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Famous moose spends day in Staples area

By Mark Anderson
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The day before Thanksgiving, there was a large gathering of moose watchers in Staples, mostly along Thunder Road near Dower Lake, to see a famous moose pass through town.

The moose made several appearances in the open, hid a few times, jumped fences, got chased by horses, avoided cars, was chased by humans, then left Staples over night.

An online following has tracked the moose from Iowa to central Minnesota. A Facebook page was set up, asking anyone spotting the moose to post photos and say where it was sighted. That page has named the moose "Rutt."

The day before the moose entered the Staples area, it had been sighted near Browerville. According to a map tracking the sightings, it was heading straight north at about four or five miles per day, leading the people in the Staples area to be wary of a possible appearance in this area.

On the morning of Nov.

22, Karlee Dahlvang posted "The moose made its debut on my dad's swap cam, 4 miles south of Staples."

Later that morning, as a train was passing through Staples, a mile away the moose was spotted in a harvested corn field on the Donna and Larry Schmidt farm on Thunder Road. A few cars drove out to see it as it stood around in a far corner of the field, nibbling on grass and leftover corn residue.

After more cars showed up, the moose walked down into a forested drainage ditch, out of sight. It hid there for a while until Mark Schmidt drove his four wheeler down to get a closer view from the other side of the ditch. The moose went back out into the field, where twenty or more people were able to see it. After posing for photos for a few minutes, the moose went back into the ditch.

As it hid for two hours, most of the moose spotters left, but there were still a few sentries parked near the field.

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Moving moose

A wandering moose shows its fence hurdling technique which enabled it to travel through farm country from Iowa to Staples. The fence leads into the pasture of the Donna and Larry Schmidt farm west of Staples. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



Moose groupies

Dozens of cars, perhaps even up to 100, traveled along Thunder Road west of Staples to catch a glimpse of the moose traveling through the area. Some passed by at a time when the moose was not visible, others who arrived at the right time or waited until the moose moved, got some amazing photos and videos, many of which were posted online and used by statewide and national media. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Hay bale fire near Staples hospital

First responders were at the scene of a fire near the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 83 around 4 p.m. Nov. 21. According to a Staples Police Department Incident Report, the fire originated from a pick-up truck, driven by 82-year-old Richard Beach of Motley, pulling a trailer full of hay bales. Staples Fire Chief Cole Yungbauer said that a tire had blown out on the trailer and started the fire. Beach had been traveling west on Highway 10 and

turned north onto Cty Rd 83 upon becoming aware of the fire. Westbound traffic (pictured below) was backed up due to the smoke from the burning hay bales, some of which had fallen from the trailer. Chief Yungbauer said there were no injuries and minor damage to the vehicle. Staples Fire Department was assisted by Staples Police, Minnesota State Patrol and Motley Fire Department. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 29	40	22	M. Sunny
Nov. 30	32	17	M. Sunny
Dec. 1	34	22	M. Sunny
Dec. 2	35	23	M. Cloudy
Dec. 3	36	21	P. Cloudy
Dec. 4	37	23	P. Cloudy
Dec. 5	36	24	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 29	22	19	Cloudy
Nov. 30	13°	9	Cloudy
Dec. 1	28	11	M. Sunny
Dec. 2	35	30	Cloudy
Dec. 3	15	0	Sunny
Dec. 4	34	10	Sunny
Dec. 5	22	20	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 30° Low = 16°

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WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Karen Card
Doris Dumpprope
Dennis Gordon
Eva Reither
Kim Trana



Representing the Auxiliary

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary were visitors at the recent Motley American Legion meeting. From left are Sharon Thiemecke, Bemidji; Patti Gundersen, 6th District Auxiliary President, Upsala; and Bev Gross, Past 6th District Auxiliary President. The Auxiliary members are hoping that an Auxiliary would be started in the Motley area. They noted that Auxiliary members are able to offer support to the American Legion, including serving as Color Guard. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Trp. Otterson and K9 Dzino visit Motley

Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Nick Otterson and his K9 partner Dzino, stopped by the Motley American Legion's meeting Nov. 16, at Motley City Hall. Otterson's eight-year-old son, Jett, was also in attendance. Above, Trp. Otterson spoke about his work as a trooper and of K9 Dzino's responsibilities which include assisting with locating explosives and sniffing out drugs during traffic stops. Trooper Otterson said that 75 - 80 percent of criminal activity is linked back to drugs. He also shared that K9 Trooper Dzino was born in Poland in June of 2020 and all of his commands are spoken in Dutch and German. In lower photo, all in attendance bowed for prayer, led by American Legion Chaplain Ron Starke, prior to the start of the meeting. (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:

Nov. 15 - 21

Nov. 19 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of an ATV found in the ditch near Pine View Blvd. and Angle Rd. in Motley.

Nov. 17 - The MCSO received a report of theft of building supplies at the

8000 block of 330th Ave., Cushing.

Nov. 15 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County, requesting the Motley Fire Department be paged for an electric stove fire at the 1100 block of 65th Ave. SW in Motley.

Nov. 18 - The Motley Police received a report of a bicycle that had been found at the 200 block of 1st Ave. S., Motley. It was brought to the Motley Fire Hall until an owner comes forward.



Full council, once again

Sherry Frisk (standing) was on the agenda at the Motley City Council's regular meeting Nov. 13, requesting that 'Hall of Fame' plaques from the 1972 Motley High School football team be displayed in a public area. The council approved her request. It was the first item of business

after two new council members and a new mayor took the 'Oath of Office.' The council, from left, includes new members April Skeesick-Larson and Dennis Erickson; new mayor Pat O'Regan; and council members Nikki Bjerga and Steve Johnson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Making hay while the sun shines

Crew members from Becker Construction were at work on the new addition of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley Nov. 14. With temperatures in the 50s, it was a great day to work on outside projects.

Warmer temps continued throughout much of the week, which was welcomed by many who were trying to finish outdoor work such as raking, washing windows, etc. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Scandia Valley Lions Thanksgiving Dinner

The Scandia Valley Lions hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 16, at Scandia Valley Town Hall in Cushing. All proceeds from the free will offering went to the Motley Food Shelf. Pictured above, from left, are Lions Connie Zetah, Warren Johnson, Lynn Meis, Tonya Enneking, Carol Polkowski, Jim Polkowski, Jill Holland, Gene Entelmeier, Russ Holland, Geri Altrichter, Kathy Iverson, Kim Salisbury. Missing from photo were YaVonne Johnson, Gloria Stone, Mike Meis.

Pictured below are Staples-Motley Middle School students, and their advisor, who volunteered at the meal. The students are part of the ISC "Improving School Climate" group at the middle school. From left, Sarah Decker (Advisor), Jackson Odden, Tim Lind, Christian Winter, Lizzie Kroll, Nathan Nelson, Lydia Roelofs, Natalie Hanson, Alea Holst, Elaina Elfstrom. (Submitted photos)



Santa is Waiting for YOUR Letter



We'll publish your letter in the Dec. 20 issue of the Staples World.

By **Dec. 11** please bring it to our office at 224 4th St. NE, Staples, (8 a.m.-noon or in mailbox outside the door) or mail it to us at PO Box 100, Staples, MN 56479

Then we'll send your letter on to Santa at the North Pole!

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

Nov. 13, Staples Police responded to a report of a theft of a bicycle and suspicious activity on the 800 block of 7th St. NE.

Nov. 13, Staples Police responded to an ATV complaint of driving on the sidewalk and grass near the intersection of Airport Rd and Front St. Officers located the ATV and spoke with individuals at a nearby house were advised on the matter.

Nov. 14, Staples Police responded to a dog at large report on the 800 block of 5th St. NE. The complainant reported the same dog had attacked his dog the prior week and caused injury, which had been reported. He stated that the dog again ran from its home down the street towards him and his dog. The owner of the aggressive dog, Alex Prado, was cited.

Nov. 14, Staples Police responded to a report of a dispute on the 700 block of Forest Ave. SE. After investigation, Cody Church, 36, of Staples, was arrested on charges of domestic assault. Church was transported to the Todd County Detention Center.

Nov. 15, Staples Police received a report of a possible firearm in the Staples-Motley High School. It was learned a holster was brought to school and no firearm was located. Staples police were assisted by the

Todd County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 15, Staples Police were requested to assist the MN State Patrol with a vehicle in the ditch east of Staples. Upon arriving, the officers saw a vehicle fully engulfed in flames and that all occupants were out of the vehicle. The Staples Fire Dept. extinguished the flames. Nobody was injured. MN State Patrol is investigating the incident.

Nov. 15, Staples Police were approaching an accident scene on Hwy 10 with several emergency vehicles already on scene, with lights on officers observed a truck several yards back from the scene. The truck had an amber directional light in the rear window, with the driver standing near the fog line, appearing to be doing traffic control. The driver was not affiliated with any emergency responders was advised to leave for several reasons why his actions were not a good idea.

Nov. 16, Staples Police cited a high school student for a vape device.

Nov. 16, Staples Police were called to the 100 block of 5th St. NE for a disturbance in an apartment. Myles Smith, 21, of Staples, was arrested for misdemeanor domestic assault.

Nov. 17, Staples Police were called for an assault that occurred at Staples Motley High School. Both juvenile students were issued citations for disorderly conduct.

Court report Nov. 17

Long Prairie Police Department
Wellin Alejo Marine, Long Prairie. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Dwight Carroll Miller Jr., Long Prairie. Drugs- third degree- possess Schedule I or II narcotic, LSD, MDA, or MDMA in school/park/public housing zone. Dismissed. Drugs- fifth degree- possess Schedule I, II, III, IV or paraphernalia residual- not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed.

Rachell Esmeralda Rosario, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Chrystal Lee Rowland, Cushing. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Fernando Jose Santana Rosario, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85..

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Darren Joseph Hengemuhle, Chapman, Kans. ER Big Game- Fail to validate deer license/tag. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Lucas Anthony Kmetz, Orono. WMA- operate ATV, hang glider, air boat, hover craft, or personal watercraft. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Douglas Edward Kuenn, Hackensack. Fail to display ATV registration/ decal. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Larry James Lenk, Browerville. Big game- fail to register deer as required. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Justin Allan Lindner, Cushing. ER Big game, fail to validate deer licensing. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Margaret Rose Novak, South Saint Paul. WMA- construct, occupy, or use any elevated stand; portable stand violation. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Bradley Curtis Rickert, Osakis. Failure to obtain a burning permit. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol
Jody Allen Anderson, East Grand Forks. Hands-Free Law, access video content, images, software. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Orlando Jose Arana Lagos, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Shawn Wallace Binsfeld, Paynesville. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Nuvia Esmeralda Botello, Melrose. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Benjamin Wesley Brown, Minneapolis. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

David Nicholas Eiden, Eden Prairie. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Robert William Horn, Verndale. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jackson Dean Kerfeld, Sauk Centre. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Karla Johanna King, Sauk Centre. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Evan David Loegering, Fargo, N.Dak. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Albert Lopez, Saint Johns, Flor. Open bottle- 18 or older (passenger). Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Joshua George Marty, Burtrum. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Tu Xuan Nguyen, Wellington, Flor. Move over- passing parked auth. veh. Two lanes in same direction. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Cody James Novak, Coon Rapids. Seatbelt required--driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Aly Rattansi, Edmonton, Alberta. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Leslie Marie Sandy, Long Prairie. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Kolby James Tabatt, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Riley James Thom, Long Prairie. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Stephen Douglas Thornton, Moose Lake. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Leroy Scotty Truax, Eagle Bend. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff's Office
Neftali Granados, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Joseph David Kaspari, Long Prairie. Stray animals- running at large of domestic animals prohibited. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 10, 2023.

Luis Angel Lebron Del Valle, Long Prairie. Theft-find and appropriate lost property. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 13, 2023.

Elisabet Gonzalez Santiago, Lebanon, Penn. Third Degree Driving While Impaired. Dismissed. Third Degree Driving While Impaired- Blood Alcohol Content Greater Than 0.08 within two hours. Dismissed. Fail to signal for turn. Dismissed. Windshield- glazing materials. Dismissed. DWI- operate motor vehicle- alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. Sentenced. Fine \$250. Fee totals \$730. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 90 days for two years. Unsupervised probation, two years.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 14, 2023.

Aisha Nicole Reese, Grand Forks, N.Dak. Driving after revocation. Fine \$300. Fee \$75. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 90 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year. No insurance driver. Dismissed. No proof of insurance. Dismissed.

Jamie Mae Corey, Staples. Theft-Take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals and restitution: \$459.99. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Nov. 15, 2023.

James Samuel Culbreath, Bertha. Fifth Degree- possess Schedule I, II, III, IV- not small amount marijuana. Stay of adjudication. Continued. Local confinement three days. Credit for time served: three days. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$50. Supervised probation, two years. Possession of drug paraphernalia. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125.

Marvin M. Hochstetler, Durand, Wis. Criminal Sexual Conduct- third degree- victim 13-15, actor greater than 24 months older. Stay of adjudication. Continued. Local confinement 30 days. Credit for time served: one day. Fine \$50. Restitution and fees: \$15,163. Supervised probation, 10 years.

Gary Lee Robinson, Wadena. Theft-take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Dismissed. Fleeing a peace officer by a means other than a motor vehicle. Sentenced. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$250. Local confinement 90 days. Stay 63 days for one year. Credit for time served: 27 days. Supervised probation, one year.

Shane Robert Strom, Bertha. Theft- take, use, transfer movable property- no consent. Dismissed, conditions met.

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Nov. 25, 1948 - N. Kovolak, Jr., a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract, will be the speaker at the meeting of this group to be held in the city hall in Staples on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m.

• Nov. 25, 1948 - The Motley Study club will be entertained in the home of Mrs. Rudy Topp on Saturday evening, Dec. 4. This will be the annual Christmas party

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of the club to which the husbands of the members are guests.

• Nov. 25, 1948 - Wanted to Buy: Old or disabled horses for mink farm. Write or phone Mrs. J. G. Strom, Aldrich.

• Nov. 25, 1948 - The Boy Who Took My brown and white plaid jacket at the last school dance by mistake is known, and can get his jacket by returning mine. Merle Clewett.

• Nov. 25, 1948 - A deer hunter hunting along the Rainbow Trail about 10 miles north of Staples, came across the lifeless body of John Olson, age about 64, as they were going through the woods in search of deer on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21, about 5 o'clock.

All of the names of the men in the party are not known, but one of the hunters was Arnold Sahr who discovered the body. In his party were his brothers-in-law, Elmer, Carl and George Peterson.

Mr. Sahr called them and then in turn notified neighbors who called the Cass county sheriff and coroner. They did not arrive on the scene until about 8 or 8:30 o'clock that evening.

Roscoe Croft, coroner of Cass county, pronounced the dead man as a suicide. He was found hanging from a jackpine tree by an old clothesline. His suitcase,

with all of his worldly possessions, was lying beside him. The body of the dead man was identified by Thos. Jares.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Nov. 29, 1973 - The Staples city council, meeting informally with a citizens group last Friday, adopted several measures designed to conserve fuel and electrical energy. The meeting was held in anticipation of President Nixon's conservation appeal scheduled for Sunday evening.

A major portion of the conservation measures discussed was that of electrical energy. A decision was reached to use only one-half the street lights in the business district: on Hwy 10, Hwy 210, and on Fourth and Fifth Streets. These alternate lights will be turned off at 9 p.m. until the energy crisis is over, said City Clerk Norm Schroeder.

While illuminated Christmas decorations already had been put up prior to the meeting, their use was discussed. It was determined that the lights in the holiday decorations would be turned on only during the nights that Staples' stores are open between Dec. 17 and Dec. 22.

• Nov. 29, 1973 - The first of five weekly drawings conducted by the Retail Committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce was held Monday of this week from the many registrations taken at the various places of business.

Five winners will be named each week from now until Christmas, with each winner to receive \$20. The first week's winners were as follows: Mrs. Marian Smith, Motley; Edith Quance, Rt. 1, Staples; Tom Neznik, Staples; Alga Curry, Staples; Cloyce Grondahl, Rt. 2, Staples.

• Nov. 29, 1973 - A four-day religious rally, featuring nationally known personalities, will be held in Staples Dec. 2 - 5, capping off a year of interdenominational religious activity in connection



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1991. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? 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.

with Key '73.

The rally will be conducted in the high school auditorium with all four sessions beginning at 7:30 p.m. and concluding at 9 p.m.

Featured at the Rally will be Art Perri, former television and show business personality, and Ken Bervan, a Seattle, Wash., business executive who has long been active in evangelistic activities.

Rev. Eugene Floistad, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, termed the rally a "fitting climax to a year of considerable cooperation among Christians of many faiths in spreading the message of Christ."

• Nov. 29, 1973 - Two firers at two separate homes in Staples on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, caused considerable damage at each place of residence, according to information give to The World.

Homes damaged by the fires that day were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kobliska, located near the Pine Grove Park, and the home of Mrs. John Sperley at 420 S.E. Fourth Street.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Nov. 26, 1998 - Eric Klingaman, senior Staples Motley runner, takes home yet another medal, at the Junior Olympics regional meet Nov. 21, in Apple Valley.

Racing against some of the best the six states have to offer, Eric stepped it up to yet another level, after taking home the silver at the Minnesota Junior Olympics. He came home with the Bronze at the Regional.

• Nov. 26, 1998 - Kim Donat, a 1991 graduate of Staples Motley High School, serving in the Peace Corps in Caridad, Honduras. She shared a report with the World of her work in flood stricken Honduras. She is the daughter of Dick and Kerwin Donat of Staples.

• Nov. 26, 1998 - Three

fifth graders from Staples Elementary sang in an All-State Elementary Honors Choir at Bethel College in St. Paul last weekend. Daniel Sveom, Kendel Spar and Jenny Mueller represented Staples Elementary in the American Choral Directors Association Honors Choir. They rehearsed Friday evening and all day Saturday in preparation for a concert for the ACDA state convention. Almost 400 students from all over Minnesota auditioned for the 100 voice choir.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Nov. 28, 2013 - The only reason Mary Jo Hofer wrote down her family's stuffing recipe was to send it in to the KARE 11 Saturday morning program. She got the recipe from her grandmother.

"She never had a recipe, she just got the ingredients and put them together" said Hofer of Staples.

Through a personal phone call from the show's host, Belinda Jensen, Hofer found out her recipe was one of three selected for the program and Jensen invited her to appear on the show Nov. 23.

Although Hofer got the recipe from her grandmother Helen Hudalla, she said it originally came from Helen's husband Vincent's side of the family. Both Helen and Vincent's families came from Poland, so it is an authentic Polish recipe.

The dressing has been a staple of every Thanksgiving for Hofer.

• Nov. 28, 2013 - Four Motley Staples Middle School orchestra students attended the Minnesota String and Orchestra Teachers' Association Fall String Camp from Oct. 25 - 27. The camp is held every October at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis. Participants from Motley Staples Middle School included Trenton Plopper, Scout Strickland, Bryn Williams and Toni Brings.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the May 24, 1984 edition of the Staples World featured Joe Joerger, left, receiving the Educator of the Year award from the student council and senior class, presented by Dwight Gorder, center, and Eric Nefstead.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Quote of the week

“In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it ‘Christmas’ and went to church; the Jews called it ‘Hanukkah’ and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say ‘Merry Christmas!’ or ‘Happy Hanukkah!’ or (to the atheists) ‘Look out for the wall!’
— Dave Barry

Slowly, the times - and seasons - are a changin’

Legendary Minnesota native and folk singer Bob Dylan said it memorably in his iconic—if less-than-melodic—1960’s protest anthem, The Times They Are A’Changin’.

Change is what outdoors enthusiasts are waiting for, too, though not necessarily the weighty social and political changes Dylan’s lyrics imagined. What many of us are waiting for is a seasonal transition that will bring the changes that we expect to accompany winter. Never mind that winter does not officially begin until just before Christmas, on December 21.

The primary firearms deer season has come to an end, though there are a minority who will take part in the December muzzleloader deer hunt that runs through the first 10 days of December, and archers can hunt deer throughout the entire month of December.

The duck season has come to an end, as well, though waterfowl hunters who have the right gear can hunt geese until late in December. For the most part this takes place on agricultural land, such as harvested corn fields where geese feed on leftover grain. While Minnesota has more public land acres per citizen than most other states, these public hunting lands are not agricultural in nature. And, while geese can be hunted over open water—what there is of it remaining—the most successful goose hunters are generally those with access to private agricultural lands where geese can be intercepted where they are homing in to feed.

Many of the agricultural acres that attract December geese are leased by their owners; leased to avid goose hunters, and leased by guides who charge their clients for a goose hunting opportunity. While a “freelancer” might be able to se-

cure an opportunity to hunt through direct contact with a landowner, that is likely to be the exception, rather than the rule.

Upland bird hunting is winding down, but still in-season. Ruffed grouse can be hunted all through December, to January 1st. The same is true of pheasants, whose season began on October 14th. Pheasant hunters should find birds more concentrated with crops now harvested, and—when not feeding in fields on waste grain—will likely be holed up in the thick cover of cattail sloughs and similarly heavy cover. Those cattail sloughs are easier to hunt when temperatures have remained low enough to freeze the water they may hold. Yes, Minnesota experienced drought conditions over much of the state during 2023. But fall rains in some areas changed that picture, and wetlands that are part of larger watershed systems are not necessarily devoid of water.

With virtually all deciduous leaves down, ruffed grouse can at least be more predictably seen when they’re flushed from thick, brushy forest cover, even though that still is no guarantee that they will present a hunter with a makeable shot. As at any time during the season—which began in mid-September—grouse hunters with capable dogs are likely to have greater success. Though ruffed grouse hunting is a fairly close-range affair at any point in its long season, late season hunting can present longer shots, so some hunters with variable-choke shotguns will use a slightly tighter choke, and may switch to shells with slightly larger shot; say, #7 ½ shot instead of #8 or #9.

So much for what remains of Minnesota’s most popular hunting seasons. What many of us are now waiting for is the changes that will inevitably take place as our northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun, and wintry weather is upon us. Soon there’ll come a calm day, or night, and our lakes—whose waters have been gradually cooling for many weeks—will be covered with a mantle of ice.

Anglers will keep tabs on

the growing ice depth, eager to trudge out on the ice with their toboggans loaded with portable fishing shelters, augers, and angling gear. With more time and freezing temperatures to “make ice,” it will become safe for ATVs and snowmobiles. Ultimately—barring heavy snows that create a deep slush layer—the growing ice thickness will support vehicles and the ice fishing shelters they pull behind them, and the transformation from open water to hard water angling will be complete.

The less predictable of winter’s elements is snow. As November comes rapidly to a close, most of the state is well behind the November snowfall average, which is six inches or more over wide swaths of Minnesota. As a consequence, recreations dependent upon snow are on-hold. This includes snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in particular, and those downhill ski areas that do not have snow making equipment.

Snow can undoubtedly be a double-edged sword. Much snow is good for snowmobiling and skiing, but can be bad for ice fishermen if deep snow accumulates before there is substantial ice thickness. Too much heavy snow can generate a slush layer atop the ice, making on-ice travel difficult, especially for heavy vehicles pulling wheelhouse-type ice fishing shelters. Deep snow can also be detrimental to deer survival, especially if it persists deep into March or April. It can be hard on pheasant populations, too. On the other hand, deep, soft snow is a boon to the survival of ruffed grouse, which roost under the sheltering layer to conserve energy and remain less exposed to predators.

Weather forecasters have been predicting a milder winter with less snow than the last couple of years. Good for some things, less so for others. But, as much as we have come to regard meteorology as science, Minnesotans who have seen just how changeable our weather can be might point out that perhaps it’s not quite rocket science.

The moose and me

Moose sightings are always memorable

By Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

The first time I saw a central Minnesota moose, I was driving from Duluth to Brainerd. Along an open stretch near Aitkin, I could see miles up the road ahead of me, a large tank crossing the highway.

At least I thought it was a tank at first. I wondered if I had stumbled across a National Guard maneuver and if I would have to wait for more vehicles when I got there. But as I got closer, the “tank” stopped on the other side and I recognized it as a giant moose with huge antlers.

This was back in the day when people didn’t have a camera in their pocket at all times, so I just stopped and watched the moose continue to amble northward into the forest. I don’t think any other people saw this amazing sight, at least I was the only car that stopped. That was memorable, even though I was working in the Boundary Waters that summer and saw moose several times. I just didn’t expect it in that part of the state.

When I lived in southern Minnesota, well out of moose territory, we would hear about a wandering moose every five or ten years. It was always a solitary moose, usually a young male. People would say that there must be something wrong with the moose, but I always thought of it as more of an age-old survival strategy, rather than a brainworm or behavior aberration.

I’m guessing that young moose often get chased out of their territory by a larger, stronger moose. They know they can’t go back until after the rutting season, or when they get stronger and grow larger antlers, so they take off to find safer territory. They likely travel in all directions, but we don’t take note of that unless they wander too far south.

The moose we saw in Staples had first been spotted in Iowa. It had comically small antlers, compared to what a moose is capable of growing. Even though it seemed to be large, strong and healthy, it wasn’t going to win any fights with those antlers.

Here at the Staples World, we had a meeting the morning that the moose showed up and mentioned that we should keep our eyes and ears open for a moose sighting, since it was headed in this direction. Luckily, someone called soon after the moose appeared in the field on the road to Dower Lake. It took me five minutes from the time we got the phone call to get out to the field and take a photo. I could have used that photo for the newspaper, but I waited around to get a better view, since there were some trees preventing a clearer shot.

Cookies and Minnesota cookbooks

University of Minnesota Extension

As the holiday season approaches, bakers across the state are bringing out their cookbooks in search of traditional favorite recipes and potential new desserts that could delight friends, family and neighbors.

Megan Kocher, curator of the Doris Kirschner Cookbook Collection at University of Minnesota Libraries, answers questions about holiday baking traditions, recipe trends, cookbooks and more.

Q: How have cookbooks and holiday baking changed over the years?

Kocher: One of the main changes is the fat source, which evolved from mostly butter and shortening or lard, through a generation that used margarine because of cost and popularity, to now many recipes returning to butter or using

alternatives like coconut oil.

Cookbooks themselves have also evolved, from once being all text to the inclusion of photos in the mid-to-late 1900s of very homemade looking items. Now we are seeing Instagram-perfect photos in most cookbooks, a generational difference perhaps but also something allowed by modern technology.

Something that surprised me earlier in my career was the number of holiday baking pamphlets published by gas and electric companies in the 1950s and 60s. I quickly learned these companies had entire home economics departments charged with developing recipes and teaching people to use their new gas or electric stoves and ovens.

Q: Are there any cookie traditions specific to Minnesota?

Kocher: Our most visible cookie traditions in Minnesota are the contests like the annual Star Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest and the Pillsbury Bake-Off. There are also many immigrant groups in Minnesota that bring traditions to the state. For example, Joulutorttu from Finland; Springerle from Germany; and Potica from Croatia, which is admittedly more of a bread than a cookie, but a holiday staple that fits right in on a cookie tray. I’m excited that we’re starting to see cookbooks from more recent immigrant populations like the Somali and Hmong communities.

Q: What cookbooks do you recommend?

Kocher: This changes all the time, but the three I always come back to for holiday baking are:

“Betty Crocker’s Cookie Book” (1963 edition). This one is such a classic that reproductions of this edition are still printed today. I go to this book when I want to make the recipes I used to bake with my grandma.

“The Great Minnesota Cookie Book” (2018). I love

this one because every recipe is so unique and creative. I go to this when I need something new and special, and because some of the recipes have now become my classics.

“100 Cookies: The Baking Book for Every Kitchen” (2020). It’s only a few years old, but this book has become my go-to for cookies. I rely on it for the best version of any cookie recipe – from standards to extra fancy showstoppers.

Q: What is your favorite cookie recipe from the Doris Kirschner Cookbook Collection?

Kocher: One of my favorites that is a good pick for someone like me who can’t make up their mind is the Neapolitan cookies from “100 Cookies.” The mix of chocolate, strawberry and vanilla works really well and they look beautiful. These are also really fun to make with little kids who enjoy pulling off a pinch of each dough color and rolling them up together.

Q: How do the cookbooks and recipes in the U of M’s Doris Kirschner Cookbook Collection reflect and document our history?

Kocher: There is so much you can learn about history from cookbooks — things that don’t even have to do with food. You can look at the impact of technology on cooking and life; diet and nutrition trends; changes in what is seen as “pure” and “healthy”; influences of colonialism and industry; and so much about gender roles and expectations. We have a collection of Playboy Gourmet cookbooks from the 1970s that were written for men and they stand in such stark contrast to most other items in the collection that are either implicitly or explicitly targeted at women — everything from the tone and writing to photography is different. The food we eat and the ways we talk about food tell so much about a culture.

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November 30

‘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>

December 1

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.

December 4

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

December 5

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND

HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

‘GRIEFSHARE’ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

RUBY’S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

December 6

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burling-

ton room, located through Door C at Lakewood’s Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

December 9, 20

‘STORYTIME’ FUN EVENT AT STAPLES PUBLIC LIBRARY will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 20. For more information, call the library at 218-894-1401.

‘Light Up Staples!’ event is Saturday, Dec. 2

The ‘Light Up Staples!’ event will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., and includes tractor and wagon rides through Downtown Staples, a tree lighting at the depot, hot chocolate, and an opportunity to meet Santa.

Attendees are asked to meet at the parking lot of First International Bank

& Trust, located at 111 4th St. NE. The official lighting of the Staples Depot Tree, sponsored by the Staples Historical Society, takes place at 5 p.m. In addition, several downtown businesses will be decorated with holiday lights.

The ‘North Pole Light Display’ drive-thru at Pine Grove Park will be open that

day as well, from 5 - 8 p.m.

The ‘Light Up Staples!’ event is organized by the Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee; and sponsored by the City of Staples, First International Bank & Trust, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Unity Bank, Mid Central National Bank, LEAP, and Staples Lions.

School board Truth In Taxation meeting Dec. 4

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a school board work session and Truth In Taxation meeting, Mon., Dec. 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The Truth In Taxation Levy Presentation will be part of the Community/ Public Forum.

Upcoming schedule:
Fri., Dec. 15: Policy Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Mon., Dec. 18: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Dec. 25-Mon., Jan. 1: Christmas break
Mon., Jan. 8, 2024: Organizational meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.



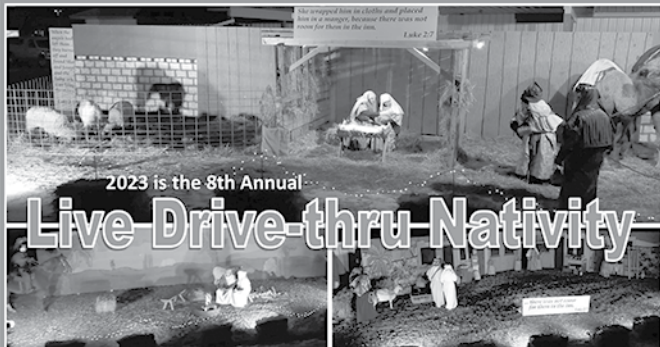
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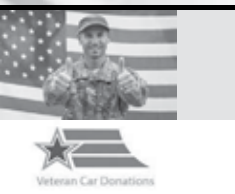
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Dennis Gordon

The memorial service celebrating the life of Dennis Gordon of Verndale, will be held at 2:00 p.m on Saturday, December 9, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Carl Larson presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Saturday, from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Wing River Cemetery in Wing River Township.

Dennis, 83, passed away on November 18, 2023, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. With compassionate care provided by family, staff and Lakewood Hospice.

Preceding Dennis in death were his wife of 59 years, Jeannine (2020); parents Leon and Murial; brother, David Leon Gordon; parents-in-law, Ken and Emily Crocker; brother-in-

law, Dean Estabrooks; and sister-in-law, Kathy Bucknell.

Surviving Dennis are his children, Denise and David Bubeck of Grimes, IA, Matthew and Beth Gordon of Lingle, WY, Michelle and Stephen Nawrocki of Staples, and Jolene and Mark Nawrocki of Wheatridge, CO; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Frances Estabrooks; sisters and brothers-in-law, John, Jim, Jerry and Dan and Michelle Crocker, Julie and Roger Riebling and Leola and Randy Beebe; along with many nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Eva Reither

Eva Barbara (Lugert) Reither, of Staples, passed away November 17, 2023, at the age of 105-1/2 years-old.

Eva requested no service be held and will be laid to rest in the Bennettville Cemetery.

Eva weighed three pounds when she was born to Carl and Gertrude Lugert on a farm in Mantador, North Dakota. Her mother placed her in a shoebox lined with cotton and put it in the oven to keep warm (there were no incubators back then). Later in life her husband said, "I knew you were only half baked."

Eva held numerous jobs in her lifetime. She spoke kindly of her cute uniforn and years as an elevator operator for a large company in Duluth.

She lived in many states but always returned to Minnesota. She could be known as being a one-woman city beautification icon as she bought, renovated and restored many homes around Staples.

She was a feisty lady always willing to help anyone. She was a good businesswoman. Her passing will leave a hole in the heart of all those who loved her.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother, James Lugert and one son, Roy Gustafson, Jr.

Thank you for the care from the Hospice Team at her home and recently at the Lakewood Health System Care Center. She loved you all.

"A beautiful sunrise on the morning Eva passed away. Red sky in the morning - Sailor's warning Lord - Eva's coming home."

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries



Doris Dumpprope

Doris Mary Dumpprope, age 88, of Motley, passed away November 19, 2023, at her home.

A memorial service was held November 25, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Doris was born May 19, 1935, to Glenn and Eleanor (Fasching) Anderson in Frazee. She married LeRoy Dumpprope on February 20, 1961. Dorie had many jobs in her lifetime, one of her first, was a telephone operator and an aide in the school district. With five kids at the time she decided to go back to college and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She was instrumental in starting an inclusion program for children with special needs. She touched many lives with her kindness, patience and understanding throughout her 25+ years of teaching.

Sports played a large role in her life as a coach, participant and as her kids and grandkids' biggest fan. She started the first women's softball and cross country teams for Staples High School. She and LeRoy enjoyed watching any Minnesota sports team, but her very favorite was her beloved Vikings whom she loved even when they let her down.

Dorie was active in the church and you could find her and Craig near the front pew every Sunday and her Faith Lutheran Family meant a lot to her. She also enjoyed reading, doing crossword and word search puzzles to "keep her mind sharp." Her drop everything TV show was Wheel of Fortune and no matter how tired she was she always had enough energy to play cards or a board game. She'd sit at the table with a big smile, share stories and pop in with a witty joke.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, leaving behind a legacy of love and generosity.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 62 years, LeRoy; four sons, Timothy (Linda Busch) Dumpprope, Larry (Jackie) Dumpprope, Lonny (Cathi) Dumpprope, Craig Dumpprope; two daughters, Lorie Frandson and Glenda (Andrew Wiherski) Davis; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one brother, Joel (Cathie) Anderson and one sister, Glennnda Kotula.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronnie Anderson and Jeffrey Anderson; one son-in-law, Fred Frandson; one grandson, Shane Frandson and two brothers-in-law, Jerry Kotula and Bill Smith.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

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Kim Trana

Kim Trana, 68, of Staples, passed away November 17, 2023.

Services were held November 28 at the Motley Free Methodist Church.

Kim was born October 10, 1955, to Tom and Barbara (Modrow) Trana in Staples. He graduated from Staples High School in 1974. He worked as a manager for Staples High School sports programs after graduating. He then worked for his cousin, Mark Reger, making clocks.

Kim remained at his childhood home helping and taking care of his parents until their deaths in 2012. He was a gentle man with a very big heart. He enjoyed woodworking, making birdhouses, feeders, toy boxes, kitchen sets and decoys. Most of all, Kim loved his family, especially the little ones who called him "Uncle Kimmy". Kim's favorite time was getting together with his loved ones. His face would light up when anyone would visit.

Kim is survived by two sisters, Amber (Dale) Bartylla of Hewitt and Debra (Clyde) Mertens of Staples; two brothers, Thomas (Kathy) Trana of Gonvic and Dennis (Mona) Trana of Staples; 12 nieces and nephews; 17 great-nieces and nephews and eight great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece, Dezerae Trana.

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Karen Card

Karen Marie Card, 75, of Staples passed away November 22, 2023, at Sanford Health in Fargo.

Funeral Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Karen was born on December 9, 1947 in Fargo, North Dakota to parents Francis and Florence (Olson) Fehrenbasch. She married Arnold Card on March 22, 1969. She worked at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples for 28-1/2 years.

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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. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Hewitt Community Church Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.	Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Balknap, 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 Seif.....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. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night.....5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cy 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. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info: 218-837-5690 Call first. Sunday Service.....10 a.m.
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Grace and Mercy

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly Of God

Author Unknown (God's Word For Today)

After a stint in prison and a month in rehab, Ted was trying to rebuild his life. In his support group, a guy named Jeff kept inviting him to go to church. Week after week, Ted made excuses not to go. Finally, Jeff asked him why. Ted broke down. Between sobs he explained that he did not feel like he deserved it. He didn't think God could forgive him for all the bad things he had done.

"So the Lord must wait for you to come to Him so He can show you His love and compassion. For the Lord is

a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for His help." (Isaiah 30:18, NLT)

Ted didn't understand that God's compassion knows no limits. There's no sin so great that it's beyond His forgiveness. Yes, God is the God of justice, doling out judgment to those who do wrong, but He is also the God of mercy and grace to those who ask for it. When we repent of sin, God has promised to forgive us of everything we have done. He actually "longs to be gracious" to us.

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Volleyball awards

The Staples-Motley volleyball team recently held their awards banquet. Pictured, front from left, Maddy Bet: Mgr Letter; Miranda Schotzko: All-Conference Honorable Mention, Captain Pin, Letter; Livi Lorber: All-Section, All-Conference, Team MVP, Captain Pin, Coaches Award, Most Kills, Highest Kill Percentage, Most Blocks, Letter; Annie Schlosser: All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Set Assists, Letter; Tami Strel: All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Ace Serves, Highest Serve Receive Rating, Letter;

Ellie Moulton: Letter; Kattera Barnhart: Letter.

Back from left, Kyra Stangle: Mgr Letter; Jade Storry: All-Section, All-Conference, FIGHT Award, Captain Pin, Most Digs, Letter; Steffany Sullivan: Captains Pin, Highest Serve Percentage, Letter; Lilly Tyrrell: Most Improved, Letter; Ellie Lange: Letter; Pam Lawrence: Letter; not pictured, Ashlin Birkholtz, Letter.

The team also received the Gold Academic Award of a cumulative team GPA of 3.80 or higher. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley volleyball statistics for 2023

The SM Cardinal volleyball team finished their season with a record of 18-9-1.

Below are season stats leaders:

Blocks: Livi Lorber 51, Miranda Schotzko 29, Annie Schlosser 18, Tamara Strel 16, Jade Storry 8

Set assists: Schlosser 547, Lorber 96, Storry 46, Strel 32, Ellie Moulton 26

Serving percentage: Steffany Sullivan 94%, Lilly Tyrrell 92%, Storry 91%, Lorber 89%, Schotzko 88%, Moulton 87%

Ace serves: Strel 46, Lorber 43, Moulton 33,

Storry 29, Sullivan 25

Digs: Storry 318, Moulton 301, Strel 220, Lorber 198, Tyrrell 176, Schlosser 96, Sullivan 95

Kills: Lorber 250, Storry 193, Strel 139, Moulton 118, Schotzko 78, Schlosser 61

Winter sports continue Section 7 experiment

Staples-Motley teams have traditionally been in Section 6 or Section 8. Starting two years ago, the MSHSL switched the Cardinals' winter sports teams to Section 7.

That experiment will continue for the next two years as the MSHSL realignment keeps Staples-Motley going towards the northeast corner of the state for the section postseason.

Wrestling

Section 7A in wrestling lost one tough team but gained another. Aitkin moved from Class AA to

A and were put into Section 7A. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville was moved to Section 6A.

Section 7A wrestling for 2023-25: Aitkin, Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena/Kelliher, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Crosby-Ironton, Deer River, Holdingford, Nashwauk-Keewatin/Greenway, Ogilvie, Mille Lacs (Onamia, Isle), Royalton/Upsala, Staples-Motley, Walker-Hackensack-Akely/Nevis.

Basketball

Both girls and boys basketball will remain in Section 7AA, with one addition

and one subtraction. The section will add Barnum, which moved up from Class A, and realignment took out Rock Ridge (Virginia, Eveleth-Gilbert), which moved to Class AAA.

Section 7AA girls and boys basketball 2023-24: Aitkin, Barnum, Crosby-Ironton, Esko, Greenway, Hinkley-Finlayson, International Falls, Marshall School Duluth, Mesabi East, Moose Lake/Willow River, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Proctor, Staples-Motley, Two Harbors.

Minnesota wrestling changes to 13 weight classes

The Minnesota State High School League has moved to 13 weight classes instead of the 14 that had been used for years.

The weight classes are: 107, 114, 121, 127, 133, 139, 145, 152, 160, 172, 189, 215, 285.

The first six weight classes are exactly the same as last year, just moved up one pound for each class. Weights 145, 152 and 160 stay the same. Weight 170 is now 172. The big change is that weights 182, 195 and 220 are now combined into two weights, 189 and 215. Heavyweight remains at the 285 pound limit.

Girls wrestling

There will also be 13 varsity weight classes for girls wrestling this season. Staples-Motley has six girls on their team but will not be competing in team matches. They are planning to attend a couple of all girls wrestling tournaments. When there is a boys varsity match, coaches will check with the other teams to see if they have girls wrestlers in similar weight classes who can compete as a girls varsity match.

The MSHSL has approved varsity girls wrestling weights to be: 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 136, 142, 148, 155, 170, 190, 235.



Varsity winter sports

Boys basketball and wrestling had their first official practices Nov. 20. Basketball starts Thursday, Nov. 30, at home against Wadena. The wrestling team hosts St. Cloud Tech, United Clay Becker and Milaca on Friday, Dec. 1, starting at 4 p.m. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Girls wrestling

Six Staples-Motley girls have started on the first ever wrestling team at the school. There have been individual girls wrestling in the past, but this will be a full season just for girls. The team will be part of the full varsity program under Head Coach Jim Jackson. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Staples-Motley youth learn about wrestling at 'Try Wrestling' night

On Nov. 21, the Staples-Motley wrestling program hosted a "Try Wrestling" night, inviting youth who wanted to learn about the sport. Boys and girls were able to learn new wrestling moves from assistant coach Jeff Sterriker, left, varsity and youth wrestlers. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #4
Mon., Oct. 23, 2023, 6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Members Anderson, Reeck, Reese, Winkels, Trout and Wright were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Ferdon, Principal Berg, Business Manager Hill, recording secretary Larson, community members, students and staff. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Superintendent Performance Review Summary was given by Chair Winkels

Chair Winkels recognized and welcomed the public

School/Community Forum

None.

Consent Agenda
Approve the minutes from the September 18 regular meeting
Approve the request for leave of absence from Elizabeth Wright, SLP
Reviewed separately below
Approve the request for seven consecutive PTO days from Jeremiah Piepkorn
Approve the request for six consecutive PTO days from Laurie Paskewitz
Approve the FMLA request from Josh Lee.
Approve the leave extension request from Kaylee Pratt.
Approve the Fundraiser requests from the PTO
Approve the Fundraiser request from FFA
Approve the termination of Tonia Judd – Elementary School Administrative Assistant
Approve the resignation of Victoria Serich – Elementary Secretary
Approve the winter coaches list
Approve Staff Hires:
Victoria Serich - Elementary School Administrative Assistant
Amanda Keplin – MS/HS Paraprofessional
Mikayla Richards – Elementary Paraprofessional
Todd Crawford – MS/HS Custodian

Emma Gerard – Elementary Receptionist/Secretary
Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to approve the consent agenda. **MC**

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Reeck to approve the request for leave of absence from Elizabeth Wright, SLP. **MC** (Wright abstained)

Donations and Grants
Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution to Accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$5,000.93 and In-Kind donations with a value of \$1,365.50. **MC**

Thank you to FFA Alumni, Nyhus Chevrolet, Cardinal Runners Booster Club, Lincoln Area Business Association and King Arthur Flour for their generous donations.

Finance Items
Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the September vouchers. **MC**

General Fund: \$639,091.08
Food Service: \$44,950.22
Community Service Fund: \$27,567.83
Construction Fund: \$2,737,673.88
Debt Service Fund: \$0.00
Fund 45: \$0.00
Fund 47: \$0.00

Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels, to approve the September receipts. **MC**

General Fund: \$1,307,241.30
Food Service: \$19,327.15
Community Service Fund: \$50,669.48
Construction Fund: \$194,341.41
Debt Service Fund: \$106,675.15
Fund 45: \$-9,382.00
Fund 47: \$0.00

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve Sourcewell as Staples-Motley School District health insurance provider. **MC**

Policy
(Policy committee minutes 9-15-23)
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to approve new policies 516.5 Overdose Medication and 621 - Literacy and the READ Act. **MC**

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to approve the review of the following policies with MSBA revisions:
Policy 102 - Equal Educa-

tional Opportunity
Policy 406 - Public and Private Personnel Data
Policy 418 - Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
Policy 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment
Policy 424 - License Status
Policy 425 - Staff Development
Policy 427 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Ed Teachers
Policy 504 - Student Appearance
Policy 506 - Student Discipline
Policy 507 - Corporal Punishment
Policy 509 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students
Policy 514 - Bullying Prohibition
Policy 515 - Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records
Policy 515F - Form - Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records
Policy 532 - Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams
Policy 534 - School Meals Policy
Policy 624 – Online Instruction (which replaces the old model policy 624)
Policy 709 - Student Transportation Safety
Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy

Facilities
Update given by Williams from ICS.

Other
Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the Resolution supporting the Form A grant application to MSHSL Foundation. **MC**

Motion by Trout, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution supporting the Form B grant application to MSHSL Foundation. **MC**

Reports
School Board: The Board work session scheduled for Nov. 6 has been moved to a special meeting/work session on Nov. 14. A Special Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m. to vote on the SMEA contract.
a. FED - none
b. Sourcewell – August 15, 2023 Minutes
Principal reports by Principal Ferdon and Principal Berg
Superintendent report by Superintendent Tappe
SMEA report by representative Kneisl
Activities/Community Ed report by CE/AD Lee
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to

adjourn the meeting. **MC**
Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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MINUTES Special School Board Meeting - #5
Fri., Oct. 27, 2023 3:30p.m. District Office

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with Reeck, Anderson, Wright, Winkels and Trout present (comprising a quorum). Member Reese was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Tappe and recording secretary Larson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Reeck, to ratify the 2023-2025 Certified Staff Master Contract. **MC** with member Wright abstaining.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. **MC**

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MINUTES Special School Board Meeting/ Work Session - #6
Tues., Nov. 14, 2023, 6:00p.m. District Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with Reese, Reeck, Anderson, Wright, Winkels and Trout present. (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Superintendent Tappe, recording secretary Larson, Principal Ferdon, Business Manager Hill, other staff and students. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. **MC**

Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Jenny Pantzke presented the 2022-2023 Student Achievement Data Report.

The School Board Self Evaluation was reviewed.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Trout, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. **MC**

--Approved minutes submitted by Trisha Larson, Recording Secretary.

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Public Notices

NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP MEETING CHANGE

The Villard Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn, Motley, MN.

Mary Trantina-Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage.

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 12, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$91,121.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jose G. Garcia Montanez, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Central Minnesota Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 12, 2015 as Document Number 494587; as modified of record by document recorded on December 29, 2021 as Document Number A529700 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on June 21, 2023 as Document Number A536833 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 5 and 6, except West 100 feet thereof, Block 3, Locke's Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 620 4TH AVE SE, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,202.03

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Central Minnesota Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0085000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFI-

CATION NUMBER: 1011283-0001100379-2

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 04, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2024.

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MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 08, 2023

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Crossed highway
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Around 3:15 p.m., as another train rumbled through town, the moose started moving again. Crossing the ditch, it passed in front of the Schmidt farm and jumped the fence into their horse pasture. This time a large group of moose spotters descended on its location. More cars showed up as it hid in some tall cat-tails.

Going on the move again as another train passed through town, the moose then hid in some thick brush in the pasture. It tried to cross into the forest adjoining the Dower Lake Recreation Area, but was chased back to the brush by the horses in the field, who didn't like having an intruder.

Finally, the moose made a break into the forest as the horses again chased it.

The moose was about to jump a fence and cross Thunder Road, but turned around after several vehicles drove close.

It then jumped the fence in the forest and crossed the road near the Dower Lake entrance into a field north of Thunder Road.

As the daylight hours were waning, the moose wandered northward as several cars followed its path. It jumped more fences and was poised to cross Highway 10 just after 5 p.m., as it was getting dark. The highway was extremely busy at the time, and several of the cars following the moose turned onto the highway and parked on the edge of the road. A sheriff's deputy pulled up and turned on warning lights to slow down traffic and make them aware of the cars on the side of the road.

The moose started wandering east towards the Sta-



Moose moments

Above, the moose walks past the Donna and Larry Schmidt farm near Staples. Below left, a closeup of the moose in the Schmidt's field. Below right, the moose is diminished by a pine tree pointing its way

north. Bottom right, horses in the Schmidt pasture chase the intruding moose. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

ples downtown, but there was a parked train that would have stopped it if it had gone much further in that direction.

With darkness descending, it doubled back towards the west. Highway 10 traffic calmed down by 5:20 and the moose successfully crossed in the dark to continue its trek northward. It was seen near Central Lakes College, Bullard's Bluff, Nimrod and Sebekia in the following days.



Traffic stopped by burning hay

Smoke crossed Highway 10 as firefighters put out the hay bale fire on Nov. 21, stopping traffic in the westbound lane. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





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School budget adjusts for mandates

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The Staples-Motley School District is learning about the new funding legislation being implemented by the State of Minnesota, as the numbers and requirements are starting to come out.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said "There were a lot of uncertainties about the legislative session."

As the actual numbers are just coming out, the school is adjusting their budget to fit the state laws.

At the Nov. 20 school board meeting, District Business Manager Ellie Hill said the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials is finding "a ton of unfunded mandates" that go along with the new funding formula.

She said while there is new money for some programs, the new laws will likely end up increasing the school's budget by \$53,000.

She gave one example of money available for school support staff, such as social workers, guidance counselor and school nurse, but it's targeted for positions that were not in place before the pandemic of 2020 and Staples-Motley had those positions in place. "We are learning what the options are for those dollars," said Hill.

The new numbers will be reflected in a revised budget that Hill is working on as they start the review process.

Starting in January, Hill said she will bring more specific information to the board, including pupil counts and possible program reductions that could go with the budget increase.

Hill said the current budget is on track for what they expected for this time of the year. The construction budget took off faster than expected this summer because material was coming in faster than

expected.

"The delays are turning around a little bit," Hill said about the previous national slowdown in shipping and available materials.

Facilities update

Damien Williams of ICS said they are finishing the punchlist of construction that was completed this summer on the high school/middle school building and the new elementary gym. Phase two of the high school air quality project is being planned to start May 30, 2024 and continue to Aug. 23.

The new addition to the high school gymnasium is moving around. They expect to have a roof and walls finished by Dec. 13, which will allow for indoor work to be done during the winter.

In other news, the board

• Approved the following hires: Christine Qual

paraprofessional; Margaret Ubanski, long term substitute; Justin Thorne, assistant boys basketball coach; Jerry Cleveland, assistant wrestling coach; Jeff Sterriker, assistant wrestling coach; Emily Berscheit, Adventures assistant; Jace Thompson, junior high boys basketball; Kip Hines, Head Speech Coach.

• Approved resignation of Todd Crawford, custodian.

• Heard from Staples-Motley Elementary Principal Allen Berg about conferences. Berg said they had a great turnout, and because of the "getting to know you" conferences before the school year, the teachers were able to focus on academics right away.

• Heard from Tappe about starting the student portion of the Effective Schools Blueprint, the program that Sourcewell is piloting with the Staples-Motley School District.

• Set truth in taxation meeting for Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.