



Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Staples, Minnesota

\$125

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 19	50	31	P. Cloudy
Oct. 20	53	42	M. Cloudy
Oct. 21	61	39	Sunny
Oct. 22	64	52	
Oct. 23	70	42	M. Cloudy
Oct. 24	49	34	P. Cloudy
Oct. 25	51	38	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 19	64°	51	Sunny
Oct. 20	49	48	Rain
Oct. 21	35	32	Sunny
Oct. 22	48	32	Sunny
Oct. 23	52	29	Sunny
Oct. 24	50	38	M. Sunny
Oct. 25	48	37	P. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 55° Low = 35°
Enjoy the
Indian Summer!

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Jeannie Haugen
Roger Haugen
Lillian Smith



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Longtime friends

A number of Lakewood Health System physicians, past and present, attended the retirement celebration for Tim Rice, Lakewood's President/CEO for the past 42 years. Above: Rice (left) shares a moment with Dr. Bill Mennis and his wife, Helen. Below, Rice greets Dr. Ted Lelwica and his wife, Marge. At far left is Dr. John Gorton, retired dentist. Both Dr. Mennis and Dr. Lelwica were on staff at Lakewood (then Greater Staples Hospital) when Rice came on board in 1980. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Standing ovation

The crowd in attendance at Tim Rice's retirement celebration Oct. 2, expressed their appreciation for the longtime President/CEO at the close of Rice's heartfelt speech. Pictured at far left is Dr. David Freeman, LHS Provider, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the program. Seated at far right is Rice's mother, Arlene of Staples.

Other speakers at the program included Dr. Christine Albrecht, LHS CMO and Provider; Dr. Julie Benson; Dr. Rahul Koranne, MN Hospital Association President; Tom Murch, former CFO; Loren Morey, former LHS System Board Chair; Jim Hofer, former LHS System Board Chair; and Lisa Bjerga, LHS President/CEO-Elect. In addition to the program, attendees enjoyed refreshments. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Candidate forum to be streamed

The Staples Candidate Forum will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Sourcewell in Staples. The public is invited to attend the event or they can watch on facebook at

the Discover-StaplesMN page. Staples City Council candidates will answer questions from 6:30-7:30 and Staples-Motley School Board candidates are scheduled for 7:30-8:30.

Fall Festival People of all ages enjoyed the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 15, at the fairgrounds. A variety of activities were planned throughout the day. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Kloeckl-Jiménez is CLC Outstanding Educator

Instructor Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez has been named the 2022-23 Central Lakes College Board of Trustees Outstanding Educator.

Kloeckl-Jiménez teaches German and Spanish at CLC. This honor includes nominations by students and peers, as well as a recommendation from a committee of CLC employees.

"Tracey's dedication to students, outstanding instruction, and the CLC mission to 'build futures' make her an outstanding candidate for this award," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of Central Lakes College. "Her compassion in the classroom helps her students feel connected and be successful."

Kloeckl-Jiménez said she is honored to receive the recognition.



Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez

"We have extremely dedicated employees who support an exceptional educational experience for our students, and that makes this distinction very humbling," she said. "It is my calling to encourage students to enhance their own acquisition of another lan-

guage/culture through language exposure, language study, supportive practice opportunities and authentic interactions. The study of other languages and cultures helps us appreciate the many facets of our shared human experience. Understanding others' experiences and perspectives encourages us to seek how we might better support one another along life's journey."

Kloeckl-Jiménez will represent CLC at the BOT Award ceremony in the spring and will be under consideration for selection as one of several Minnesota State BOT Educators of the Year. Previous CLC educators to receive this high honor include Darci Goeden, Betsy Picciano, Adam Marcotte, Kari Frisch and Tanya Hoting-Mrazek.

New auditors find Staples finances in good shape

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The City of Staples received their first audit from a new auditing firm, which turned out to be similar to past audits.

Dean Birkeland of CarlsonSV presented the audit at the Oct. 11 Staples City Council meeting, telling them that "first time audits are always a little bit more work," but that the previous auditing firm, Mayer, Porter and Nelson, were very helpful in filling them in on the city's finances. The reason the city needed a new auditor is that Mayer, Porter and Nelson are no longer doing audits.

Birkeland said that in four of the five categories required, the city has an unmodified opinion, which he said is the gold standard. "You can't get any better than that," he said.

The only issue was the same one that was presented in past audits: the Staples Fire Relief Association does not have an actuarial valuation, which would be a costly procedure that may not be worth the effort.

Birkeland said a few cities have the actuarial valuation for their fire relief, but more do not.

CarlsonSV also did an audit of federal money because of the grants involved in building the new wastewater treatment plant. Birkeland said they found all the federal money was spent and recorded accurately.

As part of the audit, the city's income and controls

were assessed. Birkeland said the city's fund balance ending should be more than 20 percent of expenditures and they found it to be 44 percent.

Birkeland said that ideally, every financial transaction within the city should have at least "two sets of eyes on it", but that standard is difficult in smaller cities with staff duties that are overlapping. With that said, they found that Staples has very good internal controls on their finances.

The council unanimously approved the audit.

Valley View lot sales

The council agreed to extend the offer of reduced lot prices to a developer who wants to build a new house on one of the Valley View lots in the northern end of the city. The council had approved other developers to build homes with an October deadline to have significant progress on each home. With three lots left on that portion of the development, the council approved to extend the same offer to the new developer with a new deadline of significant improvement on the lot by June 15.

Development grant

The council approved a contract with the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership to do the grant writing for a new Small Cities Development Program application.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said the development grant would focus on residential properties on the south side of Staples,

plus selected areas on the north side. There will also be a commercial segment for downtown businesses to improve their buildings.

Food truck ordinance

The council approved the first reading of a mobile food unit license ordinance.

The ordinance requires all mobile food units to obtain a license from the city and also be licensed by either the county or the state. Units also will be required to have liability insurance.

The ordinance states "All mobile food units or mobile vending units must be located on a parcel of land which is zoned for commercial or industrial development. Exceptions to this provision are made for churches, schools, public parks, healthcare and/or long-term care facilities and Auctions that may be located in Residentially zoned."

The ordinance does not set a fee for food trucks. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the fee will be determined by the city council when they set the city fee schedule.

Election judges

The council approved election judges for the Nov. 9 election: Virginia Rollins (Head Judge), Mary Brauch, Bart Graves, Cindy Lindaman, Thomas Good, Samantha Sweeney, Thomas Crawford, Jeffrey Smith, Trisha Larson, Diane Johnson, Gregor Wegscheid, Dawn Adamietz, Samantha Sweeney, Dale Williams, Brenda Halvorson and Charlene Sauer.

City of Motley moves forward with abatement of property

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Oct. 10, the Motley City Council voted to move ahead with abating a property owned by Paul and Kristal Blomquist. Fees that have been accrued from citations will be assessed to their property as well.

Prior to their vote, the council heard an update about the Blomquist property, located at 396 Main St. W., from Police Chief Jason Borash. At their regular meeting in September, Chief Borash said the couple had been approved for putting up a fence and he recommended reducing their fees if they were able to accomplish that task by Oct. 1.

In his update Oct. 10, the chief said he'd stopped by the Blomquist home after the last council meeting to let them know what had been recommended, but he'd not heard back from them since that time. Very little has been done, Borash said about the couple's efforts to clean up the property or put up the fence. He noted that the Hearing Officer had reduced some of the citations Kristal Blomquist had contested in May, but that the Blomquists would be responsible for fines, legal fees and citations totaling \$6,262.50 (most of the citations had been accrued this past June).

Since the abatement process can take 45 to 60 days, Chief Borash expressed concern about timing.

They'd had a similar case a couple of years ago and had been caught in a snowstorm when they went to abate that property, Borash said. Since it's late in the year, the chief wondered if they should wait until spring to start the abatement process. The Blomquists could continue to work on the fence during that time, which would alleviate some fees.

There will be additional expenses for the city, such as renting a dumpster, having legal documents written up, plus the police chief's time spent on the Blomquist case.

Noting the property is an eyesore, council member Steve Johnson was hoping to get it cleaned up sooner than later. Council members Nikki Bjerga and Pat O'Regan said they trusted Borash's opinion and if he felt more comfortable waiting until spring, that's what

they should do.

In the end, the council and Chief Borash agreed that they should start the abatement process immediately, getting all their ducks in a row, so that they will be ready to go in the spring.

City Clerk/Treasurer Darci Odden reminded the council that a public hearing would need to be set for assessing outstanding administrative citations, the Blomquist property being one of them. That will be done at the November council meeting.

In other matters the council:

- **HEARD** from Mary Koenig and Rudy Bjerga during the public forum portion of the meeting. They expressed concern that the city does not have enough police coverage. Koenig shared that she's been very involved with Motley's festivals (June Fest and the Fall Festival) which bring a lot of people to town. Although it's good for business, the extra people often bring issues with them, and there has not been enough police coverage. They (festival volunteers) are concerned about the safety of the Motley residents, Koenig said.

In addition, they recently did a search of area police departments and were shocked to find that Motley's is the lowest paid in the area. It's no wonder why the city can't get people to stay here, Koenig said.

Mayor Mike Schmidt noted that the city has recently hired a firm to do a wage study. They are waiting for that data, which will hopefully help them better answer the question as to how the city can grow. He noted that the city already has employees that are dedicated and choose to be in Motley.

The wage study information will be available at the council's budget workshop Nov. 7. He believes they are moving in the right direction and moving forward in a credible way, Mayor Schmidt said.

Rudy Bjerga noted that there are three major highways in Motley (Highways 10, 210 and 64) and that the city's police department is very busy keeping up with that traffic. He expressed concern that the firm hired to do the wage study look at those factors as well as population. He went on to say that Staples has a staff of eight or nine, as opposed

to Motley's two officers, and that Motley is the busier city of the two. "They risk their lives...they need to be rewarded," Rudy Bjerga said of Motley's police department.

- **APPROVED** Fire Chief Brad Olson's request to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to be used for purchasing turnout gear and SBCAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). Olson explained that should they receive it, the government would pay 95 percent of the costs and the MFD would pay the other five percent. As part of the motion, the council also approved Olson's request to hire a grant writer, as the MFD has money in the budget for this. The grant would cover her wages as well.

- **APPROVED** Police Chief Jason Borash's request to attend a Field Training Officer Certification course. The cost is \$570, plus mileage and meals. There is money in the budget for this.

- **APPROVED** a motion not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, section 466.04. Motley is a member of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT), the company from which they obtain their liability coverage.

- **APPROVED** Ordinance 199: Amending Motley City Code Section 113 concerning peddlers and solicitors; and a resolution authorizing summary publication of that ordinance.

- **APPROVED** Ordinance 200: Planning Commission Compensation; and a resolution authorizing summary publication of that ordinance.

- **APPROVED** Ordinance 201: Land Use Ordinance Update; and a resolution authorizing summary publication of that ordinance.

- **APPROVED** a motion that Motley resident Robert Follis pay a total of \$334.33, for costs accrued (i.e. the police chief's time) on his nuisances.

- **LEARNED** that a Trunk or Treat community event will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, 4 - 6 p.m., at the Motley United Methodist Church parking lot.

- **NOTED** a budget workshop will be held Monday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m., at city hall.

- **SET** next regular meeting for Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., at city hall.



Raised money for Motley Area Food Shelf

Solomon Epplé of Motley, a sophomore at Pillager High School, recently donated \$612 to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Epplé raised the funds by selling firewood at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing...firewood he had cut and split himself (with a little help from his dad, Jeff). He's pictured at 2 Tall Tavern, with his wood and a post-

er designed by his uncle. Epplé said he plans to cut and sell firewood again next year, along with donating the funds to the MAFS, but hopes to start a little earlier in the season. In addition to volunteering at the food shelf in Motley, Epplé is the youngest member of the Scandia Valley Lions. (Submitted photo)

12-year-old boy dies in rural Motley hunting accident

A 12-year-old boy has died as the result of injuries from a hunting accident in rural Motley the morning of Oct. 9.

According to a report from Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 8:19 a.m., the sheriff's office received a report of a hunting accident in Moose Lake Township. Deputies arrived on scene and learned that a family from St. Paul was in the area, on public land, hunting squirrels when a 12-year-old male was accidentally shot by his uncle, age 47, of St. Paul. Deputies and responders initiated first aid and transported the juvenile from a wooded area to a nearby roadway to meet EMS personnel.

Life saving measures were continued and the juvenile victim was transported from the scene to a nearby helicopter and transported to a Twin Cities area hospital with serious life-threatening injury. An updated report indicated the boy died later that day at the hospital.

The investigation indicates that the incident is a result of a hunting accident and remains under investigation. An autopsy is scheduled with the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

Assisting on the scene were Motley Fire and Rescue, North Memorial Ambulance and Air Care.

Man shoots stop sign near L. Falls

In a press release Oct. 12, the Morrison County Sheriff's office expressed their appreciation to the media and community for assistance helping locate a person of interest in a shooting incident in Little Falls Township.

On Oct. 10, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the MCSO received a report of a man shooting at the stop sign located at the intersection of 160th Ave. and Iris Rd., approximately two miles

south of Little Falls, in Little Falls Township.

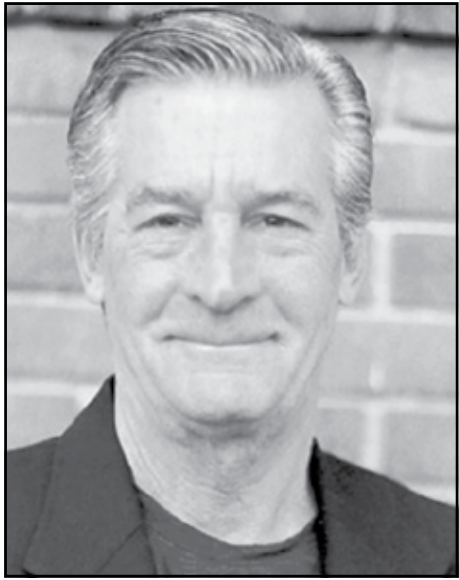
According to the sheriff's office, a male party was witnessed standing in front of his vehicle shooting a black pistol at the stop sign on 160th Ave. and Iris Rd. The male party then got into a black four-door SUV and started traveling westbound on Iris Rd. towards Highway 10. According to the witness, there was dust on the back of the window and it appeared there were

three digits written in the dust, possibly "172".

The suspect was described as a white male in his mid-40s approximately 5'10" to 6' tall wearing black sunglasses.

In the latter press release, the MCSO stated that the suspect vehicle has been located, along with a person of interest. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available at this time.

Gregg Hendrickson



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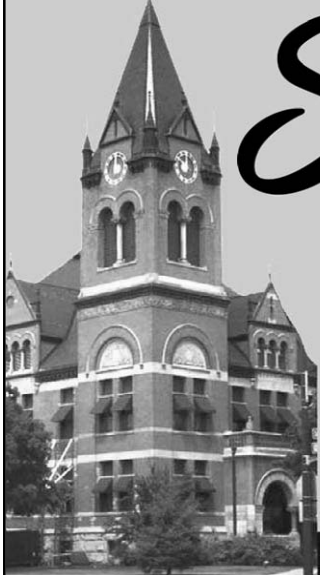
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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1947

• Oct. 16, 1947 - Douglas Grossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grossman of Moran township, who has been particularly active in 4-H club work for the past few years, was awarded a trip to the National 4-H club congress in Chicago, because of his beef demonstration placing at the Minnesota State fair the latter part of August.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - It's too late for subscribers to The Staples World to renew their subscriptions at the old rate of \$2 per year, as the

new rate went into effect on Wed., Oct. 15, when the local subscription rate was raised to \$2.50 per year.

The World "staved off" this increase in subscription rate locally as long as possible, but the increase in cost of supplies has risen to such a height that it was impossible for The World to carry on under the old rate.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - Mrs. Harold J. Schultenover, the former Miss Gert Wild of Cologne, Rhineland, Germany, arrived in Staples three weeks ago to marry her American fiance, after being separated for 21 months. They were married at nine o'clock Saturday morning, from the sacred Heart church, culminating a wartime romance which began in Ahrweiler, Germany, when both were working with the United States Army.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - The sub-district rally of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19, at the Methodist church in Staples.

About 100 young people from 14 Methodist churches will attend the rally which will be directed by Rev. W. L. Ireland, pastor of the Wadena church.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - Showing at the New Staples Theatre Oct. 22 - 23: "The Egg and I," starring Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - Fred Worle, who plays the center position for the Cardinal football team, sustained a broken wrist in the game against Long Prairie Friday evening of last week.

At first it was thought that the wrist was dislocated, but x-ray examination revealed that two of the small bones in his wrist were broken and he is now carrying his arm in a sling



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 12, 1972 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

as a result of the injury.

This makes the fourth casualty happening in the Cardinal football squad this season, but the team is "still carrying on" without the services of four of the outstanding players.

• Oct. 16, 1947 - For sale at Ernie's Food Market in Staples: 20 lb. bag of Jonathan apples, \$1.59; 2-lb. can of Hill's Bros. coffee, 95 cents; 50 lb. bag of flour, \$3.95.

50 Years Ago - 1972

• Oct. 19, 1972 - Excitement and joy reigned supreme on the gridiron of Staples High school last Friday evening as the Cardinals of Coach Frank Leidenfrost came on strong in the second half and chalked up a 13 to 6 homecoming victory over the Park Rapids Panthers. Hundreds of students, alumni and other sports followers of the Cardinals witnessed the dramatic victory.

An accompanying photo in the World showed 'a happy squad of Staples Cardinals celebrating their 13 - 6 homecoming victory by carrying their head coach Frank Leidenfrost off the field on their shoulders.'

• Oct. 19, 1972 - Six girls from the Class of 1972 of Staples High school have been nominated by students enrolled in the vocational agriculture classes to seek the honor of FFA Sweetheart.

James Hofer and Al Lauer, advisors, said the students selected the following candidates: Kerry Brichacek, Sandy Gode, Connie Macho, Renee Messer, Cyndi Neal and Marsha Thompson. One of the six will be crowned the FFA Sweetheart Nov. 10,

during the Staples Chamber of Commerce's annual Farmer's Night on the Town.

• Oct. 19, 1972 - Under the direction of the Retail Committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, Gas Days will be observed in this city Oct. 19 - 21.

Jack Hawk, committee chairman, said that 140 gallons of gasoline will be given away free through the registration and separate drawings in the participating members stores by the Chamber of Commerce. Licensed drivers only may register and no purchase is necessary.

• Oct. 19, 1972 - Two members of the Staples Girls Cross-Country team captured trophies in the Swain Cross-Country race held in Duluth Oct. 7.

Rosalie Goeden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Goeden, placed sixth in the meet and Anita Tiegen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tiegen, finished third. Six teams of girls were entered in the meet, which was won by Minneapolis Southwest. Staples placed third.

• Oct. 19, 1972 - The Motley Rockets' Mike Lorber with a strong wind at his back kicked off to Deer Creek in a game played at Motley Friday. He started a momentum that the Wildcats just couldn't stop. The final score read Motley, 50, Deer Creek, 6.

25 Years Ago - 1997

• Oct. 16, 1997 - The final purchase papers have been signed, sealed and delivered, and the new owners of Terrace National Golf Course hope to begin making some

very physical changes yet this fall.

"I have the deed, they have the cash," Steve Lief-schultz, president and majority owner of the new corporation, said last week in a phone interview.

He and his group, known as Remada Company, have purchased the course for \$650,000. His partners included Dave Grazan, Craig Gagnon, Bernie Reeck, and Mark Senn, all of the Twin Cities area, although Reeck has local ties through two brothers living here.

• Oct. 16, 1997 - Two small children were found Friday morning about an hour after their mother reported them missing, according to the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

Shari Reimer of rural Browerville reported her two sons, Dilan, three years old, and Dalton, two years old, had wandered away from their residence. The boys had been playing outside and the mother noticed them missing when she went to check on them.

A search transpired in the Turtle Creek Township area. About an hour after the mother noticed them missing, they were located wading in Thunder Lake by neighbors. The boys had wandered about a quarter mile from home.

10 Years Ago - 2012

• Oct. 18, 2012 - The people attending the Staples Historical Society's annual meeting were treated to 174 years of combined railroad history from Pat Miller (25 years on the railroad), Lefty Cameron (18 years), Merl Kupitz (43 years), Phil Stone (43 years) and Russ Dahl (45 years). Each railroad man told stories about what life working on the railroad was like. The event was held Oct. 11, at the Town's Edge Restaurant in Staples.

• Oct. 18, 2012 - Demolition of the old Staples City Hall building on Iowa Ave. will begin Oct. 22. Site preparations have begun with the removal of some trees. The project is expected to take about a month. The area will be leveled and prepared for residential development.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Sept. 26, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a domestic assault with a knife. When officers arrived on the scene, the suspect began to cut his own neck with the knife and fled further into the home with the weapon. Officers made entry and made contact with the male. The suspect refused to drop the weapon, came towards officers and the male was tased and taken into custody without further incident. Terry Neely, 73, was arrested.

Sept. 27, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation near the 500 Block of Warner Rd. Vehicle was described as a white 4-door car, a male driver, reported to be traveling west on Warner Rd and the bus was stopped facing east. The bus driver stated the vehicle pulled over onto the shoulder at a slow speed and proceeded past the bus, while the bus had its red lights activated and stop arm out. There were children outside the bus waiting to load the bus.

Sept. 27, Staples Police and Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a report of an individual passed out in a vehicle with a rifle on the front seat. Officers arrived on scene and found a male passed out in the driver's seat. One shotgun and one rifle were laying on the passenger seat next to the driver. Officers saw an open beer can in the center console cup holder and were able to secure the weapons and detain the male without incident. Peter Brenny, 68, was later transported to Wadena County Jail and charged with DUI.

Sept. 28, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a death investigation on the 1500 block of 3rd St NE.

Sept. 29, Staples Police received a call regarding a gas line being cut on a vehicle in the 100 block of 5th St. NE.

Sept. 30, Staples Police observed a car speeding on 4th St. NE. The driver was stopped and cited for driving after revocation and no

proof of insurance.

Sept. 30, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with locating and arresting Kristopher Tornow, 42, for an order for protection violation. An additional charge of drug possession was added as Tornow had suspected methamphetamines on him.

Oct. 1, Staples Police responded to a domestic dispute on the 200 block of 10th St. NE. A juvenile was arrested.

Oct. 1, Staples Police were dispatched to the 1200 block of 8th St. NE for a disturbance. Upon arrival officers found there was a domestic argument. One party also had an active warrant that they supplied bail for.

Oct. 3, Staples Police responded to Staples-Motley High School for a report of a juvenile in possession of a vape. The juvenile was cited for the offense.

Oct. 5, Staples Police received a report of a theft from Staples True Value.

Oct. 5, Staples Police received a report of theft of gas from the Central Lakes College West Campus.

Oct. 7, Staples Police received a call from Lakewood Health System Hospital regarding a suicidal juvenile reporting to be in an abusive relationship. Upon speaking with the juvenile she indicated she and her boyfriend get into arguments, but there's been no physical altercations. The subjects were advised.

Oct. 9, Staples Police received a call from an individual regarding their own mental health. The individual hung up before officer's could obtain any information.

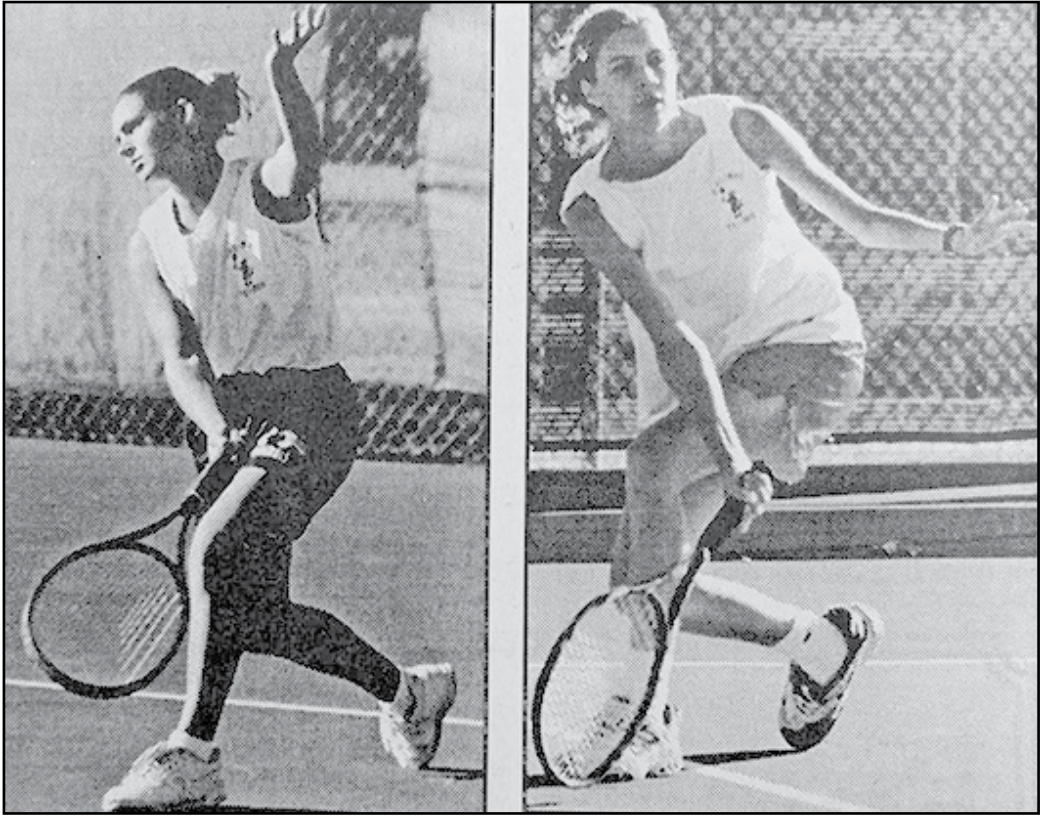
Oct. 9, Staples Police were dispatched to the 300 block of 2nd St SE for a welfare check on an individual going through alcohol withdrawals.

Oct. 9, Staples Police assisted a Todd County Sheriff's Officer with a domestic assault on the 3000 block of Trader Trail. Police assisted on scene until the investigation was completed. Jonathan Ackerman, 25, was arrested.



Beloved by many

Tim Rice, Lakewood's CEO/President for the past 42 years, took time to speak with dozens of people at his retirement celebration Oct. 2, held at Timbers Event Center in Staples. Above, Rice (left) chats with Al Evans of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 2, 1997 edition of the Staples World featured Cardinal tennis players Katie Peterson (left) and Joanne Giza, both of whom stroked to wins in their respective contests against Aitkin.

Mary Peterson of Staples correctly identified her daughter Katie (Peterson) Noska, as well as Joanne Giza.

She noted that it was the girls' senior year of tennis. Joanne (Giza) Gilligan, now of Brainerd, recognized herself, as well as teammate Katie. Of note, Katie (Peterson) Noska currently serves as a coach for the Staples-Motley Girls Tennis Team. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Mystery Photo correction

A recent Mystery Photo from Sept. 28, 1978, involving the champion men's golf league team at Terrace Golf Course in Staples, incorrectly identified one of the men as Bob Blessing. It should have been Bob Belling. The Staples World had the wrong name in the 1978 edition.

Rosie and Mike Blessing of Staples caught the error, as did Marlys Prindle of Staples and her son, Jeffrey Prindle of Irwin, Pa.

★ VOTE ★

Lonnie Marcyes

FOR

Todd County Sheriff

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Letters to the Editor

Verndale supports community center

We at Verndale Public School cannot say enough good things about the Staples Community Center, and the people who manage it. It is an amazing place for everyone in the community as well as for other communities. The staff and community members in Staples have welcomed the Verndal School community with open arms and smiling faces. The special education athletics team is so thankful to benefit from all the community center has to offer.

We as Minnesotans are so blessed to live in the beautiful land of 10,000 lakes. Therefore, it's imperative to have a place to learn how to swim as this is a matter of public health and safety. In this state where our children will encounter water around every corner, and sometimes in their own back yards, swimming instruction should be one of the most important priorities a town could provide.

Learning how to swim could not be a better life-long activity to learn. How peaceful it is on a summer day to go to the lake with

family, or burn off some energy in the pool with neighborhood friends. Swimming is a calming low impact exercise that you can do at all ages and stages of life. This low impact cardio exercise is something that can be enjoyed long term, thus the need for continual public access.

People with disabilities, including those in our special education athletics group, may not have the ability to move easily on land, but the pool can give them the freedom and experience to move like no other place on earth. The water provides the sensory needs that no other setting can. Access to the community center has been so helpful to the Verndale School special education population by not only providing a place for physical exercise, but also strengthening our students mentally and emotionally. This is a place where students see themselves being successful. They can see their abilities strengthen in ways that're not academic for which they are most often judged. This is a place where students who typically struggle in most aspects of school and may not be eligible for other extracurricular activities, are able to find a sense of success, belonging and joy.

Paid letter by LEAP and the Vote Yes to Keep Our Community Center committee

There is nothing better in a community than a place that provides opportunities to build lifelong friendships, a sense of belonging and a place to build skills for a lifetime. The staff who run the Staples Community Center put the icing on the cake and make it an inviting place to always return. Our group feels accepted, always welcomed and like that they can open up to the staff and be themselves. The relationship formed between the community center and our school is paramount in the social/emotional and physical development of our students. This place is a city gold nugget. The town of Staples would not shine like it does without the community center. If you haven't seen the benefits it brings to the young learners in our communities, it is something you should invest your time to see in the near future. I invite you to come watch our group swim and I almost guarantee you'll leave with a tear in your eye and a different understanding of disability, public access, community building and all the community center does for our kids.

Brian Hartwig
Verndale Public School
Special Education Athletics

Support for Heppner

This November the voters in the Staples Motley School District will have the opportunity to vote for three new members to our local school board. There are a number of very good candidates.

One such candidate is Erich Heppner. Erich is an employee and former student of Central Lakes College. He received his tech-

nical college diploma from Central Lakes College, his Associates of Arts degree from Central Lakes College, his Bachelor's Degree from the College of St. Scholastica and his Masters Degree in Higher Education from St. Cloud State University.

Erich and his wife Katie, who serves Wadena County in her role as Executive Director of West Central Economic Development Alliance, are parents of a young son.

Erich is running for the

school board with the goal of continuing to work with the Staples and Motley communities to provide a premier education for our most valuable resource; our children.

If you get the opportunity to meet Eric in the next few weeks, I am sure you will agree with me that he is an outstanding candidate and one who deserves your vote this November!

Ray Gildow
Staples, Minn

Paid advertisement

Address bullying for Unity Day

By Kimberly Cook
Violence Prevention Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource Center

Children are bullied for things such as being overweight or underweight, wearing glasses or different clothing, being new to a school, or are less popular than others and have less friends. They are often being perceived as weak or unable to defend themselves. They are usually depressed, anxious, have low self-esteem, health problems, suicidal thoughts, poor grades, and are more likely to miss or skip school.

We often talk about how bullying affects children, but who are the children that do the bullying? Children and teenagers who feel secure and supported by their family, school, and peers are

less likely to bully. However, some youth do not have these types of support. A youth who bullies may experience one, several, or none of these contributing factors.

Peer factors: To attain or maintain social power or elevate their status in their peer group, to control the behavior of their peers, or to show their allegiance to and fit in with their peer group, and they exclude others from their peer group, to show who is and is not part of the group.

Family factors: Children that come from families where there is bullying, aggression, or violence at home, parents and caregivers do not provide emotional support or communication.

Emotional factors: The bully themselves may have been bullied in the past or currently is being bullied, may be insecure and has

low self-esteem so they bully to make themselves feel more powerful. Some do not know how to control their emotions or may not have skills for handling social situations in a healthy, positive way.

Community members, school staff, students, parents, and youth, on October 19, plan to wear and share the color orange — as a tangible representation of the supportive, universal message that our society wants to prevent bullying, and is united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

If you would like more information, visit www.stopbullying.gov or feel free to contact Hands of Hope Resource Center. Our business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or give us a call at 320-732-2319 or our 24/7 hotline at 800-682-4547.

Latino farmers eye dairy enterprises

From University of Minnesota Extension

Two men stand outside a row of calf hutches. One is steadying a calf while the other holds a feeding bag and tube.

With a variety of skills and experience, often hard-won through working for others, Latinos look for ways to lower barriers to farm ownership.

The Todd County dairy barn where a dozen Minnesotans gathered earlier this year can best be described as the starting line of their journey toward their own agricultural enterprise.

For these participants in a University of Minnesota Extension course, all of whom emigrated from Central America, there's no multi-generational connection to U.S. farmland, operations, livestock or equipment. But like many hoping for a future in agriculture, the interest and the work ethic are solidly in place.

From learning to leading

"This is helpful for me and for the others," says Javier Garcia, who assists as Extension veterinarian Joe Armstrong leads demonstrations in a heifer barn. Garcia is a Todd County resident who wears two hats: he works on the large dairy and is a grower in his own right, raising produce for sale in local markets at Agua Gorda Cooperative. Garcia and his wife, Marina, were named University of Minnesota Farm Family of the Year in 2019 in recognition of their vegetable operation. He's also ventured into raising calves.

The outreach program for new farmers was started



Dr. Joe Armstrong and Javier Garcia.

by Wayne Martin, an Extension livestock educator who retired in June.

"Over time, more and more of the Latino community started attending," Martin says of the first workshops, which focused on raising sheep. "You can see how much they want to create a good life for their families."

Modern challenges

Farmer Rodrigo Cala attended the Todd County class. As one of the most experienced Latino farmers in the Upper Midwest, he knows first-hand that farming is never easy. He has owned and operated Cala Farms near Turtle Lake, Wis., for nearly 15 years.

"I don't want to put honey on it — we have a lot of barriers to overcome," he says, pointing to land costs and language barriers, in addition to the yearly roulette game of volatility in weather and markets. Still, opportunities like the calf management course are a valuable starting point, he says.



Rodrigo Cala, Wayne Martin, Kelton Rozeboom and Luis Ferrer.

Quote of the week

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The rate will be \$10.25 per column inch, the same as our advertising rate. Payment must be made prior to publication.

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Political ads will be charged the regular Staples World advertising rates and must include a disclaimer that identifies the purchaser and any political affiliation.

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The regular deadline for letters to the editor, advertisements and news releases in the Staples World is noon on Friday.

For the general election, the Staples World will not accept letters or advertisements raising new issues after Friday, Oct. 21. Any responses to issues raised in previous letters must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 28, at noon.



Mark Your Calendar

October 19

PREMIER OF COMMON GROUND PBS DOCUMENTARY 'RENOVATION OF SEBEKA'S FINNISH-BUILT LOG SCHOOLHOUSE' Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., Sebe-ka Public School. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served.

October 20

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

AMERICA LEGION POST 124 OF MOTLEY MEETING Thursday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m., at Countryside Restaurant in Motley. All members urged and welcome to attend. This is a good time to meet fellow veterans, enjoy a meal, pay dues. For veterans interested in joining, your meal will be provided.

October 21

Trick or treat for the food shelf

Faith Lutheran Church in Staples is hosting a community wide "Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf" event Sunday, Oct. 30.

All community youth grades five - 12 are invited to meet at Faith Lutheran that day at 4 p.m. Participants will break into groups, where they will ride through the Staples area on hayracks and cars, picking up donations for the food shelf. These items will then be delivered to the food shelf at 5:30 p.m., and participants will return to the church at 6 p.m. for a meal.

Renters class in Staples Oct. 27

Renters, landlords and anyone else interested in rental rights are invited to attend a Renter's Class on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at Staples City Hall.

"Know your rights" is the

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.

October 24

MCCL (MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE) FALL TOUR will have a stop at Motley Free Methodist Church Monday, Oct. 24, 7 - 8 p.m. Informational presentation. Located at 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

October 25

'HISTORY IN YOUR BACKYARD' LECTURE SERIES will present 'Stories from our Oldest Local Resorts' Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Pillager School's CTC Center. Hear about the rich history of Kavanaugh's, Madden's and Cragun's Resorts. These three resorts, and others, have shaped the hospitality industry in our area. Refreshments served, open to all. For info., call Sue Van-Hal at 218-821-2276 or Dave Johnson at 218-251-5468.



Volunteers in action

Mary Koenig (left) and Gretta Trantina, both of Motley, were part of the committee that worked to make the Fall Festival in Motley a reality. The all-day event was held Oct. 15, at the fairgrounds, and offered a variety of events for all ages. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the address of 215 1st Avenue S, Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN.

There will be *additional* hours available on:
Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 7, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If visiting us in-person, park on the courthouse hill lot and enter through the north door (nearest the statue and flag). Curbside service is available by calling 320-732-4469 when you arrive.

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An Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal and/or printable Absentee Ballot Application form can be found on our County Website at www.co.todd.mn.us or at www.mnvotes.org

Note: If you are currently a member of the Uniformed Services (or spouse/dependent) or temporarily or indefinitely overseas please use the websites named above for alternate UOCAVA Application procedures.

Completed Absentee Ballot Envelopes can be returned by in-person delivery or mail delivery to the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 215 1st Avenue S #201, Long Prairie, MN 56347, located in the Todd County Historic Courthouse.

Contact the County Auditor's Office at 320-732-4469 or elections@co.todd.mn.us with any questions.

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School board meeting Oct. 24

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, Oct. 24, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Groups or individuals must contact the board chair or superintendent by 4:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the board meeting if they wish to address the board during the school/community forum portion of the meeting.

The consent agenda includes: approve the resignation of Skylar Bittner; approve the hire of Jim Jackson, Jr. High Tennis Coach, Allison Vangsness, MS Yearbook Layout Advisor, Sarah Decker, MS Student Council Advisor, Shane Tappe, Head Baseball Coach, Amy Borash, Musical Assistant Director, Erin Judd, Special Olympics Advisor; approve fundraiser requests from Music

Department, Cross Country Boosters, Volleyball Boosters; approve the agreement with SW Minnesota State University through 2027; void the contract with Crosslake Community School.

The agenda also includes a Facilities Project update by ICS.

Upcoming schedule:
Oct. 20, 21: MEA break
Mon., Nov. 7: Board Work Session, 6 p.m. District Office

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

Thurs, Nov. 24 and Fri., Nov. 25: Happy Thanksgiving (school offices closed)

Mon., Dec. 5: Work Session and Truth in Taxation Hearing, District Office, 6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 19: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m. District Office.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

--BE INFORMED--

•Wednesday, October 19•

STREAM on Facebook @Discover-StaplesMN

6:30-7:30PM Staples Mayoral & City Council Candidates

7:30-8:30PM Staples-Motley School Board Candidates

Held at: **SOURCEWELL**
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Village Ink

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

October

• **MEA - No School** Oct. 20 - 21
• **MS DANCE** Oct. 28, 3:15 - 5:45, South Gym

November

• **BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR CONCERT, 7-12** Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rifle Sight-In Day October 30

•Sight-In Targets provided
•Assistance avail. if needed

Staples Sportmen's Club
27158 McGivern Dr., Staples
Info/?s call 218-894-2255
Jon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Staples Rotary Club

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Pick up 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 27 or 28 at Williams Floral
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Births removed for online viewing as per request from LSH.

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Roger Haugen

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Roger Michael Haugen, 84, passed away October 11, 2022, at Episcopal Home in St. Paul.

It was Roger's wish to be a body donor to the University of Minnesota Medical School. The program honoring all donors will take place on November 9, 2022, at Northrop Auditorium.

He was a loving husband, brother, cousin, brother-in-law, uncle, good friend to many, flamenco guitarist, limerick writer extraordinaire, Raptor Center volunteer and world traveler along with his wife, Joanna.

Roger loved and is survived by his wife, Joanna (nee Molldrem); their cat, Mouse; two brothers, David Haugen (Jeannie, deceased) of Anchorage, AK and Ronald Haugen (Peg) of Santa Rosa, CA; one brother-in-law, Barney (Leslie) Molldrem, of Syracuse, NY; two sisters-in-law, Vikki



Molldrem (Paul O'Farrell) of Long Beach, CA and Michele (Gary) Hotko of Lake George, NY and eight well-loved nieces and nephews.

Roger grew up and graduated high school in Staples before moving to the Twin Cities.

Bequest provider: University of Minnesota Anatomy Bequest Program, 612-625-1111.

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Obituaries

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Iona Smith

Iona M. Smith, 88, of Motley, died October 10, 2022, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial was held October 14 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley with Father Aaron Kuhn officiating.

Interment was at St. James Cemetery in Philbrook.

Iona was born February 12, 1934 to Charles Hales and Geneva Tinkham in Spencer, Iowa. At a very early age, her father suddenly died and the family moved to Motley where they had relatives. All the children went to work to help support the family and attended Motley and Staples schools. In 1951, Iona married Lawrence Smith at the priest's house in Staples. Six children were born of this union. Iona worked on the family farm and when she should have retired, she went to work for nursing homes in Staples. A very hard worker, she always put everyone before herself. It was this strong work ethic that she and her siblings learned early which shaped her life.

Iona was a member of Christian Mothers, was a great cook, cooked for many funerals and taught religion



at St. Michaels for several years. Iona loved playing cards - especially '500' and 'call your partner'.

She is survived by four sons, Roger Smith, LeRoy (Carolyn) Smith, David Smith and Mark (Lori) Smith, all of Motley; one daughter, Gloria (Mark) Campbell, of Motley; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one brother, Kenneth Hales of Staples.

Iona was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence; one son, Gary; one grandson, Jesse and four siblings Laverne, Evelyn, Charles and Alvin.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Jeannie Haugen

Jeannie Constance Haugen, 77, died peacefully October 4, 2022.

A celebration of life was held Oct. 15 at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska.

Interment will be held Oct. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, followed by a reception at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples.

Jeannie was born March 4, 1945 to Roy and Cornelia (Bjerke) Sears in Sharon, N. D. She was the second of four children and grew up on a farm near Petersburg, N. D. She attended elementary school in a one-room school-house and graduated from Unity High School in 1963. That same year, she enrolled at the University of North Dakota earning her Bachelor's degree in English in 1967. Jeannie later moved to East Lansing, MI to attend graduate school at Michigan State University, earning a Master's degree in Library Science. She later worked at the MSU library as a librarian.

In 1975, she moved to Alaska with her then-fiance, David Haugen. The couple married May 6, 1978. Sons, Leif, was born Oct. 18, 1979 and Brent, was born Aug. 18, 1981. Jeannie was a "super mom" to her sons while they were growing up, transporting them to and from baseball, hockey and soccer practices, games; cheering for them from the bleachers and helping with homework during tournaments.

In her spare time, Jeannie enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading and spending time with her grandchildren, who were the light of her life. She volunteered making lefse at the Sons of Norway in Anchorage, at the Anchorage Public Library, where she earned an award for her service. She particularly enjoyed attending the Nutcracker Ballet with her family every year during the Thanksgiving holiday.

She was active at the



Lutheran Church of Hope. Her strong faith was an essential part of her life and loved to learn, share and pray with others. As a beloved member of her church, she was regularly involved in Bible studies, particularly with the Sunday morning crew, as well as worship and community events. She trusted in God's love and mercy throughout her life.

Jeannie is survived by her husband; two sons, Leif and daughter-in-law, Leslie Jaehning and their two children, Alice and Anders, of Anchorage and Brent, of Anchorage; two sisters, Corrine (Sears) Iverson of Fergus Falls and Judy (Sears) and Gene Rose, of Alexandria; one brother, Don Sears, of Fargo, N.D. and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother-in-law, James Iverson, of Alexandria.

Jeannie's kind spirit and gentle nature will be missed by all who knew her. The Latin root of her middle name, "Constance", means "resolute" or "faithful" and perfectly described her guiding principle throughout her life. During her battle with cancer, she maintained a positive attitude.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage.

Arrangements were by 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.....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
Sunlight (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
firstcongregationalstaples@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.....9:30 a.m.
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
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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Tennis team headed to state

Rutten, Noska qualify for state singles tournament

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley tennis team triumphed in the Section 8A tournament to win the team title and qualify for the state tournament. They will also be sending two individuals to state, as Lauren Rutten won the singles tournament and Ronnie Noska placed second.

“The girls bought in, made sacrifices, overcame obstacles, and showed how mentally tough they are,” said Coach Justin Edin. “I am incredibly proud of this team and my coaching staff all the way down to my K-2 crew. It is a blessing to have a mix of both natural talent and work ethic.”

The Cardinal team will play at state on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis, with the second round that same day or the next day if they win. Rutten and Noska will play their first singles match at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the same location.

As the top seed in the section, Staples-Motley had a bye in the first round, then faced Wadena-Deer Creek in the second round. The singles players cruised, only losing five games in eight sets. Along with two wins in doubles, the Cardinals easily advanced to the championship match against Crookston.

“After a strong performance in our semi-final round the team had a good energy going into the next morning’s final,” said Edin.

Earlier in the season, Staples-Motley overcame some close tiebreakers to edge Crookston 4-3 in a match that could have gone either way. In that match, Ellizabeth DiGiovanni and Madison Perius won their doubles tiebreaker to make the difference.

In the section final rematch, Georgia Kruchten played a pivotal singles match when she was matched up against a Crookston player who had provided a win in the regular season match. With Rutten, Noska and DiGiovanni winning in straight sets, Kruchten’s match was going to be the difference between going to state and going home.

“With the match tied 3-3, Georgia came back from down a set and forced a third set,” said Edin. “The third set was a nail biter with both Georgia and her opponent showing everyone what grit looks like.”

Down 5-6, Kruchten was able to win the next game and force a seven point tiebreaker to decide which team made it to state. Kruchten came through with a 7-5 win in the tie-



Section champions

The Staples-Motley tennis team with their Section 8A championship trophy. Front row from left, Lauren Rutten, Ellizabeth DiGiovanni, Georgia Kruchten, Livia Trif and Mya Pesta; back row: Jaida Holst,

breakers and the Cardinals had the four wins they needed to get to state.

“She punched our ticket to state,” said Edin.

Staples-Motley lost all three doubles matches in the section final, but Edin said they played well and battled to keep it close.

DiGiovanni and Kruchten are the only seniors on the team. “Our two seniors have come up big for us all season,” said Edin. “They have led us, along with their junior co-captains, to the achievement of a goal we had set for ourselves.”

Individual tournament

Rutten smashed through the singles tournament, only losing four games in three matches.

Noska was also moving quickly through the bracket, winning 6-0, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-0 in her first two matches. But then she ran into Rutten where the two teammates had to play to get into the title match. Rutten won 6-1, 6-1, dropping Noska to the third place match.

“They played some beautiful tennis against each other, but it was a tough match to watch as a coach,” said Edin. “Afterwards, I challenged the girls to win the rest of their matches.”

Noska took on that challenge and won 6-2, 6-3 in the third place match while Rutten won championship match 6-1, 6-1, which meant that Noska had the chance to play for true second and the right to a state tournament spot. She took care of business again, winning 6-4, 6-3 against the same opponent Rutten had beaten in the championship match.

“Ronnie showed just how

resilient she is,” said Edin.

In the doubles tournament, Kruchten teamed up with Amy Rollins and won their first match 6-0, 6-0. In the second round, they started well with a 6-1 first set, but fell 6-0, 6-1 in the next two sets to get knocked out of the tournament.

The other Cardinal doubles team was Kenzie Erickson and Ellizabeth DiGiovanni. They won 6-3, 6-2 in their first match, but lost 6-2, 6-2 to the team that ended up in second place in the tournament.

“Our doubles played some of their best tennis, but lost in their second rounds,” said Edin.

Sending the entire team to state was a goal that Staples-Motley has been working on for several seasons. Everything came together this year with some top individuals, good team depth and coachable players.

“My assistants are incredibly passionate and excellent in their own ways,” said Edin. “I give so much credit to Katie Noska and Nikki Paskewitz for our team’s success. We are grateful to be a part of this team and looking forward to making some noise in the state tournament.”

“The harder we try, the higher we fly.”

Team results

Section 8A Semifinal

Staples-Motley 6, Wadena-Deer Creek 1

Singles: Lauren Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-0; Georgia Kruchten W 6-2, 6-2; Elizabeth DiGiovanni W 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: Amy Rollins/Kenzie Erickson L 1-6, 2-6; Corinne Olson/Heidi Zimmerman W 6-2, 2-6 (retired), Madison Perius/Jaida Holst W 6-1, 6-1

Section 8A Championship

Staples-Motley 4, Crookston 3

Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-3; Noska W 6-1, 6-1; Kruchten W 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); DiGiovanni W 7-6 (7-4), 6-1

Doubles: Rollins/Erickson L 3-6, 1-6; Olson/Zimmerman L 4-6, 2-6; Perius/Holst L 2-6, 1-6



Century club

In addition to winning the section singles title and team title, Lauren Rutten earned her 100th varsity win in tennis.



Team unity

The Cardinals gather together before heading out to win the section title.



Hitting hard at section

Ronnie Noska smashes a serve in the section tournament.

Cardinals earn big win after close loss

The Staples-Motley volleyball team lost a close match against Verndale 3-2 on Oct. 11, then came back to win 3-0 against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Oct. 13.

With one game remaining in the regular season, the Cardinals have a 15-10 record.

Volleyball playoffs start on Thursday, Oct. 27. In Section 6AA, Staples-Motley is currently ranked 9th out of 14 teams so they likely will play on the road in the first round, possibly at Foley or

Melrose.

Team results

Staples-Motley 2, Verndale 3; 21-25, 25-21, 23-25, 28-26, 11-15

Maggie Claussen: Aces – 3, Assists – 1, Kills – 2, Digs – 21

Emilya Case: Kills – 3, Digs – 1

Jayce Kobliska: Assists – 1, Digs – 11

Ellie Moulton: Kills – 7

Miranda Schotzko: Kills – 5, Blocks – 1

Livi Lorber: Aces – 2, Assist – 11, Kills – 10, Blocks – 3, Digs – 2

Jade Storry: Aces – 1, Kills – 5, Digs – 15

Annie Schlosser: Aces – 3,

Assists – 18, Kills – 2, Blocks – 1

Staples-Motley 3, LPGE 0; 25-23, 25-9, 25-10

Claussen: aces-4, assists-3, kills-1, digs-25

Case: digs-1

Kobliska: aces-3, assists-1, digs-7

Steffany Sullivan: digs-1

Moulton: kills-7, digs-4

Lorber: assists-7, kills-17, blocks-2, digs-4

Schotzko: kills-3, digs-1

Storry: assists-1, kills-11, digs-11

Schlusser: aces-3, assists-22, kills-2

Gabby Case: aces-1, digs-1

Izzy Olander: kill-1, dig-1



Section tennis action

Left, Lauren Rutten winds up to hit a shot. Right, Madison Perius reaches out to track down a ball. The tournament was



held at Courts Plus in Fargo. (Submitted photos)

Cardinals fall to top team

The Staples-Motley football team played one of the top teams in the state and fell 56-0 to Barnesville on Oct. 14.

Barnesville has only given up four touchdowns all year and has scored at least four touchdowns in every game they have played this year and are ranked near the top of the

state.

Staples-Motley finishes their regular season at Crookston on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The playoffs start the following week on Tuesday, Oct. 25, when the Cardinals will likely play at Wadena-Deer Creek or Sauk Centre.



Superfans honored by VB team

At their finalhome game, the Staples-Motley volleyball team presented awards for their Fans of the Year to

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Revenue and Expenditures for General Operations (Governmental Funds)			
	Total 2020	Total 2021	% Increase or (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,026,789	\$ 1,030,537	0.37%
Special Assessments	106,712	117,414	10.03%
Licenses and Permits	146,101	105,455	-27.82%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,743,579	1,541,853	-11.57%
Charges for Services	29,628	302,819	922.07%
Fines and Forfeits	19,709	23,036	16.88%
Investment Earnings	95,558	61,309	-35.84%
Miscellaneous	584,471	742,644	27.06%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,752,547	\$ 3,925,067	4.60%
Per Capita	1,250.85	1,308.36	4.60%
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 439,230	\$ 479,806	9.24%
Public Safety	1,025,646	1,045,923	1.98%
Streets and Highways	423,118	424,768	0.39%
Economic Development	402,909	388,347	-3.61%
Parks and Recreation	157,309	153,668	-2.31%
Airport	61,917	90,163	45.62%
Debt Service:			
Principal	505,000	652,000	29.11%
Interest and Other Charges	213,210	195,402	-8.35%
Capital Outlay	434,376	447,489	3.02%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,662,715	\$ 3,877,566	-5.54%
Per Capita	1,220.91	1,292.52	-5.54%
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 9,180,294	\$ 11,721,028	27.68%
Per Capita	3,060.10	3,907.01	27.68%
General Fund & Special Revenue Funds Unrestricted			
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,023,909	\$ 1,216,635	18.82%
Per Capita	341.30	405.55	18.82%

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Current Assets:					
Cash and investments	\$ 2,086,635	\$ 412,507	\$ 197,513	\$ 824,524	\$ 3,521,179
Accounts receivable	237,852	55,908	204	69,643	363,607
Property taxes receivable	-	-	3,147	-	3,147
Due from other governmental units	-	-	1,025	-	1,025
Inventories	253,100	31,156	-	-	284,256
Prepaid items	25,669	10,070	5,516	32,817	54,072
Total Current Assets	2,603,256	509,641	205,405	906,984	4,225,286
Noncurrent Assets					
Restricted cash and investments					
Customer deposits	166,490	-	-	-	166,490
Capital assets not being depreciated	311,520	181,883	8,848	14,465,749	14,968,000
Capital assets being depreciated, net	2,766,370	4,653,890	251,343	2,314,391	9,985,994
Total Noncurrent Assets	3,244,380	4,835,773	260,191	16,780,140	25,120,484
Total Assets	5,847,636	5,345,414	465,596	17,687,124	29,345,770
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension plan deferrals - PERA	146,890	52,194	34,706	46,461	280,251
OPEB deferrals	3,419	1,198	414	1,193	6,224
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	150,309	53,392	35,120	47,654	286,475
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	7,922	3,380	3,051	940,901	955,254
Accrued expenses	9,543	-	-	-	9,543
Accrued interest payable	-	3,938	-	-	3,938
Customer deposits	160,260	3,000	-	-	163,260
Current portion of long-term debt	137,836	-	-	-	137,836
Total Current Liabilities	315,561	10,318	3,051	940,901	1,269,831
Noncurrent Liabilities					
Compensated absences	50,983	32,278	107	9,950	93,318
Bonds and loans payable, net	1,016,020	647,000	-	4,932,172	6,595,192
Net pension liability	281,544	100,076	67,156	85,098	533,874
OPEB liability	29,964	9,892	6,165	9,948	55,969
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,378,511	789,246	73,428	5,037,168	7,278,353
Total Liabilities	1,694,072	799,564	76,479	5,978,069	8,548,184
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension plan deferrals - PERA	207,139	73,628	49,252	63,700	393,719
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	1,934,034	4,188,773	260,191	11,847,968	18,220,966
Unrestricted	2,172,700	335,841	114,794	(354,959)	2,469,376
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 4,096,734	\$ 4,525,614	\$ 374,985	\$ 11,693,009	\$ 20,690,342

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.)

CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Business-Type Activities – Enterprise Funds					
	Light	Water	Community Center	Sewer	Total
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 3,023,380	\$ 615,980	\$ 53,155	\$ 650,085	\$ 4,342,600
Miscellaneous	235,254	-	-	-	280,564
Total Operating Revenues	3,258,634	661,290	53,155	650,085	4,623,164
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel services	590,832	212,042	140,577	168,027	1,111,478
Repairs and maintenance	17,165	35,632	30,635	34,939	118,371
Insurance	13,154	5,814	3,490	9,341	31,799
Rent	10,605	-	-	-	10,605
Utilities	12,000	37,202	38,814	72,368	160,384
Purchase of energy	1,608,690	100,076	-	-	1,608,690
Supplies	57,511	81,308	6,524	63,611	169,954
Office expense	42,863	1,854	1,833	2,538	49,088
Professional fees	35,164	5,253	1,629	19,188	61,234
Franchise fees expense	154,118	-	-	-	154,118
Depreciation	117,218	162,085	31,589	102,876	413,768
Miscellaneous	28,671	8,046	2,923	8,522	48,162
Total Operating Expenses	2,687,991	549,236	258,014	481,410	3,976,651
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	570,643	112,054	(204,859)	168,675	646,513
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Property taxes	-	-	51,067	-	51,067
State grants and aid	600	1,700	129,017	4,544,891	4,676,208
Net investment earnings	26,628	6,905	2,220	11,369	47,122
Other income	66	1,873	435	107,217	109,591
Interest expense	(28,476)	(29,787)	-	(40,629)	(98,892)
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(1,182)	(19,309)	182,739	4,622,848	4,785,096
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	569,461	92,745	(22,120)	4,791,523	5,431,609
TOTAL NET POSITION – BEGINNING	3,527,273	4,432,869	397,105	6,901,486	15,258,733
TOTAL NET POSITION – ENDING	\$ 4,096,734	\$ 4,525,614	\$ 374,985	\$ 11,693,009	\$ 20,690,342

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CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Business-Type Activities – Enterprise Funds					
	Light	Water	Community Center	Sewer	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	\$ 3,333,105	\$ 671,013	\$ 53,155	\$ 651,722	\$ 4,708,995
Payments to suppliers and services provided	(2,245,194)	(166,155)	(90,942)	(196,433)	(2,698,724)
Payments to employees	(575,050)	(202,380)	(158,513)	(200,412)	(1,137,355)
Other receipts	66	1,873	435	107,217	109,591
Other payments	(28,671)	(8,046)	(2,923)	(8,522)	(48,162)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	484,256	296,305	(199,788)	353,572	934,345
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Property taxes	-	-	49,430	-	49,430
State aids	600	1,700	129,017	-	131,317
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	600	1,700	178,437	-	180,737
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Purchases of capital assets	(198,498)	(234,352)	(2,854)	(8,016,448)	(8,462,152)
State grants	-	-	-	5,032,540	5,032,540
Net proceeds from bond issues	-	-	-	3,027,134	3,027,134
Principal paid on capital debt	(134,772)	(144,000)	-	(166,000)	(444,772)
Interest paid on capital debt	(28,476)	(38,060)	-	(40,629)	(107,145)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(361,746)	(406,392)	(2,854)	(183,383)	(954,375)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest and dividends	26,628	6,905	2,220	11,369	47,122
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS	149,738	(101,482)	(21,985)	181,558	207,829
CASH AND INVESTMENTS – BEGINNING	2,103,387	513,989	219,488	642,966	3,479,840
CASH AND INVESTMENTS – ENDING	\$ 2,253,125	\$ 412,507	\$ 197,513	\$ 824,524	\$ 3,687,669
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION INVESTMENTS					
Cash investments	\$ 2,086,635	\$ 412,507	\$ 197,513	\$ 824,524	\$ 3,521,179
Cash and investments - restricted	166,490	-	-	-	166,490
TOTAL CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,253,125	\$ 412,507	\$ 197,513	\$ 824,524	\$ 3,687,669

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
(STAPLES-MOTLEY)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the State General Election in and for Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1
Renewal of Expiring School District
Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$173.06 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.



Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2170 be approved?



No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU
ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX
REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

Passage of School District Question 1 extends an existing operating referendum at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year.

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for School District Question 1 will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes for School District Question 1 paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for School District Question 1.

Staples-Motley School District, ISD 2170

July 29, 2022

Analysis of Tax Impact for Potential Referendum Levy

Year Taxes are Payable	2023	2024	
	Expiring Authority	Renewed Authority	NET CHANGE
Estimated Adjusted Pupil Units (APU)	1,027.60	1,022.60	-5.00
Revenue per Pupil Unit	-\$173.06	\$173.06	\$0.00
Estimated Change in Referendum Revenue	-\$177,836	\$176,971	-\$865
- Estimated Change in Aid	-\$25,472	\$25,133	-\$339
- Estimated Change in Levy	-\$152,364	\$151,838	-\$526

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Levy Only*		
Residential Homesteads, Apartments, and Commercial- Industrial Property	\$100,000	-\$21	\$21	\$0
	150,000	-31	31	0
	200,000	-41	41	0
	250,000	-52	52	0
	300,000	-62	62	0
	350,000	-72	72	0
	400,000	-83	82	-1
	450,000	-93	93	0
	500,000	-103	103	0
	600,000	-124	124	0
	800,000	-165	165	0
	1,000,000	-207	206	-1

* Amounts are based on school district taxes for the operating referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This may decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for those property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The precincts and polling places and voting hours at those polling places for this special election shall be the same as those for the State General Election.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: __August 22__, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ MARY FREEMAN

School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2170
(Staples-Motley)
State of Minnesota

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CONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 570,643	\$ 112,054	\$ (204,859)	\$ 168,675	\$ 646,513
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities					
Depreciation expense	117,218	162,085	31,589	102,876	413,768
Other income related to operations	66	1,873	435	107,217	109,591
Net operating changes in					
Accounts receivable	64,191	9,723	-	1,637	75,551
Inventory	(122,781)	8,654	-	-	(114,127)
Prepaid items	(4,335)	(717)	(311)	(42)	(5,385)
Deferred outflows of resources	(165,777)	(39,223)	(29,762)	(41,510)	(235,272)
Accounts payable	(166,828)	(7,029)	(7,706)	3,594	(178,069)
Accrued expenses	9,543	-	-	-	9,543
Customer deposits	10,280	-	-	-	10,280
Compensated absences	1,786	1,446	(3,462)	(24,141)	(24,371)
Net pension liability	(65,658)	(12,096)	(22,547)	(18,645)	(118,946)
Net OPEB liability	(2,562)	(4,816)	(1,641)	(4,843)	(13,802)
Deferred inflows of resources	178,390	64,351	38,476	56,754	337,971
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 484,256</u>	<u>\$ 296,305</u>	<u>\$ (199,788)</u>	<u>\$ 353,572</u>	<u>\$ 934,345</u>
(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.)					



Hall of Fame video display

The Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame has a new display at the high school gymnasium. A touchscreen display has information and photos about the first three classes of teams, individuals and coaches inducted into the hall. The next Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be Satur-

day, Oct. 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, there are no tickets being sold but a free will offering is available to anyone wishing to donate to the project. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Fall fun at Fall Fest

The decorations proved to be one of the play areas for some of the attendees at the Staples Area Chamber Falls Fest on Oct. 8. (Stapls World photo by Mark Anderson)



Pine Grove Park by wagon

The England Prairie Pioneer Club sponsored a Fall Fest wagon ride around Pine Grove Park, pulled by a tractor. (Stapls World photo by Mark Anderson)



Pine Grove Park by wagon

Pumpkin carving and other activities were part of the Staples Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest. (Stapls World photo by Mark Anderson)



Vote YES to Keep Our Community Center!

John's Story: "I think that the Staples Community Center is one of the greatest assets in our town. We need a place where our youth and our adults can meet to exercise and find activities. The center is a wonderfully good looking building that potential residents would be attracted to. The center has changed my life by providing facilities to improve my heart and lung health. We must improve and maintain this wonderful asset." (John Gorton)

Did you know....

- **Only the city of Staples residents pay 100% of the net operating costs** (after fee collection) to maintain the community center. The **financial liability should not all fall only on city residents!**
- **79% of the community center users live outside of the city limits.** Voting Yes will more **fairly distribute the cost** of the community center.
- **Voting YES means anyone who makes taxable purchases in Staples will be contributing to the community center just as when people from Staples pay a city tax in Brainerd, Baxter, Bemidji, Sauk Center, St. Cloud Area, and Elk River) to support projects in those cities.**
- **The sales tax would collect an estimated \$120,000 a year.** Some businesses in Staples report having up to 80% of their sales coming from people who live outside of the city of Staples!

Beth & Lisa's story: "We didn't use the community center much before we retired because we were just too busy. However, we were glad it was there for youth and other adults to use. Since retirement, we have utilized the center and believe it has made a huge difference in our lives." (Beth Gedde & Lisa Kajer)

- **Voting YES to the .5% sales tax (which equals 50¢ on \$100) will mean the real estate taxes from the residents of the city of Staples will not need to go up to make needed improvements to the community center.** The tax would end after 25 years or \$1.6 million is collected, whichever comes first.
- **Voting YES means that sales tax money can only be used for the community center.**
- **The Staples Community Center is a wonderful asset that we need to keep.** However, it needs 1.65 million dollars for a new boiler, HVAC, locker rooms, tiling, painting and other equipment.

Lisa's story: "We need to keep the Staples Community Center in good shape. I for one know that my daughters enjoy the swimming activities that the center provides. Whether it be swimming lessons or their most favorite open swim, when available." (Lisa Toepper)

Vote YES on Tuesday, November 8th to keep our community center!



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