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Exchange students excited about Christmas

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

For at least five foreign exchange students at Staples-Motley High School, eating lutefisk and caroling at the local train station depot aren't things that immediately come to mind when thinking about Christmas.

The Staples World met up with these students recently to find out about the traditions celebrated at their own countries during this holiday season.

Hailing from the Czech Republic, South Korea, Germany and Belgium, the students said they share the same enthusiasm for this time of year as their new-found friends in Minnesota...although it may be expressed a bit differently.

Anna Stejskalova, Czech Republic

Her family lives in the town of Chlumeck nad Cidlinou, population 5,000, Anna said. Their Christmas traditions do not include Santa Claus, the 17-year-old shared. "We have 'Little Jesus,'" Anna went on, describing him as a mystery during the season, one that leaves gifts under the tree.

Her family does most of their celebrating on Christmas Eve, Anna said. They have a traditional meal of fried carp and potato salad; and later give presents to one another. Although she herself is not a churchgoer, Anna said that many people in her country attend Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Her mom has a tradition of having the family sing Christmas carols after dinner. She doesn't like that tradition, Anna laughed.

One of her school's traditions is to set up a market during the Christmas season. "We make things at school and then give them to charity," Anna said.

Watching the movie, 'Pelisky,' is something everyone in the Czech Republic does sometime during Christmas. The movie takes place during the time the country was occupied.

Anna's adoptive family: Carol Eblen and Russell Suther.

Camille Florent, Belgium

Eighteen-year-old Camille is from the town of Grez-Doiceau, which has a population of about 30,000.

On Christmas Eve, her family sits down for a meal, which entails eating a lot of bad stuff (tasty, but not necessarily the healthiest for you). The next day, they head to her grandmother's house where they eat another big meal; and at some point during the

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Celebrating Christmas, American style

Five foreign exchange students at Staples-Motley High School shared their thoughts on Christmas with the Staples World recently. Pictured at the high school library, from left, are Anna Stejskalova, Czech Republic; Camille Florent, Belgian; Jens Klemm, Germany; Jiye Lee, South Korea; Leony Broschek, Germany. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School board plan maximum tax levy hike

Chair reminds board members of ethics issues

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The school portion of the levy for taxpayers in the Staples-Motley School District could increase by 16.4 percent over last year's levy if the school board approves the maximum levy at their special meeting at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21.

The figures were presented Dec. 18 during the board's regular meeting and the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

The maximum of the regular levy would be about a 10.2 percent increase from $1,788,659 levied last year to $1,971,041 for this year..

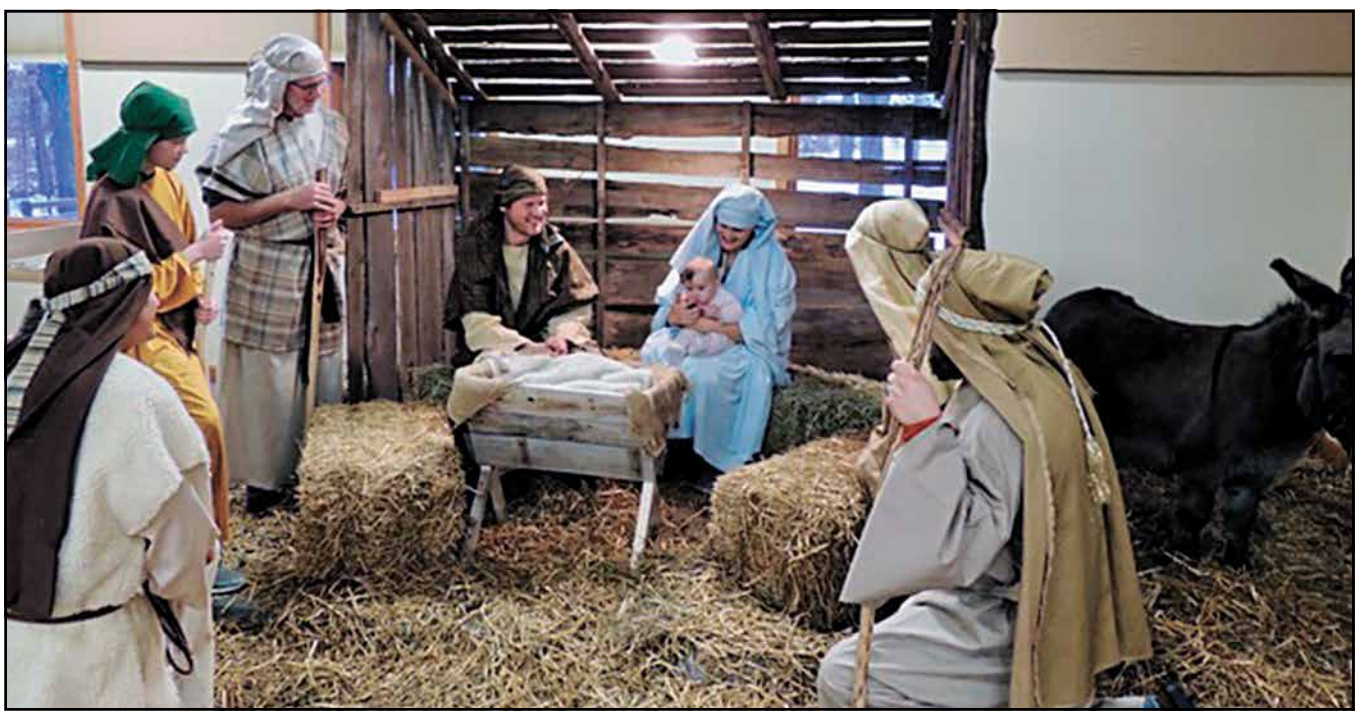
Contributing to the 16.4 percent is a 1.5 million long term facility maintenance levy.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie used a video during the Truth in Taxation Hearing that showed factors that contribute to a tax levy. For school districts many factors are determined by the state legislature. In some cases, if a school district doesn't levy for a specific component, it can lead to the loss of state aid.

He also noted that the Staples-Motley district has underlevied - that is, not levying for the maximum - in QComp, OPEB (Other Public Employee Benefits) and long term facility management. Those reserves are now close to being depleted so he cautioned against underlevying.

To illustrate the effect on taxpayers, Bratlie used the example of taxes on a home valued at $100,000. If

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Live Nativity scene

Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, held their Live Nativity program Dec. 17, imagining how circumstances were on that first Christmas. This one had a decided advantage of being held inside the church, protected from the cold and the weather. From left to right are Bob Schafer, Luke Bates, Brian Bates, Adam Bach, (Baby) Catherine Willgohs, Abigail Willgohs, Kerry Lindgren and Tim Larson. (Submitted photo)

Area Christmas services listed

Churches in the Staples and Motley area will be holding special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services Sunday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 25.

Motley Free Methodist

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Regular Sunday morning services; **AND** Christmas Eve service 4:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church Staples

Regular schedule; **PLUS** Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 5 p.m.; **AND** Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day service 8:30 a.m.

St. Michael Church Motley

Regular schedule; **PLUS** Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 8 p.m.; **AND** Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day service 10:30 a.m.

Staples United Methodist Church
ONE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday, Dec. 24 -Christmas Eve service; 4 p.m.

Motley United Methodist Church
ONE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 6 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve services: 9 a.m., 5 p.m. **AND** 10 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day service 10 a.m.

Staples Alliance Church

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Regular Sunday service 9:30 a.m.; **AND** Christmas Eve service and cantata 4:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Motley

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 9:30 a.m. **AND** Christmas Eve candlelight service 5 p.m.

Family of Life Church Verndale
ONE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve candlelight service 10 a.m.

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Hello, Readers,

If you've found your way to this front page of the Staples World, you've likely seen our Christmas greetings that wrapped this edition.

Each year we pose questions to third grade students at area schools and publish their responses along with their photos. It's a wonderful insight into the curious, imaginative and creative mind of a child. We are so grateful to the teachers and school staff who help us pull it all together.

Letters to Santa are also included in this section offering a different take on a child's viewpoint. Again, we thank those who brought the letters for us to share.

A new feature this year was our request for readers to share memories of traditions and events from Christmases past. The stories were all delightful, although in different ways. Thank you to each of those people who let us share their treasured memories.

Merry Christmas!

Public Notices

Tobacco ordinance: **8A**

Obituaries

Harold Krause
Evelyn Tholl
Vera Westra



Thanks for your 29 years of service



Staples City Council members shook hands with retiring City Clerk Phil Lindaman. From left, Rachel Johnson, Ron Murray, Roy Miles (partially hidden), Chris Etzler and Mary Theurer.

For the past 29 years, Staples City Clerk Phil Lindaman has kept track of city budgets, rules and payments. At the Dec. 12 Staples City Council meeting, Lindaman, left, was congratulated and given a plaque by Mayor Chris Etzler.

"It's been a pleasure serving with the current city council, past city councils and all city employees," said Lindaman. "There've been a lot of great things that happened with the city and great things will continue to happen." (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Staples Council approves 3.49% tax increase

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The City of Staples will have a budget increase and tax levy increase of 3.49 percent, as approved at the Dec. 12 Staples City Council meeting.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the biggest factors in the budget included:

- Increase in the debt service levy (0.8%)
- Employee wage and benefit increase (approximately 3%, depending on union negotiations)
- Health insurance costs (5% increase)
- 2018 election ($11,900)
- Rental housing code enforcement ($10,000)

As part of the budget, the council approved utility rates and an increase of approximately two and a half percent for part time and sesonal staff. They also approved the tourism marketing agreement with LEAP, which will go into effect in 2018.

Nelsen provided a graph showing where the city spends the tax dollars; 21 percent; police, 20 percent; bonds and interest, 16 percent; streets, eight percent; community center, seven percent; parks and recreation, seven percent; administration, six percent; fire department and five percent; economic development.

Nelsen and the council reviewed the entire budget before voting to approve it.

Smoking ordinance

The council approved the first reading of their new tobacco ordinance which includes other electronic delivery devices such as vaping pens.

The ordinance also included a no sampling regulation, similar to the

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'A Host of Angels'

Angels were an important part of the first Christmas. At Faith Lutheran Church's Live Nativity Dec. 17 the angels were, seated from left, Megan Lindgren, Iris Floistad, Arvilla Dyer and Cheryl Koll; standing, from left, Beth Fabian, Alice Archer and J.J. Larson. Below, the donkey also had a role in the Christmas story. Leading in Pepe was Jon Theurer. (Submitted photos)



Lakewood Care Center named 'Best Practices' nursing home

Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples has been selected as a High Performing Nursing Home for prevention of harm and injury related to resident care, infections, medications and other physical, emotional, or psychological trauma by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Center of Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) and the Quality Innovation Network National Coordinating Center (QIN NCC).

These two organizations are conducting a "Best Practices" quality improvement initiative to look at High Performing Nursing Homes, the purpose of which is to continue to support nursing homes in work to improve quality and safety as party of the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC). This collaborative is led by CMS and QIN NCC organizations across the country.

Out of 15,000 nursing homes nation-wide, Lakewood was chosen as one of the top 10 high performing nursing homes across the nation. To work toward their goal of improving quality of care and life experienced by nursing home residents, staff from Stratis Health and CMS interviewed over 40 care center staff members during a three-day site visit to Lakewood Care Center.

The top three things they felt had the biggest impact on care at Lakewood are: 1: Community; 2: "Resident first" philosophy; and 3: Everyone's voice is important. Stratis Health and CMS will use what they learned to develop a 'change package' that describes the successful practices of nursing homes to keep residents safe, that will be made available to QIN-QIOs and nursing homes across the country.

"Although we know there's always more ways we can improve, we're incredibly honored and proud of this accomplishment," said Lakewood Vice President of Senior Services, Kathy Dobson. "Thanks to all the residents, families and staff who continually give us feedback and help us to be the best we can be."

CLC gleaning program donates fresh produce to community

In its second year, a new program at Central Lakes College is putting needed fresh produce into the hands of community members.

It's called the Gleaning Program. Here's how it works: The CLC Ag & Energy Center produces many different crops and produce, all while teaching students and leading research projects. That fresh produce is then harvested and given to local community organizations in need. In 2017 alone, 17,495 pounds of food was donated.

"The Gleaning Program demonstrates a wise use of resources as we are not adding to our operational costs and supporting our communities in more efficient manner," said Keith Olander, Dean of Agricultural Studies and Director of CLC Ag & Energy Center. "It has allowed for even more student integration into research and demonstration operations."

In addition to the Ag & Energy Center, produce comes from the Living Legacy Gardens as well. It includes: apples, blueberries, corn, garden produce, kidney beans, potatoes, pumpkins and raspberries.

Among many community partners, CLC has partnered with Lakewood Health and SPROUT to provide produce for a program called Choose Health, a physician-prescribed CSA that provides families with a bi-monthly box of produce.

Food from the CLC farm has also been utilized in the college's food service and in the student food shelf. CLC's Student Senate has been involved with harvesting and distribution of various produce.

Other partners involved in the gleaning program include: Community Corrections Youth, Kinship, Staples Alliance Church (Railroad Days), Staples Area Food Shelf, Staples-Motley FFA, Staples-Motley School District, Staples Lions, as well as community members.

A look at the 2017 numbers:

- CLC Food Service/Cast Iron Grill: 3,298 pounds
- CLC Student Senate/ Student Food Shelf: 3,400 pounds
- Community members: 5,864
- Kinship Partners: 250 pounds
- FFA: 480 pounds
- Sprout: 1,924
- Staples Alliance Church (Railroad Days): 840
- Staples Area Food Shelf: 1,295
- Staples-Motley School District: 144
- Total: 17,495 pounds

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Worship services offered

Church of Christ, Staples

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 10:30 a.m., **AND** Candlelight and Communion service 4 p.m.

Thomastown Covenant Church

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas worship 11 a.m.; **AND** Candlelight service 4:30 p.m.

Staples Assembly of God Church

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Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve worship 10 a.m.

Lincoln Evangical Free Church

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 10 a.m.; **AND** Candlelight service 4:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve; 9 a.m. **AND** 5:30 p.m. services; Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day- 9a.m. service.

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Habitat for Humanity to build

Todd County regulation. The council read an email from an electronic delivery device industry group that said the devices are "the most effective means" of stopping tobacco smoking, and urged them to reconsider the no sampling regulation.

The council voted unanimously to approve the tobacco ordinance with the no sampling provision.

In other news, the council

- Approved partnering with Lutheran Social Service for the Senior Nutrition Program.
- Approved legal services contracts with Joe Krueger for Todd County and Kyra Ladd for Wadena County.
- Approved sale of property at 705 Oak Ave. SE to Habitat For Humanity, which intends to tear the house down and put up a new one up.



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SwitchTrack Nutrition welcomed by chamber

The Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at SwitchTrack Nutrition in Staples, located in the newly renovated space on 4th St. NE. Above; at ribbon cutting; from left, Dan Orth, Daniel Kriefall, Chuck Meyer, store owner Kailee Gester, Dawn Hagenson, Sandy Knosalla, Bruce Brotherton, Barb Cline and Steve Gertken. Three customers seated at the counter; Amy Ismil, Megan Dougherty and Kasha Steele. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Gester brings nutrition drink business to Staples



Mixing health drinks

Kailee Gester adds a touch to one of the iced teas she makes at SwitchTrack Nutrition in Staples.

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A nutrition drink store recently opened in Staples. Kailee Gester, store owner opened SwitchTrack Nutrition, at 128 4th St.NE, located in the building that shares a hallway with TRB Sewing. The newly renovated store is like a coffee shop, only with nutrition shakes and iced teas instead of coffee.

Gester got involved with Herbalife products at home. "I really liked it, the results I got and the energy it gave me," she said.

She liked it so much, she started working at an Herbalive nutrition club in Long Prairie. Once she got proficient, she decided to open a similar place of her own. She started looking around her Eagle Bend home and found the building in Staples.

"I could see the potential," she said.

Gester renovated the space, with new floors, paint and built a new counter and bar.

The store sells 37 Herbalife flavors of shakes, seven basic teas and 12 lifted teas that help provide more energy. Gester also can provide a shot of an aloe drink that she said helps with digestion and inner cleansing.

The shakes can have a number of nutrition goals, depending on what the customer wants. Gester said they have shakes for weight loss, weight gain or maintaining. There are formulas for athletes, including a muscle recovery shake to take after workouts.

The teas help boost metabolism, which burns calories.

SwitchTrack Nutrition is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and may stay open later if high school students come in for shakes after school. Business so far has been good, she said, it's a mix of students coming before school and during lunch, and adults coming in throughout the day.

The store is set up with wifi, so the customer can sit on the couch and enjoy their drinks while they go online. The store also has a kids corner and more seating in the back of the store.

CodeRED notification system changes

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office wants to make citizens aware of a change to the CodeRED mass notification system.

From now on, when you receive an alert, whether it be an automated weather warning call or text message, a new "short code" number will be displayed. Instead of a full phone number, it will now display as **76993**.

This new number should be programmed into your mobile devices to ensure awareness for future CodeRED alerts.

Note, a short code is a 5-digit number that CodeRED uses to send messages to mobile devices and the number that comes across your mobile when an alert is delivered.

Once you have programmed this number into your mobile under the proper name, all messages will display as addressed from "CodeRED Alert." No further action is required on your part.

The sheriff's office understands there may be apprehension to answering unknown or "out of area" numbers, but unfortunately, vital information can be missed when it is a call from CodeRED.

Take a moment to create a new contact in your mobile phone so you will know to answer these calls, which could be lifesaving in nature.

If you have not signed up for weather alerts, we encourage you to do so by going to www.co.wadena.mn.us and clicking on the CodeRED logo at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions on this, feel free to contact Sgt. Bryan Savaloja or Emergency Management Director, Deputy Tyler Wheeler.

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Application process for Veterans ID Card

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available.

This has been mandated through legislation since 2015 to honor Veterans, and the rollout of the ID card.

Veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service, and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD-214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to veterans.

"The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer, more convenient and efficient way for most veterans to show proof of service," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "With the card, Veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain Veteran discounts and other services."

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service, but didn't meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

To request a VIC, veterans should visit vets.gov, click on "Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card" on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account. Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.

As always, see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. Contact Anderson at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

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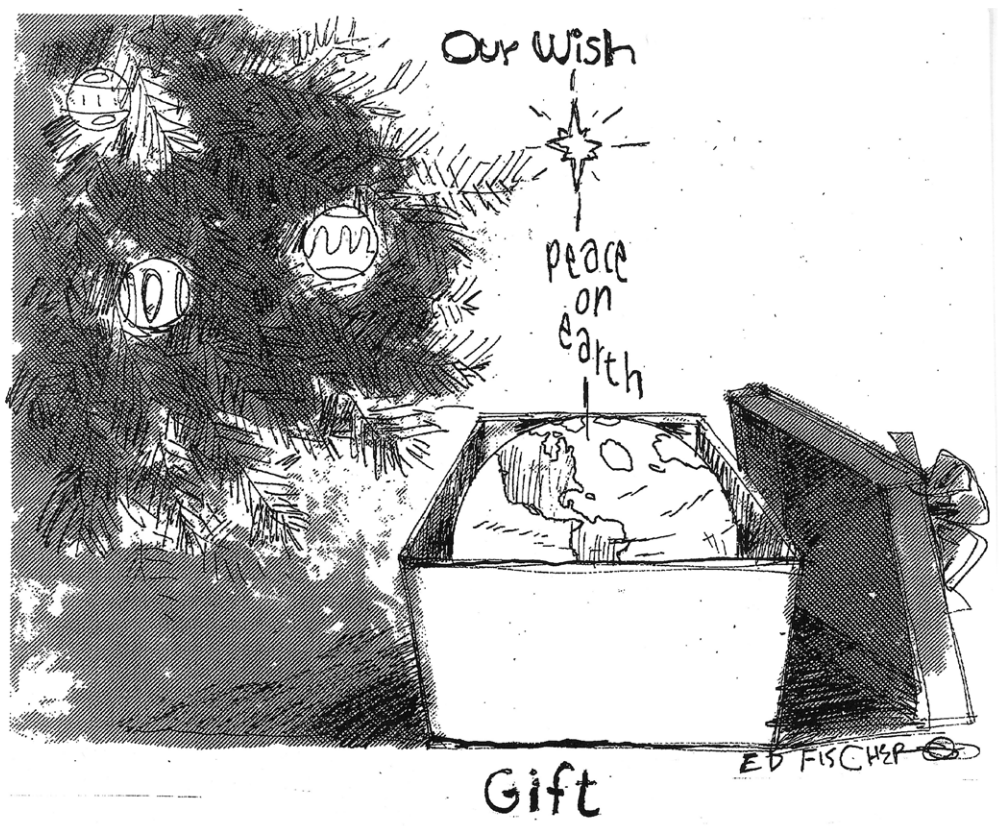
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As Christmas dawns

What is this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy? What river of love and magic speeds the message from that moment of wonder in Bethlehem across the cold darkness of centuries long forgotten? How does it warm us this morning as we awaken in a world the Wise Men could scarcely imagine to a radiance that once each year makes it all just a little bit better?

As a republic, we cannot prostrate ourselves in religious observance. But as a people, a nation - Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, atheist, name it - we know this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy. And as one people, almost as one world, we now join in the celebration on the birthday of the Babe with the fervent hope that the elusive gift of peace will not slip from our grasp. We do not doubt that the day's promise is ours whether we accept the Messenger as our Prince of Peace or merely find solace and rare hope in the sure rising on one blessed day of a tide of essential goodness, a promise of the perfectibility of our most imperfect world. This should not dilute, but strengthen, the miracle for Christians. For this day, this Christmas, belongs to us all as it dawns with a chorus of joy. Sing out the praises of Christmas, sing them in shouts and whispers. Praise the innocence of children as they stand awed before the tree, rubbing sleep and amazement from wide eyes. Praise the capacity of parents, their own innocence scraped raw by the rough edges of life, to recapture it fleetingly in this instant of observed enchantment. Praise the tolerance of grandparents for all the childish excesses in grandchildren that they scolded their own kids for each Christmas morn.

And don't try too hard to sort out whether it's fireplace smoke or tender nostalgia that tears the occasional eye in this reliving of family traditions. Christmas tears are to cherish, not to analyze.

Christmas tears are to be shed, too, for those beyond the hearth. Let us open our hearts and cry for the pain of the lonely, the unloved, the deserted and the desolate; for the hungry, the homeless, the ill-clothed and the unprotected; for the uncared-for aged, the mentally and the physically ill, the addicts and alcoholics; for the victims, the abused children and adults, the battered, the helpless, the casualties of war and other crimes. Let us cry for them and for untold others.

But let us also remember that in our sadness for the pain of others is a redemption of the spirit, the Christmas joy of sharing our humanity. In our passion for the righting of all wrongs, we are but living our inheritance, the command of all religions and most philosophies in every time and place that we love one another. We are our brothers' and our sisters' keepers.

Renewed in that simple knowledge, that easy act of faith in our own humanness, let us set aside the sadness, but not our deepest caring, and rejoice in the accumulated sights and sounds of the season that fill us this Christmas Day.

The bells, always the bells. Carillons rolling and street Santas shaking. The memories stirred by the gentle ching-a-ling-a-ling through soft-falling snow on darkened streets. Or the brassy caroling of a Salvation Army band. Songs, hear the songs, the old, the new, the radio marathons of Christmas tunes, the stores bathing shoppers in inspiration.

And forgive the merchants their commerce as you recall small noses pressed against the windowpanes of happiness, bright eyes drinking in the stuff of dreams that only children know. Curse the crass corruption of the season? Not with an honest heart, if you have ever known a child, or been a child. Exorcise the greed, if you will. It belongs to a grown-up world. But leave a time, this special time, for the dreams of children.

For our love of peace, for our love of each other and especially for our love of the children and our belief in their need to dream, we welcome, yes, praise, this day, this Christmas, that dawns with a chorus of joy.

This editorial was written by Doug Kneeland in 1988 for the Chicago Tribune. It has appeared annually in the Tribune since then.

Letter to the Editor

"'Tis the Christmas Season"

With all the gift giving, gift exchanging and good will taking place, this time of year, please do not forget to assist those who may need some help.

One way to help is by considering a gift to the Staples Area Food Shelf, which will help those in need.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy prosperous New Year.

Staples Area Food Shelf
Board and Volunteers

The Christmas truce of 1914 gave hope

Although World War I ranks as one of the most horrific in history, causing about 40 million casualties and up to 20 million military and civilian deaths, it also included a famous and spontaneous peaceful interlude inscribed in chronicles as the unofficial Christmas Truce of 1914.

World War I

The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, by a Bosnian Serb in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, plunged much of Europe into war. The Entente Powers of France, Russia and Britain stood against the Central Powers of the Austro-Hungarian, German, and Ottoman Empires. In mid-September, the German, British and French commands ordered their armies to entrench along a 475 mile Western Front that extended from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier. Four years of brutal, stalemated trench warfare followed. Most trenches were about seven feet deep and six feet wide topped by a parapet of sandbags. From there barbed wire entanglements extended into No-Man's land. In many places the No-Man's Land separating German and British frontline trenches was only 30 to 70 yards wide.

The elements were sometimes more debilitating than the enemy. Standing in the mud and water for days often resulted in feet becoming gangrenous. Excessive exposure to wet and cold caused nephritis, which affected the kidneys. The accumulated rubbish, urine and excreta in the trenches negatively impacted on health. Food scraps and decaying corpses attracted huge numbers of disease-carrying rats. The unwashed men attracted lice that covered their bodies with bite marks and caused "trench fever." Artillery bursts caused some men to experience shell shock.

Periodically, the aristocratic generals (safely lodged in the rear) ordered the mostly lower class men in the trenches to make suicidal frontal assaults on enemy trenches. Machine guns and rapid fire rifles simply mowed down attacking men in No-Man's Land, where their bodies often remained for weeks in a decaying state. The generals never devised a sensible plan to break the cruel stalemate that trench warfare became.

Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, the weather cleared. Rain gave way to a clear cold that froze the mud and water, making movement easier and boots and clothing drier. Having received gift packages from home, the men of both sides were in a festive mood. That evening, along the front-line, German troops sang Christmas carols. Many erected candle-lit Christmas trees on their parapets and called out season's greetings to their enemies opposite them. Many Entente troops responded with applause, holiday wishes and songs of their own. Concerned, one British battalion command informed Brigade Headquarters: "Germans have illuminated their trenches, are singing songs and are wishing us a Happy Christmas. Compliments are being exchanged, but [I] am nevertheless taking all military precautions ... ."

Then, an amazing series of events occurred. Along parts of the British, French and Belgian lines, men from both sides went out into No-Man's Land unarmed to meet, shake hands and fraternize. The First Battalion Royal Irish Rifles reported Germans calling out: "If you Englishmen come out and talk to us, we won't fire." Scotsmen in Flanders, the 2nd Queen's Battalion near La Chapelle d'Armentieres, and the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers also reported Germans singing Stille Nacht [Silent Night] and extending invitations to meet in No Man's Land.

Christmas Day

On the morning of Dec. 25, the 2nd Battalion Devons reported seeing the Germans hoist a board with the words "You no fight, we no fight." Opposite the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment, the process began with a German officer emerging from his trench waving a white flag.

The 2nd Battalion Wiltshires reported men on both sides waving to each other, and then going out into No-Man's Land to meet unarmed. After initial greetings both sides agreed to bury their dead comrades who had been laying in No-Man's Land for weeks. Some Germans and British worked together in burial parties; a British soldier described a joint funeral service as "a sight one will never forget!" Members of the British Rifle Brigade gave the Germans wooden crosses to mark their graves.

The opposing sides exchanged food, drink, cigarettes, photographs, addresses and sincere wishes for peace. A British officer found the scene, "absolutely astounding!"

The troops found each other to be quite likeable. Many men felt compelled to write home about their experience: A London Rifles Brigade officer: "They [Germans] were really magnificent in the whole thing ... I now have a very different opinion of the Germans." A Scots Guard: "Some of them are very nice fellows and did not show any hatred, which makes me think they are forced to fight."

Once No-Man's Land had been cleared of corpses, some men found areas suitable for soccer games with improvised balls. In places, British and Germans ate Christmas dinner together, sharing whatever they had.

They entertained each other with singing and instrumental music.

How it ended

Many who participated in an informal truce hoped to continue it until New Year's Day or beyond. But the High Commands sternly objected. A German army order threatened that fraternization with the enemy would be punished as high treason. A British order warned that, "Officers and NCOs allowing [fraternization] would be brought before a court martial."

In late December, the High Commands ordered artillery bombardments along the front. They did the same in following years to ensure that the 1914 Christmas truce would not be repeated. Despite these measures, a few friendly encounters did occur, but on a much smaller scale than in 1914.

Soldiers express themselves

The Christmas truce touched the men deeply as evidenced in their letters and diaries. Various British soldiers wrote the following: "The most wonderful day on record!" "The most extraordinary celebration of Christmas any of us will ever experience!" "This experience has been the most practical demonstration I have seen of Peace on earth and goodwill towards men."

German troops wrote: "The way we spend Christmas in the trenches sounds almost like a fairytale." "It was a Christmas celebration in keeping with the command 'Peace on earth' and a memory which will stay with us always." "Probably the most extraordinary event of the whole year - a soldier's truce without any higher sanction by officers or generals."

Speaking in the House of Commons in 1930, Sir H. Kingsley Wood, a former major who had served at the front in 1914 stated: "If we had been left to ourselves there would never have been another shot fired. ... it was only the fact that we were being controlled by others that made it necessary for us to start trying to shoot one another again."

Other incidences of peace

Today, the Christmas Truce of 1914 is regarded as evidence of men's natural desire for peace and friendship, even in the context of a brutal and senseless conflict. However, the 1914 Christmas Truce is not unique in history.

During the early 19th century Peninsula War, British and French soldiers at times visited each other, shared rations and played cards. Periodically during the 1854-56 Crimean War French, British and Russian troops gathered around the same fire to smoke and drink together. In the American Civil War (1880-81), Yankees and Rebels traded coffee and tobacco and peacefully fished from opposite sides of the same rivers. Throughout history, it has been rare for men fighting at close quarters not to extend friendly gestures and establish informal truces with their enemies.

Paul J. Magnarella was Director of Peace and Justice Studies at Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina, when he wrote this in 2008 for the Richmond (KY) Register.



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The Iverson Family to perform New Year's Eve

Start your New Year's Eve festivities with the multi-talented Iverson Family, who will be performing at the United Methodist Church in Motley on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season.

Expect to hear a variety of music from the Iversons, including original tunes, favorite hymns and some Christmas songs as well.

Hailing from Staples, the group consists of Kathy; and two of her four daughters, Lynnea and Jenessa. Kathy's husband, Jeff, will be joining the family for a few songs during the second half of the show.

The Iversons are well-known throughout the area for their musicianship. A former music teacher, Kathy currently teaches second grade at Staples-Motley Elementary School. She sings and plays guitar for the family band. In addition, Kathy writes a lot of music, much of which is inspired by her faith, as well as her love for the outdoors. Her husband, Jeff, was a long-time band director at Staples-Motley High School; and all four of their daughters (Becki, Kirstin, Lynnea and Jenessa) have been involved in music.

Lynnea, a graduate of Bemidji State University, is a middle school vocal music teacher in Grand Rapids. She will be singing, playing cello, piano and drums at the concert in Motley.

Jenessa is now a student at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, majoring in musical theater. She will be singing, playing bass, mandolin and piano.

Living two - three hours away from each other can be a challenge when it comes to rehearsing, Kathy said, but they have sung together as a family for so many years (especially at church) that they've been able to utilize some creative long-distance techniques to prepare for their upcoming concert.

The times they've been able to get together to rehearse have been really enjoyable, Kathy said. "I have always found singing in a small group like this my favorite way to make music; and as we have practiced together, I think my girls are realizing more and more the joy of singing and arranging our music as family members. It is a very special bond and tons of fun."

Still to come on this year's SM Area Arts Council season are the Whitesidewalls, performing doo-wop, rockabilly and rock and roll; and An Afternoon Tea, featuring the music of harpist Anna Koopmann and guitarist Casey Smithley.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Tickets for The Iverson Family concert are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.



Family harmonies

The Iverson Family will perform at the United Methodist Church in Motley on Sunday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m., offering a variety of music. Pictured, from left, are Lynnea, Kathy and Jenessa Iverson of Staples. The concert is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. (Submitted photo)

Winter truck load increases began for north-central zone Dec. 18

Winter truck load increases began Dec. 18, on unrestricted highways in the north-central frost zone, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. Trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Drivers should check with local agencies before increasing any weights on city, county and township routes. The signs posted on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking, call MnDOT's Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits; call: 651-296-6000 or email: ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us.

Questions about enforcement call the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; 651-405-6196 (select option 3, option 3).

The start and end dates for winter load increases are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. The end date for winter load increases is variable and drivers should check for updates throughout the year. Vehicle operators are required to check with MnDOT for the exact start and end dates.

All changes are made with a minimum three-day notice.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT's automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, or locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT seasonal load limits website at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials/.

For updated road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider approval of Conditional Use Permit for underground storage of gasoline and fuel for Casey's General Stores, Inc.
- Second reading of Ordinance 514 for vacation of alley located between Lots 1-4 and Lots 9-12, Block 25, Staples Mill.
- Second reading of Ordinance 515 to amend Staples City Code Section 10.4, relating to tobacco.
- Second reading of Ordinance 516 for sale of property described as Lots 9 and 10, block 8, Forest Park Addition (705 Oak Ave SE).
- Consider request from Sacred Heart Church for permission to conduct bingo and a raffle on Feb. 4, 2018.
- Consider approval of Pawnbrokers License.
- Approve polling place for 2018 elections at the Community Center.
- Committee reports including the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Staples Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

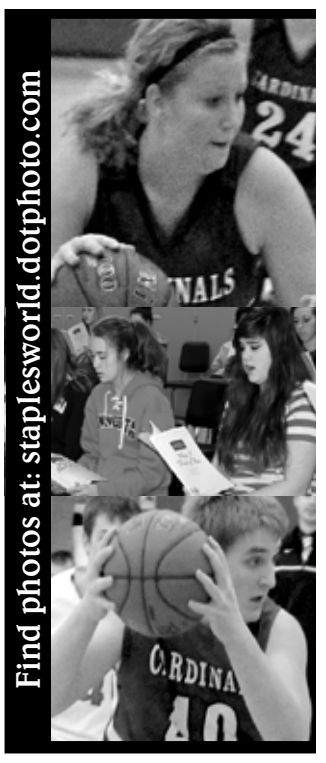
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December 27

Medical Home Patient Advisory Council Mtg Wed., Dec. 27, 2 - 3 p.m., Lakewood Health System's main campus, Staples. All Lakewood patients welcome. To RSVP by Dec. 26, call 218-894-8311 or email loiswalters@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

December 28

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg Thurs., Dec. 28, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita Lizakowski, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.



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December birthday and anniversaries

The monthly senior citizen's birthday/anniversary celebration was held Dec 12 at the Staples Community Center. Above: front, Leila Allen, celebrated her birthday; and standing, two couples celebrating December anniversaries: Charlie and Kathy Crews and Iris and Gene Floistad. Honorees received a small decorated cake, personalized cards, the singing of Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary, with a short program and prize drawings followed by the meal.

The next birthday/anniversary celebration will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. Everyone's welcome; call 218- 894-2556 to register for the meal. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Cassandra and Dwight Carlson of Menahga, a baby boy, Owen Berent weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on December 9, 2017.

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Births reported at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena included:

Born to Betsy Jasmer and Loren Haman of New York Mills a baby girl, Lyla Faye Haman on December 13, 2017 weighing six pounds, 10 oz.

Siblings are Tayler and Eli. Grandparents are Becky and Terry Haman and Lon Jasmer.

Born to Kaylene and Lonnie DeWald of Staples a baby girl, Amelia Linnell DeWald on December 12, 2017 weighing seven pounds, nine ounces.

Siblings are Carson, Noah, Adalynn and Millinda. Grandparents are Lonnie, Sr. and Rena DeWald and Scott and Sheila Becker.

Obituaries

Harold Krause



Harold Krause, 95, of Clarissa and formerly of Eagle Bend, passed away December 17, 2017, at the care center.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend.

Christian burial was at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Eagle Bend.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Harold Krause was born Dec. 15, 1922, to Vernon and Minnie (Detmers) Krause, in Oriska, North Dakota. He was baptized on January 21, 1923 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oriska. He graduated from Eagle Bend High School, and took short-wave radio courses after high school in Glenwood. He took over the family farm in the 1940s when his dad died at a young age. Harold spent his working years as a dairy and crop farmer. He married Pearl Mae Triebenbach on June 22, 1946 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend. Harold was named to the Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame in 1991. He enjoyed traveling, spending winters in Mission, Texas, gardening, reading and showing registered Milking Shorthorns at the local, state and national dairy cattle shows.

Harold is survived by three daughters, Elaine Sommer, Center City, Dianne (Randy) LaVoie, Clarissa and Karen (Mark) Swenson, Plymouth; two sons, Norman (Julie) Krause, Staples and Curtis (Louanne) Krause, Como, TX; one brother, Edwin, Faribault; brothers-in law, Harold (Ardella) Triebenbach, Bob Triebenbach, and Harland Kuhlman; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one daughter, Lorna Krause; two sisters, Mabel and Elvera and one brother, Eugene.

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Evelyn Tholl



Evelyn Dorothy Tholl, 94, passed away Dec. 14, 2017, at the Lakewood Care Center, Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 19, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Interment was at Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Evelyn was born, January 21, 1923, at her grandparents' home in Bronson, Michigan, to Frank and Helen Kibiloski. She attended a one-room country school, through eighth grade, then graduated from Bronson High School in 1940. She completed a Home Economics Short Course from Michigan State College in 1941. Evelyn worked in a sewing factory and later as a bookkeeper for a trucking company in Kalamazoo , MI. She married Marcus Tholl on February 23, 1946, in Kalamazoo. They made their home near Motley where they farmed dairy cattle, then raising beef cattle. She moved into Motley in 1996, where she lived until she broke her hip in 2012, when she moved to the Lakewood Care Center and was a resident until her passing. Evelyn volunteered at; St. Michael's Catholic Church and Lakewood Care Center; and president of the Christian Mother's group. Evelyn enjoyed cooking, socializing, dancing, trivia games, cards, old time music, pets, fishing, watching TV and telling jokes. She enjoyed attending her 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th class reunions in Michigan as well as the Polish Festival Days there.

Evelyn is survived by one son Harold, Motley; one daughter, Connie (Preston) Mattke, Spicer; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren,

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents and siblings.

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Vera Westra



Vera Westra, 98, formerly of Verndale, passed away December 14, 2017 at Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena with her family at her side.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, at the Hope Chapel, rural Verndale with Reverend Neal Malcore presiding. Military honors were provided by the MNAGHG.

Burial was in Poplar Cemetery, Leader.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena,

Vera was born September 6, 1919, to George Elmer and Stella Ramona (Porter) Collison in Sturgis, SD. She attended country school through the eighth grade. She served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged as a Corporal, in 1946 at San Francisco, CA. Over the years Vera worked in housekeeping, and as a waitress.

Vera married Irvin George Westra on June 1, 1948 in Brainerd. They resided north of Verndale. Vera enjoyed the outdoors, working in her yard, tending to her flowers, puzzles and was a former member of the Nimrod Garden Club.

Vera is survived by two daughters, Jill (John Uselman) Westra of Wadena and Jean Biggs of North Royalton, OH; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one daughter, Janet Westra; five brothers Elmer, Orville, George, Cecile and Harold Collison; three sisters, Lela "Beth" Johnson, Margaret Gelvin and Esther Johnson and her in-laws Henry and Elizabeth Westra.

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50 years of Christmas

Arlene Ludovissie, of Staples, left, has been sending her family Christmas letter for the past 50 years. Arlene started by hand writing her letters, always in the form of a poem. She then typed on a typewriter every year until it wore out. Each Christmas the poem grows longer and keeps family and friends up-to-date of life's happenings, serving as her "journal of life" as Arlene notes. Each year one of the Christmas poems, now complete with photographs, is added to a scrapbook for each generation to enjoy. Arlene has four children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Her children and one daughter-in-law are all Staples High School graduates.

This year's letter was completed with the help of Jan Winter at the Staples World, right. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lakewood chaplain receives award



Rev. Daryl Jacobson

Rev. Daryl Jacobson, chaplain at Lakewood Health System, Staples received the Dedicated Service Award from Care Providers of Minnesota at a statewide senior care convention held earlier this month in Minneapolis. The prestigious Dedicated Service award recognizes an individual whose service over the course of their career has positively enhanced the quality of life for residents and employees in a long-term care setting.

Jacobson was selected for his ability to connect with people from all walks of life. His personality and character lends itself to being very approachable and a sincere desire to help individuals during difficult times. During his six years at Lakewood, Jacobson has helped patients, families and staff recognize that spiritual health is as important to illness, healing, coping and end-of-life journeys, as the clinical aspects of care.

"Measuring the impact this man has had on our populations is hard to put into words," said Becky Misegades, Lakewood Director of Program and Operations Management, who nominated Jacobson for this award. "His depth for healthcare goes beyond his role as chaplain. He utilizes his previous experiences to recognize the social, economic and health factors that impact individuals. He has a unique way of comforting individuals without judgement."

Daryl was also the recipient of the Lakewood Health System Community Involvement Pillar award which recognizes staff who go above and beyond to serve people and communities. He's extended his care and compassion outside of Lakewood, helping others in the Staples community.

Rev. Jacobson was presented with his award during the Celebration of Caring Gala, which was part of the three-day educational convention for long-term care providers. In front of an audience of 500, staff and family members were also in attendance as Jacobson was presented with his award by Patti Cullen, president and CEO of Care Providers of Minnesota; and Chris Boldt, Vice President of Long-Term Care Operations, Benedictine Health System and Board of Director's Chair, Care Providers of Minnesota.

Thank You...

to the doctors, nurses and staff for taking care of our Mother at the care center while she was there before her passing. Thank you to the Brenny Funeral Home for all you did. Special thanks to Father Joe Korf for all the kind words; Mike Blessing for the music; to the church ladies for the wonderful lunch. To anyone we may have forgotten, thank you.

The Betty A. Smith Family

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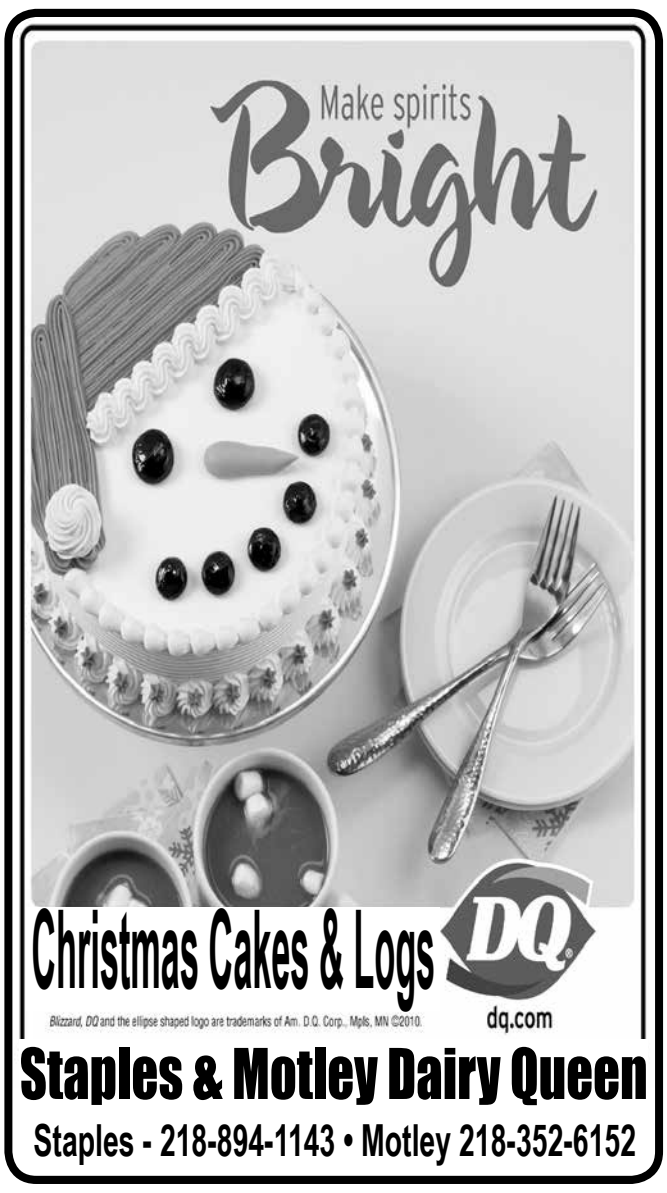
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Senior Center Christmas celebration held December 13



The Staples Senior Citizens held their Christmas party at the Staples Community Center Dec. 13. Over 35 people attended the event which included the Nutrition Site meal. Stories, poems were shared and a singalong with Mrs. Claus, far right, (aka Becky Hasselberg).

Above: The seniors and guests posed for a Christmas photo in front of the Christmas tree.

The Staples Senior Citizens recently donated $500 towards the purchase of four new tables and 40 new chairs for the senior citizen room, made possible by a memorial donation in Nancy Johnson's name.

Lakewood to offer in-home sleep studies

Along with the traditional in-patient sleep studies, Lakewood Health System's Sleep Lab, Staples now offers in-home sleep studies. In-home studies are a more affordable and convenient option for those needing a sleep study.

Sleep studies, otherwise known as polysomnography, helps doctors diagnose sleep disorders like sleep apnea. It's a non-invasive, overnight exam where your sleep will be monitored to see what's happening in your brain and body.

Much like in-patient sleep studies, in-home studies do have restrictions. Not all studies are covered by insurance and not everyone will qualify for the in-home option. To find out if you qualify, talk to your provider.

The process for in-home and in-patient sleep studies are similar, except instead of spending the night in our sleep lab, you get to sleep in the comfort of your own home. Once you've contacted the sleep lab to schedule an appointment, you will come in and one of our sleep study technicians will walk you through the equipment and the process.

After you're comfortable with everything, you can take your equipment home to begin the night-long study. You will need to return the equipment the next morning and from there, our sleep technicians will analyze your data, and the information will go to a sleep specialist and your primary provider. Your results will be communicated to you by our sleep lab.

If you're interested in learning more about our in-home sleep studies, or would like to schedule an appointment, contact our sleep lab at 218-894-8291.

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Special recognition

Special recognition was given to Martha Rach, left, and Carol Olsen. Martha and Carol have headed up the special senior recognition program each month by honoring birthdays and anniversaries. Martha has made the cakes and Carol the cards and photos given to the celebrants each month a tradition they have continued for 14 years. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Care Center

DECEMBER

Mon., Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas

Tues., Dec. 26, 2:15 p.m. Church - Motley Free Methodist

Weds., Dec. 27 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Dec. 28, 1:45 p.m. Communion Service with Daryl

Senior Schedule

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Thurs., Dec. 21, 5 p.m. Evening meal

Mon., Dec. 25: Center is closed. Merry Christmas

Weds., Dec. 27, noon meal and bingo

Thurs., Dec. 28, 5 p.m. Evening meal

To sign up for meals, call 218-894-2556.



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
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Church.....218-894-2296
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Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
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Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

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Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

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

Aldrich

Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship,..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion .....1st Sunday of Month

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

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

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
Worship..... 9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. ..... Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m ..... Ministry Groups/Bible study

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

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

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

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

The sin of doing nothing

Pastor Paul Johnson, Staples Alliance Church

Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent… "And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." --Matthew 11:20,23-24

What an indictment on the city of Capernaum. The gospels mention it a number of times and for good reason; this city was Jesus' "headquarters", if you will. It was a hotbed of miracles, and a city Jesus returned to several times during his earthly ministry. The city of Sodom, on the other hand, was synonymous with wickedness and depravity, (something I'm sure the folks from Capernaum knew quite well). And yet Jesus says to the people of Capernaum that on the Day of Judgment Sodom will come out in better shape than them. Why is that? What possible sin could be worse than the evil that comes to mind when Sodom is mentioned?

The answer is *indifference*. Jesus, God in skin, walked among the citizens of Capernaum for days at a time. They could go to bed and wake up and He would still be there in the morning. They had no beef with Jesus, no desire to "run Him out of town". They simply took Him for granted. Possibly they thought they could gain God's favor by osmosis-simply being in close proximity to Him without ever truly embracing Him. Whatever the reason, Jesus revealed to them a cold, unresponsive heart-attitude. Had Sodom had that much revelation, that much of God's working among them, it would never have been destroyed-they would have responded in brokenness and repentance.

William Barclay said it this way:

"Here we have the modern situation in so many countries today. There is no hostility to Christianity; there is no desire to destroy it; there is blank indifference. Christ is relegated to the ranks of those who do not matter. Indifference, too, is a sin, and the worst of all, for indifference kills.

It does not burn a religion to death; it freezes it to death. It does not behead it; it slowly suffocates the life out of it.

...The sin of… Capernaum was the sin of doing nothing."

Oh, May we never presume or become indifferent to that presence. May we never think that proximity to Christ equals a relationship with Him. If Matthew 11 is correct, there is a judgment unspeakable that waits for those who day in and day out "tip their hat" to Jesus, but never ever own Him as Sovereign Lord. Those who live this way have determined to embrace a frozen, suffocated religion rather than a living relationship with Jesus. May that never be said of you or me.

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The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World
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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

NOTICE REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR RTCC PLANNING FUNDS

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Phase 1 - Regional Transportation Coordination Council (RTCC) Planning Funds for Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties.

R5DC is an eligible applicant with extensive experience in all modes of transportation and project/program development/implementation and would strive to:

Provide coordination of regional transportation services through a network of public, private and nonprofit transportation providers, service agents to fill vehicle transit transportation gaps, streamline access to vehicle transportation and provide individuals more travel options. The R5DC - RTCC will plan and implement strategies that meet the regional transit coordination needs.

Given that the RTCC board membership will be diverse and as comprehensive as possible, and include representatives from the region's county department of social services, Minnesota Area Agencies on Aging, Workforce Development, transportation providers, human services agencies, transportation and human services advocates, veteran service organizations, Minnesota Continuum of Care Coordinators, Centers for Independent Living and public and private funders of transportation services, R5DC convened a meeting of such stakeholders on November 14, 2017 who requested R5DC to act as the lead agency to complete this work.

R5DC is suited to convene stakeholders who will identify local transit needs and commit to participation by way of offering RTCC Stakeholder representation to attend planning meetings that will offer the R5DC-RTCC a structure and operations plan for implementation strategies that align with the Local Human Services - Public Transit Coordination Plan and the activities of the R5DC Transportation Advisory Council.

Individuals or agencies seeking to request involvement as a stakeholder or partner with R5DC should contact Cheryal Lee Hills, 200 1st Street Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-3233 ext 1.

The deadline for submitting the Regional Transportation Coordination Council Phase 1 - Planning Grant is March 31, 2018.

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NOTICE COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY - MINNESOTA

Designation of Extra Printing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota will receive sealed bids for the extra publication of the Financial Statement for the year 2017 as required by law until 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 29, 2017. Bids will be open at 9:05 a.m. on January 2, 2018 in the County Board Room.

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

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 215 First Ave. South Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday December 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Chris and Terri Ellering:** SLITER'S BEACH (20-127-32) LOTS 14 TO 16 BLK 1 of Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 30167 122nd St. PIN: 11-0046300

1.) Reduce the setback from 100 feet to 70 feet. 2.) Exceed the maximum height of 18 feet to 28.4 feet. 3.) Exceed the maximum impervious surface from 25% to 35% coverage on the lot.

2. Daryl and Lynn Dhein: Bass Lake View Outlot A in Section 8 & 9 of Burnhamville Township

Site Address: 19406 Ermine Dr. PIN: 06-0096500

1.) Variance request to exceed the 10 yard limit for substantial alterations of topography within a shore or bluff impact zone, or in a moderate or severe steep slope for an after the fact shoreland alteration to establish an approximate 800 square foot paved sidewalk. 2.) Variance request to exceed the maximum sidewalk width of four feet for an after the fact constructed sidewalk.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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NOTICE COUNTY PRINTING TODD COUNTY - MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Todd County, will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2017 at the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Bids will be opened at the County Board meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 9:05 a.m. in the County Board Room, for publication for the year 2018 as may be required by the County of Todd, a municipal corporation, as follows:

Designation of the Official Newspaper

This requires the publishing of official proceedings by the Todd County Board, and other legal and public notices required by all Todd County Departments, publication of the financial statement and publication of the list of lands in Todd County, delinquent in taxes for the year 2017, which have not been attached to prior judgment.

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

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer

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FILING NOTICE RESIDENTS OF MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by appointment at the home of the clerk beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and ending on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for the following offices: one supervisor for a 3-year term, and one clerk for a 2-year term. Filing fee is $2.00. Call the clerk at 218-330-7887 for an appointment.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township

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FILING NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Bartlett Township that filing for township offices will open on January 2, 2018 and close at 5 p.m. on January 16, 2018. The offices to be filed for are: One Supervisor for a 3 year term, One Clerk for a 2 year term.

If you wish to file, contact Jan Jares at 218-640-3176. You may file at the clerk's home, 47810 193rd Ave., Aldrich, MN from 1 to 5 p.m. on January 16, 2018. There is a $2 filing fee due at time of filing.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 77-CV-17-995 Case Type: Other (14)

In Re:
Application of Sexton Family Cabin, LLC, to vacate a part of "H" Street in the plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §505.14.

Order for and Notice of Hearing on Petition to Vacate a part of "H" Street in the Plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, Todd County, Minnesota

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES -

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of January 2018, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Todd County Courthouse, 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on the petition of Sexton Family Cabin, LLC to vacate a part of "H" Street in the plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 505.14. It is further ordered that if proper, and no objections are filed, the Court may without further notice or hearing enter and order of vacation pursuant to said petition.

Dated: 10/26/2017
/s/ Daniel A. Benson
Judge
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Janet Kneisl
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner:
Mark F. Uphus
Minn. Attorney Reg.
#141136
310 East Main Street
PO Box 158
Melrose, MN 56352
Telephone: 320-256-7491

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) **Appointment of 2018 Planning Commission Chair & Vice Chair**

2) **Benjamin Yoder:** Part of W2 SW4 of Section 31 in Bartlett Township
PIN: 01-0031701
Site Address: 45700 County 23

Requesting CUP to operate a sawmill business with existing buildings in an AF-1 zoning district. Rescheduled from December 7, 2017 meeting.

3) **Changes and/or adoption of Planning Commission Rules of Business.**

4) **Planning Commission Training and Discussion**

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE Vacation of Alley

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading vacating the undeveloped North-South alley between 7th and 8th St. NE located North of Highway 10 and South of 2nd Ave. NE, legally described as between Lots 1 to 4 and Lots 9 to 12, Block 25, Staples Mill.

The second and final reading will be considered at the December 26, 2017 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: December 21, 2017

Diane Archer, City Clerk

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE Property Purchase

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading empowering the City to sell the following City-owned real estate in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota:

• Lots 9 and 10, Block 8, Forest Park Addition (705 Oak Ave SE)

The second and final reading will be considered at the December 26, 2017 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: December 21, 2017

Diane Archer, City Clerk

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FILING NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

Thomastown Township will hold an election for one supervisor for a three year term and one clerk for a two year term. The filing period for these offices opens on Jnauary 2, 2018 and closes on January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. To file for office, contact Stacy Dukowitz at 218-296-0834.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Fawn Lake Township will be accepting filings for one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and one (1) Clerk for a two (2) year term.

Filing period for Fawn Lake Township offices will be held by appointment only, from January 2 until 5 p.m. on January 16, 2018 at the town hall. Please call the clerk at (218) 531-0287 to make an appointment.

Filing fee is $2.00.

Kelly Miller,
Clerk

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FILING NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP

Staples Township is accepting filings for:

Supervisor for a three (3) year term

Clerk for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk on January 2, 2018 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2018. Filing fee is $2.00.

Please contact Bonnie Thoele at 218-894-3638 to file for office.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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FILING NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Moran Township that filing for township offices will open January 2, 2017, and close January 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The offices that may be filed for are: One (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term, and one (1) Clerk for a two (2) year term.

Candidates may file at the clerk's office: 28316 410th St. Browerville, MN.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING Tobacco Ordinance

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading to amend Staples City Code Section 10.4, relating to Tobacco.

The second and final reading will be considered at the December 26, 2017 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: December 21, 2017

Diane Archer, City Clerk

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Christmas Holiday the deadline for Dec. 28 Staples World is

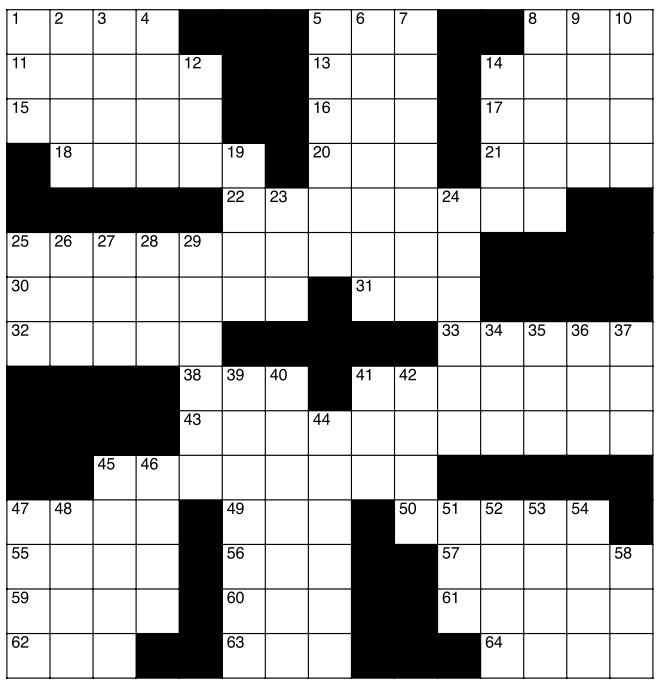
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Crossword Puzzle

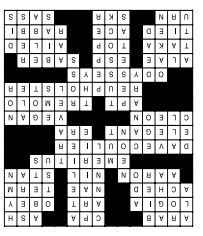
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Member of a Semitic people
5. Certified public accountant
8. Residue
11. Sayings attributed to Christ
13. The products of human creativity
14. Listen to
15. Longed
16. No (Scottish)
17. Descriptor
18. Yankees' sensation Judge
20. Zero
21. Comics legend Lee
22. Honorary title holder
25. "Uncle Joey"
30. Graceful and stylish
31. Pitching term
32. Former Mets outfielder Jones
33. One who avoids animal products
38. Quick to learn
41. Mechanism in an organ
43. Redo with new materials
45. Epics
47. Wings
49. Extrasensory perception
50. Cavalry sword
55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
56. Not the bottom
57. Afflicted
59. Bound
60. One who is highly skilled
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Tall, rounded vase
63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN
1. Pie _ __ mode
2. Portuguese cape
3. Ottoman military title
4. Movable frame used in burials
5. Type of coal
6. A treeless grassy plain
7. Artist's workroom
8. Assists
9. Protein-rich liquids
10. A song of praise to God
12. Much __ about nothing
14. Japanese city
19. Atomic number 10
23. Egyptian goddess
24. Go places
25. Having ten
26. Complete
27. Automotive belt
28. Psyche
29. Melodious bird
34. Medical personnel
35. Acquired
36. Type of beverage
37. Neither
39. Spanish monetary units
40. Small area of grass
41. Your
42. Diana __, singer
44. Salt's partner
45. Made of wood
46. No longer alive
47. Alaskan island
48. Wild animal's resting place
51. Swiss river
52. Partiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. UNLV's "Runnin' __"
58. Criticize

Answers



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In the beginning of the Farm Forum

Del Lecy, right, speaks to this years Farm Forum crowd about how the annual event got started 30 years ago. He remembers how the farm community was in crisis at the time, with Farm Aid starting about that time. He shared how representatives of Central Lakes College Farm Management Program met with Staples State Bank (now First International Bank & Trust) representatives to discuss the need to develop a community forum for farmers.

"The original purpose was to expand outreach," said Lecy, which is still the same basic goal today. He said past speakers at the event have included state acriculture commissioners, farmers and tax experts.

Above, standing at left, Jef Cichos of First International Bank, a sponsor of this year's forum. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Drones, ATVs on cattle drive

Jim Wulf of the Minnesota Cattleman's Association shows a drone video of an ATV cattle drive on his farm near Starbuck. His family drives cattle up to 12 miles to a new pasture. "I think it's good for the cattle," he said. Wulf also shared other herd tips, such as creating 12 to 14 acre paddocks and using sunlight in his barns.



Farm Forum memories

Mike Palmer, who helped start the first Farm Forum 30 years ago, shared memories of the first few years of the event. He said the one big mistake made early on was serving coffee with non-dairy creamer for a room full of dairy farmers.

The 2017 Farm Forum drew more than 50 people to hear about farm tax planning, grazing, cover crops, edible bean research and the Central Lakes College farm programs.

Cass Cty Public Health offers free radon test kits to area homeowners

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that all homes in Minnesota be tested for radon. It's the only way to know if your home has an elevated level of radon, which can cause lung cancer. Radon is an odorless, tasteless gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils and can enter homes primarily through cracks and openings in basement or foundation floors and walls.

MDH estimates that two in five existing Minnesota homes have radon levels that pose a large health risk over many years of exposure. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and more than 21,000 deaths are attributed to radon each year.

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January is Radon Action Month, however, Cass County Public Health has kits available now. To obtain a test kit, contact Jeri Seegmiller at 218-547-1340 ext. 223; Cass County Public Health, 400 Michigan Ave W., Walker, MN 56484. Kits will also be available at the Health, Human & Veterans Services office in Backus and at the Family Centers in Walker, Pine River, Remer and Pillager.

For more information on radon testing and mitigation visit www.health.state.mn.us/radon or call the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601. Anyone interested in mitigating his or her home for radon should consult MDH's list of certified radon mitigation contractors at http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/mitigation.html.

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Board approved tenant lease with CLC for Ag Center land

the school board levies at the maximum, the taxes will increase by about $10. With the long term facility maintenance levy, the taxes will increase an additional $25 for a $35 total increase.

"I want the board to realize what we're asking of our constituents," said board member Chad Longbella. "We've never levied to the maximum."

"That's been our problem," said board member Greg Frisk.

Frisk later noted that "$3 million of our tax money is stting in desks in other schools."

School board member ethics

At the end of the meeting just before adjourning, board chair Mary Freeman read a prepared statement to the board. She introduced it by saying these were legal recommendations on board governance and the open meeting law from the MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association.) She also said she had copies for each board member and for anyone else who asked for one.

After her presentation board member Dave Hoemberg asked, "Why isn't this signed? Who typed it?"

"I typed it at the direction of MSBA," Freeman replied.

Here is the statement verbatim.

"The purpose of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law is to ensure the public be given an opportunity ot observe board discussion and action, to detect improper influences and to prohibit secret decision making.

"Consequences for violations of the OML can result in forfeiture of elected office and fines.

"If a board member utilizes phone conversation, email, text or other communicatin to discuss school business and that individual board member solicits their or your views, attempts to recruit allies, or solicits support or votes for future boad action they are in violation of the OML.

"If a quorum of the board is contacted by an individual board member regarding school issues, it is a violation of the OML.

"If you as a board member are contacted by another board member and any of the above criteria occur, your ONLY response should be: WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IF IT IS ON THE AGENDA.

"As a school board member it is important to know that Minnesota Statute directs school boards to delegate ALL management responsibilities to a licensed superintendent and licensed administrative personnel. In most districts this includes business office responsiblities. The state of Minnesot reserves goernance for only the school board. If board member 'attempts to manage' school financial transactions, employee performance issues, and other quality control issues, they are in violation of statute.

"As a school board member you have no rights or responsibilities as an individual unless delegated by a quorum of the board. Contacting other school districts, school employees, lawyers and state officials are examples. Individual board members may contact the school board governing body: MSBA.

"All of these items are covered in MSBA school board training and MSBA officer training.

"It is our duty to hold the entire board accountable and to respect our local School Board Ethics policy #209, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and Minnesota Statutes.

"If a board allows the OML or MN statutes to be violated, the board is subject to legal consequences."

In other business the board:

- Accepted the audit as presented by Clifton-LarsonAllen at the Dec. 11 work session. Hoemberg voted against it saying he "feels the audit is not 100 percent truthful."
- Approved a resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions.
- Approved the hiring of JoMarie Michel as a part time reading teacher at Staples-Motley Elementary.
- Accepted the resignation of Norbert Klimek as transportation supervisor.
- Adopted the 2018-19 school calendar.
- Approved the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts.
- Approved the tenant lease with Central Lakes College for land used by the Ag Center with no changes from the previous contract.
- Agreed to enter into negotiations with Ron Bratlie for another year as interim superintendent.

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Back: Bonnie Johnson and Becky Misegades
Front: Danelle Kobliska, Scott Braith

Becky Misegades, Director of Program Management and Operations and Bonnie Johnson, Director of Home Based Services
Nominated by Pam Olson, retired Quality Improvement Director, "During a recent transition of the Housing Administration, both Becky and Bonnie assumed additional responsibilities from their current roles. Becky assumed responsibilities of the housing manager and Bonnie volunteered to help with the billing process. By taking on additional roles during this transition they showed what engagement and teamwork looks like for all of us. Becky and Bonnie then helped train the new manager, assisting in his transition. I would like to recognize their staff because by having great staff to help these managers, they were able to take on these additional tasks. Great teamwork by all."

Danelle Kobliska Receptionist, Clinic Services
Nominated by Ashley Wallgren, RN, Lead Clinic Services, "Danelle is an outstanding asset to our team. During the past few months we have underwent some changes which required someone to help staff, trouble shoot and work through issues. Danelle volunteered to be our super user for our new phone system and did an amazing job supporting our team and continues to do so today. She comes to work with a hard working attitude and doesn't leave until the job is done right. The staff and I are so thankful that Danelle is part of our team. Our patients are appreciative of her help and they love the way she greets them, with a smile on her face, as they walk into the clinic. Thank you, Danelle, for doing such a great job in your role and continuing to provide 5-Star service at LHS."

Scott Braith EMT, Ambulance Supervisor
Nominated by Sherrie Luyste RN, EMT, "We had a family in ER that was not from the area and did not have a vehicle as they were in a motor vehicle collision. They were concerned about getting their personal belongings out of their vehicle before the towing business closed for the evening. Scott was more than willing to go out of his way and give the father of the family a ride to gather all of their personal belongings. The family was very grateful and amazed at the kindness they received here at Lakewood Health System. Scott truly went above and beyond. Thanks, Scott."

Heather Webster LPN, Care Coordinator, Clinic Services (Not pictured)
Nominated by Dr. Moe and Bridget Kuhns, LPN, "Heather has taken on the duty of abstracting, prepping and scrubbing the charts for our patients. Having our charts ready to go before the patient arrives and having many of the patients come in for labs prior to their appointment has made our days in clinic go smoothly, not only for Dr. Moe and myself but for our patients, too. It ensures they receive the best care possible. Thank you, Heather, for your hard work, it is very much appreciated."
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‘In the twelfth month of ‘17...’

…Paul Bunyan gave to me, twelve sledders sledding.’ Pictured above at the sledding hill at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples are Lakewood employees. Back row, from left, are Amber Houselog, Tim Rice, Becky Ashbaugh, Jason Dukowitz, Brian Tepley, Melissa Bills, Ryan Markham. Front row: Jill Perius, Ben Johnson, Aly Twardowski, Vickie Helling, Melinda Amiot. The Staples World highlighted a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, ‘The Twelve Months of ‘17,’ sung to the tune of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas.’ Next week’s edition will feature photos from all 12 months of the year, during which time Paul Bunyan brought something new to share. To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples Police report

Dec. 12; Staples Police responded to a report of a vehicle off the roadway at Hwy 10 and 2nd Ave. NE. The driver stated they lost control and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to strike a light pole along Hwy 10. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was towed by Scott’s Southtown.

Dec. 13; Staples Police responded to a report of a road rage incident. Police stopped and spoke with one of the drivers.

Dec. 15; Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. with a vehicle towing a fish house in the ditch near Hwy 10 and Spruce Rd. James Sequeira, 47, was arrested for DWI by Todd County. Police stayed with the vehicle until the fish house was towed away and the vehicle removed by a licensed driver.

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Christmas traditions vary, but sentiments are the same

holiday, they usually make a trip into Brussels.

A typical Christmas meal includes rabbit, duck or pork, Camille said. For dessert, it’s tradition to buy an ice cream cake, she added.

Camille’s adoptive family: Carol Eblen and Russell Suther.

Jiye Lee, South Korea

For 17-year-old Jiye, celebrating the holidays in rural America has a very different feel from that of her hometown of Seoul, which has a population of 10 million people.

South Korea is primarily a Buddhist country and there is a big celebration each May to celebrate the birthday of Buddha, Jiye said. However, there are a lot of Christians there as well, so Christmas is celebrated in December.

It is a tradition in her family to celebrate Christmas by spending time together. They usually go to a museum or a park, joining up with friends; returning home to enjoy a big meal. “We have rice with every meal, every day,” Jiye said. On Christmas, there will be many side dishes offered, including pork and other meats.

She plays violin and has enjoyed being a part of the SMHS Orchestra during her time as a foreign exchange student. Jiye went on to say that she particularly enjoyed being a part of the recent Christmas concerts in Staples. The holiday music played in Korea is very different from what you would hear in the United States; however, there are a few movies that are watched in both countries. The most famous movie watched during the holidays in Korea is ‘Home Alone,’ Jiye said. “That one and ‘The Grinch.’”

Jiye’s adoptive family: Patrick and Tracy McCalla.

Leony Broschek, Germany

Leony, 15, hails from Hattenheim, a town similar in size to Staples and within an hour’s drive of Frankfurt, one of Germany’s largest cities.

Traditionally, Christmas Eve is when most people in Germany celebrate the holiday, Leony said. “It’s bigger than First Christmas,” she added, in reference to Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

Since neither of her parents have to work during the holiday, it is an opportunity for the family to have fun hanging out together. For Christmas dinner, duck or goose is usually served.

One of her favorite traditions every year includes using an Advent calendar to count down the days until Christmas. Behind each day on the calendar is a piece of chocolate. She also looks forward to eating Vanillekipferin, a traditional Christmas cookie. Those are some of the little things she will miss this holiday season, Leony said.

Leony’s adoptive family: Kai and Heidi Brings.

Jens Klemm, Germany

Jens, 16, is from the town of Osterholz-Scharmbeck, population 30,000.

His family always celebrates the holiday on Christmas Eve, Jens said. That’s the day they open up presents and share a special dinner together. Not many people go to church during the rest of the year, but on Christmas Eve in Germany, the churches are packed.

Jens said that he recognizes many of the Christmas carols he’s heard in the United States, but he of course knows the German lyrics that accompany the familiar tunes. The original lyrics for ‘Silent Night, Holy Night’ are German, he noted.

Duck is the traditional meat served for Christmas dinner. Jens said he tasted turkey for the first time, during the Thanksgiving meal in Minnesota a few weeks ago. “It was pretty good,” he said.

Jens’ adoptive family: Richard and Cheryl Paklonsky.

Snow is nothing new to any of the five foreign exchange students, although most seemed to agree that the temperatures in Minnesota are a lot colder than what they are used to.

All in all, the students have been enjoying their time in the United States and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with their adoptive families.



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Miller wins at Big Bear

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

With a last second throw, Spencer Miller won the the 126 pound championship at the Cass Lake-Bena Big Bear tournament, and the Staples-Motley wrestling team placed 16th out of 40 teams at the large, high-powered tournament.

Other placers were Owen Bjerga, 4th at 145 pounds and Braden Tyrrell 4th at 195 pounds.

With multiple ranked wrestlers in every weight class, advancing in the bracket was hard to come by. "Everybody did about as well as they could," said Coach Dave Anglin. "Nobody should be down about how they wrestled."

Miller's road to the championship started with two pins and a 12-3 win. In the semifinals, he won 3-2 to advance to the championship against Class AA's third ranked wrestler.

Miller fell behind 2-1 in the first period, but tied it up 2-2 in the second. He gave up an escape in the third and needed to score in the last minute. With 10 seconds left, "I went for a hip toss, and I accidently stepped on his toe at the same time." The result was a two point takedown and he stayed on top for a three point nearfall. The five point move gave him a sudden 7-3 win. "I was so pumped," said Miller,"It felt great to win one like that."

Bjerga also beat two ranked wrestlers while earning his medal. He came close to beating the state's third ranked wrestler in the third place match, but was just short, 6-4.

Tyrrell got to the semifinals with two pins and a 7-4 win, then lost to the eventual champion 8-3. He came back with a 3-1 win over the state's fifth ranked wrestler, then lost the third place match 3-2 to the state's fourth ranked wrestler.

Coach Anglin said some brackets were especially hard. Sam Jennissen ran into the top two seeds in his first two matches at 113 pounds. Blayne Dumpprope's 138 pound bracket was "stacked" with top wrestlers, according to Anglin, but he still managed two wins, a technical fall and a 12-0 major.

The Cardinals wrestled in a dual meet at Barnesville on Dec. 19, and will have off until after Christmas break.

"We have a few dings, we will take time to heal and we will keep working hard to get ready for the rest of the season," said Anglin.

Team results

Big Bear wrestling tournament

106 - Payton Bjerga 1-2
113 - Sam Jennissen 0-2
120 - Kristian Thompson 0-2
126 - Spencer Miller 5-0, 1st place
132 - Brayden Christensen 1-2
138 - Blayne Dumpprope 2-2
145 - Owen Bjerga 5-2, 4th place
152 - Dalton Holmberg - 2-2
160 - Jonathan Lisson 0-2
170 - Isaac Swendsrud - 2-2
182 - James Eheresman 0-2
195 - Braden Tyrrell 4-2, 4th place
220 - Shaine Guggenberger - 1-2



Drawing a crowd

Derek Kennedy draws the entire Breckenridge defense before passing. Story on page 3b. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Girls basketball action

Left, Jenna Dvorak puts up a left handed shot over the Pequot Lakes defense. Right, Mackenzie Bjerga looks to pass from the corner. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Young Cards keep working

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team dropped two games as some of their inexperienced players are still getting used to varsity play. The Cardinals lost 65-53 to Park Rapids and 69-34 to Pequot Lakes.

Claire Wolhowe had 27 points, 16 rebounds and five steals against Park Rapids. The team passed well, as three players had three assists each: Kiarra Storry, Jenna Dvorak, Haley Cichos and Kaitlyn Smith. Kaila Erbe also had a good game with 7 rebounds.

Against Pequot Lakes, the Cardinals were at a disadvantage with three starters out due to injuries and absence. They struggled against the pressing defense and fell behind early.

Team results

Staples-Motley 53, Park Rapids 65
Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 27, Kiara Storry 9, Jenna Dvorak 6, Haley Cichos 5, Kaila Erbe 4, Bella Martin 2.

Staples-Motley 34, Pequot Lakes 69
Scoring: Wolhowe 20, Erbe 4, Allison Cushing 4, Smith 3, Martin 2, Cichos 1

Huber earns track honor

Minnesota State University Moorhead senior Brian Huber, a former Staples-Motley athlete, has been named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Track Athlete of the Week. It is the fourth time in Huber's Dragon career he has earned the weekly honor.

Huber had a strong opening meet at the Dakota Classic at North Dakota State on Dec. 8 in Fargo, N.D. Huber won the 200-meter dash in 22.01 (21.63 when adjusted for track size), which is an NCAA provisional qualifying time, is second-fastest in the NSIC and fifth-fastest in the nation this season. Huber was also second in the long jump at 23-9 1/2, which is an NCAA provisional jump and seventh-best in the nation this season.

MSUM is off until Jan. 13 when it competes at the Thundering Herd Classic.

Science of walleye stocking

By Ray Gildow

I recently had the opportunity to interview Doug Schultz, Walker Area Fisheries Supervisor and Management Co-Chair of the Minnesota Walleye Technical Committee, a committee of professional walleye biologists who work at the science of assessing walleye stocking effects in Minnesota lakes.

We started the interview looking at current conditions in Leech Lake, certainly one of Minnesota's big walleye fishing lakes. Schultz reported that this fall, for the first time, adult zebra mussels where found in Leech Lake, an indication that changes are going to be taking place on this body of water with water clarity and the fishing environment.

Schultz also reported that this year's perch hatch was excellent with the largest numbers they have measured in five or six years. The walleye hatch too was measured as the largest on record with over 775 caught per hour, a number never seen before. That could mean really good numbers of fish in the 12-13inch range in three years, if they have enough forage to grow, and with a large perch class, that could make for a good combination. Cisco populations too are excellent on Leech with no major die offs over the last five years which has really helped that population recover to healthy levels.

Schutz talked about his role on the Walleye Technical Committee. He serves as the management co-chair of the group whose purpose is to work on statewide walleye issues such as stocking and fishing regulations. There are other technical committees that look at different species such as pan fish, muskies, and northern pike.

The walleye committee's summary of increased walleye fingerling stocking efforts on 254 Minnesota lakes, which started around 1999, provided very interesting results. Each lake was measured individually using test results from the most recent implemented stocking plan. For each lake, fisheries staff looked at the overall net catch rate, the relative strength of year classes by stocking type, walleye growth rate and perch abundance. The Area Fisheries Supervisor determined whether or not the stocking plan was successful for an individual lake, and if not, which alternative might work better moving forward.

Of the 254 lakes that were evaluated with increased stocking, 52 percent were unchanged, and 20 percent declined in walleye numbers. Increased recruitment occurred in only 17 percent of the lakes. The decision was made to go back to historical stocking numbers in most of these lakes (.05 lb/littoral acre) rather than increasing stocking numbers. Eight lakes will be eliminated from stocking as evidence shows that it made no difference in populations, and five lakes will see increased numbers of stocking because the stocking increased walleye numbers.

This was the first statewide comprehensive look at the impact of increasing stocking for walleye across the state. There are many factors that determine the success of stocking fish; weather, predation and lake health, but now biologists have statewide baseline data for making scientific decisions on stocking walleye.

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of "Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides' League" and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.

It's just politics

Among groups of people held in low esteem, politicians are always contenders for the low end award. Politics, the craft they practice, is a dubious one in the minds of many. And too often we see ample evidence to confirm our low expectations.

Others have described what politicians produce – our laws – as a distasteful process. The 19th century German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck expressed the opinion that "people with weak stomachs should not watch the making of laws, or sausages." Knowing the things that may find their way into sausage – read a label sometime! – we can identify with Bismarck's admission that the politics of lawmaking can be unpleasant.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn
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The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that Congress is on the verge of passing is intended chiefly to make big changes in business and personal taxation. I'm not going to pass judgment on who will be the winners or losers in the end, in part because a lot of people better qualified than I am aren't sure themselves. I am aware, however, of some of the "ingredients" in this "sausage" that's now on the doorstep of becoming law. And, I'd have to say that Bismarck was right.

For those who pay little or no attention to Congress, the two major political parties are at present exceptionally hostile toward one another. It's very difficult to get any laws passed, especially in the Senate, where one vote lost or gained in either direction – supporting or opposing – can determine whether a bill succeeds or fails. That's because Senate seats are divided almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats.

This difficulty was especially true of the tax cut bill that's poised to become law by Christmas. All through the process there's been serious doubt about whether there'd be enough votes to get to the simple majority needed in the Senate, where the Republican Party – which proposed these tax changes – holds the slimmest of advantages.

The word "bribe" might be too strong to describe some of the bargaining that goes on in getting some bills through Congress. A more forgiving term would be "horse-trading," if one discounts the fact that horse traders – back in the day – were'nt known for the highest ethics. If someone could sell a bad horse for a good price, they did so.

One of the Republican senators from the state of Alaska let it be known early on that she had problems with the tax cut bill she was being asked to support. Just why it's not particularly important here, but her vote was considered critical to passing it.

Another expression familiar to the halls of Congress is "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." The Alaska senator whose vote was considered so critical has been seeking a way to allow drilling for oil and gas in parts of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. These 19 million acres on Alaska's North Slope are, like other National Wildlife Refuges, off-limits to the kind of disruptions to soil, water, wildlife and ecological communities that can take place when oil and gas wells are developed.

Alaska's North Slope lands outside the refuge have been the site of large oil reserve discoveries, and subsequent oil and natural gas drilling and extraction. Until 1968 and 1969, when larger oil reserves were discovered at two other sites in Alaska, the North Slope oil reserves were considered the state's largest.

Getting reelected as a senator or congressman and sent back to Washington, D.C., for another term is a lot easier if a candidate can point to things they've accomplished for their state and its citizens. Economic development – in a word, jobs – is one of the ways to show that. Securing funding for a new federal building, or a power-generating dam back home, is a sure way to show voters that they should send you back to Washington for another term.

The Alaska senator whose vote was considered so crucial no doubt saw jobs and votes when she looked toward the North Slope and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's oil and natural gas. Never mind that the price of oil has dropped far enough from its record highs that many jobs have been lost and drilling projects abandoned elsewhere – such as in North Dakota – in the last half dozen years, due to an ample supply of oil from reserves elsewhere. There's currently no oil shortage, and there's no national strategic or economic urgency to convert parts of a unique National Wildlife Refuge to oil fields.

No urgency unless you are a senator from Alaska. In the final version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act being readied for a vote before Christmas, is a provision to open parts of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas drilling. Exactly what this has to do with legislation to revamp the United States Tax Code is very much unclear. What's clear is the Alaska senator's recent statement that she would vote for the tax reform bill, despite earlier reservations about it.

Some might say it's just politics.

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Cardinals fall to Breckenridge

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team came out flat against Breckenridge on Dec. 12, fell behind early and never got back into the game. The Cardinals lost 84-45.

Playing a very good team, the Cardinals needed to play well to stay in the game, but turnovers and missed shots hurt them in the loss.

Team results

Scoring: Bentley Christensen 3, Josh Lombard 8, Derek Kennedy 7, Reid Busker 5, Brayden Losh 2, Javier Fernandez 2, Max Giza 8, Griffin Webster 10



Quick hands

The defense of Javier Fernandez was one of the bright spots for the Staples-Motley boys basketball team against Breckenridge, here taking off down the court after stealing the ball. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)







Cardinal youth play for hoops crowd

Staples-Motley second and third grade basketball girls had the opportunity to play at halftime of the girls basketball game on Dec. 15. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Christmas concert

A variety of music was offered at the 4th Annual Bill Berndt Community Christmas Concert in Motley Dec. 17. The event was hosted by the Motley United Methodist Church, with Pastor Greg Leslie serving as Master of Ceremonies. Pictured above are members of the Staples-Motley Chamber Choir, directed by Nathan Thelen. Seated at left is Pastor Leslie. In center photo, Coleman Klimek of Staples sings, "Song for a Winter's Night." In lower photo, members of the Staples-Motley Orchestra, directed by John Koopmann, play a familiar Christmas tune. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)







Cass County Public Health programs

Child and Teen Checkups

To help children and teens grow into healthy adults, Cass County Public Health recommends regular well-child exams. These checkups are an important tool that health care providers use to screen for medical and developmental concerns. Regular medical, dental and vision checkups are necessary to assure that any potential health problems are identified and treated early, before they become more complex.

In Minnesota, "Child and Teen Checkups" (C&TC) is the official name for the well-child exam. These specialized health checkups are available at no cost to children, teens and young adults, including young pregnant women up to the age of 21 who are enrolled in Medical Assistance (MA). Parents can also use this health checkup to meet requirements for daycare, Head Start, camp or sports physicals. At these specialized checkups, teens and young adults also receive guidance and services for both physical health and mental health. C&TC outreach and clinics are available statewide.

During a comprehensive C&TC, the health care provider will: Complete a head to toe physical exam including height, weight, hearing and vision testing, assess development and social-emotional health, provide age appropriate screenings, immunizations and lab tests, complete a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months, conduct an oral exam and apply dental varnishing and provide health and nutrition counseling related to the child, teen or young adults age. Referrals can be made, if needed, to area dentists, specialists and/or service providers. A C&TC visit also offers a great opportunity for parents and children to ask questions about health, behaviors and development and to build an ongoing relationship with their health care provider.

Cass County Public Health provides C&TC outreach services for well child checkups from birth to age 21, who reside in Cass County. Clinic dates and locations are published monthly in area newspapers. The complete C&TC exam is covered by MA; however, if the child is uninsured, there is an affordable sliding fee.

For more information on how to schedule a child for the Cass County Public Health's C&TC clinic or for assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic for a C&TC checkup, call Jenny at Cass County Public Health at 218-547-1340 ext. 311.

WIC program

WIC is a supplemental nutrition and breastfeeding program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). It's administered by each state but funded primarily by federal grants to provide nutritional services, breastfeeding support and food supplements to income-eligible pregnant or postpartum (after giving birth) women and children up to age five. Since 1974, WIC has proven to be one of the most successful nutritional, breastfeeding and supplemental programs. WIC's main benefits include:

- Longer, healthier pregnancies
- Reduced infant mortality
- Increased prenatal care services
- Healthier children, better medical care and immunizations
- Healthier women, through nutrition, breastfeeding support
- Better childhood nutrition, decreased obesity
- Improved academic performance in children ready for school

Who's eligible?

- Pregnant women
- Postpartum women for six months
- Breastfeeding women up to one year
- Children up to age five
- Participation in the following programs is an automatic eligibility: Medical Assistance (MA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); Fuel Assistance; Reduced or Free School Lunch, Head Start, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- People who meet income guidelines WIC provides:
- Healthy foods; fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals, pasta, tortillas and bread, low fat milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, peanut butter,and baby foods.
- Nutritional tips and guidance
- Education and support for breastfeeding
- Referrals; community and medical resources
- Caring and supportive staff.

Cass County's WIC program serves on average; 570 women, infants and children at four locations in Cass County; Cass County Health, Human and Veterans Services (CCHHVS) in Walker, the area Family Centers in Pine River, Pillager and Remer. Cass' County's WIC program has nurses specialized in breastfeeding education. You do not need to be a WIC participant to receive breastfeeding support.

For more information on the WIC program visit the Minnesota Department of Health's WIC website at: HYPERLINK "http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/wic/index.html" http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/wic/index.html To find out if you are eligible for WIC, contact the Cass County WIC program as 218-547-1340 ext. 311 or visit: HYPERLINK "http://www.health.state.mn.us/wic/eligibility/step1.html" http://www.health.state.mn.us/wic/eligibility/step1.html

If you'd like information or support with breastfeeding contact Renee Lukkason, PHN at CCHHVS at 218-547-1340 ext. 209 or HYPERLINK "mailto:renee.lukkason@co.cass.mn.us" renee.lukkason@co.cass.mn.us



Santa stops by Motley

Liz Curren of Motley had the opportunity to meet Santa at the Motley United Methodist Church following the Bill Berndt Community Christmas Concert Dec. 17. Santa, who is gearing up for a very busy weekend, took time to hand out candy and posed for photos with children of all ages. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law officials reports

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

Dec. 6 - The MPD received a report of theft from Big Boyz Truck & Tire in Motley. Complainant said that sometime over the weekend unknown persons removed the battery cover on the driver's side of a semi truck that was for sale and parked at the business. Four batteries and some cables had been removed from the truck.

Dec. 11 - 12 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Thomas Keohen, 18; Clarence Anderson, 70.

Dec. 11 - The MPD received a report of a damaged mailbox at a residence on Birch St. E., Motley.

Dec. 8 - The MPD issued a citation to Tekisha Wade, 37, for texting while driving.

Dec. 13 - The MCSO received a call from MN State Patrol regarding a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 210 east of Motley by the bridge. Motley Fire & Rescue was paged.

Dec. 10 - The MCSO responded to a report of a fire near Hwy 10 in Motley. The responding deputy located a large grass fire. Motley Fire Dept. also responded, handled the call and no structures were threatened.

Dec. 8 - The MCSO received a report of a deer that had been hit at Dove Rd. and 340th St. in Motley. A permit was issued for the deer.

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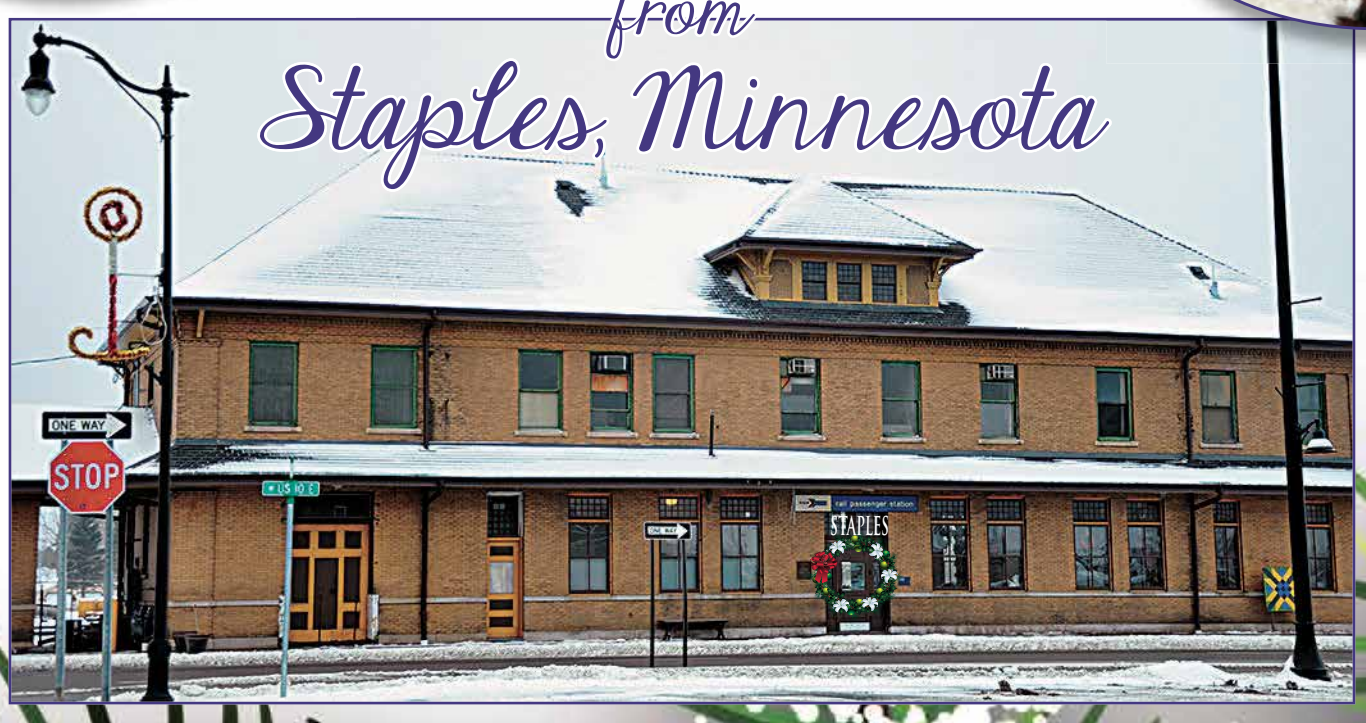
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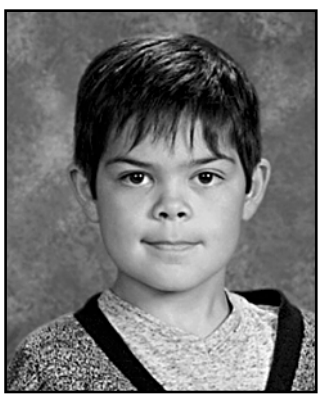
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Jonathan Faulkner

3. I Like chriStmaS dinners and christmas dancing. my favorite christmas foods are ... turkey, ham, and candy canes the Last one is cookies! my favorite music is ... Sweet Silver Bells, Happy new year, frosty and Snowman and Jingle Bells.



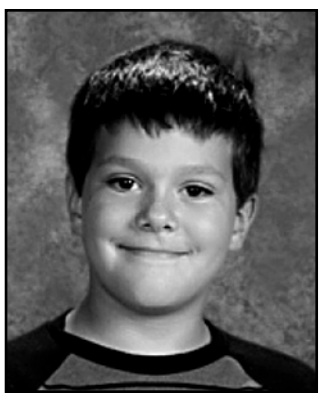
Leighton Bettis

3. I like snow and I like the presents and I like the food. I like the snow the best.



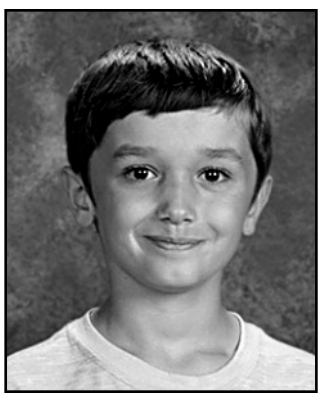
Adel Buscho

3. The best THing I like about Christmas is being together and snow.



Adrian Caldwell

2. Step 1 you buy ham Step 2 - you put it in the oven Step - 3 you take it out step 4 you season it and you eat. Enjoy!



Matthew Cox

3. I like the decorations and Decorating the tree and eating the food



Lily Davis

2. We take it out of the bag. We glaze it. We put pineapple and cherry On top. We put it in the oven.



Sophie Schlosser

3. The best thing I like about Christmas is spending time with famly, having a big meal, celebrating Jesus's birthday and praying for God and Jesus and play with my famly, Sleeping over at famly's house.



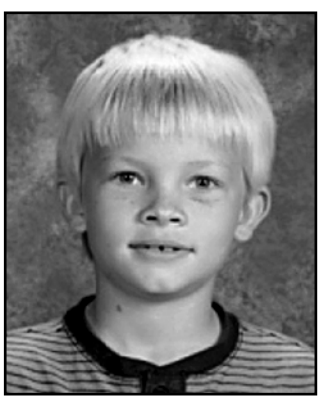
Lilith Tester

3. Well I love spending time With family. I love when my whole family comes Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpas. It's fun to spend time with family I dont see much. We wait for others and I'm so happy when they come.



Atreya Eagle Tail

3. My favorite part of christmas is when there is no school. And the breakfast it's so good (drawing included)



Chase Koskiniemi

3. The best thing abowt Christmas iS SongS and food and setting the Christmas tree up and putting ornaments on it



Tristyn Janssen

3. I love my family and my freinds that come too my house. I like to spend time with my family



Ethan Honeymann

3. I like Santa, because He comes down the chimney.



Phaydra Hegge

3. I Like the tree and the wrapping paper. I Like the ornaments and the gingerbread. And St. Nick and eating With family.



Emersen Bettis

3. I like the decorations because they are pretty and colorful and cute.



And suddenly there was the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest."
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The Questions

The Staples World asked third-grade students to write a short response to one of the following questions. We thank the teachers for participating.

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3) Besides the exchange of presents, what do you like best about Christmas?



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~ Luke 2:10-12

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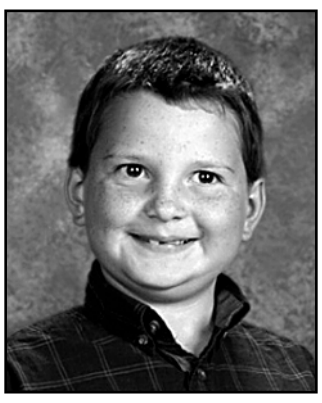
Blankets of snow coating the ground,
peace, joy and laughter all around.
May it find you surrounded by family and friends,
a picture-perfect holiday from beginning to end.

Merry Christmas To All & To All a Great Year!



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Staples-Motley Elementary School - Donalee Butler's class



Caidon Pfaff

3. The best thing about Christmas is SPending time with my family and getting to See my baby Sister and thinking of Jesus and that he Sacrificed his life and had washed our sins away.



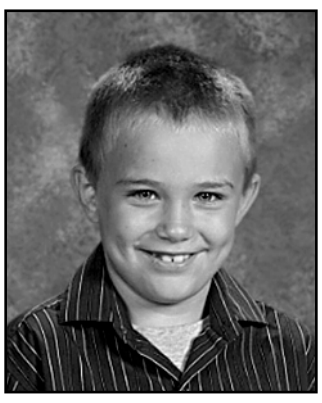
Evan Schultz

3. What I like best about Christmas is getting together with my family.



Korianna Robinson

3. I Like Christmas Because we can go Sledding in the snow and we can have hot coco and Stacks in the house and cover up in a Blanket and watch tV.



Dakota Taylor

3. I Like Christmas because I Like the Food they get and I Like when my Family makes stuFF for Christmas.



Gracie Wolpert

3. My favorite part of Christmas is the part where everyone gets excited to see what everyone gets. it's awesome!



Paige Warren

3. What I love about Christmas is the toys, blankets, cloths, the Christmas tree and my elf on the Shelf.



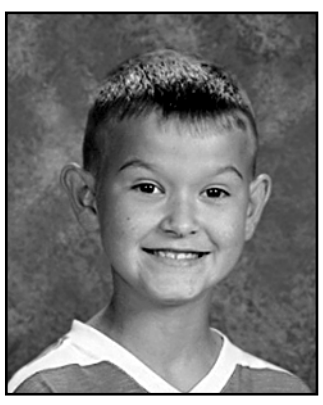
Jocelyn Lenk

3. The best thing I like about Christmas Other then presents is the candy because it gets you all hyPer and happy and you get to spend time with family and friends.



Jack Tetlie

3. I like the food and I especially like the snow.

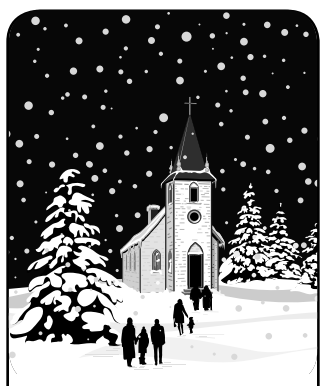


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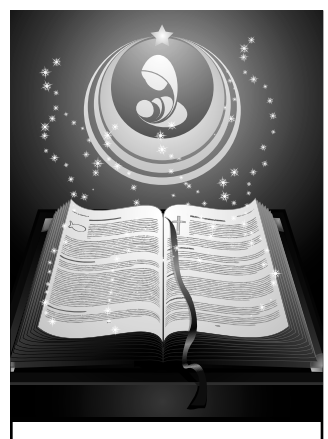
3. I like toys and going to and grams and grands



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'And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not:
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this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.'
Luke 2:11
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Corben Berg

1. They probably got dolly trucks, games, board games, a phone, Journals, pens, paper and Christmas ornaments.



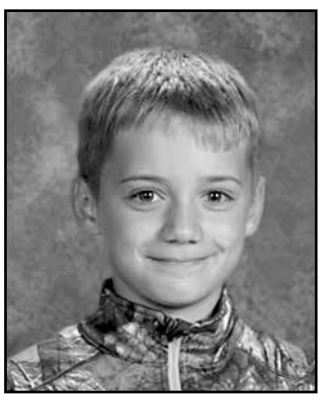
Payton Converse

3. I like Christmas because I like putting up the tree and putting on the ornaments It is fun! Christmas and Easter are my favorite holidays because you get candy.



Suhaila Mikhaeil

1. When my dad was a littly boy he got Sonic The Hedge Chog for Christmas. When My mom was a little girl she got a bunch of girl toys.



Emmit Djuren

3. The thing I like about Chistmas is getting cool gifts and playing in the snow



Maria Halvorson

3. Besides opening presents I like the cookies that we bake. We fun baking and frost them with sprinkes.



Serenity Hangge

3. What I like about Christmas is the presents, stockings and sitting on Santa's lap. Oh, I forgot the cookies are AWESOME too!



Brodie Cyrus

3. I Like to face plant into the snow. I Like to go sledding and have snowballs fights with my brothers.



Madelyn Kist

1. I think when my dad was little he got video games. I think the games were Army and racing garage



Thomas Johnson

3. I like the hot chocolate that mom makes! My brother and I play in the snow. dad and I watch hockey TV.



Kenzie Jares

1. My mom maybe got a hat, and, mittens. My Dad a train



Jasmine Isley

3. I like to open more presents and eat what my dad make. we watch movies and play outside or inside



Tristan Harvey

3. I like to wrap presents and go ice fishing.

HOWEVER YOU SPEND
YOUR HOLIDAYS, MAY THEY BE
MERRY AND BRIGHT!!

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE AT...



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in the
Reason for the Season

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our Savior born and his ever-present love for us.
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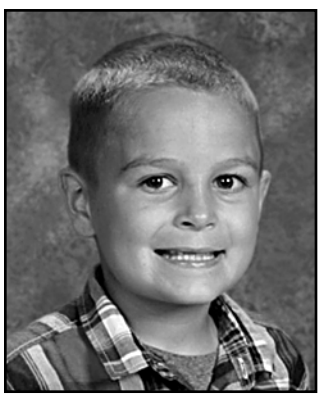
Ty Mumm

3. I Like the snow because it's fun to have snowball fights. We make forts, make a snowmen, and we go sledding.



Arianna Nieken

1. My mom probbly got a Barbie hause My Dad probby got a tractor and a farmer.



Justin Olson

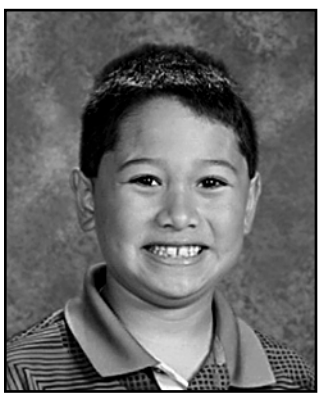
1. I think when my Dad was younger he my have gotten a Wii, gabage pale kids or cars, and books to read.



Preston Pierce

1. My mom May have got a

My dad may have got aknife for hunting.



Charles Simkins

3. I like to go sleding and being at Rugnuggets. I also like being with my family and having fun!



Devin Shelltrack

3. I like the cookies becuse they are good and there are diffrent kinds of them.



Kyleena Rudlang

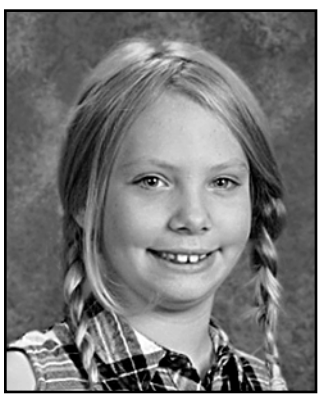
3. I like the snow and my family being fun Spending time with my family and playing

Eating food, and takeing naps.



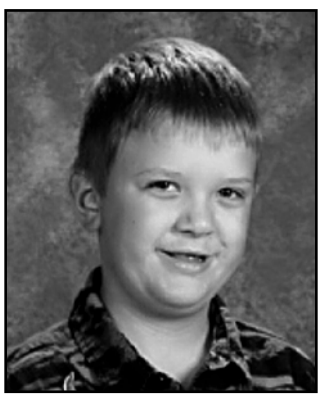
Carter Sarbaum

3. The best part I think about Christmas



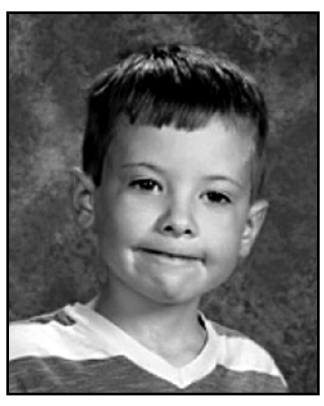
Kylie Wenzel

1. When my mom was little I Think she got dolls.



Daniel Zimmerman

3. I like to be with family and eat ham, green beans, cookies and pies My Grandma makes ham, my aunt makes pies and my cousin makes green beans. My grandma also makes cut out cookies They are so good



Sam Olsen

3. I like School Vacation and Christmas cookies!

The Questions

The Staples World asked third-grade students to write a short response to one of the following questions. We thank the teachers for participating.

1) When your parents were your age, what do you think they received for Christmas gifts?

2) How do you get your Christmas turkey ready to eat? (or ham or whatever your main meal is)

3) Besides the exchange of presents, what do you like best about Christmas?

Heartwarming Holiday Wishes



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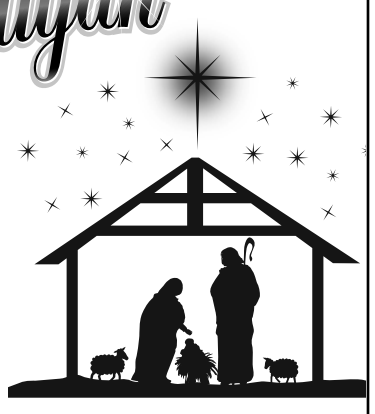
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30 p.m.
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Hallelujah

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord.
~ Luke 2:11



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Brooke Bendson

3. I like geting together with family and friends. and Shareing my new toys. and gting gifts and siting by the Christmas tree.



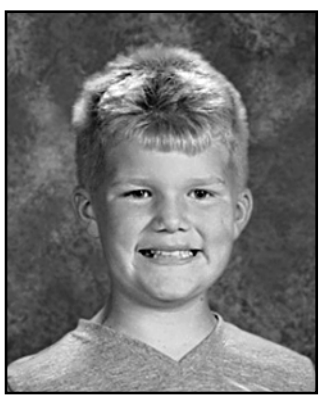
Ahna Bursch

3. Speending time with my family. I lik to speend time with friends. I like eating the diner my mom and dad.



Josiah Burton

3. Hanging with my family.



Gavin Cowles

3. The snow I like playing in the snow. I like playing king of the hill. I like makin snowmen.



Aryanna Crandall

3. Having family over. Decorating The tree. I bake cookies with my mom.



Lillian Czechowicz

3. I like decorating the tree and decorating the house well Kind of I like seeing santa when I am with my grandparents. I like drinKing hotocolate at Christmas.



Braylin DeLeon

3. I get to see my family and I get toys and go on a trip and my elf on the shelf come and he hides and I like that we put our Christmas tree up.

I like that we put up our Christmas lights up and I like that we wake up early and there is stuff under the Christmas tree.



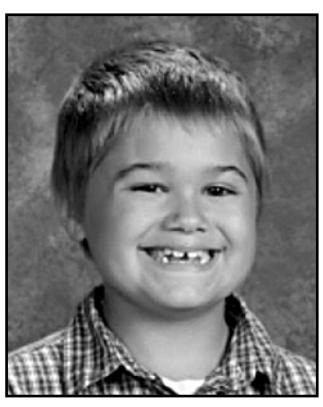
Peyton Mikel

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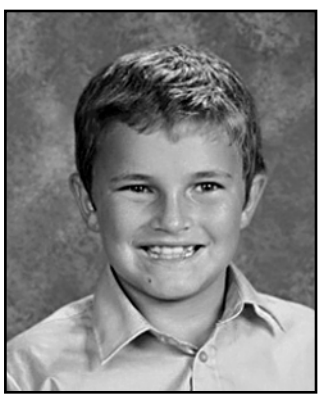
Allison Dukowitz

3. I Like best about christmas is the gifts and spending time with freinds and family. I Really like to put up the christmas tree with my mom and dad. I like to put ordimints on the tree. But i don't get what I want for christmas. I give Santa cookies and milk for christmas. I like when i get a lot of presents like jewlery and Braclet makeing.



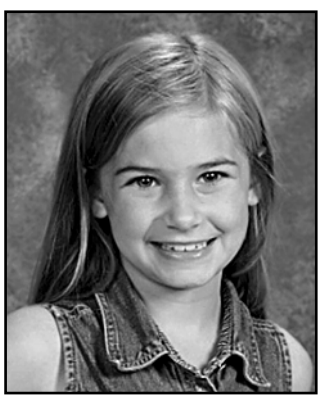
Talan Goeden

1. When my parents were my age, I think the would have recieved a brabei doll and my dad had a dltel bike toy.



Jacob Hansen

3. My favorite things about Christmas is seeing my family. And apple cider. I love presents and Christmas cards. I always Play in the Snow and have snow ball fights with my cousins.



Bella Hines

3. I love spending time with my family. And get the time to know each other. I time to enjoy time with family.



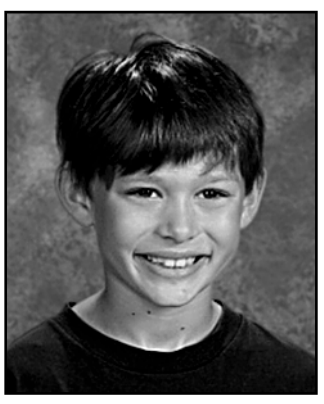
Cara Jares

3. I like looking at the Christmas thee. I like making Christmas cookies. I like reindeer.



Navaeh Reed

3. What I love about Christmas is I get to be with my family. And watch movies. I like when my mom cooks and puts up the Christmas tree. I to put lights and misltoes up in my house and decorate and sopen gifts. When it snows I go outside and play in the snow with my brothers Averi, and MyKael and my sister Alexia. And get to go on trips with my family. And when my mom buys an elf on the shelf.



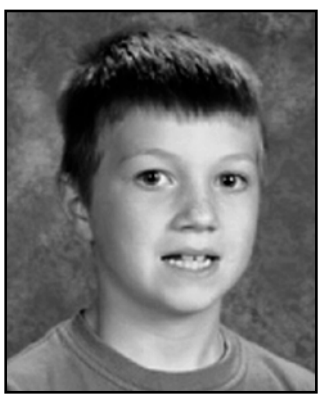
Anthony DiGiovanni

1. I think my mom got a radio, ornaments and Barbies. I think my dad got a fishing rod. He got tackle and fake animals.



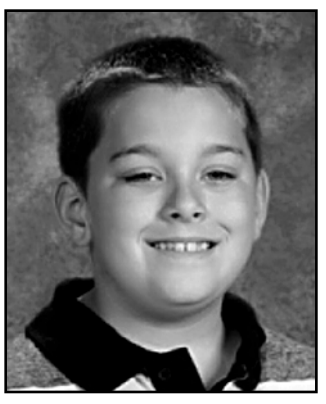
Tyler Pruitt

3. I love being together and decorating the cristmas tree. I also taking picures with Santa ClauS and Mrs Claus. I also like reindeer and Sledding and ice skating. I also backing cookies. and I am going back to Perham.



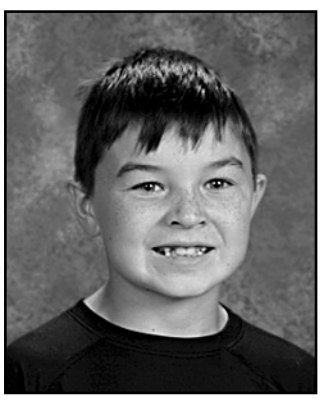
Wyatt Radueg

1. My dad Probadly wanted a toy trator for Chrismis.



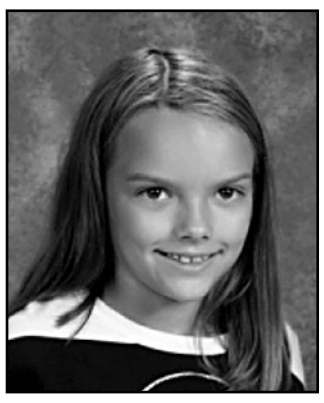
Russell Milton

3. I lik the Christmas Tree because it is Pokey to tonch.



Gage Wilkens

3. I think Chrismas is going to be fun to one of the fun yers and we get trukey and it is going to be fun and Chrismas cokies. We get one kind of stuf and chee kcak and I think the ansr is Friday Dec. 8.



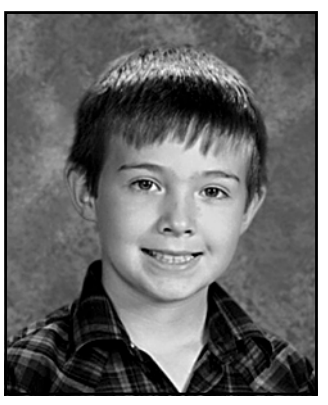
Chloe Trantina

3. What I like about Christmas instead of presnts. Is speding time with my family and friends and teachers and classmates. I also oke how we deccrate and it's joyful. I also oke when are elf comes it's supper fun. I LOVE CHRISTMAS!!!!



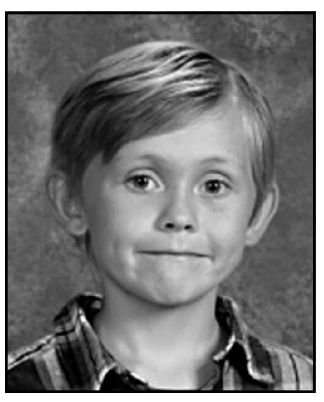
Avery Killian

3. What I like about chrismas. Is family. And friends. Also Santa. you can't forget about presents. Chrismas trees. I also like Chrismas goodies. And Chrismas food.



Joshua Cushing

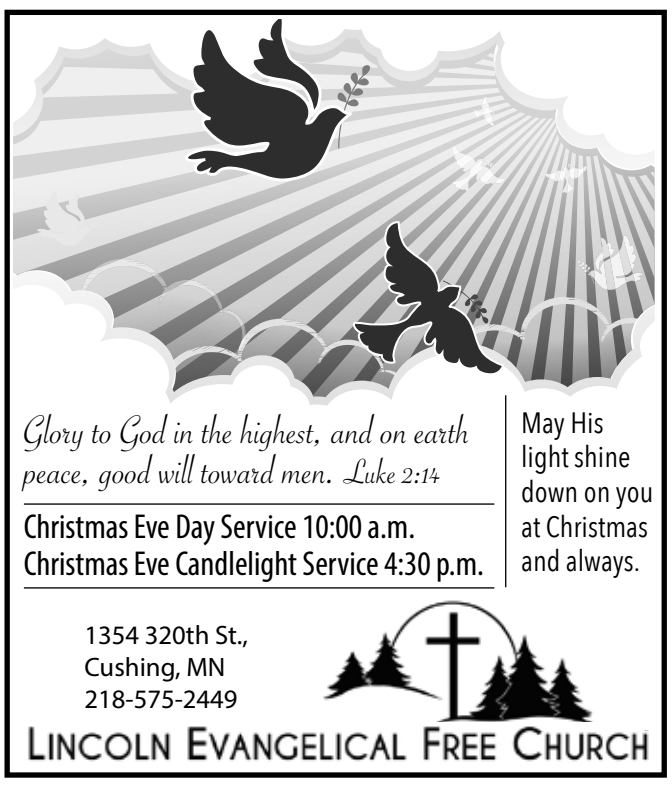
1. I think they got a candy cane. I think they got a pair of socks. I think they got some books.

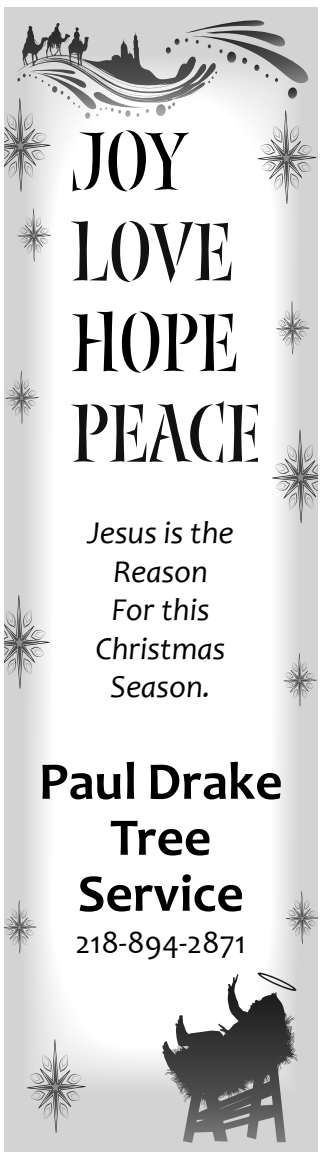


Landon Thotland-Quenzer

3. Be with family and friends. Going to my grandmas. The Christmas food. Puting decorations on the tree. Dreming about Santa.









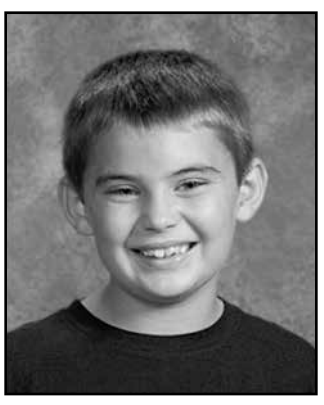


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Isabel Becker

1. For Christmas I think my mom would've wanted a toy train and a book.



Joey Opelia

3. I like the music because it sounds good.



Katelyn Schotzko

1. I think my dad got Legos for Christmas. I think my mom got kindles and stuff like that.



Mable Haehnel

2. I eat crab. All we have to do is cut off the bad parts and cook it. I love to eat it.



Gavin Stevens

1. I think they weren't fancy like they are now. They probably were wooden in those days. They probably got barbies, cars, or clothes. And they weren't shiny toys.



Hannah Cole

1. I think my dad would like boats. He always loved boats. My mom likes dolls because she had a lot of pretty dolls and she liked to play with her hair when she was little.

Letters to Santa • Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I think I have been good. I would like for Christmas a pink gizmopal 2, a X box 360, a mini cop car, a mini four wheeler, some clip ons, a hachimal, an American doll, a whole school set, a computer, a robot that can clean your room, an emoji pillow that is poop. Hoho, Merry Christmas Santa.
Your Friend,
Jaida Holst
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for Christmas a pink gizmo, a Hatchimal, Lipstick, a computer, a T, an American girl camper, American girl makeup, caddy, Yellow green blue pink note pads, a hole punch, tape, crayons, stickers, note book, envelopes, construction paper, a clip board, scissor, and Index cards. I love you Santa.
Your Friend,
Aleea Holst
Age 6

Hi Santa,
I think I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a dumptruck, a backhoe, a snowmobile, a police car, games for my ipad, things to go fishing with my dad and a football helmet.
Merry Christmas
Bentley Jansson
Age 4

Dear Santa,
For my list for Christmas I want Nintendo Switch.
+ Love from,
Sawyer Thompson
Age 6

Hi Santa,
Merry Christmas. I would like a International Tractor with Loader and hay baler. Also a Truck with wagon and skid loader.
Weston Lind

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Baby Hatchamal & Big Hatchamal. Also I would like Doll House, shopkins sponge & cookie hanger.
Merry Christmas Santa. I love you.
Lexis Brever

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year by eating all my supper and playing nice with my brother. This year for Christmas I would like a superstation and one new car. When you come I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Logan Triepke
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Isabella. I'm one years old, and I live in Pillager, MN. This year I've been really good! A few things I would like this year are new clothes size 18mo.-24mo and new winter Boots size 5! My new brother will be here soon too, and I can't wait to meet him! I can't wait till you get here, Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Isabella

Dear Santa,
What I'm really looking for Christmas is lots of hatchimals and a little stuffed animal but if you can't find that stuff that's ok because everything that you bring me is AWESOME and you are AWESOME to so if you can't find that stuff you can pick me anything oh and just to let you know I think I have been good. hee hee hee!!
Merry Christmas!
Chloe Trantina
Age 8

Dear Santa,
You can give me anything you would like I love you so much Love you to the world
Merry Christmas.
P.S. Love you to the moon & back.
Annika Weber
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a horse toy and a doll I Love the way you deliver toys.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Thank you Santa for the toys
Love,
Eva Weber
Age 7

Second grade Santa Letters from Mrs. Pantzke's Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Jada. I am Seven my Birthday is on February eight. I am a girl. May I please have a Hachamul or a Kitten for chrismas My faverite color is Blue. how old are you santa? My faverite food is pizza.
I want makeup please or a doll or nail pollihs or a book. I like cats and dogs. I Love dresis too. I am nice to outher people. How did you become Santa? I have Zero Sisters and two brothers. it is not fun at all with two brothers I want sum sister's so much.
by: Jada

Dear Santa,
May I Pleas have Fake crutches? My name is Sarah. I am 7 years old. I live in Staples. My favorate foods are Stake Spggty and cake. My Favorite Drink is MILK. I am not notie. I have two Brothers and 2 Sisters
Sarah

Dear Santa,
the only two things I want are a tablet and a remote control helacopter. Santa I have a queshten. how do your raindeer fly? My name is Lydia. I have been nice. Well I have been a little mean to my brother.
Love, Lydia

Dear Santa,
all I relly want for Cristmas is a spy tank & a mini tran modl. If you can't do that, then supris me. Pleas make sure that you make extra for the Poor. And I have two queshtens how do you eat all those COOKIS? & how old are you? Let me ges... 500. Want to hear a Joke. knok knok odlade... Wow I didint know you colde yodell. one more thing, can I Please have a crom book.
Sincerely
Gage

Dear Santa.
My I?ples all of the scaremire to come a lives & under my Kchole. My age is 8. My farit color is red. I want the game Minecrrast. sik loaders the minerft book. What is your farit color____? A nintendo swich all skiladers books
From Avery

Dear Santa,
I'm a girl. My name is Kathleen I have a queishtion how did you get all of those reindeer? also do you decorate. I am nice. I have two sisters. I like the color red, blue, white, green, pink and purple, My mommy is TiFFany my dad is named is Kris. They are So So nice. Can I please have Slime this is the ingredents glue food coloring, water. Tide loshen and can I please have toys for others. Can i please have a computer.
Sinserly Kathleen
Thanks Santa and The Elfs!
can I please have a hachimal. Can you give toys to people that are poor. please Let me know your address is it 1212 1212 Candy Cande Lane? bye Thanks SO SO SO much Santa & The Elfs. and 3 brothers! good hard Work! Thanks so so much!!

Dear Santa
May I have the Nerf Robot. I am a boy my name is Carsen. My favret food is speregos my Favret thing to do is Play video games. My favret treat is cookies My favret hoelday is crismees. i have no brothers i have 2 sisters have a grate crismaas Santa
by to Santa
From Carsen

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Mackenzie and I am wonndering how you became santa? My birhday is on December 5th but I want it to be on December 25th on chrismas. I am seven years old can you please Brig me a relly big doll house, A barbea doll house and a remoat chrol truck and makeup plus nail polish I am a girl. I have three brother and two Sisters. a MoM named Tiffany and DaD named Kris.
Makenzie

Dear Santa
I wunt a Xbox lx. A nentendo Swich. And a Phone and Nerf robot.
My name is Vance

Dear Santa,
May I plesse have a nentendo Swich. I Also want SkylandrS. I can't Wait to see you
from Kain

Daer Santa
For this christmas I want Stick bots Life style pack.
Me name is Karter

Dear Santa,
I want a iPhone and I a rivo gun and I want a robot Nerft gun. I want a 1,000,000 hot wheel car!!!! I want a 9,00,000,00 X Legos!!!! How old are you I'm Hunter 7 Yeas old

Dear Santa
My name is Beau. I am 8 years old. and how how old are you? my Brothers names are Maxx and Jack and I live in Staples I am good at sports like football and baseball and wrestling. My Best friend is Gage. My favrit thing to do is going to the lake. And how do your RainDeer fly? All I want Chismas is the Nvefrobot and some Lego sets.
Sincerly Beau

Dear Santa,
How did you become Santa? I am 8 yers Old. My favrot colore is Black and wite. I Live in Staples! Plese Bring me a Zoo Zoo Sweet Bootek that has a gum Ball masher and a claw masher.
Love Brenna

Dear Santa
May I have a phone. I have a question how do Dears Fly. My favorite color is blue. and I want a Hot Weels I am seven yaers old. and I am nice and I want a lego.
Jesus

Dear Santa
Plessa can I huve a kittin and a Drible I am nice and naughty and Cookie Swirl to Bbx cace and ps don't live Devon no presins
from Lexi

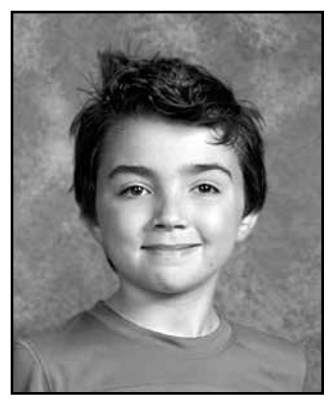
Dear Santa
can I Please hav a hatchable and Some Littl hatchbles. I olso wont a LoL doll and some books to and some frnchr for my room. I am a girl my name is Scarlett. My favorit is a kitten I olso rele won't a cat.
Love Scarlett

Dear Sinknik
I live on 3 St SW. I Love you. I want to have 900,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 Legos Sansores AlexZandar reed Markie and I want a nintendo Swich.
Zandar



Maddock Harvey

3. Being with my mom, dad, uncles, aunts, grandpa and grandma is the best part of Christmas.



Marquise Poncelet

3. I like that it is Jesus' birth on Christmas. It is not about gifts - it is mostly about Jesus.



Madison Perius

3. What I like about Christmas is - I like when I get to spend time with my family. I like when my dad puts lights on the house and he sets up the nativity scene. I love when my mom, me and my sister make cookies.



Rose Zimmermann

1. I would say something small like a toy or a flower. Maybe Mom got a baby doll. And maybe dad got a toy train. Maybe they even got a bike, some barbies, clothes, games or they could've got a book or two.



Ronnie Noska

3. I also like that it is white out. It makes it feel more cozy in my house plus I like to snowmobile.



Tessa Jessen

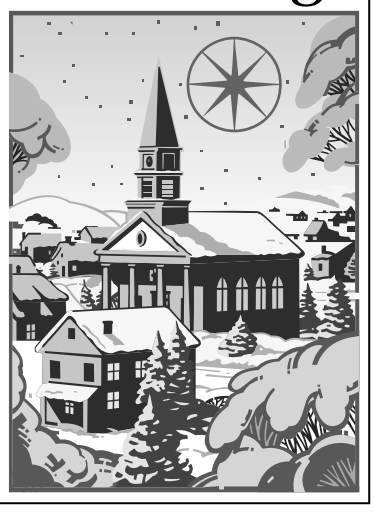
1. They probably got a wooden toy or someting small such as a train, doll, beads, clothes, or coal. Those kinds of toys meant a lot to them.

The Questions

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2) How do you get your Christmas turkey ready to eat? (or ham or whatever your main meal is)
3) Besides the exchange of presents, what do you like best about Christmas?

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Readers Share Traditions, Memories of Christmases Past

The Staples World invited readers to share some of their favorite holiday memories and traditions for publication in our Christmas Greeting edition. Thanks to those who responded. Their recollections are included below.

Barb (Lenk) Hasselberg, Staples

Sharing three memories:

• Santa came to our house one year in person! We were so scared of him. But, he did all the "ho, ho, ho's" - gave us some candies, then left. My dad's friend came over after that and said he saw Santa and his reindeer and he shot one! We all ran to the window to see if Santa would be able to take off! Of course we never saw him or the sleigh.

• We always got to help put tinsel on the tree - childhood Christmas was always fun. We hurried to do our chores. It was a time we went to our grandparents' after church on Christmas Day and visited and played with cousins. Break from school was filled with coloring in those new color books!

• One favorite Christmas memory was going to Don's Store to see Santa! And, we would all get an ice cream cone! All the neighborhood was there!

Steve Adams, Moorhead

• The first holiday memory that comes to mind is singing under Stan Carlson in the Staples High School choir in the late 60's. The Christmas tradition was to sing "For All the Saints" as we entered the gym and walked onto the risers carrying candles. We would exit the risers the same way. I think of this every Christmas and miss singing in a choir this time of year.

• Another thing I miss is Christmas shopping at our local main street merchants. I remember shopping at Batcher's V Store in the 60's. We would also shop in Wadena at local stores there. We weren't looking for expensive items, just something fun that family members would enjoy on Christmas morning around the tree.

Terri (Thompson) Martin, Staples

I have a couple of traditions and a memory that I would like to share.

• Tradition #1 - I remember Christmases past from 1971 - 2006, we had a real wood burning fireplace and my family would all be home for Christmas to enjoy seeing it.

• Tradition #2 - My mom and I would bake cookies before Christmas. We'd bake spritz, gingerbread men, fudge, and we'd talk about things, about past Christmases, or what we'd like for Christmas.

• The best memory and my last was when my mom was home in 2006. That was when I got my Columbia jacket, that was the best Christmas gift I ever got.

Andrea (Schimpp) Carlson, Decorah, Iowa

• Going out into the woods and cutting down the Christmas tree was always a tradition at our house. I remember one year in particular, life had apparently been very hectic. I'm not exactly sure what day it was in December, but I'm guessing the three of us girls (me and my sisters, Dawn and Heather) must have been pining to get our Christmas tree. My dad, being spontaneous as he is, blurted out while we were sitting at the dinner table, "Let's go and get our Christmas tree after we eat." Dark as it was, we were all a little surprised by his suggestion, but before we knew it, the five of us were in the car, stopping at a few various neighbors along the way whom dad must have known had lanterns in their possession. Over we went to the swamp where we would typically find our tree. Led by the light of our lanterns we eventually found the tree that would grace our living room that particular Christmas. I can't even remember what that tree looked like, but that didn't matter. In my mind's eye it was beautiful!



Little drummer boy

When Jim Vollegraaf left to serve in the military during the Vietnam War, his son Bradley was 15 mos. old. It would be a year before he would see him again. Bradley is pictured with the new drum his dad sent him for Christmas when he was 18 mos. old. Jim kept these family photos close to him while he was in Vietnam. Reminders of home.



Jim Vollegraaf, Staples

Time: 25 Dec., 1969

Place: Central Highlands, Pleiku, Vietnam

• I awoke Christmas morning (or was it afternoon...too much "Samoan Lemonade"...but that's another story) and after a cold shower I sat in front of a makeshift desk. On top of the desk there were two palm fonds standing upright and between them was a two-foot Christmas tree cut from cardboard and taped to the wall.

The desk was covered with presents and cards from my wife, son, mother, sisters and friends. Some cards were from school children from across the U.S. addressed to: Dear GI. Above the desk, taped to the wall, were 50-plus pictures of my wife, son, relatives and friends.

I turned on the tape recorder and narrated the opening of cards and presents: cookies, pictures, homemade candy, underwear, fruitcake, copies of the St. Paul Dispatch so I could follow the news of the Vikings as they fought their way to the Super Bowl. However, the best presents of all were the tapes - voices from home.

The rest of the day was spent listening to Christmas music on Armed Forces Radio, Vietnam and reading the cards and letters, looking at the new pictures, and listening to the new tapes over and over. An early bedtime was in order.

A week later I received a tape from my wife thanking me for all the presents I sent from Vietnam. However, my wife questioned my choice of one particular gift. As I listened to the tape I understood why. One should never give an 18-month old a DRUM for a Christmas present.

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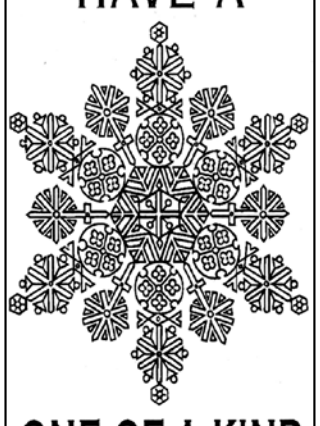


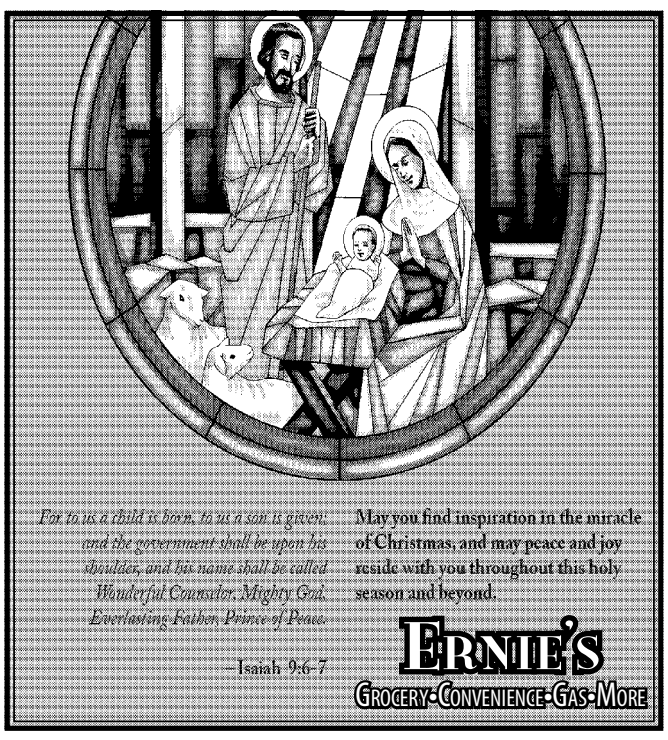
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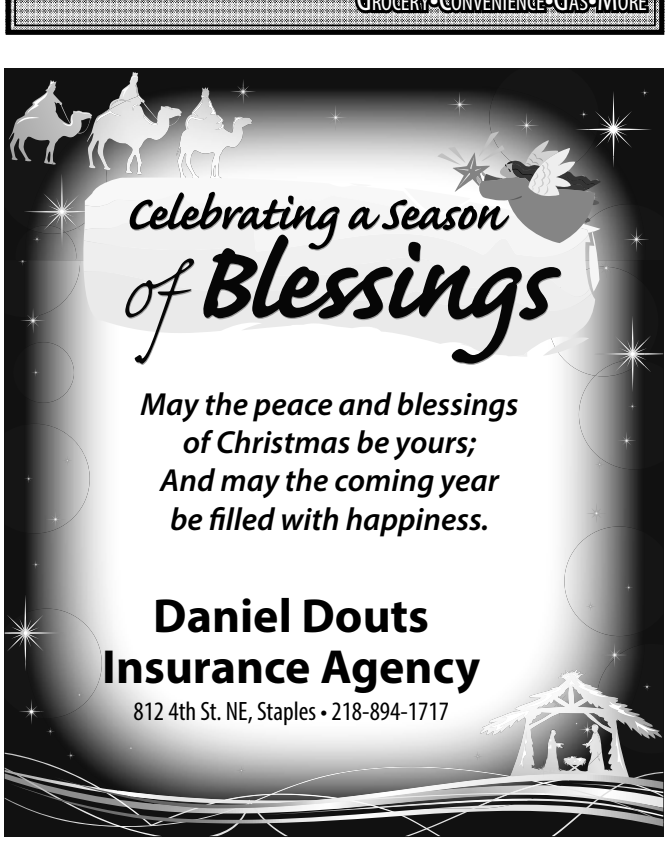

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Jan, Brenda, Gary, Dawn, Mac, Mark, Kathy, Jim and Tashina have been honored to bring your local news to you each week this past year. Thank you for your readership and support! Happy Holidays!
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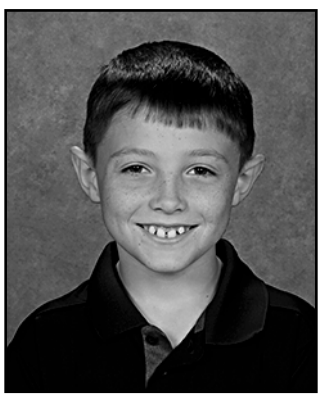

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Pillager Elementary School - Kori Anderson's class



Parker Pallansch

3. The best part of Christmas is spending the night with my family in the cities. It is fun because we go to Toys'R'Us. We play games and we get to play outside. On the way there, looking at the cities is cool. This is how I like to spend my Christmas.



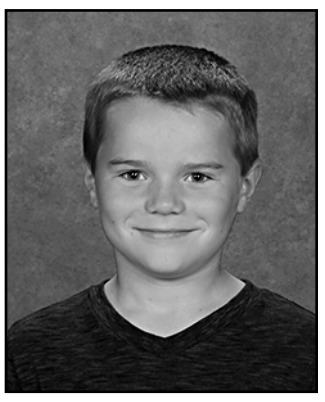
Mckennan Nornberg

3. The best part of Christmas is getting to see my family. I like it because I don't get to see them very often. Part of my family lives in Florida. We go sledding and have snowball fights. I love seeing my family at Christmas.



Shontel Johnson

3. The best part of Christmas is I get to see my family. I like to see what they got for Christmas. We get to watch a movie and play with each other. They are fun. I love spending time with my family.



Mason Krause

3. The best part or Christmas is everyoe getting together. Another part is going on a scavenger hunt with my cousins. Then before everyone leaves we play with the presents. This is how I spend my Christmas.



Elliott Imdieke

3. The best part of Christmas is I get to have my family up. I don't get to see them very often. We get to play games together. We can play sports with our aunts. I like to see my family at Christmas.



Austin Carlson

3. The best part of Christmas is seeing my family. It is really nice to gather by the tree. I get to play with them. My family is the best part of Christmas.



Cody Cueva

1. When my dad was younger I think he got a remote controlled car for Christmas. I think this because he tells me stories about playing with remote control cars. I think my dad likes remote controlled cars.



Isaiah Jares

The best part of Christmas is spending time with your family. I like spending time with my family because I get to see them. Spending time with family is fun. I miss hanging out with my family beacuse some of my family I never see anymore. I love spending time with my family.



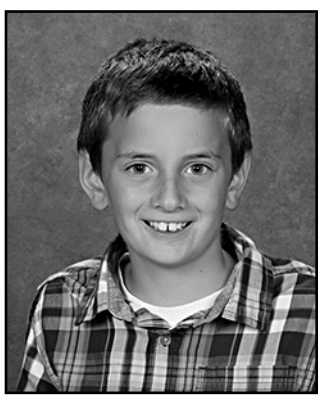
Jackson Camacho

3. The best part of Christmas is decorating the tree. We put lights on and we made emoji ornaments. My sister, mom, and I decorate together. Decorating the tree is one of my favorite parts of Christmas.



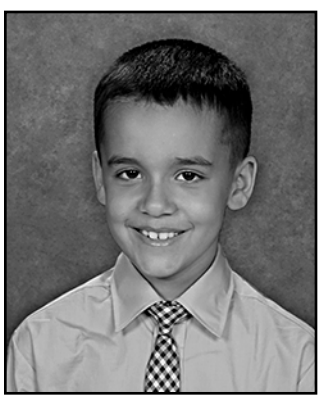
Brynley Erickson

3. The best part of Christmas is that I get to see my family and the love passes on. I like it because we all get to see each other at the dinner table. It is a time to have fun. My family is the best part of all!



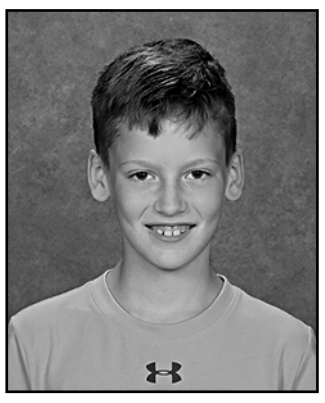
Brooks Brichacek

3. The best part of Christmas is I get to see my family. I get to have a good dinner. I get to hang up Christmas lights. This is the best part of Christmas.



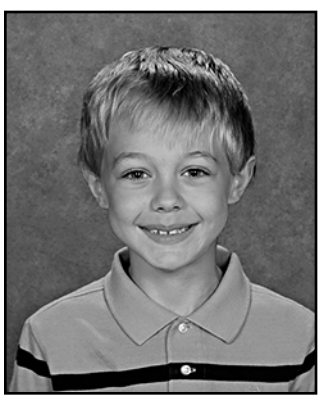
Deacon Cobbs

3. The best part of Christmas is I get to be with my family. I like eating with my family on Christmas. Me and my mom decorate the tree. I hope this is the best day ever!



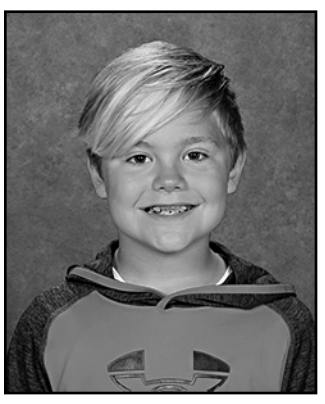
Aaron Peterson

3. The best part of Christmas is decorating the Christmas tree. I get to put the ornaments up. My mom, little brother, and I decorate. I think it is fun to decorate the Christmas tree.



Kyler Sofie

3. The best part of Christmas is decorating the Christmas tree. We decorate with ornaments and lights. My mom and I decorate the tree. Decorating the tree is fun.



Josiah Eller

3. The best part of Christmas is family. I think they are the best because I get to celebrate with them. I get to see my cousins and grandpa. I get to play games with my family, too. We also make lunch together. I love Christmas with family.



Keira Dickinson

1. When my parents were younger I think they got dolls. I think they got little toy trolls. I also think they got clothes. This is still what some kids get. This is what I think my parents got for Christmas.

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Dear Santa, Thank you for our good friends and neighbors. We hope their holiday wishes are filled.

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Haley Hall

1. When my dad was younger I think he got to have this big feast. When my mom was younger, she would get a new dress from her parents. My dad and his family would sit around the fireplace and open gifts. My mom and her family would go to church on Chirstmas Day. There is one thing they both did and I know this for a fact, they both had fun. So now you know what I think my parents got when they were younger.



Rya Glas

3. The best part of Christmas is using the wrapping paper to make crafts. I like making crafts because it entertains me and it is fun. I can make my name out of paper, then I put cardboard behind it so it doesn't get ruined. Then I can hang it on the wall or in my room. I can even make confetti out of the wrapping paper. Now I have told you the best part of Christmas.



Caitlin Cobbs

3. The best part of Christmas is being with my family and lots of great food. I think being with my family is a great thing, especially on Christmas. I think eating amazing food on Christmas is good because it is kind of hard to make yummy food. The greatest part of Christmas is great food and family.



Andrea Sprau

3. The best part of Christmas is our traditions. We will get the presents organized and then we open them. After that we have supper. Then we open our presents from Santa. Then we have dessert. We get our pajamas on and we will go by the tree to pray. This is the best part of Christmas.

Kristofer Fisher

3. The best part of Christmas is my family. They love me and they come to celebrate with us. We make a feast and put up the tree together. Then we go outside for a giant snowball fight. My favorite part of Christmas is spending time with my family.

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Wyatt Adams

3. The best part of hristmas is the Christ- as tree and putting up the ee. Next, we put the deco- tions on the tree and the ar on top. Then, the cats y under the tree. Then on hristmas, we go and play tside. Finally on Christ- as Day after we open resents, we go outside and lay again.



Dalton Bentley

1. When my parents were younger, my mom got a toy stuffed dog. She also got a doll and a toy doll horse. My dad got a Nerf gun. He also got a fishing rod and a charger for his Kindle. They loved all of their presents, but they loved family more.



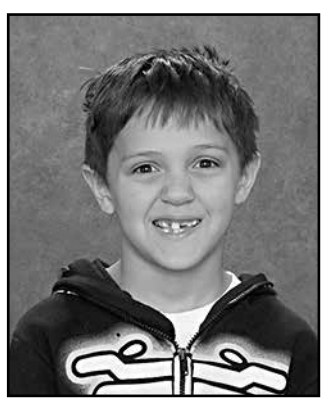
Booklyn Bohne

3. The best part of CHristmas is hanging up ornaments, the Christmas tree, hanging up lights and Santa bringing me presents. I love learning about God and all that he has done for me and my family. Then after I eat, I go outside and go snowboarding, sledding and snow crafting. Then, I go inside and we have hot cocoa.



Emily Braaten

3. The best part of Christmas is when it is Jesus' birthday. He was born on Christmas Day. It is the best day for everyone! I hope everyone is happy for Jesus' birthday. He will be happy that everyone is happy for his birthday. The End.



Deven Brekkestran

The best part of Christmas is getting to spend time with family. I get a lot of food. I like to play hide and seek with my brother and sister. I get to play basketball. I also get to play football.



Taylor Clark

1. When my parents were younger, my mom got dolls and Barbies because she liked to play with them. My dad got cars because he collected them and other toys like army guys. My mom and dad also got food. My parents got a lot of toys, gifts and games.



Gracie Hood

3. The best part of hristmas is being with our family because family better than anythings. irst, everybody gets here. hen, we wait for everyone se to get here. Next, we l eat and talk. Finally, we l open presents and enjoy isiting.



James Dumpprope

3. The best part of Christmas is when I wake up on Christmas morning. get a special breakfast, and my sister gets to have some, too. We love it! When we are done eating, we go and see Grandma and Grandpa. I play with my sister while we wait for lunch. When lunch is done, that is when everyone usually shows up. After everyone shows up, we open presents. That is why I like Christmas.



Eliana Goben

3. The best part of Christmas is when you get to spend time with your family. If you never get to see them, now you get to see them. You get to talk to them, sit by them and play with your cousins. You get to see lots of your family and say, "Goodbye".



Bailey Collins

3. The best part of Christmas is hanging up lights on the Christmas tree. Next. I love learning about God and what he has done for me. Then after I eat, I go outside and make a snowman with my family. I love making cookies with my mom. Last, I have the best christmas ever with my dog and family.



Alizza Klein

1. When my parents were younger, I think they both got a big sucker with a small sucker inside. My mom probably got a present, maybe a rocketship. She might have built a snowman with a carrot nose. My dad probably got a soccer ball.



Oreanna Whiddon

3. The best part of Christmas is my Mom. My mommy is sooo fun! I love my mom. My mom gives me whatever I want. you too, Lord.



Tallen Vargo

The best part of Christmas is you get to spend time with your family . You get to see a lot of people. Sometimes you get to celebrate Christmas a lot of times. You also get to see friends. You get to have a lot of fun.

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3) Besides the exchange of presents, what do you like best about Christmas?



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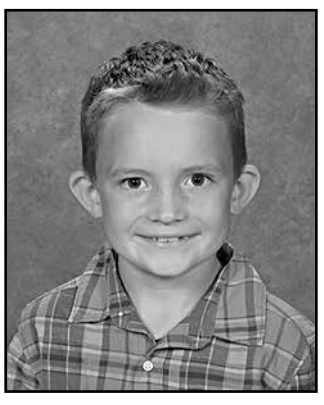
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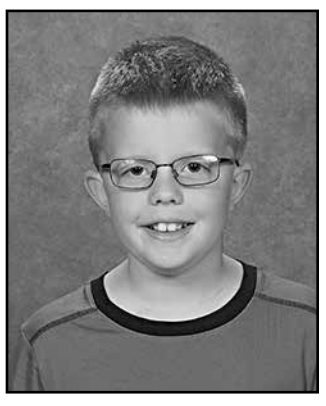
Braelyn Kowalski

1. When my mom was younger, she got an ornament every single year. Once, she got a snowboard. she was thankful with what she got. I love my mom, and she loves me.



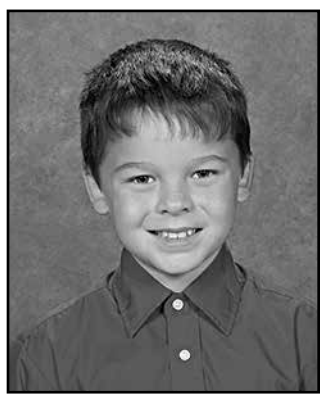
Joey McManigle

3. The best part of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. We open presents. Then, we play with our new toys. Grandma makes the feast, and it is good. I also like decorating the tree.



Jaxon Nygren

1. When my parents were younger they got blocks, toy guys and games (like Tic-Tac-Toe and Cameleon). They also got toys like Halo, Call of Duty and LEGOs. Maybe they got moveies like Gunsmoke, The Grit and new movies like Forged in Fire.



Steven Olson

3. The best part of Christmas is being with my family. My cousins are funny. My aunts are good at making food. My sister and brother are wild. My grandpa is a trickster. My grandma is good with my brother and sister. The End.



Peyton Schlegel

1. When my parents were younger, my dad got a dirt bike, and my mom got a radio. My mom was on a farm, so she was strong. My mom was a good farmer. She had to lift hay bales. My dad was a dirt bike rider, so he was good. My dad knew how to do tricks on a dirt bike.



Keagan Shamp

2. For our Christmas meal, we have ham, fruit, vegetables and mashed potatoes. we go to my Grandma's to eat. We hang out for a while. Then we eat. It usually goes Mom, me, Dad, Sister, uncles, aunts, Papa and Grandma.



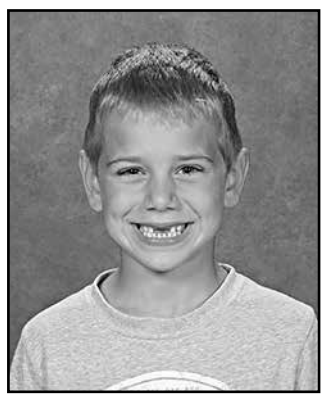
Chayce Thimesch

1. When my parents were younger, my dad got collectibles on Christmas morning. Then, he went to his Grandpa and Grandma's. They got him a Nerf gun. Then. he got more collectibles. After that, he went back home.



Tyler Thomson

3. The best part of Christmas is spending time with family. I like playing in the snow with my sisters. We like making snowmen and sitting close to a fire. I love 4-wheeler rides with my sisters. I give snomobile rides too.



Riley Trout

3. The best part of Christmas is Jesus' birthday. We eat a meal of crab and steak on Christmas Eve. I also like the Elf on the Shelf. I like how our Christmas tree is decorated, and the house is full of lights.

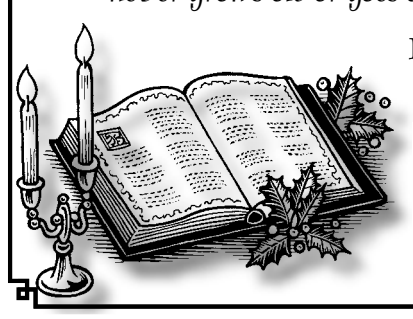
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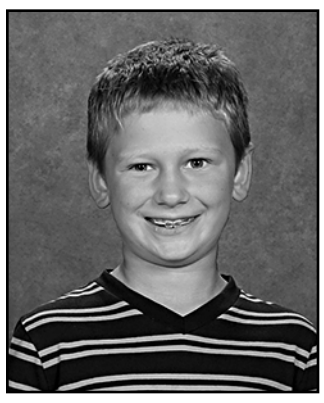


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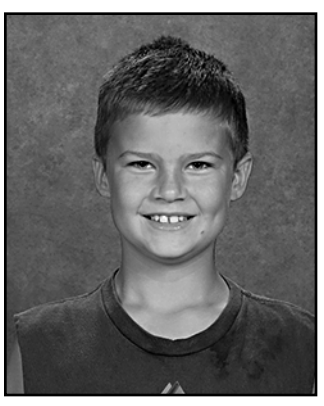
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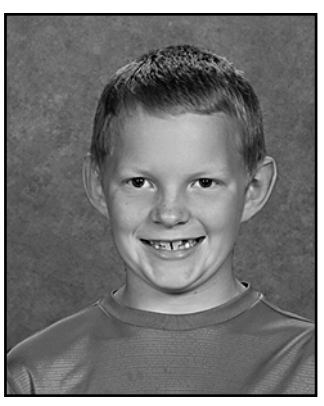
Aaron Engdahl

2 For our Christmas Meal we have tacos and salsa. I have cheese, meat, and salad. I have chips and salsa. we also have candy. we sometimes have noodles. That's what we have for a Christmas meal.



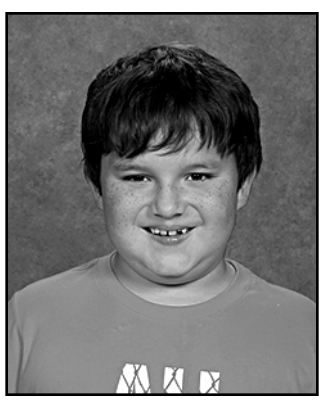
Jeremy Eastman

2. The Xmas supper. The pie is delicious! We usually have pumpkin pie. We also have jello the jello is cherry like santa's suit. I love the ham. The ham is also hot.



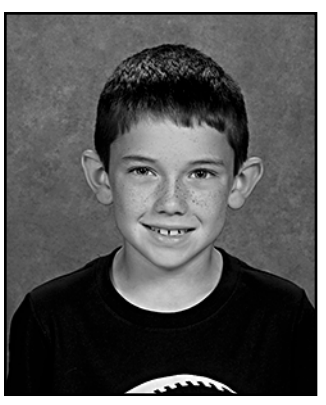
Eli Roiko

3. I'm going to tell you the best part of Christmas. One day the angel Gabriel went to Mary and said "Mary you will give birth to a child you shall name him Jesus". After a couple of days they went to an inn and the caretaker said "I'm full but I would borrow you my stable". They went to the stable and settled there and there the child was born. There was a star above the stable and three kings saw the star and followed it when they got there they presented gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh that is the best part of Christmas.



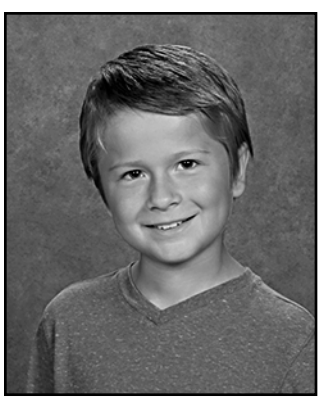
Jason Gropper

3. The best part of Christmas is going to my grandpa and grandmas. We always build snowmen and use spray bottles to add color. We love to have snowball fights I'm always the first to get Emma. Before that we build snow forts and then we have our snowball fight. We chase each other around their house it's so much fun. Me along with my sisters spend the night that's my favorite part.



Graham Johnson

3. My favorite part of christmas is the game 7, 11 or double. The object is to get a present. To get a present you need to roll the dice. If you get a 7, 11, or double in under 20 seconds you get a present. My second thing is the meal. My third is that I like to spend time with my cousins and my family and my friends. My fourth is that I like granpas beef turkey and his pie and his turkey is the best.



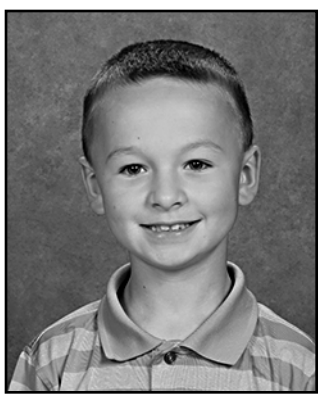
Layne Adams

3. The best part of Christmas is eating ham and hanging out with my cousins and sleeping over. I also lke playing games with my cousins. I also enjoy playing Minecraft with my cousins on the computer. I also like watching movies the night before Christmas with my cousins. I also like staying up all night and play on my ipad with my cousins. I like Christmas.



Laney Danielson

3. The best part of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. My favorite part of christmas is opening presents. What is your favorite part of Christmas? My favorite part of christmas is going to grandma and Grandpas place. I also like to get presents and being able to play with them. I hope you have a great christmas.



Evan Mielke

3. My Christmas The best part of Christmas is going to grandmas house to decorate cookies with my whole family. I like to decorate the tree with my family. we go to the VFW to take pictures with santa and eat food. On Christmas Eve we go to great grandmas house and eat dinner and stay until 12:00 pm. We also go to are other grandmas house to open presents. I love Christmas.



Veronica Metz

1. For christmas I think my dad got hot wheels. I think my mom got boots for Christmas when she was my age. I hope they liked their Christmas presents.



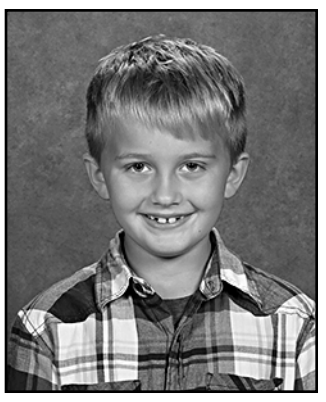
Jay Rahm

1. When my parents were young I think that they got clothes and shovels. My dad also got wood trains. He also gets gloves and farm trucks. That is what I think my dad got for Christmas.



Honor St. John

3. My favorite thing to do on christmas is to sing carols and watch the nutcracker. We play a game. We hide the elf in the Christmas tree and we try to find it at Christmas. That is my favorite part of Christmas.



Brody Gustason

3. When we have to find our elf his name is buddy. I like finding my elf because it is challenging it is fun. You never know where he might be hiding. Another thing is he might be in a funny place. Maybe you can play like a kind of hide and seek. Or you can have a competition who can find the elf first. that is our family Christmas Tradition.

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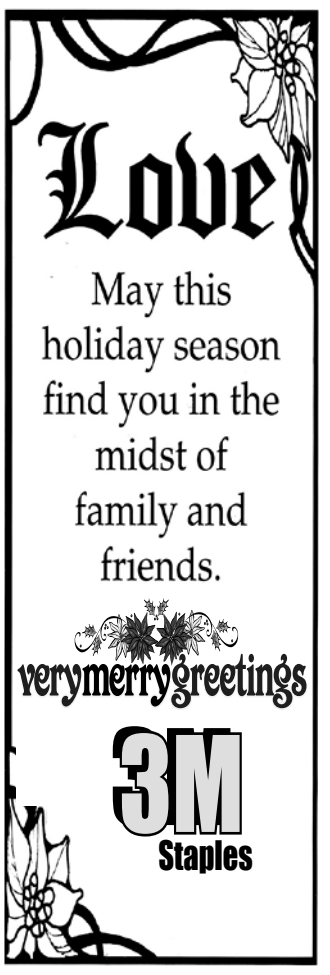
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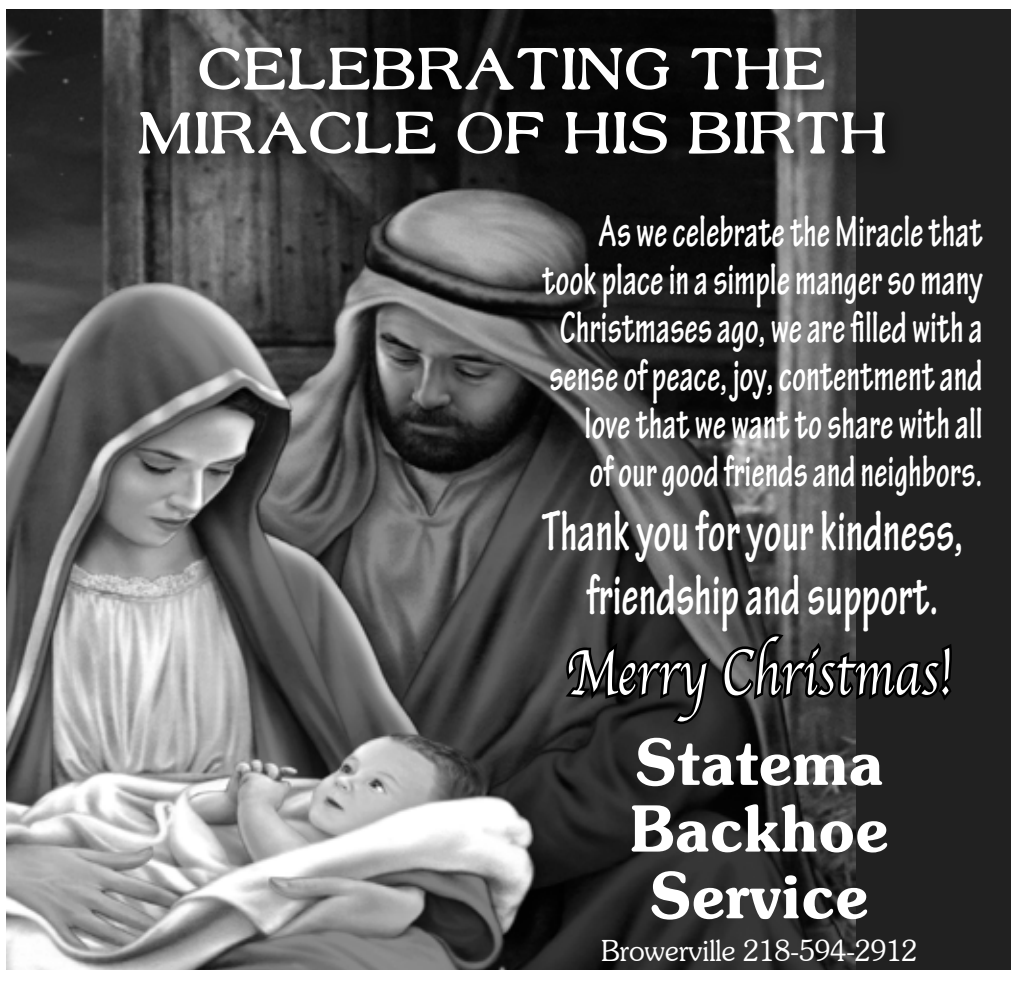




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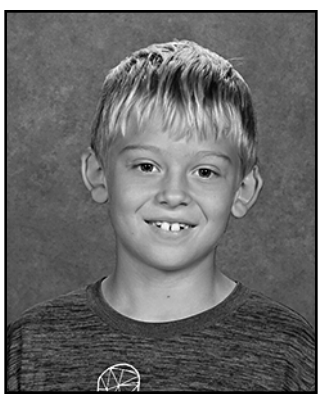




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Pillager Elementary School - Kellie Klimek's class



Grady Waage

3. My favorite part of Christmas is that this year we get to go to Arrowood in Alexandria with the whole Arns family for three days! I like going to Arrowood, because there is sledding, swimming, and skiing and it is a fun place to stay. This is my second time going to Arrowood, at least I think it is. Arrowood is also fun because there are these big cabin-like houses with a whole bunch of rooms they are really cool! At Arrowood the Waage family, the Adams family and Grandma and Grandpa will be staying in the cool cabin-like houses I am so excited! The families that have to stay in the boring hotel are the Patnodes, the Arns, the Courts, and the Ogrens. I am also excited to find out what I got for a Christmas my Grandpa and Grandma always get me the best presents ever I wonder what I got this year? Christmas is also the best because YOU GET A BREAK OFF OF SCHOOL! Obviously.



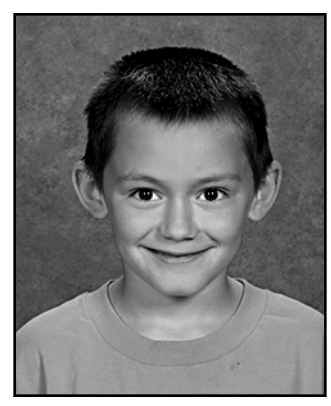
Isabella Nelson

2. For our Christmas meal we have turkey, ham, a dessert, and mashed potatoes. The turkey, we just bake it in the oven. The ham, we do the same thing as the turkey. The dessert, I don't know how you make it. And the mashed potatoes, we just mash potatoes, and put gravy on. That's my christmas meal.



Maria Stumbo

3. The best part of Christmas is the traditions. One is where we all get together at 1 house. It goes Grandparents, My family (The Stumbos), The Sams (My aunt, uncle and 3 cousins). My other aunt doesn't do it because her house is getting worked on. We also sing the 12 days of Christmas in our own words. We do secret santas, too. We started that one this year. When we stay at the Sams we sometimes stay at their cabins, because the own a resort. That's why I think traditions are the best part of Christmas.



Levi Welch

3. The best part of Christmas is playing in the snow. When I play in the snow I start a snowball fight. When I get in the snowball fights I always win them. When I chop down the tree. My favorite part is decorating the trees.



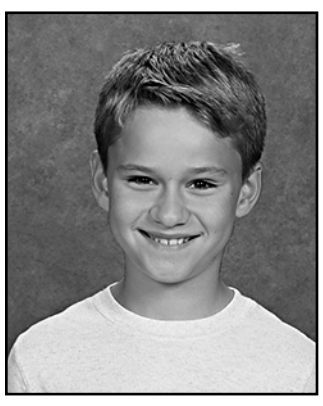
Landyn Doud

3. The best part of christmas is playing cookie toss. We take a christmas cookies and a santa bag and toss the cookie in the santa bag. When we play I always choose the christmas tree cookie. I love cookie toss.



Finnley Heisserer

3. We go hunting for legos with rhyming hints and everything! So when we get them all we take them and dump them all out into the other legos. Then take a picture together. This is our Christmas tradition.



David Schmit

3. The best part of Christmas is the tree. The best part of Christmas is seeing family. The best part of Christmas is the 12 days of Christmas. These are the best parts of Christmas.

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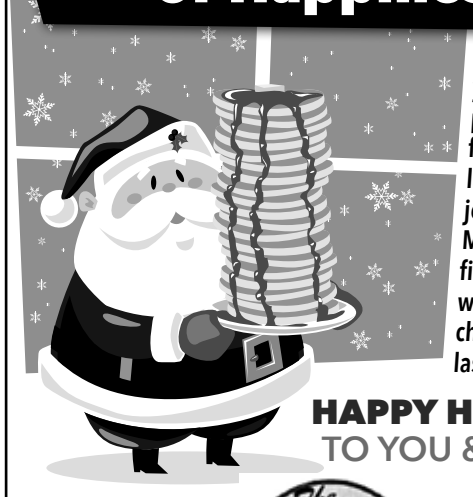


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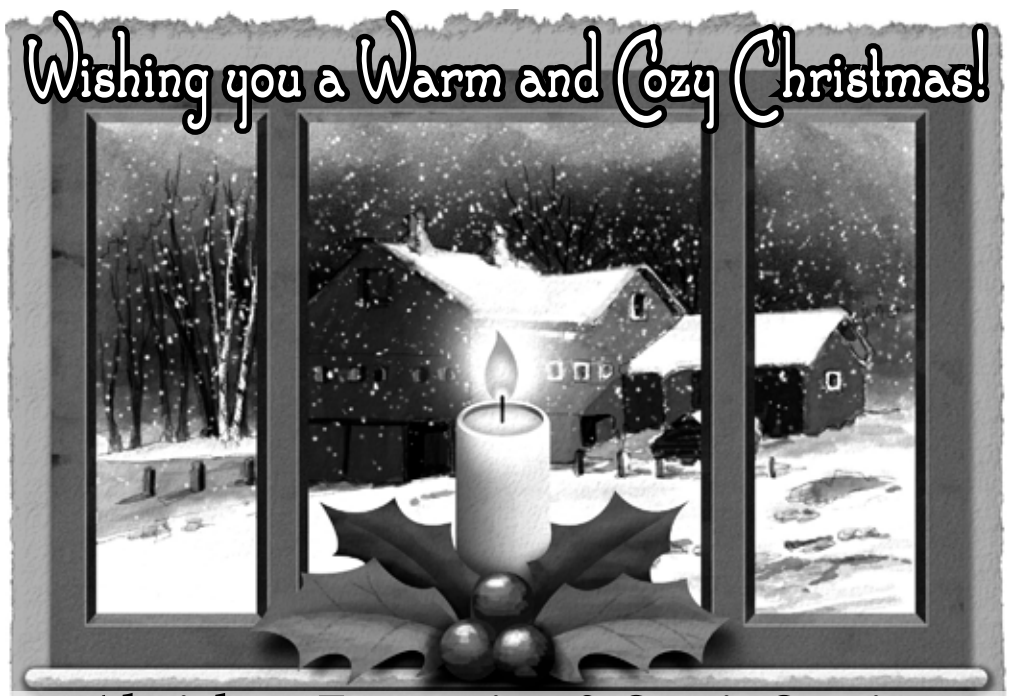
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Trident Seafoods Corp.
Rardin Construction
Cass County Ag. Association / Pillager Fair Board
Derek Holst Construction
Ten Hi
Magnum Research Inc.

The Shanté
Albie Electric LLC
Burger King
Burrows Auto Body
Busker Concrete
Central Building Supply
Staples Church of Christ
Ernie's
Altrichter Excavating and Septic Service
Staples ACE Hardware
Giovanni's Pizza
Giza Plumbing & Heating
Ideal Construction Company
James Soule Auto Sales
Jon's Family Foods
Lefty's Inc.
Longbella Drug
Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPAs
Mid State Realty
Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union
Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
National Joint Power Alliance
Nyhus Chev/Buick, Inc.
Orth Insurance Agency
PHB Excavating

Daniel Douts Insurance
Central Lakes College
Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc.
K.C.'s Saloon
Ron's Auto Repair
Sacred Heart Area School
Staples Snack Shop
SouthSide Mini Mart/ Ken's Collision Repair
Staples Precision Metalcraft
Staples True Value
Stern Rubber Company
The Spot Café
3M
Thrivent Financial/Bob Mueller
Tower Pizza
Twisted Sisters Bar & Grill
Staples Auto License Bureau
Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce
Unity Bank
Wahoo Valley Bar & Grill
Wayne's Electric of Staples
Smith Furniture & Carpet Inc.
Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op
Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop
Staples World