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Lazy/hazy dayz of summer Tubers enjoyed floating the Crow Wing River at McGivern Park near Staples on a hot day in June. (Photo by Janice Winter)

Staples council approves smoke shop license

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council felt their only option was to approve the license for a smoke shop near Staples-Motley High School, despite objections from the school.

The council received a letter from City Attorney Joe Krueger saying that the 300 foot restriction they passed in May does not count for this permit because the application was submitted May 12, before the new law went into effect.

Applicant Ray Dodin came to the meeting and told the council he also has businesses in Little Falls and St. Cloud, including gas stations and a laundromat. He also purchased the South Side Mini Mart in Staples a few years ago but sold it again soon after.

Dodin said he is aware of the objection the school has to having a smoke shop one block from the gym entrance. He said that if it caused an issue, he could be willing to move the smoke shop to a different location.

"This is something we will start with," said Dodin.

He said customers have to be 21 years old or older just to enter the building and that they always check for identification.

"We have had no mistakes where we forget to check ID," said Dodin.

Dodin said he also has a family and a kid who goes to school.

"I will work together with the city," he said.

Krueger said that the applicant did not meet any of the five grounds that would allow them to deny a license.

Grounds to deny a license include:

(1) The applicant is under the age of 21 years;

(2) The applicant has been convicted within the past five years of any violation of a federal, state, or local law, ordinance provision, or other regulation relating to tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products;

(3) The applicant has had a license to sell tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products suspended or revoked within the preceding 12 months of the date of application;

(4) The applicant fails to provide any information required on the applications, or provides false or misleading information; or

(5) The applicant is prohibited by federal, state, or other local law, ordinance, or other regulation, from holding such a license.

Council member John Jewison said "I feel I have to vote yes for something I don't want."

Council member Mary Theuer said she has received many calls about this subject. "The people are anti," she said. "They don't want this to go through, but we don't have a choice."

The council approved the license with Mary Jo Goff, Theuer, Jewison and Ron Murray voting in favor. Doug Case voted no and Roy Miles abstained from the vote.

Jewison said "I apologize to the school. I don't know if the proximity matters as much, all eyes will be on it." He said that he had struggled with addiction and knows that people will go to great distances to obtain addictive substances.

"I don't picture a smoke shop in my vision of what I want the downtown to look like in 10 years," said Jewison.

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Public defends Motley Police at passionate, productive special meeting

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The City of Motley will continue to staff its police department with two full-time officers, one of which is its police chief. It was a decision made in a unanimous vote by the city council at a special meeting June 27.

The meeting had been scheduled following the recent resignation of police officer Cody Holtz. In addition to the vacant position, the council had planned to discuss whether or not to go ahead with ordering a new, second squad vehicle. Depending on which way the vote went in regard to retaining a full-time officer, would that second vehicle be needed?

Mayor Mike Schmidt opened up the pre-vote discussion by asking the council whether Motley should have one or two officers on the police department. Council member Nikki Bjerga said she'd like to hear Police Chief Jason Borash's opinion.

Chief Borash said he felt two full-time officers were needed and that this would be the best way to offer the

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Expressing concerns

Tom Daly (center) and others in attendance at a special meeting in Motley June 27, expressed concerns about increased police incidents in the area, as well as a desire to have Motley's police department staffed with two-full time officers. Others pictured, from left, are Joe Brichacek and Chief Jason Borash (partially hidden), Tony Brichacek, Amy Brichacek, and Morrison County Chief Deputy Jason Worlie. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Essentia starts on Staples clinic

Essentia Health St. Joseph's held a groundbreaking for a new clinic in Staples, along 2nd Ave. NE, near the Airport Road overpass.

The ceremony started with a prayer to bless the site and signify the Benedictine principles of St. Joseph's original hospital in Brainerd.

Sandy Zutz-Wiczek, Vice President of Clinic Operations, welcomed the crowd and told a little about the project. She said the clinic plans to provide family medicine, orthopedic care, cardiology, oncology, OB/GYN, urology, general surgery, physical therapy and a pharmacy with a drive-through option. She said one special feature will be a mobile mammography unit. They plan to have 25 employees at the building.

When the Staples clinic is complete, Essentia will have 11 clinics in the area. Their newest one just opened in Deerwood in June. Zutz-Wiczek said the Deerwood clinic is 7,000 square feet but the Staples clinic is planned to be 16,000 square feet, which will make it one

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Essentia's new Staples clinic construction underway

Throwing the first shovels of sand at the Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Clinic groundbreaking in Staples on June 28, from left, Nathan Hamilton, Human Resources, Ryan Turner, DSGW Architecture, Melissa McKay, Regional Nursing Director, Tony Kaufenberg, Vice President Pharmacy, George Loban, Ron Murray, Staples Mayor, Dr. Christopher Metz, Orthopedics, Haley Faynik, Physician Assistant, Sandy Zutz-Wiczek, Vice President, Clinic Operations, Jon Neubauer, Facilities Manager, Mitch Feierabend, Hy-Tec Construction, Aaron Kriens, Hy-Tec Construction. Construction on the building is scheduled to start right away. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 5	81	60	P. Cloudy
July 6	82	61	M. Sunny
July 7	83	62	P. Cloudy
July 8	82	63	M. Sunny
July 9	84	64	M. Sunny
July 10	87	63	Sunny
July 11	85	62	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
July 5	80°	66	Sunny
July 6	78	60	Cloudy
July 7	83	63	P. Sunny
July 8	81	64	M. Sunny
July 9	86	59	Sunny
July 10	80	71	M. Cloudy
July 11	79	67	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 81° Low = 59°
Have a great Fourth of July!

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

ISD #2170: **9A**
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Obituaries

Douglass and Pamlela Sather

Motley area police

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

June 27 - Motley police responded to a three-vehicle accident at Hwys 10 and 210. Subsequently, Jaeden Carpenter, 18, was issued a citation.

June 26 - Motley police responded to a call of a possible dog that had been struck by a vehicle on Hwy 210, just east of Motley. Upon arrival, Chief Jason Borash located a small bear that had been hit and killed. Shortly after, MnDOT arrived and removed the bear from the shoulder of the road.

June 26 - Motley police issued a citation to Brittney Porter-Pugh, for parking on Hwy 10.

June 21 - Motley police issued a citation to Rebecca Miller, 64, for blocking the intersection.

June 26 - A Morrison County deputy stopped a vehicle for cracked windshield, and subsequently issued a citation to Stephanie Polan, 28, for driving after suspension and no insurance.

June 22 - The MCSO paged Motley Fire to a grass fire at the 11000 block of 57th Ave. SW, Motley, in Cass County.



Ekerts new owners of Motley Hardware

Bruce and Terri Ekert of Motley (pictured at right and left, respectively) took over ownership at Motley Hardware June 28. They're pictured with Stephanie Jordahl, who'd owned the store (previously named Jordahl Hardware) for the past five years.

Bruce Ekert worked alongside Jordahl during her tenure as owner, and when he heard she was thinking of selling, approached her about the possibility of buying. He's always enjoyed working at the store, Bruce said, adding that he enjoys helping people and helping solve problems. He also appreciated all that he learned while working with Jordahl. "She took me under her wing," he said. His wife, Terri, currently works at the Motley Post Office, but will be retiring on Sept. 30. After that, she plans to join her husband at Motley Hardware. She's looking forward to a "fun, new adventure," Terri Ekert said.

Jordahl, who purchased the store from her father, Tad Hoefs, looks back fondly on the past five years of ownership. "I learned a lot," she said, adding that she enjoyed meeting more people in the community and developing friendships with customers. She plans to work full-time with her husband Shawn, at his business, Jordahl Concrete. She'll miss working at the hardware store, Stephanie said, but is looking forward to having more time at home with her family. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Two adults located, deceased, in Pillager

The incident is under investigation

Cass County Sheriff Bryan Welk reports that on Monday, June 26, at 10:04 a.m., their office received a request for a welfare check at a residence on Brook Ln SW, in Sylvan Township, rural Pillager.

Deputies arrived at the residence and, through their investigation, located an adult female, age 63, and an adult male, age 64, deceased inside the residence. Autopsies are scheduled with the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office and the incident remains under investigation. Identities and relationship of the deceased individuals are being withheld upon notification of family members. There is no threat to public safety at this time.

Assisting with the investigation is the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Two teens injured in golf cart accident

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on June 25, at approximately 8:54 p.m., their office received a report of a golf cart accident in Scandia Valley Township. The incident took place approximately six miles north of Cushing.

According to the sheriff's office, a 15-year-old female from Savage was driving a golf cart on Scandia Forest Trail. She turned too sharply, lost control of the golf cart, causing it to roll and injure herself and the passenger, a 14-year-old female from Chanhassen.

The driver was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples by private vehicle, with unknown injuries. The passenger was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, also with unknown injuries.

The sheriff's office was assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, Scandia Valley Fire and Rescue and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Carissa Arens, CNP, joins Lakewood Health System medical staff

Carissa Arens, certified nurse practitioner (CNP), joins Lakewood Health System's family medicine team in Staples.

Arens grew up in Grantsburg, Wisc. and completed her undergraduate studies at Excelsior University in Albany, N.Y. and received her masters of science in nursing from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Thera Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

As a family medicine provider, Arens is a huge fan of health literacy and is excited to teach people about how their bodies work (and how the body and mind work together), so they can better understand how to care for themselves. Whether caring for patients in the clinic or emergency settings, Arens enjoys taking time to tailor her care to what each person needs to maintain or improve their health.


Carissa Arens

"Lakewood's focus on community seems special," said Arens. "I look forward to being part of an organization that helps not only individuals, but also families and our community, and helping care for people over the span of their lifetime."

Arens is very close to her four grown children and values their time together caring for their family home and little patch of land and forest. They spend a lot of time learning and stretching their minds in pursuit of several interests, including music, self-care and social justice. Arens also loves home improvement and construction projects, and still figure skates and runs.

Arens will see patients in Lakewood's Staples clinic. To schedule an appointment with her, call 218-894-1515.



Class of 1993 holds 30th reunion

The Staples-Motley High School Class of 1993 recently held its 30th reunion at the home of classmate Jim Tyrrell and his wife Jackie, in rural Staples.

Pictured above, from left, front row: Joy (Anderson) Hedin, Denise (Brotherton) Brown, Stacy (Sullivan) DeMars, Lavonne (Holmberg) Dockter, Steph Heier, Amy (Neidhardt) Reinert, Tanyele Kajer, Heather (Schimpp) Thompson. Middle: Toni Stevenson, Mike DeMars, Ryan Tepley, Ron Bienusa, Jim Tyrrell, Mark Anderson, Matt Cohrs, Mark Hansen, Jeff Weite. Back: Keri (Kittelson) Bendson, Jason Bendson, Shonn Wille, Jackie (DeGeest) O'Connell, Sheila (Schmitt) Busker, Ben Busker, Shane Webster, Mike Katterhagen, Greg Giza, Derek Hasselberg.

Pictured below, Front: Jim Tyrrell, Ryan Tepley, Steph Heier, Amy (Neidhardt) Reinert, Lavonne (Holmberg) Dockter, Stacy (Sullivan) DeMars, Heather (Magilke) Martin. Middle: Joy (Anderson) Hedin, Mike DeMars, Matt Cohrs. Back: Shonn Wille, Ron Bienusa, Toni Stevenson, Jackie (DeGeest) O'Connell, Sheila (Schmitt) Busker, Ben Busker, Shane Webster, Mark Anderson, Mike Katterhagen. Missing from photo: Matt Adamietz and Steve Becker. (Submitted photos)



We love that 'Old time rock 'n roll'

A quartet of rockers on the 'Bremer's Booze Bank Bar' kept the music going during the June Fest Parade in Motley June 17, and took second place with their float. The band members represented 'Bremer's Bar in Motley, which offered live music during the annual festival. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Staples Police report includes multiple car break-ins

June 12, Staples Police received a report of a scam involving the scammer pretending to be a realtor online, and the complainant reached out to them to look at a house to rent. The scammer then had the complainant fill out paperwork that included social security numbers and driver's license info. The complainant reached out to the actual real estate company and was advised that the person who claimed to be working for the company didn't. Police advised the complainant on steps to take to help prevent fraud after disclosing sensitive information.

June 12, Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff's Department, at McGivern Park regarding information that a party was there with an active arrest warrant. Police arrested Jason Larson, 50, on the warrant. Kayllene Reger, 35, was also placed under arrest for aiding an offender. Both were transported to the Wadena County Detention Center.

June 13, Staples Police received a report of a theft of tables. The complainant reported the items were taken by the woman who cleans his home.

June 14, Staples Police responded to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Department with a suspicious noise coming from a residence. Police found that the noise was caused by a sprinkler hitting a chair.

June 14, Staples Police received a report of a burglary at the Mill Townhomes that was believed to have occurred in March of 2023. The complainant reported approximately 32 designer handbags, perfume and jewelry were stolen from her apartment.

June 14, Staples Police assisted Motley Police with a domestic assault on the 200 block of Ash St. E. Frederick Kersten, 52, was arrested in the incident.

June 15, at 3:57 a.m., Staples Police observed a passenger door open on a vehicle on the 200 block of 8th Street NE. The owner checked inside the vehicle and indicated that someone did go through the vehicle but nothing was taken.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of a trailer that appeared to be tampered with.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of a theft from vehicles at 621 Iowa Ave. NE. Change and foreign bills were taken from the vehicle.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of two vehicles that were tampered with on the 600 block of 6th Street NE. Entry was made into both vehicles. One vehicle had $5 taken out of an envelope.

June 15, Staples received a call of a vehicle being tampered with around the 600 block of Iowa Ave. NE. Items taken were a wallet containing approximately $400 cash, ID and social security cards. Also keys to the vehicle were taken.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that was tampered with. A wallet was taken. Inside the wallet contained a large amount of cash, ID and credit cards.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of a wallet stolen from a parked car at 818 3rd Ave. NE. The wallet contained a drivers license, social security card and $5 cash.

June 15, Staples Police went to the 300 block of Prairie Ave. NE for a report of a young child without a parent. Officers eventually located the guardian, with the help of the public.

June 16, at 3:56 a.m., Staples Police observed a drivers door open on a vehicle on the 1200 block of 4th St. NE in the early morning hours. The owner checked the vehicle and indicated that someone did go through the vehicle but nothing was taken.

June 16, Staples Police took a report of two vehicles that got tampered with around the 1500 block of 3rd St. NE. A wallet was taken.

June 16, at 7:02 a.m., Staples Police noticed a pickup door that was open on the 1500 block of 3rd St. NE. Police asked the owner about it and they stated it wasn't open when he went to bed. Nothing appeared to be taken out of the vehicle.

June 16, Staples Police took a report of a vehicle being tampered with around the 700 block of 7th St. NE. Individual stated the vehicle was rummaged through. Nothing appeared to be taken.

June 16, Staples Police took a report of a vehicle that was tampered with around the 700 block of 6th St. NE. Individual stated an old cell phone and check blanks were taken out of the vehicles.

June 16, Staples Police received a question from a citizen asking if golf carts are allowed around town. The individual was advised of the city ordinance that requires an individual to get a permit from the City of Staples to be allowed on the roadways. Individual was advised to go up to city hall for that.

June 16, Staples Police received report of a vehicle being tampered with in the 700 block of 8th St. NE. Complaint stated that their vehicle was unlocked and two individuals can be seen on camera. One suspect entering the vehicle and another walking through the neighborhood. Police are currently investigating.

June 16, Staples Police were dispatched to the report of tampering with a motor vehicle in the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE. Upon arrival, the victim was able to provide officers with video footage of the incident showing what looks like a tall thin male enter his pickup truck then continue walking North on 3rd St. Photos of the incident are uploaded to the case file.

June 16, at 11:01 p.m., Staples Police stopped and spoke with two juvenile males walking near the intersection of 7th St. and Autumn Ave. NE in regards to the recent motor vehicle tampering calls. Neither individual matched the descriptions of the suspects and were advised to call law enforcement if they see anything suspicious.

June 17, Staples Police were contacted to check the welfare of an individual after they failed to show up for their job. Police spoke with staff at the subject's job and were able to get a phone number for their mother. According to social media, the subject has been active within four hours of the initial report.

June 17, at 3:29 a.m., Staples Police stopped a male on a bicycle riding in the street without lights after dark. After identifying the male, police gave him a ride home to Wadena.

June 18, at 12:36 a.m., observed an open lift gate on an SUV in the 600 block of 8th St. NE. Officers made contact with the owner of the vehicle who stated that the vehicle had been left unlocked on accident and it was apparent to them that the vehicle had been rummaged through. Nothing of value appeared to be missing.

June 18, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Office with an unoccupied vehicle in the ditch. The vehicle had side swiped a mailbox. Scott's South Town was called to tow the vehicle. Deputies will follow up.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1948

• July 1, 1948 - Ralph Blume, genial manager of the Lampert Lumber company in Staples was wearing a great big smile last week when he returned from a fishing trip to Upper Red Lake in Northern Minnesota.

Who wouldn't wear just as big a smile if they caught a 22-1/2 pound Northern Pike?

Mr. Blume, in company with other managers for the company had spent several

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days at Upper Red Lake. In the boat with him, when the catch was made, were Ollie Haatodt of Little Falls and Bert Betzold of Chisholm.

• July 1, 1948 - Another new structure which is of interest to the entire village of Motley and also the surrounding territory is also started, Ed Carlson and son this week started work on what will be a new fire hall.

The building will be 24 feet wide and 60 feet long. It is to house two fire trucks and also make quarters available for council meetings. This is to be a cement block building. It is located on a lot occupied for a number of years ago by the Motley Mercury office.

July 1, 1948 - In this week's issue of The World appears a notice, in the classified ad column, relative to the shooting of any firearms within the city limits of Staples.

Of late, several of the youngsters of the city have been using their B-B guns, and some .22 rifles and have been shooting within the city limits, and the police department has had several complaints about this.

The ordinance of the city states that there shall be no firing of firearms within the city limits, and persons found doing such will be duly prosecuted according to the law. Chief of Police Jess Marr stated that he has warned some of the "kids" a couple of times, and the next time they are caught in the act, they will be taken into court and properly prosecuted.

• July 1, 1948 - Staples police department was called in to action Sunday morning of last week at the Church of Christ building in this city.

When Vernon Marsh went to the church early in the morning to do janitor work before the services, he discovered that three of the windows on the west side of the auditorium had been broken out, and also that the glass on the front of the church bulletin board had been broken.

50 Years Ago - 1973

• July 5, 1973 - Property damage as a result of the storm Sunday evening July 1, was heavy at the Hal Barrett farm located about 7 1/2 miles northwest of Staples in Thomastown Township of Wadena County.

Ten head of livestock, apparently struck by lighting during the storm, are dead, with the loss estimated by the owner at about $6,000.

Barrett said that during the electrical, thunder and rainstorm, which started in the area about 9:30 p.m., the family did hear one sharp bolt of lightning, which probably was about 10 p.m. Barrett suspected that something had happened when some of the cows did not come up from the pasture for milking Monday morning.

He searched the pasture area for about an hour and then came across the dead animals in a small area, bunched together, under some trees and brush, apparently the victims of lightning. Dead are eight milk cows, one of which was his top producer, one springer heifer and one beef cow.

Barrett told The World that his herd consisted of 57, including young stock, but now the herd is reduced by 10. Barrett reported that although the loss was heavy, he did have insurance on his cattle.

• July 5, 1973 - Eight persons completed the Checker-Cashier Training Course held at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical Institute June 18-20. They included Delores Robinson, Mike Hoemberg, Ethel Dezell and Joan Gilbertson of Batcher's Department Store, as well as Susan Motl, Elaine Miller, Sandy Gode and Audrey Fellman. They all received certificates from Warren Noetzelman, Distributive Education teacher.

• July 5, 1973 - Have..."Koffee With Kay" by Hart's Department Store. Women's topics of the day and household hints. 1400 on your radio dial, mornings at 10:15 a.m. KEYL Radio, Long Prairie.

25 Years Ago - 1998

• July 2, 1998 - The thunder and lighting storm cut the event short, but the goals of raising money and raising awareness were accomplished at the first Heartland Relay for Life June 26, in Staples.

Over $15,000 was raised by 17 teams scheduled to walk the track at Staples Elementary School from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Nearly $3,000 in other donations, including cash and goods or services, was also received.

• July 2, 1998 - Nichole Tyrrell, daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Tyrrell, was recently crowned the Minnesota Guernsey Princess at their state meeting. Tyrrell will represent Minnesota in the National Guernsey queen Contest in Ohio in 1999.

She is a 1998 graduate of Staples Motley High School and will attend the University of Minnesota, St. Paul this fall.

• July 2, 1998 - Rachael Hofer returned from the National High School Golf Tournament with a 14th place finish in the field of more than 70 individual State qualifiers. The event was held at Jekyll Island, Georgia, June 21 - June 25.

• July 2, 1998 - The 100-year celebration of the Cass County Pillager Fair, "the oldest fair in Cass County" will kick off with a weekend full of special events and culminate with three fun filled fair days at the fairgrounds in Pillager July 11 - 15.

• July 2, 1998 - The children and grandchildren of Pat and Donna Miller of Staples will host a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 12, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Staples United Methodist Church. They were married in the church on July 17, 1948.

• July 2, 1998 - Cari Goebel-Frahm is the new drivers education instructor through Staples Motley Community Education.

10 Years Ago - 2013

• July 4, 2013 - Brian and Tasha Olds, owners of Lefty's Bar in Staples, recently purchased Staples Off Sale, located right next door to the bar.

• July 4, 2013 - Music in the Park kicks off July 14 with The Vagabonds, a popular group in the area with plenty of songs you'll know. Others on the summer concert roster include Bill & Kate Isles, Paul Drinkwine, Seth Doud, Meire Grove Community Band, and Strange Names, a folk-rock band lead by Staples native Francis Jimenez.

• July 4, 2013 - Forty-five years after he left Motley and headed to Vietnam, Charlie Schweigert still carried with him the photo of a hometown girl who had faithfully written to him while he served at war.

That photo, of Leaha (Kraft) Clarke, was found in Charlie's wallet after he died of leukemia this past April.

"I was amazed that he still had it," Leaha said in a recent phone conversation from her home in Kindred N. D.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1973. Do you know who this person is and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 20, 1978 edition of the Staples World featured winners at the annual invitational golf tournament hosted by the Ladies Afternoon League of the Terrace Golf Club in Staples. Fifty-seven women from Staples and the surrounding area participated in the tourney. The winners, from left, are Hazel Vasecka, Peggy Bredemeier, Twy Japke, Sue Caquelin, Sis Harlow, Muriel Visser, and Dee Pipek.

There were no responses to this week's mystery photo.



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Quote of the week

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou

Minnesota budget helps working families

From Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Minnesota

As the 2023 Legislative Session ended, Joel Smith, President and Business Manager of LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota released the following statement.

"The 2023 Legislative Session delivered truly historic wins for working people and put Minnesota on track to create family and community-supporting jobs in every corner of the state. This Legislature is helping make Minnesota the best state in the country for working people, including construction workers and their families.

"We're grateful for the leadership and support of Speaker Melissa Hortman, Majority Leader Jamie Long, Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic, Governor Walz, Lt. Governor Flanagan and all of the legislators and staff who helped put LIUNA's 2023 Legislative Priorities across the finish line. On behalf of the 29,000 members and family members of Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Minnesota and North Dakota, I thank you.

"The passage of a record $2.3 billion construction jobs bill on the heels of landmark investments in the state's roads, bridges, transit and water infrastructure, caps off what's without question the most productive legislative session in Minnesota history.

"We're grateful to Capital Investment Committee Chairs Sandy Pappas and Fue Lee, Representative Dean Urdahl and Senator Karin Housley, committee members and all of the DFL and Republican legislators who put their communities and constituents first and voted for the bipartisan local jobs and projects bills.

Together, we accomplished:

• Creating more than $3.7 billion in new, long-term and dedicated funding over the next two bienniums to make our roads, bridges and transit safer, more reliable and connected

• Investing $2.6 billion in local jobs and infrastructure projects in every corner of the state

• Making landmark investments in wastewater, drinking water and storm-water infrastructure, including more than $240 million to begin replacing lead pipes across Minnesota

• Fully-funding state matches to maximize federal transportation, water, energy and broadband infrastructure investments

• Putting Minnesota on an affordable, reliable path to 100 percent clean energy with a climate bill that prioritizes good jobs

• Protecting refinery workers and communities by requiring contractors at oil refineries to employ a safe and skilled workforce trained through Registered Apprenticeship programs

• Expanding prevailing wage requirements and enforcement for construction workers on state-funded, economic development and construction projects

• Preventing wage theft through disclosure requirements, stronger remedies and enforcement for construction workers

• Supporting diversity and inclusion in the construction industry and workforce training through expanded training and career opportunities for women, veterans and people of color through Registered Apprenticeship programs and Building Strong Communities

• Expanding all workers' freedoms to join unions and negotiate for better pay and benefits

• Expanding voting rights, including automatic voter registration, restoration of voting rights, vote by mail and early voting

• Making sure our undocumented neighbors can apply for driver's licenses, complete a vision screening, a skills test and purchase insurance. Driver's Licenses for All will strengthen local economies by eliminating barriers to education, healthcare and employment and empower more Minnesotans to contribute to local taxes and spending

• Creating a statewide paid family and medical leave program that allows construction workers and all working Minnesotans to take time off to bond with a new baby or care for their families or themselves without having to choose between their paycheck or their health and well-being

Sourcewell funding includes Staples Police dispatch system

More than $1.5 million was awarded to local nonprofit and government agencies through Sourcewell's Community Impact Funding last week.

The City of Staples received $50,000 to transition to a new records system and mobile data system that will provide for computer-aided dispatch for the Staples Police Department.

Following finalization this week by Sourcewell's Board of Directors, seven nonprofit organizations will receive a combined total of $500,000 while 22 local government agencies will receive just over $1 million in funding.

According to Paul Drange, director of regional services at Sourcewell, the selection and allocation of funds was done a bit differently this year. Funding requests on behalf of local government agencies were reviewed by the Community Solutions Advisory Committee. Organizations that passed the initial review were then entered into a lottery drawing, and projects were awarded at random until funding was exhausted.

"We changed up our process from previous years for our local government members," Drange explained. "This year we wanted to fulfill requests around basic needs within their office/service areas. Some asked for office furniture, flooring, technology, etc. Since all proposals were similar in scope and were smaller dollar amounts per request, we decided to use the randomizer to award the dollars. The advisory committee seemed to like the process, and our team thought it went very well."

Nonprofit applications followed past practice: applications were reviewed by Sourcewell staff and its nonprofit advisory council; then eligible projects advanced to Review Day, held June 14 at Sourcewell. Here, staff, volunteers, and board members of nonprofit organizations in Sourcewell's five-county area of service (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties) were invited to hear each project proposal and then vote and rank projects for funding.

Sourcewell Community Solutions Specialist Tammy Filippi said more than 75 nonprofit representatives from throughout the region participated in Review Day, ranking the requests and making recommendations for funding.

Both Drange and Filippi noted that the $1.5 million in funding awarded for 2023 is more than double what was awarded in 2022.

"We were able to act on feedback and needs that our members were sharing with us," Filippi said of the sizable increase. "Last year we assessed our process and changed it to allow members to apply for funding that will support their entity in ways that are meaningful and impactful to them."

Programs voted to receive financial support include:

Nonprofit funding

Project: Textile Recycling Pilot Project

Organizations: Bridges of Hope and Salem West

Description: $100,000 to purchase a fabric baler, skid steer, weighing station, and other equipment needed to open the first onsite recycling center in their service area. Using donations from BoH's Common Goods thrift stores and Salem West's Mustard Seed Thrift Store, they will collect textiles in unsellable condition or unsuitable for re-use, collectively recycling and diverting 435,900 pounds of textile waste from local landfills annually. Recycled textiles will be sold to create an additional revenue stream for both organizations, allowing them to serve more families and individuals each year, helping them meet immediate basic needs and build a foundation for long-term health and stability.

Project: Farms-to-Food Shelf, Phase II

Organizations: Lakes Area Food Shelf, Pine River-Backus Family Center/ Food Shelf, and CommUnity Meal Program

Description: $56,246 to offer Year Two of the Farms-to-Food Shelf program that provides fresh, nutrient-rich fresh produce to low-income families who cannot afford to purchase it. The produce is grown by 10 local farmers/ growers dedicated to building strong, healthy communities. The program is supported by schools, physicians, business, area nonprofits, and community members who volunteer to help farmers with planting, maintaining crops, and harvesting.

Project: LUCAS Devices: Enhancing Emergency Response

Organizations: Crow Wing County First Responders – Zones 2 and 3

Description: $43,392 to purchase two LUCAS devices. These devices will improve patient outcomes and reduce the physical strain on first responders during CPR. By working together, both agencies will foster knowledge-sharing, improve response efficiency, and create a stronger emergency medical service network, ultimately benefiting the communities they serve.

Project: Restoration from Addiction and/or Homelessness

Organizations: My Neighbor to Love Coalition (MNTLC) and Lighthouse Beginnings (LHB)

Description: $94,000 to create two course sets: Life Skills and Employment Readiness and Supportive Friendship. These courses, together, will maximize success for those who want to increase their income and stability, enter the workforce, become more self-sufficient, and improve relationships and life skills. Courses are targeted for the benefit of those experiencing homelessness, those in recovery, and/or those experiencing poverty, but are open to anyone who wants to learn.

Project: Forever Horses

Organizations: Pohl Children's Scholarship Foundation, LLC and Mounted Eagles, Inc.

Description: $30,000 to create a partnership program called Forever Horses. This program will provide funding for children experiencing illness or grief and their families to participate in equine-related activities free of charge. Forever Horses will provide horsemanship as a release or avenue to deal with the difficult emotions related to illness or grief.

Project: SANE Pilot Program

Organizations: Sexual Assault Services and WeARE

Description: $100,000 to provide a SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) pilot program which provides patient-centered, trauma-informed services to all who seek assistance in local emergency departments after a sexual assault. Sexual assault is a serious public health problem affecting every community, and people of all genders, ages, and socio-economic status. This community collaboration, based on best practices of expert medical care and compassionate evaluation and treatment, is an important step in working toward the goal of a healthy community.

Project: Hope on Purpose

Organizations: Wellness in the Woods and The Shop

Description: $76,362 for a program that will utilize the creativity of youth and persons in recovery to educate communities about seldom-discussed topics: substance use and the prevalence of mental health-combined challenges. Hope on Purpose will reach out to corrections staff with compassion and caring to learn from, and share with them, concerns about their safety.

Government agency funding

Project: Town hall remodel (ADA compliance)

Organization: Birchdale Township

Description: $28,354 to update and improve town hall so that it remains a vital community resource for the future.

Purpose: Public safety personnel wellness project

Organization: City of Brainerd – police and fire departments

Description: $50,000 to promote physical and mental wellbeing of staff and volunteers with the purchase of exercise equipment and "Check Up from the Neck Up" mental health opportunities.

Purpose: IT and phone upgrades

Organization: City of Crosby

Description: $50,000 for IT and communication improvements to increase communication capacity and maintain a high level of customer service while supplying better connectivity for community members at the community center. Fiber connections for speed and durability coordinated with a new phone system will facilitate improved communication among staff and members of the community.

Purpose: Updating outdated equipment

Organization: Crow Wing Township

Description: $41,000 to purchase a zero-turn mower, sub-compact utility tractor, and quick hitch snowblower.

Purpose: City upgrades

Organization: City of Deerwood

Description: $50,000 for auditorium upgrades create a more efficient and welcoming space for council meetings, as well as update the lighting in the fire hall to ensure the safety of volunteer firefighters.

Purpose: Serving Our City to Serve our Community

Organization: City of East Gull Lake

Description: $50,000 to purchase software and equipment to service residents, as well as provide repairs to failing infrastructure.

Project: City hall repairs

Organization: City of Federal Dam

Description: $50,000 to help improve the structural integrity of the Federal Dam City Hall by fixing sagging floors, leaning walls, and replace floor joists. The updates will enable the city hall to resume hosting community events and open the doors to the public.

Project: Weather sirens

Organization: City of Fifty Lakes

Description: $50,000 to invest in a weather warning system and ensure the safety of both residents and visitors.

Project: Turnout gear

Organization: Flensburg Fire Department

Description: $50,000 to purchase 17 new sets of turnout gear to better equip firefighters and promote safety.

Project: Gearing Up to Impact Firefighter Safety

Organization: Garrison Fire and Rescue

Description: $50,000 to purchase new equipment and a fill station for SCBA air bottles for firefighters.

Purpose: Motorola radio purchase

Organization: City of Lake Shore

Description: $48,761 to update police department radios to meet state requirements, enable officers to cross communicate with multi-jurisdictional agencies throughout the area, and help with emergency response within neighboring communities.

Purpose: Firefighter turnout gear

Organization: Little Falls Fire Department

Description: $43,850 to purchase 10 complete sets of turnout gear to outfit new firefighters hired in 2023. Current turnout gear is no longer NFPA compliant as it is over 15 years old. The new turnout gear will provide for the firefighters' safety while training and when responding to emergencies.

Project: Ed Pollard Community Center renovation

Organization: City of Osakis. Description: $50,000 to help renovate the Ed Pollard Community Center and better serve the community.

Project: City hall renovations

Organization: City of Pequot Lakes. Description: $50,000.00 to renovate city hall to create more accessible space for the public and more functional space for staff.

Purpose: Firefighter turnout gear and voice pagers

Organization: Pine River Fire Department

Description: $45,110 to purchase new firefighter turnout gear and voice pagers, improving communication and safety.

Purpose: Emergency extraction tools

Organization: Randall Fire Department

Description: $40,000 for mechanical tools to provide rescue for trapped victims. This portable equipment will enable rapid extraction in difficult circumstances while keeping responders safe while rescuing community members.

Project: Emergency management

Organization: City of Royalton

Description: $46,091 to help enhance communication capabilities between emergency departments, making it easier and more timely to view and disseminate information to enhance response.

Purpose: City Hall/ Council safety updates

Organization: City of Sebeka. Description: $50,000 to update City Hall for increased efficiencies in public interactions and provide increased safety measures.

Purpose: Central Square CAD and records transition

Organization: City of Staples

Description: $50,000 to transition to a new records system and mobile data system that will provide for computer-aided dispatch for the Staples Police Department.

Purpose: Vehicle upgrades

Organization: City of Upsala

Description: $50,000 to help replace both a plow truck and public works truck to improve safety of city staff and ensure infrastructure remains well maintained.

Purpose: TruNarc handheld narcotics analyzer

Organization: Wadena County

Description: $39,204 to purchase a TruNarc Narcotics Analyzer to be used to promote law enforcement safety while working to stop the ongoing trafficking and distribution of illegal narcotics in central Minnesota.

Purpose: Equipment update

Organization: City of Walker

Description: $31,000 to help purchase radar units, laptops, breath test machines, a Halligan tool, patrol rifles for the police department.

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Acoustofiddle to perform at 'Music in the Park' series in Staples

Dedication of 50th barn quilt to precede concert

The Music in the Park Series in Staples kicks off on Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m., with the eclectic sounds of Acoustofiddle. This is the first concert in the series which will run for six Sundays. Bring a lawn chair.

In conjunction with the concert will be a special unveiling and dedication of the 50th Barn Quilt painted by students in Jill Schneider's art classes at Staples-Motley High School. Plus, the Lions will have a food truck available throughout the evening and there will be other snacks available for concert-goers.

The Barn Quilt dedication is sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Committee. They are hoping many people will stop by Northern Pacific Park to see the 50th Barn Quilt, as well as enjoy some great food and music July 9.

Acoustofiddle features violinist Jeff Menten and guitarist Paul Nye. Join them for a slice of festive fun punctuated by musical mastery entertainment at its finest. The duo's music has been described as funky folk, punky polka, cool Celtic, caffeinated classical, and gypsy jazz.

As seasoned veteran musicians, Menten and Nye have individually logged tens of thousands of miles and performed nearly as many shows in their respective musical careers. Audiences will enjoy their eclectic style that cleverly weaves modern and old time classics and Celtic tunes with ragtime and blues, plus some of Nye's originals.

Menten graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota, Mankato with a music degree in violin performance. He has performed with several symphony orchestras and played professionally with Mariachi Estrella in Austin, Texas. In 1995, he was awarded "Instrumentalist of the Year," "Best Classic Country Performance," "Best Band" (The Radio Flyers) and the "Archie Hill Horizon Award" at the Minnesota Country Music Association competition.

Nye began playing guitar as a teenager. His professional career has taken him from coast-to-coast with numerous touring groups. He has shared the stage with renowned Minnesota guitarists Leo Kottke and Michael Johnson and has opened for a number of national rock bands in his career.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the City of Staples.



Seasoned performers

Acoustofiddle will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Paul Nye and Jeff Menten. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club. (Submitted photo)

Reptiles, up close and personal at the library

The Remarkable Reptiles program was at the Staples Public Library recently with a "hands on" session where children could touch a snake if they wanted to. The program was made possible by the "Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds." Library hours are Mon., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tues., 1-8 p.m.; Weds., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m.; Fri., 1-5 p.m. and Sat., 9 a.m.-noon. Sign up in the library for the Summer Reading Program, check the upcoming schedule of events at www.griver.org. (Submitted photo)



Thanks for reading the Staples World!

Mark Your Calendar

July 11

Living Legacy Gardens, Staples, Welcomes Volunteers Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

Experience Strength And Hope AA group Mtgs In Staples are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoors if rain.

Saturday, July 8, 2023

SALE TIME: 10 A.M. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS



2011 Ford Ranger pickup, auto., 2 wh. dr., 86,000 mi., air. In excellent shape

Solid oak roll top desk, nice

White hutch, fancy, ex. cond.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES
Cica 1900 wardrobe, fancy
500+ sets of salt and pepper shakers
Beanie Babies, many
Many collectible items
Babie dolls, many
Antique desk

HOUSEHOLD
Electric stove, used approx. 2 years
2 recliner rockers
Gilder rocker
VHS Disney movies
Stamping Up stamps
Electric floor sweep
Christmas decorations
Puzzles and games
Coffee table

TOOLS
Table saw
Impact driver
20 gal. air compressor
Brut nail gun
Couch
Misc. tools
Electric chainsaw
Hand tools, many
Power tools, many

Many, many more items that you can't see in storage.

Many more items too numerous to mention

Tom Tappe, owner, Staples, Mn.

TOOLS/ MORE
Husqvarna 45 chainsaw
Much misc. tools
Compost barrel
Craftsman 65 lg. wheel bagger push mower (Comp. primer need repr.)
220 garage heater
Shop vac
Garden tools & shovel
Roof rake
Pole climbing gaffs & bolts (in bag)
6-drawer heavy duty tool chest
on wheels
Many tools
2 wagons w/wood side rails

ANTIQUES/OLDER
Antique sm. wood storage item
Antique workable ringer washer
2 antique travel chests
Floor lamp
Antique padded chair
Crock

Many more items too numerous to mention

SPORTING
Ice fishing rods & more
10" gas ice auger, used 1 winter

HOUSEHOLD
Dresser w/mirror
Filing cabinets
4x8 folding table
Glassware
Glass umbrella table, 6 chairs
Drop leaf oak table
Pet carriers

Harvey Wegscheid, owner, Staples, Mn.

TOOLS/ MORE
Comfort Zone space heater
4' and 6' ladder, both Werner, fiberglass
Makita drill in case
Levels
Triangle levels
Tile saw, Turget porta-tile II
Racks
Hand tool boxes
Long handled tools
Shovels
Misc cement tools
Painting supplies
Electric leaf blower
Elec. shop light
Elec. weed wacker
Gas can, plastic
Tree pruning tools
Ryobi sawsall
Hand saws
Garden hose, bag of grass seed
Painting supplies
Misc. tools
Outdoor potting supplies
Hammers

VINTAGE
2-pc. vintage speckled enamelware

SPORTING
Set of hand weights

HOUSEHOLD
Trend, grandfather clock
Round dining table w/ leaf, 4 high back chairs
Kenmore fridge, water/ice dispensing, side by side
Glassware
Sharp carousel microwave, 1100 watt
Bernina sewing machine w/deck and Gilbert & Ryan sewing chair, vintage
Kenmore microwave, 1300 w
Shower head
5.5 X 6.5 carpet
Tote w/misc. kitchen utensils
6 pc silverware set
CDs, DVDs
Night stand, TV stand, card table
Maurice Meyer painting, 1971
VHS
Oak veneer buffet, leaded glass hutch, lighted
Farmhouse wood dining table w/leaf, 2 chairs
Cosco step stool
2 plastic recycle totes
Table lamp
Fashion enamalware, grey & white
Knick knacks
Corelle ware, vintage white w/ blue pattern
Stoneware bowls
Elec. space heater, DeLonghi

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124th Annual Cass County Fair - Pillager

July 13-15, Pillager Fairgrounds

2023 Schedule

Thursday, July 13

Set-up day

8 a.m.-8 p.m.	Vendor set up/Entries
9 a.m.	Medallion Clue posted
10 a.m.	Food Booth open
6:30 p.m.	Cash Bingo in the Community Center

Friday, July 14

Judging Day

8 a.m.	Food Booth open
8 a.m.	Judging in Exhibit Bldg.
9 a.m.	Horse Judging
9 a.m.	Medallion Clue posted
10 a.m.-7 p.m.	Vendor Booths open
10 a.m.	Day Care Tours
10 a.m.-8 p.m.	History Building open
11 a.m.-10 p.m.	Inflatables open
3 p.m.	Beer Garden open
4 p.m.	Registration for UTV Side X Side Drag Race
4:30 p.m.	Registration for Pedal Pull
5 p.m.	Pedal Pull
6:30 p.m.	Cash Bingo in the Community Center
7 p.m.	UTV Side X Side Drag Race

Saturday, July 15

Family Fun Day

7-10 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Pillager Boy Scouts
8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Horse Judging
8:00 a.m.	Color Splash Family Dash at Pillager School
9 a.m.	Medallion Clue posted
10 a.m.	PARADE!!!
10 a.m.	Food Booth open
10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Pillager History Building open
11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Exhibits & Vendors open
11 a.m.	Registration for Horseshoe Tourney starts
11 a.m.-10 p.m.	Inflatables open
12 noon	Flag Retirement Ceremony, Boy Scouts
12 noon	Beer Garden opens
1 p.m.	Texas Hold 'em
2 p.m.	Horseshoe Tournament starts
5 p.m.	Built 2 Beat Mud Races
10 p.m.	**FIREWORKS!!!!**
12 midnight	**FAIR CLOSES**

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Music in the Park 2023

Northern Pacific Park, Staples

Sundays, 7 p.m.

*Free
*Bring your lawn chairs

In case of rain, concert will be moved to the Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE,

July 9...Acoustofiddle (Fiddle and guitar)
July 16...Tami and the Bachelor (Pop, variety)
July 23...Skarlett Woods (American, folk, jazz)
July 30...Pat Surface (American roots music)
Aug. 6...Kevin Klimek & The Sideliners (Classic rock & country)
Aug. 13...Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen (Country)

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Accounts Payable Clerk – *Howard Lake*
Human Resource Associate – *All MN Locations*
Vendor Management Coordinator – *All Locations*
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Hello World

On-line births removed at the request of Lakewood Health System.

Thank you for reading the Staples World

Obituaries

Douglass and Pamela Sather

A Celebration of Life for Douglass and Pamela Sather will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, 1303 4th St. NE, Staples. Share your memories. Reception to follow at Dower Lake Pavilion.

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Hoehn is Dean of CLC Staples Campuses



Sheila Hoehn

Central Lakes College welcomes Sheila Hoehn as its Dean of Staples Campuses.

Hoehn brings years of experience as a nursing educator, community educator and nursing director in both higher education and the health care industry. Most recently, she served as the Director of Nursing at CLC. She replaces David Endicott, who recently retired.

"I am thrilled to be offered the position of Dean of the Staples Campuses and thoroughly look forward to growing the current programs, as well as building new opportunities in Customized Training," Hoehn said. "It is exciting to also oversee the new challenges, along with the Nursing, Horticulture and Natural Resource Departments. It is a privilege to work with the CLC leadership."

Hoehn is a Registered Nurse and holds a Master of Arts Degree in Nursing Leadership from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, is Board Certified in Pain Management Nursing and holds certification as a Legal Nurse Consultant.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sheila as our new Dean of Staples Campuses," said CLC President Dr. Hara Charlier. "She has a history of strong leadership and innovative thinking. Her commitment to building relationships and her passion for technical and professional education will help our Staples campuses continue to thrive in the years to come."

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study .....7-8 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
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WEDNESDAY
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AWANA..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
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Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services .....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
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Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
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Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
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WEDNESDAY
Life Groups .....6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Robin Fish
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WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
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Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope..... 7:00 p.m.

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Have You Ever Heard About the "Great Physician?"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

National Physicians Day was observed on March 30. I am humbled by the fact that pastors get the entire month of October for pastor's appreciation month and hard-working physicians only are given one day of the year for recognition. I wish the tables would be turned.

I once asked a physician if he knew where the term Great Physician came from. He had heard of the phrase, but wasn't aware of its origin.

II Chronicles 16 will be a big help to us. King Asa had some helpful reforms that were much needed and overdue. II Chronicle 14 and 15 describe some of the King Asa's decisive actions. In II Chronicles 15:16, he even took the bold action of deposing his Grandmother Maakah, as queen mother, due to a repulsive fertility idol that she had made. Her grandson "cut it down, broke it up and burned it in the Kidron Valley." Then we hear next, "Asa's heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life." He wasn't perfect, but that is an incredible tribute to his walk with God.

But, toward the end of Asa's life, in II Chronicles 16:12, Asa "was afflicted with a disease in his feet." Now as this verse continues, listen carefully: "Through his disease was severe, even in his illness he did not seek help from the Lord, but only from the physicians." We need to ask, "who else would be consulted other than the physicians?" We were given the answer in who Asa did NOT consult...the Lord, the Great Physician.

Please don't draw from this any disparaging of the important place of human physicians. Everyone who reads this devotion has likely benefitted greatly from the skill and compassion of our doctor at Lakewood Health System and beyond. I know certainly my family and I have.

In Colossians 4:14, the apostle Paul refers to his traveling companion Luke as "our dear friend or beloved doctor." Oh, how deep of a gift from God medical science is.

So, here is our application. In our health and medical challenges, let us remember to go to our health care providers with an attitude of thanking God for their presence and skill. Let's lift both our need and their health guidance in gratitude to God. But, let us take it a giant step further. Let us specifically go to God first and throughout our medical diagnosis and prescriptive counsel as the over all Great Physician in dependence and gratitude. Let's not go to our health providers in spite of God, but rather in and through God.

And what an extra blessing it is when our heath care providers understand all of this perspective as followers of Jesus, leading the band in looking to and giving glory to God.

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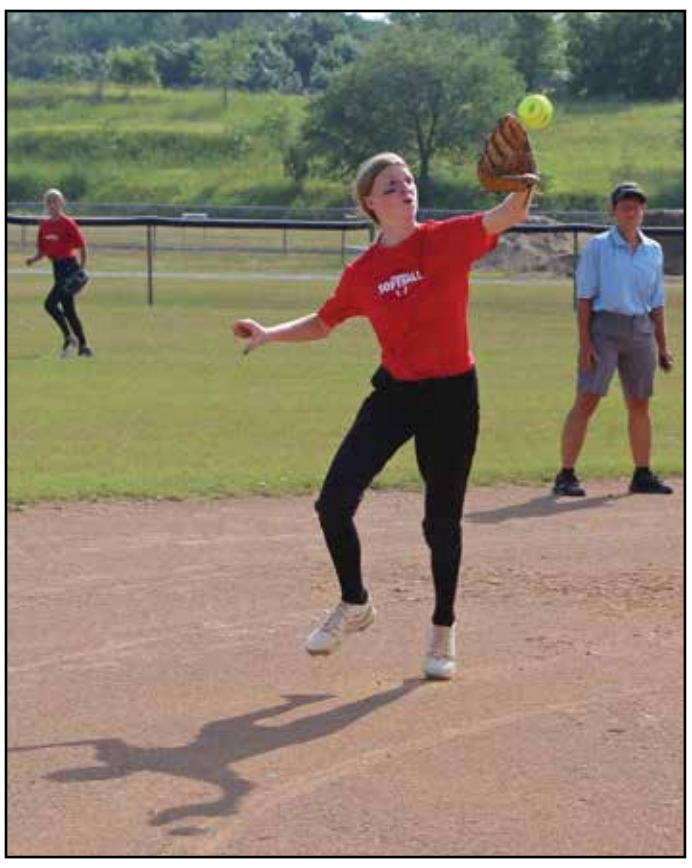
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14U Softball action

The Staples-Motley 14U softball team played a home game on June 26. The newly formed team is playing games at the varsity softball field. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Jaida Holst



Leighton Bettis



Clara Maros

Rewriting the Staples-Motley track and field record books

The Staples-Motley track and field teams set two school record relays this season and had several individuals reach the school's top ten honor roll, according to Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

The 4x100 Relay (Austin Weite, Avandre Brandt, Hunter Miller, Remington Converse) broke the school record three times this season. The school record is now at 43.51.

The 4x800 girls (Aften Robinson, Ashley Robben, Kyanna Burton, Audrey Brownell) broke the school record while winning at the state track meet. It is now at 9:33.33.

For individual performance, seven track and field athletes moved onto the school's top ten honor rolls, in multiple events.

Kyanna Burton broke the 3200 meter record twice this season, and Audrey Brownell, once. Audrey now holds the school record at 11:11.26.

Audrey Brownell broke the school record in the 1,600 meter run at 5:06.18 and is now second in the 800.

Hunter Miller ranks second on the school record list for the high Jump at 6'4", Sawyer Ferdon ranks third in the Triple Jump at 42'7", Remington Converse is third in the 200-meter dash at 22.50 and is tied for fifth in the 100.

Others who are found in the Honor Roll of Athletes (Rank in top 10): Austin Weite in the 100 meter dash, Aften Robinson in the 400 meter, Avandre Brandt in the high jump, and Kyanna Burton in the 1,600 meters.

Below are the new honor rolls that were changed this season.

Boys track and field new honor rolls

4 x 100 M Relay '23 Austin Weite, Avandre Brandt, Hunter Miller, Remington Converse 43.51

100M Dash

Brian Huber	10.7	'13
Jeff Kobliska	10.9	'94
Rob Nelson	11.0	'84
Derek Peterson	11.06	'07
Earl Black	11.10*	'38
Bob Peterson	11.10*	'56
Remington Converse	11.10	'22
Troy Marden	11:17	'83
Austin Weite	11:22	'23
Jeremy Nichols	11.27	'97

* 100 yards, converted

200M Dash

Brian Huber	22.1	'13
Jeff Kobliska	22.2	'94
Remington Converse	22.50	'23
Tony Spandl	22.5*	'78
Max Giza	22.57	'18
Josh Smith	22.58	'04
Derek Peterson	22.62	'07
Bob Jares	22.88	'00
Bob Sikora	23.00*	'76
Tony Johnson	23.07	'01

• 220 yards, converted

High jump

Brian Huber	6'6"	'13
Hunter Miller	6'4"	'23
Bart Ludlow	6'4"	'86
Eric Huber	6'3"	'06
Wade Christenson	6'3'	'98
Matt Heier	6'2"	'99
Cody Rivetts	6'1"	'14
Avandre Brandt	6'0	'23
Dan Lund	6'0"	'01
Bob Burton	6'0"	'00
Bernie Salthe	6'0"	'89
Bob Backberg	6'0"	'82

Triple jump

Arden Beachy	45'8.5"	'89
Adam Barnett	42'9"	'00
Sawyer Ferdon	42'7"	'23
Evan Frisk	42'6.25"	'00
Brandon Larson	42'2"	'10
Bob Weishalla	41'10.25"	'82
Dave Howard	41'8.5"	'84
Joe Smith	41'4.25"	'03
Collin Beachy	41'3.5"	'89
Erik Kelly	40'7"	'96

Girls track and field new honor rolls

4 x 800M Relay '23 Aften Robinson, Ashley Robben, Kyanna Burton, Audrey Brownell 9:33.33

1,600 meter run

Audrey Brownell	5:06.18	'23
Naomi Landecker	5:15.92	'08
Deb Trantina	5:16.10*	'79
Brittany Brenny	5:17.16	'04
Hannah Landecker	5:19.05	'06
Dorene Trantina	5:20.30*	'79
Amanda Hoffert	5:26.00	'98
Natasha Wenzel	5:26.10	'08
Kyanna Burton	5:26.95	'21
Court- Robinson	5:27.29	'05

3,200 meter run

Audrey Brownell	11:11.26	'23
Kyanna Burton	11:16.93	'23
Naomi Landecker	11:21.01	'08
Brittany Brenny	11:22.11	'05
Hannah Landecker	11:34.31	'06
Rhonda Reichel	11:48.00	'85
Emma Pogreba	11:59.02	'08
Amanda Reichel	12:06.34	'04
Liza Milless	12:08.30	'00
Jenny Giza	12:10.00	'90

400 meter dash

Ashley Lisson	60.33	'07
Aften Robinson	60.47	'19
Cassie VanHeel	60.51	'07
Sarah Koopmann	60.87	'15
Donna Brown	60.7*	'76
Courtney Robinson	61.10	'04
Stephanie Jares	61.16	'04
Abby Palmer	61.22	'04
Emma Koskineimi	61.33	'11
Tricia Bates	61.3**	'85

800 meter run

Dorene Trantina	2:18.1*	'79
Audrey Brownell	2.19.84	'23
Stepanie Jares	2:19.89	'04
Court- Robinson	2:20.10	'05
Amanda Hoffert	2:21.30	'99
Lisa Reichert	2:22.55	'11
Natasha Wenzel	2:22.90	'06
Hannah Landecker	2:23.8-*	'06
Britta Binek	2:23.9-*	'03
Lisa Detloff	2:24.50	'96







Images from state track

Far left, Avandre Brandt hands the baton to Hunter Miller in front of the ice cream vendor at the state track meet. Middle, Amaya Converse wears her brother's senior posters to the meet while their grandpa Larry Converse looks on. Above, the 4x800 relay team celebrates behind the scenes with Coach Bruce Fuhrman. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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