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This Week's Forecast

High Low Cond.

Feb. 16	14°	-12	M. Cloudy
Feb. 17	5	-8	M. Sunny
Feb. 18	29	-5	Cloudy
Feb. 19	17	14	M. Cloudy
Feb. 20	33	9	Cloudy
Feb. 21	20	8	Cloudy
Feb. 22	21	2	Cloudy

Average Temps:

Last Year, 2021

High Low Cond.

Feb. 16	8°	-20	Sunny
Feb. 17	10	-3	Snow
Feb. 18	12	4	Cloudy
Feb. 19	10	0	M.Sunny
Feb. 20	15	3	Sunny
Feb. 21	34	21	Snow
Feb. 22	40	20	Sunny

H = 27° Low = 8°

Snow Total for Week:

1-2"

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Staples trade area is much larger than expected

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee was suprised to see statistics showing that the trade area for businesses is much larger than the group predicted.

At one of the first meetings of the committee, the group estimated the general trade area for Staples businesses, and drew a map that included Motley and Vernalde, then farther north towards Sebeka and south to Browerville. Committee facilitator Neil Linscheid, of the University of Minnesota Extension program, ran the numbers on that map and found the estimate to be about 21,000 people in the trade area.

Then Linscheid used cell phone data to determine a statistically accurate picture of where people regularly travel from to go to Staples, and found it to be a much larger area. The new map shows regular visitors from the Brainerd Lakes area, Little Falls and past Wadena and Brainerd. The population of the actual trade area was calculated to be around 141,000 people.

“People are coming to Staples from much further than you think,” said Linscheid.

Although not everyone in that population area visits Staples regularly, Linscheid said it represents a huge market potential for the community.

To start working on ideas to connect with those populations, Linscheid showed the committee profiles of groups living in those areas, broken into “tapestry segments” showing the demands and needs of different groups.

For example, the LifeMode Group “Cozy Country Living” was broken down into segments: Prairie Living, Rural Resort Dwellers, Heartland Communities and Green Acres. The “Hometown” LifeMode Group had a segment titled Small Town Simplicity.

Each of those segments have a list of predictable items and services they like to purchase for their lifestyle. The profiles show corresponding statistics that each group has a gap in some needs, products and services available to them. The committee looked through some of the tapestry segments to determine where Staples fits to fill some of those gaps and where the business community can improve to provide what those groups want.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee also looked at ways to work towards improving downtown. One comment was that businesses need a cohesive voice in the community and they need to buy in to new ideas. One observation is that there are many new business owners in the community but some building owners are out of town or don’t get involved. The committee felt that the downtown businesses need to band together to develop the authority to implement big ideas in the community.

Linscheid suggested trying small, temporary things to see what works, where to hold events and when to do it. He gave an example of “tactical urbanism” attempts of experimenting with temporary amenities and decorations to make the downtown become the place to be.

For example, he said try a temporary dog park or live music, or find different things to do with alleys and empty spaces.

“Avoid trying things that are going to last forever, try a bunch of things and do them in different places,” said Linscheid.

Sno-Daze Court

Leah Bestland and Connor Judd were crowned queen and king at the Staples-Motley High School’s Sno-Daze Coronation Feb. 11. Also pictured, from left, are junior attendants Brontë Enyart-Martinez, Hunter Miller; and senior candidates Brookelyn Huisenga, Sam Opeim, Abby Dukowitz, Dexter Achermann, Kieran Groetsch, Evelyn Gonzalez. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples saves on water; electric peak rises

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples residents did a good job of conserving water during the drought in the summer, but used more electricity at peak times in 2021.

At the Feb. 8, 2022, Staples City Council meeting, Public Works Director Scott Grabe said the annual utility numbers show that the City of Staples sold more electricity in the city but the profit was less because much of it was during high demand periods. He said there was a 16 percent increase in peak demand.

The city had a six percent increase in water usage, which Grabe said was a good number for a drought year. “Our customers responded when we asked them to reduce water usage,” he said.

Also at the meeting, Grabe and City Administrator Jerel Nelsen talked about large street projects that could be coming. Todd Counti is planning to replace the pavement on 4th St. NE in 2025. Grabe said the city would plan to make it a total reconstruction, replacing all the infrastructure under the street as well. Nelsen said the city is looking at grant funding to supplement paying for the large project. He said this is a 429 project, which requires assessing property owners for a portion of the project.

Another future project is 2nd St. NE, near the high school building, and 3rd St. NE, near the football field. The school is planning to pave parking lots in the area so the city may consider street projects after See **COUNCIL** on page 3a



New owners, new name

Bobbi Hoemberg and Scott Dolezal are the new owners of Old 10 Apparel in Staples. Formerly known as LMH Embroidery, the shop specializes in providing embroidery and screen print designs on a variety of apparel items including T-shirts and sweatshirts. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Old 10 Apparel continues services

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Old 10 Apparel in Staples is the place to go if you’re looking to have a logo printed on a T-shirt, sweatshirt, or most any other kind of garment.

Bobbi Hoemberg and Scott Dolezal took over the business, formerly known as LMH Embroidery, this past August.

Hoemberg went on to share that she’d worked at LMH Embroidery for seven years when the opportunity for ownership came up. She loved her job and was excited to take it to the next level. Her boyfriend, Dolezal, was also on board for the new venture. A craftsman by trade (he’s employed by Holland Mold in Wadena), Dolezal’s skills have been an asset as the couple’s worked to carry on the tradition of offering this creative service to the public.

Also part of the team at Old 10 Apparel are Lori Robben, the in-house graphic designer; and ReAnn Thompson, who serves as the company’s

See **EMBROIDERY** on page 10a

Pedestrian struck by car on rural highway

Steven Schmura was severely injured when he was struck by a car while out for a walk on County Road 7, south of Staples. On February 8, at 2:38 p.m., the Todd County Sheriff’s Office responded to a motor vehicle crash on County Road 7 near 430th Street, south of Staples.

The vehicle, driven by 20 year old Carson Braun of North Branch, lost control on the curve and struck a pedestrian out for a walk. The pedestrian was identified as 64 year old Steven Schmura of rural Staples. Staples Fire Department and Staples Ambulance treated Schmura at the scene and he was transported to Lakewood Health System before being transported by helicopter to North Memorial Medical Center.

Schmura sustained life threatening injuries as a result of the crash, his current condition is unknown. The incident is under investigation.



Rescue in deep snow

Staples Ambulance crew and firefighters carry the stretcher out of the ditch to get to the ambulance. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers face tough opponents

The Staples-Motley wrestling team faced two tough opponents on Feb. 4, falling 47-27 to Paynesville and 54-12 against Holdingford.

In the Paynesville match, Eli Greenwaldt, Owen Winter and Colbe Tappe all won by fall.

The Cardinals hosted the Dravis Duals on Feb. 5, falling 51-23 to Perham and 33-25 to Border West.

On Feb. 11, the Cardinals had five wrestlers place in the Albany Purple Pride

Invite, with Tappe taking home the 132 pound title with three pins in three matches. Steven Petrich won by fall in his third place match.

Team results

Staples-Motley 27, Paynesville 47

106 Eli Greenwaldt W fall, 113 Jack Carlson W 6-5, 120 ff, 126 Owen Winter W fall, 132 Caden Dobson L fall, 138 Colbe Tappe W fall, 145 Jason Trantina W 7-1, 152 Blake Neelan W 8-5, 16- ff, 170 Luke Bjerga L 15-0,

182 ff, 195 ff, 220 ff, 285 ff

Staples-Motley 25, Border West 33

106 Greenwaldt W 11-1, 113 Carlson W 7-2, 120 ff, 126 Winter L 10-4, 132 Tappe W ff, 138 Dustin Converse W fall, 145 Trantina L fall, 152 Neelan L fall, 160 ff, 170 double ff, 182 ff, 195 double ff, 220 Steven Petrich W fall, 285 double ff

Albany Purple Pride Invite

113 Carlson 4th place
120 Riley Reese 5th place
132 Tappe 1st place
138 Trantina 6th place
220 Petrich 3rd place



Exciting youth team tournament

Staples-Motley youth wrestlers and coaches anticipate a pin in the championship match of their home team tournament on Feb. 6. The Cardinals won the

eight team tournament. Pictured below, wrestlers make moves as the gym is filled with excitement. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Eighth grade conference champions

The Staples-Motley girls basketball 8th grade team won the Mid State Conference tournament on Feb. 12, beating Pequot Lakes in the first round and winning over Park Rapids in the championship game on a buzzer beater by Pamela Lawrence. Pictured, front row, Pamela

Lawrence; row two, from left, Mariah Sullivan, Maddie Bartle and Skyla Tepley; back row, Isabelle Cole, Josie Jennissen, Walker Johnson, Alaina White, Audrey Brownell and Annie Schlosser. Coaches are Cory Lawrence and Loren Brownell. (Submitted photo)



Basketball games postponed

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team lost their only game of the week, 82-57 at Park Rapids on Feb. 8. The Cardinals had another game postponed because of weather.

The boys basketball team also had a game postponed due to weather.



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• Feb. 13, 1947 - Victory was sweet for the Staples Cards Tuesday evening of this week, when they completely outclassed and outplayed a fighting quint from Alexandria to the tune of 54 to 38.

Led by Doug Johnson, the Cards scored early in the game, and from the opening minutes of the game, headed the Resorters. The score at the end of the first quarter was 15 to 6 in favor of the Cards.

• Feb. 13, 1947 - Douglas Grossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grossman of the Moran-Germania district, and a member of the Lone Birch 4-H club, was the first place winner in the radio

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speaking contest held in Browerville Monday evening, Feb. 10, when seven contestants from Todd county participated in the competitive event. The topic for the seven-minute discussion was “How I Can Contribute to Great Unity Among People In My County, My Community and In My World.”

Douglas is a sophomore in the Staples high school, is a member of the Future Farmers, and has been an active member in 4-H club work in Todd county for a number of years.

• Feb. 13, 1947 - Miss Norma Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall of Staples has been cast in the role of “Titania, Queen of the Fairies” in the Shakesperian play, “Mid-summer Night’s Dream,” which is being produced by the Bemidji State Teachers College Footlight Guild at the high school auditorium, Feb. 18, at 8:15 o’clock.

• Feb. 13, 1947 - This week hundreds of questionnaires are being sent to the rural housewives in the Stapes trade area, asking them what days they like to do their shopping.

Housewives in this territory are asked to fill out this questionnaire as soon as possible and return it the The World office, so the survey may be completed, and thus give the merchants of Staples a better idea as to when the farmwives would like to do their shopping.

• Feb. 13, 1947 - An announcement was made Monday evening of this



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our Feb. 6, 1986 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers and where you are 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.

week at the regular meeting of the Staples Men’s chorus, that an Easter concert would be put on by the chorus some time near the Easter season, although the definite date had not been set at that time. Erling Lian is the director of the chorus.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• Feb. 17, 1972 - Lee Jenkins, the 1971 Distinguished Service Award Winner of the Staples Jaycees, will be entered in the Ten Outstanding Young Men Program of the Minnesota Jaycees at Mankato Feb. 18 and 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will be accompanied by the local Jaycee president, Edwin B. Perry, and Mrs. Perry and by James Hofer, Kent Heyda and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donat.

Friday evening, the group will be attending the TOYM poolside party and reception. Saturday, meetings and forums are slated throughout the day, highlighted by the speech by U.S. Senator Walter Mondale.

• Feb. 17, 1972 - Under the sponsorship of the Staples Rotary Club a “Fun on the Ice Day” will be held in this city Saturday, Feb. 19.

The event is slated to get underway at 9:30 a.m. on the ice rinks by the Ringer plant, with races for boys and girls ages 7 through 13. Dick Lange, Rotary president, said that there will be separate classes for boys and girls.

• Feb. 17, 1972 - Two of the

new courses added to the curriculum at the staples Area Vocational School this year were Industrial Photography (taught by George Melin and Pat Miller), and Graphic Communications.

• Feb. 17, 1972 - Gordy Thompson and Deb Doyle were chosen King and Queen of the annual Sno-Daze Festival at Staples High School.

• Feb. 17, 1972 - The executive committee of the Motley FFA Chapter has selected five junior girls as finalists to succeed Mary Dvorak as chapter sweetheart. The finalists are: Joni Dvorak, Mary Ehresman, Pam Hall, Jackie Mertala, and Sue Smith.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• Feb. 13, 1997 - The Omaha Theater Company for Young People will be bringing their lavish production of Alice In Wonderland to the Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

• Feb. 13, 1997 - The Staples Motley gymnastics team competed last week in the Mid-State Conference meet and heads to the section tournament this weekend at Wadena-Deer Creek. Team members include Taija Tholl, Kelly Schmidt, Kayla Vacek, Heidi Cline, Marissa Brown, Kourtney Shaw, Amy Peterson, Melanie Wilson. They are coached by Laurie Lauder and Andria Bollig.

• Feb. 13, 1997 - Monica Weber, a junior at Staples Motley High School, spent

the week of Jan. 13 - 17 at the State Capitol in St. Paul and served as a High School Page for the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Weber, whose hometown is Staples, assisted in delivering materials in the House Chamber during sessions and attended important committee meetings that involved hearings on issues of concern to all Minnesotans. Weber also met with her legislator, State Representative Ken Otremba, from District 11B.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

• Feb. 16, 2012 - Joshua McKenna, 24, was arrested in North Dakota as a suspect in the Jan. 25 robbery of the Staples Self Serv convenience store. McKenna was arrested on charges of aggravated robbery in the 1st degree. He is currently in the Wadena County Jail waiting his first court appearance.

• Feb. 16, 2012 - Mabel Swartz and Stanley Brastad were named the Lakewood Health System Care Center’s queen and king. The royalty runners-up were Steve Grewe and Dolores Riegger.

• Just a few years ago, Harry Meyer wasn’t sure how much of his story he was allowed to tell. During World War II, he and the secrets he learned were considered so crucial to the war effort that he remained locked away with his fellow radio communicators until he actual treaty was signed.

Meyer was part of the Navajo Code Talkers project, forwarding secret transmissions in the Navajo language so that enemies could not translate it.

Now Meyer has told his story on camera for anyone to hear, part of a video project started by the Staples All veterans and Community Park Association, with Central Lakes College student Matt Britton recording the interviews.

• Feb. 16, 2012 - The Staples Motley girls basketball team shook off a conference loss and played a steady game in defeating Pequot Lakes 74 - 68 on Feb. 9. It moved their Mid State Conference record to 8 - 1 with one game remaining, and every other team in the conference has at least three losses.

“It was nice to finally win the conference,” said Coach Arden Beachy. “This is my eighth year as head coach and my 11th in the program and this is the first conference title since I became a part of the program. Congratulations to the girls, this is a tough conference to win.”

Level 3 sex offender has moved to Motley

A Level 3 sex offender relocated to rural Motley on Feb. 4, 2022, according to a news release from the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office. An exact address was not listed, but in a phone conversation with Sgt. Jeremy Luberts it was learned that the subject is living off Dogwood Lane in Scandia Valley Township.

The release states that Joshua Matthew McMillen, 34, has been convicted of criminal sexual conduct or another offense that requires registration with law enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 or 243.167.

The report states McMillen engaged in sexual contact (including penetration) with a known teen-aged female. Coercion was used to gain compliance. After being convicted on charges that stemmed from that incident, McMillen was released on Nov 5, 2019.

“The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office is releasing this information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 and 253D,” the statement read. “These statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a public registrant’s release from prison or a secure treatment facility when the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office believes that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.”

The release describes



Joshua Matthew McMillen

McMillen as a white male with blue eyes and “sandy” hair. He is 6 ft. 2 inches tall and weighs 173 pounds.

McMillen does not have a supervision agent because his sentence has expired. The investigation agency is listed as the Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Office.

According to the statement, “The individual has served the sentence imposed on (him) by the court and is transitioning into the community. This notification is not intended to increase fear but rather raise awareness. Law enforcement believes that an informed public is a safer public.”

For more information, contact the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office at 320-632-9233. To report criminal activity by this registrant or any other individual, call 911. Sgt. Luberts also stated that information about McMillen and other sex offenders can be found at the Minnesota Department of Corrections website.

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Camper nights limited

that is completed. Nelsen said there had been water drainage issues on 3rd St. but nearby projects helped divert water.

Grabe updated the council on the new wastewater building completion. He said the construction company is objecting to the reduced payment for going past the completion date. The plant is running and currently processing wastewater, but some of the project, such as restrooms for workers, that are not yet done.

In other news, the council

- Approved second reading of ordinance limiting recreational vehicles or campers to only be occupied for up to ten days when parked in a yard.
- Approved lease to use parking lot next to police station, as a public parking lot.
- Approved donation from Staples Fire Relief Association to purchase fire department equipment.
- Approved Airport Rescue Grant agreement.
- Approved Diane Archer and Lindsey Hirschey to fill the vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

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Feb. 9 - The MPD issued a citation to Kevin Jordan, 56, for speeding.

Feb. 9 - The MPD issued a citation to Brad Tetzloff, 27, for driving after revocation.

Feb. 8 - The MPD received a report of a person at BRICKS in Motley asking customers for a ride. Upon their arrival, the MPD learned the woman had been there since the previous evening, and was enroute to Bemidji from Mankato. She stated that she had gone in the ditch and that an officer cited her with a citation and had her vehicle impounded. The driver of the tow truck had dropped her off at BRICKS and she had slept on the bench. The officer asked the woman if she could get a ride out of Motley because she can’t just sit in the truck stop. She stated that

she didn’t have anybody to come and get her. She asked if the officer could bring her to Walmart in Baxter. After getting permission from the police chief, the officer brought her to Baxter. She stated that her mom sent her money to get a ride to Bemidji.

Feb. 8 - The MPD received a report that an employee at BRICKS in Motley had found what they assumed to be drugs. Upon his arrival, the officer found a crystal like substance inside of a little baggie. He took the baggie and properly destroyed it.

Feb. 7 - The MPD received three different reports of a gas drive-off at Holiday Gas Station in Motley. They were in the amounts of \$21.88, \$38.00 and \$45.42. Information was given to the manager to mail a letter for demand of payment to all.

Feb. 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Adrien Scepurek, 23, for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the Feb. 3, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured members of Sacred Heart Church in Staples who’d been initiated as Third Degree Knights of the Staples Council No. 1803 Knights of Columbus at a special ceremony. The new members, from left, included Tim Rach, Jack Kirk, Tim Wilhelmson, Francis Sauer

and Dave Wroblewski.

Bev Kirk Maybon, Baxter, correctly identified her brother, Jack Kirk, as well as Tim Rach and Fran Sauer, mentioning they were all Sacred Heart Church Knights of Columbus members. She guessed Tim Wilhelmson to be Steve DesMarais. hanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Letter to the Editor

Scary diseases before vaccines

One summer day during my 1940s childhood, I told my mother that my neck hurt. “Don’t talk that way!” was her almost angry re-tort. I was shocked at her response, but later realized that she was living in constant fear that one of her kids would fall victim to the polio epidemic that was raging at the time. At least three of my Sebeka classmates got polio while growing up and one of them was crippled for life.

I had measles at age ten. After a few days of lethargy, I was back to normal and I had my natural immunity. A decade later, my little brother was shocked when one of his elementary school classmates succumbed to the disease.

Almost a century ago, things were looking up for Sebeka resident Ray Blakeman. He had a wife and two little sons. Then smallpox struck their home. One month and two funerals later, Mr. Blakeman was left with one motherless little boy.

Because of a vaccine that has been developed since the days of my youth, measles has gone from a rite of passage to a rarity. The Salk and Sabin vaccines have conquered polio. And the smallpox vaccine has eradicated the disease.

You won’t find many anti-vaxers among those of us who remember what things were like seven decades ago.

Jerry Miller
Sebeka, Minn

Every process is about building relationships within the community

The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee has sparked me to think back on other community development processes I have followed as a reporter over the years. I have probably witnessed at least 20 different undertakings.

The processes were usually facilitated by an outside expert. Some were elaborate processes that considered all the community strengths, weaknesses and assets. Others were quick-hitting, ex-ploring one aspect and moving on from there.

The results of the processes are always different. Some formed long term groups, others had short task forces, some just fizzled out with good ideas still on the table.

The most effective processes are ones that people feel fit the community. For example, the Staples Motley Beyond Poverty group identified a huge need and developed some good strategies that people wanted to participate in. They have since been used as an example for other communities to show what can be done.

Another successful process I witnessed was one of the simplest ones. I wasn’t there at the start, but when I was researching at a newspaper in a small town in southern Minnesota, I found an old story about



By Mark Anderson
Editor

Art is to be experienced by the whole community

By Deb Brown
SaveYour.Town

There’s more to art than visual arts. Do you quilt or crochet? Those skills are artistic. Do you know how to use a forge? Have you made products in the forge? Again, this is art.

Have you helped your kids and grandkids paint things on the driveway with chalk? That’s practicing art and teaching the next generations that their work is art.

Have you refinished old furniture to make it look different? Art.

Have you planted a garden that your neighbors like? That’s having a good eye, that’s art.

Do you dance, act, write or play music? All art. It’s safe to say there’s a little bit of artist in all of us. How can you bring art to your community?

Murals come to mind first. Ask a local artist to lay out the mural as if it were paint by number. Then invite everyone in town to take part. It doesn’t have to be on a wall either. It can be on a sheet of plywood that you can display anywhere. Or on sailcloth and hang it up in the park.

Or take painters tape, lay it down in geometric shapes. Paint over it in different colors. Remove the tape. Voila! Cool art. Cover old boarded up windows with this art.

See if your local community theater and/or high school drama club want to do scenes from their next project in a park. Invite everyone to come with their lawn chairs.

Hold a photo walk. Invite the town to come with their cameras and take pictures. Share them on social media.

Hold a quilting bee. Give lessons to anyone who attends. Crochet bed sheets into rugs together.

Invite your dance schools to have their students give a show during another event. Parents and grandparents attend.

Hold a chalk art gallery showing - draw with chalk on driveways in the morning, and the residents can drive around in the afternoon to view the art.

Have a jigsaw puzzle building table in a public place and let anyone sit down and try it. When a puzzle is complete, you can seal it and hang on a blank wall.

Pick up branches and make walking sticks. Lots of YouTube videos out there to help you.

Have an open mic poetry reading. Original works encouraged.

Paint rocks and leave them in public places for others to find.

Get some mason jars, PVA glue and a battery powered tealight. Pick up a bag of leaves. Coat the sides of the jars with the glue and add leaves in layers. Put the light in the bottom. You built a luminary. See if your nursing home residents would like to try this. Make a luminary path.

Art is not only a great experience to look at, it’s also a great experience to try.

CGMC sets outstate priorities for Minnesota budget surplus

From the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

As lawmakers begin to shape their plans for how to utilize the state’s historic \$7.7 billion budget surplus, leaders from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) are calling on Governor Walz and the Legislature to invest in fundamental programs and priorities that address critical needs in rural communities.

“The Governor and legislators have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make investments that will benefit our state now and well into the future,” said CGMC Executive Director Bradley Peterson during a virtual meeting with statewide media recently.

Peterson, who was joined on the call by Luverne Mayor and CGMC President Pat Baustian and Owatonna Mayor Tom Kuntz, said for Greater Minnesota, that means investing in critical issues like Local Government Aid (LGA), wastewater and drinking water infrastructure and workforce needs like child care and housing.

“None of these issues are new; city leaders have been talking about them since well before the pandemic,” Peterson said. “However, the last two years have amplified these challenges and highlighted the need for long-term solutions. Now is the time for the Legislature and Governor to take advantage of the state’s strong financial footing and finally address these lingering concerns.”

LGA hasn’t kept up

As its top legislative priority for 2022, CGMC is seeking a \$90 million increase in LGA, a statewide program that is vital to restraining property taxes, reducing inequities between communities and making sure all cities are able to provide high-quality services and quality-of-life amenities to their residents and businesses.

“LGA is the lifeline for Greater Minnesota cities. Without it, rural Minnesota would crumble,” said Baustian.

Baustian noted that in Luverne, a city of just under 5,000 residents located in the southwestern corner of the state, LGA makes up about 28 percent of the city’s annual budget. He said Greater Minnesota city leaders are strategic when planning their budgets, but increasing expenses and inflation continue to put a strain on city finances.

“Like other cities, our costs have increased a lot in recent years,” Baustian said. “Construction costs have gone up 35 to 50 percent over the last four years. We have an aging workforce, which drives up costs. But LGA has not kept pace with rising costs and inflation.”

Peterson added that while local governments received pandemic relief from the federal government, that money is not a substitute for LGA.

“The federal money cities received is one-time funding that can only be used for a narrow list of purposes and must be spent in a specific window of time,” Peterson said. “LGA is consistent funding with flexible uses that allows cities to better plan for the future as they set their budgets.”

Water should be cornerstone

CGMC is also urging the Legislature to pass a large capital investment bill (a.k.a. “bonding bill”) that includes \$299 million for water and wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs.

“With low interest rates, a hefty budget surplus and federal money to leverage, now is the time for a transformational investment in Minnesota’s water infrastructure,” Peterson said. “This funding is needed to make progress in addressing the backlog of water infrastructure projects across the state.”

Peterson noted that the costs to upgrade or build a new water treatment facility are enormous, often well into the tens of the millions of dollars and the majority of these costs fall on the individual communities and their ratepayers.

“Cities are willing to pay their fair share, but it’s incredibly difficult to pay for these massive projects without a grant or loan from the state,” he added.

Owatonna Mayor Tom Kuntz is well aware of the costs related to water infrastructure. His city has been working on a wastewater treatment plant expansion since 2017, a project that is needed to keep up with Owatonna’s rapid industrial and residential growth. Delays in permitting and other setbacks have caused the project to drag on longer than expected. During that time, the total cost estimate swelled from \$20-\$25 million in 2017 to \$57-\$59 million today.

“Obviously, this is a very expensive project for our community. We are seeking any help we can get from the state and other sources so that we don’t have to put the full cost burden on our local ratepayers,” Kuntz said.

Owatonna is one of 26 cities seeking a Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) from the state this year to help offset the costs of wastewater projects. However, the current cap on PSIG is \$7 million. Peterson said that along with seeking additional funding for water infrastructure programs, CGMC also plans to introduce legislation that would eliminate the cap on this program.

one town meeting where they simply asked “what does the town need?”

They voted on the top 20 needs and then had a committee work on each of them. Judging that process 25 years later, I was amazed that they had accomplished 18 of the 20, including building a golf course and opening a men’s clothing store. The two items that were not completed were obtaining a shoe repair store, which had become obsolete by then, and building a community center, which proved to be too big with too many opinions.

Another process had an environmental focus and was comprehensive, looking at everything that affects the local environment. I made a list of all the local organizations and industries and put the names into a circle. I started to draw

lines between entities that work with each other or depend on each other, and was amazed that the community patchwork was thicker than a spider’s web with all the connections.

That revealed how important it is for a community to work together. Without those connections, the community would be a ghost town.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee is alluding to that concept, as they keep repeating the need for businesses to come together to determine a new direction for the downtown. I look at the other processes I have followed and that is exactly what works, building relationships among people with common interests. It is not just a nice thing to work towards, but a necessary component of building a thriving community.

tions,” said Peterson. “Simply put, employers can’t get workers if there is nowhere for them to live and no one to look after their children while they are at work.”

Baustian said child care is the number one economic development priority in Luverne, a sentiment shared by many community leaders across Greater Minnesota.

“When we talk to our local businesses, all we hear is ‘what are you going to do about child care?’” Baustian said.

According to First Children’s Finance, Greater Minnesota needs to add 40,000 new child care slots to keep up with demand. Unlike in the metro area, Greater Minnesota communities rely heavily on in-home providers, many of whom have chosen to leave the profession in recent years. Some cities like Luverne have decided address this need by purchasing buildings to turn into city-owned child care centers.

This session, CGMC is requesting \$20 million for a child care capital grant program, which provides grants of up to \$500,000 to local governments in Greater Minnesota to fund up to 50 percent of the costs to build, upgrade or expand child care facilities. In addition, CGMC is seeking \$5 million for the DEED child care grant program, which has proven successful at helping to create new and retain existing child providers.

The shortage of housing, particularly market-rate housing for middle-income families and workers, is also a major concern across Greater Minnesota.

“In rural Minnesota, there aren’t enough developers that have the cash and are willing to build in our communities,” Baustian said. “We’re also dealing with the issue of aging housing stock. When housing is already hard to come by, it’s critical we’re able to preserve and maintain the existing homes in our community.”

CGMC is pursuing several legislative proposals to encourage construction and increase availability of housing across Greater Minnesota. Proposals include the creation of a new “fix up fund” grant program to help cities rehabilitate dilapidated homes, state funding for public infrastructure such as sewer connections and streets needed for new housing developments and additional funding for the existing Workforce Development Grant Program.

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Quote of the week

“Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.”

— Nikita Krushchev



Student Achievements

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, Moorhead, has announced its 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Torrence Salcido, Staples
- Zachary Strickland, Motley

MORGAN LESLIE, Staples, graduated magna cum laude from St. Cloud State University during the 2021 Fall Semester. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary/K-6 Education.

GRACE ERHOLTZ, Baxter, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

NICHOLAS JOHNSON, Verndale, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Jamestown in North Dakota. To qualify, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

KYLE EKOLM, Staples, graduated from North Dakota State University in Fall 2021, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering.

TORII NIENOW, Cushing, has been named to the 2021 Fall Semester Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Torii is the daughter of Adam and Lori Nienow of Cushing.

Children's author at Staples Public Library Feb. 17

Children's author Kevin Lovegreen will be at the Staples Public Library on Thurs., Feb. 17, at 6 p.m.

Lovegreen is a Minnesota author who takes students on an educational and entertaining journey into the world of writing and illustrating children's books. Each book is based on true encounters that kids love to hear as the author shares some of his adventures.

The grand finale is the "World Famous" animal call challenge. Lovegreen performs different animal calls that hunters use and the kids guess which animal makes the sound.

All attending may register to win a signed copy of Lovegreen's books.

Members of the Staples Friends of the Library will be giving away several signed copies of Lovegreen's book.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th Street NE, Staples; 218-894-1401.

This program is provided by the Great River Regional Library and Arts and Culture Legacy Fund Grant.



First place for SM Speech Team

The Staples Motley Cardinal Speech Team took first place Feb. 5 at the Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School tournament. The team placed first out of 12 teams, with 136 points. Thief River Falls was second with 92 points and Bemidji was third with 53 points.

Receiving recognition were: Creative: 1st Micah Larson, 4th Keegan Harvey; Drama: 2nd Laken Hines; Drama Honors, Blue Ribbon, Cecily Moe; Duo: 1st Luke Bates and Caden Mrazek - Iain Sams and Cy Johnson (unbreakable tie), 2nd Brynn Bestland and Addy Toepper, 4th Olivia Opheim and Estella Bock; Extemp Reading: 4th Isabel Birkholtz, Extemp Reading Honors, Superior Ribbon, Walker Johnson; Great Speeches Honors: Blue Ribbon, Iain Sams; Humor: 1st AJ Nienow, 3rd Connor Judd, Humor Honors, Red Ribbon, Walker Johnson; Inform: 1st Olivia Opheim, 5th Estella Bock; Poetry: 1st Grace Allen, 2nd Riley Dabbs; Prose: 2nd Riley Dabbs, 3rd Luke Bates, 4th Cy Johnson; Prose Honors, Superior Ribbon: Cecily Moe, Grace Allen; Storytelling: 1st Caden Mrazek, 2nd Laken Hines, AJ Nienow, Maddock Harvey.

Front, left to right: Cecily Moe, Bel Birkholtz, Addy Toepper, Evan Woodwick, Olivia Opheim, Maddock Harvey. Middle: Raina Mikhaeil, Brynn Bestland, Isaiah Tabatt, Estella Bock, Grace Allen, Daniel Ortiz, Keegan Harvey, AJ Nienow, Mark Keresztes. Back: Walker Johnson, Riley Dabbs, Micah Larson, Luke Bates, Caden Mrazek, Connor Judd, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, Laken Hines, Jaden Johnson (Submitted photos)



Champions

Left to right: Olivia Opheim, Grace Allen, Luke Bates, Cy Johnson, Caden Mrazek, Iain Sams, AJ Nienow, front, Micah Larson.

Grief Support Group offered in Motley

'GriefShare,' a grief support group, will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., March 3 - May 26.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group offering help and en-

couragement after the death of a loved one. It's designed to help people who have lost someone rebuild their lives.

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

COVID surge slowing down

The COVID-19 surge from January is lower in the second week of February. Minnesota Department of Health released numbers by zip code on Feb. 10, showing Motley the only community with a rise in cases. Motley had 26 new cases, higher than their 24 the previous week, but still lower than the peak of 36 in one week in January. The Staples area has gone down the last three

weeks, to 33 new cases, after reaching high of 82 in January.

Wadena cut their numbers in half, from 104 to 49. Verndale had one third the amount, going down from 31 to nine.

Other area communities were all lower than previous weeks, including Pillager 22, Long Prairie 68 and Browerville 12.

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School board meeting 12:00 p.m., Feb. 22

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting Tues., Feb. 22 at 12 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The agenda includes the Facility Project review and acceptance of bids for the HS/MS project.

Upcoming meetings:
Tues., Feb. 22: Elem. bid opening, 2 p.m., District Office

Mon., Feb. 28: Regular board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., March 7: Board Work Session, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., March 21: Regular meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Mark Your Calendar

February 16, 17

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., through April 14, Staples City Hall. Must call for an appointment at 218-296-2159. For low to moderate income taxpayers.

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP Mtgs are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

February 18

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.

February 21

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

February 22

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business meeting at 7 p.m. for more info., 218-894-1899.



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Jacquelyn Botello, RN, Occupational Health
Nominated by Ivy Ruzynski, RN, BSN, Hospital Quality Improvement & Employee Health Manager

"I recently attended a safety meeting at Dan's Prize and they had nothing but wonderful things to say about how Jacquelyn has been helping all of their employees stay at work and healthy. Jacquelyn works very hard to ensure everyone on the team is informed in order to provide quality care. She regularly goes out into the plant to assess and identify any safety concerns to help reduce injuries. She has built trust and rapport with the employees. They all appreciate her expertise and everything she does for them. Jacquelyn has also stayed late, came in early and attended appointments to meet the needs of the employees. She has also identified and made improvements to processes at the plant. She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is an asset to both Lakewood Health System and Dan's Prize."



Jesse Greenwaldt, Maintenance Mechanic
Nominated by Jessica Holmberg, Credentialing Specialist

"I came to work one day and had a flat tire, I called Jesse and he didn't hesitate to come take a look at it. He even stated that he felt it was unsafe to just air it up, so he put my spare tire on for me. Not only did he go above and beyond his job duties, he was also concerned for my safety with changing it to the spare instead of just putting air in the tire. He did all of this with a smile on his face and never once made me feel as though I was a burden or was interfering with his job duties. His kindness and concern should not go unnoticed."



Karen Knoll, RN, BSN, Hospital Services EHR IP Coordinator
Nominated by Sarah Baumgartner, RN, BSN, Inpatient Director; Amanda Svir, RN, BSN, CEN, Director of Emergency & Trauma Services; and Corrine Neissess, RN, BSN CIC, VP of Nursing

"MNRAP is the platform that the MN Dept. of Health created to have oversight of the monoclonal antibody therapy used for some COVID patients or people with high risk exposures. MNRAP's presence became increasingly felt this last summer and added a layer to this therapy that required more time, reporting, interpretation of requirements, etc. Karen volunteered to be the point person with MNRAP and did an excellent job representing Lakewood's needs and communicating with the different areas that were involved in getting patients referred for this treatment. As the COVID numbers climbed this late summer and fall, this grew increasingly more demanding and the number of treatments being administered grew. As Lakewood made a change in route of administration and moved this service out of the emergency department and Med/Surg unit into a new location to accommodate more patients, Karen stepped up and lead these efforts, moving to cover multiple days herself in providing this service to patients. She helped train staff that were utilized from other service areas. Throughout this time Karen has always kept the patients first, trying to make sure our patients were treated locally as much as we could when MNRAP began managing all referrals. Her work helped ensure these patients got the treatment they sometimes had to drive hours to receive because it wasn't available to them in their own community."



Kylee Smith, RN, Employee/Occupational Health & Hospital Services
Nominated by Ivy Ruzynski, RN, BSN, Hospital Quality Improvement & Employee Health Manager and Becky Misegades, MSW/LSW, Senior Services Program & Operations Director

"Kylee has been an asset to the Employee Health and Occupational Health Team. She continually goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She heard that Med/Surg needed assistance so she took it upon herself to reach out to see how she could help. Whenever she is asked to adjust her hours or pick up a shift, she always does her best to be available and does it with a smile. Some examples of areas she made accommodations to help with are point prevalence testing, FIT testing for employees, flu vaccines, and COVID vaccines. If you give her extra tasks through her workday, she is always willing to take them on and get them done doing a quality job. She is willing to learn and expand her knowledge in her nursing career which is a huge benefit to Lakewood Health System. Kylee has been a huge asset to our Care Center COVID testing team. Her happy attitude is contagious to those around her."



Jeff Fink, RN, Hospital Services
Nominated anonymously

"On behalf of all the nursing staff on the hospital floor, I would like to give a big shout out to Jeff. Jeff has been with Lakewood for the last 18 years and he consistently goes above and beyond for all his coworkers and patients. In the month of October, the hospital floor was very busy with very sick Covid patients. Anyone that has taken care of someone with Covid can relate to how sick they can get and decline fast, and how physically, mentally, emotionally taxing an 8 or 12-hour shift can be. Jeff worked 17 overnights in a row which most of them were 12-hour shifts and all of them he was working in the ICU. When a patient turns on their call light regardless of who their assigned nurse is you will find Jeff literally running to help that patient. Jeff rarely takes a break, because someone might need help, so he eats his ham sandwiches on the go. Patients often request Jeff as their nurse as they appreciate his care. Seeing his name on the schedule is always a breath of reassurance as he is always willing to tackle any task. Jeff is a valued nurse here at Lakewood and we are so lucky to have him on our team. Thank you for all you do Jeff, we truly appreciate you."

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

- Born to Kaye Smude and Logan Stangl of Brainerd, a baby girl, Marvilou Marie weighing eight pounds, four ounces on February 5, 2022.
- Born to Chasidy and Zach Mousseau of Wadena, a baby girl, Ashlynn Marie weighing seven pounds, four ounces on Febraury 5, 2022.
- Born to Autumn and Brandon Flickinger of Verndale, a baby girl, Harper Rose weighing six pounds, three ounces on February 5, 2022.
- Born to Elizabeth Smith and Michael Martin of Wadena, a baby girl, Athen Anne-Marie weighing six pounds, February 10, 2022.
- Born to Ally and Simon Kimmes of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Edmund Michael weighing nine pounds, two ounces on February 10, 2022.
- Born to Lisa and Chad Salber of Browerville, a baby boy, Titan Denard weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on February 11, 2022.

Margaret Cheney

Margaret (Killian) Cheney, 81, of rural Staples, passed away February 13, 2022, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Viewing and Wake Service will be held Friday February 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. with Wake and Rosary at 7 p.m. at The Cathedral of St. Mary, 619 7th St. N., Fargo, ND.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. with viewing from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of St. Mary. Interment will be at Foston in the spring.

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Obituaries

Carol Gosse

Carol ‘Sue’ (Harkcom) Gosse, 67, passed away February 4, 2022, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

Funeral services were held February 12 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Carol was born September 14, 1954, to Floyd and Mildred Harkcom. Sue married Herbert Gosse in 1970 and they had two children together. They were divorced in 1998 and she has shared her life with Brian Mahaffey for many years. Sue was a proud cancer survivor and in remission for six months before her passing. She loved gardening, yearly plant sales, making cards with friends and throwing darts on league nights. She also loved winning at her favorite dice game, which kept her spirits up during her hospital visits and bouts with pneumonia. She is loved by many; we are grieving our sudden and great loss. Fly free and breathe easy, Sue.

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She is survived by one brother, James Harkcom; two daughters, Traci (Robert) Backmann and Krystena Wall; seven grandchildren, Suzanne, Caleb, DJ, Brionni, Hayley, Liberty and Madison; five great-grandchildren, Isaac, Nathan, Mira, Hayden, Caroline and a baby boy due in March.

Sue is preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Harold Harkcom.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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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
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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 218-894-2296
Church
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 & 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)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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.

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

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Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
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
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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.,
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..... 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.

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

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 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.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Classes 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 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
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The 90 Day Challenge

Fr. Aaron Kuhn, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples; St. Michael Catholic Church, Motley

I was challenged by a friend to fast for 90 days (Exodus 90) as a spiritual exercise to grow closer to God and imitate Jesus on my journey to Easter. It includes abstaining from snacks between meals, desserts and sweet drinks, TV and video games, unnecessary computer and mobile device use, adding an hour of silent prayer to each day, getting a full night's sleep and taking cold showers.

The Exodus of the Israelites out of slavery included letting go of the many comforts Egypt offered them, not because the comforts were bad but because they kept the people from relationship with God. Every moment of suffering tested their faith and they failed at every moment of the 40 days. They lost their joy. They complained against God. They preferred to go back to slavery than to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 10-14). If hell is a room with the lock on the inside, they preferred the comfort of slavery to suffering growth with God in the Wilderness.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the Wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And He fasted 40 days and 40 nights (Luke 4:1-2a). He faced the temptations with faith, trust, joy and resolve to move beyond the suffering of the present moment, a foretaste of the crucifixion and resurrection.

Most of us have comfortable lives. We do not sleep on the ground, have limited resources or suffer from want. Whenever we are deprived of minor comforts we tend to complain, instead of praising God and thinking of how we can offer our sacrifices and sufferings with Christ as a prayer for others. We are His body and where the head goes the body should follow. He who does not take His cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me (Matthew 10:38). Like Paul, we can say with our own lives, I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the Church (Colossians 1:24).

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Harvey Marohn

Harvey Paul Marohn, 93, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2022, after a brief stay in the hospital.

Services were held February 12 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Motley.

Harvey was born in rural Todd County on June 6, 1928, to Paul and Emma Marohn. He graduated from Motley High School. He married Shirley Markfelder on April 17, 1949. Harvey worked as a truck driver delivering milk for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time outdoors and always had a story to tell. He was an awesome father and grandfather.

Harvey is survived by one son, David (Debra)



Marohn and one granddaughter, Amanda.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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The deadline for classified ads, display ads, garage sale ads, letters to the editor and news items for the Staples World is:

Friday, noon





**NOTICE
CITY OF STAPLES
ORDINANCE NO. 536
AMENDING
STAPLES CITY CODE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAPLES ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 109-120(a)(2) is hereby amended as follows:

(2) Recreation vehicles or campers shall not be occupied for more than ten days, in a calendar year, on residential lots and no business shall be practiced in the recreation vehicle or camper.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this
8th day of February 2022.

APPROVED:
Chris Etzler, Mayor
Attest: Tara Greer,
City Clerk

First Reading:
January 25, 2022
Second Reading:
February 8, 2022

Adoption: February 8, 2022
Published: February 16, 2022.

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**NOTICE
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING
FOR THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP**

The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for the Thomastown Township election of:

One (1) supervisor

One (1) clerk

The annual township meeting will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:10 p.m.

The election and Annual Meeting will be held March 15, 2022, at the same time if there is bad weather on March 8.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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**NOTICE
BULLARD TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Bullard Township, Wadena County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Bullard Township Hall. Election poll hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time voters will elect:

One (1) Supervisor, three

(3) year term;

One (1) Clerk, two (2)

year term.
The Board of Canvass will meet at 8:05 p.m., and the Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 15, 2022, with the same times and location.

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk
Bullard Township
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**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP 2022
ANNUAL MEETING
SCHEDULE**

The May Township 2022 regular meetings will be held the second Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a second meeting on the fourth Monday of the month for June, July and August, also beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting dates:

Tues., March 8, 2022 (Annual Meeting)

Mon., March 14, 2022

April 11, 2022

May 9, 2022

June 13, 2022

June 27, 2022 (Road maintenance)

July 11, 2022

July 25, 2022 (Road maintenance)

August 8, 2022

August 22, 2022 (Road maintenance)

September 12, 2022

October 10, 2022

November 14, 2022

December 12, 2022

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
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FOR BIDS**

**TITLE:
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LOCATION OF WORK:
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The project consists of interior and exterior renovations to the existing Elementary School as well as an approximate 40,000 sf gym and wellness center addition. Renovations include interior classroom refreshes, indoor air quality upgrades and kitchen renovation. Work scopes include but are not limited to:

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BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 p.m. local time on February 22, 2022. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact the Construction Manager at (320) 360-5506. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchange's holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any, and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bid) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigations

tion of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to; (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on his investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which Owner deems to be in his best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100 percent (%) of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of

work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of his failure to study and record his own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid or be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 8, 2022 at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Staples-Motley High School / Middle School. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is March 1, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 3, 2022.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete in different areas throughout the site on or before milestone dates as listed in the Summary of Work as well as the overall construction schedule provided in Section 01 32 10 Project Schedule Requirements. Final completion of all work must be completed by 8/30/2024.

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MDH studies chemical exposure to children

A partnership between the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and community partners in Minneapolis and Greater Minnesota has produced useful new information about Minnesota children's exposure to chemicals in their environments. The project found that chemical exposure is a potential concern for children around the state, but the details of the concern vary by location, racial/ethnic group, household practices and other factors.

The Healthy Rural and Urban Kids Project measured 21 chemicals in the urine of 232 children from two communities: neighborhoods in North Minneapolis and three counties in north-central Minnesota. Both areas have long had concerns about potential exposures to chemicals in their environments and the project was developed to respond to those concerns.

The chemicals chosen for the project are ones that can be measured in urine and that can tell scientists something about potential exposure to air pollution, metals, and pesticides. As part of their Early Childhood Screening visits, children whose families consented were enrolled in the project. MDH partnered with Minneapolis Public Schools and the local public health agencies of Becker, Todd, and Wadena counties to offer participation to families in multiple languages.

This was Minnesota's first biomonitoring project focused on preschool-age children. Public health officials hope the project re-

sults will help inform new strategies to protect children from exposure to environmental chemicals that may impact their health, explained Jessica Nelson, director of MDH's biomonitoring program.

The project found that chemical exposures differed across rural and urban areas and among different groups.

Children from the urban area had higher urine levels of air pollution chemicals compared to kids from the rural areas and the U.S. average in children. These chemicals are part of a large class of chemicals made during combustion called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAHs.

Children from the rural areas had higher urine levels of one pesticide compared to urban children (but not higher than the U.S. average in children). This pesticide, called 2,4-D, is an herbicide used on some agricultural crops and for lawn treatment.

Children who ate rice frequently had higher urine arsenic levels than those who did not.

Children from the urban area whose family recently used a pesticide in the home had higher urine levels of a pesticide chemical than children whose family did not use a home pesticide. Finding this pesticide chemical indicates exposure to synthetic pyrethroids - insecticides associated with home pesticide sprays, bug bombs, mosquito sprays, and some farming practices.

More detailed findings are available at the MDH website.



Staples Area Women's Chorus to host choral event

The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) will host their annual music festival, 'Our Voice, Our Song' on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Staples-Motley High School gymnasium.

The public is invited to attend the mass choir concert that evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the entrance, on a free-will basis. (Submitted photo)

'Our Voice, Our Song' choral event Feb. 26, in Staples

The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) will host their 'Our Voice, Our Song' choral event Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Staples-Motley High School gymnasium in Staples. A concert will take place at 7 p.m.

It has been two years since the SAWC has been able to host this event in person. According to a press release, they held their 7th Annual 'Her Voice, Her Song' festival Feb. 22, 2020. Little did the singers know that that would be the last time many of them would sing together with an audience for two years.

In 2021, the SAWC held this event virtually, producing a beautiful video

with many voices during the process. This year, however, they are looking forward to once again hosting the choral festival in person.

A few things have changed, says SAWC President Amanda Mithun. For starters, that name has changed to 'Our Voice, Our Song' to be more inclusive of the population of participants. In addition, "masks will be required for both attendees and the audience to do our best to ensure we can host this event safely in person," Mithun said.

The chorus will come together during the day to prepare a mass choral performance for the evening

concert under the direction of Nicole Lambrecht, a choral director at Bethel University. The concert will feature the Bethel University Women's Chorus, Pillager High School Choir, The Staples Area Women's Chorus, Colla Voce Girl's Choir, as well as soloist performances.

Tickets for the concert will be available at the entrance on a free-will basis. This activity is made possible, in part, by the voters of Minnesota, through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as well as additional funding from Sourcewell.

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Two-vehicle accident near hospital

Two people from New York Mills were transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with non-life threatening injuries following an accident Feb. 9, at Hwy 10 and County Road 83 in Staples. According to Minnesota State Patrol, Debby Ann Wanner, 60, of Motley, was making a right hand turn onto Hwy 10 from County Rd 83 in a 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan, and was slowly accelerating. A 2007 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Wayne Morris Hotchkiss, 82, of New York Mills, was also westbound on Hwy 10. The two vehicles collided just west of the intersection of Hwy 10 and County Road 83. Wanner was not injured. Both the driver of the Chevrolet Impala, and his passenger, Carolyn Leona Hotchkiss, 79, received non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol was not a factor in this incident and road conditions were dry. Responders at the scene included Staples Police, Staples Fire and Rescue, Todd County Sheriff's Office and Staples Ambulance. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Burch announces last term as Cass County Sheriff

By Tom Burch
Cass County Sheriff

It is with mixed feelings that I announce I have chosen not to seek re-election in 2022. I will continue to serve the citizens of Cass County as Sheriff through my third term, until the end of 2022. Law enforcement continues to face many challenges and delivering public safety could not be done without the men and women of the Cass County Sheriff's Office and the communities and

citizens that support us. Serving as sheriff has been an honor and privilege, which I have never taken lightly. Without the committed staff of the Cass County Sheriff's Office, this would not have been possible. I am very proud of the dedication and professionalism of our staff and the way they serve all the citizens in our county. We truly are "Keepers of the County." I would also like to thank the many volunteers that support our mission. I am confident that as Cass County moves into the

future, we will continue to have excellent public safety delivery to all our communities. If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods: Email: tom.burch@co.cass.mn.us Phone: 218-547-1424, 1-800-450-2677 By mail/in person: Cass County Sheriff's Office, 303 Minnesota Ave W, PO Box 1119, Walker MN 56484

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Cardinal apparel, work wear at Old 10

embroidery tech. They'd previously worked with Hoemberg at LMH Embroidery. Supporting the school continues to be a big part of their business, Hoemberg said. They keep a lot of Staples-Motley Cardinals apparel on hand at the store, in addition to students, teams, etc., being able to custom order something with the school's mascot and name. It's the place to come for a variety of embroidery and screen print logo needs, Hoemberg went on, mentioning work wear for people in healthcare, farming and restaurants/bars. During a tour of their facility, Dolezal points to a number of logos hanging on the wall by their screen printing press...logos they've helped design and/or add them to garments by way of embroidery or screen print. In addition to working with multiple orders from businesses, individuals can special order things as well. Prices fluctuate depending on the amount of items ordered at one time. Robben has worked at this business since 2006, she said, adding that she loves the creativity aspect of her job. She started out in the embroidery area and now concentrates on designing logos for customers. "We have a really good clientele base here," Robben said, adding how appreciative they are of the local businesses and school. They've also had some out-of-state orders over the years. Robben recalled a company from Michigan that ordered T-shirts; and an equine group from Tennessee that had their logo embroidered on horse blankets. One of her most unusual orders entailed embroidering something on a dog collar. She said they also get orders from resorts and family reunions. Robben recalled a fun idea that included white ink on white T-shirts, which the family then tie-dyed. "Kids love those," she said. Occasionally someone will bring in a clothing item of their own to be worked on at Old 10 Apparel. They are happy to do that, but the customer must first sign a release form, Robben said. In addition to the clothing items for sale at their store, there are also a few decorative items available. Hoemberg said that they hope to expand their retail portion to include more decor and gift items. Old 10 Apparel is located at 508 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. They are open Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 218-895-5220.



Embroidery expert

ReAnn Thompson is the embroidery tech. at Old 10 Apparel in Staples. She operates the embroidery machines that create a design from a pre-programmed digital pattern. One of the machines has 12 heads (which can produce the same design simultaneously) and the other has six heads. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Graphic artist at work

Lori Robben is the in-house graphic designer at Old 10 Apparel in Staples. On Feb. 4, she was at work designing a logo for a motorcycle club. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Inviting decor

In addition to the variety of T-shirts and sweatshirts available at Old 10 Apparel in Staples, there are a number of crafts and decorative items for sale. Customers will notice the creative display cases throughout the store, including this wooden wagon which was built by Scott Dolezal, one of the store's owners. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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