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This Week's Forecast High Low Cond.

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#### Last Year, 2022 High Low Cond.

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> **Average Temps:** H = 21° Low = 3°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

### **Public** Notices

**Todd County** Commissioners minutes: 9A

### **Obituaries**

Joyce Anderson Marjorie Dvorak Marvin Feakes Randy Hanson June Haskin Richard Read Jeffrey Sampson



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# **Motley Energy and Enviroment Plan is** ready for review

The City of Motley **Energy and Environment** Plan is now available to review and open for public comment at regionfive.org/ motley. The plan prioritizes **Energy and Environment** related initiatives in the community for the next five years and was completed with community survey input. As a result of feedback from communities throughout Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties, the Region Five **Development Commission** (R5DC) launched the Energy & Environment (EE) planning and project implementation initiative in 2020.

Once the community-driven blueprint is in place, an investment of \$20,000.00 will be utilized for project implementation in the city. A local planning team, Region Five Development Commission, the Morgan Family Foundation, Sourcewell, the USDA Rural Community Development Initiative, and the Motley Lions Club were part of funding and/or creating this plan.

To submit public comment, email BJ Allen at biallen@regionfive.org by February 10th, 2023.

### Goals

The Motley Energy and Environment Plan set goals



### Presenter at meeting

BJ Allen (far right), Deputy Director of the Region Five Development Commission, gave an update on Motley's Energy and Environment Plan at the city's council meeting Jan. 9. Also pictured are Bruce Brotherton, left, Public Works Director; and Motley Police Chief Jason Borash, both of whom are part of the project planning team. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

events and land use.

plan are:

1. Invite Morrison County Environmental Services, Morrison SWCD, utilities, Mahube-OTWA Community Action, Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), to citywide clean-up days, fair, June Fest, Community dinner, etc., to conduct outreach and education on proper household hazardous waste disposal, and

for waist, energy, storm other energy and environment opportunities, ensurthe many local opportunities available to reduce energy costs, etc.

2. Offer annual community-wide fall clean-up day in addition to the spring cleanup, including hazardous waste, beginning in 2023.

3. Lighting retrofit in the Fire Hall to LED, and other energy efficiency retrofits at

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## **Dollars** for Scholars supper, auction Jan. 23

Downtown Revitalization summit, attendees were

Joan Hamann, Mary Murray, Sandy Knosalla and Sally Gorton. See results of the summit in next week's

Staples World. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

invited to vote on suggestions to improve the downtown. Pictured at one of the tables, from left, Mary Noska,

lars for Scholars (DFS) will kick off their 2023 Scholarship season with their annual auction and spaghetti dinner, Monday, Jan. 23 at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria.

The free will donation spaghetti dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. with the live auction going from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will also be items for a silent auction to bid on throughout the event.

The event has been scheduled in conjunction with a home Staples-Motley girls basketball game.

DFS Chair Bryan Winkels said, "The board decided we wanted to try something different this year to possibly increase attendance. We're hoping that the community will come out and participate in our event, help us raise some funds for scholarships and walk next door to the gym and cheer on the Cardinal girls basketball team."

Staples-Motley Seniors will also have the opportunity to participate in the DFS Hoop Shoot, at half time of the game, to win scholarship money.

"Our hoop shoot is always entertaining. It's a fun way for the crowd to watch and

Staples and Motley Dol- cheer on students, as they try to win some money to further their education", said Winkels.

Staples and Motley DFS is a local organization that provides scholarships to Staples-Motley graduates annually. Last year, DFS awarded over \$106,000 to the 2022 graduating class at Staples-Motley. Since their inception in 1986, our local DFS organization has awarded over \$2,000,000 in scholarships to our local students.

DFS will also be relaunching their non-traditional scholarship this year. This scholarship will be available to those 25 years of age or older, who reside within the Staples-Motley school district boundaries.

"We'll have information available on this scholarship, the night of the auction. Our organization felt it's also important to support our local community members that are wanting to enhance their education", stated Winkels. "We're fortunate to have the support of local business and individual donors that help make our organization successful, these scholarship opportunities don't happen without them.'

# New SM School Board members sworn in

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

At the Jan. 9, 2023, Staples-Motley School Board organizational meeting, three new members took the oath of office. Kyle Reese, Ryan Wright and Chandler Trout all started their first

term on the school board.

Bryan Winkels, chair; Ryan Wright, vice chair; Lisa Anderson, as clerk; and Jeremy Reeck, treasurer. The board approved school employees Trisha Larson and Loren Walz as assistants to the clerk and Business Manager Tanley Lego, assistant to the treasurer.

The board decided to

meeting to make committee assignments, allowing the three new board members to learn more about what

each committee does. The board decided to hold their regular monthly meetings on the second to last Monday of each month, to reserve the first Monday

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### Three new school board members

From left, Kyle Reese, Ryan Wright and Chandler Trout take the oath of office for the Staples-Motley School Board at

their organizational meeting on Jan. 9. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### Mayor appreciation

New Staples Mayor Ron Murray presented outgoing Mayor Chris Etzler with a plaque at the Jan. 10 meeting, commemorating Etzler's 15 years as mayor. Etzler noted that he has served with 24 different people on city council over the years. "It's been fun working with every single one," said Etzler. "It's not just meeting people and getting to do good things in the community, but learning from everyone," he said. See Staples City Council story on page 12a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Motley City Council holds first regular meeting of 2023

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Jan. 9, the first for 2023, the Motley City Council held a swearing-in ceremony for its newly elected officials; and heard an update about the city's 'Energy and Environment Plan.'

City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden administered the oath of office to Mayor Mike Schmidt and council members Brenda Borash and Nikki Bjerga.

Both Schmidt and Bjerga were familiar faces in the council chambers, having served on an interim basis since last summer. Schmidt had filled the seat of Motley Mayor following Mayor Al Yoder's resignation in July, and Bjerga replaced Amy Hutchison when she resigned from the city council in July. It was Brenda Borash's first time taking her seat at the council table.

One of the first items on their agenda that night was to hear an update on the city's Energy and Environment Plan from BJ Allen, Deputy Director of the Region Five Development Commission.

Allen said that in 2020, Motley had been elected to participate in this plan, which, according to a handout, "is intended to support the community in identifying energy resilience and environmental conditions, challenges and concerns, while also charting a plan of action to address those concerns.'

She's been working with a planning team since this past September, Allen said, identifying projects for Motley. The team includes City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden; city council members Pat O'Regan and Nikki Bjerga; Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton; and Police Chief Jason Borash. The team's had four meetings to date, she said, during which time they've come up with a list of nine projects to work on in 2023. Some of these include installing a drinking fountain/water bottle refill at two of the city parks to increase outdoor recreation opportunities; planting larger trees in parks and other areas; beginning a collaboration with Morrison County Emergency Management, pumps at the wastewater official newspaper for 2023.



### Swearing-in ceremony at Motley City Hall

The City of Motley's Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Borash, council member; Mike Darci Odden (left) led newly elected city officers in reciting the oath of office at their first regular council meeting of 2023 held Jan. 9. Being sworn in, from left, are

Schmidt, mayor; and Nikki Bjerga, council member. Also pictured is council member Pat O'Regan, seated. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

an approved, accessible storm shelter next to city hall; and planting flowers and other greenery to promote city beautification. The City of Motley has received three grants for

a total of \$20,000, Allen said. Members of the public are welcome to submit feedback on the plan, Allen said. A 40-page document. as well as a one-page overview of the project is available at city hall, as well as the city's website. After the 30-day public comment period, the plan can be adapted, but needs to be adapted by next month. In addition, these nine project items need to be completed by June 30, 2023. There are additional projects the city is interested in as well,

project implementation for

Allen noted. Those will be addressed at a future time. In other matters the

- HEARD monthly report from Fire Chief Brad Olson. There were 17 calls for December. Olson noted there had been 150 calls during 2022.
- HEARD monthly and year-end reports from Police Chief Jason Borash. There were 69 calls for December, and a total of 1,363 calls for 2022.
- HEARD monthly report from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, with no major issues noted. Brotherton mentioned that one of the chemical feed FEMA, and others to install treatment facility needs to

be replaced, which is estimated to cost about \$1,000. In addition, plans have been made to enroll in Diamond Maps, a system to help keep track of the city's sewer and water systems infrastructure. The cost is \$20 a

- APPROVED Darci Odden's request to attend the Minnesota Municipal Clerks and Finance Officer Association (MCFOA) Annual Conference in March. It will be held in St.
- APPROVED Odden's request to attend the MN Municipal Clerks Institute in May. This will also be held in St. Cloud.
- APPROVED the BRICKS EV Charging Station Contract Addendum, an agreement between **BRICKS Travel Center and** the City of Motley. The tenant and the landlord entered into a contract on Oct. 26, 2017, and that contract expired Dec. 31, 2021. The current contract with all of its conditions and compensation has been extended until Dec. 31, 2026. Per their agreement, the
- city's yearly rental fee is \$1. • MET Elaine Hanson, who will be working as the temporary city clerk/treasurer during Darci Odden's maternity leave.
- LEARNED that the city's audit has been scheduled for March 6 and 7.
- NAMED the Morrison County Record the city's
  - APPROVED the fol-

Johnson and Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director. Mayor Mike Schmidt, **Emergency Management** Director. City Attorney, Pemberton Law. Planning and Zoning Commission Board Chair, council member Pat O'Regan. APPROVED the fol-

council member Steve

lowing council liaisons for 2023: Police Dept., Pat O'Regan; Administrative Dept., Nikki Bjerga; Maintenance Dept., Brenda Borash; Fire Dept., Steve Johnson.

• APPROVED a resolution authorizing the following signers for banking transactions in 2023: Clerk/ Treasurer Darci Odden; Mayor Mike Schmidt; Acting Mayor Pat O'Regan and council member Steve Johnson.

• APPROVED the Motley Fire Department Relief Association Board of Trustees: Municipal Board Members for 2023, and defined their duties.

• APPROVED having Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden as the responsible authority; and having EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) authorization from the Clerk/Treasurer.

• APPROVED the 2023 meeting schedule and the city-observed holidays.

• NAMED all local banking institutions as the city's official depository for 2023.

• APPROVED the renewal of existing tobacco licenses at the following establishments, pending receipt of all application materials: Orton's Motley Holiday, My Store, Inc., Bremer's Bar, Motley Discount Liquor, BRICKS Travel Center, Y Knot Package Liquor, Dollar General.

• SET next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5 p.m.

• SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.

### Motley area law enforcement report

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

lowing appointments for

2023: Acting Mayor, coun-

cil member Pat O'Regan;

Assistant Weed Inspectors,

#### Jan. 4 - 10

Jan. 10 - The MPD arrested Frederick William Kersten, 51, at the 200 block of Ash St. E., Motley, for his Crow Wing County outstanding warrants.

Jan. 9 - The MPD assisted the MCSO on a traffic stop at Hwy 10 NW and Morrison Ln Rd., Motley, by standing by as a cover offi-

Jan. 8 - The MPD responded to a report of a runaway from a facility in Motley. The subject was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Jan. 7 - The MPD stopped a vehicle at Hwy 10 and 385th St., Motley, for no front plate. A vehicle search was conducted, finding THC wax and other paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and transported to Morrison County Jail for 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

Jan. 5 - The MPD assisted Staples PD in searching for a subject who left Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, stating he was going to commit suicide. The officer was unable to locate the subject or his

Jan. 4 - The MPD received a call from someone who reported that his Lorenz H20 GPS system was stolen from his vehi-

cle mid-day Jan. 2, while he was parked at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. He stated he was parked on the east side of the building and tat he did not have the driver's door of his vehicle locked. He stated it was valued at about \$100 for a used one.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO responded to a residence in Cushing for a report of an intoxicated subject. After speaking with the party involved, Marnie Rae Perfetti, 47, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 8 - The MCSO responded to a report from the BNSF Police of fire with a locomotive at Timber Ln and Azure Rd in Cushing. Upon the deputies' arrival, the fire appeared to be out.



### STAPLES - MOTLEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS



-- Monday, January 23, 2023 --

Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria - Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - free will donation Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Every year, the Staples & Motley Dollars for Scholars Auction and Dinner raises money for scholarships which are awarded to Staples-Motley High School graduates

#### Automotive Car wash certificates - North 4th Car Wash

Car wash certificates - Southside Suds Car Wash Full car detailing - Nyhus Chevrolet

#### **Excursions & Recreation** mmer/winter 3-day fishing package - Dale's Lake of the Woods

1/2 day fishing trip - Dan Freem BBQ and pool party for 15 - Brad & Bobbe Anderson \$100 gift certificate for laser tag - Holst Acres

### Hair Care & Beauty

Guys' night out

gift certificates - Kurt's Barbering Gift certificate and curling iron - Jemma's Salon Products - Ribbons and Bows Gift certificate - Markus Hair Design Color Street Nail Package - Lindsay Kirk Cut and color with Katie - West Hair Boutique

#### **Homemade Items** 2'x2' barn quilt - Katie Benson

Custom catering baskets - Lois Detloff Quilt kit - Piecemaker's Quilt Club Wood/resin serving board - Roger Houselog Custom jokers and marbles game - Steve Benson Crocheted baby blanket and hat - Audrey Hanson

### Restaurants & Food

Pizza party for 10 - Tower Pizza Pizza party and ice cream cake - Tower Pizza and Staples Dairy Queen 2 large pizzas a month for a year - Auger's Motley Express 1 dozen donuts a month for 1 year - Staples Bakery and Convenience

2 - ice cream cakes - Staples Dairy Queen 2 - ice cream cakes - Motley Dairy Queen

2 - \$50 gift certificates - Beck's Burgers Alaskan fish and liquor basket - Kellie Erickson and Liquor Depot

4 - jars of sauerkraut - Jan Gift basket - Local Legends

2 - \$42.22 gift certificates - 2 Tall Tavern Gift basket - Ten-High

Gift certificates - Spot Cafe 3 bags of apples - Oasis Orchard Apples 2 - gift certificates and water bottles - Stomping Grounds

Taste of Pillager - various Pillager restaurants Taste of Staples - various Staples restaurants

Taste of Motley - various Motley restaurants Taste of Verndale - various Verndale restaurants

### Retail

Family portrait session - Sarah Larson Igloo cooler - Ace Hardware Timberlake stay package - Timberlake Lodge Booze basket - Liquor Depot

Basket - Aiden and Oak Two chairs - Central Building Supply

Fire pit ring and firewood - Staples Precision Metalcraft and Gizas Sunglasses and gift certificate- Seth Dokken 10 yards black dirt, delivered in 10 mile radius - Ideal Construction Smart TV - Brichacek Electric

\$100 - Rick Brichacek Gift basket - Jordahl Concrete & Masonry/Jordahl Hardware 4 - \$50 gift certificates - Jordahl Concrete & Masonry/Jordahl Hardware Sweatshirt and 2 gift certificates - Brick's \$100 gift certificate - Japke Decorating

2 - 1 hour massage certificates - Lakewo 2 - \$100 gift certificates - First International Bank

Gift certificate - Miran Creek

4 - \$25 gift certificates - Ernie's

Cardinal gear - Old 10 Apparel Miscellaneous

### Tent rental - Staples Lions

Spring flower arrangement - Lori Nienov Flower arrangement - Red Cardinal Decluttering consultation - Britta Kolodziej Thirty-One game tote - Kim Petrich Thirty-One winter tote - Kim Petrich Cooler with bloody Mary fixings - Bryan & Amy Winkels

\*Additional items to be added.



Online auction will run from January 14-23: www.32auctions.com/SMDFS2023

Sponsors: Bruce and Becky Fuhrman, PHB Excavating, Ken's Auto Collision, Southside MiniMart, Brichacek Miran Creek, Brichacek Electric

Auctioneer: Reed Barthel, New York Mills, MN

Use your smartphone to scan this QR code to learn more about Staples & Motley Dollars for Scholars!



Giving blood in Motley

Over 40 people stopped by the Motley United Methodist Church Jan. 5, to donate blood, including Gary Paskewitz of Staples (above) and Chris Rosvold of Cushing (at right).

Paskewitz said he started donating blood 20plus years ago and was up to about 54 pints. He shared that when his son was three years old, he needed a special type of blood transfusion and there was a shortage at the time. Thankfully, he was able to



get one at the St. Cloud Hospital. Today, his son is 27 years old and doing well. Giving blood is something he strongly believes in doing, Paskewitz said, adding, "It saves lives."

Rosvold said it had been a few years since he last donated, and after learning there were still open slots at the church (where he works as secretary) he decided to donate that day. This was an American Red Cross blood drive. Pictured tending to Paskewitz were phlebotomists Lexi DeMars (center) of Alexandria and Robyn Luttrell of St. Cloud. In lower photo, phlebotomist Alaina Wangler of Alexandria tends to Rosvold. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



### Helped start local drive

Janet Greig of Motley helped start the local blood drive over two decades ago, after learning first-hand how important they are. "They saved Lee's life after his kidney transplant 24 years ago," Greig said of her late husband. "They helped me once, too," she added of the American Red Cross.

Greig said the first blood drives in Motley were held at the school, and after that building was closed, the blood drive was moved to the United Methodist Church in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

### 0-0 **Looking back**

#### 75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Bob Lorentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lorentz of Staples, who was injured while skiing on Dec. 31, is progressing satisfactorily, and has been released from the Staples Municipal hospital.

Bob had a piece of an old tree trunk run into his leg, and he was hospitalized for

#### - 0 -Compiled by **Dawn Timbs**

several days. He is at his home and is doing nicely, according to his attending physician.

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Ed Shave, renowned sports writer of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune was in Staples Monday noon, Jan. 12., and spoke at a meeting of a few of the members of the Staples sportsmen's club and the Civic & Commerce association members at a noon banquet held at the St. Charles banquet room.

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Miss Audrey Griep, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Griep of Staples, singing "Romance", was the first place winner in the first of a series of amateur programs presented at the New Staples theatre every Thursday evening. The first program was Jan. 8.

Miss Frances Greenwaldt, playing a baritone solo "My Regards" by Llewlyn, won the second place, and Miss Jean Norris, singing a Swedish novelty song, was the third place winner.

The contest will run for several weeks, and at the end of that time the first place winners will compete for the complimentary trip to the Stairway to Stardom program presented each Saturday evening over WCCO in Minneapolis with Cedric Adams as the master of ceremonies. The trip is being sponsored jointly by James Randgaard, manager of the theatre, and Carl Holt, owner of the Staples Coffee

• Jan. 15, 1948 - For sale - 5 year old bay pony, broke. \$60. Fred Marolf, Motley.

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Upland Hay for Sale - \$8 and \$12 per ton. F. Sonnenberg, 3 miles east and 8 miles north of

• Jan. 15, 1948 - 100 Bushels Ear Corn for Sale. Good dry corn, \$2.05 per bushel. Ernest Hubachek, Rt. 1, Sta-

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Modern eight room home for sale. 822 First Ave. N.

• Jan. 15, 1948 - Salesman wanted to sell high quality chicks. Good proposition for right man. For interview write Minnesota Poultry Service, Browerville.

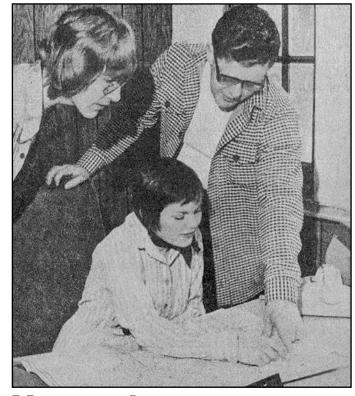
**50 YEARS AGO - 1973** • Jan. 18, 1973 - Free! One Gallon of Root Beer with each bucket or barrel of chicken purchased at Ozzie's Drive-Inn, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Staples.

• Jan. 18, 1973 - Showing at Staples Theatre Jan. 17 - 23 - Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal in "What's Up,

• Jan. 18, 1973 - Motley High school will participate in District No. 24 one act play competition Jan. 20, at the Brainerd Junior College with Brainerd Senior High School hosting the event.

The title of Motley's play is "The Pink Dress" written by Donald Esler and directed by Mrs. Foster. Students taking acting parts are Sheila Flansburg, Kathy Jenkins, Kelly Boldan, Mary Ehresman and Gary Blake. Terry Hall and Bob Nacey are helping with the produc-

• Jan. 18, 1973 - Sale Starts Thursday Morning at Ben Franklin in Staples. Included in the advertisement: Tinkles Daytime 30's Disposable Diapers, Pkg. of 30, \$1.19; Majesty Wintuk Knitting Worsted, 89 cents a skein; Panty Hose, two pr., \$1; 20-gallon trash can, \$3.99; Kleenex Boutique Bathroom Tissues, 3 twin packs, 89 cents.



### Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Feb. 19, 1976 edition. 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.

trict 24 one-act play contest will be held this Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Brainerd State Junior College theatre.

Nine students will represent Staples High school by performing the play "Last Gast Gasps" by Terrance McNally. They are Karen Stevens, Michael Hassler, Mark Evans, Gary Williams, Deb Stoerzinger, Pam Quance, Sandie Hoemberg, Melissa Morriss, and Dean Schroeder. Assisting with the production are Pat Quance and Cliff Thelen.

The play is directed by Tom Girtz, speech teacher at the Staples High school.

• Jan. 18, 1973 - Tuesday, Jan. 16, the North Elementary students were given a special lyceum, Wimpey the Clown. A one-man show, Wimpey the Clown appears under the auspices of the University Program Service, a division of the Department of Concerts and Lec-

### 25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Jan. 15, 1998 - New mayor Mike Goff was sworn in at the beginning of Tuesday night's Staples City Council meeting, City Clerk Phil Lindamann administered the oath of office. Also sworn in were Mark Blessing, Glennda Kotula and Art Manning, each beginning four year terms on the Staples City Council.

• Jan. 15, 1998 - The Staples Motley Public Schools have been awarded a major grant in the first ever Arts Across Minnesota program. The \$30,000 grant will make possible a two day residency by the world famous St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

The orchestra will perform a concert for the public on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the concert, members of the Chamber Orchestra will present classes for Staples Motley Public Schools orchestra and band students and for members of Central Min-

 Jan. 18, 1973 - The Dis-nesota's resident orchestra. Heartland Symphony. • Jan. 15, 1998 - The

Second Annual Farm Family Appreciation Day is scheduled for Jan. 19, at the Staples Motley High School cafeteria. A free pancake and sau-

sage dinner will be served to farmers and farm families from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sen. Dallas Sams will speak at 12:30 p.m. on current and upcoming agricultural issues.

• Jan. 15, 1998 - In mid-January of 1997, four Tepley women moved to Los Angeles, California, to pursue a dream. They joined the ranks of other children and teens working in the entertainment industry as successful actors.

Mom Kathleen Tepley, and daughters Jennifer, Kristina and Stefanie left their family and friends and school in Staples, with the support of their father, who would remain in Minnesota.

The three girls are now signed with a West Los Angeles based personal manger, a Los Angeles based commercial agency, and a Beverly Hills based theatrical agency.

"It wasn't easy," said Kathleen Tepley, "but with strong personal discipline and a great support system, we've done it."

### 10 YEARS AGO - 2013

• Jan. 17, 2013 - Newly elected county commissioners Jim Hofer and Ron Noon were sworn in by Judge Sally Ireland Robertson at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 8, the first board meeting of the year.

 Jan. 17, 2013 - Connections High school is planning to open in Staples this fall, but at their Jan. 8 board meeting the board toured some new spaces at Central Lakes College that could be used for the charter school. Board members include Donna Bestland, Kerry Lindgren, Jim Hofer, Jeff Wig, Lisa Kajer, Sue Boehland, Laurie Bach.



County Attoney Kyra Ladd and were sworn in by Judge Daniel Clark at ceremonies held Jan. 3 at the Wadena City Hall. (Submitted photo)

### Alyssa Manning joins **Lakewood Health** System medical staff

Alyssa Manning, family nurse practitioner, joins Lakewood Health System's oncology medical staff.

Originally from Rock Lake, N.D., Manning earned her undergraduate degree from Jamestown University and her master's degree from North Dakota State University. She is a member of the Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society.

Manning will work closely with Dr. Wade Swenson, caring for hematology and oncology patients. She has previous experience in cardiology, diabetes management and interventional radiology.

Manning and her hus-



Alyssa Manning, FNP

band, Jon, have two adult children: Mitchell and Jenna. In her free time, Manning enjoys hiking. walking her dog, downhill skiing, cross country skiing and time spent at the lake or on the river.

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### Flowers, pollinator garden among Motley goals

city-owned property.

4. Install drinking fountain/water bottle refill at 2 of the parks to facilitate reusable water bottles and reduce solid waste

5. Work with Minnesota Energy Resources to conduct natural gas energy audits on city buildings, and install rapid return on investment measures.

Other goals include: • Plant flowers and other

greenery, plantlarger trees in parks and other areas in

 Begin to collaborate with Morrison County Emergency Management, FEMA and others to install an approved, accessible storm shelter next to City

· Collaborate with CERTs to select best city-owned properties where solar energy systems can be installed.

· Improve city walkabil-

ity by adding more sidewalks, initially tied into 3rd Avenue street upgrade project slated for 2026.

 Install pollinator garden(s) at Veterans or Farber

### **Planners**

People who worked on the project include city staff, Darci Odden, City Clerk/ Treasurer; Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director and Jason Borash. Chief of Police. The planning team included Pat O'Regan, City Councilmember; Nikki Bjerga, City Councilmember; BJ Allen, Region Five Development Commission; Brendan Lee-Gilligan, GreenCorps Member, Region Five Development Commission. The project had technical assistance from Dillon Malay, Minnesota Power and Mike Becker, Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Cathy Cantleberry.

**Mystery solved** 

Last week's mystery photo published in the March

3, 1983 edition of the Staples World featured Motley

Student Council support chairperson Lysa Rogers (left)

making a presentation to Lisa Cantleberry (center) and

Cindy Schull, representing the winter sports cheerlead-

er squads. The student council, under the direction of

Pat Held, had proclaimed the week of Feb. 28 through

March 4, 'Cheerleading Support Week.' Other mem-

bers of the squads were Jody Thorsett, Terri Dingman,

Cindy Jenniges, Renee Resch, Dawn Anderson and

Cantleberry. Thanks for participating in our mystery

Betty Gold of Motley correctly identified Lisa

### School board raises salaries after four years of same flat rate

of each month for board work sessions, if needed. One exception will be the January meeting, which will be Wednesday, Jan. 25. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at the District Office meeting room.

The board approved yearly organizational items, including:

 Appointed three firms as official school attorneys: Pemberton Law Office; Knutson, Flynn & Deans; and Kennedy & Graven.

 Approved official depositories: First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, MN School District Liquid Assets Fund and MN Trust.

 Approved Staples World as official school newspaper.

The board approved administration who are designated to make investments of funds and to sign documents. Superintendent Shane Tappe said the school uses the investment firm Ehlers for many of their investments. Business Manager Tanley Lego said there is now a CD in a local bank, plus bond proceeds invested with Ehlers. The school also uses Minnesota Liquid Assets investment in order to earn a dividend while they are not using certain funds, said Lego.

· The board approved the annual salary of \$3,550 for all board members, an increase from \$3,300 last year. Board Chair Bryan Winkels said the board has not increased the board pay for several years and the new amount would be close to a 1.2 percent increase each year, which is similar to the increase school staff get every year. Winkels said a flat rate salary is easier to administer for board members, instead of a certain amount for each meeting or committee meeting.

# RSV spreading in area

From Todd County Health and Human Services

Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than one year of age in the United States.

People infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6 days after getting infected. Symptoms of RSV infection usually include

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever Wheezing

These symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties. Almost all children will have had an RSV infection

by their second birthday. There is no specific treatment for RSV infection, but

you can take steps to relieve symptoms. • Manage fever and

pain with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. (Never give aspirin to children.)

 Drink enough fluids. It is important for people with RSV infection to drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration (loss of body fluids).

• Talk to your healthcare provider before giving your child nonprescription cold medicines. Some medicines contain ingredients that are not good for children.



# An Ansel Adams winter: beauty worthy of attention

At one time or another, whether you knew it or not, you probably have seen an Ansel Adams photograph. It might have been in a book on photographic masterpieces, or a framed print hanging on a wall in an office, a public building or gallery, or maybe even seen on an Antiques Road Show segment. One of America's legendary photographers, Ansel Adams is best known

for his striking black. and-white landscape images a m o n g which are dramatic scenes of U.S. national parks, semite in Califor-

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work, as much as that of any American of the 20th century, demonstrated that photog-

raphy could be art. Adams preceded the digital photographic age by decades. His images were captured not on a memory card, but on "negatives," thin celluloid film coated with light-sensitive silver crystals. This coating reacted when exposed to light entering a camera lens, darkening more in some areas than others in response to the different light values of a subject. In the darkroom itself mostly a bygone part of photographic historylight was passed through Adams' negatives to make a final positive photographic print.

What set Adams' prints apart from many others was his photographs' wide range of tones, from the purest whites to richest blacks, and all the values of gray in between. The Zone System was the name given to the technique of adjusting a camera's exposure settings to achieve this full tonal range, with skill needed both behind the camera lens and in the darkroom to pull it off. Adams and a fellow photographer together perfected the technique.

To my eye, the scenes winter bear an unmistakable resemblance to Ansel Adams photographs. It's no mystery why. Winter in Minnesota is sometimes portrayed as a barren, bleak, and gray time. This is most true in those random years when there is barely enough snow to cover the ground, and in the time of melting snow and accompanying mud that marks the transition from winter to spring. But in winters with abundant snow, a Minnesota winter is anything but bleak or gray; winters like this one, especially. It's been a season above and beyond for wintry beauty worthy of a photographer's attention, with scenes that I'm sure would have captured Ansel Adams attention.

Most of Minnesota has been blessed—or cursed, depending on your point of view—with snow in great abundance this winter, giving us a landscape that is a high-contrast study in black and white. In many places it has remained as an unusually thick coating on trees, shrubs, and other vegetation, like you might find in a painting by an eager artist who had just learned the technique of painting snow scenes. For the most part, it has remained like this since before Christmas.

I recall the first of these big snow events vividly. In the evening it began with precipitation that was more like fog than mist; invisible, barely felt, but evident as a pebbly layer that gradually built up on car windows like textured glass, on sidewalks, and on every surface. It froze to the bare limbs of birches, aspens and oaks, and to the needles of red, white and jack pines, to evergreen and deciduous shrubs, a glue-like foundation for the wet, heavy snow that would come next.

As more snow accumulated during the nighttime darkness, the stillness and quiet were at intervals broken by the crack of limbs breaking under the mounting weight, and the more ominous sound of their impact on roofs overhead. When the weather system had moved on, snow depths ranged from 10 inches in many places, to well over a foot in others. Trees bore a layer almost as deep, with limbs drooping to almost perpendicular, some even touching the ground. The more flexible trunks of many deciduous trees like aspen and birch were bent

into parabolic curves. The next morning for vignettes of our current me cutting, gathering, and stacking fallen branches, and making a call to our insurance agent to inquire about repairs to impact-damaged gutters. There were widespread power outages, with some having to get by without electricity for intervals that ranged from hours to days.



Hardware and home center outlets enjoyed a brisk business in gas-powered electric generators.

Under ordinary winter conditions, you would expect the burden of snow born by trees and lesser vegetation to soon be lifted, to gradually fall to the ground, dislodged by the wind and the tendency of trees to rebound to their normal shape and stature. But this was not typical snow. Its moisture content, and the sequence in which it progressed from freezing mist to moisture-laden snow, created a durable—if also damaging—coating that in many places remains to this day. Not only remains, but was added to by several subsequent snow events, piling snow upon snow.

This has contributed to the dramatic visual effects; a wintry beauty frozen in time—literally—that calls out to anyone with photographic inclinations to take advantage of an uncommon opportunity.

There are upsides and downsides to such events, of course. Foresters ranging from county land managers to personnel in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources foretell a long-term loss of merchantable timber that will be measured in millions of dollars. The added snow depth has made even worse the on-lake conditions already faced by ice fishermen, and—depending on what



### Winter photography

Scenes from this year's winter in the Staples area. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

winter's last chapters hold for more snow and cold temperatures—could negatively impact our whitetail deer.

Ruffed grouse—which roost in deep snow to preserve body heat, and reduce their need to feed and expose themselves to predatorswill likely benefit. Snowmobilers, cross-country skiers. sledders, and snowshoe enthusiasts appear to have had their annual prayers for adequate snow answered.

As for Ansel Adams, if he were alive today and visiting us now, I have no doubt

that he would find himself setting up his tripod, taking exposure readings, removing the lens cap from his 8 x 10 view camera, and recording some of this winter's above-and-beyond snowy

## Minn. Representatives: Postal Service needs corrections

From the office of Michelle Fischbach

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach joined Congressman Pete Stauber, Congressman Brad Finstad, and House Majority Whip Tom Emmer in sending a letter to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) seeking action to remedy the mail delivery disruptions occurring across Minnesota.

"Every American should be able to rely on the U.S. Postal Service," said Rep. Fischbach. "I sincerely hope

Postmaster General DeJoy takes this letter seriously and will take swift action to decrease the mail backlog and prioritize hiring, training, and retaining quality postal workers in our rural communities."

"During the past weeks, the Postal Service is yet an-

I have heard from constituents from all around the Northland about major disruptions in mail delivery," said Congressman Stauber. "The policies of this Administration have led to staffing shortages nationwide, and

other industry suffering the consequences. In some areas, people haven't received mail in three weeks. This is completely unacceptable. This couldn't have come at a worse time as I know how much rural Minnesotans depend on the USPS to send Christmas cards and packages as well as pay their bills, receive their social security checks, get their medications, and operate their businesses. That's why my colleagues and I are requesting information from USPS leadership about how they are working to fix the current delays and prevent them in the future."

"The USPS provides an essential service, especially to those in the First District who live in rural areas," said Congressman Finstad. "Even minimal disruption in mail delivery can have a significant impact on our businesses and livelihood, so to learn that some areas of the state have had mail delivery delayed for

days - even weeks - is unacceptable. I am joining my colleagues in seeking accountability from the USPS, requesting that they quickly address the problem, and work to apply solutions that will restore continuous, reliable mail delivery for all Minnesotans."

"Minnesotans depend on

reliable mail delivery from the United States Postal Service to pay their bills, operate their businesses and access their medications," said Majority Whip Emmer. "Interrupted or delayed service is unacceptable and can harm Minnesotans' health and livelihoods. The ongoing staffing shortfalls continue to contribute to these delays and the day-to-day capabilities of the USPS. Today, we joined our Minnesota Republican colleagues to ask for transparency, accountability and a plan from the USPS as they address their staffing shortage and delivery delays across our state."

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Quote of the week

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." — Margaret Mead



### **Motley Food Shelf donation**

The Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) recently received a \$1,500 donation from the Randall-Curtis VFW Post, Pictured, from left, are Don Noss, with the VFW: and Sherry Frisk, Motley Area Food Shelf Director. (Submitted photo)

# **Mark Your Calendar**

#### January 19

'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

#### January 20

Women's OPEN AA Recov-ERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

#### January 22

MARCH FOR LIFE Sunday, Jan. 22, at the corner of South 6th St. and Oak St., Brainerd. March begins at 12:45 p.m.; program at the Crow Wing County Courthouse at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Crow Wing County MCCL.

#### January 23

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

### School board meeting Jan. 25

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet in regular session Monday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Individuals or groups must contact the Board Chair or Superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting date to be included in the community forum portion of the meeting. Agenda items include

(but not limited to): -Approval of the MS/HS bid for work scope #9 -Apppoint board members to serve on Educational Committees

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Sunday.

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...9:00 a.m.

.10:05 a.m.

..218-894-2296

...8:30 a.m..

..9:30 am.

.. 10:45 a.m.

..218-894-3923

.10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible study

Upcoming schedule: Mon., Feb. 6: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Dis-

trict Office Mon., Feb. 27: Regular

meeting, 6 p.m., District Of-Mon., March 6: Board

Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office.

# **Cardinal Calendar**

Staples-Motley School events

### January

- Honor Society Induction Jan. 22, Time TBA
- Dollars For Scholars Dinner and Auction Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m., HS Cafeteria

### **February**

- $^{\rm o}$  Special Olympics Basketball Tournament  $\;\;$  Feb.~1,~Staples-Motley HS gym
- Home Speech Meet Feb. 11, Staples-Motley HS
- Large Group Instrumental Contest Feb. 22, Staples-Mot-

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







Appetizers/ Cake/ Coffee provided



### Community Supper **Tues., Jan. 31**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Staples Church of Christ**,

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### Staples Area Church Directory

#### Trinity Lutheran *Motley* **Staples** ..218-894-2372 1000 4th St., NE, Staples. **Motley Free Methodist Staples Alliance** Rev. Robin Collins 1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... ..218-894-2891 ..9:00 a.m. **Sunday Divine Service** Motley 56466.. ..218-352-6888 Sunday School and Bible Class ... 10:30 a.m. Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor 9.30 a.m. Sunday Worshin Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor Sunday School .11:00 a.m. **United Methodist** Sunday Worship....... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY ..218-894-2248 310 5th St. NE, Staples ...... ..6:00 p.m. AWANA Sunday Worship. .... 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) **Assembly of God** .. 4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA... . 218-894-1081 Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ... Youth Group ......6:00-8:00 p.m. ..9:15-10:15 a.m Small Groups (Bible classes St. John's Lutheran Aldrich .9:30 a.m. 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler for all ages) ..218-352-6399 Morning Worship Service.. ... 10:30 a.m. **Balsamlund Lutheran** Children's Church (Kids start in main Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 8:30 a.m. 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp... . 11 a.m. .701-261-2394 (cell) worship service) Prayer Meeting Sunday Worship. .... 5 p.m. ..8:15 a.m. WEDNESDAY .8:30 a.m. St. Michael Sunday School .. Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) ......After school to 5:30 p.m. 1st St. and Birch, Motley ......218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Cushing Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) ......After school to 5:30 p.m. Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz **Bethany Lutheran** MASS: 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 6:30 p.m, Tuesday 320-749-2140 **Church of Christ** .. 10:30 a.m Sunday. 27343 490th St., Staples..... Pastor Barry Klein ...218-894-2609 Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason **United Methodist** www.bethanylutherancushing.org 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Facebook Live Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. ..9:00 a.m. Pastor Greg Leslie ...1st and 2nd Sunday Communion Sunday Worship. .. 10:30 a.m. www.motleyumc.net WEDNESDAY: of each month Sunday Worship Service......10:00 a.m. Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study......7-8 p.m. Monday AA meeting..... **Lincoln Evangelical Free** First Congregational Church, 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 Oylen UCC Phone: 218-575-2449 firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com **Oylen Alliance** www.lincolnefree.org Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 204 5th St. NE, Staples ...... 218-894-2571 Facebook Lincoln E Free ..9:30 a.m. Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Worship. Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Pastor Neal Malcore Fellowship, refreshments following service Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown 10:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad Sunday Worship .11:00 a.m 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Pastor Carl Larson Church Worship Gathering...... 10:00 a.m. YouTube Channel Pastor Chris Mathiason ... 10:00 a.m.

Family Night. .6:00 p.m. 218-746-3775 **Cushing Baptist** Sunday Worship 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing Pastor Dan Holmes...... .320-749-2583 Sunday School . ..9:30 a.m. Worship..... WEDNESDAY .10:30 a.m. Pastor Dan Johnson

..7:30 p.m.

Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader ......218-397-2470 WEDNESDAY Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship January - July

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

# Verndale Alliance WEÓNESDAY Life Groups. Pillager First Lutheran Church Pastor Mathew Sundquist 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN

.9:30 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.

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 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School. .....10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship WEDNESDAY PRAYER. .7:00 p.m

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church** (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship. **United Methodist Church** Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN Pastor Kenneth Uhren

Sunday Services ..... Sunday School Verndale

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 Classses ...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.

.6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**Central United Methodist** 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950 Sunday Service. Rihle 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 Sunday Service .....

### "To Love One Another"

Fr. Aaron Kuhn, St. Michael Church, Motley; Sacred Heart Church, Staples

Jesus shows us how to be human. This insight changed my view of Jesus from that of a superhuman among men, to that of a holy man among unholy men, calling them to be holy like the Heavenly Father.

"Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly and set your hopes completely on the graces to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, 'Be holy because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:13-16).

The apostle Peter had learned this from his encounters with Jesus.

Jesus did not so much reveal His

unattainable divinity as to reveal to us who we are capable of being once freed from our slavery to sin. Sin can be described as a deprivation of love where it should have been. We are created by love for love. To love someone is not an ideal to be grasped at and perhaps attain after great effort. Rather, to love another is the mode of operation to which we are called to do in all things, at all times.

Human beings are "made in God's image," meaning that when we live the right way people can see God working through us. God is love. So, when I love, God is revealed in me. I am then the fullness of who I am capable of being, and the mission of Jesus to "make disciples" is made in me (Matthew 28:19).

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKE-WOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Online birth announcements removed at the request of Lakewood Health System.

### 0-0 **Student Achievements**

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVER-SITY MOORHEAD recently announced its 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits. Local students named included:

- Tiffany Achermann, Motlev
  - Drew Berg, Staples • Kaila Erbe, Motley
  - Shania Glenz, Staples • Evelyn Gonzalez, Sta-
- ples • Francesca Hanson, Motley
- Matthew Hughes, Pil-
- John Lund, Staples • Benjamin Oie, Pillager
- Emma Schmit, Pillager
- Ava Schneider, Staples
- Klaire Storry, Staples • Nicholas Tabatt, Brow-
- Cole Winkels, Staples
- Jenna Woidyla, Pillager • Luke Woidyla, Pillager

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE recently announced its Fall Semester Dean's List for 2022. To qualify, students must achieve a 3.50 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more credits. Local students named included:

> Josh Kossan, Motley • Kyle Serich, Staples



## **Obituaries**



#### **Feakes Jeffrey** Sampson Marvin W. Feakes, 84, of

Motley, passed away Jan-

uary 3, 2023, at the Mayo

Clinic in Rochester, with

Fri., January 20 from 4 to 6

p.m. at the Brenny Family

Funeral Chapel in Staples,

with prayers starting at 6

p.m. Mass of Christian

Burial will be held at 11

a.m. Sat., January 21 at St.

Michael's Catholic Church

in Motley, with visitation

one hour prior to services

Motley Public Cemetery.

Interment will follow at

Marvin was born July

12, 1938 to Bert and Jensine

(Pedersen) Feakes in North-

port, Washington. He was

united in marriage to Janet Lorber on May 7, 1960, in

Motley. Marvin worked for

Northwestern Bell in Wil-

liston and Fessenden, North

Dakota. He was involved

with the Fessenden Fire

Dept. and the Fessenden

Ambulance Squad. He then

became a regional manager

and Marv and Jan moved

their family to Harvey, ND.

Marvin was involved in the

VFW, Eagles and Knights

of Columbus originations,

along with the Harvey Fire

Department and Ambu-

lance. He retired from Ma

Bell in 1986 and started

farming with his son, Dave.

Mary and Jan moved back

ing and trips to Canada.

He loved horses and was

known as the neighbor-

hood "fix it guy." He will

be missed by everyone who

four sons, Marvin, Jr. of

Watford City, ND, Dave

(Patty) of Fessenden, ND,

Michael (Amy) of Rochester

and Paul of Dallas, Texas;

seven grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren and

death by his parents; wife;

one son, John; one brother,

Bill and his mother and

father-in-law, Earl and

the Brenny Family Funeral

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He was preceded in

one brother, Bert, Jr.

Alice Lorber.

Chapel, Staples.

Marvin is survived by

Marvin enjoyed fish-

to Motley in 1995.

knew him.

at the church.

Visitation will be held

his family by his side.

Jeffrey Peter Sampson, 58, of Stacy, passed away at his home in the arms of his family on January 11, 2023.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services at the

Jeff was born December 20, 1964 to Gordon and Yvonne (Scheid) Sampson in Wadena. He graduated from Motley High School and went on to earn his Master's degree in Finance, **Economics and Computer** Science at St. Cloud State University, and the University of Minnesota. He married the love of his life, Gina Freese on August 22,

Jeff was a very loving and compassionate man. His family was most important to him. He loved gathering around the campfire with good friends, family, his dog Sweetpea and a cold Spotted Cow. Jeff enjoyed coaching baseball, soccer and loved watching his kids at their school activities and sports. He took pride in caring for his home and yard. Jeff looked forward to his bi-monthly trips to Wisconsin for his favorite drink, a Spotted Cow.

He worked at Wells Fargo for 30 years, and will be missed by his Wells Fargo family in Minnesota and North Carolina. Jeff will be remembered for his infectious smile, contagious laugh and good heart.

He is survived by his wife, Gina; one son, Cameron (Mirella) Sampson; one daughter, Sydnie Sampson; best friend Jimmy Atkinson; mother, Yvonne Sampson; one sister, Debbie (Brian) Haataja; two brothers. Gary (Nancy) Sampson and Robert (Lorri) Sampson; one brother in-law, Jerry Freese; one sister in-law, Gloria Freese; many nieces, nephews and extended family; seven kitties and his dog, Sweetpea.

Jeff is preceded in death by one grandchild, August; father and grandparents.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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### **Joyce** Anderson

Joyce P. Anderson, 74, of Staples, passed away January 12, 2023, at her home in Staples.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. January 28 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Rev. Carl Larson officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Fri., January 27 and from 11 a.m. to noon on Sat., Jan. 28 at the church.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home in

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### Randy Hanson

Randy Harold Hanson, 70, of Staples, passed away January 8, 2023, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thurs., January 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Interment will take place Fri., January 20 at 3 p.m. at Swan Valley Cemetery in

Randy was born September 22, 1952 to Harold and Lorraine (Roach) Hanson in Wadena. He was a truck driver who "worked hard and played hard." Randy enjoyed motorcycling in the summer months and snowmobiling in the winter. He was always ready to play cards and loved spending time with his family and friends.

Randy is survived by two daughters, Lisa (Greg) Giza and Kaitlyn Hanson: two grandchildren, Max and Alex Giza; three sisters, Janet (Jerry) Brademan, Pat Tarbell and Phyllis (Kevin) Brown and ex-wife, Audrey Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Margaret and Kathleen Hanson and one brother-inlaw, Jim Tarbell.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Memorials are preferred to the Lakewood Health System Care Center.

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### June Haskin

June Mabel Haskin, 91, of Winthrop, passed away January 4, 2023.

A Memorial Service is planned for May 2023.

Interment will be alongside her husband, LeRoy W. Haskin, at Fort Snelling in Bloomington.

June Mabel Haskin was born at 7:30 p.m. at home on May 2, 1931, to Arthur and Irene (Kuhnke) Jasmer in Bartlett Township, Todd County. June and her ten siblings grew up on a dairy and grain farm near Staples. June was confirmed on June 4, 1944, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. She attended country school through elementary, then she and her sister. Iris. stayed in Staples during the school year to attend high school. They worked at the St. Charles Hotel in Staples in exchange for meals and lodging.

June was united in marriage to Warren LeRoy Haskin on July 12, 1949. LeRoy, his father and brother, Byron, all operated the Shell gas station in Staples. In 1962, LeRoy and June bought the Texaco service station in Winthrop, moving the family south. LeRoy died July 29, 1986.

June worked for Fingerhut Industries in Gaylord as a line supervisor and the Winthrop School District as a teacher's aide and office assistant. She talked fondly about her time at the school and the many teachers she admired.

June and LeRoy were members of a 500-card club that met monthly during the winter. Both were active in the community theatre group in the 1960s and 70's. June directed the play "Barefoot in the Park". She was very involved with her church, serving on most boards and teaching Sunday school. June became active in the Republican party in the mid-1960s through the 80's. She worked on state and national campaigns, helping candidates with their elections. June loved her home and took great care in decorating and upgrading it. She also enjoyed wearing fashionable clothing.

June is survived by three children, Deborah (Bruce) Wilhelm of Winthrop, Rae Karty-Haskin (Chester Karty) of Fort Meyers, FL and Terry (Jon) Riggs of Fairmont; five grandchildren, Tanya (Jeff) Wiebold, Kolann Wilhelm, Tyler Karty, Adam Karty and Benjamin (Katie) Connerton Riggs; three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Mark (Patti) Jasmer; two sisters-in-law, Joretta Jasmer and Joann Jasmer; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

June was preceded in death by her parents; husband, LeRoy; nine siblings, Roger Jasmer, Dorothy (Richard) Polkinghorn, Betty Beard, Iris (Lester) Swanson, Virgil (Joann) Jasmer, Arthur (Nora) Jasmer, Rose (Ted) Deitrick, Larry (Joretta) Jasmer and Dennis Jasmer.

Arrangements by Dalin-Hantge Funeral Chapel, Winthrop. Online obituaries and guest book available at www.hantge.com

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### Marjorie **Dvorak**

Marjorie Ann (Lawrence) Dvorak, 92, passed away December 29, 2022, at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls.

A Celebration of Life for Marjorie will be held in the spring of 2023.

Burial will be at the Motley Cemetery.

Mariorie was born June 10, 1930 to Eugene and Edna (Lease) Lawrence in Foley. Her parents owned several different businesses throughout their life, including Birch Acres Resort in Lincoln.

While living in Lincoln Marjorie met Arnold Dvorak and they were united in marriage on May 29, 1953. From that union they had 14 children: Steve, Mary, Joni, Mike, Linda, Tony, Pat, Jim, Ann, Cathy, Joe, Susan, Sally and Greg.

Marjorie was a waitress for many years and worked on the family farm where they raised turkeys, cows, pigs and field crops, but her main full-time job was raising her children.

Marjorie loved indoor/ outdoor gardening and especially did well in the houseplant department African violets were her specialty. She loved to cook and spend time with her family.

She had the best sense of humor and kept her family entertained to her end, which we were very happy to share those precious moments with her. She was very much loved and will be missed by all.

Marjorie is survived by er 14 children and their significant others, and was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two brothers, John and Dickey; one grandson, Michael and many in-laws.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear."

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### Richard Read

Richard P. "Dick" Read, 89, of Chisago City, formerly of Sebring, Florida passed away January 5, 2023.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Dick was born May 28, 1933 to Richard and Gladys Read in Staples. He graduated from Staples High School in 1951.

Dick was a longtime employee of Burlington Northern Railroad. He loved hunting, fishing and summertime visits to Fish Trap

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joanne; three children; three step-children and one brother, Don (Sharon) Read.

He is preceded in death by one son, Dick Read.

Arrangements are by the Grandstrand Funeral Home in Lindstrom. Condolences may be expressed online at www.grandstrandfh.com.

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### Team anticipating a big win

Staples-Motley wrestlers and coaches leap out of their seats, reacting to Steven Petrich dropping his opponent to the mat. With the score 30-34, the Cardinals

needed a pin and the team was recognizing that the pin was about to happen. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Petrich shocks Little Falls with winning pin in final match

Steven Petrich's pin in the final match finished an upset of the Little Falls wrestling team on Jan. 10, giving Staples-Motley a 36-34 win.

The Cardinals had started the day with a 54-16 loss to Royalton/Upsala.

The momentum carried to another triangular meet on Jan. 13, where Staples-Motley swept a pair of duals at Olivia, defeating Benson 39-30 and BOLD

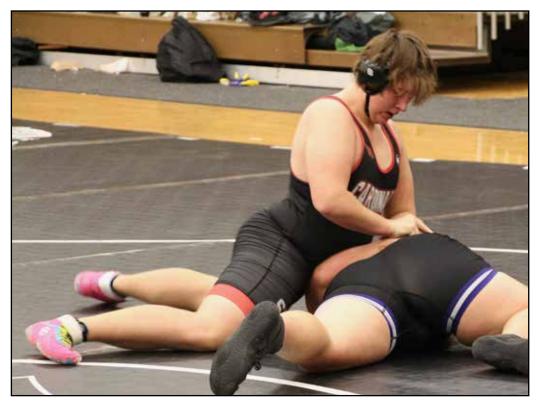
Against Royalton/Upsala, the Cardinals did not get the matchups they wanted and lost a few close matches to go down 54-16.

When Little Falls came within two points of Rovalton in the next match, it looked like it was going to be another tough match Staples-Motley in the final

dual of the night.

But the Cardinals switched their lineup at the start, putting Beau Carlson in at 106 pounds. That pushed most of the other wrestlers to wrestle up a weight. The strategy worked early on when Carlson earned a 11-2 major decision, Gage Bjerga won by technical fall and Eli Greenwaldt won by fall.

After that, a lot of extra team points were needed to stay in the match. Colbe Tappe earned a pin for six points instead of settling for a technical fall, which is worth five points. Jason Trantina and Dustin Converse saved team points by avoiding a pin against good wrestlers. Owen Winter controlled a tough opponent for a 4-0 win and Blake Neelan came through with a pin. At 220 pounds, Adrian Gomez came close to a winning



### Working on a pin

Steven Petrich holds an arm bar in the heavyweight match against Little Falls.

takedown but ended up with a 6-4 loss.

That meant the Cardinals were down by four going into the heavyweight match. Petrich came out strong with a bull rush takedown in the first period, but wasn't able to turn his opponent. Knowing that the team needed a pin, not just a win, Petrich chose the top position in the second period. Again he worked hard but could not turn his opponent. Late in the period, the Little Falls wrestler got out with an escape and immediately tried to throw a headlock. Petrich turned that against him and threw him to his back, earning a pin a

few seconds later. The Staples-Motley fans, team and cheerleaders erupted for the sudden team win.

Against Benson, the Cardinals did well at the lower weights but still needed a win at heavyweight, where Petrich came through again with a pin.

#### Team results Staples-Motley 36, Little

Falls 34

106 Beau Carlson W 11-2, 113 Gage Bjerga W 15-0 tf, 120 Eli Greenwaldt W fall, 126 ff, 132 Riley Reese L 5-1, 138 Jason Trantina L 16-1 tf, 145 Colbe Tappe W fall, 152 Owen Winter W 4-0, 160 Blake Neelan W fall, 170 Dustin Converse L 15-0 tf, 182 Jacob Becker L fall, 195 Kevin Miller L fall, 220 Adrian Gomez L 6-4, 285 Steven Petrich

Staples-Motley 16, Royal-

106: Bjerga W 11-0, 113 Greenwaldt W fall, 120 ff, 126 ff, 132 Reese L 4-2, 138 Trantina L 18-2 tf, 145 Tappe W fall, 152 Winter L 9-4, 160 Neelan L 6-1, 170 Converse L 6-1, 182 Becker L fall, 195 Miller L fall, 220 Gomez L fall, 285 Petrich L fall

Staples-Motley 45, BOLD

106 Caden Kramer W fall, 113 Bjerga W fall, 120 Greenwaldt W fall, 126 Caden Dobson W ff, 132 Reese L 6-2, 138 Trantina W fall, 145 Winter W fall, 152 Ramiro Gallardo L fall, 160 Neelan W 6-0, 170 Converse W fall, 182 Becker L fall, 195 double ff, 220 double ff, 285 double ff

# Cardinals stay hot for full game to win

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team used hot shooting to take an early lead at Pierz on Jan. 10, but fell cold in the second half and ended up with a 61-52 loss. The Cardinals hosted Greenway on Jan. 13 and played well throughout the game, finishing with an 82-41 win. Against Pierz, the Sta-

ples-Motley was on fire from the three point line in the first half, hitting on eight long range shots. Isaiah Schultz made three, Hunter Miller two and one each for Dakota Hennagir, Avandre Brandt and Grant Bestland. That propelled them to a 36-30 lead at halftime.

But the team cooled off in the second half, with only two three point shots made and a total of 16 points scored, while Pierz continued at their same pace and took over the lead.

The Cardinals only shot two free throws in the game, with Schultz making them both. Meanwhile, Pierz shot 23 free throws in the game, making 12.

Against Greenway. Schultz scored 20 points in the first half as Staples-Motley doubled their opponents' score. Alex Schultz took over in the second half, scoring 10 points to grow the lead.

Avandre Brandt made four 3-pointers in the game, while Isaiah Schultz, Luke Brownell and Alex Schultz each made two.

### **Team results**

Staples-Motley 52, Pierz

Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 20, Dakota Hennagir 9, Hunter Miller 9. Avandre Brandt 7. Luke Brownell 4, Grant Bestland 3

Staples-Motley 82, Greenway 41

Scoring: I. Schultz 23, Brandt 18, Miller 11, Brownell 10. Alex Schultz 10. Hennagir 4, Bestland 4, Elijah Claussen 2

## Slow starts in hoops losses

The Staples-Motley girls and Audrey Brownell basketball team suffered two losses where they struggled to score in the first half of each game. They lost 78-22 to West Central Area on Jan. 10, and 62-38 against Park Rapids on Jan. 13.

In each game, the Cardinals only scored 10 points in the first half. Against Park Rapids, they came back in the second half and actually outscored their opponents in that half. Lauren Rutten made five of six free throws

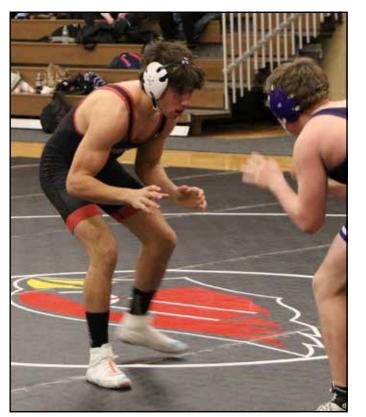
scored two three pointers in the game.

#### **Team results** Staples-Motley 22, West

Central Area 78 Scoring: Izzy Olander 6.

Liv Lorber 6, Lauren Rutten 5, Ashley Robben 3, Ellie Lange 2 Staples-Motley 38, Park Rapids 62

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 13. Audrey Brownell 10, Kenzie Erickson 4, Miranda Schotzko 4, Oliviah Lorber 3, Georgia Kruchten 2, Ashley Robben 2



### Ready to shoot

Blake Neelan stalks his opponent before earning a pin against Little Falls.



### Scoring points for the team

Beau Carlson tries to tip his opponent while winning with a major decision against Little Falls.



### Controlling the match

Eli Greenwaldt applies pressure in his match.

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#### **ESTATE OF**

Michael P. Murphy, also known as Michael Patrick Murphy, Michael Murphy and Mike Murphy DECEDENT

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** OF INTESTACY, **DETERMINATION** OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT **OF PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE **AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Leah Murphy, whose address is: 110163 Stanford Circle, Chaska, MN, 55318 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

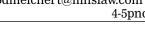
Dated: January 10, 2023

BY THE COURT Daniel A. Benson Judge of District Court

Patricia Johnson Court Administrator/ Deputy Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative P. David Melchert Melchert Hubert Sjodin, PLLP 121 West Main Street, Suite 200 Waconia, MN 55387 Attorney License No: 0249877 Telephone: (952) 442-7700 FAX: (952) 442-6166 Email:

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## **Todd County Board of Commissioners**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** Dec. 27, 2022

#### **Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 27th day of December, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Becker.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2022 as presented.

To hire Traci Becker, PT Correctional Officer, start date TBD.

#### **Oath of Office**

An Oath of Office for Todd County Sheriff-elect Mike Allen to begin his term of service to the citizens of Todd County beginning at 12:00 a.m, Monday, January 2, 2023.

#### **Auditor-Treasurer**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402304 through 402334 in the amount of \$14,452.91 and (Regular) 56591 through 56623 in the amount of \$36,659.45 for a total of \$51,112.36.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 803557 through 803573 and (Regular) 709958 through 710005 for a total amount of \$89,655.83.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600806 through 600815 and (Regular) 517159 through 517174 for a total amount of \$85,591.77.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the abatement to correct the classification of parcel 36-0023700.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2022 County Motor Pool Budget Carryover per the attached Budget Request Form details in the amount

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by

#### unanimous vote: **COMMIT FUND BALANCE FOR FUTURE RETIREES'** SEVERANCE FUND

WHEREAS, beginning in FY 2020, the Finance Committee recommended taking a proactive budget approach for future retirement severances within Fund 01-General Revenue, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board established the Committed Fund Balance for Future Retirees' Severance Fund with Resolution #20201229-08 for FYE 2020 and recommitted the updated balance with Resolution #20211228-06 with a balance of \$63,790 for FYE

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2022 is \$113.790. State Auditors recommendation is to approve a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis reporting.
NOW, THEREFORE BE

IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/ Treasurer to register the Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue with a balance of \$113,790 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance for Future

effective December 31, 2022. On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Retirees' Severance Fund,

#### **COMMIT FUND** BALANCE FOR **BUILDING & GROUNDS** IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a Building & Grounds Improvement Fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the County General Fund. The Building & Grounds Improvement Funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year;

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2022 is \$936,252.51. State Auditor's recommendation is to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/ Treasurer to register the Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue Fund with a balance of \$936,252.51 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance of Building & Grounds Improvement Fund, effective December 31, 2022.

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

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF ARP/SLFRF PROJECT EXPENSES

WHEREAS, b b o T County has received funding via the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP/ SLFRF) Act, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County has used/expensed funds within the allotted timeframe indicated in the federal guidance terms, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County departments incurred qualifying expenses via the Federal ARP/SLFRF Act which were not able to be expensed directly to Fund 19-ARP/ SLFRF and now necessitate realignment to the County Departments that incurred the initial eligible expense.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$130,827.59 from Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF to Fund 01-General Fund in the amount of \$107,005.01 and to Fund 11-Human Services in the amount of \$23,822.58 to realign eligible ARP-SLFRF expenses to the County Departments where the support of the positions expense occurred.

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

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS -**COUNTY DITCH 18 - PAR-**TIAL REPAYMENT

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2017 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the advance of \$300,000 from the General Fund (Fund 01) to the Ditch Fund (Fund 40) per BA#20171228-06; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2018 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the special assessment payment terms, granting a 10 year repayment term with two percent (2%) interest to be credited to the General Fund (Fund 01). The first year of the special assessment collection began for taxes payable in 2019 per BA#20180904-07; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected in 2018 and 2019 for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in the principal

for transparent financial amount of \$70,441.51 along with \$4,060.28 of interest was approved as a partial repayment of the advance via BA#20191217-09; and

> WHEREAS, the amount collected in 2020 for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in the principal amount of \$33,833.84 along with \$4,606.32 of interest was approved as a partial repayment of the advance via BA#20201215-16; and

> WHEREAS, the amount collected in 2021 for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in the principal amount of \$20,121.58 along with \$3,243.61 of interest was approved as a partial repayment of the advance via BA#20211221-12; and

WHEREAS, the amount collected for Ditch 18 Special Assessment #7189 in taxes payable year 2022 is \$20,436.24 of the principal balance, along with \$2,896.93 of interest and is ready for transfer as a partial repayment to the advance made by the General Fund.

NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$23,333.17 from Fund 40-County Ditches/ Ditch 18 to Fund 01 General

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

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SOUTH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE **FUNDS**

WHEREAS, County became a member of the South Country Health Alliance on January 1, 2007, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County provided capital payments as part of our participation in this joint powers agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners resolved to withdraw from the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement via BA#20190319-19 to be effective December 31, 2019 at 11:59 p.m., and;

WHEREAS, the third installment principal and interest payment of Todd County's capital has been receipted into the Human Services and Community Health Funds per audit stan-

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$368,644.08 from Fund 11-Human Services and \$289,648.92 from Fund 21-Community Health for a total of \$658,293 to Fund 01-General Revenue to assist with the budgetary essentials of the County.

**Public Works** On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Letter of Support for the City of Osakis' application for the DOT Active Transportation Grant.

#### Todd Wadena Community Corrections

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

#### unanimous vote: A RESOLUTION ON PROBATION FUNDING IN MINNESOTA

Endorsing the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urging the legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

WHEREAS, community supervision is a fundamental part of the criminal justice system in Minnesota and funding sufficient to ensure effective services is vital to public safety in all communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, community supervision includes services such as probation, supervised release, and intensive supervised release; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties provide essential community supervision services both as mandated by M.S. Chapter 244.19 and also as delegated by the Department of Corrections under M.S. Chapter 401; and

WHEREAS, when the Legislature decided that community supervision was best delivered through a state-county partnership, it stated a clear intent that the state would provide significant funding to the counties for operation of local programs; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Minnesota has become the state with the lowest level of corrections funding in the nation because the Legislature has not upheld its promise to provide adequate state resources to support community supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's failure to adequately fund community supervision has increased local property taxes on residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, a revised community supervision funding formula is necessary to ensure that all communities in Minnesota have enough state funding to provide a consistent standard for effective, evidence-based community supervision services regardless of local capacity to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the Community Supervision Work Group including county leaders and experts in community supervision from all three supervision delivery systems to study the needs of community supervision departments statewide and develop a single funding formula that is transparent, needs based, and equitable among county and state supervision providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Supervision Workgroup has taken up its charge to convene stakeholders across the three probation delivery systems to oversee a study to create a unified recommendation for an equitable and adequate funding formula and appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support a new funding formula that provide counties with the resources needed to keep communities safe: now. therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners endorses the efforts of the Community Supervision Work Group and urges the Legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

Commissioner Kircher was recognized for his service on the Todd Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board since 2009 with a plaque.

### **County Sheriff**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann. the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the quote from Granite Electronics to update the dispatch consoles for \$8,070.12 utilizing 911 funds.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher. the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the carry-over of the Vehicle Purchase account in the amount of \$196,000 due to supply chain delay in deliv-

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the carry-over of the Vehicle Equipment account in the amount of \$50,000

### Planning & Zoning

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

#### Final Plat Approval -"Henry Slabaugh Amish Cemetery" WHEREAS, Applicant

and property owner Henry J. Slabaugh applied to subdivide a property that is described as East 1/2 of the Northwest ¼ in Section 30 of Long Prairie Township with the plat to be known

as 'Henry Slabaugh Amish Cemetery'

WHEREAS, Henry Slabaugh Amish Cemetery consists of Lot 1, 2.01± Acres located in Agricultural and Forestry One Zoning District in Long Prairie Town-

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2022, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to **Todd County Subdivision** Regulation and Ordinance:

That part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 30, Township 128, Range 33, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West, assumed bearing, 1085.00 feet along the north line of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter: thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds East 388.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds East 190.00 feet to the point of beginning: thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West 296.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds East 296.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds East 296.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West 296.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Easement per doc.no.

An easement for ingress, egress, and utility purposes, over, under, and across that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 30, Township 128, Range 33, Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West, assumed bearing, 1.052.00 feet along the north line of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning of said 33.00 foot wide easement to be described; thence continuing South 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West 33.00 feet along said north line of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds East 388.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds East 190.00 feet: thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West 33.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West 157.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West 355.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to 170th Street on the north.

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2022, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Henry Slabaugh Amish Cemetery preliminary plat with four (4) conditions,

1. Applicant shall remain compliant with applicable local, state or federal regulations related to operation of the cemetery.

2. Declare a cemetery official and an alternate that will be responsible for following state rules and provide contact information to the County to be recorded with the final plat.

3. Maintain a list of individuals buried and exact location within the ceme-

4. Cemetery plot must be completely fenced off with boundaries clearly identified. All burial sites must remain inside of the fenced area

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Henry Sla-baugh Amish Cemetery" be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$1,000 assessment would remain in

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place for failure to complete the restoration order by Marvin Drayna on parcel 12-0012500.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remove the \$1,000 assessment that was placed on parcel 09-0002900 for Gideon and Ella Swartzentruber due to the resolution of the viola-

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order by Marianne Gerving on parcel 25-0046200.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order by Linda Jean Hansen on parcel 08-0036300.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order by Harold G. Harkcom on parcel 25-0007500.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing to, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order by Jeffrey J. and Kristine Kuhlmann on parcel 21-0040200.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remove the \$3,000 assessment placed on parcel 20-0030703 for Georgann M. and David W. Larson for 2023 due to not being able to ascertain that proper notification to the landowner was delivered and have learned that the landowner is recently deceased.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order by William J. and Marsha K. Owen on parcel 22-0007001.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remove the \$3,000 assessment placed on parcel 19-00024700 for Timothy Wagner due to the new ownership of the parcel and progress made on cleaning up the property.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To take no action, by doing so, a \$3,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order for Timothy Forcier on parcel 15-0079700.

#### **County Auditor-Treasurer's Report**

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and expressed thanks to the elected officials retiring for their service along with welcoming the newly elected officials to the

#### County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended. Commissioner Kneisl expressed thanks to Todd County for support during his 16 years of service. Commissioner Kircher expressed thanks for the support from the county leaders and voters for the past years and encouraged support for the leaders of the county for the future.

**County Coordinator's** Report

The County Coordinator provided well wishes and thanks to the retiring Commissioners.

Certificates for the 16 years of service to Com-

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missioner Kircher and Commissioner Kneisl were presented. A plaque was presented to Sheriff Och for his 24 years of service to Todd County.

#### Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the meeting was adjourned for December 2022.

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On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 27, 2022 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 3, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County

Auditor-Treasurer

## **Public** Notices

#### **BOARD OF AUDIT** BYRON TOWNSHIP

The Byron Township Board of Audit will be held Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. If inclement weather, it will be held the following week.

Becki Rassler, Clerk Byron Township

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### **PUBLIC NOTICES:** Your Right to Know

#### **SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

#### TITLE: **Staples-Motley High School Addition** & IAQ Upgrades

Work Scope 9 - Aluminum Doors Windows & Glazing Rebid

LOCATION OF WORK: 401 Centennial Drive Staples, MN 56479 **OWNER: Staples-Motley Public** 

Schools ISD #2170 905 Fourth Street NE Staples, MN 56479 CONSTRUCTION

MANAGER: ICS Consulting, LLC. 1139 Franklin Ave., Suite 1

Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 (320) 360-5506 Contact: Jorden Pangrac **ARCHITECTURAL:** JLG Architects 525 Broadway Alexandria, MN 56308

**STRUCTURAL: Northland Consulting Engineers** 

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#### PROJECT DESCRIP-TION:

The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary for the construction of an approximate 22,000 sf gym and wellness center addition and indoor air quality upgrades to the existing school. Rebid consists of Work Scope 09: Aluminum Doors Windows & Glazing only.

#### **BID DATE AND LOCA-**TION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170** District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 PM local time on January 18th, 2023. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS. **EXAMINATION OF** 

#### **DOCUMENTS:** Bidders may view draw-

ings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

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

#### BIDDING REQUIRE-**MENTS:**

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

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder

will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

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

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

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

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

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alter-

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

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

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully

inform themself and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

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

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

#### PRE-BID CONFER-**ENCE**:

There will not be a Pre-Bid conference for the rebid. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review can be coordinated through the Construction Manager – (Jorden Pangrac 320-360-5506). No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

### **START DATE:**

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is January 25, 2023. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 2, 2023.

#### SUBSTANTIAL AND **COMPLETION DATE:**

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete IAQ Phase 1: August

25, 2023 IAQ Phase 2: August

23, 2024 Wellness Center Addi-

tion: September 27, 2024

END OF **SECTION 00 11 13** 

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### **Host Lions Club donates**

The Staples Host Lions Club recently made several donations to area organizations. Pictured above, Lisa Wick, on behalf of Freshwater Education District, accepts a \$350 check from Lion President Steve Sing. Center photo, Lisa Boie, Director of the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS) receives a \$500 check from Lion President Sing, on behalf of LAPS. Lower photo, from left, Paul Drange accepts a \$250 check, on behalf of Sourcewell, from Lion President Sing, (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





# Stolen package recovered after Staples Police investigation

On Dec. 19, Staples Police were dispatched to Dakota Ave. SE for a report of the theft of a mailed package from the front step of the reporting person's address. After investigation, officers served a search warrant on a residence in Brainerd, where the stolen property was located and returned to the reporting party. The suspect, Caleb Permann of Byron, was charged with

Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz said "Officers Chris Goff and Hunter Roeder did an excellent job following up and charging the subject in this theft."

Other items from the Staples Police report include:

Dec. 21, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that struck a courtesy cart at Lakewood Health System.

Dec. 21, Staples Police received a complaint of suspicious footprints in a residents yard on 7th St NE. The complainant stated the footprints went up to multiple windows and possibly the front door. Reporting party was advised that officers would for any suspicious individuals.

Dec. 22, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a possible DWI on Thunder Rd. Adam Kozojed, 40, was arrested for 3rd degree DWI by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. Staples Police helped with the investigation.

Dec. 24, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. on Cty Rd 28 with a report of terroristic threats. Officers assisted in securing the scene and in attempting to locate the suspect, Zachary Smith, 29. The suspect was wanted for Felony Terroristic Threats and Domestic Assault. Suspect is thought to be potentially armed and dangerous.

Dec. 24, Staples Police assisted the BNSF trans-

port van, which was stuck on the tracks. After failing to get the vehicle out the driver confirmed there were no trains coming and BNSF sent a crew to help the driver.

Dec. 25, Staples Police received a report of suspicious activity, which started on the 400 block of 2nd Ave. NE. A female reported that at approximately 10:45 p.m., the previous evening while walking home, they were approached and followed by an unknown male party operating a white colored Ford F-350 truck. The truck described as a newer and having a topper. The reporting party told police that the vehicle's operator was possibly Hispanic, and around 40 years of age. The reporting party stated that the driver of the truck told the reporting party to get in the truck, then followed them home, a short distance and parked outside the reporting party's residence. The driver of the vehicle left, returned, parked in front of the reporting party's residence numerous times.

Dec. 25, Staples Police were flagged down by a truck. They reported a white van traveling up and down their street and into their alleyways slowly for three hours. The parties were concerned due to the recent theft off of another individuals porch in Staples. The reporting party stated that the van was last seen near 3M on 6th St NE. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Police advised the reporting

party on the incident.

Jan. 1, Staples Police received a report of a gas drive off from Ernie's Food Market. Green Ford F-150 for the amount of \$62.35. Daryl Breden, 52, was arrested.

Jan. 1, Staples Police were asked to assist MN State Patrol with a vehicle in the ditch. Driver had been in the ditch for approximately six hours before the police received the call. Police called for a tow, for the vehicle, and the driver was given a ride to the Timberlake Hotel, Staples.

Jan. 2, Staples Police received a report of a theft of lights off a snowplow at a business in the area around the 120 block of 2nd Ave NE.

Jan. 2, Staples Police received report of a male hiding in the bushes outside of a residence in the 500 block of Cleveland St SW. Upon arrival officers searched the area for the described male but were unable to locate anyone on foot near the residence. The reporting party was contacted and advised to call law enforcement if the male returns.

Jan. 4, Staples Police received a shoplifting complaint from a business on Warner Rd NE.

Jan. 4, Staples Police received a report of suspicious activity that occurred on Jan. 2. The complainant stated someone was in his backyard at approximately 2:30 a.m., he was unable to see who it was. The subject was described as being a tall male. Police encourage anyone that sees anything suspicious to contact law enforcement right away.

Jan. 4, Staples Police were requested to assist a mother and son who had locked themselves out of their residence on 8th St NE. Police assisted in cutting a window screen and opening a window, allowing the son to enter the residence and open the door.

Jan. 5, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a suicidal person who had taken several pills along with drinking alcohol. The subject was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Jan. 5, Staples Police Police located a suspicious individual sitting on the sidewalk in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. NE. The subject was not dressed for the weather, and had a bottle of alcohol sitting next to him. The subject attempted to hide from police inside a business. Police learned that the subject had been kicked out of his residence in Wadena and was trying to get to a relative's house.

Jan. 6, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a traffic stop. Lawrence Theis, 58, was arrested for Driving After Cancelation Inimical to Public Safety

Jan. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to Lefty's Bar for a patron wanting to speak with the police. The subject was intoxicated and made some suicidal statements. The Staples ambulance arrived and the subject agreed to go to the hospital to be checked out.

Jan. 8, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Dakota Ave. SE to assist an individual get into their home after their electric wheelchair had stopped working.

Jan. 8, Staples Police responded to 3rd St NE to assist an individual who was locked out of their house.

Jan. 8, Staples Police responded to the City of Motley to assist Morrison County with a subject with a mental health crisis on the roadway of Hwy 10. The individual was taken to Lakewood Health System in Staples.

Jan. 8, Staples Police were requested to assist the MN State Patrol with a report of a wrong way driver on Hwy 10, traveling westbound on US 10. Police located the driver near Cardinal Dr. Police spoke with the driver and warned the driver on the incident.



### **Staples Host Lions support students**

The Staples Host Lions recently made a \$768 donation to the Staples-Motley High School Speech Team; and a \$1,001 donation to Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters. Pictured above, from left, are Grace Allen and Cyril Johnson, speech captains; and Lion President Steve Sing. Below, from left, are Erin Potter, Deanne Schimpp, with the SM Basketball Boosters; and Lion President Steve Sing. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



# DWI charged after vehicle accident

On December 29, 2022 at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash located in Section 17 of Wing River Township.

Upon arrival, Emergency Responders found a 2008 Toyota Tundra pickup, driven by Andrew York, of Sebeka, had rear-ended a 2004 Chevrolet Impala driven by Julie McCammitt of Minot, ND. The crash

caused both vehicles to leave the roadway and enter the ditch. McCammitt was transported to Tri-County Hospital in Wadena by personal vehicle with non-life threatening injuries.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in this crash. York was evaluated by medical personnel on scene and subsequently arrested for Criminal Vehicular Operation and DWI pending the results of a blood test.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted on scene by Verndale Fire and Rescue, Tri-County Ambulance, Sebeka Police Dept. and John's Car Care.

York was charged by the Wadena County Attorney's Office with Criminal Vehicular Operation-Causing Bodily Harm While Under the Influence of Alcohol, 4th Degree DWI and Reckless Driving.

# Fischbach named to Ways & Means Committee

From the office of Michelle Fischbach, U.S. Representative

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach was unanimously appointed by her colleagues to the House Ways & Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax, trade, workforce, and health policies, among others.

"I am honored to have been selected for the Ways & Means Committee and I am excited to be a voice for rural Minnesota as we work to ensure the U.S. economy remains strong and continues to dominate on the world stage," said Congresswoman Fischbach. "America has always been able to lead economically. The communities I represent understand that agriculture benefits from a competitive tax code and robust market access. The Ways & Means Committee is the strongest platform by which Congress can pursue both of these goals. I look forward to working with my colleagues to fight for American agriculture and Ameri-

can families on this important committee.' Rep. Fischbach assumes this position with support from Committee leadership. Chairman Jason Smith (MO-08) said "Congresswoman Fischbach is a fierce advocate for her constituents and the interests of rural America. Her background of public service to the people of Minnesota makes her an excellent addition to the Ways and Means Committee. The American people voted to take America in a new direction. The Ways and Means Committee is ready to get to work building a strong economy that will help millions of families build a prosperous future for themselves and their families.

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### **Staples City Council oath of office**

From left, Mary Jo Goff, Ron Murray, Blake Gerard and Roy Miles take the oath

of office for the Staples City Council. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# New members, position on city council

Two new council members and a new mayor were sworn in at the Jan. 10 Staples City Council meeting. Blake Gerard and Mary Jo Goff took the oath of office as new council members. Long time council member Roy Miles was sworn in for another term. Ron Murray was sworn in as mayor, after serving as a council member the past several years.

The meeting served as an organizational meeting in which the council approved yearly functions and set committee assignments.

· Approved Staples World as official newspaper

· Approved official depositories: First International Bank & Trust, Mid-Central National, Mid-Minnesota FCU, Unity Bank, U.S.Bank National Association, PMA, Financial Network

 Approved investment securities: U.S. Bank National Association, Bank of North Dakota and United

· Approved the following citizens to city board appointments:

Public Works - Al Kolling Airport Board - Ken

Peterson Planning and Zoning Phil Lindaman

Board of Adjustment -Bruce Drone

Board of Adjustment -Brian Niemann

Parks and Recreation Lisa Toepper

Parks and Recreation -Megan Haber

SEDA - Lisa Berga Appointed city council members to the following committees:

Airport Board - John Planning and Zoning -

Doug Case Parks and Recreation -Roy Miles

Parks and Recreation -Mary Jo Goff

Parks and Recreation John Jewison Board of Adjustment -

Rov Miles SEDA - Blake Gerard

## Third graders at SHAS raise funds for Wounded Warriors

The Sacred Heart Area School (SHAS) third grade class was able to raise \$1,630 for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) which they chose as this year's service project. This project provides more than 20 programs and services to injured service members and their families, in addition to numerous valuable resources. Thanks to the tremendous support of their donors, veterans never pay a penny to get the help they need to build the

future they deserve.

The WWP mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or wound, coincident to their military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Through a range of programs and services, the project is transforming the way America's injured veterans are empowered, employed and engaged in our commu-

At WWP, they say that

the greatest casualty is being forgotten. With the willingness of others to give back, they can be a part of a generation that ensures this does not happen to our nation's injured veterans.

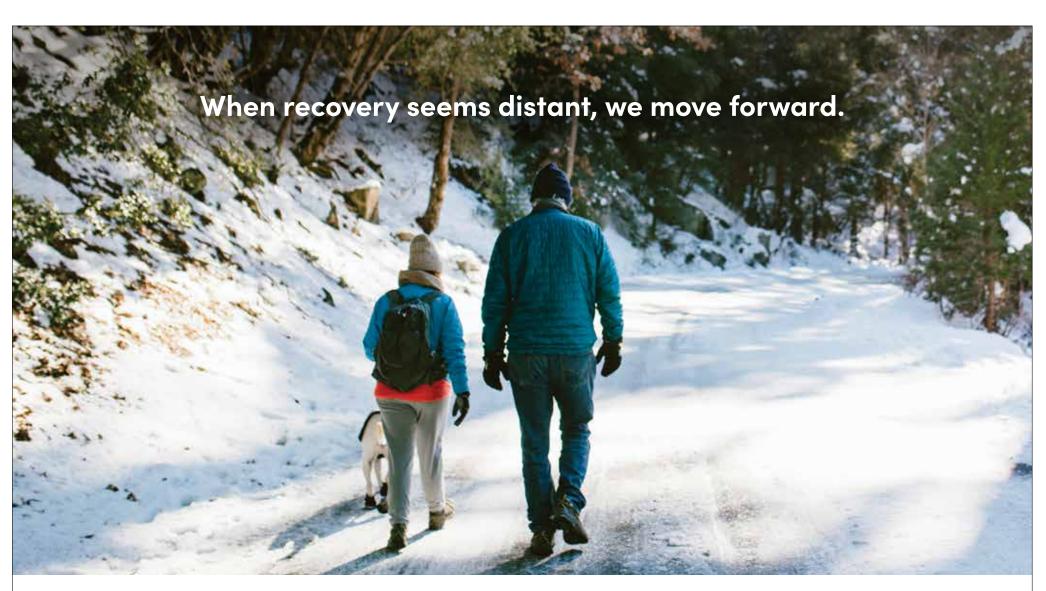
Shela McIlravy, third grade teacher at SHAS. said that the third graders couldn't have done what they did without the support of the many generous people who donated to this great program. She and the students are grateful for the help they received.



### Mrs. McIlravy's third grade class

lynn DeWald, Amelia Hoemberg, Eva Greenwaldt, Isaiah Detloff, Mayzelle Hanson,

The therd grade calss includes Ada- Bennett Sonenstahl, Kaiya Brenna, Emily Beard, Claire Dolezal, Evan Lehner. (Sub mitted photo)



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