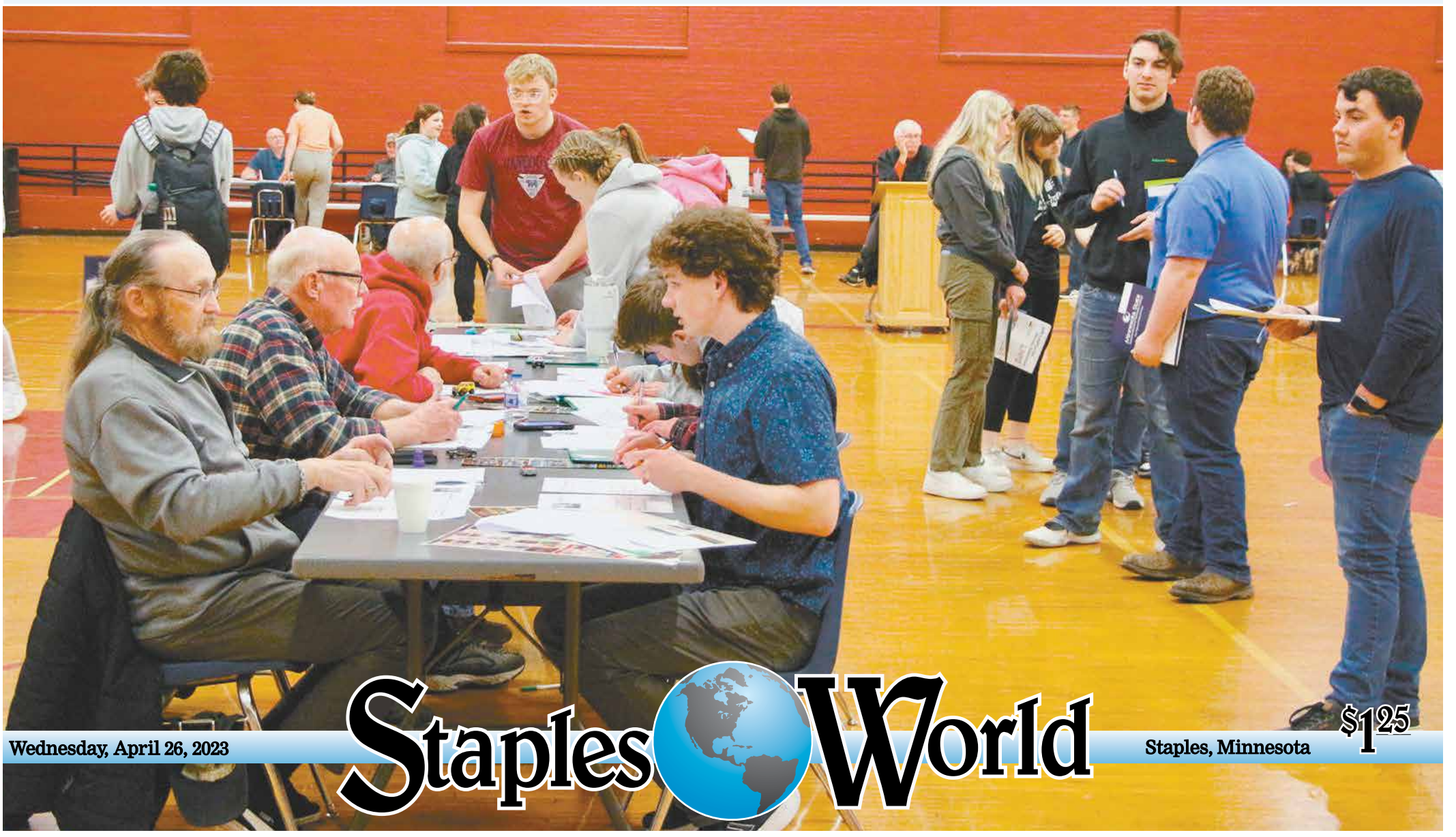
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School board approves wellness center lease

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board made moves to officialy accept the $6 million donation from Lakewood Health System to add a wellness center to the school's gym expansion. Outside work will begin this summer, with the interior gym expansion planned for the summer of 2024.

At their April 17 meeting, he board approved a lease agreement that had been negotiated with Lakewood, in which the school district is the landlord and Lakewood is the tenant operating the wellness center.

The wellness center addition will include a walking track, fitness areas, commons areas and administrative offices.

According to the lease, Lakewood employees will be considered members of the wellness center while the public can purchase memberships. The lease also includes rules for using the wellness center for events.

Once it is built, the school will be responsible for upkeep and repairs. Lakewood will be responsible for liability insurance for the building.

The board approved the lease unanimously, with board member Chandler Trout abstaining as an employee of Lakewood Health System.

The board also heard an update on construction plans for this summer. High school/middle school staff are preparing to move all materials out of classrooms to prepare for major renovations to the building this summer. The staff has an extra required day scheduled for May 31, because of the snow day in April. It will be a staff only day, with the last day for students remaining May 26.

Construction will start on the new elementary school gym this summer. A groundbreaking for the elementary project is being scheduled for May 17.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the school is moving a few items out of the Motley school building in preparation for the sale of the building. The largest item is the indoor playground, which the school plans to use for the early childhood program. They will also be removing the outdoor basketball hoops. Tappe said anything attached to the walls will be staying when the sale of the building is expected to be finalized on July 3.

In other news, the board

• Accepted resignation of Ginger Stiner, kindergarten and Loren Walz, marketing and communications.

• Approved hiring of new teachers for 2023-24 school year: Holton Truax, DAPE/PE/health; Bart Graves, CTE/Ag; Jaysa Saumer, elementary music; Cade Bestland, middle school/high school choir; Selket Jewett, middle school/high school English.

• Approved contracts for Kelsie Tyrrell, EBD teacher, Erin Judd, special education and Tina Mitts, FACS/child development.

• Approved family medical leave for Kaylee Pratt.

• Approved non-renewal of contract for Courtney Lisson - unanimous

• Accepted retirement of Kathy Blessing, food service, after 50 years with the district.

• Heard from High School Principal Debbie Ferdon, who said that the Cords and Awards program will be on Wednesday, May 24, instead of graduation day, which is Friday, May 26.

Reality Store Staples-Motley juniors and seniors learn about how to purchase a vehicle from community members at the Reality Store, held April 19. See more photos throughout the newspaper. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples-Motley wins Section 6A speech

Ten advance to state speech tournament

The SM speech team has five section champions and five additional students who placed in the top five to advance to the state tournament. The Section 6A tournament was April 15, at Perham.

Along with nine more medal winners, the combined performances put the Cardinals in first place to capture the Section 6A championship trophy, ahead of Perham and Pequot Lakes. The team had 25 participants who competed in the section.

The five individual section champions were:

• Keegan Harvey - Creative Expression

• Caden Mrazek and Luke Bates - Duo

• Olivia Opheim - Informative Speaking

• Laken Hines - Humorous Interpretation

Placing in the top three categories, also advancing to state include:

• Micah Larson - Creative Expression

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First in section

The Staples-Motley Section 6A individual champions, are: Olivia Opheim, informative speaking, and Laken Hines, humorous interpretation; back row, Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek, duo interpretation, and Keegan Harvey, creative expression. (Submitted photo)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 26	54	38	M. Sunny
Apr. 27	56	39	Showers
Apr. 28	48	36	Rain
Apr. 29	47	36	Showers
Apr. 30	51	33	Cloudy
May 1	56	34	P. Cloudy
May 2	62	40	Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 26	38°	23	Cloudy
Apr. 27	50	26	Sunny
Apr. 28	48	32	M. Cloudy
Apr. 29	54	42	Rain
Apr. 30	48	45	Rain
May 1	47	40	Cloudy
May 2	44	33	M. Sunny

Average Temps: H = 59° Low = 37° Can't believe it, 4-5" of snow. Another cool, wet week.

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

Fawn Lake: **9A**
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City of Staples: **9A**

Obituaries

Marjorie Dvorak
Michael Flansburg
Beverly Hansen
Marjorie Kincaid



SM are Section 6A speech tournament champions

The Staples-Motley speech team after receiving the Section 6A trophy. (Above) Front from left, coaches Kip Hines and Heather Sams, Keegan Harvey, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, Cyril Johnson, Grace Allen, Walker Johnson and Olivia Opheim; Middle row, Hailey Richardt, Laken Hines, Brynn Bestland, Raina Mikha, Sarah Kroll, Lexi Fishman, Riley Dabbs, Maria Halvorson, Sabina Moe, and coach Tammy Johnson; Back row, Lily Davis, Jaden Johnson, Joshua Cushing, Micah Larson, Gabriel Kroll, AJ Nienow, Keegan Bestland and Maddock Harvey; missing from the pictured, Andy Daniels.

Speech showcase



Keeping the audience in stitches

At their Speech Showcase March 27, held at Staples-Motley High School, speech team members representing a variety of categories performed their competition pieces for the public. Above, Micah Larson, kept the audience laughing with his Creative Expression speech, 'Sports Atheist." In lower photo, AJ Nienow and Micah Larson perform, "Back to the Future," in the Duo category. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Crowd favorite

Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek, in the Duo category, performed an excerpt of "Young Frankenstein" at the recent Speech Showcase held at Staples Motley High School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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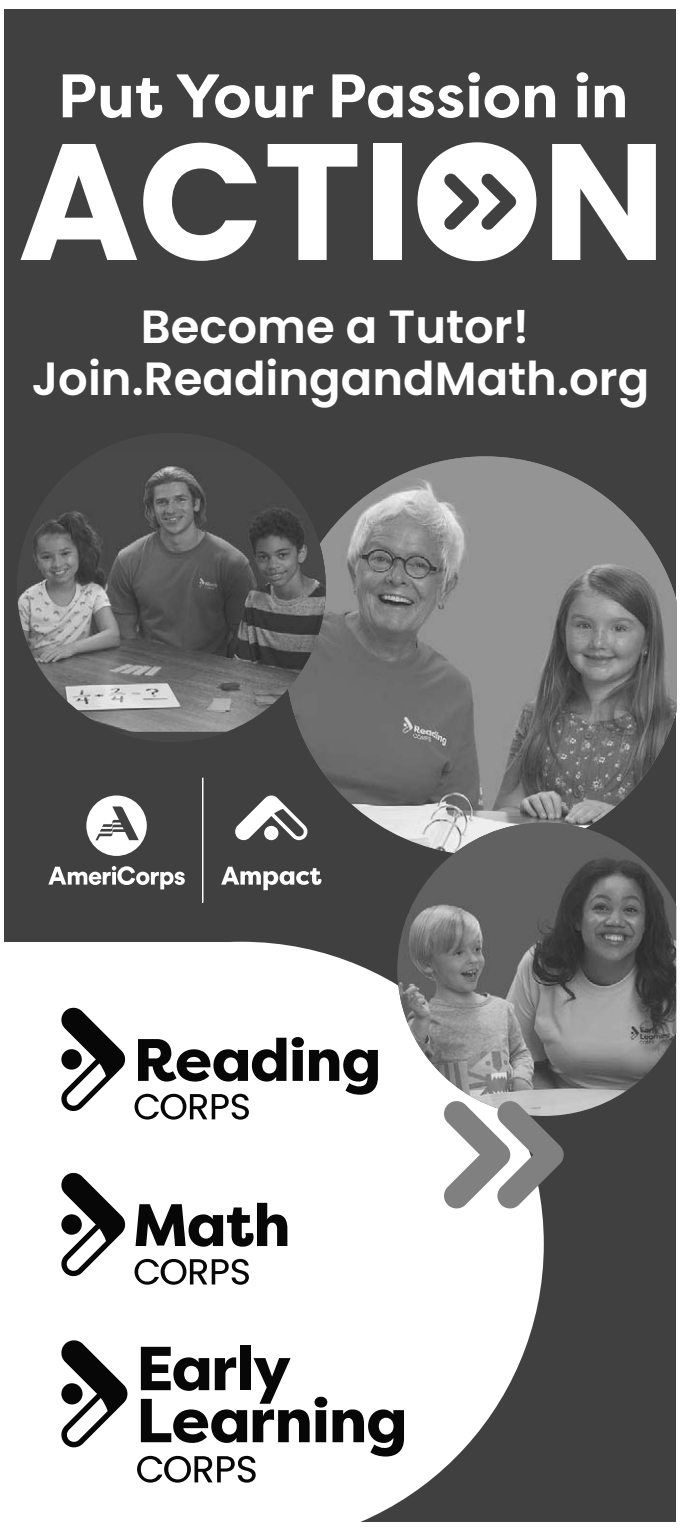
State Speech will be April 29 at Eastview

• Cy Johnson - Drama
• Walker Johnson - Extemp Reading
• Grace Allen - Poetry
• Maddock Harvey - Storytelling

Other Staples-Motley speech students who earned section medals:

• 4th, Brynn Bestland-Great Speeches; Riley Dabbs - Poetry; Lexi Fishman - Prose
• 5th, Raina Mikhael - Great Speeches; Joshua Cushing - Creative
• 6th, Sabina Moe - Discussion; AJ Nienow - Humor; Keegan Bestland - Original Oratory; Lily Davis - Storytelling

The Minnesota State Speech Tourney is Saturday. April 29, at Eastview High School in Apple Valley.





"Birds Aren't Real"

Olivia Opheim, member of the Staples-Motley Cardinal Speech Team, performed her Informative selection, "Birds Aren't Real" at the recent Speech Showcase. Opheim's speech satarizes conspiracy theories that proliferate the internet. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Dynamic duo

Keegan Harvey (left) and Cyril Johnson performed their Duo selection, "Hercules" at the Speech Showcase event March 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





"Frontier Mortician"



Laken Hines, Cardinal Speech Team member, performed his humorous selection, "Trigger Mortis: Frontier Mortician," at the recent Speech Showcase. The room was packed with members of the public who came to watch the performances, including Hines' mom, Jennifer, and sisters Willow and Bella, pictured above, far left.



Poetry piece

Grace Allen performed her poem "The Princess Save Herself in this one" at the recent Speech Showcase. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Storyteller

Lily Davis, member of the Cardinal Speech Team, performed the piece, "Sleeping Beauty," at the recent Speech Showcase. Davis competes in the Storytelling category. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Great speeches

Gabe Kroll competes in the Great Speeches category in extracurricular speech. He performed a selection at the recent Speech Showcase. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Legal learning at Reality Store

Staples Police officer Martin Penner, the school resource officer, mingled with students at the Reality Store to hand out pretend tickets or other legal issues that the students would have to clear up in the government section, sometimes appearing before the judge. Pictured, some students tell Penner that they don't deserve a ticket, but point out some classmates who haven't been ticketed yet. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1948

• April 22, 1948 - For sale at Ernie's Food Market in Staples: Grapefruit, Texas Marsh Seedless, 10 for 29 cents; Oranges, 2 doz., 39 cents; Hills Bros. Coffee, 1-lb. can, 53 cents; Gerber's Baby Food, 6 cans, 45 cents; Oxydol, 2 pkgs., 69 cents; Round Steak, finest quality, 63 cents lb.

• April 22, 1948 - Showing at the New Staples Theatre, April 23 - 24, "The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap,"

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starring Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Marjorie Main, as the pistol-packin' Ma Kettle!

Showing Tuesday, April 27, is "Spook Busters" with Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys.

• April 22, 1948 - As a special feature of the senior class play which is to be presented April 30, at the Motley High School auditorium, Miss Bessie Kral, first grade teacher, has made an original dress design for all the costumes worn by the women characters in the play.

The cast includes: Rae Lorene Roberts, Joe Hazuka, Thelma Ramey, Doris Heinen, Douglas Frisk, Barbara Johnson, Clarence Johnson, Darlene Johnson and David Pribbenow. Katherine Scruppie is the student director.

• April 22, 1948 - A school on home laundering will be conducted by Miss Ember Day, factory-trained in modern laundry practices in the Staples city hall on April 30, at 2 p.m. It is open to the women of Staples.

Miss Day will discuss soaps and detergents, conditioning water for home laundering, new fabrics and how to wash them, various types of soils and stains, and related topics. She will demonstrate modern laundering practices with the Bendix automatic washer, dryer and ironer.

Well qualified to conduct the school, Miss Day took a special training course conducted by the Bendix Home Laundry Institute at South Bend, Indiana.

• April 22, 1948 - Staples Men's Civic chorus, under the direction of Erling I. Lian, will present their annual spring concert at the Knights of Columbus auditorium in Staples May 2, at 8 p .m.

All proceeds will go toward the church organ fund, according to Fr. F. C. Falque, pastor of the church. This is the second benefit concert the Men's Chorus has put on. The first one was at Motley April 11, when the concert was put on for the benefit of the Methodist congregation in that village.

50 Years Ago - 1973

• April 26, 1973 - For sale at Ernie's Food Market - Ground beef, quality, 89 cents a lb.; Armour's Bacon, 99 cents a pkg; Texas Marsh Seedless Grapefruit. 10 for 59 cents; Bananas, 10 cents a lb; Maxwell House Coffee, 3 lbs, $2.29.

• April 26, 1973 - Banana Split Sale at the Staples DQ, 39 cents. Scrumpdillyishus!

• April 26, 1973 - In a playoff series last Wednesday evening, Jack's Starter Service topped three other teams to emerge as champions of the Wednesday City League at Hi-Way Lanes for the past season. Team members include Jack Shriver, sponsor; Curt Baier, Lloyd Robinson, Ron Peet, Reg DeMars, Tim Hopkins, Gregg Chapin and Bruce Larson.

Capturing the championship of the Tuesday Commercial League at Hi-Way Lanes last week were team members Dr. Jon Theurer, William Uhrich, James D. Randgaard, Larry Klimstra, Dick Stolhanske, Robert Mueller and B. C. Blessing.

• April 26, 1973 - A service of Dedication of the new addition to Hope Chapel, Verndale, will be held Sunday, April 29.

Rev. Ronald Bergstrom, newly appointed missionary of the Brainerd-Wadena area of the America Sunday School Union will be the guest speaker. Rev. Arnold Frei, retiring ASSU missionary (dear friend and helper to the Hope Chapel people for over 40 years), will bring the Prayer of Dedication. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schimpp of Staples will furnish the special music.

• April 26, 1973 - Cindy Melhus of Staples (an eighth grader at Staples High School) is among the 15 Northern Minnesota area winners in the American Cancer Society's seventh annual poster contest on the health hazards of smoking. The 15 finalists were selected from 1,194 entered from the 32-county area.

25 Years Ago - 1998

• April 23, 1998 - A Staples Motley High School sophomore bound for the Minnesota State Arts School last weekend became the eighth student in the school's history to win a gold medal at the high school speech contest.

Tasa Anderson, daughter of Scott and Gail Anderson of Route 1, Browerville, swept the competition of 16 other outstanding speech students from around the state with her rendition of a dramatic reading, "Blue Window."

"My final round was the best I've ever done it. I just felt it inside," Tasa said.

"Most of the people in the room were crying at the end," Don Sanda, one of the speech team's coaches, said.

Other SM students who performed at state included Nicole Shaffer, who finished sixth in extemporaneous reading; and Scott Smith and Tom Vasecka, who competed in dramatic duo.

• April 23, 1998 - Now playing at the Staples Cinema, April 24 - 26, "As Good As It Gets" starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt.

• April 23, 1998 - Joyce Anderson, religious education coordinator of Sacred Heart Parish in Staples, attended the sixth annual National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors National DRE convocation in Los Angeles, April 14-17.

At the awards banquet, Anderson was recognized as a recipient of a Mustard Seed Award. Anderson was among six recipients of this award. Other winners were from Illinois, Texas, New York, Virginia and Ohio.

• April 23, 1998 - The Staples Motley High School baseball season got off to a start this past week with the Cardinals 1-2 after three games.

Coach Doug Shequen's Cards claimed their first win on Monday with a 5-4, come-from-behind win over Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

The Cards had opened last week with a 3-2 loss to Perham on April 14 and a 9-1 loss Friday afternoon at Osakis.

10 Years Ago - 2013

• April 25, 2013 - A passion for the Stomping Grounds and what it does for Staples led Carrie Beachy to purchase the coffee shop when it was announced that the non-profit would close.

The last day of the old business was April 21, ten years after the business venture was started. Beachy said she plans to take one week to update the interior of the shop and open again before May.

• April 25, 2013 - World War II veteran Harry McCoy, Motley, recently received a "Quilt of Valor" at a special gathering held in his honor at Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our May 23, 1963 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the April 19, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured Five Motley High school students that received trophies from the Motley Lions Club for being the most valuable player in their sport. From left are Brad Macheel, cross country; Bill Simon, football lineman; Deb Hanson, girls basketball; Randy Frisk, football, basketball and the Ed Wiser Memorial Award for the most valuable athletic of the year; and Mike Lorber, wrestling. The trophies were presented to the students by Lloyd Johnson, President of the Motley Lions Club.

Leader native Kelly Boldan, now of Willmar, correctly identified all, as well as the context. Greg Frisk of Motley correctly identified all, mentioning that Randy is his brother. Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified Randy Frisk. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Staples Police report

Note from Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz: "Please keep Pope County Sheriff's Dept. and Starbuck Police Dept. in your thoughts and prayers. This is weighing heavily on all of us in law enforcement. There have been seven Minnesota police officers shot in the line of duty so far in 2023. It is an alarming trend across the country, and hits hardest when it is so close to home."

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. uncluded:

April 10 - Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 8th St. NE for a report of a burglary. Police arrived and arrested Dominic Stegora-Johnson, 19, for felony theft.

April 10, Staples Police received information regarding illegal activity involving juveniles, from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehention. The incident is under investigation.

April 11, at 3:22 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of suspicious activity on the 400 block of 7th St. SE. The reporting party stated that someone had attempted to get into their residence. The subject had observed by a ring doorbell of the individual trying to break in. Police checked the area and did not locate the subject. Police were shown the digital video of the incident and were able to identify the subject. The subject is known to the reporting party and no further action was requested.

April 11, Staples Police witnessed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Warner Rd. and Airport Rd. in the City of Staples. Police did a traffic stop on the vehicle when it came to a stop near the intersection of Airport Rd and Summit Ave. SPD identified the driver, learned that they had a cancelled driver's license and the driver was placed under arrest and began transporting them to Todd County Jail. The driver was able to contact a friend come and pick up the vehicle. While enroute to Todd County Jail the arresting officer was advised that the driver's license was only cancelled and not cancelled IPS. Instead of continuing to the jail, the driver was taken back to Staples, dropped off as requested in the 100 block of Wisconsin Ave SE. SPD informed the driver that they would be receiving a citation by mail in the next few days.

April 11, Staples Police were dispatched to the Cardinal Pines Apartment of a suspicious male at the location waiting to meet a female. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the subject then the staff on scene. It was determined that the male was asked by an unknown account posing as a female to meet him at the location. The female in question was not a resident and the subject was asked to leave.

April 13, Staples Police assisted the Central Mn Drug Taskforce with a search warrant at a residence on the 300 block of McKinley St. SW.

April 13, Staples Police assisted the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. with an individual who had left their group home in Motley and was threatening to jump off a bridge. Officers arrived and assisted in convincing the individual to go back to the group home.

April 14, Staples Police Police responded to a report of a vehicle that had rolled multiple times near the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 83. Police found the vehicle unoccupied and assisted the MN State Patrol with the investigation.

April 14, Staples Police noticed a vehicle with its flashers on in the traffic lane of the 100 block of 3rd St. NE. Officers advised the driver, who was talking to an individual in a parked car, that he can't block the lane.

April 15, Staples Police received a report of a scam involving a scammer making a fake Facebook profile that matched the profile of the complainant's friend. The scammer, posing as the friend tried to talk the complainant into a fictional government program to receive money. The scammer asked the complainant to send three $500 gift cards to get signed up for the program. The complainant didn't give any personal information, and were advised how to report the incident to the FBI. Police would like to remind everyone if anyone askes for a gift card or askes you to send money so you can receive a larger sum of money, it's a scam. Don't give out any personal information and end communication with the subject.

On April 16, Staples Police were requested to assist a person at the Amtrak Station. The subject stated they were trying to get to Minneapolis but were removed from the train because they had a cat with them. Police transported the subject to Casey's to wait for a ride.

Autism awareness in Todd County

From Todd County Health and Human Services

What is autism? Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability characterized by differences in social interaction and communication as well as the presence of restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior, interest or activities. People on the spectrum may experience a range of abilities and characteristics. Some people may have very noticeable characteristics, others may not.

Core characteristics of Autism include:

• Differences in social interaction and communication

• Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests or activities.

• These characteristics typically appear early on in development (18 to 24 months), often before children enter grade school, but may not become fully noticeable until social demands increase (24 months to 6 years).

Developmental milestones

Although every child is unique and will learn and grow at their own pace, children are expected to develop in similar ways. Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye bye" are called developmental milestones.

Keeping track of developmental milestones will allow you to:

• Support your child as they grow

• Identify right away if they may need extra help to learn

You can review development milestones by age here: https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html

If you have concerns that your child is not meeting important developmental milestones, make an appointment with your child's primary care doctor for an evaluation. You can also call your insurance company using the number on the back of your member ID card to receive a referral or find evaluation providers and other services in your network.

For more information visit the Autism Resource Portal: https://mn.gov/autism/

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Minnesota legislative update from House of Representatives

By Mike Wiener
State Representative

It's been very busy recently in St. Paul with hours-long debates on a variety of budget bills. I want to take a moment to encourage you to make sure the family of Pope County Deputy Sheriff, Josh Owen, is in your prayers. Deputy Owen was tragically killed in the line of duty recently. May he rest in peace.

Transportation Bill

The House approved a transportation budget bill that raises taxes on Minnesotans by $3.5 billion. Tax increases of any kind, especially in the billions, make no sense when the state has a $17.5 billion budget surplus.

We can properly fund our road and bridge infrastructure needs without raising taxes and without spending hundreds of millions on transit projects.

• Here are some of the proposed taxes in the bill:

• Metro Area Sales Tax Increase totaling more than $2 billion. This will affect my constituents who make sales taxable purchases in Anoka and Hennepin counties.

• $513 million via a new "delivery" tax that would impact Amazon deliveries, DoorDash, pizza shops and everything in between.

• $736 million in license tab fee increases.

• $215 million via a Motor Vehicle Sales Tax increase.

The bill also includes $194 million in spending to pay for a passenger train to Duluth.

I voted "no" on this bill.

Environment and Energy Bill

If there's one thing that all Minnesotans can support, it's making sure that future generations can enjoy the amazing, God-given natural resource our state has been blessed with. Unfortunately, this year's environment and energy budget bill does not measure up.

The bill will raise $36 million in new fees that will make it more expensive to fish, hunt, enjoy our state parks and use your boat in Minnesota.

The bill also significantly increased spending and grows bureaucracy.

Like the transportation bill, this was an easy "no" vote.

Veterans Bill

On a more positive note, we unanimously approved a veterans bill recently. The bill passed on a 131-0 vote proving that there are still things we do in St. Paul that can earn the support of everyone.

This was about doing the right thing for the brave men, women and their families that have served our nation. We thank you.

As always, it is critical that you communicate to me any thoughts, questions, or concerns you may have. Never hesitate to reach out to me via phone or email. I can be reached at 651-296-4293 or via email at rep.mike.wiener@house.mn.gov. It would be an honor to speak with you.

Letters to the Editor

Newspaper valuable to community

I am reaching out to you in regards to the opinion article you wrote and published in The Staples World in the April 19, 2023 edition.

I have been reading this Newspaper for at least ten years and am pleased with the undying commitment you and the staff there have shown over the years and especially through the past three years. Your focus and dedication is absolutely amazing.

I have learned much from watching and reading this newspaper. I will continue doing my part, within my abilities, to encourage community members to read this newspaper.

I appreciate all you do and your dedication to keeping the public informed.

Loni Kay
Motley, Minn

Quote of the week

"Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It's absolutely unavoidable. A journalist is someone who looks at the world and the way it works, someone who takes a close look at things every day and reports what she sees, someone who represents the world, the event, for others. She cannot do her work without judging what she sees."
— Marguerite Duras

A public safety bill that doesn't prioritize safety

By Senator Paul Utke

Senate Democrats brought forward a public safety bill that fails to prioritize any aspect of public safety concerns. Crime in Minnesota has been steadily rising and expanding from the metro outward. Instead of addressing concerns of folks across the state, Democrats gave us a public safety bill that makes thousands of criminals eligible for early release, reduces sentences for violent offenders and funnels millions of dollars to untested and unproven non-profits, all while ignoring the needs of law enforcement through the state.

I'm especially troubled by the provision that allows 92 percent of the prison population to be eligible for early release. This is part of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA), which reduces the amount of incarceration time to one-half of the original sentence. Folks, Minnesota is already a low incarceration state because so much of our sentencing relies heavily on probation over of incarceration. This MRRA language has the ability to impact 7,400 out of the 8,000 prisoners in the state. That means criminals that have committed heinous crimes like manslaughter, rape and kidnapping will be eligible for early release. I find this utterly appalling.

The MRRA also doesn't require victims to have any notification of their perpetrators' early release. The bill currently states an attempt needs to be made to let them know, but that's it. Imagine being the victim of one of these terrible crimes, and suddenly you're walking through your community or you're shopping at the grocery store and you run into the person who committed a violent crime against you... This bill truly does a disserve to victims that, in some cases, have gone through unthinkable trauma. This will put victims and our communities at risk.

This bill also thought it was necessary to reduce the maximum penalties for juveniles tried as adults from 25 years down to as little as 15 years. This change could potentially affect 96 individuals, included those who committed horrifying crimes such as murder and rape. Again, we are putting victims and communities greatly at risk with these mind-boggling provisions.

While this bill seems to soften its approach regarding crime and criminals, it also fails to provide any sort of meaningful assistance for law enforcement organizations. As I'm sure you all remember, "Defund the Police" was an awful movement that really made it hard on law enforcement when it came to attracting talent, and they're still feeling the effects of that to this day. Police are struggling to fill openings, and colleges are struggling to fill criminal justice programs. A public safety bill coupled with a historic surplus offered us a golden opportunity to make needed and targeted investments in law enforcement, yet Democrats instead decided to focus on prioritizing criminals.

It's really hard to believe that a public safety bill is doing everything but ensuring "public safety" for our communities. At the end of the day, we really should be asking—who do these policies and bills benefit? By neglecting the needs of law enforcement and making criminals eligible for early release, Senate Democrats have opted to send a clear message to folks across the state: it's more important to release criminals than it is to keep families safe in their communities.

How to convert a war to peace

By Tom H. Hastings

Many attempts have been made to stop war.

Many fail.

Who has done it successfully and what can they teach us?

The people of the Philippines stopped a civil war that looked unstoppable. When? In February of 1986. How? Some nuns and other Filipinx activists did about a decade of nonviolence trainings and community organizing with an idea of replacing the increasingly dictatorial Ferdinand Marcos. When Marcos had his primary rival, Benigno Aquino, assassinated, the people were angry. When they got a chance to vote for his widow, Cory Aquino, they knew that she won but Marcos attempted to steal the election. This precipitated a general strike and a breakaway portion of the armed forces. As the tanks from the rebel army rolled down the Epifanio de Los Santos Avenue in Manila toward the army of tanks surrounding the Presidential palace, the Filipina nuns told Cardinal Jamie Sin to get on Radio Veritas and tell the people, "It's time. Come out to the EDSA." People were ready, came out by the tens of thousands, and interposed for days between two armies. They stopped an "inevitable" civil war and regained their democracy.

But what about a war in actual shooting progress? The women of Liberia did it all. When the Muslim insurgents were in a brutal civil war against the equally brutal Christian autocrat, Charles Taylor, featuring child soldiers on both sides, horrific rape, looting, and civilian slaughter, the women arose as one in an unprecedented coalition, Muslim women reached out to form alliance with Christian women, and used robust and risky nonviolent interventions to bring the parties to the negotiating table after many years of traumatic war. They stopped a war in progress and gained real democracy, including the election of the first African woman head of state. They stuck with their campaign even after the 2003 peace treaty because the reintegration of fighters back into Liberian society was desperately needed in order to make the peace last, and the women paid far more attention to this than the UN did, or any other supranational organization.

From the 1960s onward it was widely predicted that apartheid in South Africa would end with a blood-soaked uprising by the overwhelming majority--black South Africans--butchering the brutal ruling white minority. Instead, black South Africans began disciplined boycotts and negotiations, so serious that the apartheid government declared a state of emergency. The "inevitable" bloodbath was averted, Nelson Mandela was released from decades in prison, the first free election was held, and Mandela was swept in on a nonviolent wave, with both war averted and democracy finally realized.

When have we failed to stop war and what are the lessons?

We tried to stop the war in Vietnam. I was a conscientious objector, but there weren't enough of us. Soldiers were resisting the war by many means--some violent, most nonviolent, including unprecedented levels of desertion. Religious resisters began high risk draft board raids, including the famous May 1968 raid in Catonsville MD, at which draft files for 1-A boys (most conscriptable) were taken from the draft board by some priests and nuns and burned with homemade napalm, triggering a nationwide series of dozens of such actions. Slowly, as polls showed majoritarian rejection of the war, some elected reps turned away from the war, but there was enough of a complex force keeping it going to prevent peace for many years.

David Cortright, antiwar activist since his days in the US military in Vietnam, and professor emeritus from Notre Dame University, has written a new book--A Peaceful Superpower: Lessons from the World's Largest Antiwar Movement--describing in granular detail the mass effort to stop the US from invading Iraq. His magisterial sweep through the many coalitional partners from many perspectives, his examination of media strategies, and much more make this an outstanding history of a time, an effort by millions, and yet we failed to stop that invasion. There were simply not enough millions. One march in the street is not enough; in the three cited successes, there was massive sustained action. There were zero general strikes in the US to stop any war.

And now there are more efforts to stop the bloodshed and destruction in Ukraine, but nothing's working. The world is not helping, least of all the scores of $billions in weapons the US is sending into the fray.

I think history's lessons are clear; if we wish to stop a war, it takes the people of the country acting in union, willing to sacrifice, to do so. Ukrainians and Russians--the people--will stop the war when they decide the costs of war are greater than the costs of an imperfect peace. So far, the people of the warring countries have not decided that. In both countries working for a nonviolent path forward is personally far more risky that doing so in the US, but it was even riskier in Liberia and South Africa, and arguably as risky in the Philippines. Those people overcame violent repression and brought peace to their lands.

The people have the power, even if it's latent and unused. History shows us this again and again.

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Quote of the week

"There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them."
— Clare Boothe Luce

Book winner at Staples Library



Colleen Marsh, right, was the winner of the book "Mushrooms of the Upper Midwest" presented by co-author Kathy Yerich, at the Staples Public Library April 15. Yerich, a member of the Minnesota Mycological Society and North American Mycological Association gave a presentation and tips about the more than 5,000 species of mushrooms found in this area. The book was donated by the Staples Friends of the Library. For more information on mushroom picking, check out the resourses that Great River Regional Library has available at their webpage www.griver.org. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment. For information about upcoming programs at the Staples Public Library, call 218-894-1401. (Submitted photo)

Fidgety Fairy Tales helps children recognize mental health issues

Fidgety Fairy Tales will help children recognize anxiety and other mental health issues and give them a basis to work on improving those issues.

The play is a production from the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health. Since 2008, Fidgety Fairy Tales has been helping kids and grown-ups have important conversations about mental health through original musical theatre performances that feature music, gentle humor and performances by talented youth.

Fidgety Fairy Tales will be performed for Staples-Motley elementary and middle school students during school hours. A free public performance will be Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Staples-Motley High School Centennial Auditorium.

Staples-Motley teachers will also receive curriculum that will allow them to follow up on the lessons learned from the play. The curriculum allows students to continue the conversation and gives them techniques on how to improve mental health.

Staples Motley Beyond Poverty is bringing the play to the community as part of their continuing awareness about mental health issues.

A statement from SMBP says "The emotional wellness of our community, young and old, is important to the work of Staples Motley Beyond Poverty members. We continue to look for ways to bring awareness to and address growing mental health concerns.

"We are happy to have received funding for an age appropriate theatrical production, educating elementary students and families about anxiety disorders."

Funding for the event is from Sourcewell and Lakewood Health System, with TimberLake Hotel offering discounted lodging to the production crew.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir to perform at Motley Free Methodist Church April 30

The Motley Free Methodist Church will host the Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MNTC) Choir in a free performance on Sunday, April 30. The choir will perform at the church's 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

For more than 25 years, Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to teens and adults struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge offers both a long-term faith based recovery program and short-term treatment program called Life Renewal, which allows them to effectively serve individuals with a broad spectrum of addiction issues; from those seeking treatment for the first time, to those who have been struggling with addiction for many years.

Motley Free Methodist Church is located at 33 Wellwood St. East in Motley. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

School Board Work Session May 1

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a Work Session, Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The agenda includes Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP); and the Operating Levy Renewal (develop priorities, multiple questions, additional funding, repercussions of not passing).

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

May

- **Dollars for Scholars Awards Night** May 3, 7 p.m.
- **Prom** May 6
- **Final Concert, Choir/Band Orchestra (Grades 5 - 8)** May 12, 7 p.m.
- **Commencement Concert, Choir/Band/Orchestra (Grades 9 - 12)** May 19, 7 p.m.
- **Baccalaureate** May 21, 7 p.m., Church of Christ, Staples
- **Cords and Awards Ceremony for Seniors** May 24, 1:30 p.m.
- **Last Day of School** May 26
- **Graduation** May 26, 7:30 p.m.
- **Memorial Day** May 29, Offices closed

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

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Mark Your Calendar

April 27

'Walk With A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Group Dancing Thursday, April 27, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael's Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Bob Maiden, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

April 28

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

April 29

Free Community Breakfast Saturday, April 29, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

May 1

AA group Mtgs In Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 2

Ruby's Pantry is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

Old Time Dance is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

'GriefShare' Grief Support Group is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through May 30. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

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.

May 3

Dementia Caregiver Support Group offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

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AUCTION

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

Saturday, April 29, 2023

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


H Farmall tractor w/ cultivator, runs good, tires good, narrow front


930 Case Comfort King diesel, new battery and starter, good tires, wide front, in shed, runs nice, 5,881 ac. hrs.


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Springtooth 4-section drag - Harrow
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International grain drill on steel wheels, 10'
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16" X 19' I-beam 10" miter saw
Wire feed welder, Lincoln SP-1307
Cable
Machinists Brown & Sharpe surface grinder
Torch w/ gauges/ cart for torch set
Some scrap iron Some good iron
Miller welder, 225 on cart Gas cans
Some long handle tools
Pipe wrenches Weed burner
Machinist tools Tool boxes
End mills, chucks and collars
Step block set Wood lathe
LP tanks, 20 lbs and 100 lbs.
Homemade power washer, big engine
T-posts, post driver 4' x 5' hopper
Sockets, wrenches

SPORTING
Muskie lures and fishing pole
Fishing stuff
Portable deer stands, ladder Traps
Deer and turkey decoysFishing spears
Big game scale

MOWER
1210 GrassHopper zero turn mower

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Pump jack Tall pitcher pump
Old metal detector Tonka toy
Old butcher knives

MISC.
Restaurant cups in crates
Many more items too numerous to mention

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•Winchester lever action, cal. ?, short barrel, Model 1876


•1864 Winchester 40-82, Serial #25636, lever action, octagon barrel, (very rare)

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Winchester 22 rifle Model 320 w/scope

SPORTING
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Minnow buckets Fishing lures
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Tackle boxs Life jackets, cushions

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Student Achievements

St. Cloud Technical & Community College recently announced it's Fall 2022 Academic Achievements List. Students named to the President's List earned a grade point average of 4.0; and those named to the Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. Local students named include:

- Morgan Hanson, Motley, Dean's List
- Sarah Kossan, Motley, Dean's List
- Lindsey Personius, Pillager, President's List

Obituaries

Marjorie Dvorak



A Celebration of Life for Marjorie Dvorak will be held Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Scandia Valley Town Hall from 1 to 5 p.m. Refreshements will be provided; no cards or gifts requested.

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

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Beverly Hansen



Beverly Hansen, 85, of Staples, passed away April 3, 2023, two days short of her 86th birthday.

Beverly Jane Hanson was born April 5, 1937 to Harry and Mildred Ricketts. She had one sister, Patricia.

Beverly married Donald "Buck" Hansen on June 5, 1955 and they were blessed with four children, Rick, Nancy, Daniel and Wayne. After several years of marriage, Donald and Beverly went their separated.

She was currently a resident of Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa where she enjoyed playing cards with friends, bingo, tending to her many plants, the 3 o'clock coffee social and the care center's kitty, Bobbie, who spent many hours on her bed.

Beverly is survived by two sons, Daniel (Linda) and Wayne (Vicki); three grandchildren, Crystal, John and Ashley; six great-grandchildren, Trinity, Joshua, Harper, Brantley, Miles, Nolan and twins due in May.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Pat; one son, Rick and one daughter, Nancy.

Family would like to thank Central Todd County Care Center, Clarissa for their care and the many freindships Beverly made there.

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Marjorie Kincaid



Marjorie Ann Kincaid passed away peacefully on April 15, 2023 while cradled in her mother and father's arms, surrounded by her loving extended family, at Memorial Medical Center in Ashland, WI. Marjorie was born earlier that day and was the second child of Allison (Lambert) Kincaid and Aleksis Kincaid.

Visitation will be held at Bratley Funeral Home on Thursday, April 27 from 8:00-10:00 a.m., Washburn, WI (wecare@bratleyfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

Private service at a later date.

Marjorie was a beautiful baby girl and a spitting image of her two-year-old big brother Edward, who had been talking about everything he wanted to teach her in the months leading up to her birth. Marjorie was the perfect addition to her family who are all heartbroken by her unexpectedly short life. She will be missed and loved by many.

Marjorie is survived by her parents and brother, Edward John Kincaid; grandparents, Carol and Bruce Lambert, John and Anne Kincaid; great-grandparents, James and Elizabeth Chambers, Darlene Kincaid; uncles, Jeffrey, Thomas, and James Lambert, Michael Kincaid; aunt, Laura Kincaid and cousins, Jadyn Kincaid and Ashley Miller.

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Michael Flansburg



Michael Lloyd Flansburg, 61, formerly of Staples, died March 17, 2023, at his home in Hinkley after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at the American Legion in Hinckley on May 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with Chaplin Allen Blegen officiating.

Michael was born December 12, 1961 to Lloyd and Carol (Draves) Flansburg in Wadena. He attended Staples High School and in 1980 joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Following his basic training in California he served in Panama and at Camp Lejune.

He met Anita Kitchenmaster in 1986 and they were married on August 21, 1993.

Michael worked at Grand Casino Hinkley for 10 years, Asbestos Abatement for 10 years and various jobs throughout his life from powder coating to gas station attendant.

Michael enjoyed playing guitar, fishing, roller skating, video games, music and dancing. With his easy-going and laid-back nature he made many friends and he will be missed by many. He was a loving husband who loved his children and grandchildren very much.

Despite spending so much of his last year in and out of the hospital, he never lost his sense of humor. Throughout his entire journey, he cracked jokes with his grown children, made silly faces with his grandchildren and even pulled some light-hearted pranks on the nurses. Michael had a great ability to make others smile and his sense of humor will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Flansburg of Hinkley; one daughter, Savanna (Jeremy) Albedyll of St. Cloud; four sons, Christopher Flansburg, Michael Flansburg and Alex Flansburg, all of Hinkley and Tyler Flansburg of St. Cloud; one grandson, Steven Spencer of Brainerd; two granddaughters, Kailynne and Zoe Albedyll of St. Cloud; his father, Lloyd (Jacqueline) Flansburg of Motley; three brothers, Mark (Sabine) Flansburg of Heilbronn, Germany, Darin (Lisa) Flansburg of Motley and Gordon "Dean" (Holly) Flansburg of Bemidji.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Carol Draves in 2006; one uncle, Ronald Draves in 2006 and one aunt, Vivian Dickman in 2017.

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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
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Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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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
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

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Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
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Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live..... 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950
Sunday Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study ..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope..... 7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

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Continue to Celebrate the Season of Easter

Pastor Chris Mathiason, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples; Bethany Lutheran, Cushing

Wishing you a blessed Spring. After a long snowy winter, it is good to see the grass and watch as the last snow piles fade away.

On Sunday April 9, churches in our communities celebrated Easter. This year Holy Week (the week before Easter) was one to remember with snow storms and schools delayed or closed.

On Easter, we celebrate Jesus defeating death. Worship was wonderful. The good news is the church doesn't celebrate just one Sunday. We continue to celebrate the Easter season for 40 days after Easter Sunday. Each Sunday we gather and celebrate what God has done.

One of the challenges of life is balancing the special with the ordinary. Easter Sunday is a special wonderful day. Worship features great music and extended family travel to be together. Some families are at home, others go away to celebrate. Each Sunday is special in it's own way, the familiar pattern of gathering each week to be with friends, worship together and fellowship (that's eating a donut or baked treat). It's good to have patterns where we see people reconnect week after week. In a world where it is easy to be disconnected from others, it is good to be together with others.

I encourage you to continue to celebrate Easter. To continue to think about Jesus work on the cross. To give thanks that in Jesus, God comes down to us and meets us where we are. Each of us need to reject those things that keep us from following God. And recommit to a life of following God. Going to church on Sunday can help us fill our tank of the rest of the week.

Enjoy the season of Easter. Have a little chocolate. Call a friend or relative and share a good story. And give thanks that Jesus has defeated death. Amen.

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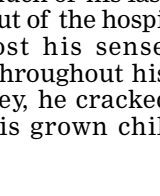
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***To update your church information or to advertise on the Church Directory, call 218-894-1112 or email: jwinter@staplesworld.com. As always, continue to email your Ministerial pastoral message or advertisement to: jwinter@staplesworld.com*



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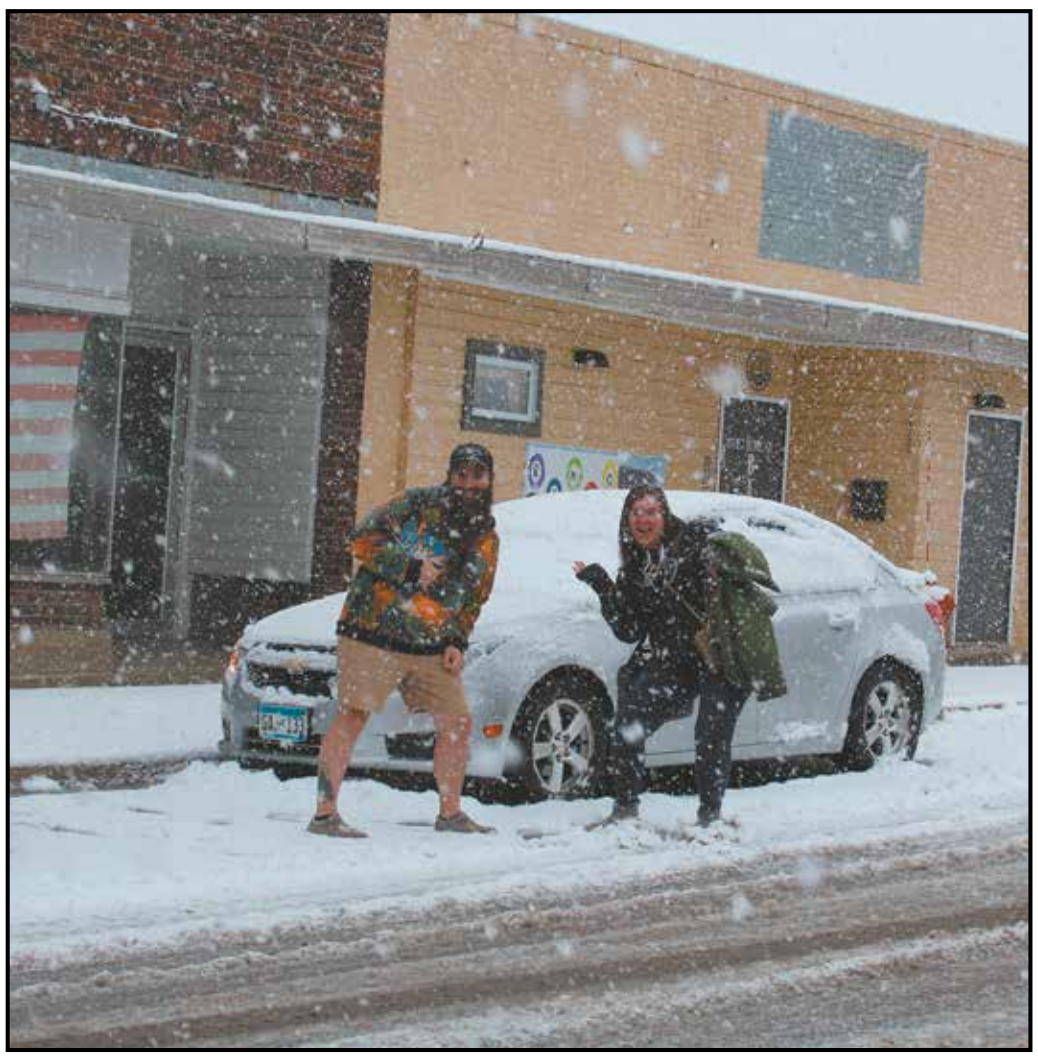
Friday, noon

Weather delays spring sports for a full week

All of the Staples-Motley spring sports had games and meets canceled during the week of April 17-22, due to rain, wind, freezing weather and two days of heavy snowfall.

So instead of a sports section this week, the Staples World will feature some of the snow photos that were taken by Dawn Timbs.

Spring sports will start up again this week, and continue with games nearly every day, if weather permits, until the end of the regular seasons in late May and postseason tournaments that can continue into June.



It's summer somewhere

Jeremy Ziegler-Djuran (left) and Rikki Soder, both of Staples, said the few inches of snow that fell April 20, wasn't going to get them down. In fact, Ziegler-Djuran was even wearing shorts. Hey, it's summer somewhere. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



All is calm, but not so bright

Snow fell in Central Minnesota throughout much of the afternoon and evening April 20, covering trees and yards once again with white. There were reports of hazardous driving conditions on Highways 10 and 210, but things looked peaceful along 5th St. NE in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Time to head south?

Like most of the human snow-birds that came back to Minnesota this spring, having spent the winter in places like Arizona, Florida and Texas, this robin might be wondering if it's time to head south again already. Nearly five inches of snow fell throughout the Staples area April 20… who would have thunk it? (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Winter, you can STOP already!

A sign near Pleasant Ave. and 5th St. NE in Staples, summed up the sentiments of pretty much everyone April 21, after another four or five inches of snow fell in the area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Can't put the shovels away quite yet

Staples World Managing Editor Mark Anderson helped clear the sidewalk along 4th St. NE April 21, after four or five inches of snow fell throughout the area. Most of the shovels and snow plows had been put away for the season, but Mother Nature had at least one more winter surprise up her sleeve. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Waiting to bloom

A lilac bush was weighted with heavy snow after several inches fell throughout the Staples area April 20. It's hard to believe that in a month's time, most likely the white will be replaced with green leaves and lavender buds. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Winter, we surrender

A red, white and blue flag waved along 5th St. NE in Staples April 21, about the only sign of color in the midst of white (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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208 Storage

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HISTORIC STAPLES

Apply at the City of Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479.
You may also find an application on our website at **www.staplesgovoffice.com.**
For questions, call Public Works Director, Scott Grabe at 218-894-2550, Ext 6.
Application deadline is Weds., May 24, 2023.
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Central Todd County Care Center

•Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)•

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

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY Care Center

Contact Tyler Kliniske at tkliniske@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12
Pick up an application in the Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Garage Sales

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GARAGE SALE: Brand name clothes and shoes, household items, electronics, décor. 1015 Pine Grove Rd., Staples. **Weds., April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs., April 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri., April 28, noon-6 p.m.** 18p



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Public Notices

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETING

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
Leader Community Hall
18-19pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ROAD TOUR

The Fawn Lake Township Annual Road Tour will be held Friday, April 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the town hall prior to 9:00 a.m. Questions call the clerk, 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
17-18pnc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON PROPOSED PROJECTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 41A AND SECTIONS 469.152 THROUGH 469.1655, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *"Code"*), and Chapter 41A of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended, and Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended (the *"Act"*), that the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board (the "*Board*"), will meet on May 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, in the Brainerd Conference Room at the Great Northern Building located at 180 5th Street East, 12th Floor, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101 for the purpose of holding a public hearing on a proposal that the Board issue revenue bonds, in one or more tax-exempt series (the *"Bonds"*), under Chapter 41A of the Minnesota Statutes, the Act and Sections 103 and 145 of the Code, for the benefit of Essentia Health, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, or one or more of its affiliates (the *"Borrower"*), in order to (i) finance, refinance or reimburse the Borrower for all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 163,000 square foot distribution center to be located at 126 Bedrock Lane, Esko, Minnesota (located in Thomson Township) including any necessary and attendant land acquisition, facilities, equipment, site work and utilities appurtenant thereto (not to exceed $38,000,000) (the *"Esko Project"*); (ii) finance, refinance or reimburse the Borrower for all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 16,000 square foot outpatient clinic building with drive-through pharmacy to be located at 301 2nd Avenue NW in the City of Staples, Minnesota including any necessary and attendant land acquisition, facilities, equipment, site work and utilities appurtenant thereto (not to exceed $13,000,000) (the *"Staples Project"* and, together with the Esko Project, the *"Projects"*); (iii) finance capitalized interest, if any, on the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Borrower; and (iv) finance all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The maximum aggregate stated principal amount of the Bonds to be issued is not expected to exceed $51,000,000. The assets to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds are owned or leased and operated by the Borrower. The Bonds are proposed to be issued pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under Section 41A.05, subdivision 2, of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended, which permits the Board to exercise all powers of a municipality under the Act, and Section 469.153, subdivision 2(d) of the Act.

The Bonds or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the Board to finance the Projects shall be limited obligations of the Board payable solely from the revenue pledged to the payment thereof and may be secured by a mortgage or other encumbrance on the assets financed with proceeds of the Bonds. No holder of any such evidence of indebtedness shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the Board, the State of Minnesota or any political subdivision thereof to pay such evidence of indebtedness, or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment against any property of the Board, the State or any political subdivision thereof.

A draft copy of the proposed Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for approval of the Projects, together with draft copies of all attachments and exhibits thereto will be available at the front desk of the 12th floor of the Great Northern Building located at 180 5th Street East, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101 during normal business hours on normal business days.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above or may mail written comments to the Executive Director at the address set forth above prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2023, by order of the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board.
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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 901 PRAIRIE AVE NW

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 901 Prairie Ave NW to conduct a meat harvesting, processing and butchery business in an Industrial Zone.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Tara Greer, City Clerk
218-894-2550
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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 1418 3RD ST NE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 1418 3rd St NE to expand an existing nonconforming use.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Tara Greer, City Clerk
218-894-2550
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Motley area law enforcement report

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

April 12 - 18

April 17 - Samantha Rae Marie Decoteau, 35, was arrested by the Motley police for probation violation.

April 14 - Motley police issued a speeding citation to Yasin Mohamud, 21.

April 13 - The MCSO received a report of a washed out road at 5454 Azalea Rd., Motley. The county shop would be responding.

April 18 - The MCSO received a report of a washout at 5454 Azalea Rd., Motley. The five ft. washout was six ft. deep and had washed the culvert down. It was learned it was a DNR road, not a township road. The DNR was notified and they said that the Parks and Trails office would respond to the situation.

April 17 - The MCSO received a report of a fire at Hwy 10 and 60th Ave., Cushing. Upon his arrival at the scene, the responding deputy found BNSF was grinding on the tracks. They had a crew following them and putting out any fires caused by sparks.

April 16 - Morrison County deputies assisted MN State Patrol with traffic control for a semi in the ditch at Hwy 10 and 260th St., Cushing.

April 15 - The MCSO received trespass complaints at the 33000 block of Cherry Ln., Motley; and the 31000 block of Lakeview Dr., Cushing.

April 14 - Clinton Childers, 49, was issued a speeding citation by a Morrison County deputy.

Clarification

In last week's article about the Motley City Council's approval in submitting a Community Impact Funding application to Sourcewell requesting financial support for the 2024 police squad car, the Staples World reported that council member Steve Johnson was the lone nay-sayer. Prior to the vote, Johnson had said he'd be in favor of this grant if it were going for a used vehicle, not a new one.

Correction

In last week's paper, an article about the Motley City Council's vote regarding the purchase of a new squad vehicle, incorrectly stated council member Nikki Bjerga had abstained. In fact, Bjerga had voted 'no,' explaining she wasn't necessarily against the purchase, but was not comfortable voting for it without more information. The Staples World regrets the error.





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Health issues a reality

Health was a factor at the Staples-Motley Reality Store, with Dr. Julie Benson handing out cards that sometimes dealt health issues and sometimes left the student's profile in good health. The process showed that sometimes a person has expenses and setbacks that can not be foreseen. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Settling issues in court

Reality Store judge Pat Held helps students overcome some legal issues that were handed out randomly.



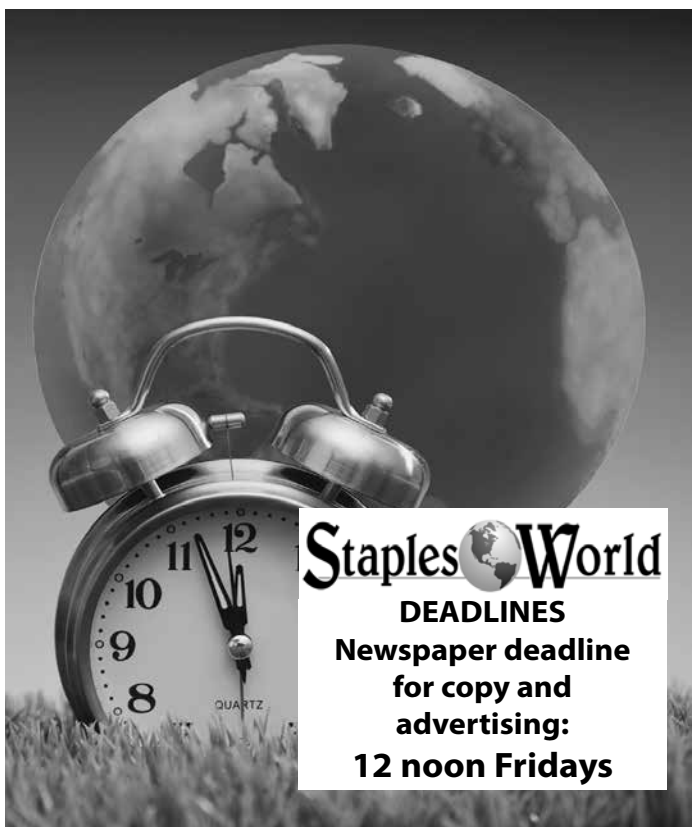
Process for student loans

Reality Store participants learned how to apply for student loans to further their education.



Crunching reality numbers

Students learn how to calculate what they can afford at the Reality Store.





3M donates money, supplies to food shelf

Staples 3M employees hand a check and bags filled with products to Staples Food Shelf operator Frank Leidenforst.

3M Manager Jeff Booth challenged employees to raise $500 and he would match it. The 3M company also matched the $500 for a total of $1,500 to the food shelf. Items in the bags included 3M supplies such as packing tape, post-it notes, wall hangers and hooks and cleaning pads.

From left, Wade Marte, Joel Kirscht, Bob Maine, Donnie Jensen, Reggy Thompson, Jeff Booth and Frank Leidenfrost. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples 3M takes pride in volunteering, giving

Staples 3M plant makes a point of employees being able to volunteer in their community. For some volunteer opportunities, the company will continue to pay the employee's wages for a day of volunteering.

In the past three years, the Staples 3M plant has donated more than $70,000 locally. Included in that number, this year 3M will be donating over $20,000 to more than 18 different 501C3's in the area.

Following are some of the volunteer programs and donations made by 3M and employees in the past year.

• Contributing to the Verndale High School Trades program in 2023, 3M funded on third of their project to make it possible to get a desperately needed belt sander for their woodshop.

• Contributing to the new computer lab at Verndale School as well in 2023.

• Large donation to the Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity in 2022.

• Fully funded the Staples High School Trades purchase in 2022 for 12 auto darkening helmets and a new welder for the school.

• In 2023, team member will help build the Habitat for Humanity house that is being constructed in Wadena. 3M will be contributing both with labor on the home and also funds to help the project be possible.

3M Manager Jeff Booth said "Our focus on donations is to 501C3's and they are in the areas of education, environment and/or community impacts. All of our employees work here, many live here or nearby, we believe having a positive impact in the community we get the opportunity to be a part of is really important.

Booth is a board member with LEAP, and is involved in other community projects.

"I look for opportunities all the time through that board participation that give back to the community. Many other 3M staff are on local boards and very involved in their communities and churches," said Booth. "We have an amazing workforce of great folks here."



SM elementary fourth graders give to food shelf

Fourth graders in Jennifer Sapp's class at Staples-Motley Elementary School recently collected a number of food items for the Staples Area Food Shelf. Pictured above, from left, row one: Makenna Warner, Abbie Lucas, Mollie Larrimore, Sapphire Johnson, Lainey Wingert, Kaylee Hoemberg, Taija Shequen, Serenity Sikora. Row two: Aidan Stimson, Rylan Kuhns, Lukas Jares, Harrison Grunewald, Charlie Maros, Lane Laney, Logan Jares, Nathan Huwe, Wyatt Patterson. In lower photo, front row from left: Abbie Lucas, Taylin Lind, Serenity Sikora, Makenna Warner, Sapphire Johnson, Lainey Wingert, Lukas Jares, Charlie Maros, Harrison Grunewald, Wyatt Patterson. Standing in back: Jennifer Sapp, Tyler Daly, Nathan Huwe, Rylan Kuhns, Taija Shequen, Kaylee Hoemberg, Mollie Larrimore (hidden), Logan Jares, Lane Laney, Aidan Stimson, Angie Yungbauer (para). Not pictured, Matthew Michel. (Submitted photos)



RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearings for Minnesota Energy Resources Northern Natural Gas Pipeline (NNG) Customers

Minnesota Energy Resources has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for approval to increase rates for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is for approximately 9.91% or $40.3 million per year. The requested increase would add about $8 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fall of 2023. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Evidentiary Hearings
Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Energy Resources' proposal will be held on May 10 and 11, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. The evidentiary hearing will be held in the Large Hearing Room at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via Microsoft Teams (Teams), a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Teams may request an electronic invitation by contacting Judge Case's legal assistant at michelle.severson@state.mn.us.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, you must serve and file a Petition to Intervene, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6200.

Public Hearings
Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case will hold two in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on the company's request. Any Minnesota Energy Resources customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings.

You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Energy Resources' service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, May 15, 2023	1:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Monday, May 15, 2023	6:00 p.m.	The Steeple Center, Meeting Room 100, 14375 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN
Thursday, May 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Northrop Community Education Center, Room 308, 201 8th St., Rochester, MN
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Virtual WebEx

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled — call (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit **mn.gov/puc**.

Virtual Public Hearings
Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)
To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: **https://minnesota.webex.com**. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information," type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Event Number: **2482 234 5617** Event Password: **MERC23!**	Event Number: **2494 927 0907** Event Password: **MERC23!**

Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a Webex application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)
If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Event Phone Number: **1-855-282-6330** Event Password: **MERC23!** (6372230 from phones)	Event Phone Number: **1-855-282-6330** Event Password: **MERC23!** (6372230 from phones)

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press *3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

Public Hearing and Process Information
Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, customers and members of the public have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees present have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed on the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Therefore, it is advantageous to arrive at the beginning of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact **Jason Bonnett** at **651-201-2235** or **jason.bonnett@state.mn.us** if have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is asking customers to comment on Minnesota Energy Resource's request for a rate increase. Send comments to or contact the MPUC's Consumer Affairs Office for assistance with submitting comments:

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Online: https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments/ See section "How to Submit a Comment" to find a list of ways to comment.

U.S. Mail: 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Be sure to reference **MPUC Docket No. 22-504**

Important: Public comments may be read by anyone who reviews the case record. Except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Proposed Rate Increases
The table below shows the current and proposed customer charge and distribution charge for each customer class.

MERC Customer Class	Present Monthly Customer Charge	Proposed Monthly Customer Charge	Present Distribution Charge *	Proposed Distribution Charge **
NNG SALES				
GS-NNG Residential Sales	$9.50	$9.50	$0.24686	$0.38878
GS-NNG Residential Farm-Tap Sales	$9.50	$9.50	$0.24686	$0.38878
GS-NNG C&I FIRM Class 1	$18.00	$18.00	$0.22251	$0.34491
GS-NNG C&I Farm-Tap Class 1	$18.00	$18.00	$0.22251	$0.34491
GS-NNG C&I FIRM Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.16857	$0.25209
GS-NNG C&I FIRM Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.12453	$0.16486
GS-NNG C&I Farm-Tap Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.16857	$0.25209
GS-NNG C&I Farm-Tap Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.12453	$0.16486
NNG C&I INT Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.10453	$0.14947
NNG C&I INT Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.09453	$0.11902
NNG Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	$45.00	$45.00	$0.12953	$0.19554
NNG Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.08150	$0.11858
NNG Electric Generation - Class 1	$45.00	$45.00	$0.09953	$0.14146
NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.10453	$0.14947
NNG TRANSPORT				
Transport-NNG C&I FIRM Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.16857	$0.25209
Transport-NNG C&I FIRM Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.12453	$0.16486
Transport-NNG C&I FIRM Class 4	$185.00	$185.00	$0.05016	$0.05748
Transport-NNG C&I FIRM Class 5 - CIP Exempt	$360.00	$360.00	$0.00533	$0.00810
Transport-NNG Electric Generation FIRM Class 2 - CIP Exempt	$360.00	$360.00	$0.00533	$0.00810
Transport-NNG C&I INT Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.10453	$0.14947
Transport-NNG C&I INT Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.09453	$0.11902
Transport-NNG C&I INT Class 4	$185.00	$185.00	$0.04823	$0.05577
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Transport-NNG Electric Generation INT Class 2	$360.00	$360.00	$0.03401	$0.03497
Transport-NNG Electric Generation INT Class 2 - CIP Exempt	$360.00	$360.00	$0.00448	$0.00568
Transport-NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 2	$45.00	$45.00	$0.10453	$0.14947
Transport-NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 3	$165.00	$165.00	$0.09453	$0.11902
Transport-NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 4	$185.00	$185.00	$0.04823	$0.05577
Transport-NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 5	$360.00	$360.00	$0.03401	$0.03497
Transport-NNG C&I Firm/Interruptible Class 5 - CIP Exempt	$360.00	$360.00	$0.00448	$0.00568
Transport for Resale	$185.00	$185.00	$0.07614	$0.08327
LVJ-NNG Flex Transport (Cust "A")	$185.00	$185.00	$0.03403	$0.03500
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* The present rates identified in this application represent the rates authorized in Minnesota Energy Resources' last rate case in Docket No. G011/GR-17-563.
** The table above reflects proposed increases for final rates to the **monthly customer charge** and the **per therm distribution charge**. For Firm/Interruptible customers, the distribution charge reflects the proposed interruptible distribution rate.

How to learn more
Minnesota Energy Resources' current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Minnesota Energy Resources
2685 145th St. W
Rosemount, MN 55068
Phone: 800-889-9508
Web: www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/company/rate_case.aspx

You may also contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce at:

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85 7th Place E., Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-539-1534
Web: https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp. Select 22 in the year field, enter 504 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you need information or have questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process:

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121 7th Place E., Suite 350
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Home needs at Reality Store

Household items are a part of living in the real world. Pictured at the Staples-Motley High School Reality Store, former Staples World Manager Brenda Halvorson, left, helped students plan their household needs. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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School days

By Hannah Cole

A four-day school week is a new idea that is starting to gain approval from both students and teachers. Kids are not getting enough sleep and are struggling with health because of school. Kids are becoming stressed and unhealthy due to school. We should have less school days, only four a week instead of five.

Kids are not getting enough sleep. They are spending more time at school than at home; 73 percent (%) of kids do not get enough sleep because of school. They only get four to five hours of sleep when you need eight to nine hours of sleep. This is not enough sleep for them, and it is unhealthy. This will also make children have worse sleeping habits later in life when they are busier. People need more sleep because they grow, and if we don't get enough sleep, we can get health issues.

For example, when we sleep less we will have a weaker immune system, which can make it harder to fight sickness.

Kids have trouble with their mental health. Having less school gives kids have more time to de-stress and reflect. Teens have high stress levels, anxiety, and other mental health issues and 83% of teenagers are stressed and have issues with their mental health due to school. It allows kids to develop, think clearly, and learn new skills.

Some parents have a full time job and can't take care of their kids. It would help if we only had sixth graders and older have four days of school a week, because they can legally stay home alone. It is mostly teenagers and older that struggle with sleep and heath. Then, kids that are younger have someone to watch them.

Instead of five days of school a week we should have four. Kids are not getting enough sleep. It is unhealthy. Some kids have mental and physical issues. This allows kids to rest, think about life, and get work done. It also allows us to spend more time with family.

All of this is why we should only have four days of school a week.

Four day work week

By Katelyn Schotzko

Did you know that 40 percent (%) of employed U.S. adults want to have a four day work week? According to the adults, they had less burnout, fatigue, family and work conflicts and got more things done. I think there should be a four day work week instead of five.

A four day work week is just as effective as a five day work week. Microsoft did an experiment where they had their employees take off Friday and there was a 40% increase in productivity. This shows that a lot of the time people are even more profitable with a four day work week. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of people who took the survey said that the four day work week is going well for where their business is at. Forty-six percent (46%) of people said their business efficiency has stayed the same, while 34% say that they have improved slightly. Fifteen percent (15%) of people said their output has improved significantly. This means that the majority of people think that their level of production is the same or better than when they had a five day work week.

Lots of companies are trying to get rid of the bad environmental footprints they are leaving on Earth. With a four day work week, you can have a smaller carbon footprint and decreased business expenses. If you need to travel to get to your job, you wouldn't pay as much money for gas. It would also benefit our air quality from less carbon coming out of cars. Carbon can cause global warming and climate change.

There are some bad things about a four day work week too. You can mess things up if you don't know your coworkers that well. One example of this happening is if you don't know their working style. This can lead to mistakes for anything you do together such as figuring out schedules. Another thing about a four day work week is that days of work will be longer. For instance, instead of working from 9 to 5 you would work 7:30 to 5:30. That makes your work day two hours longer, which can be stressful. If you have four days of work though, it would feel like more time off because you would skip a whole day.

Based on all of the information stated, I think that people should have a four day work week instead of five. You could have Sundays all to yourself, and people tend to be more productive when they have a shorter work week. People would get more sleep, which would be good for everyone's health. Another benefit is that you would have less of a negative impact on the Earth from carbon.

Your relationships with coworkers might not be as good, but you could have more time to spend with them if you wanted to make plans with them. You would have longer days of work, but in the end you will have more time off. Overall, I think that there are more and greater benefits of having a four day work week.

Staples Soccer

By Brooke Bendson

I say that we start up a soccer team here in Staples, I mean what's so bad about that? I know many people who have been in soccer, who want to be in soccer, and people who still are in soccer, but have to drive a long way just to get there, which is ridiculous when we could just start one right here, in Staples.

I get that it would be spendy but if we save up enough money, we can get the supplies, and actually get started. Just like how we need a new track, but that's a different story. I know that soccer used to be a thing in Staples, so it's not that bad or hard to get ready for it. I mean, we have a soccer ball, I'm pretty sure that we have nets and if we don't, save up and buy some.

A pair of normal sized soccer goals are about $3,632. Then, jerseys. I get that jerseys are kind of a lot for what they are, but that's just life. According to google it would be $25-$60 per uniform. For a team of 25 players it would cost between $1,500-$2,000, unless we buy plain jerseys and customize them and the local store with all of the Cardinal merch. Or however, the school makes all of their jerseys for other sports. You're probably wondering how to get all of that money, well... fundraising. We can sell baked goods, lottery tickets, have dog walkers, or even have another book sale. Then lastly, find a coach.

Soccer is another opportunity for people to get better and do what they love. If we had soccer as a sport right now, people who aren't in very much sports and don't get outside much would most likely be in soccer. I'm not saying that everybody would just be like 'Oh. Soccer, let's join'. But lots would join. My older sister used to be in Staples soccer when she was younger, at about the age of 10. My younger brother would love to play soccer as a sport and get outside with his friends. He has been talking about how much he wants to be in soccer and how much easier it would be if it just started in Staples. I know that for a fact a lot of people for recess would and still do play soccer because I've seen it with my own eyes.

Soccer has also been said to be the cheapest of the "main sports." So in conclusion, let's find a coach, get some kids, and start a Staples soccer team.

Involvement at school

By Addison Potter

Whether you're in elementary, middle school, or high school it is a great deal to be involved. There are many different school activities to be involved in whether it's volleyball in the winter or theatre in the spring. You can make many friends and create a stronger bond with other people. Even if you have never been in a certain activity it is never too late to join. Being a part of something or trying something new takes practice and time but is all worth it in the end.

Like Paul Coffey said, "Nobody's a Natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better." Without participation the certain activity tends to cancel. Being a part of an extracurricular activity makes people often happy because it is fun to be a part of something. It teaches kids lessons like commitment, hard work and dedication which could help you be successful later on in life.

Girl's wrestling in Staples

By Mia Pesta

Girl's wrestling is one of the fastest growing high school sports across the nation. In Minnesota alone there were 550 girls registered in the 2022-2023 wrestling season. This number has doubled from the 275 athletes from the previous season. Looking ahead to the 2023-2024 season, according to MSHSL, for the girls there will be 13 weight classes including 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 136, 142, 148, 155, 170, 190 and 235.

As many people know, Staples-Motley has been known for having prominent wrestling teams and wrestlers through the years. After interest was shown and some supportive coaches, Staples-Motley has started girl's practices in hopes for a full high-school and youth team in the 2023-2024 season. At the first practice on March 13, 2023 there were 13 athletes in attendance. The ages in attendance ranged from nine to 16. Coaches and athletes alike are hoping for 28 athletes by the end of the tryout practices.

Practices are being held every Monday in the wrestling room starting at roughly 6:00 p.m. and ending around 7:30. These practices will be coached by various coaches and wrestlers. These practices are also at a beginner level so it is convenient for all ages to start now.

There are several people helping to jumpstart this program including Coach Holly Tappe who lives and breathes wrestling. All four of her kids wrestle including Colbe who took second at the state tournament at 138 lbs. this past season. Coach Alissa Neznik who also has four kids, has constantly been surrounded by the sport through managing, wrestling, supporting and being born into a wrestling family. Coach Angie Kramer's two sons wrestled and her daughter was a wrestling manager and her husband, Eric, coached in Brainerd and Staples.

This is an amazing opportunity for all the young women and girls here at Staples-Motley to learn amazing life skills including self defense. All of these young women should be supported and lifted up as they are doing amazing things.

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