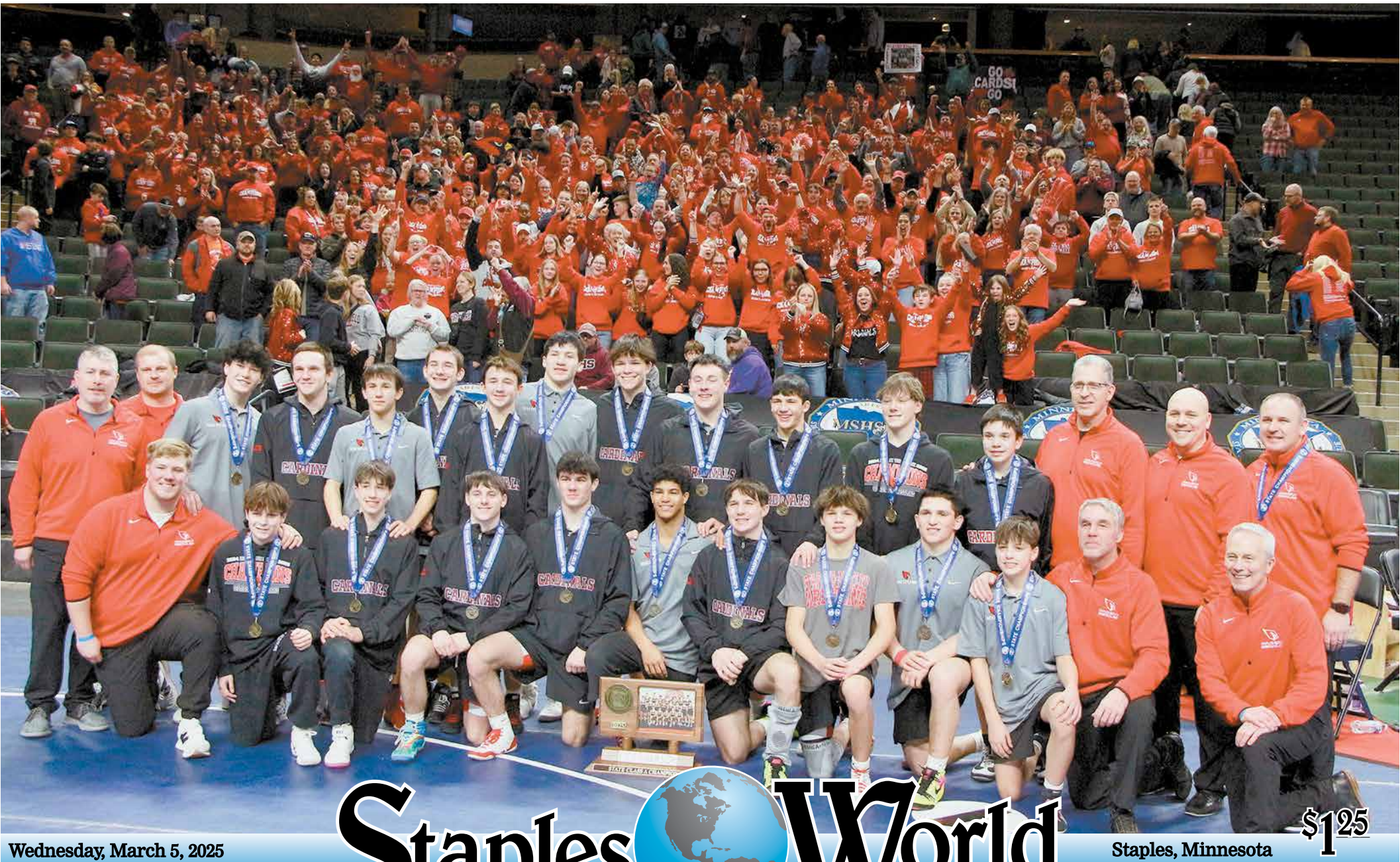


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Cardinal speech team wins big school invite

On Feb. 22, the Staples-Motley Speech team travelled to Bemidji for the 20th annual Lumberjack Speech Invitational. Staples-Motley had an excellent showing, taking home the first place trophy as well as 20 individual medals. In the category of Creative Expression, Laken Hines, Walker Johnson, Maddock Harvey, and Joshua Cushing took first, second, third, and fourth place, respectively. In Dramatic Interpretation, Raina Mikhaeil took sixth place and Brynn Bestland won the first place medal. In Duo, Caleb Bestland and Alex Tkalcich, Addie Brenny and Olivia Opheim, and Brynn Bestland and Joshua Cushing took sixth, third, and second, respec-

tively. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Walker Johnson won first place. In Extemporaneous Speaking, Tristan Rendon took fourth place in the honor final. In the category of Great Speeches, Tristan Rendon took sixth and Raina Mikhaeil took third. In the category of Humor, Laken Hines won the first place medal, while Adelaide Toepper took first and Caleb Bestland took sixth in the honor final. In Informative, Olivia Opheim won first place. In Poetry, Addie Brenny took fourth, and Sadye Anderson took fifth in the honor final. Lexi Ann took sixth place in the category of Prose, and Maddock Harvey took second place in the Storytelling honor final.

State wrestling champions The Staples-Motley boys wrestling team won the state title by beating Chatfield 33-16 on Feb. 26. Pictured, front row from left, coach Holton Truax, Justin Olson, Caden Kramer, Jack Carlson, Riley Reese, Turner Beachy, Colbe Tappe, Gage Bjerga, Luke Bjerga, Garrett Bjerga, coaches Dan Bjerga and Jim Jackson; back row, coaches Eric Kramer and Chris Dobson, wrestlers Dustin Converse, Seth Cossentine, Cayden Neisen, Zachary Tabatt, Cooper Tappe, Adrian Gomez, Reece Headley, Steven Petrich, Eli Greenwaldt, Beau Carlson, Jackson Odden, coaches Steve Jennissen, Mark Carlson and Shane Tappe. (Photo by Mark Anderson)



Bemidji tournament medal winners

Earning medals at the Bemidji speech tournament, front row from left, Caleb Bestland, Maddock Harvey, Walker Johnson, Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim, Addie Brenny and Lexi Ann; back row, Alex Tkalcich, Joshua Cushing, Brynn Bestland, Tristan Rendon and Raina Mikhaeil. (Submitted photo)



'Talk back' after the play

Amy Hunter, standing center, welcomed questions from the audience following the performance of the original one-act play she wrote and directed, "The Lost Souls of Ireland," Feb. 28, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The play was written specifically for Lamplighter Community Theatre in Staples to be entered in the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) festival in Duluth. Cast members, seated on stage, from left, are Cheryl Taylor, Daltyn Kvamme, Kevin Olsen, Sandy Porter, Deanna Hibpshman. As noted in a previous article by Staples World Managing Editor Mark Anderson, "The play incorporates true

stories about the forgotten children and family sagas from Ireland's Magdalene Laundries, the institutions where unwed mothers were sent to give birth and work off what was considered to be their sins. It is a dark chapter in Irish history and was repeated around the world, as unwed mothers were forced to send their children to orphanages or worse, the children died."

"The Lost Souls of Ireland" by Lamplighter Community Theatre will be performed at the MACT Festival in Duluth Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

2025

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 5	35	22	M. Sunny
Mar. 6	41	18	M. Sunny
Mar. 7	38	20	P. Cloudy
Mar. 8	43	30	M. Sunny
Mar. 9	53	28	P. Cloudy
Mar. 10	57	28	M. Sunny
Mar. 11	50	25	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Mar. 5	42°	18	P. Cloudy
Mar. 6	50	26	Cloudy
Mar. 7	33	16	Sunny
Mar. 8	32	21	Cloudy
Mar. 9	40	17	Sunny
Mar. 10	55	31	Sunny
Mar. 11	63	32	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 34° Low = 15°

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Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituary

Arla Allen

Motley’s city planning kickoff starts with a bang

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

There was a lot of positive energy and ideas exchanged at the public kickoff meeting in Motley Feb. 20, the first of five dedicated toward working on updating the City of Motley’s Comprehensive Plan.

These ‘Visioning Sessions’ are made possible thanks to a grant from Sourcewell, and are being facilitated by Region Five Development Commission

(R5DC).

The city’s Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2014, and they were grateful when Region Five reached out to work with them on it. Motley City Council members Nikki Bjerga and April Skeesick-Larson were on the planning committee for the kickoff event, as part of the city’s planning and zoning commission.

As the Everly Brothers reminded listeners in song, “All I Have To Do is Dream.” That was the assign-

ment given to the roomful of people who attended the kickoff. “Today is all about dreaming,” said Savannah Winkler, Region Five Development Planner with R5DC, who will be facilitating all of the meetings. The entire process will take about a year, Winkler said, noting that meetings will be held every two months.

As people began to brainstorm, Winkler invited them to write their dreams/wants for the city on post-it notes. She also encouraged

them to think about what they already have...two of which were noted included a food shelf and a clinic in town.

Some of the dreams shared included more child-care, taxi service, a community center, local gym, more housing and jobs, development of the former school building, adding more sidewalks, developing a riverfront park, and dealing with traffic congestion on weekends.

During the subsequent group discussion, Roger Sirucek shared that his job takes him all over the United States and that people are always familiar with Motley, due to its location on two major highways. “We do a great job,” Sirucek said of the city, but felt more could be done to “spruce it up,” in terms of beautification. Ideas mentioned included new welcome signs and streetlights.

Police Chief Al Yoder brought up the fact that the state has plans to re-do Hwy 10, which would mean adding two more feet to each sidewalk to be in compliance. As there are buildings that are currently very close to Hwy 10, he is not sure how this will work, Yoder said. The police chief noted that it’s dangerous for residents to be walking on sidewalks that are so close to the highway, not to mention trying to cross it. “Last year I had a vehicle run up onto the sidewalk and hit a power pole. This could’ve been a person walking,” Chief Yoder said. He’s not sure how the state will fix this problem, except perhaps by running Hwy 10 west of Motley and making the old highway a business street which would make it safer for residents.

Ken Swecker mentioned that people love the Crow Wing River, another asset of the city. Having more access to the river would be a draw for both tourists and residents.

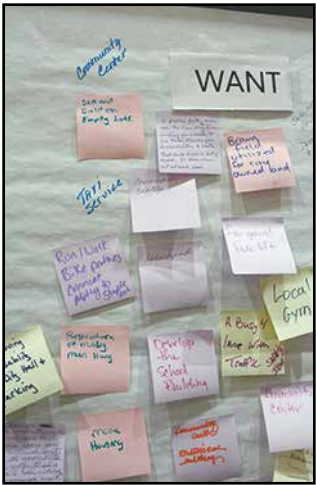
More senior living options was a dream expressed by a few people during the discussion, as was transportation for the elderly.

The next Comprehensive Plan - Visioning Session meeting will be held Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m., at Motley City Hall.



Adding a post-it note

Elijah Rick, Motley, adds a post-it note to the wall with a “want” for the city he’s written down. This was part of the Community Visioning Session for Motley’s Comprehensive Plan, facilitated by Region Five Development Commission. The event was held Feb. 20, at Motley United Methodist Church. By the end of the evening, a number of post-it notes filled with dreams and ideas filled the wall.



Groups share dreams for Motley

A number of community members attended the kick-off meeting for updating the City of Motley’s Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was held Feb. 20, at Motley United Methodist Church and facilitated by Savannah Winkler - Regional Development Planner with Region Five Development Commission.

Pictured above, Winkler, standing at left, chats with some of Motley’s department heads and others who were brainstorming about ideas for the city.

Seated, from left, are Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Supervisor; Roger Sirucek of Motley; Bryan Stevens, Maintenance Assistant; Al Yoder, Police Chief (partially hidden); Nikki Bjerga, council member; Bruce Ekert, owner of Motley Hardware; Tami Brotherton (back to camera), City Clerk/Treasurer. Below, from left are LouAnne Etzler, Deanne Babcock, April Skeesick-Larson, council member; Duane Larson and Greg Webster, both of Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Writing down ideas

Motley community members spent time writing down a variety of ideas and dreams for their city at the recent Comprehensive Plan - Visioning Session held at Motley United Methodist Church. Above, from left are Lana Hanson, Mike Stevens, Elijah Rick, Bret Bussman. Below, Marinell Philipp.



Motley area law enforcement

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

Feb. 19 - 25

Feb. 24 - Motley Police assisted funeral traffic at the Hwys 10 and 210 junction without incident.

Feb. 24 - Motley Police issued Kyle Burchett a citation for theft of gas at Holiday Station in Motley and a no trespass letter.

Feb. 23 - Motley Police received an unlock request for a locked vehicle at BRICKS car wash and came in off duty and unlocked it.

Feb. 19 - Motley Police received a call from a Motley resident reporting

that someone loosened the lug nuts on his vehicle. He believes it happened the night before between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Feb. 21 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 24000 block of Hwy 10 in Cushing who reported a train had been blocking her driveway for the past 10 minutes and she wondered how long it would be before they cleared. Dispatch called Burlington and they said they would check on it. The train cleared shortly after the call.

Feb. 19 - The MCSO received a report of harassment at the 33000 block of Sunset Loop, Motley.



Lumberjack speech champions

The Staples-Motley speech team winners of the the Bemidji Lumberjack speech invitational.

Back row: Nadia Santos, Lydia Tkalcich, Nayomi Perez, Alex Tkalcich, Molly Hoemberg, Joshua Cushing, Meredith Hoemberg, Annabella Hurtig, Sadye Anderson, Maria Halvorson, Brynn Bestland, Kai Bestland, Raina

Mikhaeil, Landon Ziegler, Lexi Ann, Tristan Rendon, Caleb Bestland

Front Row: Maddock Harvey, Walker Johnson, Jackson Bitzer, Head Coach Kip Hines, Laken Hines, Olivia Opheim, Addie Brenny. (Submitted photo)

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Court report Feb. 12

Feb. 12, 2025
MN State Patrol
John Francis McIntyre, Milnor, ND. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Cade Aldon Morse, Menahga. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Kaylee Ann Nelson, Cottage Grove. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fine \$85.
Shawn Richard Oman, Spicer. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Sachin Pandey, Rockville. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.
Michael Edward Peabody, Lowry. Window restrictions. Fine 450. Fee \$85.
George Keven Schwalbe, Avon. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jack Lewis Tollefson, Herman. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Lynsey Jo Wiechmann, Melrose. Headlights (2 required). Fine \$40. Fee \$85. No proof of insurance. Fine \$200.

Staples Police Dept.
Jennifer Denise King, Brainerd. Speed 44/35. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Todd County
Jose Franci Arancibia Ramirez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fine \$85. Uninsured vehicle-driver violation. Fine \$200.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 4, 2025.
Melchor Irving Vilchis, Long Prairie. Assault-3rd Degree. Dismissed. Disorderly Conduct. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 89 days for 1 year credit for time served: 1 Day). Probation-Adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$75. Fee \$75.
Adam John Bates, Parkers Prairie. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI-Operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 2 yr.) Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$400. Fee \$100.
Todd Stephan Ellingson, Detroit Lakes. 5th degree possession of a controlled substance. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Local confinement (2 days credit for time served: 2 days) Probation-adult (supervised probation, 5 yr.) Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Driving after cancellation. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 362 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$50.
Micah Ian Rock, Bemidji. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.
Treasure Marie Weekley, Park Rapids. Disorderly conduct. Local confinement (4 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$80. Damage to property-4th deg-intentional damage-other circumstances. Dismissed.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 31, 2025.
Keith Lavell Scott, Fargo, ND. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed, conditions, met or expired. Probation-adult (Probation to the court, 6 mo.) Fine \$50.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 30, 2025.
Caitlyn Marie Gifford, Backus. Receiving stolen property. Dismissed. Drugs-5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-no cannabis/hemp. Continued. Local confinement (11 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days for time served: 11 days). Fine \$50. Restitution \$1,700.
Jonas Dannie Gingrich, Bertha. Criminal sexual conduct-3rd degree 16-17 Act >48 old position authority. Dismissed. Criminal sex conduct-3rd degree-significant relationship, vic 16-17. Continued. Probation - Adult (Supervised probation, 10 yr). Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 1 day). Fine \$100. Restitution \$15,113.17.
Victoria Anne Hayes, Government data practices-willfully violate government data practice act or rules. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, indeterminate).Fine \$100.
Feb. 19, 2025
Long Prairie Police Department
Mitzi Ann Meizinger, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jerry Pabon Padin, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Rafael Rocha Dos Santos, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Floirin Emilio Sena Mendez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Ryan John Haag, Paynesville. License required to take/buy/sell/transport/possess protected wild animals. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Raymond Joseph Kurowski, Long Prairie. Fishing-Northern Pike 24 inch to 36 inch protected slot limit violation. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeffery Allen Lewellyn, Sartell. Dark/fish house/shelter-fail to display license tag when required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Daniel Wolf, Eagle Bend. Deer hunting-may not hunt with aid or use of bait. Fine \$300. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Jake Gorden Boudreau, Cambridge. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Quentin August Keith Bradshaw, St. Paul. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Ryah Dimitri Brooks, St. Paul. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Aaron James Eickoff, Long Prairie. Speed 67/55. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Layse Delfina Ferrante, Sauk Centre. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Carlos Javier Garcia Corona, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Isaac Wind Gaylah, Fargo, ND. No MN drivers license. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Weaving over lane line. Fine \$50.
Rose Cheri Grimestad, Fargo, ND. Speed 88/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Felecia B. Jackson, Stone Mountain, GA. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Erik Allen Line, Clarissa. CMV-tire defects. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Daniel Charles Ingl, Waite Park. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Pedro Lopez Martinez, Little Falls. Duty to drive with due care. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Patience Rose Maron, Browerville. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Adolfo Melendrez Wood, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No MN Drivers license. Fine \$100.
Gerty Elizabeth Mikel, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jauquin Mustanio Vilham Munnally, Minneapolis. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50.
Yevheniia Rubstsova, Melrose. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Germania Santos Taveras, Long Prairie. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Vincent Leon Schaan, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Dakota Frank Strom, Browerville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Quang-Minh Nhu Tran, Minneapolis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
William Harold Tweten, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.
John Eugene Waldorf, Osakis. Expired registration. Fine \$40. Fine \$85.
Zoe Rae Jean Wright, Osakis. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Doug Clark in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 12, 2025.
Mitchell Allen Goff, Clarissa. Theft-no consent. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr mo 319 for 2 yr credit for time served: 5 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Local confinement (45 days, stay 33 days for 2 yr credit for time served: 12 days). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
The following cases were heard before Judge Doug Clark in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 11, 2025.
Juan David Lopez Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$75. Fee \$75.

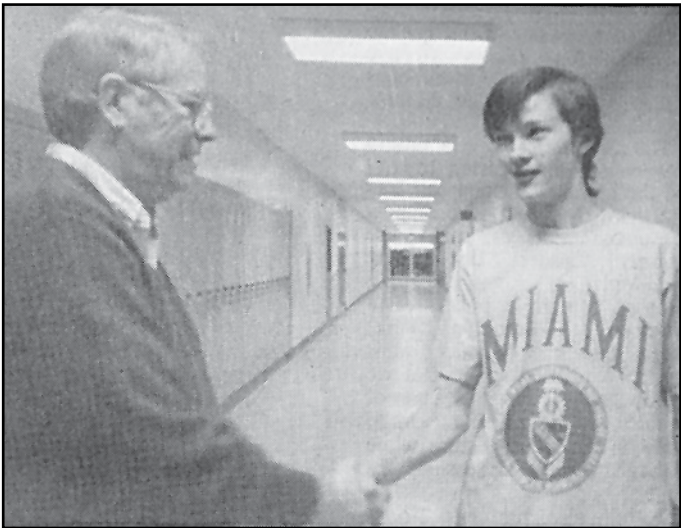
house, fish house or shelter on ice without license. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Shawn George Savickus, Long Prairie. Dark/fish house/shelter-fail to display license tag when required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Ryan James Johnston, Wadena. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Charles Raymond Tester, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jeanette Kay Anderson, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
David Carl Bangtson, Nelson. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jake Gorden Boudreau, Cambridge. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Nickolas James Carter-Fischer, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Ludileidis Carvajal Pena, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Yale Verdon Clark, Cleburne, TX. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Cannabis open package-possess in motor vehicle. Fine \$100.
Ashley Grace Desmarrais, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine 450. Fee \$85.
Brooke Alexandra Dingmann, Big Lake. Speed 92/70. Fine \$70. Fine \$155.
Christopher Mark Fullerton, Crittenden, KY.Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kylie Marie Goff, Long Prairie Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Andrew Paul Johnson, Pelican Rapids. Speed 8470. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Norma Guadalupe Loreda, Cotulla, TX. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jauquin Mustanio Vilham Munnally, Minneapolis. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Instruction permit violation. Fine \$50.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

• March 9, 1950 - The Motley high school will be represented by a one act play and contestant in dramatic and humorous section at the district 24 speech contest, which is to be held at Pine River Tuesday, Principal John Bartol announces. The play, “Child Wonder,” has a cast including Darlene Hanson, LaVonna Eckman, Darlene John, Joan Trout, Marlyn Graton and Howard

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Sklenicka.
Darlene Hanson will give Ibson’s “Wildz Duck” and “Kelly Goes Adopting” will be presented by Darlene John in the dramatic division.
In the humorous division, “Arsenic and Old Lace” will be given by Miss Trout, while Miss Eckman will present “At the Opera.”
Miss Jean Omtvedtm English instructor, handling all the speech work.
• March 9, 1950 - The first round of District 24 basketball tournament being played at Wadena and Aitkin



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the March 15, 1990 edition of the Staples World featured Staples Motley social studies instructor Russ Lee, left, congratulating Dana Bacon, S/M junior who won the Brainerd Area Regional Citizen Bee contest the previous week. Lee served as advisor to the four-person Citizen Bee team from the high school. Bacon, 16, survived nine rounds of questioning that eliminated 43 other participants from 16 area schools. In the end, he correctly answered one question that the second place finisher, Joe Cichon of Swanville, answered incorrectly. Bacon, son of Nolan and Ellen Bacon of the Leader area, then answered his second question in that round to cement his win and a \$500 first place scholarship prize.
Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified both and wondered if the context had something to do with game show ‘Jeopardy!’ which Bacon had been a contestant.
Donna Bestland of Staples said her son, Ben Bestland of Staples and Dana Bacon both graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1991 and have kept in touch since that time. They discussed the photo during a phone conversation, recognizing both in it. Dana also thought it had to do with the Citizen Bee.
Melissa (Etzler) Jewison of Staples, a 1993 graduate of Staples-Motley, recognized both, but thought the subject had to do with Bacon competing on ‘Jeopardy!’ Kelly Boldan of Willmar, a 1975 Motley High School grad, recognized Bacon.
Pat Held of Motley correctly identified both and went on to share that, “Russ Lee taught U.S. History across the hall from me for many years before his retirement. Dana was one of the most intelligent students I ever worked with. The picture might have something to do with his appearance on ‘Jeopardy.’” Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Looking back

got underway Wednesday night at both places, and to some the results were most gratifying, while to others there was sorrow because their favorite team did not win.

In the first game at Wadena, the Pillager quint, playing their first game in a district play-off, handed the Staples Cards a bitter defeat, by scoring 48 to 45 victory.

• March 9, 1950 - The Staples Male Chorus is sponsoring the Cedric Adams Open House program at the Staples Auditorium on April 20, and very soon tickets for the event will be staged.

The program for the evening includes a cooking school, style show, vaudeville acts, quiz show, and many valuable prizes to be given away.

Miss Ramona Gerhardt, organist of WCCO will play the musical background for the entire show which will last about two hours.

Proceeds of the show for the chorus will go into their tuxedo fund.

• March 9, 1950 - Some interesting figures are revealed in the annual report of the Farmers Cooperative Dairy Association of Staples, in the bulletin issued for the annual meeting of the stockholders and



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1975. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you’re from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

patrons of the business.
During the past year the creamery produced 237,556 pounds of manufactured butter from 192,710 pounds of butterfat churned.
Total pounds of milk and cream received at the creamery was: sweet cream, 540,197; grade one cream, 151,094; milk, 3,496,026.
Total returns from dairy products processed amounted to \$252,418.59.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

• March 6, 1975 - John Sanda, a four-year senior letterman on the Staples High school Cross-Country team, won the Seventh Annual “Joe” Hirschey Memorial Award Feb. 23. at the annual Cross-Country banquet.

Sanda was selected by his teammates as setting an outstanding example of what a true distance runner should be.

The award is presented by the Cliff Hirschey family in memory of their late son, Joe, who starred for the Cross-Country teams back in 1965 and 1966, leading the Cardinals to their first two District 24 titles and their first Region Six championship.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanda of Staples.

• March 6, 1975 - Young Mark Redemske, a freshman, tallied 26 points last Thursday evening to spark the Staples Cardinals to an opening round District 24 tournament victory over the Motley Rockets on the court of the Brainerd school.

• March 6, 1975 - Jeanne, the 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Polley, Staples, was a blue ribbon winner in 4-H Showmanship Feb. 28, at the Red River Valley winter shows.

Saturday in Registered Quarter Horse Competition, Jeanne, on her horse, Velvet Britches, won the Youth Pole Bending Class over 12 other entries.

• March 6, 1975 - A memorial gift in the amount of \$500 was presented to the Staples Community Center by the Boy Scouts of Staples Troop No. 61. This money had been saved by the scouts from the sale of newspapers from past pickups.

The gift was in memory of F.W. Perry, a Staples businessman, who died in January if 1974. Mr. Perry was instrumental in making scouting a success in Staples and Central Minnesota for many years.

• March 6, 1975 - The intermediate students, grades 3-6

at the Lincoln Model Non-graded school will present a patriotic musical celebration entitled “Our Country ;Tis of Thee.”

The musical will be presented at the school gym March 13, at 8 p.m. It is under the direction of Mrs. Jane Swenby.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

• March 9, 2000 - The two Staples Motley wrestlers who qualified for state fared well, with Tony Johnson going 5-1 and winning his final match late Saturday, earning third place in the 145 pound division.

Tony’s partner, Tyler Bendson at 125 pounds, had a bad draw and lost both his matches. His first round opponent went on to win the title and his other opponent finished in third place.

• March 9, 2000 - The Staples Area Men’s and Women’s choruses are “gearing up” for another spectacular show celebrating our freedom and independence.

Their combined performances in “Festival of Freedom - America Celebrates” will be held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 18 and 19.

• March 9, 2000 - Kerry Lindgren, Staples, has been nominated to compete in the National FFA Organization’s Agriscience Teacher of the Year award program.

Lindgren, who teaches at Staples Motley High School in Staples was selected by state education leaders for excellence in preparing young for careers in agriculture.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

• March 5, 2015 - A good-sized crowd was on hand for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the 12,000 sq. ft. addition at Stern Rubber Company, Staples, on Feb. 26. This gives the company more warehouse space, a larger shipping and receiving area. It created more office space so staff can be located in one area. The addition also allowed for changes in the location of departments to give better workflow.

• March 5, 2015 - Alex Erpelding won three matches at the state wrestling tournament to place fifth in the 145 pound weight class.

Fellow Staples Motley wrestler Eric Lisson lost a 1-0 decision to fourth ranked Byron Byer of Frazee. When Byer lost 3-2 in the next round, that bounced Lisson from the tournament.

Todd County court report Feb. 26

Long Prairie Police Department
Betty Jean Geise, Grey Eagle. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Pierre Monem, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Bryan Omar Vazquez Cruz, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof on insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Hunter Jon-James Barthel, Long Prairie. Fishing-extra line. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Crystal Rae Koonce, Brainerd. Dar/fish house/shelter-fail to display license tag when required.
Landen Ambrose Ostendorf, Holdingford. Fish and game-dark

house, fish house or shelter on ice without license. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Shawn George Savickus, Long Prairie. Dark/fish house/shelter-fail to display license tag when required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Ryan James Johnston, Wadena. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Charles Raymond Tester, Staples. Speed 75/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Jeanette Kay Anderson, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
David Carl Bangtson, Nelson. Speed 81/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jake Gorden Boudreau, Cambridge. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Nickolas James Carter-Fischer, Fargo, ND. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Ludileidis Carvajal Pena, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40.

Fee \$85.
Yale Verdon Clark, Cleburne, TX. Speed 71/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Cannabis open package-possess in motor vehicle. Fine \$100.
Ashley Grace Desmarrais, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine 450. Fee \$85.
Brooke Alexandra Dingmann, Big Lake. Speed 92/70. Fine \$70. Fine \$155.
Christopher Mark Fullerton, Crittenden, KY.Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Kylie Marie Goff, Long Prairie Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Andrew Paul Johnson, Pelican Rapids. Speed 8470. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Norma Guadalupe Loreda, Cotulla, TX. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jauquin Mustanio Vilham Munnally, Minneapolis. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Instruction permit violation. Fine \$50.

Joseph William Nikovics, Elk River. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Beau Douglas Robinson, Kensington. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Rolando Jose Ruiz Vilchez, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Vamuyan V. Sheriff, Minneapolis. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Gurinder Singh, Winnipeg, MB. Non-emergency stop on freeway. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Hannah Rose Stearns, Clarissa. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Dakota Frank Strom, Browerville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
William Harold Tweten, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Shaine Michael Magnuson, Staples. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff’s Office
Jose Francisco Campos Monico, Minneapolis. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Mahlon Um Gingerich, Bertha. Failure to obtain a burning permit. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Jeremy Micheal Nelson, Long Prairie. Operate motor vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 18, 2025.
Leidy Maria Ortega, St. Cloud. 3rd DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 361 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr) Fine

\$500. Fee \$105.
The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County February 19, 2025.
Omar Concel Del Rio, Long Prairie. Fleeing a Peace Officer. Sentenced. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 74 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 16 days). Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Obstruct legal process. Dismissed.
Cassandra Ann Witt, Henning. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Issuance of worthless checks. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo). Restitution \$160.16.



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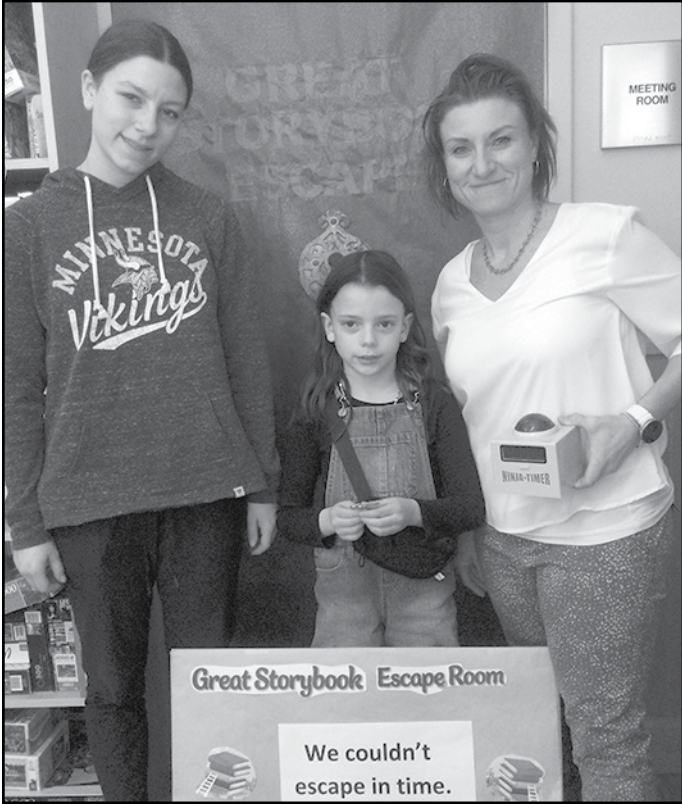
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Escape Room at the library

There were no escapes from the Staples Public Library Great Storybook Escape room program which was recently completed. There are many other programs offered at the Staples Public Library. Hours are Mon., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tues., 1-8 p.m.; Weds., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.; Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-noon. Check the webpage at www.griver.org.

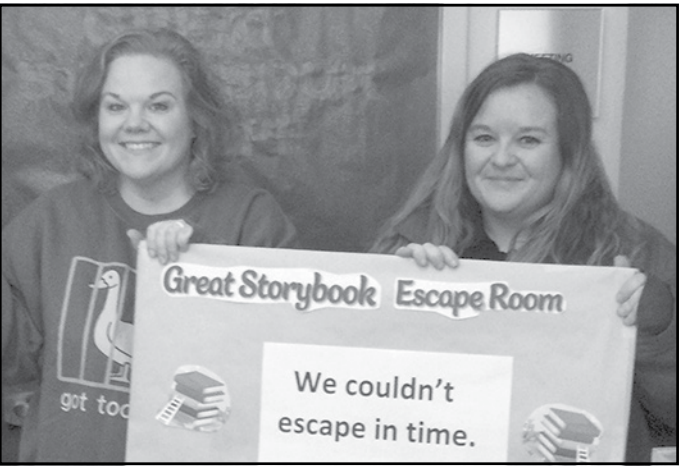
Above: Amelia, Alyssa, Alexi, Austin De Coup-Crank. (Submitted photos)



"Purple Pickles," Miranda Harting, Lauren Schwanke, Samantha Sullivan



Tiffani Maciej, Sheena Bue, Jennifer Scheerle, Carolyn Triepke



Alison Larrimore, Angela Ziegler

Staples Area Food Shelf - March is Food Share Month

The Staples Area Food Shelf would like to call attention to the Annual March Food Share Month. During March, Minnesota Food shelves conduct their major campaign for funds and food shelf items. The funds and food collected help determine our budget for the coming year. All funds and food items collected in March help determine the grant amounts available from Hunger Solutions of Minnesota. The non-donated items are purchased from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank in Brooklyn Park, Ernie's Market and Jon's

Family Foods in Staples. World wide it is estimated that over 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. Our Staples Area Food Shelf has had a dramatic increase in usage. We have had 240 new families this past year. This past year, we have served 3,086 individuals, and 1,432 families in providing over 77,053 pounds of food items and other household necessities such as toilet paper, laundry soap, dishwashing soap and hygiene items. In addition, we provide milk or milk vouchers monthly to be used at local food vendors.

The Staples Area Food Shelf is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m., we are located at 402 Wisconsin Ave. SE, in Staples. While March is a major event, we greatly appreciate the support we receive throughout the year. Donations can be made through your church, Ernie's Market, Jon's Family Foods, or to the Staples Area Food Shelf, PO Box 82, Staples, MN 56479, or by calling 218-894-1935. Without your help, the Staples Area Food Shelf could not possibly survive. All the Staples Area Food Shelf workers are volun-

teers and do not receive compensation. Should you wish to volunteer at our Staples Area Food Shelf, call 218-894-1935. We are grateful to everyone for their past support and we respectfully ask for your continued generosity and support. With your assistance and generosity, the Staples Area Food Shelf will be able to continue providing for those needing assistance.

Staples Area Food Shelf Board

Mattie Ellenson joins women's health team at Lakewood

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Mattie Ellenson, women's health nurse practitioner (WHNP), as its newest women's health provider. Originally from Henning, Ellenson received her Masters of Public Health from North Dakota State University and her Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Minnesota. She is a member of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health and the Minnesota Rural Health Association. As a nurse practitioner specializing in women's health, Ellenson's focuses included well woman care,



Mattie Ellenson

sexual health, menopause symptom management, and prenatal/postpartum care in collaboration with labor

and delivery providers. She has a particular interest in rural health and was the recipient of the Minnesota Rural Health Association (MRHA) Emerging Rural Health Leader Aware for 2023/24. Ellenson and her significant other have three children, and a chocolate lab. They spend as much time outside as they can, including camping at the lake in the summer, and mushrooming in the spring. Ellenson also enjoys gardening, reading, preserving food, thrifting, crocheting, cooking, and traveling.

Mark Your Calendar

March 5, 6

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 10, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-6616. For low to moderate income taxpayers. **'WALK WITH A Doc'** Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

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March 7

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

March 9

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

March 10

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

March 11

WOMEN'S AA MTG Tuesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples. **EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES** are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

Dine-in meal at Staples Community Center Mar. 19

Senior Nutrition Program 218-894-2556

A congregated dine-in meal followed by **penny bingo** will be offered at the Senior Dining Site, Staples Community Center senior's room on **Weds., March 19 at 11 a.m.** The Senior Dining Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples.

Bring your pennies for penny bingo which will be played following the meal.

The March 19 meal may be reserved through

the nutrition site by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. **Those wishing to attend should order the meal by 10 a.m. Fri., March 14.**

Mar. 19 menu: Beef chili, broccoli florets, peach crisp, cornbread, marg., 1% milk.

The Meals on Wheels lunch delivery program is also available by calling LuAnn at 218-894-2556. Meals are offered at a nominal fee weekdays through LSS Meals.

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Student Achievements

JOSHUA SOLEM Motley, has been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Minnesota North College, Hibbing. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more credits while earning a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

Obituary

Arla Allen

Arla Jean Allen, 90, of Motley died February 16, 2025 at a care home in Hastings.

Funeral services will be held Sat., March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Motley United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Arla was born September 22, 1932 to George and Adeline Peterson in Philbrook. She enjoyed the outdoors.

She is survived by one son, Steve Allen and significant other, Jacki Beedle; two grandchildren, Danielle Allen and husband, Brian Prevost and Cory Allen; one great-granddaughter, Pearl



Prevost; cousins, Ladonna Peterson, Gordan Martin and many more cousins and friends.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

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

Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
Pastor Joshua Jerecek
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran

25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist

26290 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran

Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

33 Wellwood St. E.....218-352-6888
Motley 36466
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael

280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

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, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church

Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

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 Community Church

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermda;e.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church

22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

“Being a Follower of Jesus in Our Country”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

We all know that we have been though a contentious presidential election. Historically, it wasn't the first and likely won't be the last one.

Civil and respectful discourse between “the left and the right” has its important place in our First Amendment. Thought out exchanges of ideas and perspectives serve us well if we're willing to all be in a learning mode.

We need to be open to realize that truth is real, but can sometimes be elusive for reasons of lacking accurate information, having limited perspective and, if we are honest, finding that things get clouded in our own agendas and selfishness. Nevertheless, mutually humble pursuits of what is truly real and healthy is worth the effort. We also need to mutually recognize that our pursuits need bearings. Those won't ultimately be found in all of our imperfections. Our bearings must be found in the One Who is “The Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6) and that's Jesus. He alone is all-wise (Colossians 1:15-20).

We also can be a helpful contributing follower of Jesus in our country by praying for our governmental leaders. We are told to do that very thing when we are told in I Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV), “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” As our ultimate authority is God, He calls us to be decent and law abiding citizens in the country that we live in. That doesn't mean being jellyfish, but instead, we

intentionally lift up our governing authorities in prayer in a way that shows we want to be helpful and not contrary citizens in any and every way we can that does not violate our ultimate allegiance to God. We need to quietly lead by example in the way we treat one another as the mutual image bearers of God that each of us are (Genesis 1:27). Romans 13:7 calls us to live in a way that gives respect and honor to our elected officials to the extent that we can.

When our values in God conflict with human beliefs, we need to be bold, but humble. If it means being on the receiving end of ridicule or even suffering, we need to trust God in the results...results that we may not see completely until the other side of our last breath of Jesus' soon return.

Another way to be a follower of Jesus in our country is to care about history and it's accurate representation. We must not bend to revisionism that is motivated by anti-history agendas. We would do well to think about the meaning of how and why history has been marked by both sides by Jesus birth. We need to be honest about the basis of our country's founding fathers in the perspective of Biblical values that they drew from.

Finally, there's no replacement for the value of God's people to share the sacrificial love of God through His Son on the cross with each person we come across. Treat people like we would treat Jesus (Matthew 25:34-40).

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Fans and teammates react as Dustin Converse wins his match to clinch the state title.



Cardinal captains get ahold of their championship trophy.

Cardinals fly through state wrestling for title

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won the 2024-25 state title with a convincing win against top seed Chatfield. They won the first six matches and cruised to a 33-16 win at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul on Feb. 26.

“It feels really good to get the gold medal after four tries where I didn’t get it,” said Colbe Tappe, the team’s 160 pound wrestler. Those four tries include two individual wrestling title matches where he lost, and team losses in state wrestling last year and state football this year.

The Cardinals were at the top of their game for the state tournament, steam-rolling past United North Central 51-11 and demolishing Jackson County Central 64-0 in the semifinal.

First rounds

In the first round against United North Central (Sebek, Menahga), the Cardinals won the first 10 matches to go up 51-0, before running into three of their toughest wrestlers.

Notable in that win was Colbe Tappe’s quick pin of a ranked wrestler and Reece Headly keeping his match close against a wrestler who went on to place sixth in the individual state tournament.

That set up a semifinal against Jackson County Central, a team ranked fourth in the state and the school who defeated Staples-Motley in the state football championship game this year.

Garrett Bjerga scored a pin in the opening match before top ranked Caden Kramer took the mat for the Cardinals against the second ranked wrestler from JCC.

Kramer gave up a quick takedown and ended the first period behind 3-1. It was all Kramer after that. He scored a reversal and nearfall in the second period and had a takedown and nearfall in the third to emerge with a 13-5 win.

Gage Bjerga made short work of another ranked wrestler at 121 pounds, getting a pin in the first period.

Second ranked Cayden Neisen took the mat against the top ranked wrestler at 127 pounds. After a scoreless first period, Neisen had a flurry that won the match, scoring a takedown and near fall to take a 7-3 lead. In the third period, he avoided any trouble and ended with a 7-4 win, which charged up the crowd and the Staples-Motley fans.

After that, JCC was out of ammunition and Staples-Motley kept winning match after match. The Cardinals were so dominant that they only allowed one more takedown, at 215 pounds where Adrian Gomez turned it around and scored a pin after falling behind 3-0. JCC only scored those two takedowns the entire match.

In the end, it was a 64-0 dismantling of the third seed in the tournament, punctuated with a pin by Steven Petrich. The win advanced the Cardinals to the state final and caused the rest of the state to take

notice, including Chatfield, their opponent in the final.

“Those are all really good teams at state, to beat them 64-0 sent a big message,” said Dustin Converse, who won at 172 pounds. “Chatfield was wary of us when they saw what we could do. We were locked in and firing on all cylinders.”

State championship

To have a shutout in the semifinal, “It boosted our confidence,” said Tappe, “We knew we could win.”

Chatfield had defeated them in the state final last year. In that match, Chatfield won six out of the eight close matches to take the title. The Cardinals were determined not to let that happen again and spent a year planning for this rematch.

“It felt different from last year, we were proving people wrong who doubted us last year. We came here to finish some business,” said Converse.

Garrett Bjerga was the first one out on the mat, against the state’s top ranked 107 pound wrestler, Jameson Priebe of Chatfield.

“I knew I had to win, we had to win all of the close matches,” said Bjerga. “He is bigger than me but I knew I could get shots on him, he has plenty of leg to grab,” Bjerga said about the tall, thin wrestler he faced.

Bjerga did get a leg in the first period but was unable to turn it into a takedown and it ended with no score. In the second period, Bjerga started on top and had a hard ride, setting in half nelson holds to keep him down. There were many close calls but Bjerga kept him down the whole two minutes for no score. In the third period, Bjerga started down and got the first point of the match when Priebe let him up. It didn’t take long for Bjerga to grab a leg again after a snap down and this time he turned it into a takedown. He had another tough ride for a minute and a half.

“It was tiring,” said Bjerga about holding down the top ranked wrestler for three and a half minutes in the match.

He did get two stalling call points against him and finally allowed an escape in the final seconds, but he held on to the 4-3 win to get the team started off on the right foot in the state title match.

Kramer was next against another ranked wrestler and he started a pattern that several other Staples-Motley wrestlers followed. In a touch-and-go match where neither wrestler was able to gain an advantage, Kramer got a heel pick after a snap-down to score the only takedown in the match. He tired out his opponent with a third period ride and was defensive on his feet for the final minute to score a close 4-2 win.

“That was our job, I knew I could beat him,” said Kramer.

Second ranked Gage Bjerga followed the same formula against third ranked Javier Berg, picking up a leg and sweeping his other leg for a takedown in the second period. A hand



To be the best, you have to beat the best

In winning their state title, Staples-Motley wrestlers defeated two Chatfield wrestlers who were ranked number one in the state. Left, Garrett Bjerga fights to keep

sweep found an ankle in the third period for another takedown and a 7-1 win.

That was three close wins against three of Chatfield’s best wrestlers, leading the Gophers to switch their lineup. They brought down their regular 133 pounder who had weighed in at 127 and sent their ranked 127 pounder up a weight.

Cayden Neisen had many takedown attempts in the 127 pound match, but little success against a strong wrestler. He got into a risky tussle with upper body throws, but neither wrestler ended up on top and there were no points awarded. He earned a reversal with a switch in the third period. With the score tied on a stalling point late in the match, Neisen went back to an upper body throw, a lateral roll that sent his opponent to his back and he scored a three point near fall before the clock ran out.

“It was a last resort, a desperate move,” said Neisen about his throw, “I was going to win or lose with that move.”

The successful attempt led to the fourth straight win for the Cardinals and set up Eli Greenwaldt against another ranked wrestler.

“They thought they could move up a weight and beat me,” said Greenwaldt, “I couldn’t let them do that.”

He had added motivation because he had lost to that wrestler at state last year. Greenwaldt scored a takedown in the first period and rode it out for a full minute. He got a takedown in the first 15 seconds of the second period, and again stayed on top the entire way, earring a four point near fall in the process. Greenwaldt was in complete control of the match. Even when his opponent got to his leg, Greenwaldt was able to roll under and come back up the other side for a takedown of his own. With two more takedowns in the third period, he dominated with a 16-1 technical fall, and Chatfield’s lineup switch was very unsuccessful.

Turner Beachy earned the sixth straight win and another bonus team point, with a 9-0 major decision at 139 pounds. This put Staples-Motley ahead 21-0 against the top ranked team in the state.

Beau Carlson kept the momentum going at 145 pounds with a takedown to take a 3-1 lead, but he made

one mistake in the third period and ended up with an 11-5 loss.

Riley Reese took on the top ranked wrestler in the state. Although he lost, he was never in danger to be turned and he limited it to a major decision.

That set up the crux of the state title match, number one ranked Ayden Miner of Chatfield against number two Colbe Tappe for Staples-Motley.

Tappe was also feeling the snowball effect after seeing the first six wrestlers win.

“It made us way more confident going into our matches after that,” said Tappe.

The coaches had scouted his opponent and Tappe said he noticed a tendency for hanging ties, which he might be susceptible to an aggressive attack. Early in the match, Tappe kept the pressure on, simply pushing hard and forcing his opponent push back or back up. At one point when Tappe pushed him out of bounds, his opponent was given a stall warning.

“My goal was to score points, snaps and re-attacks,” said Tappe, “if one missed and he scored, that’s okay because I was going to keep scoring.”

But Tappe didn’t miss. With his opponent no longer able to back away, Tappe took advantage in the second period. With another snap, he was able to get to an ankle and get the takedown. Late in the third period, Tappe was up 4-2, so his opponent finally had to get aggressive. Tappe circled out of takedown attempts and when he saw an opportunity, he attacked and got behind for a takedown and a 7-2 victory.

That win put the Cardinals up 24-7 in the team score. With four matches left, they needed one win to secure the team title.

“I knew if Colbe won, it would be up to me to seal the win,” said Converse. “The only way they could win is to win the rest of the matches.”

Chatfield’s switched their lineup again with two wrestlers weighing in at 172, they sent the ranked wrestler up a weight and brought their regular 189 pounder down.

When Converse took the mat, he had a strategy to be conservative to start, then look for opportunities. With no scoring in the first period, he rode out the



his opponent down. Right, Colbe Tappe controls the pivotal match at 160 pounds. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

second period on top, then earned a reversal in the second period when his opponent was riding too high and he slipped out the back. Converse gave up an escape and the score got tied 2-2 on a stalling point. With time running out, “I knew I needed to score,” said Converse. “He was tiring out, I knew I was more conditioned than him. When I snapped, I felt I could get around home and I got the drag for a takedown.”

He rode out the last few seconds as the Staples-Motley crowd started going wild, knowing they had the state championship in the bag.

By the time Converse got his hand raised and headed back to the bench, the whole team was there bringing him in. “It was a great feeling, all my teammates and coaches, and the fans going crazy,” said Converse. As a senior, this was his last match as a Cardinal wrestler. “It was a great way to end it,” said Converse.

Luke Bjerga wrestled a smart match against a ranked wrestler, but lost 11-4. Adrian Gomez made a good effort against the final ranked wrestler from Chatfield, but injured his shoulder trying to get out of a hold. He continued wrestling but gave up a pin.

Just like the semifinal match, Steven Petrich finished it with a pin that amplified just how good this team was from front to back. It made the final score 33-16, a 57 point swing compared to last year’s championship match. Staples-Motley was 57 points better because every wrestler improved to a high level so that each one was extremely hard to beat, even when facing some of the best wrestlers in the state.

State tournament notes

• The team’s improvement from last year had a multitude of reasons.

Coach Jim Jackson gave credit to the school district and wrestling community. “From the administration on down to the coaches and the youth program, everyone has been so supportive,” said Jackson. “You can’t win without all that working together.”

Converse knew that the team was battle-tested from their regular season schedule. “We had one of the hardest schedules in the state,” he said.

“We were dedicated and

pushed each other every day,” said Converse. “The coaches had a great training plan so that we peaked at the right time, I think we have the best coaching staff in the state.”

The new wrestling room at The Nest also played into it, with nicer mats, new equipment. “It made training go better,” said Converse.

With only two seniors on the team, Staples-Motley will likely be favorites again next year. Converse started wrestling in sixth grade and he appreciates the upward arc of the wrestling program. “We’ve had some downs and recently some really big ups. It seems like the fans and the whole city have more of a winning mindset.”

• Five Staples-Motley wrestlers were named to the All-Tournament Team, which selected one wrestler from each weight class. Cardinals selected were Turner Beachy, Garrett Bjerga, Gage Bjerga, Caden Kramer and Colbe Tappe.

• The Cardinals had three team losses this season, two of them to the top two teams in Class AAA, the big schools of Minnesota, and the other to one of the top teams in Iowa. They did not lose to a Class A school and also beat Iowa’s small schools state champion.

Team results

State quarterfinal
Staples-Motley 51, United North Central 11

107 Garrett Bjerga W fall, 114 Caden Kramer W fall, 121 Gage Bjerga W fall, 127 Cayden Neisen W 13-8, 139 Turner Beachy W fall, 145 Beau Carlson W 6-3, 152 Riley Reese W fall, 160 Colbe Tappe W fall, 172 Dustin Converse W 14-6, 189 Reece Headley L 7-2, 215 Adrian Gomez L 16-1, 285 Steven Petrich L 4-2

State semifinal
Staples-Motley 64, Jackson County Central 0

107 Gt. Bjerga W fall, 114 Kramer W 13-5, 121 Gg. Bjerga W fall, 127 Neisen W 7-4, 133 Greenwaldt W fall, 139 Beachy W fall, 145 Carlson W 6-1, 152 Riley Reese W fall, 160 Tappe W fall, 172 Converse W 7-0, 189 L. Bjerga W 8-1, 215 Gomez W fall, 285 Petrich W fall

State championship
Staples-Motley 33, Chatfield’s 16

107 Gt. Bjerga W 4-3, 114 Kramer W 4-2, 121 Gg. Bjerga W 7-1, 127 Neisen W 8-2, 133 Greenwaldt W 16-1, 139 Beachy W 9-0, 145 Carlson L 11-5, 152 Reese L 10-2, 160 Tappe W 7-2, 172 Converse W 5-2, 189 L. Bjerga L 11-4, 215 Gomez L fall, 285 Petrich W fall

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ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,387.00

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ORDINANCE NO. 210 CITY OF MOTLEY COUNTIES OF MORRISON & CASS STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2. § 1705.36 "MANDATORY COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES AND GARBAGE" OF ORDINANCE NO.188 ADOPTED ON THE 13th DAY OF MAY, 2019, AND TITLED "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS".

The City Council of Motley, Minnesota ordains:

SECTION 2. § 1705.36 of Ordinance No. 188 adopted on the 13th day of May, 2019 and titled "An Ordinance relating to collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials" is amended to read:

The occupants of each residence and residential unit to include, but not limited to; single-family residence, townhomes, mobile homes, and mobile home parks shall participate in mandatory collection of garbage, refuse and recyclable materials, with no allowable seasonal suspension, through the City unless otherwise allowed by the City Council. Commercial business and industries may contract out their own garbage and recycling services. In the event that a property is left vacant with no intention of anyone occupying the property in the foreseeable future, garbage and recycling services may be discontinued at the discretion of the City.

(A) All recyclable material shall be separated from other garbage and refuse and placed in a separate container as outlined by the City and/or collector.

(B) All non-recyclable material (for example, mixed municipal solid waste) shall be grouped together and placed in one or more containers provided by the City contracted collection service for mandatory collection by a Morrison County permitted and licensed solid waste collection service. Non-recyclable material shall be distinguished as being identical to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's definition of solid waste refuse, putrescibles and garbage.

(C) The power to establish levy's and assessment fees to procure services for the city to ensure the proper management of solid waste and recyclables through mandatory collection, is authorized through this subchapter.

(1) The City Council shall establish a schedule of all rates, fees and charges for services in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges adopted pursuant to § 30.11 of this Code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time. All general billing procedures, including those for nonpayment and penalties, shall follow those outlined in Chapter 54 of this code.

(2) Pursuant to State Law, a Solid Waste Tax shall be collected by the City monthly at the rate set by the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The tax shall be remitted to the Minnesota Department of Revenue on a quarterly basis.

(D) The solid waste collection service contracted by the city will be responsible for the collecting of solid waste and will transport the waste to the Greater Morrison Sanitary Landfill or to another Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permitted disposal site as directed by the Morrison County Solid Waste Management Plan.

(E) The recycling material collection service contracted by the city will be responsible for the collection of the recyclable material and for the disposal of the recyclable material.

(F) Mixed municipal solid waste excludes tires, oil, batteries, white goods, yard waste, household hazardous waste, infectious waste, hazardous waste and industrial waste, as defined by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). It shall be illegal for any person to put the above items in containers used for collection of mixed municipal solid waste.

(G) All recyclable materials and solid waste placed for collection shall be owned by, and be the responsibility of, the occupants of the residential properties (residents) until they are collected by the contractor. The recyclable materials become the property and responsibility of the contractor upon the contractor's acceptance and collection of the items. Theft of this property will be considered a misdemeanor.

(H) The city has the power to name a party responsible for enforcement of this subchapter by resolution.

Effective Date: This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication according to state law. This ordinance shall be placed on file at the City of Motley City Hall for public review.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2025 by the City Council of Motley, Minnesota.

CITY OF MOTLEY Pat O'Regan, Mayor

ATTEST Tami Brotherton, Clerk-Treasurer 11pnc

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #11 Jan. 27, 2025 6 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call was taken; members Wright, Trout, Reese, Reeck, Frisk and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, Principal Koenigs, Principal Ferdon, AD Lee, Recording clerk Larson, SMEA Representatives, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, staff members, students and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, second by Wright, to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Freeman recognized and welcomed the public in attendance. School/Community Forum

NONE (Groups or individuals must contact the Board Chair or Superintendent by noon on the Friday prior to the Board Meeting)

Consent Agenda

•Approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

•Approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025 Organizational Meeting

•Accept the resignations of: Karlee Chenoweth, Elementary Paraprofessional effective 11/25/2024; Brian Smith, Assistant Baseball Coach; Melissa Richards, Adventures Assistant effective 12/31/2024; Angela Jares, MS/HS Paraprofessional effective 1/17/2025; Cadell Sullivan, Custodian effective 1/7/2025

•Approve the FY 2026 FED Menu options

•Approve the move to full-time from part-time for Kathy Blessing, MS/HS Cook effective 1/2/2025

•Approve the hire of Angela Jares, MS/HS Special Ed Teacher effective 1/20/2025

•Approve the hire of Chelsea Hahn, part-time MS/HS

Cook effective 1/15/2025

•Approve the hire of Cecily Moe, Adventures Aide effective 2/3/2025

•Approve the lane change requests from: Val Turner - MA+15 to MA+30; Heather Wiegand - BA+15 to BA+30; Carly Bowman - BA+15 to MA; Caitlyn Hacker - BA+15 to BA+30; Carlie Rowe - BA+15 to MA. Motion by Frisk, second by Trout, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and Grants

Motion by Wright, second by Reeck, to approve the resolution to accept donations and grants in the amount of \$8,596.70 and In-Kind donations in the amount of \$150. MC

Finance Items

Finance Report presented by Business Manager Hill

Motion by Frisk, second by Wright to approve the December Disbursements. MC

General Fund: \$657,934.08

Food Service: \$54,072.00

Community Service: \$16,598.92

Construction Fund: \$458,024.82

Debt Service: \$0

Fund 21 Student Activities: \$6,085.06

Fund 45: \$0

Motion by Reeck, second by Trout to approve the December Receipts. MC

General Fund: \$1,260,150.85

Food Service: \$76,627.70

Community Service Fund: \$57,603.54

Construction Fund: \$257,314.11

Debt Service Fund: \$190,848.23

Fund 21 Student Activities: \$6,085.06

Fund 45: \$4,271.71

Motion by Wright, second by Reeck, to approve the mileage rates be set at the Federal rate. MC

Other - none

Cabinet Presentation

Presentation by Director of Transportation, Norby Klimek

Personnel

Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to accept the retirement of LaDeanna Simek, High School English Teacher effective 5/30/2025. MC

Thank you LaDeanna for your 33 years of service to the Staples-Motley School District.

Reports

•School Board: FED - No Minutes Sourcewell - Nov. / Dec. 2024 Minutes

•SMEA - Report from SMEA representative Evans

•Principals - Reports from Principal Koenigs and Principal Ferdon

•Activities Director - Report from AD/CE Lee

•Superintendent - Report from Superintendent Tappe

•Other none

Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk ISD #2170 11pnc

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #12 Feb. 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. District Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Freeman at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call was taken, members Frisk, Reeck, Reese, Trout, Wright and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, and Recording clerk Larson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Frisk, second by Wright, to adopt the agenda. MC

MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association) Conference Recap

School Board Members shared what they learned at the conference.

Continuous Improvement Plan Overview

Presentation by Superintendent Tappe

Motion by Reeck, second by Reese, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk ISD #2170 11pnc

Upcoming Meeting: March 24, 2025 - Board Meeting; District Office @ 6 p.m.

Public Notices

NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Bartlett Township that the annual township election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Town Hall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Board of Canvass will convene following the election. The annual meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m.

In case of inclement weather the alternate date will be March 18, 2025.

Jan Jares, Clerk Bartlett Township 11pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Fawn Lake Township Annual Meeting and election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Fawn Lake Town Hall. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Offices to be filled are: One (1) Supervisor, three (3) year term

One (1) Treasurer, two (2) year term

Board of Canvass will be held after the closing of the polls, followed by the annual meeting.

In case of inclement weather, the Election and the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the same times.

Kelly Miller, Clerk Fawn Lake Township 11pnc

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

May Township will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk May Township 11pnc

NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Meadowbrook Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

In case of inclement weather the annual meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 18, 2024, same time and place.

Ty Peterson, Clerk Meadowbrook Township 10-11pnc

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP 2025 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Moose Lake Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road maintenance and cemetery maintenance. Send bids to: Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW, Pine River MN 56474

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk Moose Lake Township 10-11pnc

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Moran Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Elections will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the close of the annual meeting, at which time voters will elect: One (1) Supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Clerk, two (2) year term.

Diane Mack, Clerk Moran Township 10-11pnc

NOTICE MOTLEY TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Motley Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Motley township town hall located at 4032 Azalea Road. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., followed by the Board of Canvass. The regular monthly meeting will follow the annual meeting.

Positions to be filled are:

One (1) Supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Treasurer, two (2) year term

One (1) Clerk, one (1) year term.

In case of inclement weather the election and meetings will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Ken Swecker, Clerk Motley Township 10-11pnc

NOTICE REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Chuck Parins will participate remotely via interactive technology at the Mohave County Library, 1770 McCulloch Blvd N, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, for the Region Five Development Commission Meeting to be held March 27, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Savannah Winkler R5DC Regional Development Planner 11pnx

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NOTICE

VILLARD TOWNSHIP

BIDS FOR

CRACK SEALING

Villard Township is accepting bids for crack sealing for approximately 28 miles of crack sealing. Contact Shaun Jordahl aat 218-270-0137 for specifications.

All bids must be emailed of mailed no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 to the clerk at maryko-enig169@gmail.com or 31836 Timberlane Rd., Staples, MN 56479.

All bids must be accompanied by a copy of the contractor's liability insurance. All bids must include materials and hourly rates.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk
Villard Township

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NOTICE OF ONLINE

SALE OF FORFEITED

LANDS

Estimated Market Value Auction
April 7, 2025 through April 23, 2025
And
May 5, 2025 through May 12, 2025
Minimum bid price sale

Todd County will sell to the highest bidder, per Minn. Statute 282.005. All properties will be offered at an initial auction sale for no less than estimated market value, as determined by the most recent assessment. Any properties that do not sell at auction will be offered for a second auction. The sales price for the second auction will be

the amount of delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs.

You will need to register with bid4assets prior to bidding. The registration link will be provided on the county web page.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at co.todd.mn.us.

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NOTICE OF ONLINE

SALE OF FORFEITED

LANDS

Good Faith Sale
April 7, 2025 through April 23, 2025.

Todd County will sell to the highest bidder, per Minn. Statute 282.005. All properties on the Good Faith Sale will be offered at an initial auction sale for no less starting bid, as determined by the most recent appraisal.

You will need to register with bid4assets prior to bidding. The registration link will be provided on the county web page.

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Court report Feb. 5, 12 2025

Feb. 5, 2025

Long Prairie Police Department

Maria Edith Marrufo Pedroza, Alexandria. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Dairiol Matos Ferreras, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating a vehicle. Fine \$200.

Ruben Leomar Ramirez Lugo, Clarissa. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Angela Marie Frady, Eagle Bend. Fish & game-land, borrow or transfer a license tag or seal. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Stacy Thomas James, Fail to register deer as required. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Tyler Lewis Korhonen, Sauk Centre. Pelt registration-failure to register bobcat, marten, fisher, otter or wolf. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Scott Stephan Sobich, Little Falls. Fishing-Northern Pike 24- inch to 36 inch protected slot limit violation. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Lorenzo Antonio Bahena Armenta, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Edmonde M. Desarmes, Grand Forks, ND. Speed \$70. Fee \$155.

Adam Maynard Lawrence, Woodbury. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Justin Ernest Lee Lutze, Foley. Speed 63/55. Dismissed. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Obstruct legal process-lawful execution legal process. Dismissed.

Edwin Stearns-Droker, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Brittany Jill Steffen, Alexandria. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jack Jerome Thorstenson, Minneapolis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Richard Jake Vandemay, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Hunter Adam Vilinski, Swanville. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Grace Sargbe Wah, Wadena. Speed 83/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Staples Police Dept.

Dyllan Dwight Burton, Ottertail. No proof of insurance-owner. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Ethan Gregory Graton, Staples. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Todd County

Jose Franci Arancibia Ramirez, Long Prairie. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Uninsured vehicle-driver violation. Fine \$200.

Yarely Garcia, Long Prairie. Uninsured vehicle-owner violation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Raylon Michael Malloy, Faribault. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Carlos Daniel Caliz Ramirez, Sauk Centre. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$70. Speed 75/55. Fine \$70. No drivers license in possession or fail to display upon request. Fine \$20.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 29, 2025.

Alvaro Ruiz Martinez, Minneapolis. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 334 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$400. Fee \$180. Domestic assault. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 86 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100.

John Jason Schuett, Swanville. 3rd degree-possess 10 grams or more narcotic drug other than heroin or fentanyl. Dismissed. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud. 12 mo 1 days, stay for 5 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 5 yr). Fine \$125. Possess ammo/any firearm-conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 28, 2025.

Yhoennys Jesus Aguilar Almeida, Long Prairie. DWI-Fourth degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Dismissed. Drivers license-driving without a valid license for vehicle

class/type. Dismissed. Careless driving-operate any vehicle carelessly on street or hwy. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 90 days for 1 yr). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$400. Fee \$150.

Jesse Michael Jeffries, Minneapolis. Passing-overtaking vehicle fails to pass to left/safely clear. Continued. Probation - adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Curtis Jason Phipps, Park Rapids. Theft-legal interest-permanent deprive another. Sentenced. Local confinement (10 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 10 days for 1 yr) Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$50. Fee \$75.

Gregory Lynn Robertson, Wadena. Contempt of court-willful disobedience to court mandate. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$150.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 27, 2025.

Quinnel Lynn Arthur, Deer Creek. 3rd degree driving under influence or controlled substance. Dismissed, 3rd degree driving under influence-presence of Schedule I or II controlled substance. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 363 days for 2 yr. credit for time served: 1 day). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Fine \$500. Fee \$105.

Fiладelfo Ramirez Alvarez, Pierz. DWI 2-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Dismissed. DWI 2 Operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 334 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 3 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 4 yr). Fine \$100. Fee \$775.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 23, 2025.

John Daniel Kortan, Sauk Centre. 3rd degree-sale-narcotic. Sentenced. Treatment-adult (chemical dependency treatment for indeterminate). Commit to commissioner of Corrections-adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud, 21 Mo, Stay for 5 yr.) Local confinement (30 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 7 days). Fine \$50. Fee \$125. 4th degree-sale Schedule 1,2,3 but not Marijuana. Dismissed. 3rd degree-sale-narcotic. Dismissed. 4th degree-sale-Schedule 1,2,3 but

not Marijuana. Dismissed.

Brandon Joseph Schmidt, Theft-no consent. Dismissed, conditions met or expired. Probation-adult (unsupervised probation, 1 yr). Fine \$100.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 22, 2025.

Neolina Dilmelusch Mereb, Long Prairie. 2nd degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. 2nd degree driving while impaired-blood alcohol content greater than .08 within 2 hours of diving. Sentenced. Local confinement (334 days, stay 304 days for 3 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 3 yr). Home Monitor. 15 days for indeterminate. Fine \$475. Fee \$105. Careless driving. Dismissed.

Feb. 12, 2025

Long Prairie Police Department

Josephine Michelle Garcia, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Maria Edith Marrufo Pedroza, Alexandria. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Mason James Maske, Brainerd. Speed 39/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Gary James Pechan, Little Falls. Speed 45/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Carter Raymond Horecka, Albert Lea. Fishing-extra line. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

James Acevedo, Melrose. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Jeremy Allan Binger, Des Moines. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jared Gerard Buchholz, Madan, ND. Hands free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jacqueline Honora Chyba, Browerville. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Marcelino Espinosa Espinosa, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No insurance driver. Fine \$200. No MN Drivers License. Fine \$100.

Joseph Allen Evans, Wheaton. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Valerie Michelle Fritz, Hastings. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Rachel Lynn Hubblin, Alexandria. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE

MEETING OF THE

TODD COUNTY BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON JAN. 21, 2025

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of January, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 3rd & 7th, 2025 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - CENTRAL MINNESOTA WHITETAILS
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Central Minnesota Whitetails through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Central Minnesota Whitetails to hold a raffle event at Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on April 5th, 2025.

GAMBLING PERMIT - LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Lakewood Health System through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Lakewood Health System to hold a raffle event at Lakewood Health System in Villard Township at the address 49725 County 83, Staples, MN on April 25th, 2025.

GAMBLING PERMIT - LITTLE BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association to hold a raffle event at Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13 Burtrum, MN on September 6th, 2025.

GAMBLING PERMIT - MIDWEST OUTDOORS UNLIMITED PRAIRIE PARTNERS CHAPTER
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited Prairie Partners Chapter through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve

a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited Prairie Partners Chapter to hold a raffle event at Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13 Burtrum, MN on March 15th, 2025.
To approve a One Day On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Swanville/Sobieski Lions on the Long Lake in Burnhamville Township effective February 22nd, 2025.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 403663 through 403684 in the amount of \$26,811.33 and (Regular) 58635 through 58668 in the amount of \$62,929.79 for a total of \$89,741.12.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 806099 through 806168 and (Regular) 712688 through 712739 for a total of \$100,224.23.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 601531 through 601558 and (Regular) 518227 through 518245 for a total amount of \$145,133.71.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

APPROVAL OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE & PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are multiple petty cash & change funds in various departments across the county, and; WHEREAS, State Auditing Standards & Statutes require board approval when modifications are requested and to annually confirm/reaffirm all county departmental change & petty cash funds,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the petty cash & change funds for the various departments for immediate implementation as per the attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the final amount of ARPA funds previously authorized via BA#20240319-18 for the Battle Point Park Paving Project at \$15,300 and allow the remaining funds of \$4,700 to be re-assigned according to the terms of BA#20241217-20.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING FUND BALANCE FOR CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (CWP) LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners on February 4, 2020 (Board Tracking # 20200204-18) and again on November 7, 2023 (Board Tracking # 20231107-26) approved for the Todd County Planning and Zoning Department to apply for a Clean Water Partnership Loans for septic sys-

tems via the MPCA and; WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning has been awarded both of these Clean Water Partnership Loan applications, and;

WHEREAS, beginning in FY2021 the Todd County Board of Commissioners established a Restricted Fund Balance for the Clean Water Partnership Program and has updated the restricted balance annually, and;

WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning collects application fees, annual principal and interest to supply for the loan repayment to MPCA and; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to update the Restricted Fund Balance for the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Loan Program account in Fund 01-613 with a balance of \$84,424.86 as of 12-31-2024.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESTRICT FUND BALANCE FOR PLANNING & ZONING GRANT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Grant Revenues arrive prior to the year of planned activity, and; WHEREAS, State Auditors recommendation is to approve by resolution a restricted fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting, and;

WHEREAS, the balance of the Planning & Zoning Grant Programs as of 12-31-2024 is \$148,571.75.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to Restrict Fund Balance for the Planning & Zoning Grant Programs for fiscal year ending 2024 per the attached list.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESTRICT FUND BALANCE FOR THE POLICE STATE AID 2023 ONE-TIME DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, the 2023 omnibus tax bill included \$210 million in one-time public safety aid that was distributed on 12/26/2023 to cities and counties across the state, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County received \$712,941.00 from this one-time distribution, and; WHEREAS, the omnibus bill provided stipulations regarding allowable uses for this one-time funding and;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2024, the County Board established a Restricted Fund Balance to carry forward these funds from FY2023 until allowable projects can be identified, and;

WHEREAS, the balance of this account is \$565,130.18 as of 12-31-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to Restrict Fund Balance for the Police State Aid 2023 One-Time Distribution for the fiscal year ending 2024 with a balance of \$565,130.18.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM

ings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP for parcel 14-0005800 with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must obtain and maintain a feedlot registration compliant with the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance and MN Rule 7020.

2. Secondary fencing of the property shall be installed and maintained.

3. Applicant must provide a copy of the USDA animal care registration and license

4. Applicant must abide by all applicable Minnesota Statutes and Rules related to the keeping of wild animals.

5. Abide by all other applicable Federal, State and Local standards including, but not limited to Minnesota Department of Health Standards.

6. A site and permit review shall be completed prior to the start of public tours to verify compliance with conditions and licenses.

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the Ambling Trail Plat on parcel 03-0018300 preliminary plat with the condition below.

1. All new driveway accesses shall be approved by the local road authority prior to installation.

2. Abide by all other applicable Federal, State and Local standards.

Solid Waste

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the new Operations Technician Position and Terminate the Lead Operator Position.

Closed Session

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13.D3 at 9:40 a.m.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen the session at 10:33 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that on February 11, 2025 the Swanville School District will be holding a special election.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had nothing to report but encouraged persons to vote in upcoming school election.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator has been working on grant applications and project planning, attended committee meetings and is working on preparations for the upcoming holiday employee gathering.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended the rainbow rider, TWCC, Friendly Rider, and West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

Commissioner Neumann attended the solid waste, rainbow rider, JD2 meetings.

Commissioner Noska attended meetings as usual including the law library construction progress.

Commissioner Byers attended the personnel, dept head, SWCD, AIS,

Long Prairie Airport and mediation meetings.

Commissioner Denny has attended the SWCD, solid waste, dept head, personnel, AMC leadership training and mediation meetings.

Adjourn

On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of February 2025.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
CARGILL SALT DIVISION.....	\$15,534.27
D & D AUTO REPAIR.....	5,263.29
G S EQUIPMENT INC.....	4,405.00
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION.....	13,217.00
INTEGRITY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, LLC.....	4,653.00
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC.....	19,000.00
MN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOC.....	4,798.00
WIDEST SMITH NOLTING INC.....	5,971.25
48 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	16,899.31
Total:	\$89,741.12

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
9 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	5,557.66
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION.....	31,325.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	9,990.69
111 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	53,350.88
Total:	\$100,224.23

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	\$ AMOUNT
#16704	\$7,012.20
#17598	4,189.03
#16192	2,493.42
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC.....	21,553.53
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH.....	20,918.80
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS.....	6,764.42
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....	9,537.22
NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES.....	5,241.47
#17597 4,021.01	
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME.....	6,299.64
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS ..	11,191.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	11,458.62
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....	12,918.00
34 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	21,535.35
Total:	\$145,133.71

On a motion by Byers and second by Denny, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 21, 2025 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Tappe, Kramer win state titles

Bjerga, Bjerga, Beachy and Neisen earn medals

Colbe Tappe and Caden Kramer won state titles, Gage Bjerga and Garrett Bjerga finished second, while Cayden Neisen and Turner Beachy were third as the Staples-Motley wrestling team won six medals at the individual state tournament, Feb. 27-28 at the Xcel Energy Centre in St. Paul.

Colbe Tappe 160 champion

Tappe flew through his first three matches with two pins and a technical fall. His opponent in the final was the same top-ranked wrestler he had beaten in the team tournament, Ayden Miner from Chatfield. While it can be tough to beat the same wrestler twice in the same tournament, Tappe doubled down on his strategy and it tripled the points he earned. He scored a 20-4 technical fall in the second period and it wasn't close. Everything worked and by the end, his opponent had nothing left to counter him. Tappe didn't give up a takedown the entire tournament, winning three matches in the team tournament and four in the individual bracket. Tappe finished 43-3 on the year, with one loss to a nationally ranked wrestler and the other two by one point in overtime.

Caden Kramer 114 champion

Kramer came in as the top seed and had two quick pins to start the individual tournament. In the semifinal, he faced Logan Pearson of Chatfield, who he had beaten in a close match in the team tournament. It was close again with Kramer giving up a takedown in the first period and earning one in the second. Tied 5-5, the match went into overtime. Kramer had several shots but couldn't get the takedown. Pearson got under him and picked Kramer up in the air, returning him to the mat for what could have been the winning takedown, but the referees determined

it was an illegal slam. That gave Kramer one point and the overtime victory. In the state final, Kramer got a takedown early in the first period against Jami-son Meagher of Paynesville, then rode him out the rest of that period and the entire second period, executing his fundamentals perfectly. He did give up a penalty point in the third period but was not close to getting taken down and he won 3-1 for his state title. Kramer finished the season with a 48-1 record, his only loss to a wrestler who placed second in the Class AAA (big schools) state tournament.

Gage Bjerga 121 2nd place

Bjerga had two quick wins to earn a rematch with Javier Berg of Chatfield in the semifinal, who he had defeated in the team tournament. It was a similar match with Bjerga controlling the action and he advanced to the final with a 5-2 win. He faced defending state champion and undefeated Miklo Hernandez of Pipestone in the final, who he had lost to earlier in the year. In this match, Bjerga had several shots that he couldn't turn into take-downs and Hernandez was successful on his shots. It ended up with a 13-2 loss and Bjerga had a second place medal after winning at 107 pounds last year. Bjerga finished with a 45-4 record.

Garrett Bjerga 107 2nd place

After a major decision to open the individual tournament, Bjerga had three touch matches to finish it. He had a 4-3 win to advance to the second day of the tournament and a 5-1 win to reach the final. He met Liam Sommer of Kenyon-Wanamingo in the final. There was no scoring in the first period, then Sommer got an escape late in the third period. Bjerga chose down for the third period but was frustrated trying to escape and the match ended 1-0. Bjerga finished with a 44-4 record.



Number one son

After winning the state title, Colbe Tappe got a lift from his coach and father, Shane Tappe.

Turner Beachy 139 3rd place

Beachy won his first two matches by decision but lost 4-1 in the semifinal. He came back with a 7-1 victory to set up his third place match with Owen Gruchow of West Central Area. The two had split matches earlier in the year but Beachy was on fire for this one, earning a takedown in each period for a 10-3 victory.

Cayden Neisen 127 3rd place

Neisen won his first match but lost 4-1 in his second. He won his wrestle-back then won in overtime against Brodie Pachan of Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/

Browerville, 5-2. He continued on with a 5-2 win against the wrestler from Jackson County Central he had beaten in the team tournament.

In the third place match, he got the only takedown in a 4-3 win against section rival Wyatt Pilarski of Hold- ingford.

Steven Petrich 285

Petrich only had one match, a close 4-3 loss against Nick Becker of Eden Valley-Watkins. When Becker lost in the next round, Petrich was out of the tournament. Becker went on to place 4th.

Riley Reese 152

Reese had several shots to upset the number two seed in his opening match, getting to the leg of Sam Drietz of Canby, but unable to turn them into a takedown. That led to a 4-2 loss. Drietz went on to place second, so Reese had one more match. He had a similar situation against Mark Schiefelbein of Kim- ball, but lost 10-3

Adrian Gomez 215

Gomez got one win in the individual tournament, but lost to the 2nd and 3rd place finishers. He was pinned by Eli Roiko of United North Central in the first round. He came back with a 12-1 win over Avery Fall of Waterville-Elysian-Mor- ristown/Janesville-Wal- dorf-Pemberton, where he scored four takedowns. He lost right before the placing round to Caleb Kurtti of Goodhue, 16-0.

Girls hoops loss in playoffs

The Staples-Motley girls basketball season ended with a road trip to Duluth for the section playoff.

The Cardinals lost 95-37 to Duluth Marshall. The Cardinals finished the season with a 3-24 record.

Cardinals win final game to get home playoff

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost 70-51 at Pelican Rapids on Feb. 24, but came back to win their final game of the regular season, 54-50 at Park Rapids on Feb. 27.

In the win at Park Rapids, the Cardinals went inside early in the game to Josiah Burton, who scored 10 points in the first half.

Eli Rutten ended the first half with a three pointer and made another three pointer for the team's first basket in the second half. Late in the game, Brandt and Larson hit free throws, while Rutten made two baskets to keep the team in the lead. The Cardinals finished

the season with a 14-12 record, 8-8 in the Heart O Lakes Conference, fifth place out of nine teams.

More importantly, the win assured the team will get a home playoff game which will be Tuesday, March 4 against Greenway at 6 p.m.

Team results Staples-Motley 51, Pelican Rapids 70

Scoring: Avandre Brandt 10, Eli Rutten 9, Josiah Burton 9, Conner Kuhns 8, Grant Bestland 7, Ryan Neelan 4, Noah Larson 4

Staples-Motley 54, Park Rapids 50

Scoring: Rutten 21, Burton 14, Larson 9, Brandt 8, Kuhns 2



A shot at the title

Gage Bjerga gets in a shot during his state championship match with his coach and father Dan Bjerga looking on. Below, Gage's brother Garrett Bjerga also reached the state title match. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Caden Kramer stayed on top in his state final.



Families cheering on their champions

The Tappe family, above, and Kramer family, right, got a front row seat to see their wrestler win the state titles, Colbe

Tappe at 160 pounds and Caden Kramer at 114. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



STATE CHAMPIONS

STAPLES-MOTLEY WRESTLERS



Activities Director Josh Lee congratulates the champions



Eli Greenwaldt



Luke Bjerga



Gage Bjerga



Reece Headley



Riley Reese



Cayden Neisen

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Congratulations

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLERS

State Competition



Colbe Tappe - first place



Steven Petrich



Adrian Gomez



Riley Reese



Caden Kramer - first place



Cayden Neisen - third place



Gage Bjerga - second place



Turner Beachy - third place



Garrett Bjerga - second place

Staples World photos by Mark Anderson



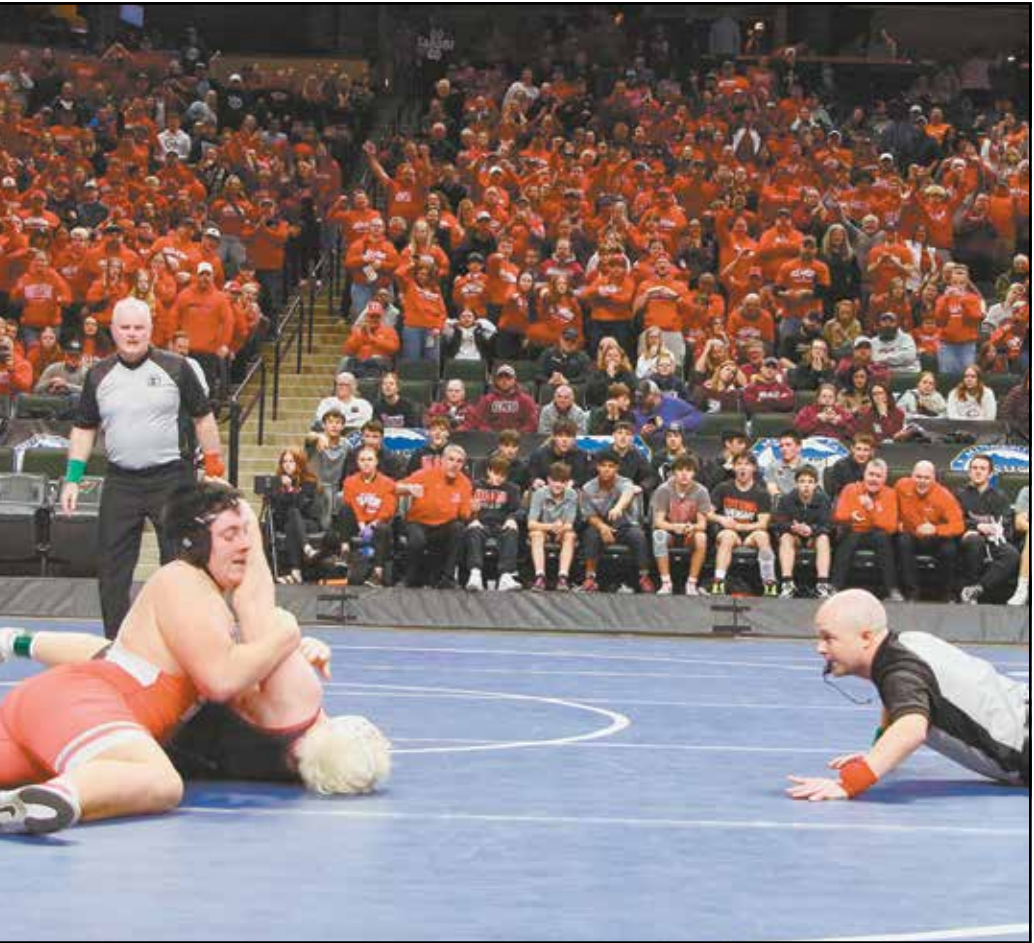


As Staples-Motley walks in to the state title match, a little Cardinal watches from above.



Petrich family leads the cheers

The family of Steven Petrich cheers as Steven puts an exclamation point on the 64-0 win over Jackson County Central with a pin in the semifinal round. Below, the entire Staples-Motley fanbase, overflowing two sections at the Xcel Energy Center, cheer Steven as he gets a pin to solidify the state final win against Chatfield. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Last hurrah

As the state wrestling tournament was winding down after three days, Staples-Motley wrestlers were still gathered together to watch the final individual matches, even though they had no teammates left to wrestle. The Cardinals stuck together as a team all year and were the talk of the state tournament from the first whistle until the last. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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