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School district hires building consultants

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board voted to move forward with ICS Consulting to explore the possiblity of a future building referendum.

At the Dec. 17 board meeting, Arif Quraishi and Mike Hubbard of ICS Consulting gave a presentation of their services, as did Todd Rapp, who runs the communications firm used for ICS school projects.

Quraishi said ICS had 10 out of their 12 referendums pass in the most recent voting period. He said a normal success rate is around 50 percent. He attributed the success to the process they have developed over the years, by learning from each project.

Quraishi said their firm focuses on "how facilities impact the people, teachers and their ability to teach."

He said their six step process is carried out by the same team throughout the process.

Hubbard said their goal is to figure out the vision for the district and stick to the vision through the process.

Rapp listed eight main reasons why referendums don't pass, including: voters don't trust administration and school board; the project didn't get broad community input; wrong price; voters don't understand how the plan helps

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 25	32°	29°	Cloudy
Dec. 26	32	19	Snow Showers
Dec. 27	26	16	P. Cloudy
Dec. 28	28	12	P. Cloudy
Dec. 29	25	14	P. Sunny
Dec. 30	27	15	M. Sunny
Dec. 31	25	19	P. Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 25	25°	18°	Cloudy
Dec. 26	27	17	Cloudy
Dec. 27	29	20	Snow
Dec. 28	39	21	Snow
Dec. 29	2	-19	Snow
Dec. 30	25	17	Cloudy
Dec. 31	28	20	Snow

Average Temp.:
H = 21° Low = 6°

Total snow: 27"

Recall:
Last week of 2018:
20" of snow

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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Obituaries

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Thank you for subscribing!

How many lights in the Staples "North Pole Lights" display?

One of the questions posed by the Staples World for the third graders in the Special Christmas Edition included "Guess how many Christmas lights are shining in Pine Grove Park this year? Why do people put up Christmas lights?"

Trish and Rob Jasmer provided the answer about the Staples "North Pole Lights" in Pine Grove Park: 840,000 lights were purchased; 750,000 lights are included in the display this year (it's second year). Another interesting fact is that over one mile of extention cords were used to light the display - 6,000 feet.

The North Pole Lights continue Fri., Dec. 27, Sat., Dec. 28 and Sun., Dec.. 29 at Pine Grove Park and you are welcome to drive through and enjoy the display. There is a fee.

Election judges needed

You can help your community vote by signing up to be an election judge.

Election judges are the backbone of our democracy. They are paid officials who staff the local polling places. Election judges must complete training and receive time off work to serve without a reduction in pay (current election judge rate is $11 per hour).

To qualifiy, you must be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English. The time commitment is two hours of training and three half-day shifts at the Presidential Primary held in March, the Primary held in August and the General Election in November.

To sign up, contact Diane Archer, City Clerk at 218-541-5004 or send an e-mail to darcher@ci.staples.mn.us.



"Super Gift from Heaven" by Sacred Heart Area School

Sacred Heart Area School presented their Christmas musical Dec. 18 at the school. The program took place in a toy shop at closing time as the silent shelves of toys came alive to question, what is the best gift of all… ? They discover it is not among themselves… it is the super gift from heaven. The program was directed by Jomarie Michel (6th grade) and RoAnn Trout (4th grade). (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



SHAS kindergarten and pre-school program

Sacred Heart Area School kindergarten and pre-school classes presented their Christmas program Dec. 18 entitled "Lead the Way to Christmas" under the direction of Sara Kreifall (K) and Ann Koetter (pre-school).

Chris Pelzer hired as new Todd County Coordinator, auditor/treas. salary undecided

by Karin L. Nauber

At their Dec. 17, 2019 board meeting, Todd County Commissioners approved the hiring of Chris Pelzer to fill the vacated county coordinator, a position that she has been serving in the interim.

Pelzer was among several applicants for the position. Interviews were conducted on Dec. 5, where commissioners approved a motion to offer Pelzer the position, which she accepted.

Pelzer shared that in looking over the paperwork related to her position, found an error which occurred back in July when she began her term as interim coordinator.

The error, was her salary had been placed at Grade 20, Step 4, which later became Step 5.

Pelzer stated the salary was set and accepted, but was in error. She said her salary should have been Grade 20 Step 2.

"There was an overpayment while I was interim-which will be made right with the county," said Pelzer.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that he appreciated that Pelzer had gone through the paper work. He added he was disappointed with the calculations coming out of the human resource department.

Pelzer said that mistakes were made and painful, but that they should move forward.

The change will result in her annual salary being $95,617.50 rather than $104,478.40.

Auditor/Treasurer salary

On a vote of three to two, the commissioners once again were unable to pass the salary request for Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida. Voting against the requested increase of 15 percent bringing her salary to $95,915 were; commissioners Rod Erickson and David Kircher with Chairman Gary Kneisl casting the tie-breaking vote.

Neumann said that this request had gone through the finance committee and had been in the auditor/treasurer budget.

He said that in his article for The Osakis Review he stated that his constituents did not have an issue with the auditor/treasurer salary, their problem is with the watershed.

His constituents commented that she has a large workload and does a good job.

"This is not an issue of job performance for me," said Neumann.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked if the other county employees get steps in July if they receive an approved evaluation?

She was told they did, but that elected officials don't because their salary is negotiated.

The other elected officials received a 6.44 percent increase at the December 3, meeting.

Kneisl asked what would happen if it was a tie vote and he broke the tie by voting "No?"

There was concern that if this happened with the one resolution that she would get no increase and the issue would be dead.

This particular action is dead on the floor after the vote, however, action will be brought to the December 30 meeting.

Commissioner Erickson said that he wanted to give Gaida a raise, but that he was not in favor of 15 percent.

Neumann said that she could appeal the board's decision and take them to court as this has been done in the past.

Public comment

David Drager addressed the board with concerns about tax dollars being used to help pay for a proposed 37 unit apartment building "for Long Prairie Packing."

He said the board should focus on the Sauk River Watershed District, because of what he described as them "letting them run with a checkbook."

In other business:

• Approved a one-year On and Off sale 3.2 malt liquor license for Don and Dave's Store in Moran Township effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

• Approved the follow-

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Elite Title & Escrow Corporation opens

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Elite Title & Escrow Corporation is now at home in Staples.

Owners Dawn Holmberg and Shayna McCulloch have been in business together since 2011, when they opened their office in Baxter. This past October, they opened their second office in Staples.

It was something that had been suggested to them by a few area real estate agents, Holmberg said. First off, the agents told the two women, there was no one else in Staples that offered these services. "It's an untapped market," McCulloch said, adding that "It's very busy over here."

Additionally, there were some great spaces available in Staples for potential businesses, the agents told Holmberg and McCulloch.

It was perfect timing, Holmberg said of the agents' proposition. "We had been talking about expanding but we just weren't sure where."

Eventually, they did decide to expand Elite Title & Escrow Corporation, and opened up their new office at 121 4th St. NE in Staples. The space, which they lease from First International Bank & Trust, was originally home to a drugstore, and most recently Midwest Family Eye Center. It was move-in ready, but Holmberg and McCulloch have added their own decorative touch, creating an inviting space for their clients.

When asked to explain the nature of their business, Holmberg said, "Our company offers closing and escrow services, and some abstracting only services, such as O&E Reports." She went on to note that they receive purchase agreements from agents and lenders; and facilitate the search, exam and title commitment, so a clear title can be transferred to the buyer. At that point, they create



Owners at home in Staples

Shayna McCulloch (left) and Dawn Holmberg are the owners of Elite Title & Escrow in Staples. They have been in business in Baxter since 2011, and opened their office in Staples this past October. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Reflecting on partnerships: We accomplish nothing alone

It's incredible to think that we're nearing the end of the year already. At this time of celebration, hustle and bustle, it's easy to get swept up in the busyness of it all.

One of the things I love about December is looking back at all of the successes and impactful moments of the year. It has been such an exciting year - full of growth, a continued focus on students, and partnerships.



Dr. Hara Charlier

In 2019, we stabilized enrollment, added new programs, sent hundreds of graduates into the region and grown in capacity to better serve our students. We've hosted countless performances and exhibits in the arts and held conferences and fairs to promote awareness about heath and careers. We are fortunate to work with those who care deeply about others. Our students and colleagues contributed thousands of volunteer hours in our communities. We are proud that the College was recognized as a Great College to Work For and that the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center, which has been housed at CLC for 13 years, was voted No. 1 in the Brainerd lakes area yet again. This year we are truly Raider proud, as our athletic teams celebrated success on the field and on the court. Most recently, Raider football took the 2019 Conference Championship and Raider Volleyball placed 5th in the nation. What a great year indeed.

All of these good things happening are the result of two powerful forces coming together. The first is the amazing people who are Central Lakes College – nearly 300 passionate colleagues who put students first. The second comes from partnerships –businesses, agencies and organizations that come together in such a unique way here in central Minnesota. At CLC, we know we accomplish nothing alone. We leverage strengths, talent and resources by working with generous partners in every corner of the college. I want to share just few of those partnerships – they are making things happen for our students and our communities.

This year, we've focused on making sure our students have everything they need to succeed. With 47 percent of students reporting being food-insecure, that often means focusing on basic needs. We recently partnered with many local organizations to revamp and expand our food pantries, such as Second Harvest, North Central Food Bank, Crow Wing Energized, The Outreach Program, Costco, Target, Walmart, Lakes Area Food Shelf Coalition, Lakewood Church, Pointway Church, Pan-O-Gold Baking Company, Prairie Bay, South Long Lake Church, 104.3 The Pulse and 106.7 WJJY.

This special effort is led by our Student Life Department and has the very appropriate motto of "Eat Well, Study Well!" Students have access to a wide range of healthy options in a welcoming environment. And, it's working! This semester, an average of 400 students are visiting the pantries each week. Because of those partnerships, our students have the fuel they need to succeed. Of course, none of this would be possible without such generous partners.

Sometimes partnerships take a form that is a bit more… flashy! Just this month, Viking Land Harley-Davidson partnered with our Marine and Power Sports Program. They donated eight absolutely beautiful Harley-Davidson 500 motorcycles to expand our programming. This will allow us to train our students with an emphasis in Harley-Davidson, and it wouldn't be possible without dedicated faculty, advisory members, and generous partners at Viking Land.

Many partnerships have been around for a long time. These partners can be counted on, year after year, to provide foundational support for our work. One example is Ziegler CAT Equipment. They've been great supporters of both the Diesel Equipment Technician and Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance programs. Each year, Ziegler makes generous donations of equipment, time, advice, and internships provide students great opportunities in both of these exciting career fields.

Perhaps one of our most unique partnerships is a pilot project with Brainerd High School (BHS) – the BrightFutures Program. Through this program, 2019 BHS graduates who qualified for free or reduced lunch were awarded a BrightFutures scholarship to cover CLC tuition for one year, a book stipend, and were provided with an academic coach. Due to this partnership, 16 students are enrolled in CLC this fall in a wide variety of programs. Thank you to the CLC Foundation and our generous donors for making these scholarships available, as well as to our colleagues at ISD 181 and BHS for their dedication and partnership on behalf of our collective students.

These are just a handful of examples of truly amazing collaboration that benefit local businesses, community organizations, the local economy and, of course, CLC students. It's impossible to list all of our partners, but we want to thank you each for your hard work to make our communities better places.

Our region is special for many reasons. The unique willingness to come together, break down silos, and leverage resources is at the top of my list. From all of us at Central Lakes College, happy holidays. We look forward to partnering with you in 2020.

Dr. Hara Charlier,
President of Central Lakes College



Camp Ripley donates

Each year, Camp Ripley collects food and money for a food shelf in Morrison County, rotating between the Motley, Pierz and Little Falls Food Shelves. This year, their donations went to the Motley Area Food Shelf. A total of 1,302 pounds of food and $400 was collected.

Pictured above, from left, are Specialist Mahsi Aikamooneh, Sgt. Andrew Wesmann, Staff Sgt. Tim Krauth and Chief Warrant Officer Shane Haugen. Sgt. Wensmann was in charge of the collection this year.

At right, Sgt. Wesmann brings some food items into the Motley Food Shelf. In lower photo, Bob Miller, a volunteer at the food shelf, weighs the donated food items. (Submitted photos)



Motley Police, MCSO reports

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

Dec. 15 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic situation involving two individuals in front of the Motley DQ. According to the report the male subject was extremely agitated, screaming at the female and he had two dogs on a leash. The female subject stated that the male subject got upset at her because it took her too long at the Dollar Store, proceeded to scream at her in the in the car and then kicked her out of the vehicle. The deputy told the male subject to stop acting like a child and control his temper; he gave the female a ride home and told the male subject to go get his vehicle.

Dec. 13 - After receiving a report of an unoccupied vehicle that was stuck in the snow near 3rd Ave. S and Eldredge St. in Motley, the MPD located the driver, Raymond Edward Russell, 35, at his residence. Russell admitted to driving and was intoxicated. He was subsequently arrested and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Dec. 12 - The MPD received a report of two homeless subjects at Orton's BP in Motley, who had no way to get to a friend's house in Brainerd for shelter. The responding officer attempted to find someone who could provide them a ride to Brainerd but was unsuccessful. The officer later transported the subjects to the east side of Brainerd and dropped them off near Cub Foods at their request.

Dec. 12 - The MPD issued hands-free violation citations to Sarah Eyberg, 33; Samantha Keehr, 26; and Samantha DeWald, 30.

Dec. 16 - The MCSO received a request from Todd County that they page Motley Fire regarding a vehicle fire in their county. The incident occurred at the 32000 block of 400th St. in Cushing.

WELCOMING HOME TO MOTLEY...



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Veteran's News

David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

There are additional benefits that you may be eligible for that are based on a favorable decision for a VA benefit and/or based on special circumstances. These are known as derivatives.

Non-Compensable 0 percent disability rating

- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- No cost health care and prescription drugs for service connected disabilities (if income limits are met)
- Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility for service connected disabilities.
- Waiver of VA funding fee for VA home loan
- Burial and plot allowance

Compensable 0 percent disability rating*

**Note: In some instances there are individuals who have separate and more than two zero percent service connected disabilities who are paid at the minimum 10 percent. (38 CFR 3.324)*

- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- No cost healthcare and prescription drugs for service connected disabilities (if income limits are met)
- Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility for service connected disabilities.
- Waiver of VA funding fee for VA home loan
- Burial and plot allowance

Service connected disability rated at 10 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications for service connected disabilities
- Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility for service connected disabilities.
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (with a serious employment handicap)
- Burial and plot allowance

Service connected disability rating at 20 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications for service connected disabilities
- Travel allowance for scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility for service connected disabilities.
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Burial and plot allowance

Service connected disability rating at 30 - 40 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications for service connected disabilities
- Travel allowance for all scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Direct hire authority
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Additional compensation for eligible dependents (may include aid and attendance for eligible spouse)
- Burial and plot allowance

Service connected disability rating at 50 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications
- Travel allowance for all scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Direct hire authority
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Additional compensation for eligible dependents (may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- Concurrent receipt of military retired pay
- Burial and plot allowance

Service connected disability rating at 60 - 90 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications
- Travel allowance for all scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Direct hire authority
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Additional compensation for eligible dependents (may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- Concurrent receipt of military retired pay
- Individual Unemployability (must be unemployable due to service connected disabilities)
- Dependents Educational Assistance (unemployable condition must be considered permanent and total)
- Special restorative training
- CHAMPVA Civilian Health and Medical Program (unemployable condition must be considered permanent and total)
- Dental care (if rated unemployable)
- Burial and plot allowance
- Up to $150,000 taken off the value of your home for Minnesota property taxes must be 70 percent or 60 percent with Individual Unemployability.

Service connected disability rating at 100 percent

- No cost health care and prescription medications
- Travel allowance for all scheduled appointments for care at a VA medical facility or VA authorized health care facility
- No cost dental care
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loan
- 10 point veteran preference in federal hiring
- Direct hire authority
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Additional compensation for eligible dependents (may include aid and attendance for eligible spouses)
- Concurrent receipt of military retired pay
- Dependents Education Assistance (must be considered permanent and total.)
- Special restorative training
- CHAMPVA Civilian Health and Medical Program (must be considered permanent and total)
- Burial and plot allowance
- Uniformed Services ID card
- Up to $150,000 taken off the value of your home for Minnesota property taxes unless considered permanent and total then the value is increased to $300,000 (Source VA website)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

Thank you...
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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1944

• Dec. 28, 1944 - Crescent school, of Poplar, has completed a campaign for the purchase of an army Jeep, through war bonds bought and solicited by the pupils of this school. The cost of a Jeep is $1,165. and is a goal set for schools with enrollments of 100 to 300 pupils. Crescent school has an enrollment of 10 pupils.

• Dec. 28, 1944 - Doctors, nurses, and nurses' aids were plenty busy at the Staples Municipal hospital Christmas when three babies, two boys and a girl, were born during the day.

The first baby to arrive was born to Mrs. Thomas Vasecka of North Staples at six o'clock in the morning and was a boy weighing four pounds and eight ounces.

There was quite a rest for the hospital staff, as the next baby, also a boy, did not arrive until 5:12 that afternoon. The little boy was born to Mrs. John Bienusa, of Staples, and weighed five pounds and eleven ounces.

To Mrs. Laurence Brill of Motley, goes the honor of the only girl baby born at the hospital that day. The little Miss arrived at 10:50 p.m. She was the heaviest of the children born Christmas day, weighing eight pounds and eight ounces.

• Dec. 28, 1944 - L. G. Sanco, of this city, has the honor of getting the largest fish this season, since the lakes froze over, as far as The World has been able to learn.

Mr. Sanco has his fish house on Lake Alexander and Monday afternoon got a 22-pound northern, a whopper of a fish, according to him.

Upon dressing the fish Tuesday, Mr. Sanco found a pound and a half crappie inside. He steaked the fish, and has it stored in his locker.

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Compiled by
Dawn Timbs
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50 Years Ago - 1969

• Dec. 25, 1969 - ***Letters to Santa Claus:***

- Dear Santa, Sometimes I am a real good girl. Please bring me a dancing girl doll. Bring my sister some gifts, too. Thank you, Brenda Ackerson.

- Dear Santa Claus, I am trying to be a good boy. I would like you to bring me a racing car. I've got a little brother this year so please bring him a toy, too. Love, James Greig.

- Dear Santa, I want a sleeping bag. I like to write with a typewriter, too. Playing drums is a lot of fun. Please leave me what you can. Duane Hendricks.

- Dear Santa, I'd like you to bring me a talking Barbie doll, a jewelry box, pajamas for myself, mirror-comb-brush set for my dresser, and a picture of you, Old Santa. Billie Jo Collins.

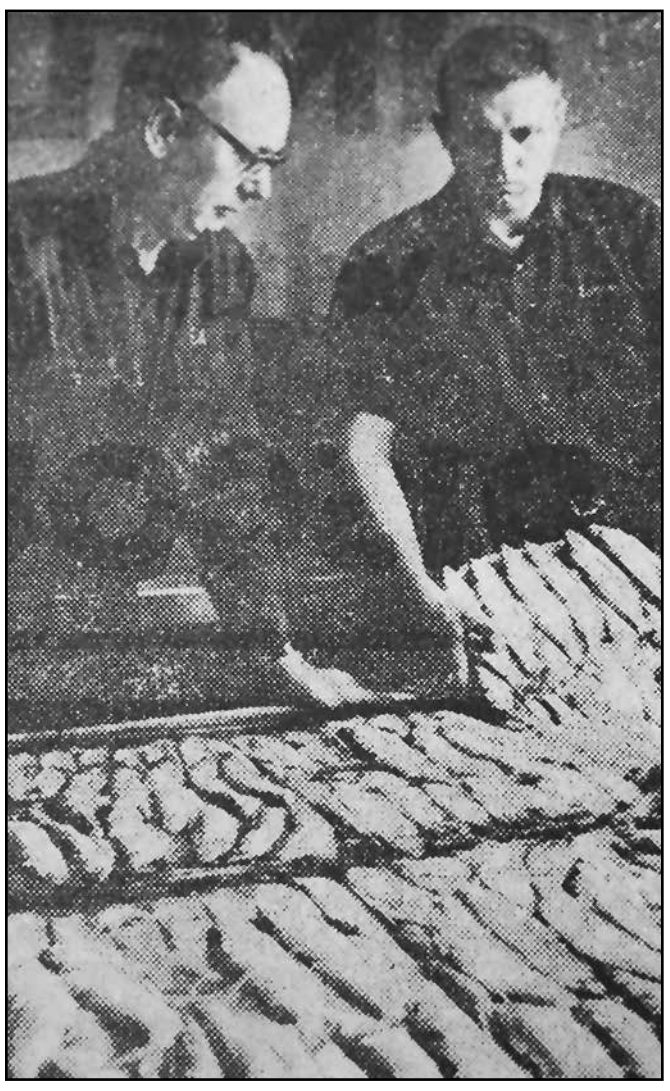
- Dear Santa, I would like a digger like Charlie Farber's. If you don't know what it looks like, go over and see Charlie's. I would also like a balancing clown and a booby trap game. If there are any big wheel bikes left, I would like one of them, too. Thank you. Merry Christmas, Jeff Bjerga.

- Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a racing car set and cars to go with it, a Christmas tree, and a tent -- a real one? Merry Christmas, Santa. LeRoy Flickinger.

- Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy all year, tried to, anyway. Please bring me a toy rifle, a pistol and a sheriff's badge. Thank you. Paul Novak.

- Dear Santa Claus, I would like a typewriter, a pony, a snowmobile and I want a trip to Florida. Oh, I just remembered I want a real camera and a doll named Baby Catch a Ball. With love, Amy Beaston.

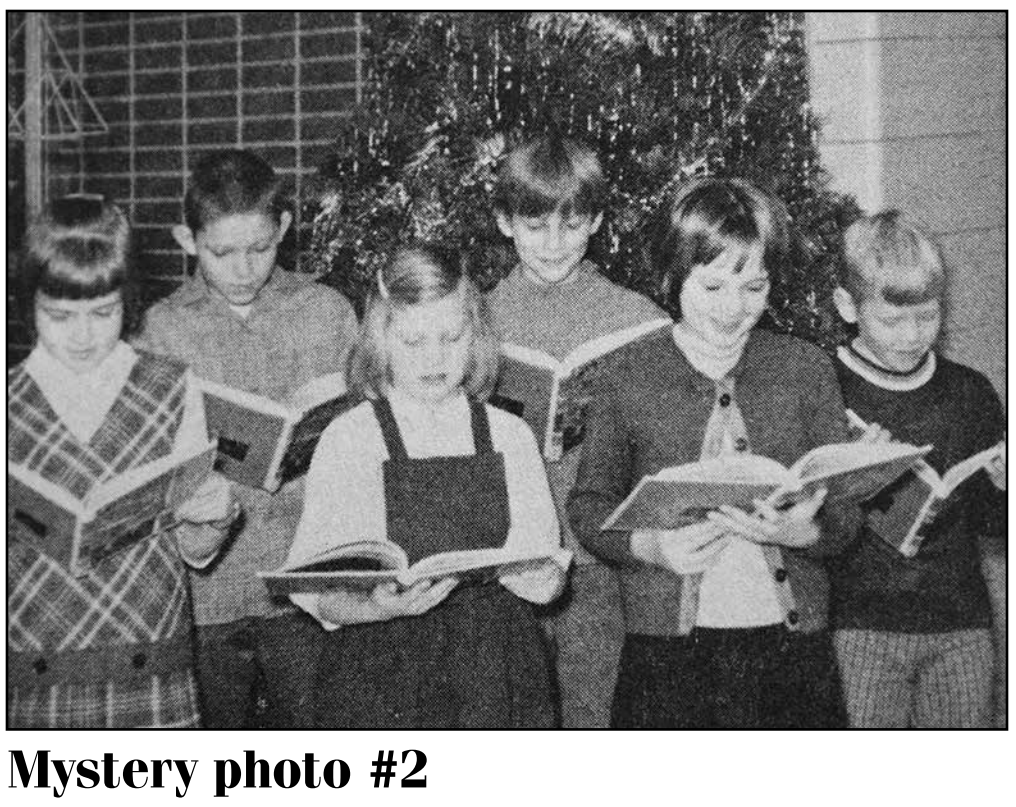
- Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a doll? Thank you Santa. Ann Dvorak.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 30, 1969 edition of the Staples World featured Ed Morey (left) and his son Loren Morey of Morey Fish Company in Motley, demonstrating a smoked fish method from Indians.

Bill and Helen Mennis, and Pat Miller, all of Staples, correctly identified all. Bernie Hendricks of Motley correctly identified Ed Morey, but thought the other man in the photo might be himself. Hendricks shared that he worked at Morey's from 1960 - 79. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Mystery photo #2

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Dec. 25, 1969 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery photo

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25 Years Ago - 1994

• Dec. 29, 1994 - Virginia Hegre, vocal music instructor in the Staples Motley elementary schools, this past week presented some of her final Christmas programs. Virginia is retiring at the close of the 1994-95 school year. She has taught a total of 27 years in the Staples district, since first starting here in 1966. She also taught two years prior to Staples.

• Dec. 29, 1994 - Grace LeVasseur was honored recently on her 20th anniversary as Welcome Wagon Representative in Staples. Grace was awarded a diamond-studded Welcome Wagon insignia pin. Barbara Marshall, President of Welcome Wagon International, Inc., expressed appreciation for the 20 years of outstanding service that she has given to Welcome Wagon and the community.

• Dec. 29, 1994 - Mary Ellen's Eatery in Staples advertises their New Year's Eve Special of Steak & Shrimp for $8.95. Includes potato and soup or salad. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m.

• Dec. 29, 1994 - In their final pre-Christmas tune-up, the Staples Motley Cardinals dumped the Crosby-Ironton Rangers 69-42 on the Cardinal (basketball) home court.

The game was no where as close as t

he score might indicate. C-I controlled the opening tip, but Blaine Joerger scored the first points for Staples Motley. Lake Hintermeister answered with a basket for the Rangers, the first of only four field goals for C-I n the entire first half.

After Hintermeister's basket, the Cards went on a ten-point run and never looked back. The first quarter score was 224-6.

Other Cardinals mentioned in the article included Chris Heier, Loren Brownell, Dan Otteson, Erik Kelly and Jason Becker.

10 Years Ago - 2009

• Dec. 24, 2009 - The family of Peter Achermann continue to wonder what happened to the 82-year-old on July 24, when he disappeared without a trace just outside of Staples. "Some answers. That's all. We'd like some answers for Christmas," Delaine Achermann, Peter's wife, said in an interview with Staples World editor Tom Crawford. Daughter Desiree added, "The best Christmas present we could have would be to find him."

• Dec. 24, 20009 - The Patriot Guard (Brainerd section) stood at attention during a memorial service held Dec. 20, at Staples Assembly of God Church, in honor of James "Mike" Wickman. Wickman, who served over 20 years in the U.S. Army (including a tour of Vietnam) died Nov. 23, after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

• Dec. 24, 2009 - Lamplighter Community Theatre will hold auditions next week for a winter production of "Drinking Habits," a farce in two acts by Tom Smith.

• Dec. 24, 2009 - Staples Cinema will be showing "Blind Side" starring Sandra Bullock, Fri. - Mon., Dec. 25 - 29, at 7:30 p.m. A Free Matinee showing of "Polar Express" is offered Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m.

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Slight budget increase

education; public discussion is about taxes, not kids; school board and teachers aren't at the table; public questions are left unanswered; vote yes committee doesn't motivate enough voters. But the biggest barrier is the public communication plan, said Rapp.

Quraishi said passing a referendum isn't always about taxes, it is more about the value of the project.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Shane Tappe said the initial price point at Dawson-Boyd was $18.8 million, but public input revealed a desire to "do it right" for the education of the students, so they added a few features and the price increased to $22.7 million. "It was something the community got behind, the value of the plan completely increased," said Tappe.

While that is a rare example, Quraishi said voters often make their decision based on "what's best for me in value and taxes," he said.

Board members asked the ICS crew about some of the factors affecting the district, including open enrollment because of a large school district, declining enrollment and taxes.

Quraishi said those issues are common in a large percentage of the schools that have passed referendums. "You have to make people understand the reasons we are doing it," he said, "it's not just about space, but how you deliver education."

Rapp said every district has unique qualities, so the most important part of the project is personal contact with the public.

"Debate is healthy," said Rapp. "Residents want to help schools and also protect their pocketbook."

For the building process, the ICS team acts as an integrated program manager, so there is a single source to make sure the project is done right. Quraishi said of their 64 most recent projects, all have been completed on time and on budget.

In other news, the school board

• Approved school budget and tax levy, with a 2.7 percent levy increase.

• Approved polling places for special elections: Staples Community Center, Motley City Hall and Scandia Valley Township Hall.

• Added a facility use fee, with different rates for district, non-profit and for-profit groups.

• Accepted $10,000 donation from Lakewood Health System to supplement activity budgets. This year the school eliminated activity fees to participants.

• Approved summary of World's Best Work Force activity.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Monday, Dec. 30, at 5 p.m. at Staples City Hall.

Items on the agenda include:

• Consider Resolution 1788 approving loan with PFA for construction of wastewater treatment plant

• Consider awarding bid for construction of wastewater treatment plant construction

• Consider agreement with Bolton and Menk for wastewater treatment plant construction project management services

• Consider approval of 2020 - 2021 Union Labor Agreements

• Consider adoption of City of Staples Personnel Policy update

• Consider approval of Community Center operating hours for 2020

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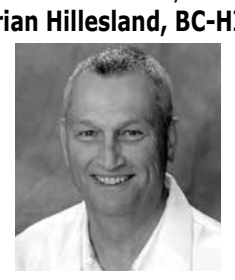
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IS YOUR JOB AFFECTING YOUR HEARING?

When deciding on a career path, taking into consideration whether a job might affect one's hearing is probably not at the top of most people's lists. There are, however, several jobs that can cause hearing loss, even when the proper precautions are taken. Airport ground employees are constantly exposed to loud airplane engines. Equipment like jackhammers and chainsaws cause hearing loss for many construction workers, as can lawnmowers for landscapers. Military personnel working with loud weapons often report loss of hearing as well. Naval sonar technicians are particularly susceptible to inner ear problems. Even kindergarten and nursery school teachers run the risk of adverse effects on hearing due to prolonged exposure to yelling children.

Hearing is one of those senses we take for granted but its effects can be significant, affecting workers over time. Hearing protection is extremely importation for anyone who is regularly in a high-noise environment, including target shooters, motorcyclists, airline pilots, musicians, and construction and factory workers. Helping you achieve your optimum hearing potential is our only business at 17474 State Hwy 371, Brainerd. Call us at 1-800-458-0895 to arrange a free hearing test. PREFERRED HEARING provides this information as a public service. If we become aware of any unusual condition during a hearing consultation that warrants additional professional attention, we can provide an expert referral.

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Have a very Harry Christmas!

Harry Potter, the Bible, Washington Irving and Roger Whitaker have a lot to say about Christmas.

See if you can guess which of those four sources the 100 quotes below came from. The result will show you how intertwined are the ancient and modern when it comes to Christmas, and that different generations view the holiday through similar lenses.

The Bible, of course, is the source of the Christmas story. Most of the quotes below come from the gospels, but a few are from different parts of the Bible.

Washington Irving is a great American writer from the 1800s, you know his stories about Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Many of our American Christmas traditions stemmed from Irving's writings, but his quotes below are from a story about spending Christmas in England.

The Harry Potter books included several Christmas scenes, and the main character has often been compared to Jesus for using many of the same story elements.

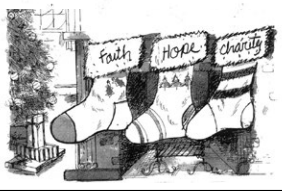
Roger Whitaker is an English songwriter who bravely wrote an original Christmas album in 1976 that is just now becoming canonized on the 24 hour Christmas radio stations. He is also the inspiration for this quiz, since my family received his record as a gift way back in the 1970s, and we have been enjoying it/making fun of it ever since then. So one day I came up with the idea of a game, "Harry Potter, Roger Whitaker, both or neither," I found their quotes and then added Washington Irving and the Bible, just to make it hard and to show that the Christmas we celebrate has universal themes. Included is one quote that is both in the Bible and in Harry Potter.

Some of the quotes are cut short to make it harder to identify. I plan to bring the list out at our family Christmas celebration, but haven't decided if we will try a game show format or let teams go through on their own. Tell us how you used the quiz. Answers are at the bottom of the page.

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor
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Harry Potter, The Bible, Washington Irving, Roger Whitaker?

1. A choir of small voices chanted forth an old Christmas carol
2. It matters not what someone is born
3. Do not be afraid, I bring you good news
4. things we lose have a way of coming back to us
5. chestnuts to roast in the coals of a fire
6. no need to fear his voice
7. lights were distributed in branches, and the whole array glittered
8. love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other
9. holly and mistletoe hung all around the walls
10. a nighttime stroll to give you ideas
11. she wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger
12. wake tomorrow and it's Christmas day.
13. your father is alive in you
14. how did you feel when the angel came into the garden?
15. wisdom enough extant for the instruction of the world
16. a pie, magnificently decorated with peacock feathers
17. when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy
18. rise up, rise up, for he is come
19. An angel of the Lord appeared to them
20. at one end of the hall was a group of the young folks
21. a witch with a walnut jammed up her left nostril
22. small people on their knees
23. plums and spice, sugar and honey, square it among pies and broth
24. more than all the love that's mine to give
25. It does not do to dwell on dreams
26. Christmas is a time for family
27. by working hard in this way we must help the weak
28. the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it
29. one day in the year when you are sure of being welcome wherever you go
30. display his immense patience as an example
31. to make a world in which he could live a happier life
32. great is the contention of holly and ivy
33. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage
34. a fat-headed old gentleman, who was silently engaged in the discussion of a huge plateful of turkey
35. make a great deal of mess and noise
36. the general call to happiness, the bustle of the spirits
37. more than just a dream somehow
38. he was in the world
39. a troop of little fairy beings, who having frolicked through a happy day, had been carried off
40. you changed the world, my angels
41. as near as you my angels - since you came to me
42. your blood is worth more than mine
43. a yew-tree that had been trained against its walls
44. a generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed
45. holiday spirit which is tolerant of folly, and anxious only for amusement
46. a branch from his roots shall bear fruit
47. happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times
48. Hams, tongues, and flitches of bacon were suspended from the ceiling
49. the last trace of steam evaporated
50. a wreath of Christmas roses blossomed
51. Christmas greens stuck in the button-hole of his coat
52. his son's thin face, already ablaze with excitement
53. you're the one to bear god's son
54. pass between two bars of the great park gate, making himself as thin as a sheet of paper
55. being found in human form, he humbled himself
56. A temple holy filled with light
57. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above
58. first heard the dragons roar
59. everybody was in good looks and good spirits
60. Your father is alive in you
61. a merry heart does good like medicine
62. Christmas rocks us gently now
63. his heart seemed overflowing with generous and happy feelings
64. a specimen of my cousin Simon's musical achievements
65. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also
66. the old hall may have resounded in its time with many a scene of revel
67. they have received their reward in full
68. The dinner was served up in the great hall
69. Now Christmas day and every day is the same to me
70. Do people usually give their house-elves Christmas presents?
71. At the end of a lane there was an old sober-looking servant
72. Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations
73. bright shining Christmas trees
74. fat, roast turkeys, mountains of roast and boiled potatoes
75. children gather in the square
76. eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment and good cheer
77. all who heard it were amazed
78. that makes a dragon unique
79. what they were going to wear on Christmas night
80. the grocers, butchers, and fruiterers shops were thronged with customers
81. every goblet of eggnog he consumed
82. now it's time to close your eyes and drift away
83. do not announce it with trumpets
84. cakes and short bread on a shiny silver train
85. gossiping over their ale on high-backed oaken seats beside the fire
86. Do you not know? Have you not heard?
87. little thatched cottages and shops, all covered in a layer of crisp snow
88. twelve towering Christmas trees stood around the room, some sparkling with tiny icicles
89. when the dark is falling, when the shadows creep
90. made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant
91. The little beings were as busy about him as the mock fairies
92. the forum's gone, the flesh and bone
93. a band of wandering musicians, with pandean pipes and tambourine
94. The true light that gives light to everyone
95. then Christmas feelings come again
96. capons and hens, besides turkeys, geese, and ducks, with beef and mutton
97. the murky smoke and sulphurous gleams of the smithy
98. we have seen his star in the east
99. Cheer up, it's the Christmas holidays
100. blooming giggling girls

Building Community for the Common Good

By Julie Tesch
President, Center for Rural Policy and Development

Do you know what the bedrock of any town is, rural or urban? Community.

In this age of technology, it is very easy to isolate yourself. You can be listening to a podcast on your phone while you are emailing for work and playing a game at the same time. If you wanted, you could chat with friends and family without ever having to say a spoken word. Just message them on any communication app or email and you don't have to have any actual face-to-face contact. While this all sounds like genius to some people, especially introverts, we're starting to recognize that this trend is disintegrating our sense of community.

Living in a rural area can at times be challenging. In some rural areas there just aren't a lot of people to talk to or be involved in organizations with, so the internet is a fabulous way to connect with people around the world without having to leave your rural home. Again, this sounds great until you realize that you don't know your neighbors and very few people are volunteering for community organizations.

And yet we rely on those activities. Suddenly, the church is closing, the exercise classes are cancelled, and the Girl Scout troop is no longer. Why? Because there is nobody to lead them. Not because of lack of people but for lack of interest. In a larger community, you can typically rely on the fact that "someone else" will handle those volunteer projects. In rural areas, that "someone else" just might be you.

Rural areas rely more on the public good to get the job done. Just the sheer lack of population makes citizens of rural areas more likely to be involved in community, church and fraternal groups. Somebody has to organize the town parade, right?

The problem is that fewer people are stepping up to help the community. We are so into ourselves and our phones that we aren't thinking of the common good of those right around us. Before we realize it, that parade we take our children to every year is gone. Why? Because nobody stepped forward to organize it.

There are plenty of people in rural areas with plenty of talents to offer, and you're probably one of them. Why not see how you can get involved? Maybe it's volunteering at your local library or taking part in raking leaves for the elderly. There is always someone to help if you look hard enough.

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The only way rural America is going to continue to survive is if we all offer our talents to make sure that our communities are thriving.
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Now, I'm not asking you to plan the town parade, but I bet somewhere there's a niche where you and your special skills with a computer or music or art or heavy lifting would fit right in. The only way rural America is going to continue to survive is if we all offer our talents to make sure that our communities are thriving.

A town can receive all the government support, all the economic development funds and all the construction projects it wants, but that town will not flourish unless the residents of that town are connected with each other.

In our research, we hear time and again that people are moving to rural areas because of the feeling of community. We need to continue to foster that feeling in our rural areas so that we can have rural communities in the future for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

So, what do you say, can I sign you up to rake leaves for your neighbors?

Quote of the week

"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give"
— Winston Churchill

Letter to the Editor

SMES Veteran's program

On Monday, November 11, I attended a Veteran's Day breakfast and program at the Staples-Motley Elementary School. I just wanted to say how much it meant to me and that I appreciate everyone who had a part in making this event so special.

Each veteran who attended was gifted a hand-made quilt and I can't tell you how thoughtful that was.

To the Staples-Motley Elementary staff and students and those that helped make the quilts, your kindness makes a difference.

Sincerely, Dave Burnam, Staples, Minn

Quote of the week

"For it is in giving
that we receive."
— Francis of Assisi

Christmas quote quiz answers

Harry Potter:
2, 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, 21, 25, 26, 31, 35, 42, 47, 49, 50, 52. 58, 60, 65*, 70, 74, 79, 81, 87, 88, 99

Washington Irving:
1, 7, 15, 16, 20, 23, 29, 32, 34, 36, 39, 43, 45, 48, 51, 54, 59, 63, 64, 66, 68, 71, 72, 76, 80, 85, 91, 93, 96, 97, 100

The Bible:
3, 8, 11, 17, 19, 27, 28, 30, 33, 38, 44, 46, 55, 57, 61, 65*, 67, 77, 83, 86, 94, 98

Roger Whitaker:
5, 6, 12, 14, 18, 22, 24, 37, 40, 41, 53, 56, 62, 69, 73, 75, 78, 82, 84, 89, 92, 95,

* quote from both sources

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Programs and activities at Staples Public Library

Children's Events

In-Library Fun Activity

Play our monthly guessing game and stop at the desk for a treat. A prize winner will be chosen from the correct answers each week. For all ages. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. During library open hours.

Warm Up With Storytime

Stories and activities on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10:30 - 11 a.m. For preschool to grade two. Registration required. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Second Wednesday of each month.

Snow Better Time to Escape

Can you escape our ski lodge? Be the first to solve the puzzles and escape the ski lodge. Challenge yourself with locks, puzzles and riddles. Play as a family or group. The family/group that completes the challenge in the shortest amount of time will win a pizza party at Tower Pizza. The challenge will run simultaneously with the Winter Reading Program. For teens and adults. Register at the library for a time slot. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 2 - 7 p.m.; and Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1 - 4 p.m.

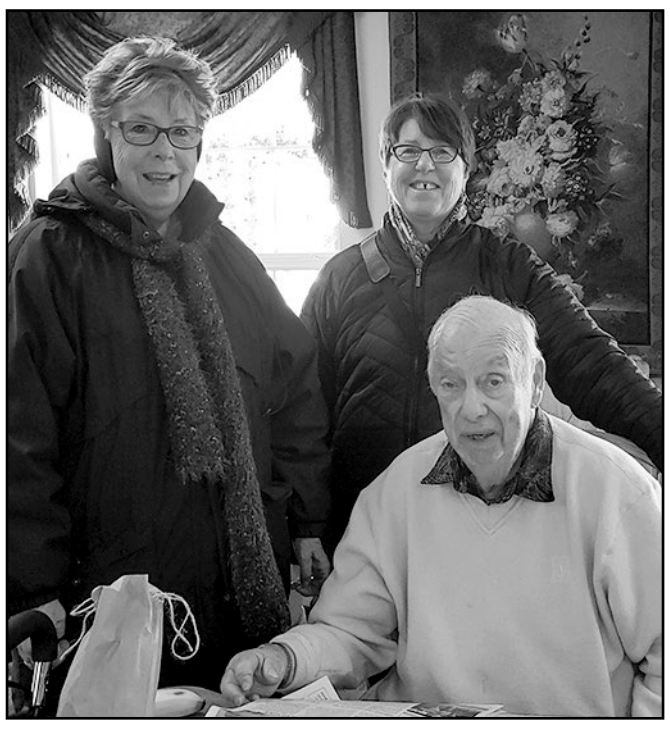
Adult Events

Book Club for Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, then this is the group for you. A fun opportunity for you to learn interesting facts about the authors and share your opinions. Contact the library for the monthly book selection and to sign up. Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 - 7 p.m. For teens and adults.

Library Hours

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. Hours: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.



Gifts from '93 Lions



The Staples '93 Lions recently made homemade Christmas cards and 80-plus goodie bags for the residents of A Daughter's Love, Lakewood Manor and Lakewood Pines, all in Staples. Pictured above, from left, Lions Sue Flaten and Donna Shaw delivered one of the Christmas treats bags to Jack Wilson at Lakewood Pines. Not pictured is Lion Beth Gedde, who also helped deliver gifts. Pictured in lower photos are two of the Christmas cards made by the '93 Lions. (Submitted photos)

Watch Night Service at Motley Free Methodist Church Dec. 31

Motley Free Methodist Church will host a Watch Night Service on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. - Midnight. The public is invited.

The itinerary for the New Year's celebration includes the following:

- Opening program in the Sanctuary, 8 p.m.
- Food, snacks, drinks, games and fellowship, 9:45 p.m.
- Movie, '25 Hill' at 9:45 p.m.
- Communion, 'Praying in the New Year' at 11:30 p.m.
- 12 a.m., 'Happy New Year, 2020'

For more information, Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, at 218-352-6022 or email charlesMFM@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

Ongoing Events Posted Last Thursday of the Month:

AA Mtgs At Lakewood Health System Hospital Main Campus, Staples, Classroom A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA Mtgs At First Lutheran Church, Pillager: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA Mtgs At Motley Free Methodist Church: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA Mtg at Motley United Methodist Church: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA Mtgs in Verndale: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

Christians in Recovery Mtg Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

Dual Recovery Anonymous Meeting Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #1077 of Staples Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

Weight Watchers Mtg Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'Adult Survivors Of Suicide Loss' Support Group Mtg third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Alzheimer's Assoc. Caregiver Support Group Mtg first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

Foot Care Clinics sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

Grief Support Group Mtg first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Memory Loss Support Group For Caregivers Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

Motley Area Historical Society Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'Parents Who Have Lost a Child' Support Group Mtg second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group Mtg first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

Senior Health Clinic sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

Todd County Republicans Mtg second Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Repubicans, or call 320-533-1119.

Wadena County Democratic Party Committee Mtg third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

Wahoo Valley Area MN Deer Hunter's Association Mtg second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

Women Of Today Mtg first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

January 2

Staples American Legion Auxiliary #70 Christmas Potluck Thurs., Jan. 2, noon, at Lions Bldg. in Staples. Short business meeting will follow lunch. RSVP to Arlene at 218-894-2254.

U of M Cow/Calf Days event to be held in Staples

By Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension

University of Minnesota Extension will be holding the annual Cow/Calf Days workshop in Staples on Tuesday, Jan. 21 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Area at Central Lakes College. This event has been held for over 45 years and continues to be the leading information, technology and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota.

This year's event will feature information on: opportunities to evaluate carcass genetics in your beef herd, scours prevention in beef cattle herds, improving profits and managing calves pre and post weaning. The corresponding tradeshow will feature vendors with new information, technology and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

The program is directed at cow/calf producers, allied industry representatives and is open to the public. A meal will be served with the program; a registration fee will include the meal, proceedings book and program materials. The program is approximately three hours long.

RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 14 or if you have any questions about the event or would like to be an event sponsor contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at 320-533-4655 or email her at nels4220@umn.edu. Or register online at: https://z.umn.edu/StaplesCCD. The registration fee can be paid at the door on the day of the event.



CLC to host Green Card Voices of Central Minnesota Exhibit

Community members are invited to visit the Green Card Voices of Central Minnesota Exhibit at Central Lakes College. The exhibit will be on display at the Brainerd campus from Jan. 6 – 24 and on the Staples campus from Jan. 7 – Feb. 3. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular building hours. It is hosted by the CLC Diversity Committee, Student Life and the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

The exhibit features eight first-generation immigrant and refugee stories from 12 different countries. Each incredible and unique story is told through full color banners displaying biographies, a personal quote and a QR code that viewers can scan with a smart device and watch a first-person video story.

The stories that make up this exhibit are central Minnesota stories, told by community members who live, work, and serve in central Minnesota.

This exhibit honors International Migrant Day, which took place on December 18, 2019.

For information please Rosy Hjermstad at 218-855-8109 or rosy.hjermstad@clcmn.edu.

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Creating space in the lane

Tabetha Allen dropsteps to the basket as she goes in for a score against Upsala. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers win dual, face tough competition

The Staples-Motley wrestling team beat Barnesville 51-24 and lost to a ranked team, Minnewaska, 64-6 on Dec. 17.

The Cardinals had three wins on the mat against Barnesville. Six wrestlers received forfeits, but Logen Weite won 8-2 at 152 pounds, Emmitt Winkels earned a pin at 182 and Cole Winkels had a pin at heavyweight.

Against Minnewaska, Dalton Wells got a late takedown to win 7-6 and Will Danilyuk won 13-7. Owen Bjerga moved up a weight class to 182 pounds and lost 3-2.

The Cardinals also competed in the Monticello tournament Dec. 21, with several big school teams in the mix. Bjerga won the 170 pound weight class with a 6-5 win in the championship. Weite placed fourth in the tournament at 152, winning his first two matches 9-0 and with a pin.

Team results

Staples-Motley 51, Barnesville 24

106 Chase Mikel W ff; 113 ff; 120 Caden Dobson L fall; 126 Levi Danilyuk W ff; 132 Dalton Wells W ff; 138 Will Danilyuk W ff; 145 Dylan Lawrence L fall; 152 Logen Weite W 8-2; 160 Sam Jennissen W ff; 170 Owen Bjerga W ff; 182 Emmitt Winkels W fall; 195 ff; 220 double ff; 285 Cole Winkels W fall

Monticello tournament

Staples-Motley 12th of 17 teams

126 - Dalton Wells 0-2

145 - Conner Dobson 1-2

145 - Gilberto Terrones 0-2

152 - Logen Weite 2-2, 4th place

152 - Sam Jennissen 0-2

170 - Owen Bjerga 3-0, 1st place

HWT - Cole Winkels 1-2

Cardinals fall behind early, struggle to get back

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team had their first conference loss, 66-47 against Detroit Lakes, then lost two games at the Little Falls Tournament, 61-31 against Little Falls and 68-32 against Upsala.

The Cardinals fell behind early against Detroit Lakes, but made a run to get back into the game when Josh Schimpp hit a three pointer to pull within eight in the first half. But DL moved the lead back to double digits in the second half.

Against Upsala, the Cardinals were on the wrong side of a 12-0 run in the first half and never threatened again. Even when Izaiah DeMars hit two three pointers late in the first half, Upsala responded with a half court buzzer beater to get it back.





Hoop shots

Above, Josh Schimpp hits a three point shot from the corner. Above right, Adam Oberlander drives into the lane. Right, Ryan Wick makes a pass to a teammate cutting to the basket. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Smith, Cichos hit late threes in tourney win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Kaitlyn Smith hit the winning three pointer and two insurance free throws right after Haley Cichos made a go-ahead three pointer, as the Staples-Motley girls basketball team beat Upsala 55-51 in their second game of the Little Falls tournament on Dec. 20. In the first tournament game they beat Little Falls 44-28. Earlier in the week they lost at Pierz, 76-72.

"It was a really good week, every game we can take something out of it and build on for the rest of the season," said Coach Brian Smith.

The Cardinals built a 16 point lead against Upsala, but some hot outside shooting steadily erased the gap until Upsala had their first lead with one minute left. Cichos pushed the ball up the floor then spotted up on the side, sinking the three to take a 50-48 lead. Staples-Motley forgot to cover the hot Upsala shooter and she converted another quick three. With 15 seconds left, Smith broke open at the top of the key and drained the three pointer for a 53-51 lead. In the last few seconds, Upsala tried to go inside to tie the score, but Tabetha Allen stepped up to contest the shot and Alix Peterson pulled in the rebound. Smith was fouled and made both free throws to finish the game.

The first tournament game was somewhat similar, with Staples-Motley taking a 21-8 halftime lead, but relaxing a little defensively in the second half.

Despite the loss at Pierz, it may have been the best overall game for the Cardinals.

"It was well played on both sides, it went back and forth but they hit a few more shots down the stretch," said Coach Smith. "It was an awesome game."

Allen had double digit rebounds in all three games, with 10 at Pierz, 11 against Little Falls and 14 against Upsala. Against Little Falls she made nine of 12 shots, while Bella Martin made four of four free throws. Against Upsala, Cichos had five assists and three steals while Peterson had seven rebounds.

Team results

Staples-Motley 72, Pierz 76

Scoring: Alix Peterson 21, Tabetha Allen 14, Haley Cichos 13, Addison Lorber 7, Elizabeth Danilyuk 6, Kaila Erbe 6, Kaitlyn Smith 5

Staples-Motley 44, Little Falls 28

Scoring: Allen 21, Cichos 8, Peterson 5, Bella Martin 4, Lorber 4, Erbe 2

Staples-Motley 55, Upsala 51

Scoring: Cichos 13, Danilyuk 11, Smith 10, Allen 9, Peterson 5, Lorber 3, Martin 2, Erbe 2





Intense action

Left, Haley Cichos lines up her last minute three pointer. Above, Elizabeth Danilyuk hits a reverse layup.

Hustle play

Tanner Robben comes up with the loose ball after making a steal.

Gifts we'd like next year

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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At the risk of seeming greedy or ungrateful, or of having lost the true spirit of Christmas, I've already been thinking about some gifts I'd be pleased to receive in 2020. These gifts are not materialistic, not in the sense of things you could obtain at a brick-and-mortar store, or have delivered to your door via Amazon. But if one or both were to materialize, it would benefit me, and perhaps you, as well.

CWD progress

I'd like to be given the news that research to find a real-time test for chronic wasting disease (CWD) has borne fruit. Anyone who has a connection to deer hunting knows about CWD, the easily-transmitted, always fatal brain disease of deer, elk and their relatives, which has now spread into Minnesota's wild whitetail population.

The smoking gun is the captive deer and elk farms in our state that have imported animals from beyond our borders. CWD has been found in animals on eight such farms since 2002. The deer and elk on these farms have been used for everything from producing deer-attracting scents, to canned hunts within their fences.

The first confirmed Minnesota wild deer case was in 2016; the count has risen to 58 in just three years. Due to this spread into the wild - first in Southeast Minnesota, more recently in Central and West-Central Minnesota - it's been necessary for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to resort to intensive harvest to significantly reduce wild deer numbers in these areas to slow CWD's spread. Necessary also for hunters there to have their harvested deer tested, a test that now requires roughly a week to complete.

Here's where the gift might lie. The University of Minnesota is working on a test that could deliver a result in real-time; virtually immediately. This would give hunters more peace of mind. Although there is no clear evidence that the disease can be spread to humans, there is no certainty that the infecting agent can't mutate and make that unwanted consequence possible. You can't blame a hunter for wanting to know that a deer he harvests is CWD-free, and this test could give that answer.

Equally important, researchers also hope to develop a test for live animals, a test that could be used to test any deer or elk held inside a farm enclosure, and make it possible to euthanize those carrying CWD. Now, testing can only be done on dead deer. Once a deer develops visible symptoms of CWD - unusually thin, disoriented, or unusually tame - it has already been spreading the infecting agent into its environment.

Less generous, perhaps, I'd also like to see Minnesota deer hunters be given the gift of a complete closure of captive deer and elk operations in our state. They're too big a threat to both the tradition and the million-dollar economic value of Minnesota deer hunting. Compensate their owners, perhaps, but recognize and deal with the threat, and move on.

A duck management breakthrough?

Just before Christmas, the Minnesota DNR released highlights of a new "action plan" to improve the prospects for ducks, and thereby for the state's duck hunters. There were about 140,000 of us a couple of decades ago, but only about 80,000 now. One of the reasons is attrition, as the core of those who are willing to put the necessary effort and investment into this branch of hunting dwindles as age culls our ranks.

The bigger reason is a lack of ducks, despite nearly every year hearing rosy statistics on spring breeding numbers, and projections of more ducks over our decoys in the fall. The DNR's action plan was developed over the last 10 months. Included is a desire for more wetland acquisition in western and southern Minnesota, areas that - before wide-scale agriculture-driven wetland draining from the early 20th century to the present - came pretty close to being a paradise for duck production and duck hunters. A lot has changed and the majority of those wetlands are gone.

This goal of more wetland acquisitions is commendable and waterfowl hunters would certainly applaud it. But not only does this take significant funding, there is serious opposition in many counties to private acres being transferred to public ownership, and county commissioners have actually blocked sales of willing private landowners. With shrinking hunting license revenues, funding this ambition is anything but a sure thing.

"Increasing the quality and quantity of habitat improvements on state lands" is also on the DNR's list. No argument here; these lands are already "in the bank," and require no further acquisition expense or landowner easement agreements. But maximizing good management of what is already owned seems so obvious, one wonders why it even deserves mentioning. Wasn't it a priority in the DNR's Long Range Duck Recovery Plan proposed in 2006? By the reckoning of many, things have gotten worse, not better.

One of the easiest and least costly actions that could offer immediate help - some believe - is a return to a more conservative harvest philosophy that is more protective of the ducks that breed and raise their young in Minnesota. This has been abandoned for a regimen of season dates, shooting hours and daily bag limits designed to maximize harvest, in the belief that this might boost duck hunter retention and recruitment.

Instead of a 12 noon shooting hour on the season's first day like we once had - which let locally breeding birds gradually adapt to hunting season pressure - we now open the season one-half hour before sunrise. Minnesota has also moved to the earliest possible duck hunting opening date. This year's season began on September 21st, a full two weeks before those traditional early October openings. Bag limits for wood ducks and mallard hens have also been liberalized and Minnesota now consistently sets its seasons by the most liberal six-duck federal daily limit.

Maybe it's time to consider duck hunting regulations matched to the trend of disappointing duck season results, rather than pre-season bird-in-the-bush optimism. We'd like to hope that the DNR has an ace up its sleeve with its latest duck management plan. We'll give their waterfowl managers the benefit of the doubt, more because we have no choice than because we have great confidence. That's our gift, and we'll hope - optimistically - for one in return.

Staples-Motley Winter Sports Schedules

2019-2020 School Year

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 28	**Bagley**	**H 4:00**
Jan. 2	Osakis	A 7:15
Jan. 3	**Pequot L**	**H 7:30**
Jan. 7	Breck.	A 7:00
Jan. 10	C-I	A 7:30
Jan. 14	Pillager	A 7:30
Jan. 21	**Browerville**	**H 7:30**
Jan. 23	Aitkin	A 7:15
Jan. 24	Park Rapids	A 7:30
Jan. 30	DL	A 8:00
Jan. 31	**Thief RF**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 6	Pequot L	A 7:15
Feb. 10	Swanville	A 7:15
Feb. 11	**C-I**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 13	**DGF**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 20	Parkers P.	A 7:15
Feb. 21	**Aitkin**	**H 6:00**
Feb. 27	**LPGE**	**H 7:30**
Mar. 3	Royalton	A 7:15

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 3	Pequot L	A 7:15
Jan. 6	Aitkin	A 7:15
Jan. 7	Pillager	A 7:30
Jan. 9	C-I	A 7:15
Jan. 13	**Barnesville**	**H 7:15**
Jan. 16	**Henning**	**H 7:30**
Jan. 24	Park Rapids	A 5:30
Jan. 27	Browerville	A 7:15
Jan. 28	**Rocori**	**H 7:30**
Jan. 30	DL	A 6:00
Feb. 1	HOL Game Day	A 3:15
Feb. 6	**Frazee**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 7	**Pequot L**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 10	DGF	A 7:30
Feb. 14	**C-I**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 18	Pine River-B	A 7:15
Feb. 20	**Osakis**	**H 7:30**
Feb. 21	**Aitkin**	**H 8:00**

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Jan. 4	Buffalo Invite	A 10:00
Jan. 7	**W-DC**	**H 7:00**
Jan. 11	Parkers Prairie Invite	A 9:00
Jan. 14	**New York Mills**	**H 7:00**
Jan. 17	**Cardinal Quad**	**H 4:00**
Jan. 24	Conf. Tourney	2 p.m.
Jan. 28	Pelican Rapids Tri	A 5:00
Jan. 31	W-H-A Invite	A 2:00
Feb. 6	Holdingford Tri	A 5:00



Getting past the block

Izaiah DeMars plows through as a defender attempts to stop his progress. DeMars was fouled on this play. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Slush concerns for fishing

By Steve Carney

So far the ice season of 2019-2020 is starting out with some very serious slush problems statewide. We got the combination of heavy snow on top of very little ice and this combination produces lots of slush and very inferior ice.

Even our cold snap from a few weeks ago didn't make much ice as the heavy snow has insulated the ice making only a couple of inches during the cold spell. I have run into slush on several lakes this past week and we need some very serious cold temperatures to solve the slush issue.

On the other hand, if we get a warm up, the slush will become even a bigger problem. The way things look so far, the snowmobile will be the only viable means of transportation on the ice as even the ATV's are having a tough go of it. This could very well mean that the larger wheel houses and heavy permanent ice houses will be on dry land for the entire season.

It is very important to always hit the ice with a partner as many anglers have been stranded in the slush with frozen tracks on their sleds and ATV's that won't start. Always have a wingman this season for safety reasons.

For this angler, it looks like road trips are in the future heading to extreme northern lakes or far western lakes as the snow and slush issues are minimal there. I have seen many winter ice seasons where the unusual conditions we now face could threaten the entire ice fishing season.

It's about trying to get where you want to go and mostly settling for areas that are secondary mainly because of the ability to access all points is limited.



Dealing with the winter elements

Slush issues could remain for the entire winter season. (Submitted photo)







Basketball action

At the Little Falls tournament, above left, Addison Lorber hits a three point shot moments after coming into the game. At left, Kaitlyn Smith sinks her final free throw to give the team a four point lead with just a few seconds left. Above, Dom Gomez provided some sparks for the boys team by hitting a three pointer and going inside to score. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Otto, Porter are named CLC Outstanding Educators

Central Lakes College instructors Dave Otto and Kate Porter have been named 2019-20 CLC Board of Trustees Outstanding Educators.

Otto serves as a welding instructor and advisor to the Welding Club. Porter teaches English and advises the Phi Theta Kappa Club on campus.

"Kate and Dave bring passion and innovation to their classrooms," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "They are constantly looking for new ways to make content real and touch the lives of our students. In this way, they embody our strategic direction to 'inspire learning.' Kate and Dave sincerely care about our students and our communities. We are privileged such outstanding educators at Central Lakes College."

Otto said, "I try to learn about each one of my students and support them in achieving their goals. It's my goal to guide each of my students through their time here at CLC and help them be successful."



Dave Otto


Kate Porter

Porter said, "I work really hard to make my course content relevant and applicable to students regardless of their program or path. Teaching has actually transformed my life and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. It is an honor to be nominated and I am truly grateful."

Otto and Porter will represent CLC at the BOT Award ceremony in St. Paul in the spring and will be under consideration for selection as Minnesota State BOT Educator of the Year.

Previous CLC educators to receive this honor include Darci Goeden, Betsy Picciano, Adam Marcotte, Kari Frisch and Tanya Hoting-Mrazek, who was last year's winner.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Kacey Smart and Jason Hudalla of Baxter, a baby boy, Agustus Daniel weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on December 12, 2019.

Born to Cheyenne Swenson and Jordan Onken of Pine River, a baby girl, Charley Jade weighing nine pounds, two ounces on December 13, 2019.

Born to Trisha and Roy Graba of Sebeka, a baby girl, Hannah Noel weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on December 16, 2019.

Born to Macayla and Giles Radtke of Mirrifield, a baby girl, Clara Lee weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on December 16, 2019.

Born to Melissa and Charles Cory of Staples, a baby girl, Khiylee Lynn weighing seven pounds, five ounces on December 17, 2019.

Born to Kaija and Eric Johnson of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Ruby Mae weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on December 18, 2019.

Obituary

Julia Champagne

Julia Marie Champagne was called to heaven on December 17, 2019. Julia was 87 when she departed on her latest journey.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 28 at 11 a.m. with a visitation one hour prior at Thurston-DeShaw Funeral Home, 13817 Jay St. NW, Andover.

Julia originally traveled from West Virginia to Minnesota after marrying Albert Champagne.

Julia loved her family. She was the mother of Carol Fisher, Suzette, Kathy Eckman, Albert Jr., Roger and Andre; eight grandchildren, Roger Jr., Reece Eckman, Riley, Angela Champagne-From, Amanda, Vincent Eckman, Albert III and Richard II which she will always love and watch over. Julia had many great-grandchildren, friends and extended family that she loved and whom loved her.

She is now reunited with her husband as well as her daughter, Kathy, her parents and many siblings.

Julia's love will always shine upon this world and we will always keep cherished memories of her locked in our hearts until the day we are once again reunited.

Arrangements are by Thurston-DeShaw Funeral Home Andover.

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Student Achievements

Meghan Nordstrom, Staples, is one of 40 students that are participating in Bemidji State University's student teaching program during the spring semester. Nordstrom, a senior majoring in elementary education, will be student teaching at Pine River-Backus Elementary. She will teach third grade.

Julia Brogle, Pillager, recently graduated from the Minnesota State University, Mankato. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Associate Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons..... 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast.....11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 .. Open by arrangement

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

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

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship 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
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship .....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery .....6-8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal ..... 6:30 p.m ...Groups

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.

"A Prayer on Behalf of Children"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

"Gracious God, Creator of us all, thank You for Your extremely generous gift of children. As we are entrusted with any child, may we always remember that they are Your child. Help us to remember that we all started out small as the miraculous human fertilized egg that we were in our mother's womb.

To the extent that You would be glorified and Your Name be praised, please help every child on planet earth to be deeply loved, nutritiously well-fed and in warm, safe beds at night.

Even as we ask that, we are asking that You transform us as adults to be living vessels of their care, valuing each child. Show us what needs to be changed in our lives to be those living vessels of nurture, protection and guidance to each child that you have astonishingly put in our care. Then, please change us as only You can

Thank you, Lord, for how we get the privilege and responsibility to see and live life again through the eyes and perceptions of babies, little children, and adolescent youth. Please help us to slow down enough and humbly kneel down to be at their eye level and in their world. Help us to often remember how You "lowered Yourself" to leave heaven and take on our humanity to "live in our shoes."

Lord, whenever and however we are making the Matthew 19:13 mistake of "Sending the children away," please put Your Matthew 19:14 compassion within us so that we will live welcoming lives in which children can be in our arms as they were in Your arms.

Please shape our lives to live out the children's songs of "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world," and "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, to shine for Him each day."

In your Embracing Name, Jesus, Amen"

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a noow caboy boots. Also I want a santa hat and a santa suit. also I want yeezy.
Love,
Easton

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a Elf on the Shelf. I would also like Super Rad Robot. What I really really really want is a scary plush. I hope you enjoy your milk and cookies. ps. I think I have some carots for your reindeer.
Love,
Aubrey

Dear Santa,
Thank you santa for presents for me I want for presents is minec raft book. but I don't knoow but santa is nice
Love,
Isaac

I sawmine brethenby a scary Elfies. cenbesrag. The End

Dear Santa,
Can I have Minecraft on myta blet Please Oh and a new Pencilcase? Oh add Peanut butter cookies
Love,
Lalonie

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a LOL. I would also like a Lego set. and a gel pen. I really really want a tablet and Slime and a Real Shopkins set. My family and I will leave you extra cookies.
Love,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
I would rally like Reses Piceis for christmas please. I would allso like a kitten for crismas. And a robot dog. And a dog. my famile Will give you exStra cookeies.
Love,
Addison

Dear Santa,
I want a Bow air rifl a four Wheeler and kinde a call of taty X Box I PC3 to give to my casin and a lif on the shef and a go Pro and a rac car a Plit sah and a Put.
Love,
Blake

Dear Santa
I want a Pokeman1010G bx!
I want Ol Robot blueX
I want a Robot beanX
I want a big treehouse
I want a big dollhouse.
I want a blue Phone.
Love,
Zeva Kriesel

Dear Santa,
i want comason
i want lazr tag
i want a big rowBot
i want a cat
i want a Elf
i want a phone
Prow
i want a car
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
do you every puke when you eats cookies. and video camera. I want a picher of jacob. Phone.
Love,
Ausrea

Dear Santa,
I want a Box of Pokemon, a Ball of Pokemon. alolan Muk, Mewtwo, a book of Pokemon, a drone, the most Powerful Pokemon in the world a ranbow energy, a Phone, internet, and a real car with Driver's lisons.
Love,
Josiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava I am 2nd Graes and I am Seven year old. Thank you for a gift and a Pizes. year you gave Santa. gave a Phone. on Chismas Santa Claus and teis at home my Phone and teis both Sat name
Love,
Ava

"Trust Us!"

Without public notices, the government wouldn't have to say anything else.

Public notices are a community's window into the government. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know. You know where to look, when to look and what to look for to be involved as a citizen. Local newspapers provide you with the information you need to get involved.

Notices are meant to be noticed.
Read your public notices and get involved!



Eighty percent of people polled believe that governments should be **required to publish** public notices in newspapers. But for years, government has tried to "hide" public notices by either posting them on government websites only, or by not publishing them at all.

Newspapers across the country are fighting for YOUR right to that information. ***That's our job.***

Keep public notices public.
Keep them in newspapers.
Support your local newspaper.

• **SOURCE: 2011 Readership Survey by National Newspaper Association.**

COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY - MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Todd County, will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2020 at the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Bids will be opened at the County Board meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. in the County Board Room, for publication for the year 2020 as may be required by the County of Todd, a municipal corporation, as follows:

Designation of the Official Newspaper

This requires the publishing of official proceedings by the Todd County Board, and other legal and public notices required by all Todd County Departments, publication of the financial statement and publication of the list of lands in Todd County, delinquent in taxes for the year 2019, which have not been attached to prior judgment.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such amount as may be determined by the County Board.The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so require pursuant to M.S. 279.07, and to waive any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF WADENA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 80-PR-19-1040

ESTATE OF Gayle E. Schmidt, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Wadena County Courthouse 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, MN 56482, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated April 3, 2015, ("Will"), and for the appointment of **Linda Lee Ayers**, residing at 3077 River Road SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an **X** UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to this 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, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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: December 5, 2019

BY THE COURT
Doug Clark,
Judge of District Court

Barb Allen,
Court Administrator/
Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

May Township will hold its regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall.

May Township will hold its re-organizational meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall.

The annual audit meeting will be held immediately following the reorganizational meeting.

Bianca Wyffels,
May Township Clerk

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FILING NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Moran Township that filing for township offices will be open December 31, 2019 and close January 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The offices that may be filed for are: One (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and One (1) Clerk for a two (2) year term. Candidates may file at the clerk's office at 28316 410th St. Browerville, Mn.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk

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FILING NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP

The following positions will be open for filing for the upcoming township election.

One (1) supervisor for a two (2) year term.

One (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term.

One clerk for a two (2) year term.

Please call the clerk at 218-531-0287 for an appointment to file for office. Filing opens December 31, 2019 and will close on January 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township

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COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Designation of Extra Printing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota will receive sealed bids for the extra publication of the Financial Statement for the year 2019 as required by law until 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 3, 2020. Bids will be opened at 9:05 a.m. on January 7, 2020 in the County Board Room.

This requires the extra publication for distribution of the Financial Statement to the remaining parts of the county not covered by the distribution of the official paper. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in such an amount as may be determined by the County Board. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment of the public interest so require pursuant to M.S 279.07, and it waives any informalities therein.

Denise Gaida
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer

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'Here's lookin' at you, kid....



We care about your future.

We know you LOVE having your photo in the paper!
As you grow older you'll see that there are
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Public Notices are an important part of community interaction!

A full 80% of people surveyed in September of 2011 responded ***YES*** *- governments should be required to publish public notices in newspapers.*
Be sure your government representatives know you agree!

- Your local community newspaper is the primary source of information about a community. In a recent survey 51.8% of people chose the newspaper over television (13.2%), or the Internet (7.4%), or the radio (less than 6%).
- Newspapers are available free to everyone at community libraries.
- Newspapers also publish the public notices on their websites.

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Statistics based on July & September 2011 surveys conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.. Response rate was 42.5%. Error margin of plus or minus 5%.



A Harvard study of the newspaper industry found that only a bit more than 3 percent of newspaper reading happens online. The same study shows a print audience of well over a hundred million readers each week.

Sure, just about everybody checks newspaper sites online these days, but they don't spend much time there. On average, readers spend much more time with a print newspaper. More than 30 times more time is spent with a print newspaper than a newspaper website.

We're here for you.
Yesterday ... today ... tomorrow.

A Drop of Ink Makes Millions Think

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* Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard, in a 2009 study of 2008 readership. While the numbers have shifted slightly since the study, the proportions remain about the same.

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and **online** at **www.staplesworld.com**

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Both publications and Internet for One Price!

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Use form below or click on www.staplesworld.com

Deadline: *Friday at Noon*

Classifications

NOTICES
100 Events/ Announcements
101 Card of Thanks
102 In Memory
103 Lost & Found
104 Give Away
106 Personals
107 Notices

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT
201 Business Opportunities
202 Childcare Providers
203 Childcare Wanted
205 Help Wanted
206 Positions Wanted
207 Equipment for Rent
208 Storage
209 Business Services
210 Animal Care/ Supplies
211 Work Wanted

FOR SALE
300 Antiques/ Collectibles
301 Good Things to Eat
302 Lawn/Garden
303 Hay/Straw/ Feed/Seed
304 Livestock
305 Pets
306 Sporting Goods
307 Household
308 Musical
309 Miscellaneous
310 Health/Beauty
311 Firewood
312 Christmas Trees
313 Computers/ Office Equip.
314 Farm Services
315 Camper Trailer

VEHICLES
401 Automobiles
402 Trucks/Vans
403 Recreational
404 Farm Equipment
405 Heavy Equipment
406 Parts/ Repair

WANTED TO BUY
501 Miscellaneous
502 Livestock

REAL ESTATE
601 Wanted to Rent
602 Apartments for Rent
603 Houses for Rent
604 Commercial for Rent
605 Mobile Homes for Rent
606 Land for Rent
607 Houses for Sale
608 Farms for Sale
609 Mobile Homes for Sale
610 Land for Sale
611 Business Property for Sale
612 Real Estate Wanted

GARAGE SALES
701 Garage Sales
702 Flea Market/ Crafts

Classified Ad Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Classification # _____

Cost of Ad

First 15 words for one week $9.85

Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ = _____

OR First 15 words for three weeks $25.00

Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ = _____

Add $5 for bold type and/or CAPITALIZED (indicate which word(s) is/are to be bold or capitalized) _____

Add $10 for Blind Box _____

TOTAL enclosed _____

"Card of Thanks" and "In Memoriam" are 20¢ per word with no minimum.

Number of words _____ x 20¢ = _____

TOTAL enclosed _____

Please check your ad the first day. Refunds or credit will not be given for errors brought to our attention after the second publication. We are not responsible for errors due to illegible copy or missing punctuation.

Your ad will be printed as you write it. Please print clearly, one word per space.

Use additional paper if necessary. Thank you for your order!

Please mail completed form and check payment to: Staples World, Box 100, Staples, MN 56479

The Fine Print

The publishers liability for errors in an advertisement or for failure to publish the ad shall be limited to publishing the ad in a subsequent issue or for the refund of any monies paid for an ad not run (and out of date for subsequent issues) providing the advertiser reports the error or omission immediately after it occurs.

All advertising copy is subject to the approval of the general manager. We will not accept ads from anyone with a past due account.

Regarding sex or age preference in help wanted advertising in accordance with the rules adopted by the Civil Rights Commission, the Staples World, Sunday Square Shooter and Heartland Market cannot accept help wanted advertising copy which in any way expresses a sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement unless the advertiser files an affidavit with the newspaper justifying the sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement.

All real estate and rental advertising in these publications is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which made it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin or any intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination." These publications will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or rental which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

HEARTLAND MARKET

Display ads: $12.00 (per col. inch)

Classified Reader $9.30 first 25 words; additional 35¢ each word (one week)

Auction Directory = $3 per line; $15 minimum.

Inserts = $65 per thousand

*** Color rates available.**

Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Reaching over 20,585 homes;

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Services & Employment

205 Help Wanted

Motley Express (ARCO) is now hiring. Join our convenience store team. Must be self-motivated and work well with others. Apply within. 1000 Hwy 10 S., Motley. 218-352-6000. 51-1c

208 Storage

FOR RENT
Japke's North 8th Street Mini Storage, 894-1551
6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24

SHOP AT HOME WITH THE CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted City of Motley

The City of Motley is accepting applications to fill the position of

FULL-TIME CLERK-TREASURER.

Minimum requirements include: high school diploma or equivalent, Associate's degree in relevant field, previous administrative/office experience, and valid class D driver's license. The hiring range for this position is $23.59 - $26.83 per hour, dependent on experience. The position is full-time and requires some evening hours. A resumé, cover letter and City application are required. Application forms and a full list of hiring requirements can be found online at **www.cityofmotley.com**, or at City Hall. Contact Lacey Smieja at 218-352-6200 or **cityofmotley@brainerd.net** with any questions about the position or hiring process. All application materials must be received no later than **3:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 16, 2020**, and can be emailed to **cityofmotley@brainerd.net**, dropped off at City Hall during office hours, or mailed to 316 Hwy. 10 S., Motley, MN 56466, Attn: City Clerk. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

EOE

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CENTRAL TODD COUNTY Care Center

Central Todd County Care Center *is seeking*

Certified Nursing Assistants

We are in search of someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. Overnight (NOC) shift now available for CNAs. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Contact Amanda Rickbeil, arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the Business Office, or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

Business Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN.

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cl52-1c

Verndale Public School is accepting applications for the following positions:

•Evening Custodian: -5 hour position -12 month position.

•Substitute Paraprofessionals, Custodians, and Food Service.

To apply go to www.verndaleschool.org/employment

"Verndale Public School is an Equal Opportunity Employer"

cl52-1c

Central Todd County Care Center

Part-time Dietary Aide Position

We are in search of someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Dietary field. Part-time evening aide position now available. Must be able to understand and follow state and federal safety and sanitation regulations. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families and visitors.

Contact Patti Twardowski, 218-756-3636 ext. 17; or ptwardowski@ctcccinc.com

or pick up an application in the Business Office, during business hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN

EOE

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209 Business Services

Your major appliance parts source. Parts for all major brands. One day service, **Staples True Value**, Staples. 218-894-3263. 26tfc

RICHS PAINTING: Interior, Exterior, Decks. Wood work, power washer. 218-414-0396. Free estimates. Lic. #IR748424. cl49-2p

309 Miscellaneous

PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE IN COLOR: Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing and Wadena counties, $40 plus $2.95 tax. Staples World Office. tfx

312 Christmas Trees

CHRISTMAS GREENS and natural (sheared) trees. SE Staples. Bill, 218-894-3440. 50-52p

SUBSCRIBE

Staples World newspaper subscription rates, one year:

Local: $41 (Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass counties)

Minnesota: $46.

Out-of-State: $51.

Foreign: $61.

Student Rate: $31 per school year, in-state (Sept.-April)

On-Line: $37

Print with on-line: $65

Staples World

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224 4th St. NE
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www.staplesworld.com

Wanted to Buy

501 Miscellaneous

FREE DROP OFF: Microwaves, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters, Gas Grills, Propane Tanks, Furnaces, Lawn Mowers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Misc. Iron and Scrap. Christmas Tree Lights. **WE BUY CANS AND BATTERIES. NO**: TV's, Electronics, Mattresses, Tires, Household trash. Call for information: 218-639-0150. Card Auto, 27593 Todd Line Rd, Staples. 36tfc

Real Estate

602 Apartments for Rent

STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

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Under new ownership

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DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays



Fire destroys Drake's business shed

A fire reported at 3:53 p.m. Dec. 20 destroyed the shed which housed the Paul Drake Tree Service business. The Staples Fire Department responded to the scene about one-half mile outside of Staples city limits on the Warner Road. "If it had been located any further away it would have been even more destructive," noted Staples Fire Chief Scott Braith. "No one was injured and the fire did not spread." Firefighters remained on scene for three hours. Many tools, chainsaws, a welder and a pickup truck among the destroyed items. The Motley Fire Department also responded.

Below: The aftermath of the fire that ravaged the inside of the building. The cause of the fire has not been determined. (Submitted photos)





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Christmas music, treats, at the library



Visitors to the Staples Public Library were treated to a free concert and holiday goodies Dec. 19, thanks to a Legacy grant. In lower photo is singer and pianist Andrew Walesch who shared a number of holiday favorites from the Great American Songbook. Above, from left, are Lilyanna Vollmar, 10; Whysper Rockwell, 9; and Malikai Vollmar, 13, all of Staples. The children said they recently moved to the area from Texas and were experiencing their first Minnesota winter. They love Staples, they said, adding that the library is one of their favorite "go to" places. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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New office in Staples

the closing documents and perform the closing (signing) for the customers. "We deal in purchase closings, refinance closing and some witness closings," Holmberg said.

They are happy to be in Staples and look forward to being part of the community, the women said.

Holmberg's been in the title business since 1997. She grew up in Motley and is a 1990 graduate of Staples-Motley High School. She's been enjoying seeing some familiar faces around town over the past few months.

A Baxter native, McCulloch graduated from Brainerd High School in 2000. She has been in the title business since 2005.

In addition to the two owners, the staff at Elite Title & Escrow includes Jamie D'Ambrogio, the closer; and front-desk person Lori Tkalcich, whom Holmberg and McCulloch describe as a "Jack of all trades." Like Holmberg, Tkalcich is no stranger to Staples. She grew up in the area and attended school at Staples-Motley until the 7th grade, at which time her family moved to Gilbert, Ariz. This past May she moved back to the area and already feels right at home, she said.



Happy in their new office

Staff members at Elite Title & Escrow in downtown Staples say they love their new office space, located at 121 4th St. NE. The space, which they lease from First International Bank & Trust in Staples, was originally home to a drugstore, and most recently Midwest Family Eye Center. Pictured above, standing from left, are Lori Tkalcich, Jamie D'Ambrogio and Shayna McCulloch. Seated is Dawn Holmberg. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Holmberg and McCulloch, along with their staff, stressed their desire that whenever someone does business at Elite Title & Escrow Corporation, that it's a positive experience for them."We want this to be a welcoming place," McCulloch said.

Elite Title & Escrow Corporation is located at 121 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-541-5120.

Lamplighter Community Theatre nominated for 12 'Lambie' awards

Winners to be announced Jan. 5, at Gala event at Cragun's

Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) in Staples has received 12 nominations for the 2019 Dennis Lamberson Award for Excellence in Theatre. The nominations were received in a number of categories for the LCT productions of The Wizard of Oz and It's a Wonderful Life.

LCT Nominees include:

- Kevin Olsen, Best State Lighting in a Drama, It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show.
- Kevin Olsen, Best State Lighting in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz
- Fred Rogers, Best Costuming in a Drama, It's A Wonderful Life Radio Show.
- Jeanette Evans and Cindy Denning, Best Costuming in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz.
- Mike Kincaid, Best Scenic Design in a Drama, It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show
- Mike Kincaid, Best Scenic Design in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz.
- Brian Sterriker, Best Choreography in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz.
- Jacob Denning (Scarecrow), Best Supporting Male performer in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz.
- Jaydon Friedel (George Bailey), Best Leading Male actor in a Drama, It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show.
- Macy Judd (Dorothy), Best Leading Female performer in a Musical, The Wizard of Oz.
- Lamplighter Community Theatre, Best Musical of 2019, The Wizard of Oz
- Lamplighter Community Theatre, Best Drama of 2019, It's a Wonderful Life Radio Show.

Winners of the Lambie awards, as they are affectionately called, will be announced at the 2019 Gala event Saturday, Jan. 5, from 5:30 - 11:30 p.m., at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd.

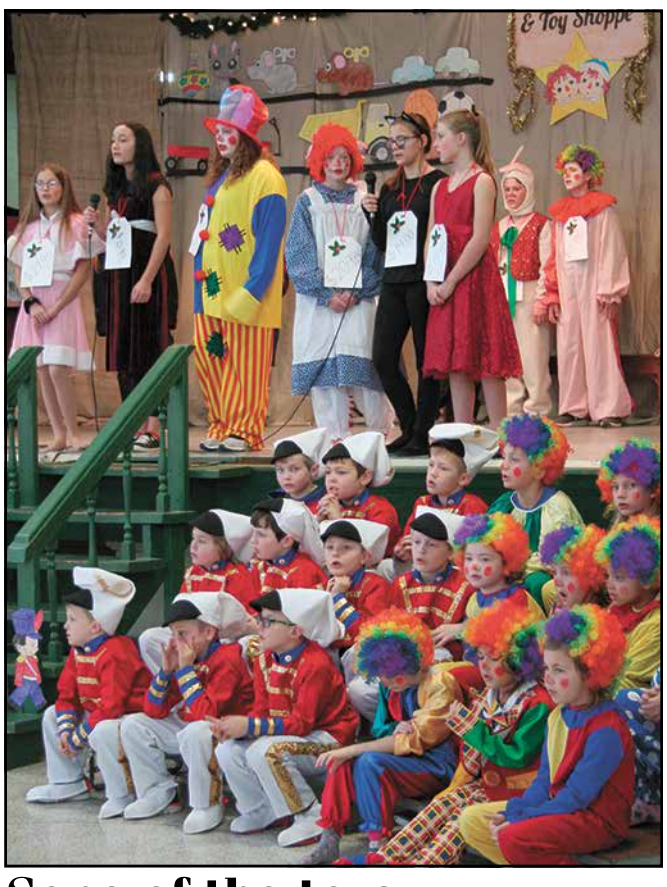
The "Dennis Lamberson Award for Excellence in Theatre" is named in honor of the late teacher/director who produced theater at Central Lakes College from 1988 until his death in 2013.

The public is invited to attend this "Red Carpet Affair." For more information, call the Theatre and Actors Guild at 218-838-3483. Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 11.



The stars align

The angels, stars, shepherds and animals present baby Jesus with their special gifts while Joseph (Ethan Mertens) and Mary (Emily Beard) watch the cradle.



Song of the toys

A group of "toys" sing "Lullaby for Jesus" including Avery Japke, Isabel Cole, Skye Larson, Abby Brichacek, Alexis Opelia and Ava Birkholtz.

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Polling places designated

ing establishments which have submitted an application and payment to sell tobacco products in 2020.

- Clarissa Municipal Liquor Store
- Don and Dave's Store
- The Hub Supper Club
- Jon's Family Foods
- Eagle Valley Express,
- Oscar Jacobson American Legion Post 417
- Partridge Creek Blinds and More, LLC
- Rohde's Midway Gas, Bar and Grill
- Saukinac Campground Full of Fun, LLC
- Shady's Golden Eagle.

• The board adopted a resolution designating polling places for the county absentee precinct, mail ballot precincts and special election precincts within Todd County for the 2020 election year.

• Approved the 2019 Elections Budget Carryover in the amount of $25,500.

• On December 28, 2017 the commissioners approved the advance of $300,000 from the General Fund to the Ditch Fund for the County Ditch 18 Maintenance Project.

On September 4, 2018 the commissioners approved the special assessment payment terms, granting a 10 year repayment term with 2 percent interest credited to the General Fund.

The first year of special assessments went into effect for taxes payable 2019 with the result of $20,299.39 collected on the principal balance, along with $4,060.28 of interest.

In 2018, the auditor/treasurer collected prepaid assessments in the amount of $50,142.12.

The board approved the transfer of funds for a partial repayment of the County Ditch 18 loan.

• After a brief recap of the proposed apartment project (referenced in the public comment) by DW Jones, Inc. Skip Duchesneau, the board adopted a resolution consenting to the process for the creation of an economic development (workforce housing) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Tax Abatement Program in support of the proposed 37-unit multifamily rental housing project.

Duchesneau said that if they established the nine year TIF District and had the additional five year tax abatement period, they would be able to finance the building.

The reason they're breaking it out into a TIF and tax abatement is that if it's all TIF there would be income limits. Because of the rate of pay that places like Long Prairie Packing offer, the employees would be excluded because they would make too much money.

This will be a fair market housing unit and will be open for anyone to move into not just Long Prairie Packing employees.

Neumann said that his concern was that people had read in the paper (Long Prairie Leader) that they would be using tax dollars to pay for it.

Duchesneau said they would be paying property taxes of approximately $78,000 a year, but that a portion would come back to them under the TIF.

Another concern of Neumann's constituents was if they would be bringing in refugees to this facility.

Duchesneau said they have to follow Fair Housing laws.

"We are not specifically going after anyone. There will be background and credit checks," he said.

Duchesneau described the resolution as a "soft approval" and that the board could change its mind.

The school district and City of Long Prairie have also approved a similar resolution.

There will be public hearings for all three entities: county, city and school.

Duchesneau said that they believe they have enough room to build two such housing units.

• Authorized the Director of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Kathy Langer, to sign the Minnesota Department of Corrections Grant Application Agreement for 2020-2021.

The total amount of the subsidy awarded to Todd-Wadena Community Corrections is $847,943.

• Approved an abatement request for Hilltop Regional Kitchen. The kitchen didn't complete an application for tax exemption before the 2019 deadline and currently has a 2020 proposed tax of $9,698.

The organization and the property qualify for property tax exemption. All of the necessary paperwork is now on file in the assessor's office.

• The Todd County Sheriff's Office is in need of a voice logging recorder for the dispatch center, as the existing equipment is out dated and needs to be replaced. A number of bids were received, with Northland Business Systems coming in with the most suitable and economic bid of $19,356.45.

The bid includes; installation of new equipment, first year maintenance and software assurance, with a recurring yearly maintenance fee of $1,325. Funding of the purchase for the voice logging recorder will be taken from the E-911 account.

It was approved

• The City of Hewitt approved an agreement with the Todd County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

The two year contract is effective January 1, 2020 for the sum of $4 per hour for 10 hours per month.

• Approved changes to the emergency closings policy.

• Update from STEP Director Cory Lawrence. STEP provides; day training, habilitation, supportive employment services for clients with mental health and developmental disabilities.

• The board approved the Step Purchase of Service and Host County contract renewal.

• Approved Rural MN CEP contracts with Todd County Health and Human Services, for the Minnesota Family Investment Program and employment services.

• Update on services provided by Northern Pines Mental Health Center which includes; variety of mental health services for eligible adults and children.

The contract is still in progress for Northern Pines and will be approved at a later date.

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