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The Ziegler 5k takes off during Staples Railroad Days on Aug. 17. See more photos on page 10a. (Photos by Mark Anderson)

Student cell phone access limited, hats are back

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a recommendation that students in the middle school and high school be limited to cell phone usage only before school, during lunch time and after school. That means no phones in the hallways between classes or during class periods. Another policy change will allow students to wear hats during school, but not hoods.

At the Aug. 19, 2024 meeting, the board reviewed proposals from the policy committee and approved the 2024-25 handbook with the changes.

Board member Chandler Trout said there was a lot of debate back and forth about the cell phone policy. In the end, they decided the school needs more restrictions on cell phones.

Principal Debbie Ferdon said "We know that cell phones affect learning negatively," adding that phone usage can also lead to mental health effects.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said "Any time you implement any new policy,

consistency is vital to success." He added that Ferdon and her staff will have to establish the routine with the students.

"It's not about punishment," said Tappe, "it's about establishing a new routine and making sure they are all on the same page."

Ferdon said the school staff team has been working on expectations for students. She thought the policy would be a positive once students get used to it. "Maybe we'll see more kids hanging out and talking to teachers instead of going on their phones," said Ferdon.

Board member Bryan Winkels said he was confident the students will respond well to the new phone policy, but was more concerned about the parents.

Ferdon said if any parent needs to get ahold of their student, they can call the school's phone number at any time.

Board member Ryan Wright said about today's students living with cell phones, "it's been the only life they've known, it will take time for adjustments."

Wright said "We want them to experience something better than if they were on their phones."

The hat policy had been discussed for several years, with different students coming to the board asking them to change the policy which did not allow hats in the classroom. The new policy will allow hats but not hoods, because the student's face must still be visible. The policy will be reviewed again in December.

The board also approved policies with changes for school board meeting minutes and drug and alcohol testing.

School grounds

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson gave the board a review of the school's properties. Using drone video footage, Peterson showed the new roof on the elementary school and new roof units at the high school/middle school.

Flying over the athletic complex, Peterson pointed out the new tennis courts and track surfaces and new grass on the infield of the

See **SCHOOL** on page 14a



Two arrested in Staples for drugs

The Todd County deputies, Staples Police and a K-9 were at the scene of a drug-related incident the afternoon of Aug. 22, at the 1100 block of 5th St. NE in Staples. Two people were subsequent-

ly arrested. Specific information was not available in time for this week's paper, but will be included when an official press release is received. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Old School Health now open in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Pam Rapp, owner of Old School Health in downtown Staples, is passionate about helping people lead healthy lives...physically, emotionally and spiritually.

She calls herself a 'natural wellness advocate' and recently opened her business which is focused on alternative and holistic health services. Located at 121 4th St. NE, the charming space was originally home to Butler Drugs, established in 1919. Throughout the years, a variety of other businesses have set up shop there, most recently a title company. It seems fitting that it will once again be a space focused on health.

In a brochure about Old School Health, Rapp says, "Whether you're looking to support your overall health or target specific wellness goals, we're here to begin the journey with you, using the finest tools and supplements tailored to your needs."

Services available at Old School Health include bio



Natural wellness advocate

Pam Rapp is the owner of the new business Old School Health, located in downtown Staples. She is a natural wellness advocate who offers a variety of ser-

vices and retail items geared toward helping people discover a holistic approach to well-being. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

energetic testing, a Rife machine, ear candling, massage (relaxing, deep tissue- and hot stone) and the FAR

InfraRed Solo Dome. Rapp explained that a Rife machine is a device that produces low-energy

electromagnetic waves, also known as radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMFs). It was invented

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Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 28	75	62	Cloudy
Aug. 29	70	55	Rain
Aug. 30	76	55	Sunny
Aug. 31	79	50	Sunny
Sept. 1	70	48	Sunny
Sept. 2	74	54	M. Sunny
Sept. 3	75	55	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Aug. 28	84°	55	Sunny
Aug. 29	81	58	M. Sunny
Aug. 30	78	57	Sunny
Aug. 31	85	61	Sunny
Sept. 1	87	62	M. Sunny
Sept. 2	82	68	M. Cloudy
Sept. 3	97	70	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 74° Low = 54°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Mary Dravis
Juanita Wright

Two arrested for drug possession following traffic stop in Cushing

An early morning traffic stop in Cushing Aug. 20, led to the arrest of two out-of-town women for drug possession.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 2:10 a.m. that day, Deputy Brady Pundsack conducted a traffic stop for an observed traffic violation while traveling north on Hwy 10, near Cushing.

During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Pundsack became suspicious of potential illegal drug activity. He proceeded to deploy his K-9 partner Diesel around the vehicle and the K-9 alerted to the presence of narcotics within the vehicle. Deputies later conducted a search of the vehicle and located multiple hypodermic needles and package methamphetamine.

The driver, 27-year-old Reba Lego of Grand Forks, N.D., was arrested for 1st degree drug possession; and the passenger, 43-year-old Toni Myhre of Mahanomen, was arrested for 5th degree drug possession. Both Lego and Myhre were taken into custody and are being held at the Morrison County Jail pending formal charges.

Sheriff Shawn Larsen commended Deputy Pundsack's vigilance, and that of his K-9, which led to the discovery and seizure of over five ounces of methamphetamine. In a press release, he stated, "Their actions have made our communities safe by taking a significant amount of dangerous drugs off the streets. The Morrison County Sheriff's Office



Deputy Pundsack and K-9

Morrison County Deputy Brady Pundsack and his K-9 partner Diesel have been commended for their vigilance following a traffic stop Aug. 20, which led to the discovery and seizure of over 5 ounces of methamphetamine.

remains committed to pursuing illegal narcotics and maintaining the safety and well-being of our residents."

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

August 14 - 20

Aug. 19 - 20 - Motley Police issued ordinance violations for too tall weeds and grass at a property on Front St. E., Motley; and another at 1st. Ave. N., Motley.

Aug. 20 - Motley Police called out the fire department for a fire alarm at the 1200 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Aug. 19 - Motley Police received a call from a Motley resident who reported subjects that were

smoking and drinking at a picnic table near the 400 block of Pine Ave S., Motley.

Aug. 19 - Motley Police issued a city building ordinance violation to a property owner at the 400 block of Emory Cir., Motley. The 'Cease and Desist Order' made it clear that all work on the property must be stopped until the correct permits (for a multi family unit) are obtained.

Aug. 19 - Motley Police issued a public nuisance citation to Shane Tilbury, 22.

Aug. 15 - Motley Police received a report of suspicious activity at the Motley Food Shelf. A juvenile was involved.

Aug. 17 - A Morrison County Deputy reported coming across a severely damaged STOP sign at Beaver Rd and 270th St., Cushing while on patrol. The sign had three shotgun slugs that were shot into it. The county shop was notified to replace the sign.

Aug. 14 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a call of a cow in the roadway at the 17000 block of Bison Rd., Cushing. The owner was located and the cow was secured in the pasture.

Aug. 14 - A Morrison County deputy issued a speeding citation to Jacob Seuntjens, 39.

Motley City Council approves a few changes to start in September

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Starting in September, the Motley City Council will once again hold their meetings in the large room at city hall.

This was one of the decisions made at their regular meeting Aug. 19, a change that had been instigated by council member April Skeesick-Larson. It was something all members of the council were in favor of, but wanted to first make sure it didn't interfere with the Motley Fire Department, which uses the space for their monthly meetings.

Fire Chief Brad Olson said that it was fine, since the fire department meets on Tuesdays, and the council's meetings are generally on Mondays.

Skeesick-Larson said she would be in charge of setting up the room prior to the council's first meeting there. She expressed concern about the technical aspect of this change... would it be difficult to have the meetings recorded? Police Chief Al Yoder, and former Motley Mayor, said that they used to meet there in the past, and were able to make video recordings of the meetings.

Another change residents will notice in September will be an increase to their recycling bill.

Terry Lanoue, owner of Long Prairie Sanitation (LPS), Inc., informed the council that this past June, the Todd County Transfer Station in Browerville started charging \$80 per ton to process out-of-county recyclables. Long Prairie Sanitation delivers the recycling picked up in Motley to this facility. The average residential household recycles around 12 pounds per pickup, which equates to a charge of \$1 per household per month to process the

recycling, Lanoue said.

After a short discussion, the council approved this increase, noting they would put this information in the city's next newsletter. City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton later clarified that the city sends out the statements to residents for garbage and recycling, and LPS bills the city.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED having the City Community Development Administrator, Kayode Adiatu, hold regular office hours in Motley on Mondays, from 2 - 4 p.m.
- APPROVED amending the Land Use Matrix for cannabis.
- HEARD monthly report from Fire Chief Brad Olson, which included a total of 12 calls in July.
- HEARD monthly report from Police Chief Al Yoder, which included a total of 49 calls in July. The chief was called out from home four times.
- APPROVED some wording changes to the Police Pursuit Policy as presented.
- LEARNED the new squad vehicle is almost ready to be delivered.
- HEARD monthly report from Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton. He noted that the EV (electric vehicle) slow charger is still working and was used 37 times in the past month. The fast charger last worked on June 9, 2024, and since that time the manufacturer went bankrupt and the business was sold on Aug. 8, 2024.
- DISCUSSED the possibility of holding a Fall Cleanup Day again, and decided upon Saturday, Oct. 5.
- APPROVED the proposal of gWorks as presented for the city's utility billing software. The city currently uses UBmax,

which has been purchased by gWorks. The new annual fee for the city will be \$2,430, which is about two-and-a-half times higher than the previous utility billing. Tami Brotherton said this price increase will add about 50 cents per payment transaction.

- APPROVED donating \$654 to Hilltop Regional Kitchen, which serves residents in the City of Motley in need of good nutrition. This money comes from the city's 10 percent fund.
- DISCUSSED reviewing the Garage Sale Ordinance, specifically time limits for sales. Council member Bjerga mentioned she's had calls regarding vehicles along the highway that have been for sale for a long time. Council member April Skeesick-Larson said this is a grey area, as Hwy 10 is zoned commercial. Mayor Pat O'Regan said that this issue should be tabled until it is first reviewed at a planning and zoning commission meeting.
- HEARD from council member Johnson in the council forum, who expressed his thanks to all of the department heads. He noted how a lot of things are brand new at the city and that he's proud of what's happening. He mentioned how Fire Chief Brad Olson always stays for the entire meeting, and gave a shout-out to Tami Brotherton, who is new to her position as city clerk/treasurer and is "doing a great job."
- SET a budget meeting for Monday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m.
- SET their next regular meeting for Monday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 p.m.
- SET their next planning and zoning commission meeting for Monday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. A public hearing will be held during the meeting.



Speaking to the council

Terry Lanoue (standing), owner of Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc., spoke to the Motley City Council at their recent meeting, informing them of price increases for their recycling services. Pictured at the council table, from left, are council member April Skeesick-Larson; May-

or Pat O'Regan; council members Nikki Bjerga and Steve Johnson. In foreground are Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton and Police Chief Al Yoder. Partially hidden, seated at left, is City Clerk/Treasurer Tami Brotherton. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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9AM-12PM EVENTS

- Drone Flights Demonstrations
- Tractor Ride N' Drive
- NRCS Grazing Trailer
- Vendors inside & around the shed
- Tips & Tricks for Grazing

MORNING TOURS

Session 1 (Pick one)

- 10am-10:45am**
Conserving Water Through Precision Irrigation to Protect Groundwater and Boost Farm Energy Efficiency
Jeppe Kjaersgaard - MDA
- 10am-10:45am**
Edible Beans Research and Innovation
Juan Osorno - NDSU
- 10am-11:45am**
Local Foods Tour of various horticultural crops growing at the farm
Erik Heimark CLC FBM, CLC Ag Center

Session 2 (Pick one)

- 11am-11:45am**
Drone Spraying Applications
Curt Bond - Bond Helicopter Services LLP
- 11am-11:45am**
Children's Garden Program and Explore the AgCentric Trailer
Judy Barka - AgCentric
- 11am-11:45am**
Benefits and Techniques of Growing Crops in a High Tunnel System
Ryan Buetow - Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

AFTERNOON EVENTS

- 12-1:30pm**
FREE Lunch Program
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Sweet Corn, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Water
- 1pm-3pm**
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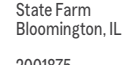
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Drowning saved near Menahga

On Sunday, August 11th, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a possible drowning on Spirit Lake near Menahga. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office, along with the Menahga Police Department, Menahga First Responders, and Astera Ambulance responded to the Menahga City Beach. Responders learned that a 19 year old male had gone swimming when he went under water and had not resurfaced for approximately two minutes.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:

Aug. 7, Staples Police arrested Ian McMahon, 30, for disorderly conduct. Subject continued to swear and scream in hotel lobby and behind TCO building.

Aug. 9, Staples Police received a report of a dog bite that occurred in the 600 block of 2nd St. SW, resulting with a minor child having severe injuries.

Aug. 9, Staples Police assisted a suspicious male at the Todd County Government Center, assisting him getting a train ticket. On Aug. 10, the police assisted the male getting onto the train.

Aug. 10, driver was pulling into park in front of Longbella Drug, driver stated when he pressed on the brake the vehicle didn't stop and ran into the building. A witness stated she heard a clicking sound as he was trying to stop. Vehicle hit a window, shattered the glass and bent the middle beam that separates the two windows. Photos were taken. Scott's Southtown towing service responded per the drivers request to make sure the vehicle was safe to drive.

Aug. 10, Staples Police assisted Morrison County with an individual that was choking in Motley.

Aug. 11, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that was egged in the area of the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police will be checking cameras in the area to identify the suspect.

Aug. 11, Staples Police responded to an assault call at the 400 block of 4th St. NE. Party stated an individual choked their brother and left the scene.

Aug. 11, Staples Police responded to 8th St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE intersection for a bicycle that crashed with a pickup truck.

Aug. 11, Staples Police were dispatched to a semi and trailer swerving all over the road. Police found the vehicle, stopped it after witnessing failure to maintain lanes and issued a verbal warning.

Aug. 11, Staples Police were advised over radio that an individual in a blue Hyundai was driving north, possibly impaired. Police located the vehicle in the 100 block of 4th St. NE and arrested Christopher Golly, 38, for DWI.

Aug. 12, Staples Police were contacted on a possible criminal sexual conduct that took place in May, 2024 at the hospital. Police found that nothing could be charged per Minnesota State Statute.

Aug. 12, Staples Police issued a reckless driving citation to a juvenile for driving 55 in a 30 mile per hour zone. The juvenile was also cited for failure to stop at a stop sign and window tint.

The male was located and removed from the water by good Samaritans and CPR was immediately started. A short time later, the male started breathing on his own and was transported by ambulance to Essentia Health in Park Rapids.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office thanked all those responsible for the positive outcome of this near tragedy. "Good work to all those involved," said their press release.

Aug. 13, Staples Police responded to assist a resident who had a bat inside of their residence.

Aug. 13, at 2:30 a.m., Staples Police located a group of juveniles in the Lakewood Community Park after curfew. The juveniles ran away from police but where later found and identified.

Aug. 14, Staples Police received a public nuisance complaint regarding a property which the owner is reported to be feeding feral cats on the 500 block of 3rd St. SW. Police will attempt to make contact with the homeowners.

Aug. 14, Staples Police received a call of a male party unsteady on his feet, twitchy and jumpy. Police spoke with the individual who stated he is waiting for the Amtrak train. He was advised to call if he needs any assistance until the train arrives.

Aug. 14, Staples Police responded to a public assist at the 900 block of Michigan Ave. NE. Vehicle was locked with children inside. Vehicle was unlocked by Scott's Southtown.

Aug. 15, Staples Police were dispatched to take a report of an adult male who purchased tobacco products for his under age nephew.

Aug. 16, Staples Police were dispatched the Evergreen Hill Cemetery for a report of three juveniles playing on headstones. The juveniles were advised to pick up their trash and move along.

Aug. 16, Staples Police received a report of a restraining order violation.

Aug. 16, Staples Police were called to respond to the Lakewood Health System (LHS) regarding an out of control patient. Police assisted medical staff with the individual who had assaulted the staff. Police stood by until the patient was no longer a threat to themselves or others.

Aug. 17, Staples Police responded to an infant in a stroller that was left without supervision. Police located the mother and contacted child protective services.

Aug. 17, Staples Police responded to a report of an assault on the 1100 block of 4th St. NE. Police learned that an intoxicated subject had assaulted a minor, and had fallen in a drainage ditch. The intoxicated subject was transported by ambulance to the LHS by the Staples Ambulance. Also responding was the Todd County and Wadena County Sheriff's Departments.

Aug. 18, at 2:45 a.m., Staples Police received a report of a suspicious person walking near the intersection of 6th St. NE/Summit Ave. NE. Police located a subject walking on Pleasant Ave. and 7th St. NE, who appeared to be intoxicated. Police gave the subject a ride to a friend's residence.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Sept. 1, 1949 - "Hats off to the 1949 Crow Wing Valley League Champions, The Staples Railroaders."

The Big Locomotive was almost stopped when they lost a 4-3 opener to Pequot Lakes, but gained speed and rambled on to a blazing finish when they swept two straight games from Nisswa and captured the coveted crown. The Staples Railroaders thumped Nisswa to the tune of 20 to 3 in the final game of the district series at Brainerd Aug. 29.

The winning team included Manager MacDahl, George Scioli, Dick Randgaard, Howie Schlenicka,

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John Weston, John Peterson, Kenny Johnson, Jim Peterson, Bill Finn, Lyle Kaler, Wayne Stewart and John Rengel.

• Sept. 1, 1949 - According to pre-school predictions by school officials in Staples, the total enrollment of the schools is expected to reach more than 1,000 students this year, and possible set an all new-time high for school attendance.

Hot lunches will again be served, and in this department the cooks have been busy canning fruits and vegetables most of the summer months, thus assuring plenty of both for the students who avail themselves of the opportunity of the hot lunch program.

• Sept. 1, 1949 - Miss Alice Hotchkiss who came to Staples in the fall of 1925, starts her 25th year as principal of the high school of Staples this fall.

Since coming to Staples Miss Hotchkiss has been instrumental in adding many departments to the school, including instigating the National Honor Society in the high school.

• Sept. 1, 1949 - Next Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, is that special date when boys and girls will be going back to school in Motley. The summer has passed rather quickly but it seems like everyone is ready for school again. Wednesday, will start the first day with hot lunch served at noon. The lunches will cost 12 cents this year.

Richard Wrobel of Hold- ingford has been hired to teach music at school, due

to the resignation of Richard Blake. Mr. Wrobel is married and has one child.

50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Aug. 29, 1974 - A total of 2,650 students were in attendance at classes in all Staples schools as the 1974-75 term got underway Monday of this week.

The 2,650 figure shows an increase of 73 students than were attending classes in the Staples schools one year ago. The total figures are for students attending Staples Elementary School, Sacred Heart School, Lincoln Model Nongraded School, Staples High School and the Staples Area Vocational-Technical Institute.

An increase of 36 students is noted in the enrollment at Staples High School, grades seven through 12. The breakdown from each grade is as follows: Grade Seven, 146; Grade Eight, 144; Grade Nine, 179; Grade Ten, 158; Grade Eleven, 160; Grade Twelve, 155.

• Aug. 29, 1974 - Daryl Larson, Motley, recently was graduated from the Reisch world-Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. This college has graduated many of the leading auctioneers in the nation.

Upon completion of his course, Larson was awarded his diploma, the honorary title of colonel, and a lifetime scholarship to the college, enabling him to attend any time in the future free of charge.

Col. Larson will reside in Motley and will conduct his business from there. "It is my intention," he said, "to combine auctioneering with my present business as a professional entertainer, billing as 'The Singing Auctioneer.'"

• Aug. 29, 1974 - About 125 persons attended a corn feed at the Bruce Nelsen farm home Sunday afternoon and evening, to help further the candidacy of Nelsen in the upcoming general election. Nelsen is running for the Minnesota Legislative seat in District 12A.

Among guests at the feed were Walter Reyer of rural Staples, and Nelsen's father, Congressman Ancher Nelsen of Hutchinson. The senior Nelsen is stepping down this year after 40 years in public life, the last 16 of which were in the U.S. Congress.

• Aug. 29, 1974 - The installation service for the



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1999. 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.

Rev. Paul Lundborg, new pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, will be held Sunday, Sept. 1, at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship services.

The services will be followed by a fellowship dinner in the Staples high school cafeteria at noon. A short program is planned with Al Flack as the master of ceremonies. Friends of the congregation are welcome to attend both the services and the dinner.

• Aug. 19, 1974 - A Motley man was killed in an industrial accident near Long Spruce, Manitoba, Canada, early Thursday morning, Aug. 22.

Killed was Albert William Collins, age 54, a resident of the Motley community for the past 14 years.

According to information received here, Collins was working at the Manitoba Hydro Long Spruce construction site in Northern Manitoba. He was killed when an empty cement bucket accidentally tipped

over on him. Mr. Collins and his son, John, had gone to Long Spruce several weeks ago for work at the construction site.

25 YEARS Ago - 1999

• Sept. 2, 1999 - The Cardinal football team will take the field this week for the start of the 1999 season Thursday against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle at the Thunder's field.

Coach Ryan Beachy and a squad of nearly 40 players have been working since mid-August. The Cardinal senior tri-captains for the 1999 football season will be fullback Jon Reis, halfback Tim Rutten and lineman Jeff Lorber.

• Sept. 2, 1999 - Gary Burghoff will play the lead in the Neil Simon play "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at Centennial Auditorium in Staples Monday, Sept. 20.

Burghoff is best known for his Emmy Award-winning portrayal of "Radar" O'Reilly on TV's M*A*S*H*. He is now on tour with the Lake Pepin Players, Inc.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to offer the community this production with a well-known TV star," said June Longbella of the auditorium program planning committee.

• Sept. 2, 1999 - Five new teachers have joined the staff at the Staples Motley High School in Staples. They include Carol Baland, math instructor; Garrett Lathe, vocal music instructor; Olaine Sharp Anderson, English; Jeff McArthur, life sciences instructor; and Jack Schneider, new German (foreign language) instructor.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• Aug. 28, 2014 - GB Leighton lit up the Staples Railroad Days street dance on Aug. 23. They got off to a slow start due to a rain shower that began about 8:15 p.m. and the lead in the band did not play. However, the rain subsided about 9:15 p.m. and the GB Leighton came on about 10 p.m. as planned. Don Ludovissie of Local Legends, one of the organizers along with Twisted Sisters and Lefty's, said over 1,200 people attended, including many from out of the area.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 18, 1984 edition of the Staples World featured members of the Staples High School tennis team, heading for the region competition in Friday. Representing District 24 from Staples, from left, were Kari Wolhowe, Tosha Martell, Kristi Wolhowe, Jackie Nelson and Penny DeMars.

Tom Wolhowe of Staples said he was quite sure of Martell, Nelson and

DeMars, adding, "the other two I think are a Kari and Kristi?" Wolhowe, long-time teacher and coach at SHS, is, of course, the dad of Kari and Kristi. Kyra (Odden) Ladd, 1986 SHS grad, and Judy Wolak, both of Staples also correctly identified the tennis letter-winners, as did Karen (Scott) Johnson of Motley, 1985 SHS grad. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

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Time to invite the people onto our natural landscape

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

An accident on McGovern Drive last week turned our attention to the narrow minimum maintenance road along the Crow Wing River north of Staples, and the opportunity to improve that as a hiking and biking trail. A review of the school grounds at the school board meeting last week revealed another nature opportunity, with the publicly owned pond and nature area close to downtown.

McGovern Drive is a beautiful one mile drive, but with sand, holes and mud in the road, it can be treacherous. This stretch could become an incredible asset as a river walk and bike trail, but instead it remains a conundrum from an outdated era.

The road is maintained by Thomastown Township and the land around it is owned by Wadena County and The Vintage golf course. It is time for those entities get together and determine the best use for that stretch of prime riverfront property, because a dangerous, muddy, holey, winding, one-lane, little-used dirt track is surely not the best use.

When Wadena County repaved the highway out to McGovern Park a few years ago, the Staples Area Friends of the Trails submitted a letter asking for bike lanes to be included, citing the recreation potential from the Sportsmans Club to the park to the golf course. The county did add a wider shoulder lane on one side, which gets used occasionally by bike riders, but it is hard to continue along McGovern Drive on bike because of the road conditions.

In my mind, the best use for that stretch would be a gravel hiking and biking trail as part of the McGovern Park system, with golf carts allowed on the portion along the golf course. It could also be used as an ATV trail from the shooting range to the golf course, but at only one mile, that isn't much of a trail and there isn't a lot of opportunity for connecting trails.

One concern with sending hikers on the trail is that we wouldn't want them wandering through the woods near the shooting range, lest they stumble out of the forest and find themselves on the downrange end. But that liability is currently there anyway, so it should probably be addressed.

School nature area

Another local nature area that may not be getting the best use is the pond and trail owned by the Staples-Motley School District on the west side of Airport Road, across from the JV baseball field.

During a grounds review, the school board learned that a few classes use the property during the school year, but for most of the year nobody has access to this prime nature area within walking distance of downtown and adjacent to the bike trail on Airport Road.

In my opinion, the best use for this area would be to add hiking trails, call it an arboretum, and invite the public to enjoy the nature that is right outside our doorstep. School use shouldn't be limited to recreation and biology classes, it could be used for arts, contemplation and community celebrations.

I have presented this idea to the school, but they haven't taken any steps to make it happen.

Getting people onto the landscape

In both cases, the school nature area and McGovern Road, the problem is that the entities that own it are too protective of their property and they don't want to make changes or open it up to the public. It could create some sort of liability with more people there, but they already have that same liability simply by owning it. It is publicly owned property and nothing is stopping people from going onto it right now. Improving it could actually make it more secure.

Likewise, as far as people misusing the land or destroying property, having more people in the area every day is a better deterrent than keeping people out.

With Nature Deficit Disorder (see below) causing more harm to people attached to cell phones, our public entities should be actively pursuing every opportunity to get more people onto the natural landscape. We have assets here that few other communities could imagine, and it would take very little to open them to the public.

Turning these little-used tracts into public gems would improve the wellness of our local people, elevate the profile of the community and would be a unique selling point for people looking to live or work here.

Quote of the week

“The first day of school is like the first page in a new book. Start writing your story.”
— Unknown

CRPD to focus future research on five areas

From Center for Rural Policy and Development

Recently we announced our research agenda and themes for the upcoming three years. This agenda is designed to better understand and help address the pressing challenges and opportunities faced every day by rural communities across Minnesota.

For the first time since being established in 1997, CRPD is setting out a multi-year agenda and themes. The five themes recommended by staff and selected by CRPD's Board of Directors reflect the broad array of issues and challenges facing rural communities and build on the important research conducted by the organization over the past two and a half decades. The five research themes are:

Remaining Resilient in an Aging Rural Minnesota

Like all areas, rural Minnesota is experiencing a significant demographic shift due to the retirement of the Baby Boomer generation. Having a relatively older population will mean greater impacts for rural places. CRPD's research will explore:

- Whether we have the resources necessary to care

for our elders

- Filling the workforce shortage left by retirees
- The social and financial infrastructure impacts from shifting demographics

The Future of Rural Access to Well-Being

With the ongoing push to rein in rapidly increasing healthcare costs, rural areas are facing shrinking access to essential services. CRPD's focus will be on:

- Current and future access to healthcare services
- Sustainability of rural EMS
- Access to mental health and addiction services

The Role of Rural Places and People in a Shifting Energy Infrastructure and the Environment

As Minnesota continues its transition to greater use of renewable energy and prepares for impacts related to climate change, rural areas will play a critical role. CRPD's studies will cover:

- Rural Minnesota's role in renewable energy infrastructure
- Adapting to climate change and ensuring environmental well-being

Funding Local Government in Changing Times

Our local governments have evolved since the "Minnesota Miracle" of the 1970s. CRPD's research will investigate:

- How the funding structure of local governments,

transportation, and infrastructure has changed over the years

- The issue of rising incivility towards our civil servants and public workers

A New Future for Rural Child Care

CRPD has already done groundbreaking work in this area. We will continue to provide solution-oriented research on maintaining and increasing childcare capacity in rural Minnesota. Key topics include:

- Efforts to maintain and increase childcare capacity
- State support for childcare initiatives

"For more than 25 years, the Center for Rural Policy & Development has served as our state's premier source for information and recommendations that help policymakers understand and improve the lives of people in rural Minnesota," said Julie Tesch, President and CEO of the Center for Rural Policy & Development. "Our work on topics including the childcare crisis, rural EMS and ambulance services, mental healthcare access, housing, and workforce development has sparked important conversations and inspired real change. Our ambitious agenda for the next three years will continue to lead the way in ensuring that the challenges facing rural Minnesota are tackled head on with actionable data, information, and recommendations."

Park prescription for mental health

By Jenifer Frank
Connecticut Health I-Team
BlueZones.com

Schools were closed and online learning was in full swing (in March 2020) when a teenager and her mom arrived at Fair Haven Community Health Care in New Haven. The girl had been experiencing chest pains and her worried mother thought she should go to the emergency room, recalled Amanda E. DeCew, a Fair Haven clinic director and pediatric nurse.

The girl "was spending her entire day inside and had been inside for like two weeks," DeCew said. "But the more we got into her symptoms, the more I really felt like this was anxiety and nothing that she needed to go the emergency room for."

But DeCew also knew that some kind of medical intervention was needed. "I'm going to write a park prescription for you," she told the girl. "Just try this for today."

In a follow-up call the next day, the teenager told DeCew she felt much better. "Her symptoms went away," DeCew said, "just by going on a walk."

'Nature Deficit Disorder'

A nature health movement is spreading across the globe. Sometimes referred to as ecotherapy, or nature therapy, its earliest manifestation was several decades ago in highly urbanized Japan, where the government introduced a national health program called shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing."

The practice—which has nothing to do with unclothing or getting wet—promotes immersing oneself, using all five senses, in the natural world. Japan today has more than 60 government-certified forest bathing sites.

In his 2018 book on the subject, Dr. Qing Li, founder of the Forest Therapy Study Group, said scientists have found forest bathing can lower blood pressure and stress, improve concentration and memory, lift depression, and boost the immune system, among other health benefits.

In the U.S., Richard Louv's 2005 book "Last Child in the Woods" was the nature-health movement's call to arms here, focusing on children and their increasing disconnect

from nature. Sedentary and tech-addicted children suffer from "nature deficit disorder," Louv argued, a condition with significant health and psychological implications.

Park Rx America

As reports of obesity, anxiety and depression among children and adolescents rise, social scientists and medical providers are catching up with Richard Louv's concerns about nature deprivation.

Increasing numbers of studies document that exposure to nature can help manage certain medical and psychological conditions.

A 2018 study in The Journal of Pediatrics, for example, showed that "increased exposure to residential greenspace" led to reduced anxiety, depression and "problematic internal and external behaviors" among hundreds of 7- to 12-year-olds in Cincinnati.

In a 2009 study in the Journal of Attention Disorders, University of Illinois researchers said that 20 minutes spent walking in a park "substantially" increased the ability of children with attention deficits to concentrate.

Recognizing the profound need, in 2017, Dr. Robert Zarr, a pediatrician at Unity Health Care, the largest community health network in Washington, D.C., created Park Rx America. The stated mission of the nonprofit organization: "decrease the burden of chronic disease, increase health and happiness, and foster environmental stewardship, by virtue of prescribing Nature during the routine delivery of healthcare."

The group's interactive electronic prescription platform allows medical providers to prescribe an outdoor activity at a specific park to an individual patient.

This is how it works: An electronic prescription, printed out or sent via text message, directs a patient to walk her dog around her neighborhood for 30 minutes three times a week. Another patient could get a virtual prescription to play 40 minutes of basketball twice a week at a local park. Medical providers discuss activities and locations with patients before writing a prescription. Once patients "fill" their prescriptions, they check a box and text the message back to the provider.

Quote of the week

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
— Benjamin Franklin

Form Pillars of the Community to share wisdom, enthusiasm

By Becky McCray
saveyour.town

What do you do about the people who just complain about everything but don't ever take any action? That was one of the questions when I visited Caldwell, Kansas, recently. Here's my advice:

Recruit them to join the Pillars of the Community: to show up and encourage people.

They can show up with their lawn chairs and cheer at the mural painting day, the big parade, the kids' performances, or anything else going on.

Can't bend over to pick up trash on clean up day? Bring your folding chair and be encouraging. You're a Pillar of the Community.

Folks in Caldwell loved this idea. They're talking about making actual pillars they can set up whenever they go cheer for people. The Pillars of the Community, indeed.

I stole the idea from a group of seniors Deb Brown met in Minnesota. They said they were done volunteering at events, but they wanted to give younger people the benefit of their

experience. They would just go set up their lawn chairs at events so they could answer questions. (I mis-remembered the story as cheering people on, and I think that it's even better this way.)

Here's why this works. It helps people feel relevant.

At a Dakota Resources virtual coffee meeting, gerontologist Leacy Brown said when people don't feel relevant any more, they can behave in ways that aren't positive or helpful. She suggested finding ways to help them be meaningful participants, even if they're not in charge.

Those Minnesota seniors told Deb they want to be recognized as the pillars of the community, and that's not too much to ask.

Anyone can be a Pillar of the Community.

There's no minimum or maximum age.

Former complainers and doers both welcome, as long as you'll cheer and be encouraging.

Whether you've lived here all your life or are new in town, you're in.

Don't have a lawn chair? I bet we can find an extra for you.

Quote of the week

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”
— Aristotle

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Jumpin' Jehosafats concert Aug. 29, Motley

Enjoy an evening of lighthearted Dixieland, gospel and all that jazz music with the Jumpin' Jehosafats at the Motley United Methodist Church on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received to benefit the projects of the Haiti Partnership of Central Minnesota. Lite refreshments will be served following the concert. Before and after the concert, Haitian coffee, metal art and other Haitian products will be available for purchase, with proceeds also benefiting projects of the Haiti Partnership.

The church is located at 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. For more information, call 218-352-6466.

Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 29

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

Aug. 30

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.

Sept. 1

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

Sept. 2

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

Sept. 3

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

RUBY'S PANTRY will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples.

September 11

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL EVENT AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5 - 7 p.m., 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley. Taco supper, fall desserts, prize drawings, games, hayrides, candy, Awana registration. Free event for the entire family. Everyone is welcome.



Tiny School of Art at library

The Tiny School of Art & Design, a traveling art studio, recently stopped at the Staples Public Library. Students were able to experiment and express themselves through use of quality art materials, tools and expertise. The program was sponsored by the Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Stop by the Staples Public Library or visit www.griver.org to view upcoming programs.

Right: Corin, son of Carl and Tasha Tepley. (Submitted photos)



Annual TRIAD Conference Sept. 17, at Sourcewell in Staples

The 2024 MN TRIAD Conference will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Sourcewell in Staples. Register by Sept. 5.

This yearly conference brings together law enforcement, seniors and senior providers from throughout Minnesota to share what their local communities

are doing to enhance senior safety in their areas.

Attendees learn from presenters on current frauds and scams, on programs available for seniors, and how to keep in 'tip top shape.'

The event is sponsored by Blandin Boost Grant Funds and AARP, and in-

cludes a lasagna lunch provided by Hilltop Kitchen, vendors, and door prizes.

Sourcewell is located at 202 12th St. NE in Staples. For more information on how to pre-register/pre-pay, email mntriad@outlook.com or call 218-536-0899.



Enjoying treats after the concert

Following a concert at Staples Church of Christ by pianist Wyatt Parthun of Bemidji, attendees enjoyed root beer floats and other goodies, while visiting with friends and relatives. Pictured above, from right are Pastor Barry Klein, Wyatt Parthun, Wyatt's father, Paul Parthun, and Dean Klebs. This was a debut piano solo

concert from Wyatt, who will be a third-year choral major student at Bemidji State University this fall.

Below, from left, are Elaine Martin, Donna Klebs, Phyllis Paskewitz, Rose Hoemberg, Joan Hamann, all of the Staples area. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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After a few shaky years, with Covid-19 and the 2022 Memorial Day Tornado cancelling our events those years, your continuing support allows our group to display the historic Old Wadena Park in its natural setting.

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-Darlys Hamberg Chairman

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With Field Day and On-Line All-Day Field Day:
Sept. 21, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (approx. time)

Students must be 12-years-old by this year's deer hunting start. Accepting students from the local area with Staples/Motley area students receiving priority. *Space limited/classes fill fast.*

To register for classes (Traditional/On-line) or for questions call:
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Obituaries

Juanita Wright

Juanita Wright, 85, of Staples, passed away August 16, 2024.

Juanita is survived by three daughters, Kitty (Bruce) Grondahl, Cindy Phillip and Dianna Wright; two grandchildren, Samantha (Jerry) Pruitt and Rob Grondahl; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Pruitt and Braydon Pruitt.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wright and one son, John Wright.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Mary Dravis

Mary Jane Dravis, 86, of Staples, passed away peacefully August 16, 2024 at Lakewood Health Memory Care Center, Staples.

Funeral services were held August 23 at at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Mary was born to George and Gladys (Peroutka) Sedivy on December 24, 1937 in Montgomery. She attended High School in Blue Earth, graduating with the class of 1955. She attended St. Catherine's University and graduated with a B.A. in Home Economics in 1959. She was united in marriage to Donald J. Dravis on June 18, 1960.

Mary and Don started life together in St. Cloud and in 1963 moved to Staples where they stayed to raise five children together. Mary was the core of the family, supporting all activities that her children and Don were involved in. You would always find Mary at any Staples wrestling event that Don coached, keeping the scorebook or encouraging the wrestlers or referees to do their best. After Don retired, they followed their grandchildren in all their events no matter where the event was, they were there.

Mary also loved quilting, sewing, crafts as well as gardening, canning and walking. She was a Lions member and volunteered



in many capacities in the Sacred Heart Church. She enjoyed her coffee group and a couple's "Bridge" group.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Paula (Mark) Redemske and Mary Jo (Jim) Otteson; three sons, Greg (Traci), Blaine and Jeff (Tara); 14 grandchildren, Alyssa (Joe), Brian (Bailey), Cal (Aubrey), Derek, Casey, Jacob, Matthew, Sarah and their mother Dana, Justin (Chloe), Cody, Taylor, Kate, Garrett (Maddison) and Trevor (Lexie); three great-grandsons, Graham, Kase and Dawson; four siblings and their spouses, George (Diane) Sedivy, Patricia (Donn) Fahrendorf, Barb Sedivy, Mike Sedivy and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Don, of 59 years; parents and one brother John.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
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:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546

Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples

Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
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

Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140

Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.

YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing

Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470

Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament

Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E

Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor

Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.

Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399

Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296

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MASS:

Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466

Pastor Greg Leslie
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Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen

218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....8:30 a.m.

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager

Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN

218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN

Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN

Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481

218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
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

Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor

SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale

218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale

Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale

218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central Community Church
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)

Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW

Verndale.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:

Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296

info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:

Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church

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

Wadena

St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN

218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

"Vision"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

How's your vision? My vision challenges were diagnosed when I was in fifth grade. Nearsightedness was my issue. I was immensely helped when the glasses came (until I was playing king of the hill on a snow mound at school and broke those glasses...I think in the first week!)

There is something far greater than physical myopia and that is spiritual myopia. We hear in Scripture that "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Some physically blind people have had tremendous mental and spiritual vision and insights that teach us who have physical sight.

Organizations spend great amounts of time and money, often with consultants, in coming up with corporate vision to direct decision making with clarity. Often there is the three-fold combination of Vision-Mission-Values. To name a few, I see those prominently displayed at Lakewood Health System and Pizza Ranch.

I so appreciate the old Irish hymn which has ever current application entitled, "Be Thou My Vision." The first verse goes, "Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art - Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, They presence my life." The following three verses are worth your consideration too, if you could access them.

Who or what do you have your life sights upon? Our spiritual vision (or lack of it) in this life not only has tremendous implications for this day or this week, but has even more implications for our life hereafter.

God is so generous in His goodness all around and within us. But like all idols, something good can go out of its intended design and boundaries and can actually become a snare to us. Are you holding God's gift of life with open, grateful and trusting life-hands or...grabbing, entitled and suspicious life-hands? It all depends on your "vision."

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Volleyball season opens with 2nd place in tourney

The Staples-Motley volleyball team placed second at the Royalton tournament on Aug. 23, 2024, starting the season out with three wins and a close loss in the championship game. The Cards started slowly in their first round, dropping their first set 15-25 against Foley, but turned it around winning 25-23 in the second set, and ran away with the third set 15-6. They did the same thing in the second round, losing the first set against Pierz, but coming back to win the next two.

Staples-Motley won their third round game in two straight against Pine City. That brought SM to the championship game against the home team, Royalton. The Cardinals pushed the first set to extra points before falling 28-30. That stopped their momentum in the second set, where they lost 16-25, settling for second place in the tournament.

Team results
Staples-Motley 2, Foley 1: 15-25, 25-23, 15-6
Miranda Schotzko: Kills-2, Blocks-2
Jade Storry: Aces-1, Kills-3, Blocks-1, Digs-5
Ellie Lange: Digs-2
Livi Lorber: Kills-14, Blocks-2
Annie Schlosser: Aces-2, Kills-3, Blocks-2, Digs-1, Assists-21
Izzy Becker: Kills-1, Blocks-1, Digs-4
Lilly Tyrrell: Digs-5
Hannah Cole: Kills-1, Blocks-1
Staples-Motley 2, Pierz 1: 17-25, 25-14, 15-9
Storry: Aces-2, Assists-1,

Kills-4
Lange: Digs-2
Lorber: Aces-1, Kills-16, Blocks-3, Digs-1
Schlosser: Kills-5, Assists-21
Becker: Aces-1, Kills-2, Blocks-1, Digs-3
Tyrrell: Digs-4
Cole: Kills-3, Blocks-4
Staples-Motley 2, Pine City 0: 25-20, 25-12
Schotzko: Kills-3, Blocks-2
Storry: Aces-1, Kills-2
Lange: Aces-1, Assists-1, Digs-6
Lorber: Assists-1, Kills-8, Blocks-3

Schlosser: Kills-3, Blocks-3, Assists-12
Becker: Kills-1, Blocks-1, Digs-1
Tyrrell: Aces-3, Digs-4
Cole: Blocks-1
Championship game vs Royalton: 28-30, 16-25
Schotzko: Kills-3, Blocks-3
Storry: Assists-1, Kills-6, Blocks-1, Digs-4
Lange: Digs-2
Lorber: Aces-1, Kills-6
Schlosser: Assists-16, Kills-3, Blocks-1, Digs-3
Becker: Kills-2, Blocks-1, Digs-2
Tyrrell: Digs-5



Volleyball practice

Staples-Motley volleyball players at a practice at the new elementary school gym this season. The high school varsity gym is expected to be ready for home games this season.



Attacking the net

Heidi Zimmerman, above, and Madison Perius, below, took advantage of their opponents' short shots by slamming them back over the net. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



New tennis lineup wins Highway 10 Tournament

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team won the Highway 10 Tournament, Aug. 20. Doubles matches were played at the Staples-Motley courts and singles played at Wadena-Deer Creek. The season is starting with most of the team playing in new positions after losing three seniors from last year's team. "I'm really proud of how the girls played and it was a great day of tennis," said Coach Nikki Paskewitz. "I'm excited to keep watching them grow this season and it was such a fun way to get started." Ronnie Noska placed first at the number one singles position, with Jaida Holst, first at number three singles. Corinne Olson was third in the second singles position and Kaylee Perius

was third in the fourth singles position. In doubles, Heidi Zimmerman and Madison Perius made into the championship round at number one doubles position, but lost, finishing second. Natalie Hanson and Sarah Kroll placed second in number two doubles. The number three doubles team improved throughout the tournament, with Andrea DiGiovanni pairing with both Charlie Noska and Lydia Roelofs. They lost in the first match, and won the rest of the way to win the consolation bracket. Mia Pesta and Carolyn Hoppe also had exhibition wins. The tournament included some very good teams, New London-Spicer, Moorhead, Rocori, Sartell, Little Falls, Detroit Lakes and Wade-

na-Deer Creek. Detroit Lakes and Wadena-Deer Creek.



Lydia Roelofs



Andrea DiGiovanni



Sarah Kroll, left, and Natalie Hanson, right, celebrate winning a big point.







Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #1
Mon., July 22, 2024,
6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Members Reese, Winkels, Reeck, Wright, Anderson and Trout were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill and other staff members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized those in attendance.

Superintendent Performance Review Summary was read by Chair Winkels

School/Community Forum

None

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the June 24, 2024 regular meeting

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for Ticket Gate - \$1,000

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for Cafeteria - \$200

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for Community Education - \$50

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for Concessions - \$350

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for HS Student Services Office - \$50

Approval of Petty Cash Fund for District Office - \$50

Approve Ryan Koenigs as LEA (Local Education Authority) Person of the District (Standard Annual Approval for NCLB/Title I Programs)

Approve the 2024-2025 School Resource Officer Agreement

Approve the 2024-2025 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State Community & Technical College PSEO contract. - MOVED FROM CONSENT TO BELOW

Approve the resignation of Ben Bestland, Assistant Volleyball Coach

Approve the hire of Emily Benson, First Grade Teacher.

Approve the 2024 fall coaches list

Motion by Trout, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda.

MC

Approve the 2024-2025 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State Community & Technical College PSEO contract.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Reese. MC (Wright abstained)

Finance Items

(Finance Committee Minutes)

Financial Report

General Fund, \$761,351.93

Food Service, \$33,228.68

Community Service, \$24,252.42

Construction Fund, \$1,011,024.05

Debt Service, \$0.00

Fund 45, \$0.00

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright, to approve the June Disbursements.

MC

General Fund, \$2,095,943.64

Food Service, \$76,344.17

Community Service Fund, \$49,996.85

Construction Fund, \$347,811.94

Debt Service Fund, \$595,528.43

Fund 45, \$3,585.31

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the June receipts.

MC

Motion by Reese, seconded by Reeck, to approve the Resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2026 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance ten-year plan. MC

ROLL CALL VOTE: Winkels, Wright, Anderson, Reeck, Trout and Reese in favor, none opposed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2024-2025 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule.

MC

Cabinet Presentation

Technology Director

Presentation by Technology Director Brandsma

Facilities

Update by Superintendent Tappe

Curriculum / Policy

Motion by Wright, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2024-2025 MS/HS Activities Handbook.

MC

2024-2025 MS/HS Handbook is available for Board review. (No action at this time)

2024-2025 Elementary Handbook is available for Board review. (No action at this time)

Other

MSHSL Video Presenta-

tion

Personnel

Motion by Trout, seconded by Anderson, to approve the retirement of Cathi Dummprope, elementary paraprofessional effective 12-6-2024. MC

Thank you, Cathi, for your 30 years of service to the Staples-Motley School District.

Reports:

School Board:

FED

Sourcewell - May 21, 2024

and June 18, 2024 Minutes

Principals

Superintendent

SMEA report

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. MC

36pnc

SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING/WORK
SESSION MINUTES
Meeting #2 -
August 5, 2024 -
6 p.m. - District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Winkels.

Members Anderson, Reeck, Winkels, Reese, Trout and Wright were present comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, recording clerk Larson, staff members and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. MC

Consent Agenda

Approve the hire of Christopher Mumm, Middle/High School Industrial Tech/Agriculture Teacher effective 24/25 school year.

Approve the hire of Staci Schultz, Jr. High Tennis Coach.

Approve the hire of Rebecca Gonzalez, High School C Squad Volleyball Coach.

Approve the resignation of William Sauber, Elementary Custodian effective August 2, 2024.

Motion by Trout, seconded by Wright, to approve the consent agenda. MC

A tour of "The Nest" project was given

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. MC

36pnc



Singing some Johnny and June

Rod Enberg, Motley, and Hannah Krebs, Staples, sang the Johnny Cash/June Carter country classic, "Jackson" at the Batcher Block Opera House's recent

celebration. They were accompanied by house musicians Chris Bremmer, at left; and Chris Frost, right. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Mark Strom,
Secretary

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-24-693

Estate of
Gwendolyn J. Carney,
Decedent

NOTICE AND
ORDER FOR HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
DESCENT
OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

This Hearing will be held:

X Via Zoom; this will be an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required. If there is an objection to this petition, you will be notified of another date and time.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on September 23, 2024, at 10:14 a.m., by this Court at First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: 8/13/2024

BY THE COURT

Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Kim Peterson
Court Administrator

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35-36pnc

Court report Aug. 21

Long Prairie Police Department

Blake Michael William Bolton, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Kaylee Elizabeth Goertz, Minneapolis. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Joshienid Maldonado Brito, Long Prairie. Speed 46/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Thomas Ivan Shafer, Elmwood, Wis. Aquatic Plant Control- fail to display APM permit sticker. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Minnesota State Patrol

George Earlloyd Thompson, Modesto, Calif. Speed 79/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Garvin Luis Acevedo Arias, Long Prairie. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Yohandri Jose Andara Rangel, Inver Grove Heights. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Tori Ellen Barnes, Oceanside, Calif. Speed 97/70. Fine \$100. Fee \$185.

Angela Diana Blackshear, Lewistown, Mont. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Robert Aaron Brown Jr., Alexandria. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Charles Joseph Bushinger, Wadena. Hands-Free Law- hold wireless communications device with one or both hands. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Adolfo Cantu, Eagle Bend. Speed 71/50. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. No motorcycle endorsement. Fine \$50. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200.

Grace Lela Carleton, Bemidji. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Olivia Andrea Dempsey, Little Falls. Speed 69/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Keith Gerald Edmond, Nelson. Window tint (less than 50 percent light transmittance). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jennifer Kristin Eikren, Verona, Wis. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jeffery Scott Fox, St. Michael. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Otto Terrence Gockman, St. Paul. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Hannah Kay Gorder, Park Rapids. Speed 85/65. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

David Jay Hautman, Apple Valley. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Melinda Ann Hernandez Trigueros, Long Prairie. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ralph Todd Hubbard, Long Prairie. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Saifullah Iftikhar, Alexandria. Speed 74/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Stella Marie Johnson, Alexandria. Seatbelt required- driver and passengers must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Eric Scott Keppers, Browerville. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Travis Francis Kientz, Detroit Lakes. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Arnold Ardell Kooistra, Sioux Falls, S.Dak. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Yamoah Afrifa Kyei, Coon Rapids. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Dennis Lyles, Decatur, Ill. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Jaquelin Mejiagrandados, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Ulises Orozco Ambriz, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Nakota Loveday Patrick, Whitelaw, Wis. Speed 73/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ronald Alexander Silvestre Mojica, St. Cloud. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Alissa White Smith, Buffalo. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Travis Denton Foster Smith, Long Prairie. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Dismissed.

Miguel Angel Villarreal, Sauk Centre. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Kelsie Dee Walsh, Osakis. Window tint less than 50 percent light transmittance. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

James Michael Wesbur, Belgrade. Windshield tinted or glazed. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Hanna Marie Rohl Wiseman, Moorhead. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Ethan Daniel Wittmer Gerde, Miltona. Speed 78/55. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Kimorah Laulul Yobeck, Hewitt. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Instruction permit violation (18 years or older). Fine \$50.

Todd County Sheriff's Office

Francisco Jabier Carrasco Hernandez, Melrose. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Balthazar Evenson, Browerville. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Amanda Marie Hartman, Clarissa. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Alexandria Opal Lindstrom, Rochester. Drugs-First Degree- sale- 17 grams or more-cocaine or meth within 90-day-period. Dismissed.

Bryan Jesus Manuel Marrero Class, Long Prairie. Violate limited driver's license conditions- license not in possession. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Timothy Allen Mikish, Browerville. Seatbelt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85. Operate vehicle with expired registration. Fine \$30. Open bottle law; possession. Fine \$100. Driver fails to yield right of way to emergency vehicle. Fine \$100. Driver must carry roof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200.

Joseph Jaurean Morales, Browerville. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Fail to deliver certificate to transferee within 10 days. Fine \$200.

Lucas Robert Shields, Burnsville. Speed 78/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Lauren Wyatt Twa McLain, Staples. Dog kills/pursues domestic livestock. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brittany Mae Waldvogel, Long Prairie. Assault- Fourth Degree-peace officer- throws/ transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer, April 23, 2024. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed. Assault- Fourth Degree- correction employee /probation officer/ prosecutor/ judge- intentionally transfers bodily fluids, May 25, 2024. Dismissed. Assault- Fourth Degree- Correctional employee; probation officer; prosecutor; judge- demonstrable bodily harm. Dismissed. Domestic Assault- subsequent violation. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed.

Amy Renae Walker, Long Prairie. Speed 45/30. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 12, 2024.

Tyler John Hanson, Alexandria. Burglary in the first degree- dwelling-occupied. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct- offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Local confinement 90 days, stay 51 days for one year. Credit for time served: 39 days. Supervised probation, one year.

Justin Brent Lind, Fergus Falls. Driving after cancellation. Dismissed, conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Aug. 13, 2024.

Mark Francis Adamietz, Staples. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$100. Fee totals \$175. Local confinement 364 days, stay 362 days for two years. Credit for time served: two days. Unsupervised probation, two years.

Benjamin Lee Hatton, Randall. Damage to property-Fourth Degree-intentional damage. Continued for dismissal. Fee totals: \$50. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year.

Michelle Renee O'Reilly, Brainerd. Failure to produce proof of insurance. Dismissed. Driving after suspension. Sentenced. Fine \$50. Fee totals \$125. Local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year. Unsupervised probation, one year.



Starting the Ziegler 5k

The Ziegler 5k at Railroad Days in Staples kicked off with a kids run, above, and continued with a 5k run for all ages, below. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Fan-friendly race course

The Ziegler 5K course made three loops past the start/finish area, giving fans the opportunity to view the runners as they passed by.



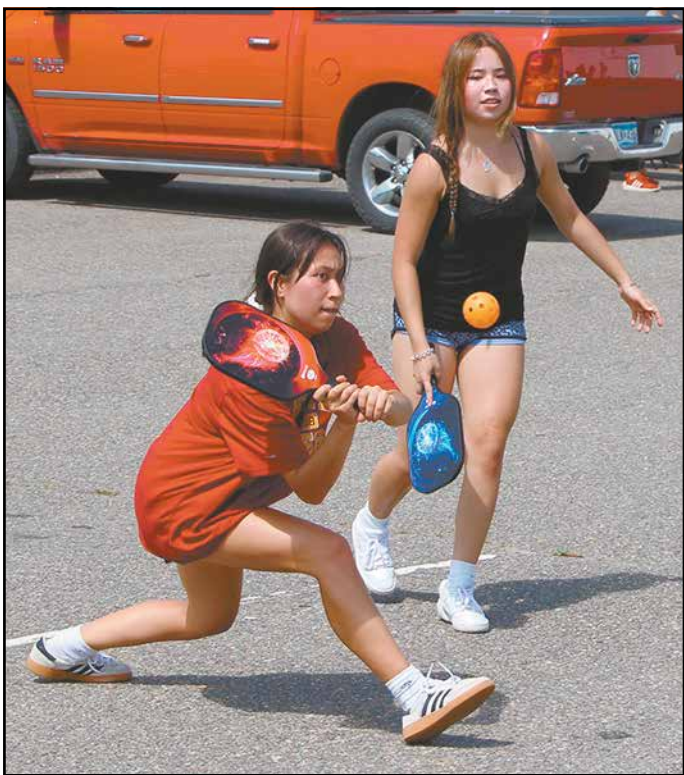
Medal winners

Top finishers for the Ziegler 5k at Railroad Days, from left, Eric Januszewski, 2nd place, Isaac Landecker, 1st place and Andrew Dobson, 3rd place.



Pickleball champs

Team Bates (Brian and Luke Bates) of Staples were the champions of BECK’S Burgers pickleball tournament held during Staples Railroad Days. Twelve teams participated in the event. (Submitted photos)



Pickleball action photos. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Future firefighter?

A young girl enjoyed riding in a Staples fire truck during the Railroad Days Parade, waving at the crowd and throwing candy from the window. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



The crowd interacts with the Wild Creek Entertainers.

Wild west in downtown Staples

The Wild Creek Entertainers Show put on some skits from the wild west during Railroad Days on Aug. 17. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Railroad Days beanbag tournament at Lefty’s.



Family time at Railroad Days

The Rislund family of Staples had a fun time during Railroad Days in Staples Aug. 17, including a stop at Tower Pizza for lunch. Pictured from left are Erik, Oak-

lyn (in front) and Annie Rislund, along with an unidentified girl at their table. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



A group of friends cheers on a competitor in the Railroad Days pedal pull



Enjoying lunch, fellowship and prizes

Attendees at the recent Staples-Motley Area Communities Connect event in Staples enjoyed a free lunch (catered by Tower Pizza in Staples), as well as connecting with others in attendance. They also had the opportunity to win free gifts and prizes. Pictured, from left, are Rita Stracek, Jackie Dumpprope, Judy Petrie, Virginia Axel,

Teresa Sorenson, Dawn Goble (holding a T-shirt she won) and Verna Toenyan . Sorenson was one of the vendors at the event, representing Todd County Veterans Services; and Toenyan had a booth with information about Horizon Health, Inc. and Minnesota Triad. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Connecting with local resources

A total of 34 vendors had booths set up at the Staples-Motley Area Communities Connect event Aug. 14, held at Central Lakes College in Staples. The event was sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. Booths had information about county services, health care pro-

viders, veterans services, senior citizen services, Legal Aid, mental health professionals and more. The event was free, and included lunch, haircut vouchers, consultations, gifts and the opportunity to win prizes. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Hi Rise Community picnic held

The Staples Hi Rise held their eighth annual Picnic on the Patio Aug-ust 17, a free community event held during Rail-road Days. The afternoon picnic included brats, hot dogs, pulled turkey sand-wiches, beans, chips, ice cream, beverages and popcorn, along with a lot of visiting and smiling fac-es.

Shelby Gawarecki is newest family medicine provider at Lakewood Health

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Shelby Gawarecki, physician assistant (PA-C), to its team of family medicine providers. Originally from Crook-ston, Gawarecki received her undergraduate degree from the Minnesota State University Moorhead, and completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree at the University of North Dakota. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. As a family medicine provider, Gawarecki loves the variety family medicine offers, from pedi-atrics to geriatrics. She has a special interest in natural family planning and women's health, and is passionate about preventative care. "I chose to provide care at Lakewood because of recommendations from those who seek medical care there. I have heard nothing but good things about the providers and I'm excited to be part of something great. I am looking forward to building lasting relationships



Shelby Gawarecki, PA-C

with my patients and those with whom I work." Gawarecki enjoys spending time with her husband, Adam, and their two boys. As a family, they love to hike and explore the outdoors, travel and take road trips. In their free time, she and her husband also love to spend time doing photography. Starting Aug. 26, Gawarecki will be seeing patients at Lakewood's Staples clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 218-894-1515 or schedule online at lakewood-healthsystem.com.



Faithful SM Beyond Poverty volunteers

Volunteers with Staples Motley Beyond Poverty (SMBP) were busy Aug. 16, at the Staples-Motley Area Communities Connect event at Central Lakes College in Staples. The free event was presented by SMBP. Pictured, from left, are Gail Honek, Amy Wiese, Kim Pilgrim, Autumn Nelson, Darla Hoemberg, Lace Aguirre, Terri Bailey. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Little Red Caboose Variety Show during Railroad Days



Animal and the Doot Doot Birds from the Muppet Show performed, "Mah-Nah-Mah-Nah." From left: Amanda Mithun, Kevin Olsen, Megan Trout



Members of the Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) sang "Songs of a Disney Villian." The SAWC is directed by Brianna Robertson and accompanied by Mary Beth Brockpahler. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Gary and Dawn Timbs performed, "Troublesome Waters." Gary Timbs also sang, "My God Brought Me From a Mighty Long Way."



Brian Sterriker performed, "Sonata #5"



Cade Bestland performed the Elton John classic, "Your Song."



The Little Moran River Band closed the show with "He Thinks He'll Keep Her." Front from left: Don Vogt, Deb Otteson, Lauren Rutten, Amy Rutten. Back: Mike Blessing, Ray Gildow, Rick Brichacek, Nathan Beard (hidden).



Members of the Staples Area Men's Chorus, directed by Teresa Hamp and accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz, led the audience in "The National Anthem" and also performed a few songs including, "Fly Me To the Moon."



Jack Tyrrell, accompanied by Sandy Paskewitz, performed "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables."



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