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Too hot, went into river

With temps at 90-plus degrees on July 11, the Crow Wing River in Motley was a welcomed destination for many looking to cool off. Above, from left, Dale Czechowicz, Hansel the dog, Samone Goodtrack and Shaylee Bills, all of the Motley area. The trio reported no air-conditioning due to power outage. Heat advisories remained in effect for the next several days. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Celebrating 250 years

U.S. Airforce Veteran Michael Sanoski (left) and U.S. Army Veteran Jerry Berg, both of Cushing, attended the 250th birthday celebration of the United States of America July 4, 2026, at Veterans Park in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



New public trail open at CLC farm

A new gravel trail was finished on July 7, forming a loop around the Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Center farm north of Staples. It is connected to the Legacy Bike Trail along Airport Road and is called the Legacy Ag Trail. "The Legacy Ag Trail is about creating connections between agriculture, education, and our community,"

said Tyler Grunewald, Ag Program Coordinator at the Northern Agricultural Center of Excellence and AgCenter. "We hope it becomes a place where people can enjoy the outdoors while increasing their agricultural literacy and gaining a better understanding of the important work happening every day at the CLC Ag & Energy Center." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Kiah Kreations now open in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you're looking to find a unique gift for someone, or just wanting to treat yourself while shopping in an inspiring space, stop by Kiah Kreations boutique in

downtown Staples. Owned by Allesia Gonier of rural Motley, Kiah Kreations held its grand opening June 23. Formerly home to Dr. Peter Brenny's dental office, the building had sat empty since his retirement a few

years back. Upon purchasing it, Gonier said that it took about a year to remodel the space. "The demolition was fun," Gonier said, going on to describe the process of tearing everything "down to the bone." Having spent

the previous 25 years in the medical field, Gonier said the remodeling process "was a great stress reliever" as well. Along the way, she had help from her husband, Travis, and other family members, including two

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Weather

2026
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 15	91	68	M. Sunny
July 16	92	70	P. Cloudy
July 17	87	62	M. Sunny
July 18	85	61	M. Sunny
July 19	86	63	Sunny
July 20	83	62	M. Sunny
July 21	86	61	Sunny

Last Year, 2025

	High	Low	Cond.
July 15	88°	72	Sunny
July 16	62	56	Cloudy
July 17	70	51	P. Sunny
July 18	71	56	Cloudy
July 19	72	62	Cloudy
July 20	71	58	P. Sunny
July 21	73	62	Rain

Average Temps:
H = 7 82° Low = 60°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

City of Staples **8A**
Moran **8A**
City of Motley **9A**
Meadowbrook **9A**

Obituary

Mona Van Wey



Boutique owner, in her happy place

Allesia Gonier is the owner of Kiah Kreations, the boutique she opened June 23. Located at 212 4th St. NE in downtown Staples, the store offers a variety of handmade and specialty items, including crocheted quilts, bath and beauty items, craft supplies, aromatic

candles and essential oils, jeans and T-shirts. She's open Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., and the first and third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Former dental transformed into unique boutique store

grown children.

During the demolition, they discovered the original archway which had been “buried behind walls.” The remodeling process included opening up the space, painting the walls a peaceful green, adding fun light fixtures and hardwood floors. Gonier noted that they did some research and learned that the building was a dress shop in the 1970s prior to becoming a dental office.

And now, in 2026, the building at 212 4th St. NE in Staples was about to take on another life.

So was Gonier.

Yes, it was time for a dramatic shift, Gonier said, alluding to her previous work. She spent some time thinking about the things that bring her joy and wondered if there was a way to incorporate these things with making some money?

Gonier loved to crochet and sew, so she knew hand-made items would somehow make their way into her dream job. She’s also passionate about animal-based soaps, tallow sugar scrubs, essential oils, bees wax candles and fun clothing items. Why not open a boutique that offers a variety of items like this? Surely these sorts of things would bring others joy as well, Gonier reasoned.

She’s always loved arts and crafts, Gonier said. A native of Blaine, she went on to study graphic arts after high school, but ended up getting hired on in the medical field and stayed there for over two decades. But the arts, and nature, were always calling.

Gonier shared that she and her husband, who hails from Oregon, came up to this area in 2021 and fell in love with it. It seemed the perfect location to plant roots, she said. Both she and Travis appreciate that you can get to a larger city within 45 minutes, but they enjoy the peace and quiet that smalltown and rural life offers as well.

Step into Kiah Kreations and you’ll be greeted by aromas that harken to nature -white birch, sandlewood, and jasmine-orange, to name a few. Music plays in the background, songs that are at the top of Gonier’s playlist. Colorful crocheted creatures (including an octopus) adorn a few shelves, and there’s a variety of handsewn items on display, including hot pads and thermal cotton wash cloths.

She’s excited about the opening of Kiah Kreations and hopes that there’s something for everybody there. “We’ll see what works,” Gonier said.

Kiah Kreations is open Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and on the first and third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 218-296-5039.



Variety of items offered at boutique

Kiah Kreations, a new boutique in downtown Staples, offers a variety of items for sale, including bath and beauty supplies, candles, essential oils, hand-crocheted quilts, craft supplies, as well as jeans and T-shirts for men and women. The boutique, located at 212 4th St. NE, is owned by Allesia Gonier of rural Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



How much is that doggie in the window?

Lily, a family pet, peered out the front door window of ‘Kiah Kreations’ recently, waiting for its owner to return from running an errand across the street. Kiah Kreations, a new boutique in Staples, is named after ‘Kiah,’ the late dog of boutique owner Allesia Gonier. Lily is actually the inspiration for ‘Lily Lane Trucking’ a business owned by Allesia’s husband, Travis. Of course, Lily is not for sale, but inside the store are a variety of items, including quilts, bath and beauty supplies, and clothes. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



JANZEN/DON'S REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Sunday July 19, 10:30 AM

Real Estate: 12:30 p.m

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

310 8th Street SE, Staples MN 56479

Estate of Bill & Kaye Vukelich

6% Buyer's Premium on the Real Estate

10% on the Personal Property

Legal Description – Mill addition to Staples 12-133-33 EX N 4 FT of lot 2 blk 1 & Mill addition to Staples 12-133-33 lot 1 & N 4 FT of lot 2; Todd County PID's- 38-0093700 & 38-0093800 MLS# 7098344

Real Estate Description: What an opportunity to own this large double buildable lot in the heart of Staples MN. Currently the property features a 30x40 pole shed for all your storage needs. The building comes insulated, with full power and concrete floor. Also included on the property is a 57 Ft drilled well installed in 2019. Don't miss this opportunity to own this great piece of Real Estate. The real estate is to be sold **Sunday July 19, at 12:30 PM.** CONTACT JANZEN AUCTIONEERS FOR REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS.





- Skidsteer, Bobcat model 642B skidsteer, 32 HP, hydro, gas engine, very good condition ready to go to work ser. 5040-M-26142, •Pontoon, 2012 Premier 221 Explorer 22 ½ FT pontoon w/40 HP Yamaha 4 stroke OB on factory Shoreland'r bunk trailer, comes w/2 Minnkota deckhand power anchors (excellent condition)
- Golf Cart, 1969 Harley Davidson Golf Cart 3 wheel (immaculate condition) •Industrial Welder, Large Hobart, heavy duty DC driven arc welder on wheels, 250 amps of welding output, 40 volts of operating voltage, model GPB-261
- Lawn & Garden DR Trailer style lawn vac system, Ironton electric wood splitter, Smaller chipper/shredder Long handled lawn & garden tools, Variety of shepherd hooks, Shop Tools & Related Delta Unisaw 10" tilting arbor saw, Cal Hawk hand wood jointer, 1 HP model YHJ-60B Duracraft floor model drill press ¾ HP, Sears Craftsman 12" wood lathe, Sears Craftsman 2 speed 12" band saw on stand 1 1/8 HP, Sears Craftsman 3 HP compound miter saw on stand Master Force upright air compressor on wheels 20-gallon 150 PSI ultra quiet, Industrial Delta wood shaper on stand, Delta scroll saw on stand, Craftsman combination belt/disc sander; Ryobi 12" precision surface planer & other surface planer, Craftsman upright toolbox on wheels; Dual industrial dust collecting system, Corded hand power tools, Variety of cable come alongs; Third hand rollers, AC Delco jack stands & floor jack, Dual wheel bench grinder, Gas cans Extension ladder, Beer Signs, Schmidt lighted beer signs, Schmidt beer clock, Miller High Life lighted beer sign, Marlboro Country lighted sign, Schmidt's beer tin advertising signs

Items of Interest: Evinrude OB motor, Variety of fishing lures & fishing poles, Smaller Masterbuilt electric smoker, Weber charcoal grill, Flat top trunks & other furniture pieces

Many unlisted items! Be certain to attend and bring a friend.

•THANK YOU IN ADVANCE, JANZEN AUCTIONEERS.



Searching for family pavers

Huck Holst of Staples, far right, helped families locate pavers of loved ones who served in the U.S. Military following the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples. Hundreds of commemorative pavers are located at the park, with dozens of new ones dedicated at the July 4 program. Holst, a Vietnam veteran, served as emcee at the program and is a board member of the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

June 30 - Motley Police received a report of theft at the 130 block of 1st Ave. S., Motley.

June 29 - Motley Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a crash at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210.

June 25 - Motley Police issued a citation to a property owner at the 800 block of East River Rd., Motley, for grass that was three ft. tall and needed to be mowed.

June 25 - Motley Police issued two citations for speed and two written warnings for speed.

June 25 - Motley Police received a report from a Motley resident that she'd hit a group of mailboxes on her street by accident. The subject stated she would repair them and take care of the damages.

June 28 - The MCSO received a report of trees blocking Aztec Rd., Cushing. The trees were removed from the roadway.

June 27 - The MCSO received a call from Cass Cty requesting Motley Fire and Rescue be paged for a two vehicle accident. The accident took place at 79th Ave. SW and 84th St., Motley.

June 25 - A Morrison Cty deputy responded to a report of a possible burglary at the 3200 block of Bluebird Rd., Cushing.

July 7 - Motley Police received a complaint from BRICKS Travel Plaza that someone was using their property as his place of residence. The owner said he has never given him permission to stay there or use their address as his residence, and requested that the subject be trespassed from their property. Motley Police reported a notice was sent to Wadena County for service and that a violation of this order will be enforced.

July 2 - Motley Police received a call from a Motley resident reporting her neighbor was shooting fireworks and some debris came over onto her buildings and property. Motley Police spoke with the subject and asked him to stop. If he did it again, he would be cited.

July 1 - Motley Police received a report of shooting at the 300 block of Cedar St. E., Motley. Upon his response, Motley Police determined it was fireworks east of the city limits.

July 4 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a person passed out in their running vehicle in the traffic lane at 30th Ave and 330th St., Cushing. Subsequently, Anders Daniel Stone, 37, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and booked into the Morrison County Jail in Little Falls for 3rd degree DWI test refusal.

July 1 - Morrison County deputies issued three speeding citations in the Motley and Cushing areas.



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DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Todd County to host drive-in movie event

Todd County is excited to invite the community to its Annual Drive-In Movie Night on Wednesday, August 5, at the Long Drive-In Theater in Long Prairie. This a free, family-friendly event, open to everyone and will be an evening full of fun, entertainment and community connection.

This year's feature film is the highly anticipated "The Super Mario Galaxy," with showtime set for approximately 8:50 p.m.; gates open at 5:30 p.m. Come early to enjoy a variety of pre-movie activities and explore the many amazing resources and services Todd County

has to offer.

The event will include games, face painting, temporary tattoos for kids, door prizes, as well as the exciting WonderTrek Mobile Museum with many fun activities for the kids. Plus, the first 100 cars through the gate will receive a free small popcorn.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy a night under the stars with Todd County.

This event is sponsored by the Todd County Collaborative, Radiothon to End Child Abuse and Long Prairie Police Department.

Fireworks accident, Cushing Twp

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on July 4, at approximately 1:47 a.m., their office received a report of a fireworks accident at a residence off Emerald Rd., approximately three miles north of Randall, in Cushing Township.

According to the sheriff's office, 37-year-old Colton Husen of Breckenridge, Colo. was lighting off a mortar style firework

while holding it in the air. The firework blew up from the bottom and launched a projectile into Husen's side. Husen was transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls by Mayo Clinic Ambulance with unknown injuries.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Todd Cty. court report

JULY 8, 2026
Long Prairie Police
Starlyn Rances Acevedo Guzman, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Gabriel Orozco, Waconia. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jesus Uribe Juarez, Sauk Centre. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Aneurí Caraballo Jeija, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Jeffrey Scott Hauer, Clarissa. RV-fail to display valid ATV registration as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Lee Arthur Paskewitz, Browerville. ATV-Prohibitions on Youthful operators/passengers-under 18-helmet required. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
MN State Patrol
Aubrey Rain Schloemer, Wadena. Hands free Law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Trinity Elizabeth Oppegard, Mahanomen. Speed 98/65. Fine \$150. Fee \$85.
Rodrigo Diaz Blancas, Minneapolis. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Keith Gerald Edmond, Nelson. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Ousmane Fofana, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 91/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.
Alexander Gonzalez, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof MV Insurance. Fine \$200. Window tint. Fine \$50.
Crystal Lynn Hahn, St. Martin. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Simon Joachim Jacobson, Osakis. Hands-free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Eli John Johnson, Burtrum. Liquor consumption by person under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Lindy Lee Johnston, Burtrum. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.
Evan Michael Ketterling, Horace, ND. Speed 80/70.
Sharlene Jean Lund, Moorhead. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Brayden Travis Mack, Burtrum. Liquor-consumption by person under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Ruben Mendoza Zamora, Long Prairie. Speed 71/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Steven William Metzger, Durham, ND. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$85.
Mitchell Martin Paradeis, Fargo, ND. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Maddox Davis Restad, Alexandria. Window restrictions. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Window tint. Fine \$50. Front & rear license plates required. Fine \$30. Prohibited lights-red & colored lights. Fine \$40.
Eli John Roerick, Burtrum. Liquor consumption by person under 21. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.
Sarah Jayne Riesgraf, Sprenger, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Adrienne Rose Swenson, Mil-tona. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. No proof MV Insurance. Fine \$200. Window tint. Fine \$50.
Justin Richard Taylor, Eagan. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.
Joseph Craig Vaughn, Fergus Falls. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
Almedia Sue Ann Feela, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Todd County Sheriff
Riley Clyde Bird, Little Falls. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Eulises Bustos Berrio, St. Augusta. Passing parked authorized vehicle-fail to reduce speed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.
David Thomas Cherry, Browerville. Speed 64/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
Alexis Marie Graber, St. Paul. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.
Milton Antonio Mendoza, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.
Rodolfo, Jr. Perez, Long Prairie. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County June 30, 2026.
Jacob Wesley Field, Osakis. Theft. Continued. Unsupervised probation, 6 mo. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
Adam Paul Hillerud, Long Prairie. Loud vehicle exhaust. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
Toussaint E. McDaniel. Clarissa. DWI-4th degree driving while impaired. Dismissed. Traffic-DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 1 day for 2 yr credit for time served: 1 day). Supervised probation, 2 yr. Fine \$400. Fine \$175.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County July 1, 2026.
Warren Michael McArdell, Long Prairie. 5th degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Dismissed. Driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety. Local confinement (150 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 100 days. Fine \$50. Fee \$75.
Justin Anthony Mack, Staples. Driving restrictions. Continued. Local confinement (1 day, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 1 day). Supervised probation, 1 yr. Fine \$200. Fee \$75. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. Failure to produce proof of insurance. Dismissed.
James Earl Wunderlich, Burtrum. Traffic-DWI 3-operate motor vehicle-any amount Schedule I/II drugs/metabolite; not cannabis/hemp. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 days, stay 315 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Supervised probation, 4 yr. Fine \$700. Fee \$105. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Dismissed. 5th Degree-possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 or paraphernalia residual-not cannabis/hemp. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections-Adult (MN Correctional Facility-St. Cloud, 12 mo, stay for 5 yr). Local confinement (6 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 6 days). Supervised probation, 5 yr. Community work service, 24 hours for indeterminate. Fine \$100. Fee \$75. 4th Degree DWI-operate motor vehicle-any amount Schedule I/II Drugs/metabolite, not Cannabis/hemp. Local confinement (6 days, stay 0 yr 0 mo 0 days credit for time served: 6 days). Fine \$50.
The following cases were heard before Heidi L. Hovis, Seventh District Court in Todd County June 29, 2026.
Stephen Charles Leritz, Wendell. Motor vehicle registration-intent escape tax. Dismissed. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$100. Fee \$75.
—Court reports forwarded from the Long Prairie Leader.

75 YEARS Ago - 1951
• July 12, 1951 - Improvements to several of the streets in Staples is progressing satisfactorily, according to Howard Pattison, city street commissioner.
New curb and gutters have been installed along Pleasant Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets, and workmen will soon be moving to another section of the city where similar work is to be started.
A number of projects of the water and light department have been started and some have been completed.
• July 12, 1951 - With the 7th Inf. Div., U.S. Army in Korea - Private Dick Scribner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scribner, 320 5th Street North, Staples, Minn.,

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was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance of duty in ground combat against the armed enemy.
This badge is awarded to frontline soldiers and distinguishes them from rear area and service troops. Scribner is a rifleman with the 17th Infantry (Buffalo) Regiment in central Korea.
• July 12, 1951 - Capell Bros. Circus will be in Staples on July 18.

The performance is presented in three rings with a special matinee for the women and children at two o'clock. The evening performance is scheduled for 8 o'clock that evening.
It is expected the circus will arrive in Staples about 9:30 o'clock that morning and people are invited to watch the big tent go up. The location will be at the old athletic field in Staples.
• July 12, 1951 - Walter Thorn and Charles Snodgrass left Staples Tuesday afternoon, July 10, for Anchorage, Alaska, where they will spend a vacation, take in the sights and possibly work.
The two men are traveling in Mr. Thorn's car and have a small trailerhouse in which they plan to live enroute and after they reach their destination. Their trip will take them over the Aleian highway on through Canada, and to Anchorage. They plan to be away about two months.
• July 12, 1951 - O. L. Johnson, who comes from the state of Texas, will assume the duties of minister for the Seventh Day Adventist churches of Stapes, Brainerd and Eagle Bend the latter part of this week, taking the place of Harley Schander who has been transferred to South Dakota.

50 YEARS Ago - 1976
• July 1, 1976 - The parade scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday (today) is being hailed as "the biggest ever" in Staples by committee co-chairmen Edwin B. Perry and Gary Schimpp. A number of units have been added to the parade lineup since last week, and the co-chairmen said that any units which come in now, after spots have been designated in the line of march, will be placed at the end of the parade. The parade will assemble on North Fourth Street, near the Staples Elementary school. Leading off the line of march will be the colors, followed by Mayor Jack Wilson, the Staples float bearing Miss Staples and her attendants, and the Staples Cardinal marching band.
Parade viewers are requested to show the proper respect for the American flag as it passes by, by standing straight and tall.

DEADLINE

for all classified ads and copy is 12 noon Friday

For the Staples World

Looking back

"After all," the co-chairmen said, "this is the Bicentennial year, which is supposed to pay homage to the 200th birthday of our country. The flag is the symbol of the country and the freedom we have enjoyed from its founding."
• July 1, 1976 - construction on the new Donovans supper club and bowling alleys is underway on west Hwy 10. The all-steel building will be 50 feet by 175 feet, and will contain a dining area and lounge, plus an eight-lane bowling alley at the rear. Parking area will be on the west side of the building.
• July 1, 1976 - Wally Thompson, trainmaster for the Burlington Northern Railway Company in Staples, was installed as president of the Staples Rotary Club at that organization's banquet and meeting June 28, at the Castaway Club.
Thompson, who has been a member of Rotary since assuming his duties with the Burlington Northern here, received the gavel and best wishes from the retiring president, Dr. Jon Theurer.
• July 1, 1976 - Highway traffic crashes over the 4th of July holiday weekend may claim the lives of 10 to 13 Minnesotans, according to Minnesota Safety Council estimates, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, July 2, and ending at midnight Monday, July 5.
• July 1, 1976 - Big as an elephant's ear? Les Swanson, southwest Staples, wasn't sure, but the rhubarb leaf he was holding for a picture was BIG - 32 inches across. It came from the garden Les and his wife, Ethel, planted

Les said he has four hills of rhubarb and used commercial fertilizer to help the growth. This is the largest the Swansons ever have grown, he said.
• July 1, 1976 - Mrs. Grace LeVasseur, the local Welcome Wagon Hostess, has visited the following new families to welcome them to the Staples community; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Heier, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mertens.

25 YEARS Ago - 2001
• July 12, 2001 - Deer tracks speckle the ground below the looming roof trusses of what shortly will become T Maxwell's restaurant, bar and banquet hall.
Kevin Jenkins, principle owner of T Maxwell's, said he is set to open in late October and his project is roughly on schedule. C and R Construction of Verndale is currently putting up the roof trusses and doing the outside shell of the building.
Wherever possible, Jenkins said he is using local contractors, including Noska Plumbing, Gary Weber's G and N Repair and Technology for the telephone and security wiring and Jim' Electric of Brainerd.

Jenkins noted the building materials have been purchased at Central Building Supply and the roof trusses all came from Manion Truss in Pillager.
Even without advertising, Jenkins said he has about 14 occasions booked over the future year, including fundraisers, weddings and reunions.
"We hope to have about 120 parties a year, parties ranging from small to medium to large groups. We will have seating for up to 400 people" he said.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1980. 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.

• July 12, 2001 - Kelsey Hjelmeland, daughter of Amy and Tim Hjelmeland of Staples will be among the candidates competing for the title of Miss Teen of Minnesota at the 2001 State Pageant which will be held at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud July 13 through 15.
Hjelmeland is a junior at Staples Motley High School this year and is a varsity football and basketball cheerleader and has been a member of the competition cheer team. She maintains an "A" honor roll status and is ranked in the top five percent of the Class of 2003

at SMHS.
• July 12, 2001 - Avis Lee of Pillager is a nominee in the running for Cass County's Outstanding Senior Woman 2001. The awards ceremony will be held Aug. 10, at the Red Pine Supper Club in Pine River.

10 YEARS Ago - 2016
• July 14, 2016 - Kathy Iverson & Daughters opened the music in the Park series in Staples July 10, performing to a full house. Threats of rain moved the concert from Northern Pacific Park to Faith Lutheran Church.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 5, 2001 edition of the Staples World featured Ed Perry, left, passing the gavel and the presidential papers to Roberta Brinkman, the new president of the Staples Rotary Club, at a meeting and picnic at Brinkman's.
Brenda Halvorson of Staples correctly identified both Perry and Brinkman. A long time Rotarian, Halvorson recalled the day that photo was taken, as well as the context. She went on to share that, "Brinkman was the postmaster in Staples at the time and she invited the club to her home east of Verndale for the ceremony and a picnic." Brinkman and her husband also showed the Rotarians their worm farm. Halvorson had other memories to share of Brinkman. "The Staples World nominated her for a national award as an outstanding postmaster and supporter of timely newspaper delivery. The award was presented to her at a National Newspaper Association conference in Washington, D.C., and we both attended. We also toured the National Postal Museum. Fun trip!" Halvorson also recalled that Brinkman and some of her family members had a gathering every fall "and made a gazillion jars of jams and jellies."
Roberta Brinkman remembered when this photo was taken, as well as the 'passing of the gavel' from Ed Perry. She still lives at the family farm.
Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Ed Perry, and recalled that he had owned Perry's Ben Franklin store in Staples.

StaplesWorld

The Staples World office, moved to 207 4th St. NE open every weekday, 8 a.m. - noon.

•For afternoon availability, call 218-894-1112.

Regular advertising and copy deadline is Friday, noon.

The office closes at noon on Friday.

Across from the old Staples Theatre marquee



First use of new pavilion at Veterans Park

Families and friends enjoyed visiting at the new pavilion at Veterans Park in Staples following the Fourth of July celebration. Lunch was provided by Bubba’s Catering. The pavilion was made possible by several sponsors. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Where the trail used to end

The connection point for the Legacy Ag Trail and the Legacy Bike Trail is right next to the Living Legacy Garden at CLC. The trail loops through the CLC ag farm and meets up with the bike trail along Airport Road again. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Unique city views

The Staples water tower pops up in the distance in a view from the Legacy Ag Trail, with a portion of the Staples Airport runway near the trail.

Menu

Senior Nutrition Program, Staples
Call mornings (218-979-4118) the Thursday before to reserve next week’s meal(s) and current suggested donation info. LSS Meals - traditional older adult menu (subject to change).
LOCATED AT: Staples Hi-Rise, 615 4th St. NE, Staples. Seniors welcome to dine-in at 11:00 a.m., with meal reservations.

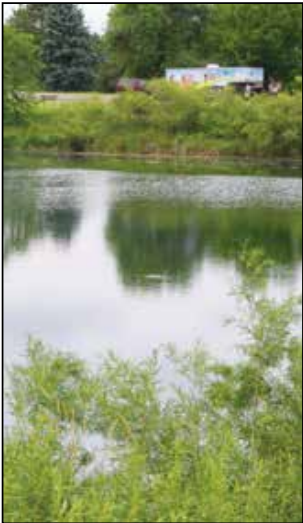
- **Staples Site: 218-979-4118.**
- **Motley Site: 218-824-3820.**
- July 27 - July 31**
- MONDAY** - Chef’s choice, veggie of the day, fruit of choice, dessert of the day, wheat bread, marg., 1% milk.
- TUESDAY** - Swedish meatball, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, mixed veggies, dinner roll, marg., chocolate chip cookie, 1% milk.
- WEDNESDAY** - Pork roast/gravy, candied yams, green beans, wheat bread, marg., butterscotch pudding w/ topping, 1% milk.
- THURSDAY** - Chicken Alfredo, peas/carrots, hot spiced apples, dinner roll, marg., 1% milk.
- FRIDAY** - Blueberry pancakes, egg patty, red diced potatoes, diced peach cup, marg., syrup, 1% milk.

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Marcella Underhill, right, recently completed her 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program at the Staples Public Library. The program helps increase awareness of the importance of early literacy as well as encouraging parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Reading is one of the most important things a parent can do to ensure their child’s success when they begin school. To register your child, stop by the Staples Public Library, 122 6th St. NE, Staples or call 218-894-1401 for information. The program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above: Genevieve, Benjamin and Marcella Underhill (Submitted photo)



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- July 19**

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS Sundays, 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.
- July 21**

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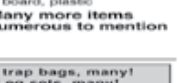
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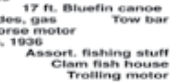
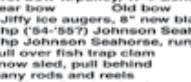
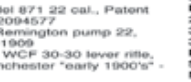
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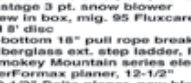
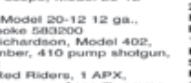
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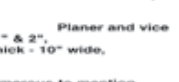
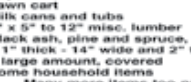
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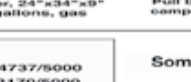
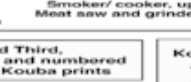
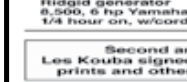


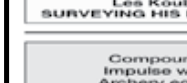












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Obituary

Ramona Van Wey

Ramona “Mona” (Hulett) Van Wey, 85, passed away peacefully June 27, 2026, in St. Louis Park.

Two memorial services will be held for Mona: Sat., July 18, at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, at 11 a.m. and Weds., July 22, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Edina, at 11 a.m.

Mona was born to Philip and Hazel Hulett in 1940. She grew up in Leader and graduated from Motley High School in 1958. She attended the U of M graduating with a B.S. degree in 1986. She was an accountant in the food service industry, working in Minnesota and Missouri throughout the span of her career. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother; a reader, creator, learner; quick-witted, endlessly patient and incredibly thoughtful.

She is survived by one son, Greg; and one daughter, Kathy; two grandchildren, Tara and Elora; one sister, Hope; seven step-children



JD, Julie, Jacci, Jeffrey, Jan, JR and Gaylynn.

Mona is preceded in death by her husband, Gaylord; parents; two brothers Lowell and Gene and one sister, Wilma.

Mona was exceptionally loving and beloved by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing her. She was good to her core and will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, Mona’s family asks that donations be made to “Minnesota Public Radio.”

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Student Achievements

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2026 Spring President’s List. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester and be enrolled in at least 12 credits of coursework. Local students named include:

- Hailee Colgrove, Motley
- Morgan Kanten, Motley
- Emily Berscheit, Staples

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2026 Spring Dean’s List. To qualify, students must enroll in at least 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Local students named include:

- Lauren Rutten, Staples-Motley High School grad
- Ethan Gephart, Motley
- Shauna Wiegand, Motley
- Keegan Harvey, Staples

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH has announced its 2026 Spring Semester Dean’s List. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits. Local students named include:

- Ezra Notch, Pillager
- Jack Carlson, Staples
- Aften Robinson, Staples
- Benet Robinson, Staples

TORI WHIDDON, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science.

LIVIA TRIF, 2026 Staples-Motley High School graduate, was recently awarded a Flint Hills Discovery Scholarship, Rosemount.

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE (M STATE) has announced its Spring 2026 Academic Honors List. Students on the President’s List earned a grade point average of 4.0 and students on the Dean’s List earned a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. Students on both lists also completed a minimum of six college-level credits and 75 percent of the courses in which they enrolled for the semester. Local students named include:

- Elaina Cueva, Motley, Dean’s List
- Madeline Fink, Motley, Dean’s List
- Cooper Baillif, Pillager, Dean’s List
- Zachary Engdahl, Pillager, Dean’s List
- Keller Anderson, Staples, President’s List
- Isabelle Dobson, Staples, Dean’s List
- Hailey Donley, Staples, President’s List
- Julia Lau, Staples, President’s List
- Aspen Orlando, Staples, President’s List
- Paige Woodwick, Staples, Dean’s List

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO has announced its Spring 2026 Dean’s List. To qualify for the High Honor List, students achieved a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify for the Honor List, students achieved a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average. Local students named include:

- Drake Dukowitz, Motley, Honor List
- Emma Storm, Pillager, Honor List
- Dylan Lawrence, Staples, High Honor List.

Staples Area Church Directory

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor John Pavlica, Lead Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Weds., AWANA 6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

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

Church of Christ

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

Faith Lutheran

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-631-1593
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

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

Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

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www.lincolnefree.org
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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.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 Catholic Church

280 1st Ave S, Motley 218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
Mass: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

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

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Hewitt Community Church

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church

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

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central Community Church

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

St. Frederick Catholic Church

20 Mason Avenue NW
Verndale 218-631-1593
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Rev. Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
MASS: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church

Bluegrass 218-631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena

St. Helen’s Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

St. Ann’s Catholic Church

514 1st Street SE, Wadena(218) 631-1593
Rev. JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Greg Sauer, 218-632-7319
parishsecretary@marysacc.org
Mass: Sunday (livestream) 10 a.m.

“Traditions”

By Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I remember years ago on K.T.I.G. radio out of Pequot Lakes, a show entitled, “A Touch of Tradition” by the then radio station manager’s wife. We also may remember in the film, “The Fiddler on the Roof,” Tevye was heard singing throughout the movie his theme song, “Tradition!” Good and healthy traditions provide a rhythm to life that can help us treasure what is valuable and ground us in what is important.

Take some time to ponder some of your past and present traditions in family, work and leisure. I so enjoy bubbler lights on a Christmas tree. My maternal grandmother in her Litchfield, MN home had them on her live Christmas tree Every Christmas season we could travel there to see her. Bubbler lights on our tree reminds me of her yet to this day even though she passed about 25 years ago.

Another tradition our family of 17 has is to converge on Paul Bunyan Land each summer. While in the park, we go to the old fashion dress up building to get our picture taken that we then often use in our Christmas letter. Maybe you have fond memories of tradition in your family gatherings throughout the year for various occasions. Maybe your work colleagues have traditions of recogni-

tion for jobs well done or around seasonal celebrations.

Do you have traditions around hobbies or remembering accomplishments of the past? Maybe you have traditions of letter or card writing, Maybe your traditions are about daily routines you have. The list goes on and on.

Like all gifts from God, the gift of traditions needs to be held in gratitude with open hands. Traditions need to stay fresh and purposeful, rather than an end in and of themselves.

Are the traditions you and I have fresh and purposeful to God’s glory? God’s does give us tremendous rhythm in simply the way He has created the universe right down to each and every breath and heart beat that He continually gives us. We need to thank God regularly for His “traditions” of life-giving and sustaining care.

Do you have “traditions” of being with God’s people during the week and on Sundays? What about the traditions of being in God’s Word so wonderfully described in Psalm 119? Hopefully, we have traditions of being people-oriented in serving them whenever we can. The wonder of God’s engaging mysteries of life feed our godly traditions. Imbibe them well.

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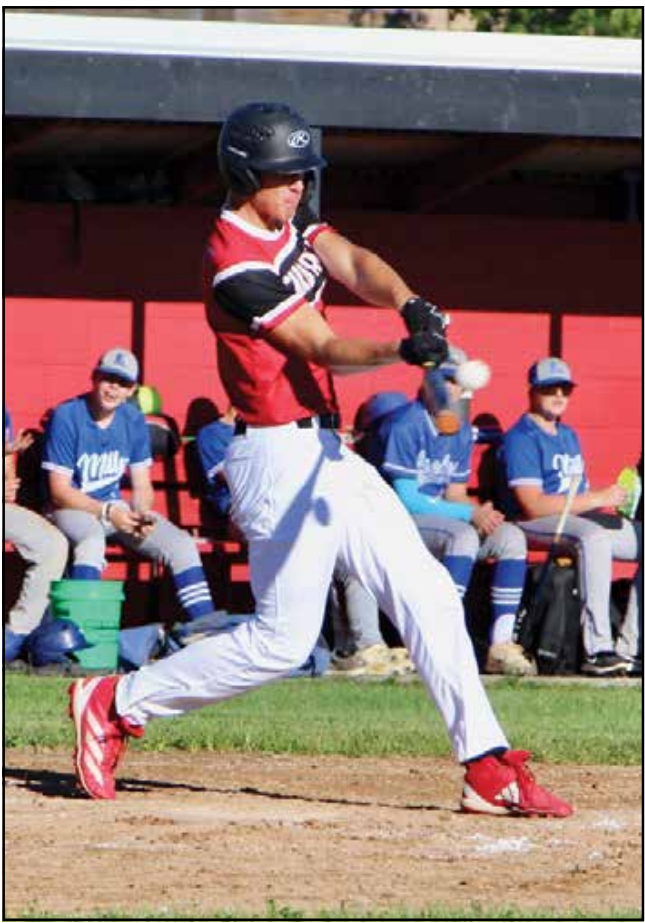
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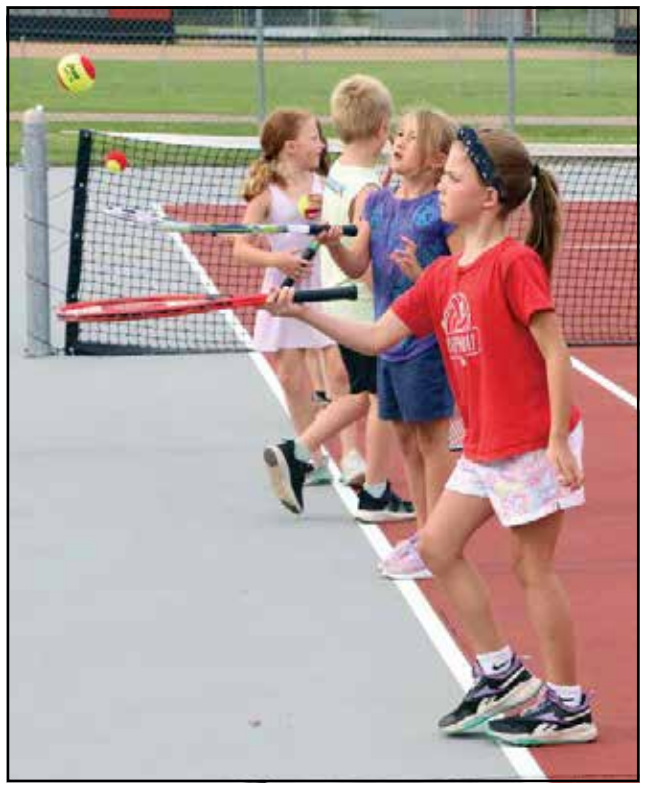
Babe Ruth baseball

The Staples-Motley Babe Ruth 16U baseball team has been playing games this summer at Jerry Riewer Field in Staples. Their league playoffs start this week. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Tennis summer camps

The Staples-Motley summer recreation tennis camps Started July 9. Above, Coach Nikki Paskewitz gets players excited about playing tennis. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)







Family support at dedication ceremony

The family of Jack Giza (front) gathered as the Giza granite bench was dedicated at the Fourth of July Celebration in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Playing the “Armed Forces Medley”

Woodwind quintet ‘Tuneys’ played the “Armed Forces Medley” at the recent Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Park in Staples. Veterans and active-duty membes were invited to stand during the specific song that represented their miitary branch. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Remembering loved ones

At the 2026 Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Park in Staples, a total of 28 commemorative pavers were dedicated, with family members and friends invited to ring the bell as their loved one’s name was read. Above, the family of the late Bruce Hayenga, who served in the United States Army from 1960 - 1963, make their way to the bell. Below, children of Sgt Clifford E. Smith, U.S. Army WWII veteran, prepare to ring the bell for their dad. From left, Barb Smith, Dan Smith, Dawn Adamietz. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Public Notices

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2027 TO 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City of Staples will hold a public hearing on July 28 at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall, 122 6th St NE to present and accept comments on the 2027 to 2031 Capital Improvement Plan. A copy of the draft is available at

City Hall, 122 6th St NE.
All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments.

If you are unable to attend, you can e-mail or mail comments to the City Clerk at tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us. For more information call Tara at 218-541-5004.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP WEED TOUR

Moran Township will conduct the Moran Township weed tour on July 28, 2026 at 6 p.m. Supervisors will leave from the town hall to conduct the weed tour.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township

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CITY OF STAPLES Summary Financial Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Staples to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at Staples City Hall at 122 6th St NE. Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (218) 894-2550

Revenue and Expenditures for General Operations (Governmental Funds)

	Total 2024	Total 2025	% Increase or (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,051,592	\$ 1,079,111	2.62%
Special Assessments	98,562	63,757	-35.31%
Licenses and Permits	162,719	132,255	-18.72%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,924,332	3,118,239	62.04%
Charges for Services	477,747	419,666	-12.16%
Fines and Forfeits	20,379	16,854	-17.30%
Investment Earnings	60,799	79,470	30.71%
Miscellaneous	1,046,490	921,870	-11.91%
Total Revenues	\$ 4,842,620	\$ 5,831,222	20.41%
Per Capita	1,614.21	1,943.74	20.41%
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 486,645	\$ 442,136	-9.15%
Public Safety	1,565,577	1,469,353	-6.15%
Streets and Highways	637,252	521,594	-18.15%
Economic Development	827,834	962,186	16.23%
Parks and Recreation	182,331	152,876	-16.15%
Airport	138,352	68,487	-50.50%
Debt Service:			
Principal	500,000	1,125,000	125.00%
Interest and Other Charges	136,736	113,765	-16.80%
Capital Outlay	580,600	2,007,086	245.69%
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,055,327	\$ 6,862,483	-26.33%
Per Capita	1,685.11	2,287.49	-26.33%
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 10,573,447	\$ 8,949,591	-15.36%
Per Capita	3,524.48	2,983.20	-15.36%
General Fund & Special Revenue Funds Unrestricted			
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,981,555	\$ 1,900,891	-4.07%
Per Capita	660.52	633.63	-4.07%



Lovin’ Bubba’s BBQ

Hundreds enjoyed a BBQ buffet lunch following the Fourth of July program at Veterans Park in Staples. Catered by Bubba’s BBQ, the meal included BBQ beef brisket and pulled pork, salads, fruit, and root beer. Dilly bars, compliments of the Staples Dairy Queen, were offered for dessert. Above, Penny Nelsen, board

member of the Staples All Veterans & Community Park, helps serve lunch. Below, enjoying lunch, Denise Baumgart, Staples; Bill Kokett, Motley; Alex Kokett, Staples; Fran Kokett, Motley. Alex, Bill and Fran Kokett’s grandson, is a U.S. Army veteran. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





‘Red, White and Blue’ on July 4, 2026

In honor of the 250th birthday of the United States of America, people across the country donned Red, White and Blue apparel as the celebrated on July 4. Above, at Veterans Park in Staples following the July 4 celebration, are members of the Miller/Stone families. From left, Chad

Miller, Staples; Erin McGuire, Inver Grove Heights; Dennis Miller, Staples; Rayma (Stone) Miller, Staples; Melba (Stone) McGuire, Inver Grove Heights; Joan (Stone) Miller, Blaine. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A time for family gatherings

The Fourth of July celebration at Veterans Park in Staples was attended by over 300 people, many of whom returned to their hometown to celebrate the country's 250th birthday with family and friends. Above, from left, are Sarah (Nelsen) Poscher, Bruce Nelsen, Bev Nelsen, Jerel Nelsen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Offered prayers

Pastor Barry Klein offered both the invocation and benediction prayers at the Fourth of July program in Staples. Klein serves as pastor at the Church of Christ in Staples.

Speaker

Army veteran Jerry Cleveland of Staples was the speaker at the Fourth of July celebration in Staples. Cleveland served during the Vietnam War. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Ringling the bell

Rick Anderson of Staples was one of several individuals who rang the bell at the Fourth of July paver dedication ceremony at Veterans Park in Staples. The paver is in honor of Anderson's maternal grandfather, Fred Tracy, who served in the United States Army during WWI in France. A total of 28 granite commemorative pavers were dedicated that day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce
is hosting

HOMETOWN HARVEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 • 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Northern Pacific Park – Staples, MN

**NOW ACCEPTING
PARTICIPANTS!**

CRAFTERS

\$20

FARMER'S MARKET

BUSINESSES

\$10

**FLEA MARKET /
GARAGE SALE SET UPS**

*Be a part of
our community celebration!*

Whether you're selling, promoting your business,
showcasing your talents, or displaying your tractor,
we'd love to have you join us for this
fun-filled fall event!

Calling All
**TRACTOR
ENTHUSIASTS!**

Do you own an
**ANTIQUE, CLASSIC,
NEW, or WORKING TRACTOR?**

We'd love to feature it in our
TRACTOR DISPLAY!

Bring your tractor, meet fellow enthusiasts,
share its history, and visit with attendees
throughout the day!

**FOR REGISTRATION AND
MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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✉ admin@stapleschamber.com