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Senior celebration Staples-Motley seniors punctuate their Sno Daze lip synch performance with cheering and glitter. See more photos on page 10a, 5a. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

School board looking for favorable bond sale

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board is planning to sell a type of bond to pay for construction costs, part of the construction process the school has been going through since their referendum did not pass.

At a Feb. 6 school board work session, Greg Crowe, President of Ehlers Public Finance Advisors, presented the pre-sale report for \$2,125,000 worth of bonds. The board will consider passing a resolution to issue the bonds at their next meeting, the Monday, Feb. 27 regular board meeting.

Crowe said the bond markets have been volatile, but interest rates have been going down a little. He said not as many schools or cities have been issuing bonds, so there have been a lot of bidders for bonds recently. He said they estimate the interest rate will be about 3.8 percent.

The plan is to issue the bonds on March 9 and ratify the sale on March 10 if there are any favorable bids. The board could reject the bids if they do not meet the parameters they are expected to set at the next board meeting.

Crowe said issuing these bonds will keep the tax levy level for the next five years, at which time the board can reassess to see if they want to ask voters to approve the next building project.

Fifty-six animals recovered from Motley residence during search warrant

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen reports that on Jan. 24, at approximately 10 a.m., their office along with members of the Animal Humane Society (AHS), executed a search warrant at a single dwelling residence, located at 34499 Highway 10, approximately four miles south of Motley.

According to Sheriff Larsen, his office responded to a call for service at this residence weeks prior to the search warrant being executed, where a deputy discovered and noted multiple animals living inside the residence, in an unhealthy environment. The sheriff's office reached out to the Animal Humane Society for their assistance in this case and a search warrant was later drafted by the sheriff's office.

Many animals were located living in unsanitary conditions. In total, 56 animals were recovered from

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Animals rescued from Motley residence

Photos posted at the Animal Humane Society show a number of animals that were recently rescued from a rural Motley residence during a search warrant executed by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office and the AHS. In total, 56 animals were recovered from the unhealthy environment and brought to the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley. Above, two dogs are pictured at the Motley residence. Below, an AHS employee greets one of the dogs, covered in filth, upon its arrival to Golden Valley.



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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 1	18	3	M. Sunny
Feb. 2	-5	-16	M. Sunny
Feb. 3	5	1	M. Cloudy
Feb. 4	25	11	Cloudy
Feb. 5	22	14	P. Cloudy
Feb. 6	26	16	Cloudy
Feb. 7	20	3	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 1	24°	17	Cloudy
Feb. 2	-4	-11	Sunny
Feb. 3	-4	-25	M. Sunny
Feb. 4	10	-5	M. Sunny
Feb. 5	13	-1	Cloudy
Feb. 6	10	2	Sunny
Feb. 7	19	1	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 23° Low = 5°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Spreading love

Customers at the Family Dollar Store in Staples have been given the opportunity at check-out to purchase a heart-shaped balloon for a resident at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. The balloons will be delivered on Valentines Day. Pictured, from left, are Kayla DeYonge, Family Dollar Store employee, and Tracy Gibson of Staples who purchased a balloon Feb. 12. Gibson said he used to live near a care center, has a soft spot for residents there and was happy for the opportunity to help spread love on Valentines Day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Fire Department's Explorer Program going strong

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Although they can't officially become members of the Motley Fire Department (MFD) until they're 18 years old, four area teens are getting a head start on learning some of the ropes that will help them toward their goal.

The boys are part of the department's Explorer Program...a mentorship opportunity that's a plus for them, as well as the senior firefighters.

"They're an extra set of hands," Todd Judd, MFD's 1st Asst. Chief, said of the 'junior firefighters,' adding that they help with equipment at the fire hall, as well as dragging hoses and assisting with other tasks at fires.

The Explorers are Alex Holmberg, 14; Reid Judd, 14; Luke Bjerga, 15; and Hunter Scribner, 17.

During a recent interview, the boys (except for Bjerga, who was unable to attend) shared some thoughts on the program, as well as firefighting in general.

Having a relative on the fire department was an inspiration to them wanting to join. Reid is the son of Todd Judd and Alex is the son of MFD firefighter Tim Holmberg. Hunter's cousin, Jeff Scribner, is a former

Explorer as well.

"I've been a firefighter his whole life," Todd Judd said of his son, adding that he joined the department Jan. 1, 2008 and Reid was born a few months later on June 9. "He's always been infatuated with firefighting," Todd Judd added.

Reid went on to share how excited he was to turn 14 and finally be able to become an Explorer. Wouldn't you know, the MFD got a fire call on June 9, his actual 14th birthday.

They happened to be in the drive-thru lane at Dairy Queen when the pager went off, Todd said, adding that it didn't take long for Reid to choose fighting a fire over eating an ice cream treat. "That was the best birthday ever," Reid said.

As part of the Explorer program, the boys attend the MFD's meeting night on the first Tuesday of every month. During that time monthly truck and equipment checks take place, which the boys assist with. The third and fifth Tuesdays of each month are training nights.

As Explorers, the boys cannot go inside structure fires but they've been able to assist at grass fire calls as well as with outside structures.

In addition to learning how to handle equipment

such as hoses, the boys are getting a taste of what it means to fight fires in below zero temps and at all hours of the day. Both Reid and Alex, freshmen at Staples-Motley High School, recalled getting up at 3 a.m. recently to assist at a barn fire. Yep, that was a short night, the boys said, sharing that they had to go to school a few hours later. Reid said he bought two chocolate bars to get through the day, and Alex said he managed to stay awake during classes thanks to an energy drink.

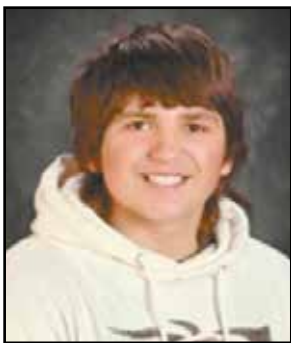
It's worth it, all of them said of the training program, which will help them join the ranks of other Explorers who went on to become actual firefighters. Currently, Nick Dille is the only Motley Firefighter who went through the Explorer program, but they've had many in the past that have joined the department once they turned 18, Todd Judd said.

"I think it's a great opportunity for them," Todd Judd said of the Explorer program. "They are very eager to learn and to help. They learn a lot about working as a team and a lot about safety. It's fun to see them pick up on things that they know they should do without being told. We benefit from them as well, many hands make light work."



Future firefighters learning the ropes

Four teenagers are currently part of the Motley Fire Department's Explorer program, a hands-on program for young people interested in becoming firefighters one day. Pictured above prior to the start of the MFD's monthly meeting Feb. 7, are, from left, Reid Judd, Hunter Scribner and Alex Holmberg. In lower submitted photo, is Luke Bjerga, who was not able to attend that evening. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying good food, fellowship, at the Community Meal



Below zero temps didn't keep people away from the Staples Church of Christ Jan. 31, where a free community meal of meatballs, mashed potatoes and all the fixings was offered. Pastor Barry Klein estimated they served at least 165 people, with 20 more 'to go' meals delivered to folks around town. Pictured above, from left, are Jerry Morse, Pat Morse, Bob Mudek and Karen Mudek, all of Staples. In lower photo, from left, church volunteers Karen Seamann, Stacey Carter and Susan Adams help serve food to guests. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Feb. 2 - 7

Feb. 1 - The MPD stopped a vehicle for speed and a cracked windshield at Hwy 210 and Spruce Rd., Motley, and subsequently arrested Daniel Wayne Maclean, 38, and Marcus Leland Bugg, 39, for outstanding warrants and 5th degree controlled substance. The driver, Bugg, also provided a false name of an actual person. The Motley PD was assisted by the MCSO and the Todd County Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 3 - The MPD arrested Laine Dunbar Adamson, 26, following a 27-mile pursuit. The MPD reports that after conducting a traffic stop, Adamson failed to stop, leading officers on a pursuit. The pursuit ended when the vehicle lost control and spun out at Hwy 210 W., Motley. Adamson was transported to the Morrison County Jail. The MPD was assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, Todd County Sheriff's Office and the MCSO.

Feb. 3 - 7 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Michael Brickner, 46; Grayson Beard, 19.

Feb. 7 - The MCSO

received a report of a power pole, located at Cattleberry Rd and Bugle Rd in Motley, that was on fire and fully engulfed. Scandia Valley Fire responded and Crow Wing Power was notified.

Feb. 5 - The MCSO issued a citation to Jill Maria Lamere, 60, for speed, possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana in a motor vehicle.

Feb. 5 - The MCSO received a report of a possible fire at 110th St. SW and Hwy 64 in Cass County. The Motley Fire Department was paged.

Feb. 5 - The MCSO was dispatched to a report of a suicidal subject in Cushing. Upon arrival, the subject indicated she was suicidal and wanted to go to the hospital. She was eventually transported by Mayo ambulance without incident.

Feb. 4 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County regarding a snowmobile accident in their county. Per their request, Motley Fire and Rescue was paged.

Feb. 4 - The MCSO issued a citation to Ronald Espinosa Calero, 33, for driving without a license.

Feb. 2 - The MCSO received a report of a barn fire at the 12000 block of 61st Ave SW in Motley, Cass County. The MFD was paged.

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Crews donation to Quilts for Veterans

Three quilts were given to Staples area veterans and their families, from Quilts for Todd County Veterans. These were special donations because the fabric for the quilts was donated from the supply of Teresa Crews, who passed away unexpectedly in 2017. Teresa's father Charlie Crews of Staples, donated an enormous stash of fabric and quilting supplies to the Todd County Council On Aging and asked that the fabric be used to benefit

Todd County residents.

One of the projects is Quilts for Todd County Veterans. Charlie Crews is a veteran and received one of the quilts. Pictured, from left, Bobby and Ruth Nurnberger with their quilt, Verna Toenyan of the Todd County Council on Aging, Fred Huebner, Jody Bebault, daughter of Charlie Crews, and Paul Marte. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Thanks for reading the
Staples World!

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Feb. 12, 1948 - Staples high school Cardinals romped all over Detroit Lakes here Friday evening of last week to win a one-sided game by the score of 47 to 22. This game is a non-conference and non-district event, but it gives the Cards a win of 14 games out of the 17 played so far this season.

Don Petree and Ted Greg-

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Dawn Timbs
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ory paced the Cards to victory, in the opening quarter of the game.

• Feb. 12, 1948 - Climaxing weeks of preparation on the part of all women of the Council of Church Women of Staples, the annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Methodist church in Staples Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, with the service starting at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. T. N. Neergaard of the Adventist church in charge of the services.

The service is not for the people of Staples city alone, but for the entire community and surrounding villages. Churches participating in the festivities include the Methodist, Congregational, First English Lutheran, Adventist, Church of Christ, Christian and Missionary Alliance and Episcopal churches of Staples. The soloist for the service will be James Ewing of the Congregational church, who will have as his accompanist Miss Jean Kirchgessner. A trio composed of Mrs. Robert Batchner, Mrs. George Hall and Mrs. Harry Henriksen will also sing at the service.

• Feb. 12, 1948 - The casketed remains of T/5 Joseph E. Langer, World War II member of the United States Army from Staples, to be returned from overseas for final burial, will be sent to Fort Snelling National Cemetery in the next two weeks, accompanied by a uniformed army escort from the Chicago distribution center of the American Graves Registration Division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton B. Langer of Staples.

• Feb. 12, 1948 - For the second year, the St. Paul Rotary club will be host to young men of the 117th Rotary International district, and young men from all of the clubs in the district will go to St. Paul on Feb. 28 - March 2.

Chosen from the Staples club are James Ewing, son of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Ewing, and Kenneth Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Johnson of Staples.

• Feb. 12, 1948 - Staples city treasury was enriched



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 15, 1973 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers and where you'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.

by \$4,752.72 from the state treasurer this week, this apportionment coming to them from the state liquor and cigarette tax. Todd county as a whole received a grand total of \$29,641.71 as its share from the state funds.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Feb. 15, 1973 - The Staples Cardinals did it! They came back in the second half and handed the Wadena Indians a 70 to 49 drubbing on the Wadena Court last Friday evening in Mid-State Conference basketball action.

• Feb. 15, 1973 - The Staples Cardinals out-classed the six other teams and easily won their sixth straight Mid-State Conference wrestling championship last Saturday at Park Rapids.

With a large number of Staples fans attending the all-day event, Mark Bendson, Tim Dumpprope, Bill Bendson, Charlie Sowers and Ron Kern wrestled their way to championship crowns. Kevin Olsen and Jeff Marden took second placings and John Perkins captured a third. Harry Goeden, Mike Hajek and Roger Madson all settled for the number four spot.

• Feb. 15, 1973 - Guy Doud of Staples is one of the seven competent amateur performers appearing in the musical, "Oklahoma," being presented by the Brainerd State Junior College-Community Theatre Feb. 14-18 and Feb. 21-25. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Doud of Staples, Guy Doud plays "Jud Fry" in the musical.

• Feb. 15, 1973 - Joe Neznik was crowned king and Carlene Miller will reign as

queen over the annual Sno-Daze at Staples High school. Other candidates seeking the honor were Carol Rossman, Colleen Henry, Kerry Brichacek, Deb Stoerzinger, Deb Olstad, Don Ludovissie, George Hankey, Cliff Thelen, Brian Baustian and Mark Jares.

• Feb. 15, 1973 - Fourteen members of the Class of 1973 at Staples High school were honored Feb. 8, by their being initiated into membership of the National Honor Society.

The new members are Patricia Adamietz, Brian Baustian, Mary DesMara, Thomas Gray, Joyce Holmquist, Allen Olander, Colleen Henry, Robert Rego, Tracy Noyes, Mark Jares, Cynthia Neal, James Sauer, Cynthia McGillivray and Patrick Wilhelmson.

The seven members of the NHS who were initiated last May performed the induction ceremonies, namely Susan LeVasseur, Thomas Sycks, Debra Olstad, Kevin Olsen, Debra Stoerzinger, Patrick Quance and George Hankey.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Feb. 12, 1998 - Frank Leidenfrost of Staples was elected district governor of District 5-M-8 Lions Clubs at their mid-winter convention in St. Cloud this past weekend.

Leidenfrost has been a member of Lions since 1969 and served in most of the leadership positions of the Staples Host Lions Club, becoming president in 1979-80. At the district level he has been a zone chairman and served as vice district governor.

• Feb. 12, 1998 - Steve

Palmer, formerly the controller, has been named the president of McKechnie Tooling and Engineering of Staples.

• Feb. 12, 1998 - Two Staples Motley High School students have been selected as the school's Triple AAA winners for the 1997-98 school year.

Inga Storbakken, daughter of Ron and Sue Storbakken, and Jesse Jennissen, son of Bill and Eileen Jennissen, were announced last week as this year's winners of the award for excellence in arts, academics and athletics.

• Feb. 12, 1998 - Love Is... Sirloin Steak for Two! Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley advertises a 22 oz. sirloin with salad bar for \$14.95, or prime rib for \$9.95.

• Feb. 12, 1998 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed a new business, Reiki Healing Touch, to Motley's Wilson House. The business is owned by Donna Marie Robbins, Reiki Master. Others on staff are Jean Schoenecker and Megan Saumer, Certified Massage Therapists.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Feb. 14, 2013 - Valentine's Day has been a big day for Greg and Shirley Wegscheid of rural Staples, ever since they got married on Feb. 14, 1963, fifty years ago.

• Feb. 14, 2013 - Staples Motley High School Sno Daze Coronation was held Feb. 8 in Centennial Auditorium. Brooke Wolhowe and Blake Miller were crowned Queen and King at the ceremony. Other candidates included Theresa Odden, Brian Huber, Taylor Miller, Devon White, Michael Beach, Linsey Johnson, Trent Hansen, Ann Kautto.

• Feb. 14, 2013 - "Sixty years of Valentines" was the headline, with three local couples sharing their love stories. They included Leader natives Carl and Alice Granby, who celebrated their 60th anniversary June 26, 2012; Glenn and Audrey Cyrus of Motley, married since Nov. 22, 1952; and Ray and Jane Gedde of Pillager, who were engaged on Valentine's Day in 1952, and were married six months later, on Aug. 2.

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Recovered animals to receive health care

the residence. The animals are currently being cared for, examined and evaluated by Animal Humane Society staff.

At their Facebook page, AHS staff shared that, "The animals ranged in age from only months old to more than 12 years old. Constant exposure to filth had left some with severe upper respiratory infections and skin conditions. Some were dehydrated. All of them were frightened, exhausted and overwhelmed. In the coming days and weeks they will need the vaccines, surgeries, and behavioral care required to prepare them for their second chance."

This case is in an early investigative status. Once the facts and circumstances of the case are gathered and completed, the case will be forwarded to the Morrison County Attorney's Office. The county attorney's office will then determine whether charges will be filed. No more information will be released until the investigation is complete. For more information regarding this case, refer to animalhumanesociety.org.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Animal Humane Society and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.



Search warrant near Motley

A search warrant was executed by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office and members of the Animal Humane Society Jan. 24, at a single dwelling residence about four miles south of Motley, at 34499 Highway 10. A total of 56 animals were recovered at that time. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Six Morrison County inmates treated for potential overdose

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen reports that on Feb. 11 at approximately 6:57 p.m., Morrison County Jail staff were alerted of an unresponsive inmate in a housing unit. Correctional officers immediately responded to the cell block and discovered an unresponsive inmate. Staff called for backup and Morrison County deputies, Little Falls Police Department officers, Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service personnel and a nurse from St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, arrived on scene and assisted correctional officers with lifesaving efforts, to include administering Narcan.

Upon working on the first inmate that was unresponsive, other inmates in the same housing unit began showing signs of a potential overdose. In total,

six inmates showed signs of overdosing and five were treated with Narcan. All six male inmates in the same housing unit were transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital for treatment and monitoring. After being evaluated at the hospital, the six inmates were cleared and released back to the Morrison County Jail.

The Minnesota Department of Corrections has been notified of this incident. An investigation is being conducted by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Little Falls Police Department. Sheriff Larsen states that he is proud of everyone's collaborative efforts, for their quick response and lifesaving actions, which ultimately saved the lives of six inmates.

WIC facts

Todd County Health and Human Services

The Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Program:

- Is a Nutrition and Breastfeeding program
- Helps eligible pregnant women, new mothers, babies and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy.
- Provides nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and referrals to home visiting and community services.

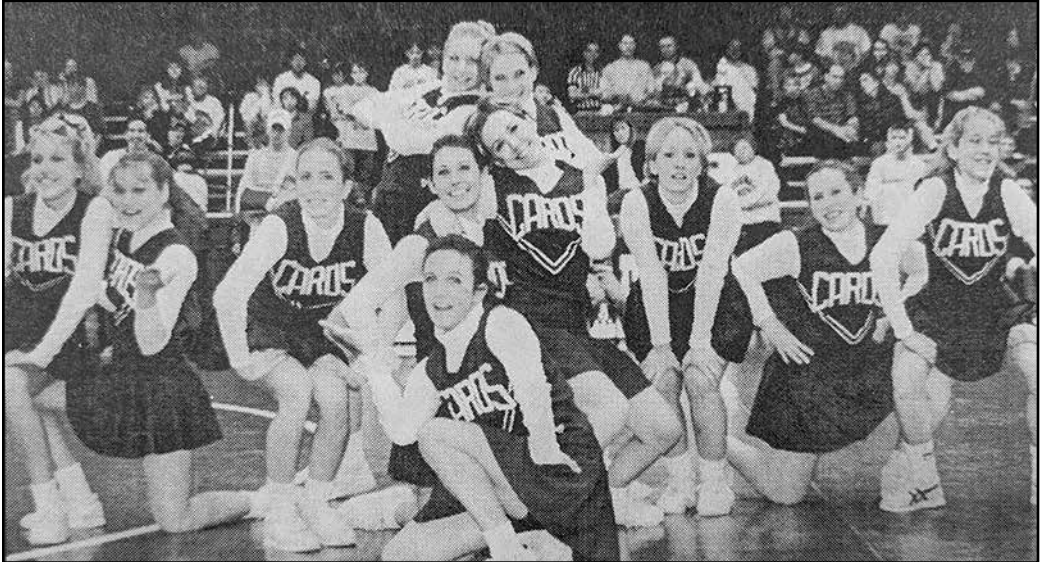
Who is eligible for WIC? If you, or a family member, is currently participating in any of the following programs, you and your family are automatically income eligible for the WIC

Program:

- Medical Assistance
- SNAP (Food Stamps)
- MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Energy Assistance Program (EAP)
- Reduced or Free School Lunch
- Head Start

Your family may also qualify for WIC based on your household size and gross income (before taxes are taken out).

For more information or to apply for WIC visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic> Questions? Call Todd County WIC staff at 320-732-4456 or email at wic@co.todd.mn.us.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Jan. 29, 1998 edition of the Staples World featured Staples Motley Cheerleaders performing their competition routine for fans during a home game in the Staples gymnasium. The girls were going to be performing their routine in the MCCA State Cheerleading Competition in a few days. From left are Jackie Etzler, Nicole Tyrrell, Maryann Ludovissie, Jessica Schock (front), Stephanie Matejicka, Erin Card, Amy Jo Walthall, Jayme Hajek, Amy Otteson, Laura Anderson and Missy Matejicka.

Michelle Lundquist of Staples correctly identified the cheerleaders and knew most of their married names as well. She noted that she graduated from Staples-Motley in 1998, along

with many of these girls. Judy Wolak of Staples recognized all except Nicole Tyrrell and Missy Matejicka

Dale and Rynell Schock of Staples recognized their daughter Jessica and her fellow cheerleaders, adding, "They had spirit, yes they did!" and shared that "they mainly cheered for football and basketball games, wrestling matches, all of the tournaments, pep rallies, send-offs and welcome home celebrations. They were a committed, energetic and skilled group of athletes. They loved cheering for the teams. Regular and rigorous practices were coached to perfection by Coach Janelle Thompson."

Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Bird life offers a lesson on staying warm

During the recent sub-zero cold snap, coming just as January was transitioning to February, a pair of crows showed up in the ash tree outside our windows, just as dawn was breaking. Surprisingly, positive identification took a few moments.

At first glance I thought they might be ravens, given their bulky appearance, and knowing that ravens are heavier in the body than crows.

Both are found where we live. But unless both are seen together—not rare, but not an everyday occurrence—it can be hard to make the distinction.

But it became clear within a few moments observation that they were crows, not ravens.

Watching them as they perched silently in the ash tree, occasionally hopping from branch to branch, it dawned on me why I had at first been uncertain. Every so often they would give their body a vigorous shake, and with each exertion would fluff up their jet-black feathers, appearing “bulked up,” and less sleek than crows normally do.

In doing so, they were employing one of Nature’s simplest and most effective tactics for dealing with extreme cold, a behavior demonstrated by many species of birds that spend winters in very cold climates. Backyard bird watchers are likely to see this be-

havior, too, as chickadees, juncos, blue jays, and other visitors to their feeders and bird-friendly plantings do the same feather-plumping routine. But to what purpose?

Trapped air is an excellent insulator. Air trapped in the spaces within the down and feathers of even a tiny bird can create a layer of warmth between the skin and the bird’s outer feathers. Heat retained in this way is a metabolic benefit to the bird, increasing its chances of survival by reducing the body’s need for food to balance caloric intake with life’s warmth and energy demands.

Humans take advantage of the same principle in the design and manufacture of garments and other gear when conserving heat is important. Products like jackets, coats, vests, and sleeping bags, for instance. The difference being, the feathers that provide the insulating elements in these consumer products are requisitioned from the creatures that grow them; often as a byproduct of raising these birds for food.

Goose and duck down have for many years been the gold standard for insulating clothing and gear that is expected to provide maximum warmth with a minimum of weight. The air trapping ability of down remains long after it has been harvested from the creatures upon whose body it originally grew.

There are still some—purists, they might be called—who consider garments and cold-weather gear that are insulated with down to be the ultimate. It is lighter, and can be compressed more and still bounce back to its original

heat-retaining loft—fluffed up just as a bird might, you could say—and, with care, is likely to last longer than synthetics. Prices reflect this, too.

The only real performance drawback of down is that it insulates poorly when wet. But there is now a process by which down can be treated with a water-resistant coating that resists moisture, before being incorporated into a garment or other product.

As in other aspects of life, the cleverness of humans in taking pages from Nature’s notebook is evident in the warmth business, too. There are a number of synthetic materials that have taken the place of natural down for insulating cold weather garments and outdoor gear. In these, fine filaments of various formulations of polyester are spun to create air pockets between the fibers, not so different in effect from the air pockets created when a bird fluffs up its feathers.

In the highest end synthetics, finer filaments and more air space—more warmth-retaining potential—are characteristic. As good as natural down is, high quality synthetics may have a leg up in high-exertion—sweat-producing—activities, and in wet or humid environments, thanks to their ability to pass moisture and to dry more readily.

Next time you see a songbird at your backyard feeder, or in a tree or shrub in the yard, or along a ski trail, pay attention to what it’s doing when it’s not actively feeding. You just might see it employing one of Nature’s most universal strategies for keeping warm during a Minnesota winter.

Quote of the week

“If you win a Super Bowl before you’re fired, you’re a genius, and everyone listens to you. But a coach is just a guy whose best class in grammar school was recess and whose best class in high school was P.E. I never thought I was anything but a guy whose best class was P.E.”

— John Madden

LGA increase requested by local government officials

From Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

HF 1377, a bill to increase the Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA) appropriations by \$150 million each, received its first hearing in the House Property Tax Division. The bill, authored by Rep. Dave Lislegard of Aurora, is supported by the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Inter-County Association, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities.

“We are very grateful to Rep. Lislegard for bringing this proposal forward. He has always been a strong advocate for local governments across the state,” said St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald.

The most recent increases to LGA and CPA were approved during the 2019 legislative session. Despite those increases, both programs remain funded at roughly the same level as in 2002.

“The LGA and CPA programs form the cornerstone of the state’s partnership with local governments to ensure that all Minnesotans receive high-quality public services statewide,” said Mayor of Virginia Larry Cuffe. “The state calls upon the counties to implement all manner of programs related to health and human services, corrections, child protection, environmental stewardship, and more. CPA is critical to helping counties fulfill that mission,” according to Olmsted County Commissioner and Minnesota Inter-County Association Board member Sheila Kiscaden.

“For cities, LGA helps us provide the public safety, libraries, parks and recreation, safe streets, and water and wastewater services that our residents and businesses rely on. LGA helps make for thriving and strong communities in every corner of the state,” said Mayor of Olivia Jon Hawkinson.

In addition to being a key element in delivering essential services, LGA and

CPA help restrain property tax levies. “Just as inflation is hitting individuals and businesses, it is also putting pressure on local governments,” explains Ramsey County Commissioner and Association of Minnesota Counties President Mary Jo McGuire. “Salaries and benefits, gas for squad cars and parts for vehicles, and the cost of building materials are all going up. Without increases to LGA and CPA, all of these costs fall on property taxpayers.”

In addition to LGA and CPA not keeping pace with inflation, both programs have declined as a share of the state budget. For example, in 2002, LGA accounted for approximately 4 percent of the state budget. This year, LGA accounts for only 2.1 percent.

“Local governments rely upon a strong partnership with the state, and local government aid plays a crucial role in that partnership,” said Coon Rapids City Manager and Association of Metropolitan Municipalities President Matt Stempel.

M State economic impact

Minnesota State, the system of 26 state colleges and seven state universities, released today the results of a study that estimates the economic impact of Minnesota State Community and Technical College, or M State, to be nearly \$230 million annually. That figure includes a direct impact of \$134 million and an indirect impact of \$95.8 million. M State also supports and sustains 1,739 jobs, the study found.

“At M State, our top priority is the success of our students, but it is important to note that the college plays a vital role in both the state and regional economies,” said M State

President Carrie Brimhall. “Our operations and the economic activity generated by our faculty, staff and students touch virtually every corner of our regional economy, including education, hospitality, child care services and retail.”

M State offers over 70 career and liberal arts programs online and at its campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena.

Access the full Minnesota State economic contribution report at minnstate.edu/impact.

Super Bowl brought to you by farmers

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

Super Sunday can be likened to the American version of the Garden of Eden: All the good things agriculture has to offer. Before the game, Heather Barnes and Lisa Foust Prater of Successful Farming

reported that from the chicken wings to veggie trays to all the meats, cheeses and chips, “A whopping 79% will be spent on food and beverages, all of which come from farms. Ameri-

cans eat more food on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year except for Thanksgiving.”

Don’t forget the barley for the beer. “The National Restaurant Association says 51.7 million cases of beer are sold every year during Super Bowl weekend. One bushel of barley, grown mostly by farmers across the Northern Plains and Pacific Northwest, will make 565 12-ounce beers,” Barnes and Prater write. “Whether it’s the stadium, the field, the ball, or the food, one

thing is clear: no farms, no Super Bowl.”

And it goes beyond food. “Leather is also used to make the ball. Even though it’s often called a pigskin, footballs are actually made of cowhide,” Barnes and Prater write. “Wilson [Sporting Goods] is the official supplier of footballs for the NFL: 120 of its footballs will be used in Sunday’s game. One cowhide will make 10 footballs. Not just any cowhide is used; it comes from cattle grown in Iowa, Kansas, or Nebraska.”

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Fischbach sitting on rules committee

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach was reappointed to the Rules Committee by Speaker McCarthy. “I am looking forward to continuing to serve on Congress’ oldest standing committee,” said Rep. Fischbach. “I am eager to serve as a voice for rural Minnesota on a committee that sees every piece of legislation that comes to the House Floor, and to restore accountabili-

ty, transparency, and normal order to this institution.”

Originally formed in 1789, the Rules Committee is responsible for determining the means by which the House considers legislation, as well as the chamber’s rules. Congresswoman Fischbach was originally appointed to the committee in the 117th Congress, the only Republican freshman to do so.



Mark Your Calendar

February 15, 16

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 13, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-6616. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

February 16

‘WALK WITH A Doc’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood 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>

February 17

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

February 20

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

February 21

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



Puzzle time at the Staples Library

The Staples Public Library held a jigsaw puzzle tournament January 28, sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Teams consisted of four players who enjoyed a morning of cookies and puzzling fun. The next puzzle tournament is Feb. 18 at 9:00 a.m. Tournament rules: each team receives the same puzzle; no one sees the puzzle until the timer begins; fastest finish wins. There is a six team limit (ages 12 to adult). Registration is required by calling the library at 218-894-1401. Above: The winning team, Melissa and Sam Neff, Corey Zetah, Heather (with Eli) and Anthony Maule. (Submitted photo)

Minnesota author to visit Staples Public Library Feb. 16

Minnesota author David Housewright will be at the Staples Public Library Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. and the public is welcome to join the discussion. David Housewright is an Edgar Award-winning author of crime fiction and past President of the Private Eye Writers of America best known for his Holland Taylor and Rushmore McKenzie detective novels. The Books, Bites & Brews book club has been reading his most recent novel “Something Wicked” which is the 19th in the McKenzie series. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Staples Public Library. This program is for teens and adults and was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota’s Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

February

- **LARGE GROUP INSTRUMENTAL CONTEST** Feb. 22, Staples-Motley HS
- **DISTRICT SPELLING BEE** Feb. 23, Centennial Auditorium

March

- **MS CHOIR/BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** March 7, 7 p.m.
- **HS MUSIC TOUR** March 8 - 12
- **MS PLAY** March 17, 7 p.m.; March 18, 2 p.m.

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



Sno Daze shows

Staples-Motley staff, above and below, performed a medley of songs “through the decades” for the Sno Daze lip synch contest, while the senior class (right and bottom photo) had a variety of costumes and songs. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





The congregation of **Staples Assembly of God Church** will be hosting a **40 YEAR CELEBRATION** of service to our church and community of **Pastor Roy and Kathy Miles**

Join our congregation **Sunday February 26, at noon** in the church fellowship hall for a potluck lunch followed by (dessert and coffee provided).

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Student Achievements

BRYN WILLIAMS Staples, was recently named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Iowa State University. To qualify, students must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

LEAH BESTLAND Staples, was recently named to the 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List at Mayville State University. To qualify, students

must attain a grade point average of 3.50 or higher and successfully complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours of regular academic credit.

RYAN GERARD Staples, was recently named to the 2022 Fall Semester High Honor List at Minnesota State University, Mankato. To qualify, students must achieve a 4.0 straight "A" average and be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Obituaries

Mark Plattner

Mark Lyn Plattner, 65, passed away unexpectedly February 4, 2023.

Services were held February 11 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Mark was born April 24, 1957 to Junior and Darline Plattner in Rochester. He graduated from Staples High School in 1975 and received a degree from the Staples Area Technical Institute (AVTI) in Automotive Technician and Machining. He met Phyllis Etzler at the Friendly Inn during a game of foosball and they were married June 5, 1976, in Lincoln. They lived in Staples where they raised four children: Scott Etzler, Lance Plattner, Michelle Boyer and Ryan Plattner.



Lamour books, gardening, sewing and most of all, spending time with his loved ones and being the leaning post for his family. Mark will be remembered for his incredible strength and being the most calm person anyone knew.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two sons, Scott Etzler and Ryan (Sammie) Plattner; one daughter, Michelle (Adam) Boyer; seven grandchildren, Garret Plattner, Tristin Etzler, Ashley Boyer, Tyler Plattner, Blaine Plattner, Zander Plattner, Easton Boyer; his parents; one brother, Gilmore (Lachelle) Plattner; four sisters, Brenda (Maroon) Kattoura, Lisa (John) Lallo, Ericka (Mike) Miller and Shanda (Steve) Glantz.

He is preceded in death by one son, Lance Plattner and grandparents, Wilmer Plattner, Esther Plattner and Bernice Plattner.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Zach Jones Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....6:00 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m. First Congregational Church, UCC firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson 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, Staples.....218-894-2296 Church.....9:30 a.m. 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 YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 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 Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason www.bethanylutherancushing.org Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnfree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad 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. Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader.....218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July.....9 a.m. July - January.....11 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
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Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m. facebook live.....9 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz MASS: Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. Saturday.....4:00 p.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189 Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor SUNDAY Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m. WEDNESDAY Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.
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Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Maltore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950 Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.
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Oylen Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Maltore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.	Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Sunday Service.....10 a.m.
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Rutten scores 22 in win

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team played one of their best games of the year to beat Pillager 56-49 on Feb. 6. Lauren Rutten scored 22 points in the game, but her ball handling and passing were just as valuable in earning the win.

They kept the momentum going in the first half of their next game, but ended up losing 55-44 to Park Rapids on Feb. 7. They finished their week with a 64-30 loss to Detroit Lakes on Feb. 10.

Against Pillager, the Cardinals got out to a six point lead early, but Pillager came back to tie it with two three-point shots. At that point, Rutten went on a hot streak to build a big lead. She hit a three-pointer, dished a pass to Ashley Robben for an assist, then made a steal on the defensive end and got it to Robben for two points again. After Miranda Schotzko scored two post-up baskets, Rutten made another steal and hit a fast break layup to put the team up 31-19 at the half.

In the second half, Staples-Motley did a good job of managing the lead. Every time Pillager made a run, the Cardinals had an answer. Izzy Olander and Livi Lorber made three-pointers that matched long shots made by Pillager.

As Pillager slowly crept back into the game, cutting the lead to two, Rutten took charge again, controlling the ball against pressure defense and creating three more scoring plays when the team needed them. She drove the baseline and got fouled for a three-point play, dished an assist to Olander, and made two late free throws to help seal the win. That gave the Cardinals enough cushion to withstand a late three-pointer from Pillager and they held on for a 56-45 win.

The Cardinals continued their good play the next night against Park Rapids as they took a 25-21 lead into halftime. But in the second half their offense slowed down and their defense disappeared as Park Rapids made five three-pointers and 11 free throws to pull away.

Team results

Staples-Motley 56, Pillager 49

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 22, Miranda Schotzko 10, Livi Lorber 9, Izzy Olander 7, Ashley Robben 6, Cami Anderson 2

Staples-Motley 44, Park Rapids 55

Scoring: Rutten 20, Lorber 8, Robben 7 Schotzko 5, Olander 4

Staples-Motley 30, Detroit Lakes 64

Scoring: Rutten 15, Lorber 10, Georgia Kruchten 2, Olander 2, Robben 1



Going after the ball

Izzy Olander boxes out while pulling in a rebound in the game against Pillager. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Getting to the basket

Eli Rutten challenges the Pillager defense. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Bjerga's pin helps Cardinals secure high section seed

Luke Bjerga scored a pin late in the match to help seal a 37-36 win for Staples-Motley over Deer River on Feb. 7. The Cardinals built a 25-9 lead early in the match but needed two more wins in the upper weights. The other win came from Adrian Gomez getting a forfeit at heavyweight.

Staples-Motley also wrestled Hibbing at the triangular match, winning 52-28.

The close win against Deer River assures the Cardinals of getting the fourth seed in the Section 7A tournament, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at Royalton. The section individual tournament will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, at Staples-Motley High School.

Against Deer River, Staples-Motley earned pins from Elijah Greenwaldt, Jason Trantina and Luke Bjerga. But the match was really won in several bouts where the Cardinal wrestlers earned an extra team point or saved an extra point from the other team.

Greenwaldt was ahead 13-0 and could have scored a technical fall worth five points for the team, but he turned his last opportunity into a late pin and earned six points for the team. Turner Beachy gained an extra team point with a 12-0 major decision, worth four

points instead of three for a regular decision. Riley Reese won one of the toss-up matches 4-0 to give the team three points.

Two wrestlers saved team points in losses. Gage Bjerga and Owen Winter faced two of the top Deer River wrestlers and limited them to regular decisions which only gives up three points instead of four for a major decision. Bjerga fell behind by eight in the third period, which would have been a major decision, but scored a reversal late in his match to save the team point. Winter avoided a final takedown that would have given up a major decision.

Team results

Staples-Motley 37, Deer River 36

106 Gage Bjerga L 9-3, 113 Elijah Greenwaldt W fall, 120 ff, 126 Turner Beachy W 12-0, 132 Riley Reese W 4-0, 138 Jason Trantina W fall, 145 Colbe Tappe W fall, 152 Owen Winter L 11-4, 160 Blake Neelan L fall, 170 Luke Bjerga W fall, 182 Jacob Becker L fall, 195 Kevin Miller L fall, 220 ff, 285 Adrian Gomez W ff

Staples-Motley 52, Hibbing 28

106 G. Bjerga W fall, 113 Greenwaldt W fall, 120 ff, 126 Beachy W fall, 132 Reese W 13-0, 138 Trantina W ff, 145 Tappe W fall, 152 Winter W injury ff, 160 Neelan L 11-1, 170 L. Bjerga W fall, 182 Becker L fall, 195 Miller L fall, 220 ff, 285 Gomez W fall

Boys basketball sees cold shooting

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost two games in a row, 51-42 against Pillager on Feb. 6 and 63-38 at Aitkin on Feb. 9.

Against Pillager, the Cardinals suffered turnovers on offense and allowed open shots on defense, quickly falling behind 16-3. They spent the rest of the game crawling their way back.

Staples-Motley missed a lot of open three-pointers in the first half, which left them behind by 11 at halftime. Late in the second half, Grant Bestland, Hunter Miller and Alex Schultz and Isaiah Schultz connected on long shots to

bring the team back within five, but they could get no closer.

Against Aitkin, the Cardinals came out firing and were only down by two at the half, despite missing seven of nine free throws. But their offense slowed down in the second half and Aitkin pulled away.

Team results

Staples-Motley 42, Pillager 51

Scoring: Hunter Miller 14, Dakota Hennagir 9, Isaiah Schultz 6, Alex Schultz 5, Grant Bestland 5, Avandre Brandt 3

Staples-Motley 38, Aitkin 63

Scoring: Miller 19, Hennagir 8, A. Schultz 5, I. Schultz 2, Brandt 2, Eli Rutten 2



Ball security

Livi Lorber secures the rebound



Youth wrestlers win title at Maple Lake

The Staples-Motley youth wrestling team traveled to Maple Lake on January 29 to take first place at the 2023 ANML Duals. The Cardinals beat Lakeville, New London Spicer and St. Francis to eventually meet up with the host team, Annandale/Maple Lake, in the championship round, winning 55-18. The youth wrestling team has a season record of 12 wins and 3 losses, and is hosting two youth dual tournaments at the Staples-Motley gym on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19. The team is coached by Dan Bjerga and Chris Dobson.

Pictured from left, front row, Ryker Weite, Ragnar Walz, Cora Tappe, Brantley Bendson, Cygnus Walz, Brayden DiGiovanni; second row, Gavin Caldwell, Ryker Pesta, Jonah Becker, Tim Lind, Ace de Coup-Crank, Elliott DiGiovanni, Camrik Tappe, Aiven Sullivan, Bennett Sonenstahl; third row, Reed Leach, Garrett Bjerga, Tayden Weite, Liam Jennissen, Cooper Tappe, Jayden Rogers, Tristan Moore, Jacob Reek and Jackson Odde; back, coaches Chris Dobson and Dan Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



Contested shot

Isaiah Schultz gets sandwiched by the Pillager defense as he takes a shot.



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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: **Heldman Repair**
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Jordan Heldman
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4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/ her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I

am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Jordan Heldman, owner

DATE: November 14, 2022
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
AQUATIC INVASIVE
SPECIES (AIS)
2023 RFP**

Todd County is the recipient of County Program Aid grant funds for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention from the state of Minnesota as a result of 2014 Session Law Chapter 308. The purpose of these funds is to "prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all the access sites within the county" (MN Statutes 477A.19).

The objective of this RFP is to facilitate the disbursement of these funds to parties interested in conducting work to this purpose.

Todd County is soliciting Local Government Units (LGU), private businesses and/or others who qualify for proposals for the Todd County AIS Program in 2023. The details of this RFP can be found on the Todd County website:

<https://www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/soil-water-conservation-and-development/aquatic-invasive-species/> or contact the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at 320-732-2644. Applications are due March 13, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420 or email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us.

AGENDA

- Call to Order.
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request Public comment
- Board review with

applicant, staff, and public
• Approval of agenda.
• Approval of the January 5, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Eastwood Shores First Addition Preliminary Plat:** Section 04, Round Prairie Township Site Address: Eastwood Shores (4-128-33) Out lot A, Long Prairie, MN
PID: 21-0048400
1. Request to plat 17.91 acres into 5 non-riparian lots in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning.
2. **William Dukowitz Request to Rezone:** Section 11, Wykeham Township Site Address: 27020 490th Street, Staples, MN 56479.
PID: 22-0010000
1. Request to Rezone Parcel from Commercial Zoning to R-2 Zoning.
3. **Clarissa Amish Cemetery:** Section 29, Eagle Valley Township Site Address: 34928 183rd Avenue, Clarissa, MN 56440
PID: 07-0035000
1. Request to plat a single 2.10-acre lot for an Amish Cemetery in AF-1 Zoning..

Adjournment.
Next Meeting:
April 6, 2023

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Jim Pratt, Chair

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2023 GRAVEL
SURFACING PROJECT**
**Closing date:
March 14, 2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 14, 2023 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

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CP 23:95
CP 23:97

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>.

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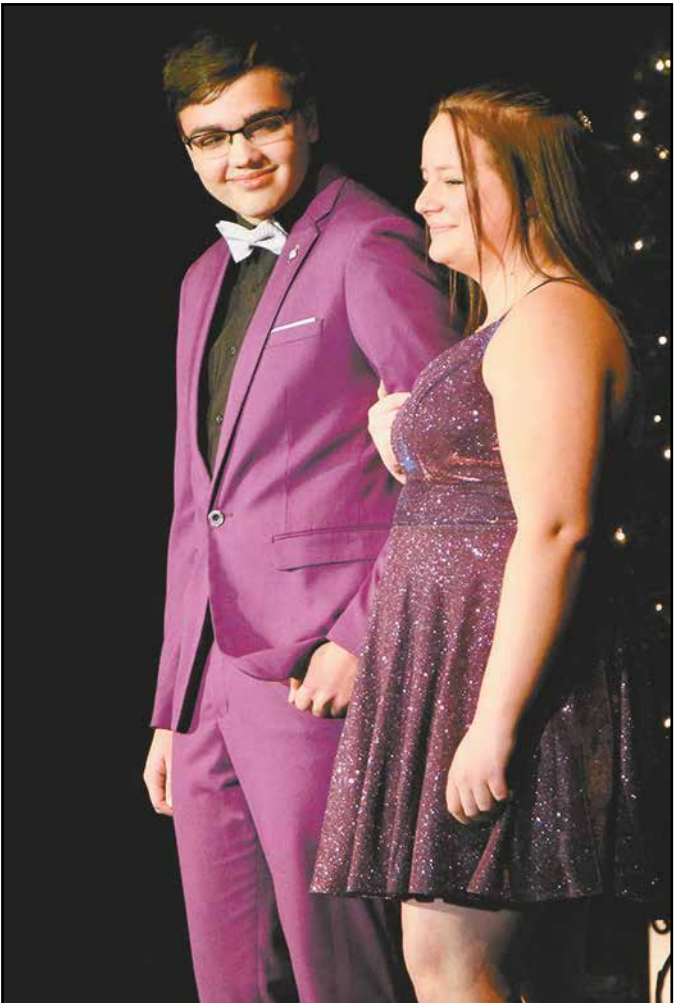
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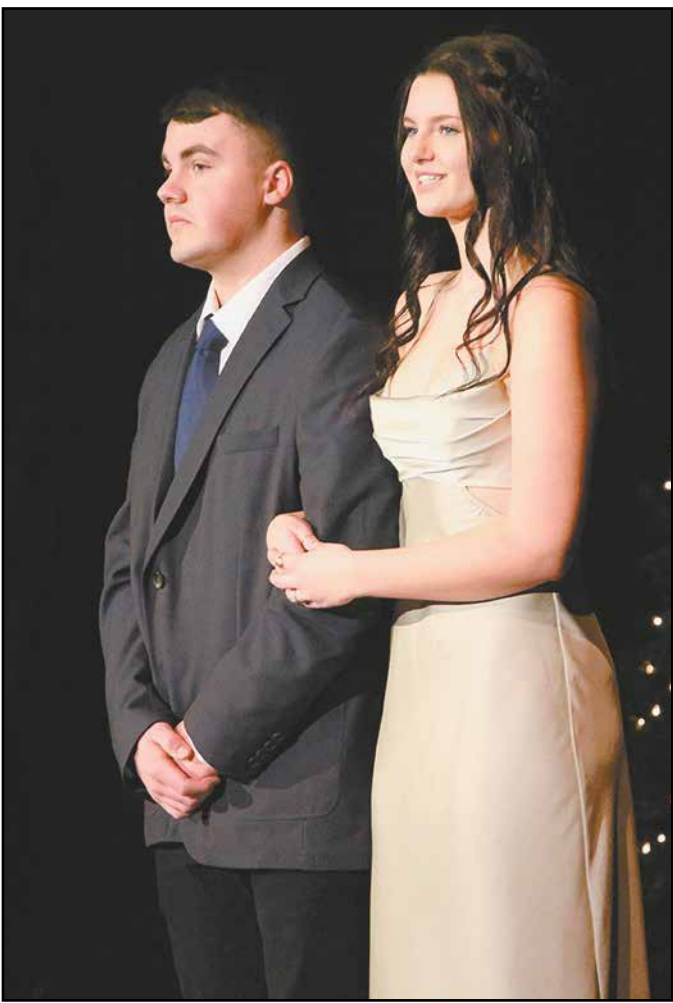
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Keegan Bestland and Grace Allen



Evan Allen and Emilya Case

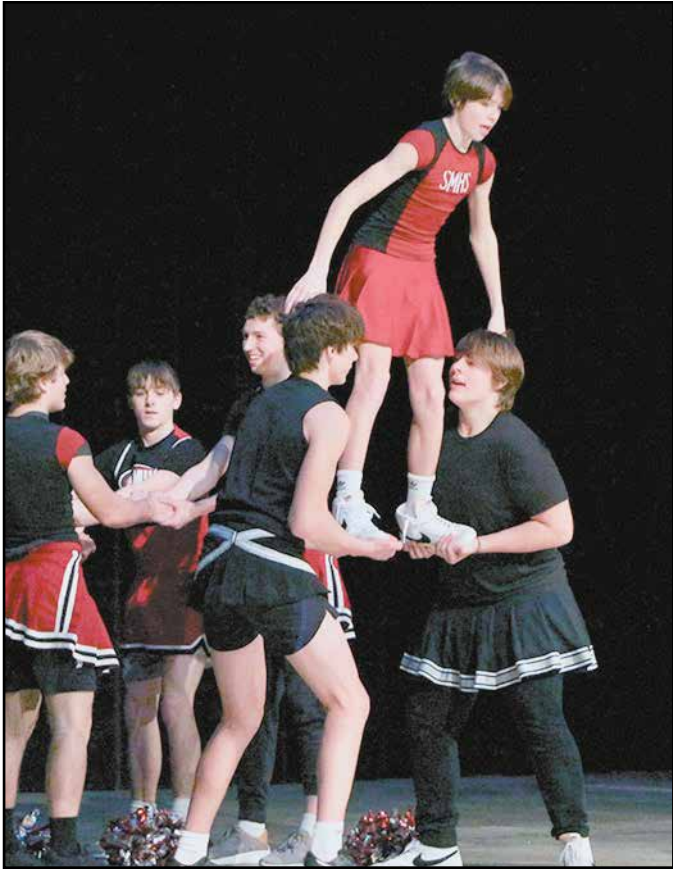
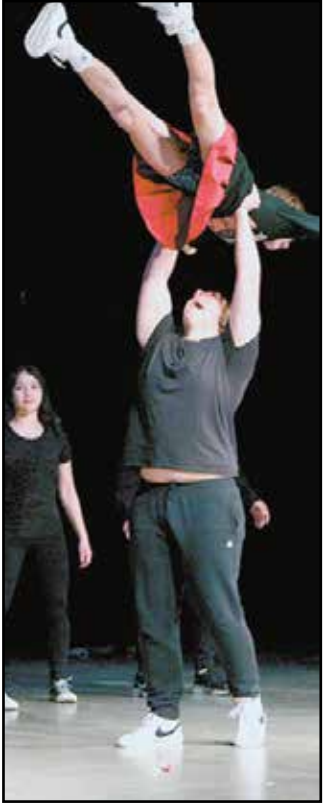
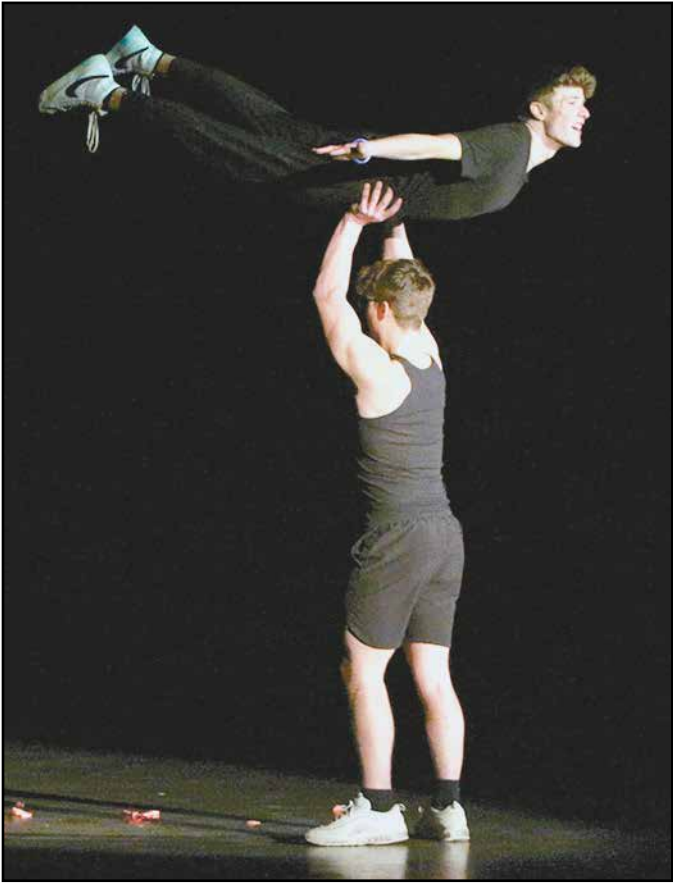
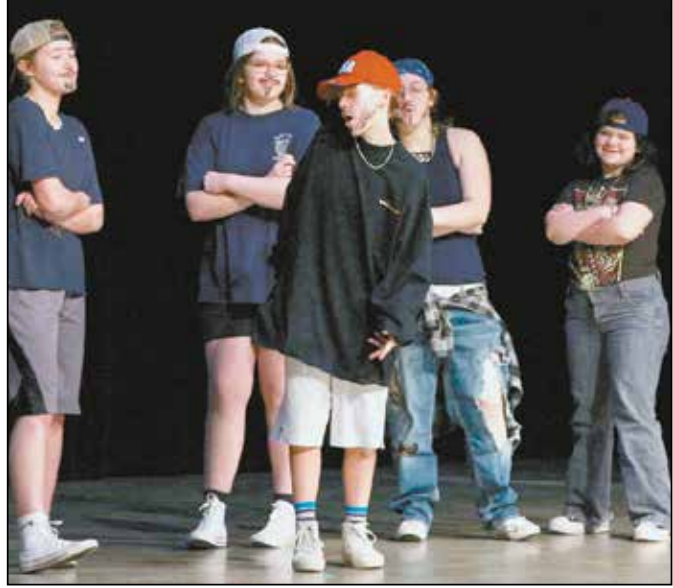


Sno Daze king and queen, Cy Johnson and Meghan VanAlst.



Sno Daze lip synch

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