff members, Staples World Editor Anderson and Recording Secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by L. Anderson, seconded by B. Anderson, to add items #5h, #5i, #9 & #10. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize the Public
Lund recognized the public and students in attendance.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of minutes from the Sept. 19 Regular Meeting

Approve the resignation of: Skylar Bittner

Approve the hire of: Allison Vangsness - MS Yearbook Layout Advisor

Sarah Decker – MS Student Council Advisor

Allison Vangsness - Sr High Knowledge Bowl Advisor

Shane Tappe — Head Baseball Coach considered separately

Amy Borash -Assistant Musical Director

Erin Judd - Special Olympics Advisor

Kasey Odden - MS Knowledge Bowl Advisor

Kristine Lezer - Custodian MS/HS

Heather Bartel – Custodian MS/HS

Approve the fundraiser requests from: Music Department; Cross Country Boosters; Volleyball Boosters; FFA; REACH; Basketball Boosters

Approve the Agreement with SW Minnesota State University through 2027

Void the 2022-2023 Tuition agreement with Crosslake Community School for J.S.

Approve the termination of Kellie Kasper, Custodian, as of 9/29/2022.

Approve the 2022-2023 lease agreement with Greater MN Family Services

Other

Motion by Lund, sec-

onded by L. Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to approve Shane Tappe as Head Baseball Coach. MC

Grants and Donations

Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the Resolution to Accept Donations and Grants in the amount of \$4,270.88. MC

Thank you to Offutt Farms, Leaf River Ag Service, CAF-3m Hometown, Jerry Brever and Lakewood Health System for your generous donations.

Finance

(Finance Committee Minutes - (10-5-2022))

Financial Report provided by Business Mgr. Lego.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by L. Anderson, seconded by B. Anderson, to approve the removal of John Regan and addition of Tanley Lego to the CD accounts at Mid-Central Bank. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Lund, to approve sealed bids. MC

Other

Facilities

Project update - Pangrac from ICS provided a review of the project's original scope, project adjustments, progress and forecast.

Policy

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve Policy #722 Public Data Requests and form #722. MC

Reports:

School Board

FED - Minutes 8-24-2022

Sourcewell - Minutes 8-16-2022

Principal Berg thanked the Staples Fire Department and Morrison County for sharing with students about fire and snow plow safety, and shared about the Sparks reading buddies opportunity for adult volunteers. Principal Ferdon said Homecoming was a great week and shared about the Veterans day programs on Nov. 11.

Superintendent Tappe recognized the principals during National Principal Month, shared that the district is hiring bus drivers - for regular and activity routes, and the success of the girls tennis team headed to the state tournament.

Activities Director Lee shared that it's a busy week of post season activity, with the outcomes this week determining how busy next week will be!

SMEA President Schneider shared that all is well, and conferences are coming up soon.

Other

**Adjournment
(6:39 p.m.)**

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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**School Board Work
Session, Meeting #7
Nov. 7, 2022,
6:00 p.m -
District Office**

MINUTES

**Call to Order by
chair Winkels.**

Board members Freeman, Lund, Reeck, L. Anderson, Winkels and B. Anderson were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Supt. Tappe, Principals Berg and Ferdon, Staples World Editor Anderson, several students and recording secretary Walz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson to Adopt the Agenda. MC.

2021-2022 Student Achievement Data Report presented by Teaching & Learning Coordinator Jenny Pantzke.

Motion by Lund, seconded by L. Anderson to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. MC

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**Special School Board
Meeting #8
Canvassing Election
Returns
Weds., Nov. 16, 2022
7:30 a.m.
District Office**

AGENDA

Call to Order (by Lund)

The meeting was called to order with B. Anderson, Freeman, Reeck, Lund, Supt. Tappe, ICS consultants and Recording Secretary Walz present. Winkels and L. Anderson were absent. L. Anderson arrived after item #5 on the agenda. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. MC

**Canvass Returns for
November 8, 2022
School Board Election**

Present Abstract and Return of Votes Cast (Review of the Abstract)

Clerk's Certificate as to Abstract and Return of Votes Cast

A total of **9,716** votes were cast.

Kyle Reese	2,279
Chandler Trout	1,906
Ryan Wright	1,651
Erich Heppner	1,614

Bruce Drone	1,202
Shelly DeCamp	1,006
"Write-in"	58

Approve Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes (Roll Call Vote)

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes. Members Freeman, Reeck, B. Anderson and Lund voted in favor. None opposed. Winkels and L. Anderson absent. MC

Approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates. Freeman, Lund, Reeck and B. Anderson voted in favor. None opposed. Winkels and L. Anderson absent. MC

Accept the Certificate of Election

Motion by Lund, seconded by B. Anderson, to accept the Certificate of Election. MC

Certificates will be given to new members and Oath of Office will be taken at the first meeting in January 2023.

**Canvass Returns for
November 8, 2022
Operating Levy
(Renewal)**

Present Abstract and Return of Votes Cast (Review of the Abstract)

Clerk's Certificate as to Abstract and Return of Votes Cast

A total of **4,162** votes were cast

No	2,351
Yes	1,811

Adopt Resolution Canvassing returns of votes of the School District special election. (Roll Call Vote)

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to adopt the Resolution Canvassing the results of the special election. B. Anderson, Reeck, Freeman, L. Anderson and Lund voted in favor. None opposed. Winkels absent. MC

Facilities

Approve Elementary addition bids and award contracts for work scopes 3,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 & 17.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reeck, to approve Elementary addition bids and award contracts for work scopes 3,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 & 17. MC

**Adjournment
(7:47a.m.)**

Motion by L. Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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More characters every year for Charlie Brown Christmas

my house. So I put a small string of lights on that tree and ran an extension cord to my house with a timer connected to it. Every night that tree lit up and I thought that the tree could be Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. The next year I made a Snoopy figure and I put him on our pump house with lights and hooked him up to the same cord that lit up Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. The following year (no. three) I went down to Charlie Brown's tree only to find that a buck deer had mangled the tree and the lights with his antlers. So last year I had Snoopy

and two new figures which included Charlie Brown and Woodstock. I put them out in front of our house with a tree for all to see. Fast forward to 2022 (year no. five), I have added two more figures and a Christmas present to the line up... they are Schroeder playing the piano, and Lucy. Next year I am planning to do Linus and his blanket and Pigpen who will be an ultimate challenge. It has been a fun hobby and I thank Mr. Schulz for his cartoon characters along with his very informative comments.



Dog house

Snoopy finds a comfortable resting spot on a lighted shed, created by Lee Jenkins. (Submitted photo)

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Replica project intended to inspire others to create

During the display, Brichacek encourages everyone to visit and take a closer look. "I'm hopeful that all the intricate details will be noticed and may inspire someone else to do another building, maybe the St. Charles Hotel from across the street that burned down for example,"

he said. "Maybe a kid looks at this and thinks they could try to make something for our community as well." When asked if tomorrow, knowing the amount of work this was, would he agree to the project again? "Hmmm...probably," Brichacek said.

Fisher named TWEC Operations Manager

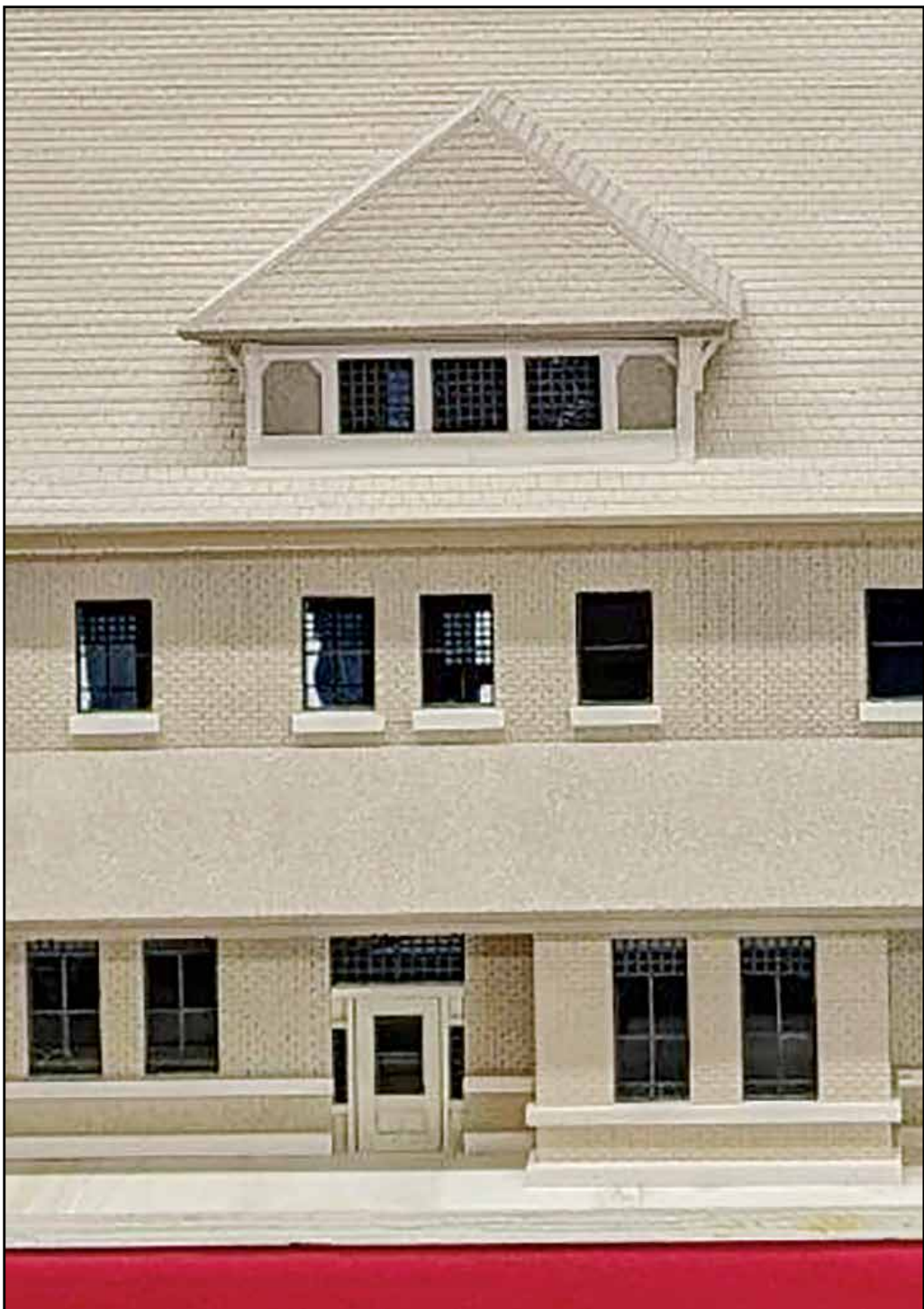
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) announced the promotion of Tyler Fisher to Operations Manager on Dec. 1. With more than a decade of experience in the electric industry, Fisher's primary focus will be to oversee the construction, operation and maintenance of TWEC's distribution system and act as the head of TWEC's safety program. Fisher and his team, which includes lineworkers, warehouse specialist, purchasing agent, and mechanic will continue to be proactive with maintenance of facilities and equipment while continually being dedicated to pro-

viding safe, reliable, and affordable energy to the members TWEC serves. "Tyler brings a wealth of experience, qualifications, and leadership qualities. We are excited about his new role at the Cooperative. Without a doubt, having Tyler at the helm of the Operations department will be a great asset to our team and to our members." said Dan Carlisle, CEO/President & General Counsel of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative. Fisher started his career at TWEC in 2013 as a Staking Technician. In that position, Fisher worked face to face with members and property owners with



Tyler Fisher

new construction projects, service upgrades, locating, line rebuilds, and obtaining easements.



Detailed work on depot replica

Every door, window, brick, corner and shingle on the Staples Depot is included in the replica. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

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