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Mighty big pumpkins Elias DeGeest, nine, of Cushing took first place at the Motley Fall Fest's pumpkin weighing contest Oct. 11, at the Motley Fairgrounds. DeGeest planted the Atlantic Giants seeds last spring at his grandparents' farm in Browerville. He entered four pumpkins in the contest, with the largest weighing 295 pounds. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Nominations open for Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame

The Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame held their initial induction ceremony on Aug. 17, 2025. At that ceremony, Stan Carlson, former SM teacher and choral director, was inducted surrounded by students of his from several generations. Nominations are now open to join Carlson in the first class of inductees in April 2026. Until Jan. 1, 2026, nominations will be open to identify community members, directors/coaches, and alumni of Staples or Motley Schools who have encouraged, promoted, demonstrated outstanding artistic performance or produced exemplary and community enhancing artifacts in the areas of theater, music, speech, dance and visual arts. It's the mission of the Staples-Motley Artistic Hall of Fame to recognize significant accomplishments and contributions to artistic creation in the Staples and Motley communities, and to stimulate creativity in our schools, organizations and homes. To nominate an individual or group, the form can be found on the SM Artistic Hall of Fame Facebook page. With questions, email sm.artistic.hof@gmail.com



PET/CT scanner at Lakewood Cancer Center

Thomas McCall, Director of Radiology at Lakewood Health System, tells a tour group about the new PET/CT scanner. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cancer center open house shows ample space, high technology

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Visitors to the Lakewood Health System Cancer Center open house got their first view of the new facility that will officially open Oct. 23. The 19,270 square-foot addition to the Lakewood Staples campus has 14 infusion rooms, 10 exam rooms and two radiation exam rooms. Two large pieces of technology are the PET/CT imaging scanner and the linear accelerator for radiation therapy. The infusion rooms are close to the nurses station and includes a food station for patients needing a snack as they get chemotherapy infusions. The exam rooms are equipped with technology and are adorned with paintings from a Minnesota artist. Thomas McCall, Lakewood radiologist, showed the new PET/CT scan machine, which stands for



Linear accelerator for radiation therapy

Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta explains the ne linear accelerator machine at the Lakewood Cancer Center.

positron emission tomography. This is where the patient lies down on a table that rolls into the middle of the circular PET scanner. McCall said the machine can do all the functions of a CT scan, but this one will be used mainly for tracking cancer. Radiation oncologist Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta showed the linear accelerator, which is used for radiation treatment. She said it takes longer to prepare a patient for the radiation treatment. See **LAKEWOOD** on page 3a

Weather

2025
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 15	53	46	Cloudy
Oct. 16	61	53	Showers
Oct. 17	65	47	M. Cloudy
Oct. 18	58	40	M. Cloudy
Oct. 19	55	38	M. Sunny
Oct. 20	57	40	P. Sunny
Oct. 21	53	37	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2024

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 15	52°	28	Sunny
Oct. 16	55	33	Sunny
Oct. 17	71	46	Sunny
Oct. 18	66	50	Cloudy
Oct. 19	56	48	M. Cloudy
Oct. 20	72	47	Sunny
Oct. 21	81	50	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 54° Low = 37°

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Public Notices

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Early Reminder:

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Moon ring

A ring around the moon was visible at 2:52 a.m. Oct. 7. Sometimes referred to as the lunar halo, the visible ring can mean rain or snow is about to fall or a prediction of bad weather. The next evening, a hard frost hit the area with temperatures reportedly as low as 28 degrees. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Class of ‘63 reunion at BRICKS in Motley

The Motley High School Class of 1963 held its 62nd reunion Sept. 20, 2025, at BRICKS in Motley. Pictured from left, back row: Elmer Johnson, Isanti; Paul Baumgartner, Monticello; Mikkel Bjerga, Motley; Edwin Neterval, Ada; Ron Stelck, Cushing. Middle: Norbert Cronin, Motley; Nancy (Zimmerman) Sadusky, Breezy

Point; Larry Beckner, Motley; Linda (Philipp) Hane, Ely; Ronnie Corner, East Bethel. Front: Sherry (Dingman) Mudgett, Motley; Betty (Scheid) Johannes, Motley; Janet (Jordahl) Greig, Motley; Mary (Eisenlohr) Helmerick, Cottage Grove; Jean (Russell) Seely, Casselton, N.D. (Submitted photo)

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Movie crowd enjoys warm fall weather

Warm weather on Oct. 4 allowed a large crowd to relax on the grass and in their yard chairs during the Octoberfest movie in the park, sponsored by the Staples

Motley Area Women of Today. (Staples World photo by Mark Andreson)



Motley Lions donate to local food shelf

Motley Lions President Bruce Brotherton, left, recently presented a \$5,000 check to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Also pictured are Jodi Reeck (center), MAFS Director, and Sherry Frisk, MAFS volunteer and Motley Lion. (Submitted photo)



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Radiation at the atomic level

ment than it does to do the scan. The machine rotates around the patient and shoots photon beams precisely to the tumor areas while avoiding other parts of the body. Dr. Mabanta said they also use lower-level electron particles for surface cancers.

She said the linear accelerator will mainly be used for prescribed cancer treatments, but it can also

be used for palliative radiation, which helps ease the pain of patients who are about to enter hospice.

To get to the Lakewood Cancer Center, patients can go to Entrance B and take the elevator or stairs down one level. Lakewood is planning a separate check-in station for cancer patients who visit frequently so they can sign in quickly.



Cancer center tour

Emily McGovern, left, talks about the new exam rooms at the Lakewood Cancer Center. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Todd Cty. court report Oct. 8

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Daniel Joe Adams, St. Ansgar, IA. Watercraft-personal floatation or life-saving devices required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Nicholas Matthew Benjamin, Maple Grove. RV-fail to display valid ATV registration/decals as required. Fine \$25. Fee \$85.

Peter David Tiemann, Hanover. Take Coots, Moorheads or ducks in closed season. Fine \$100. Fee \$485.

Johnathan Dale Trendle, Albany. Fish & Game-deposit garbage, rubbish, debris and other waste outside shelter. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

MN State Patrol

Adrian Ambriz Montanez, Long Prairie. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ellen Ting Arnold, N. Hollywood, CA. Speed 85/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Tridelia Lisa Blamo, Otsego. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

David Vital Brouillard, Moorhead. Speed 75/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Rena Blair Browley, Brooklyn Park. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$75.

Leyla Yamilex Carcamo Granados, Murdock. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Michael Patrick Estes, Fargo, ND. Speed 91/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$145.

Andrew John Heacock, Fergus Falls. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Maya Leigh Killian, Mounds View. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Patricia Joan Kline, Detroit Lakes. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Madison Margot Lais, Fargo, ND. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Darlen Carol Lepree, St. Cloud. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Anna Marie Martin, Vancouver, WA. Speed 89/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Miguel Gabriel Miranda, Alexandria. Speed 77/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after suspension. Fine \$200.

Daniel Jason Nathe, Long Prairie. Speed 86/55. Fine \$150. Fee \$235.

Erik David Pederson, Arlington, VA. Speed 84/60. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Carlos Alberto Pirona Ramirez, Minneapolis. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40.

Karen Kay Regelin, Pillager.

Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Roberto Santiago Negron, Alexandria. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Mason John Sawyer, Deer Creek. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Ellie Marie Scheidt, Glencoe. Speed 79/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Lisa Alyce Sprenger, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

John Scott Stephan, Frenchtown, MT. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Brady John Thompson, Elk River. Speed 72/60. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Casey Mark Totten, Jamestown, ND. Hands free law. Fine \$50. Fee \$85.

Jonathon, Jr. Ulloa, Long Prairie. Speed 76/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200.

Marley Severine Volker, St. Paul. Speed 93/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

Riley John Welhousen, Tiltonka, IA. Seat belt required. Fine \$25. Fee \$75.

Peyton Carter Wentz, Fargo, ND. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Todd County Sheriff

Gregg Douglas Anderson, Grey Eagle. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Javier Gerardo Aquino Gerardo, St. Paul. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Expired registration. Fine \$30.

Dawn Marie Barthman, Staples. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Johmuel Abner Casillas Rodriguez, Long Prairie. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85.

Juanito Deaza-Santos, Long Prairie. Driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle. Fine \$200. Fee \$85.

Ashley Marie Greenwood, Browerville. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Courtland Edward Holman, Mound. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.

Corey Matthew Hopp, Staples. Speed 64/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.

Jordan James Kern, Wadena. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Myron Eugene Kimber, Bertha. Expired registration. Fine \$30. Fee \$85.

Stanley Isaiah Ramsrud, Bagley. Speed 65/45. Fine \$70. Fee \$155.

75 YEARS Ago - 1950

Oct. 19, 1950 - At the meeting of the Staples Men's Chorus held at the band room in the school building Monday evening of this week, Ken Greeno was elected president of the chorus for the coming year. Mr. Greeno served as vice president last season, and succeeds Victor Goepferd who becomes governor of the chorus for the coming year.

Other officers elected with Mr. Greeno include Harold Barrett as vice president; Glenn Sansburn as secretary; Robert Blessing as treasurer; and Robert Case as director. Erling Lian will again be the conductor and director of the chorus.

The first concert for the

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Compiled by Dawn Timbs

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choir this fall will be at the Leader Community Hall on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, under the auspices of the Swan Valley Lutheran church.

Oct. 19, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Topp of Motley celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 14, in the Motley Methodist Church with an open house for their friends. The Topps, who were married 50 years ago, Oct. 11, 1900, in Watertown, S.D., have eight children and 11 grandchildren.

Oct. 19, 1950 - Junior Van Henke, of rural Aldrich accidentally shot himself in his foot one day last week while hunting crows.

The bullet from a .22 rifle entered his foot between the fourth and fifth toes, splintering the bone.

He was brought to the Staples Municipal hospital where he remained for several days until the wound had healed enough for his attending physician to place his foot in a cast. He is in the sixth grade at District 4 school north of Aldrich.

50 YEARS Ago - 1975

Oct. 16, 1975 - Jeff Cizek scores 4 TD's gains 199 yards as Cards defeat C-I. Tied at 12-12 at halftime, the Staples Cardinals came on strong in the third and fourth quarters, with a touchdown in each, for a 28-12 triumph in their homecoming football game over the visiting Crosby-Ironton Rangers last Friday evening.

Oct. 16, 1975 - The Motley Rockets went down in defeat to the Pillager Huskies at the Huskies Homecoming, Sept. 26.

Pillager's first touchdown came at the beginning of the 1st quarter with a pass from quarterback Todd Fornshell to halfback Mark Fogle. The extra points attempt failed.

The Rockets first 6 points came on a 2 yard run by senior quarterback Jim Albrecht in the 2nd quarter.

Oct. 16, 1975 - Three young ladies, daughters of area beef producers, will be vying for the title of Mid-Minnesota Beef Princess at the next meeting of the MMBGA, which will

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1975. 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.

be held at Sebek Public School Oct. 20.

The three contestants are Debra Schoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schoon of Wadena; Kim Kleinke, daughter of the Ernest Kleinkes of Sebek; and Lori Swanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swanson of Staples.

Oct. 16, 1975 - Ernie Weber, owner of Ernie's Food Market, turned a symbolic first spadeful of dirt last week at the beginning of excavation for his new supermarket. The structure will be located on First Avenue and Fifth Street, the site of the old Coast to Coast building. The new store will cover 11,616 square feet, of which about 7,900 square feet will be store-sales area. Completion is anticipated in early spring.

Oct. 16, 1975 - The Industrial Apparel Production class of the Staples Area Vocational Technical Institute recently placed its first graduates. Ann Ingebritson, instructor, presented diplomas to Hue Thi Vu and Hang Thi Nguyen. Both graduates have been hired by Munsingwear, Inc., of Little Falls.

25 YEARS Ago - 2000

Oct. 19, 2000 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently presented a welcome certificate to Mike and Sheila Stevens, the new owners of Mr. Ed's Restaurant in Motley. They are planning to continue the same services as the previous owners with few changes. Chamber members present included Jennelle Shriver and Mel Nefstead.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Lori Rothstein, the daughter of Marv and Connie Rothstein of Staples, has been accepted

into the Peace Corps.

Lori will be departing for Namibia, Africa on Oct. 26 to become a secondary education volunteer. A 1996 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Lori attended Valparaiso University in Indiana and earned a bachelor of arts in ethnic studies and German, graduating in 2000.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Staples Motley's boys cross country won the team title Oct. 12 at Crosby-Ironton, claiming their sixth straight Mid State Conference title.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Staples Motley Cardinals girls won the Mid-State Conference cross country title last Thursday at Ruttgers golf course near Crosby-Ironton. Liza Milless claimed the individual title, beating out Courtney Anderson of the Wadena-Deer Creek team for the title by four seconds.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Mary Giza, past president of the Staples '93 Lions, received a Helen Keller Sight Award from Joe Steinemann, Lions District Governor, at the Staples '93 Lions meeting Oct. 9. District Gov. Steinemann and his wife, Lori, were the guests of the club at that meeting.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Justin Windschitl of Staples will perform with the St. Olaf Band, one of the nation's premiere collegiate concert bands, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan as part of the band's fall concert tour Oct. 22 - Nov. 6. Windschitl plays bassoon in the band and is a junior at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Dale Vukelich was one of the last donors Monday at the Red Cross bloodmobile stop

in Staples. Vukelich, who works at Morey's in Motley, said this was only his second time to donate in Staples. In contrast, Ruth Chapman was also one of the last donors. She reported she is just two pints short of being a 6-gallon donor, having given blood for nearly 30 years, both here and at other locations.

Oct. 19, 2000 - Ephrem Shaffer was the grand prize winner in the annual Fire Prevention Week poster contest sponsored by the Staples Fire Department. He is a fifth grader at Sacred Hear School. His younger sister, third grader Gemma Shaffer, was a third place winner for the third grade category.

10 YEARS Ago - 2015

Oct. 15, 2015 - After enjoying a meal out with her family in celebration of her 100th birthday, Evelyn Adams hopped on board a Harley Davidson. "We were at BRICKS in Motley," said daughter-in-law Susan Adams, who went on to share that "a really nice bike rider" was also at the restaurant and when he learned of Evelyn's birthday, offered to let her wear his gear and sit on the motorcycle. "I had hip surgery a few years ago, so I thought I better not go for a ride," Evelyn said. "That would have been fun, though."

Oct. 15, 2015 - An evening of baseball nostalgia and fundraiser for the Pine Grove Park baseball field will be held Oct. 17, at the Staples Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go towards the proposed grandstand at Pine Grove Park.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 12, 2000 edition of the Staples World featured the Vintage Golf Course's Oldsmobile Classic winners who traveled to Orlando and Disney World to compete in the National Oldsmobile finals. From left are Rick Odden, Brad Anderson, Dave Kluever, team pro, Kyra Ladd and Dave Jessop. This team was the only one of nine teams from Minnesota to make the final cut in the 130-team Net Division. They finished in a two-way tie for 22nd place in the nation.

Kyra (Odden) Ladd of Staples, shared, "It's me and my Team!" going

on to identify everyone in the group which included her dad, Rick Odden, and brother-in law, Brad Anderson. "We qualified for the Buick National Scramble in Orlando at Walt Disney World and it was AWESOME - so awesome that Brad and I returned to the National tournament in 2002 with a slightly different team and we won the national championship! So much fun and lots of memories. Yay us!"

Kay Jessop of Staples knew everyone except the golf pro from Alexandria. "Awesome time," she said. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo



Tree trimming

Crews were busy trimming trees along 4th St. NE by the football field in Staples on Oct. 7.

Water still important part of agriculture

By Jeppe Kjaersgaard
Minnesota Department of
Agriculture

Minnesota’s agricul-tural productivity relies on the long-term avail-ability of clean, reliable water. As pressures on our groundwater grow—due to changing climate, increas-ing demand, and evolving land use—our conservation strategies must evolve as well. A major new grant better positions us to meet these challenges as we ex-pand innovative water-effi-cient irrigation practices over the next five years.

The Minnesota Depart-ment of Agriculture (MDA) and partner organizations recently were awarded \$11.16 million from the US-DA’s Regional Conserva-tion Partnership Program (RCPP) to improve irriga-tion efficiency, enhance nitrogen and water man-agement, and safeguard groundwater quality and quantity. This five-year ini-tiative will serve producers across 25 counties—including Todd—and bring to-gether a diverse network of technical experts, con-servation professionals, and agricultural stakeholders.

This new investment builds on momentum from earlier work. In 2021, MDA received \$3.5 million in RCPP funding to pilot similar practices. Those efforts demonstrated that well-targeted financial and technical support—deliv-ered through strong local partnerships—can signifi-cantly improve irrigation efficiency and reduce nutri-ent losses on farms. With the expanded funding, we now have an opportunity to scale these benefits to more producers and regions statewide.

Financial assistance for producers is expected to be available in late 2025. Over the course of the project, MDA and its partners will



Water researcher

Jeppe Kjaersgaard speaks during Field Day at Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in Staples this year. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

focus on strengthening local capacity. That includes expanding training for staff in Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), building technical expertise, and supporting peer learning across agencies and producers. The project also will host demonstration events and field days to showcase precision irrigation tools and practices in real-world settings.

One of the greatest strengths of this effort is the depth and diversity of collaboration it brings. Alongside MDA and the NRCS, partners include 26 SWCDs, the Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Center, AgCentric – Minnesota State, the University of

Minnesota, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and several irrigator associations and industry organizations. Each brings unique expertise to a shared goal: protecting Minnesota’s water resources while supporting farm resilience and sustainability.

This initiative reflects the kind of forward-looking, systems-based thinking needed to protect our natural resources and strengthen agricultural opportunity for the next generation. By aligning local knowledge, scientific innovation, and targeted investment, Minnesota continues to lead in the advancement of sustainable agriculture.

Quote of the week

“In football, everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team.”
— Jean-Paul Sartre

Engaging with the arts can help you live a longer, happier life

By Lisa Monroe
bluezones.com

A growing mountain of research is showing that engaging with the arts isn’t just a pleasant pastime—it can significantly impact one’s quality of life by improving cognitive ability, mental health, and physical well-being. In fact, engaging with the arts can change the neural pathways in our brains. A new field of study called neuroaesthetics focuses specifically on exploring how the brain responds to art, beauty, and other aesthetic stimuli.

The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine reports that both creating and seeing art can raise serotonin levels, increase blood flow to the part of the brain associated with pleasure, foster new ways of thinking, and instill a more positive outlook on the future.

Improving health through artistic pursuits isn’t an entirely new concept. Arts therapy, now a distinct field, has been leveraged for therapeutic purposes since the 1940s, when it was first used in settings like tuberculosis sanatoriums. But in truth, people have turned to art to enhance their lives for even longer than that.

Humans have been incorporating art into their lives and communities for tens of thousands of years. The first signs of artwork date back to the Upper Paleolithic period, approximately 40,000 to 10,000 years ago. The earliest evidence of artistic expression includes decorative patterns on ochre blocks, cave paintings depicting animals and humans, and carved objects like figurines.

Arts in the original blue zones

Proof that practicing art can positively influence well-being and longevity can be seen in the world’s original blue zones (primarily in Sardinia, Italy, and Ikaria, Greece), regions with the longest-lived, healthiest populations. Engaging with the arts in the blue zones—whether it be playing musical instruments or making traditional crafts—helps to give residents a purpose throughout their lives.

Traditional arts in Sardinia, the first original blue zones region, encompass a variety of mediums such as handweaving, ceramics, woodworking, metalworking, and jewelry making. These skills have been passed down through generations and are deeply intertwined in the island’s history and culture. Singing, storytelling, and artwork are all a part of the region’s

community rituals. Sardinian arts also contribute to the population’s slower, more mindful approach to daily living.

In Ikaria, a Greek island in the Aegean Sea, traditional arts include painting, wood carving, and sculpture. Older Ikarians may spend hours of their days making textiles or baking, and residents of all ages embrace music and dance. Many community members participate in festivals where creative expression is shared across generations.

In both Sardinia and Ikaria, many adults continue working with their hands well into old age. Participating in creative activities helps to provide them with a strong sense of purpose—a core Blue Zones Power 9® principle—contributing to up to seven years of increased life expectancy.

What research is showing us

There is now a wealth of research on how engaging with the arts can positively impact well-being. For example, a recent groundbreaking study in the UK has shown that participating in arts activities results in a suite of measurable and significant benefits for individuals and society. These include reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety, helping to protect against cognitive decline and reduce the risk of dementia, improving social connection, boosting productivity, and enhancing quality of life. The study also revealed that arts engagement can result in improvements in physical functioning, especially in older adults, following arts activities that require movement, such as dance.

Health benefits of singing

In one line of research now in its fourth year, the Aging Minds Project is comparing a group of older adults who participate in a community choir with a comparison group. In the first round of the study, this comparison group simply listened to music at home on their own. Then, in the next round, they practiced listening to music together. Most recently, study participants attended a music appreciation class.

“We’ve seen more improvement in the choir group,” Habibi explained. “There is something about learning to coordinate your auditory and motor system. You’re hearing something, and you have to be managing the output, but also in a group when you sing, you have to know when to step in, when to pull back, when it’s somebody else’s turn, when to raise your voice – all these smaller social adjustments. I believe it has benefits in terms of our social coordination and group

belongingness.”

The research is also showing that singing together in a group improves auditory perception—in simplest terms, it helps older adults to better hear a conversation while in a busy restaurant or a crowded room.

“There has been really strong evidence showing that individuals who have long-term music training are better with speech and noise perception than those who don’t have music training. They’re just generally better at directing their auditory system and attention to the relevant stimulus in their environment,” Habibi explained. “So our hypothesis has been: If we teach older adults (who have had no experience with music before) 20 weeks of music in a setting of a community choir, we can enhance their speech and noise perception from a mechanical perspective to see if they’re better at hearing and auditory perception, and whether they’d be more willing to communicate with others, having more social life, decrease of social isolation, and a more enriched life.”

The study recruits older adults aged 65 and up with no prior music training, then tests their cognitive abilities, memory, attention, and their engagement with their community and family members before and after the 20-week study period.

“We’ve not only seen improvements in speech, noise perception, which was our hypothesis—whether their auditory perception gets better—but we have now seen a reduction in anxiety and depression, and more sense of connectedness and belonging to community,” Dr. Habibi said. “It was really interesting to see how much the group bonded and had a sense of purpose.”

Singing is something that anyone can do, regardless of age, and it is less intimidating than trying to learn a musical instrument. But it helps if the songs that one sings are meaningful to them. For the Aging Minds Project study, everyone who participated in the choir got to have input on which songs the group learned and sang.

Try a new creative pursuit

For adults who want the cognitive benefits of engaging with music, Habibi recommends joining a local choir or singing group. While listening to music or singing by yourself has some benefits, you can reap the most benefits by singing in a group setting.

Of course, there are many other ways to engage with the arts as well, from learning a new craft like crochet to taking a pottery making class or just visiting an art museum or gallery.

Rural hospitals need more than grants

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

Rural hospitals struggling to stay open will be unable to manage financial shortages caused by on-going Medicaid cuts with funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program, which sets aside \$50 billion in federal dollars for rural hospitals. Liz Carey for The Daily Yonder reports, “The legislation itself specifically says RHTP funds cannot be used as an offset for Medicaid. And the administration in multiple avenues has specifically said this cannot be used to keep rural hospitals open, period.”

During summer budget negotiations, lawmakers created the RHTP program and touted it as a way to protect rural hospitals; however, the totals don’t balance each other out. “Federal Medicaid spending in ru-

ral areas is expected to drop by about \$15.5 billion per year over the next 10 years,” Carey explains. The Rural Health Transformation Program “will provide about \$10 billion per year over five years. Many industry experts say that’s not enough.”

Although lawmakers may have said the fund was to keep rural hospitals open, the program isn’t designed to save struggling medical centers in the short term. Instead, states that apply to the program must include a “rural transformation plan” that outlines how they will improve services, cut costs and deploy technology with RHTP funding aimed at long-term solvency.

Any state that receives RHTP funding will also be “assessed for additional funding based on its population, the number of rural health facilities it has, and

the situation of the hospitals in the state to receive additional funds,” Carey explains. “Additional funds would also be allocated based on ‘how well state applications align with program strategic goals,’” which includes the HHS Make America Healthy Again initiative.

At its core, RHTP funds won’t help financially strapped hospitals stay open, and rural residents will likely face more struggles to access providers and care. Alan Morgan, president of the National Rural Health Association, told the Yonder, “The \$50 billion cannot be legislation (and is not by the administration) going to be used to help rural hospitals keep their doors open. This \$50 billion is about sustaining healthcare for the future. It has nothing to do with maintaining access today.”

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Resilience hubs needed in rural communities

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

Working to address immediate needs following a natural disaster or emergency event, several rural communities are building “resilience hubs as a model for a quick and reliable first line of defense and relief,” reports Kim Kobersmith of The Daily Yonder.

“People are awakening to the fact that neighbors are the real first responders, and thinking ahead is vital,” Kobersmith writes. “The hubs provide some level of preparation and support for residents in a disruption and beyond.”

Every community hub is a little bit different, and “can range from a mobile

solar energy source to a central building able to feed community members in a crisis to a community center offering year-round services,” Kobersmith adds.

A spirit of community interdependence is at the heart of each hub, where community members commit to preparing for, rather than reacting to, emergencies. The action-focused nonprofit Resilience Hub Collaborative can help communities plan and build their hub.

Ki Baja, an experienced hub organizer with the collaborative, told Kobersmith, “Studies have shown for decades that connectivity, social cohesion, is the number one indicator for successful recovery from disruptions.”



Johnson inducted into Holiday Pinnacle Club



Manager award

John Johnson is back at Orton’s Staples Holiday store with his Pinnacle Club award, after receiving it at a ceremony in Minneapolis Oct. 1-2. (Submitted photo)

John Johnson, Store Manager of the Orton’s Staples Holiday Stationstores, was inducted into the organization’s 2025 Pinnacle Club. The award is given by Midwestern convenience store and gas station chain

CK/Holiday Stationstores Johnson started his journey at the Orton’s Staples Holiday Store in Staples in 2021 as a Sales Associate and quickly climbed the ranks to Night Manager, then Assistant Manag-

er. Now proud to serve as Store Manager, he has had the privilege of training new leaders and helped to launch two new stores for the franchise group.

This is the first year for Johnson to achieve the Pinnacle Club. There are only 10 Franchise Store Managers inducted each year out of over 100 franchise locations. The Orton Oil Franchise had three of its Holiday Store Managers inducted into the Pinnacle Club this year. Joining Johnson is the Orton’s Holiday Store Manager at its Baxter location (Angela Underland), and the Orton’s Holiday Store Manager at its Motley location (Adam Kriegl).

The induction ceremony and celebratory events involving the inductees took place Oct. 1-2. The celebration included a formal luncheon, an evening of theater and fine dining and other special activities.

The Pinnacle Club is reserved for those store managers and district managers of Holiday Station-



Holiday Pinnacle Club

John Johnson, left, is pictured at the award ceremony with Holiday Pinnacle Club members. (Submitted photo)

stores who, along with the assistance of their store team members, have consistently achieved exceptional results in the areas of sales growth, expense control, age-restricted sales compliance and overall business efficiency.

CK/Holiday Corporate Senior management honored each of the members

by presenting them with a plaque of achievement, a Pinnacle Club Logo jacket and a company gift to commemorate the event.

Bloomington-based Holiday Stationstores has approximately 300 corporate owned stores located throughout 12 states in the northern tier region of the United States: Minnesota,

Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington also in Alaska. It also has more than 100 franchise locations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 16

STAPLES AREA FARMERS MARKET Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m., in the clinic patient parking lot at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples.

‘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

Oct. 17

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.

Oct. 19

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS Sundays at 6 p.m.,

Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

Oct. 21

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m., Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

Donations now accepted for library book sale

Donations of gently used books and DVDs are now being accepted for the Friends of Staples Public Library book sale scheduled for Friday, Nov. 14, from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-noon. A bag sale will be held during library hours Nov. 17-22.

Donations are accepted only during regular library hours and cannot be left in the atrium. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon

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books cannot have torn covers or pages, water damage, yellowed or musty pages. In addition the library cannot accept dictionaries, encyclopedias, church religion books, school text books or VHS or cassette tapes.

The Staples Public Library is located just north of the stoplight on Hwy. 10 in the City Hall building, 122 6th St. NE, Staples. For information call 218-894-1401 or visit griver.org/locations/staples.

Proceeds of the sale support library programming.

Second opportunity flu vaccination clinic at VA Clinic, Alexandria

Walk-in flu and COVID-19 shots are being offered a second time at the Max J. Beilke VA Clinic, located at 410 30th Avenue East, in Alexandria, on Friday, Oct. 24, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. An appointment is not required.

Vaccinations are also available at most scheduled VA appointments and through the VA Community Care Network.

“This second chance walk-thru vaccination clinic is offered because many

of our veterans did not receive timely information about a previous clinic on Oct. 2,” said St. Cloud VA Public Affairs Officer Barry Venable.



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Staples

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Oct. 20-24

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WEDNESDAY - Pork roast, gravy, candied yams, green beans, vanilla pudding/topping.

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Big Stone County Finance & Government Service Director

Big Stone County is seeking a strategic leader to serve as our next Finance & Government Service Director. This is a high-impact executive role responsible for overseeing the County’s financial operations and a wide range of public services including property records, taxation, elections, licensing, passports and vital statistics. This is an exempt, full-time position with a 2025 hourly range of \$48.54-\$63.69/hr.

Key responsibilities:

- Serve as the County’s Chief Financial Officer, managing budgets, audits, investments, and financial reporting.
- Lead and supervise teams across finance, property assessment, property records, elections, licensing and vital statistics.
- Ensure compliance with Minnesota property tax law, GAAP, and GASB standards.
- Collaborate with the County Board, department heads, and external agencies to drive operational excellence.
- Represent the County in public forums and with community stakeholders.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in accounting, finance, business, or related field and 5 years of public sector experience (preferred)
- Or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.
- CPA preferred but not required.

What We’re Looking For:

- A strategic thinker with strong leadership and performance management skills.
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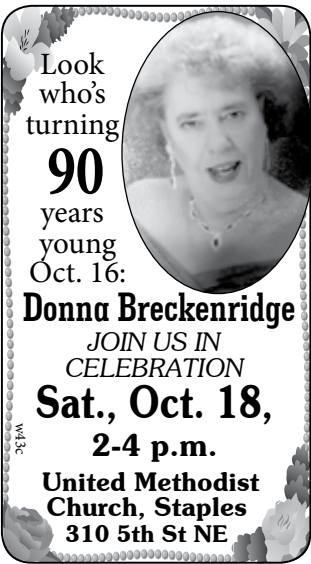
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piece of
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James Nichols (above) of Staples was sorting through his parents' items when he found this plane with a red embossed emblem on it's wing noting, "The City National Bank of Staples." Curious about its origin and history he shared it with the Staples World. Anyone with information on the piece may call the Staples World, 218-894-1112 or email office@staplesworld.

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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
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Pastor Carl Larson
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Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310
Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
Pastor Joshua Jeresek
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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.
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
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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
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Sunday Worship.....9 a.m.
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.....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
Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
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
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City. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of 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
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218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Youth Pastor Joe Ward
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
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
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
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
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Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
MASS: Saturday.....6:00 p.m.
St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
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Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec - April)
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St. Ann's Catholic Church
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Father JC Duncan, 218-632-7314
Father Rick Aubol, 218-632-7310 Father Greg Sauer
Mass: Sunday.....10 a.m.

"The Value of Being All In"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Have you heard of the phrase "fence straddler?" The idea is of being a person who tries to ride the middle of the road and is indecisive. Maybe it applies to the worlds of diets, exercise, postponed projects, relationships with people and even with God. But being wishy washy has its price. Being noncommittal isn't only hard on oneself, it's very hard on people all around us. People that wait to see which way the wind is blowing are like chameleons. When we lack a solid and consistent center, we will come apart inside. People won't know which person they are interacting with at any given time. You certainly cannot establish trust because there's no foundation on which to build trust.

When Jesus calls us in Matthew 7:24 to "build our house on the rock," He is referring to Himself. Being the wisest One who ever walked this planet as the Second Person of God, He alone can see "the beginning from the end." He alone knows and wants what's best for us. He alone is the compassionate Shepherd of Psalm 23. He alone can take our brokenness and make us whole again. After all, Jesus also paid the ultimate price of His sinless life on the cross for us. No one has ever given more in relationship than He has. We don't have to be victims of waffling back and forth in life. Jesus, as "The Way, The Truth and The Life" of John 14:6 is more than what and who we need to be whole, if we will entrust our life to Him.

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Cardinals bounce back from tough loss

The Staples-Motley volleyball team lost a five set thriller at Park Rapids on Oct. 7, then came back home for an efficient win against Pelican Rapids on Oct. 9.

The Park Rapids match couldn't have been much closer. The Cardinals won the first and third set, but dropped the second and fourth. In the deciding set, it was still close but Staples-Motley ended up falling 15-13.

Against Pelican Rapids, the Cardinals worked hard to get early leads in each set, then maintained the small lead until the end.

Pam Lawrence created the lead in the first set with an ace serve and three more hard serves that Pelican Rapids had trouble with. Annie Schlosser cleaned up with two kills to keep the lead. In the second set,

Schlosser was blocking, hitting and setting to get the early lead. Izzy Becker had two aces and played excellent back-row defense with excellent passes to the setters. Kyleena Rudlang had a kill to get the team to 24 points and they won the set two points later. In the third set, Clara Maros had an ace serve to get the lead at 15-14, then had a kill later in the set to go up 21-18. Abby Brichacek had an ace block to add to the win.

Team results

Staples-Motley 2, Park Rapids 3; 25-23, 19-25, 26-20, 17-25, 13-15

Annie Schlosser: aces-5, assists-16, kills-16, blocks-3, digs-16

Katelyn Schotzko: assists-15, kills-2, digs-9

Izzy Becker: aces-2, assists-6, kills-3, digs-28

Addie Potter: assists-1, kills-

10, blocks-1, digs-2

Abby Brichacek: kills-3, blocks-5, digs-1

Hannah Cole: kills-5, blocks-4, digs-1

Clara Maros: kills-4, blocks-3, digs-5

Kyleena Rudlang: kills-3, blocks-1, digs-7

Pam Lawrence: aces-1, kills-1, digs-16

Chloe Trantina: aces-3, assists-1, digs-19

Staples-Motley 3, Pelican Rapids 0; 25-20, 25-21, 25-21

Schlosser: Aces-1, Assists-12, Kills-5, Blocks-2, Digs-4

Schotzko: Assists-7, Digs-6

Becker: Aces-3, Assists-3, Kills-2, Digs-28

Potter: Kills-6, Blocks-1, Digs-3

Cole: Kills-3, Blocks-3

Brichacek: Kills-1, Blocks-3

Maros: Aces-1, Kills-1, Blocks-2, Digs-5

Rudlang: Kills-5, Blocks-3, Digs-5

Lawrence: Aces-3, Digs-8

Trantina: Aces-1, Assists-1, Digs-24



Kyleena Rudlang

Noska makes tennis state tournament

Ronnie Noska is heading back to the state tennis tournament after winning the Section 8A singles title Oct. 11.

In the team tournament on Oct. 9-10, Staples-Motley placed second, falling one match short of going to state as a team. The section tournament was played at Fargo, N.D.

Noska ran through the first three rounds of the individual tournament with very little trouble. In the championship match, she was challenged but emerged with another straight set win, 7-5, 6-4.

In the team tournament, Staples-Motley had three singles wins and two doubles wins in their first round match against Wadena-Deer Creek. In the next round against East Grand Forks, they won 4-3 but their four wins were in straight sets, while their three losses were all close matches.

In the finals, the Cardinals faced Thief River Falls. Noska and Jaida Holst won the top two singles matches in straight sets, while Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson won at number one doubles. But the fourth point never came, as they dropped two singles and two doubles matches.

This is the third year in a row that the Cardinals have placed second in the section,

after they made it to state in 2022.

Team results

Section 8A quarterfinal Staples-Motley 5, Wadena-Deer Creek 2

Singles: Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-0; Jaida Holst W 6-1, 6-0; Kaylee Perius W 6-2, 6-1; Alexa Dolezal L 7-5, 2-6, 1-6

Doubles: Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson L 2-6, 0-6; Sarah Kroll/Charlie Noska W 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Mia Pesta/Lydia Roelofs W 6-4, 6-2

Section 8A semifinal Staples-Motley 4, East Grand Forks 3

Singles: R. Noska W 7-5, 6-1; Holst W 6-1, 6-0, K. Perius W 6-3, 6-1; C. Noska L 1-6, 6-3, 3-6

Doubles: M. Perius/Hanson W 6-1, 6-3; Kroll/Roelofs L 3-6, 6-0, 6-7 (3-7); Pesta/Dolezal L 4-6, 3-6

Section 8A championship Staples-Motley 3, Thief River Falls 4

Singles: R. Noska W 6-0, 6-1; Holst W 6-1, 6-4; K. Perius L 7-5, 2-6, 5-7; C. Noska L 3-6, 1-6

Doubles: M. Perius/Hanson W 6-2, 6-4; Kroll/Roelofs L 4-6, 2-6; Pesta/Dolezal L 2-6, 2-6

Individual tournament

Singles:

Ronnie Noska 1st place W 6-0, 6-1; W 6-1, 6-1; W 6-0, 6-1; W 7-5, 6-4

Doubles:

Jaida Holst/Madison Perius 3rd place W 2-6, 6-1, 6-0; W 7-6, 6-1; L 7-6, 6-2; W 6-4, 6-2

Natalie Hanson/Kaylee Perius W 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; L 7-5, 6-1



Hitting the floor to save the volleyball point

Izzy Becker stretches out as she goes to the floor to dig up a tipped ball in the match against Pelican Rapids.

Becker had 28 digs in the match, as well as three back-row kills. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Annie Schlosser



Addie Potter

Cross country teams make fast times

The Staples-Motley cross country teams ran at a big meet in Perham on Oct. 9, running fast times on a fast course against some of the top area teams.

Audrey Brownell won the girls race, while Gage Bjerga had his fastest time of the year for the boys.

The girls team placed 11th out of 22 teams while the boys were 13th out of 21 teams.

Team results

Girls results

Varsity: 1. Audrey Brownell 17:57, 49. Alelea Holst 20:50, 71. Elise Trif

21:33, 86. Suhaila Mikhaeil 22:15, 110 Elizabeth Kroll 23:15, 121. Maddie Kist 24:00, 140. Aubrey Vogle 26:23

JV:

93. Alexis Odden 28:56, 106. Cydney McGree-Schmidtbauer 33:13

Boys results

Varsity: 40 Gage Bjerga 17:28, 70. Andrew Dobson 18:24, 76. Garrett Bjerga 18:38, 99. Reed Leach 19:42, 103. Gabriel Kroll 19:48, 119. Jackson Odden 20:18, 122 Seth Cossentine 20:29

JV:

82. Alex Leach 20:42, 94. Jacob Faulkner 21:08

Jr. high - 92. Brayden Moore 15:09, 119 Kai Bestland 16:39

Two man golf league at the Vintage

Submitted by Lee Jenkins

The 2025 golf season opened with 96 players, almost double what it has ever been. The league is being managed by Randy Wilson and Mike Isenberg, whom have never managed anything of this magnitude. Surprisingly, it worked really well. This year we have had to have four divisions instead of two.

The championship week hosted 16 players going for the division championships. 1st div. winners were Joe Mrazek, Jr. and Devon Isenberg; 2nd div. winners were

Derek Holst and Jim Miller; 3rd div. winners were Lee Jenkins and Phil Miller; and 4th div. winners were Steve Nawrocki and Steve Sing.

The last week (Sept. 24), the four division champions played a three hole, alternate shot showdown. The winners were div. 1, with div. 3 coming in 2nd. This was followed by a meal and the awards presentations.

"Thank you Mike and Randy, along with Paul, Jerry 1, Jerry 2, Lynn and the rest of the staff for a great year of golf. Already looking forward to 2026."



Volleyball players show their "Dig Cancer" support with pink ribbons on their socks.



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AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau starting November 2025 and early months of 2026. For inquiries contact 320-309-3783.

43-45pnp

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LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

Aeration system will be in operation, shoreline of Lake Shamineau, Lot #2196 from ice cover 2025 to ice out 2026. Purpose: to prevent shoreline damage due to ice expansion. Be aware of open water or thin ice.

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AERATION WARNING

NOTICE: An aeration system creating thin ice will be in operation on the southeast shoreline on Lake Shamineau, 33203 and 33211, during ice conditions Fall of 2025 and continuing through Spring 2026. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from ice expansion.

Please be aware of open water and thin ice.

42-43pnp

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING
Sept. 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.
District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Trout at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken, members Wright, Frisk, Reeck, Trout, Reese and Freeman were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Principal Koenigs, Principal Ferdon, AD Ahrendt, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, Recording Clerk Larson, members of the public, Staples-Motley staff members and students. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wright seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC

Vice Chair Trout recognized those in attendance

Superintendent Performance Review Summary

-read by Vice Chair Trout

School/Community Forum

- NONE

Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from the August 18 board meeting

Approve the fundraiser request from REACH

Approve the fundraiser request from SMHS Music Department

Approve the resignation of Taylor Miller, Elementary Paraprofessional

Approve the resignation of Ezra Johnson, IT Technician

Approve the revised 2025-2026 School Meal Prices/Fee Schedule

Approve the 2025-2026 advisor agreements

Approve the fundraiser request from Volleyball

Approve the hire of: Ashley Orth, Assistant Cross Country Coach

Brad Anderson, Head Boys/Girls Golf Coach

Teneesa Mumm, School Readiness Teacher

Avery Amerud, Elementary Paraprofessional

Bailey Weiland, Elementary Paraprofessional

Nick Schultz, Fall Weight Room Supervisor - morning

Jeff Sterriker, Fall Weight Room Supervisor - afternoon

Allie Anderson, Middle/High School Paraprofessional

Katie Muller, Middle/High School Paraprofessional

Aaron Carter, Middle/High School Math Teacher

Kyra Stangle, Elementary Paraprofessional

Daren Blanck, Fall Play Director

Aaron Carter, Assistant Fall Play Director

Justin Thorne, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Jace Thompson, C-squad Boys Basketball Coach

Craig Wolhowe, C-squad Boys Basketball Coach

Approve the fundraiser requests from HS Student Council

Approve the fundraiser request from MS ISC

Approve the fundraiser request from Boys and Girls Basketball

Approve the 25/26 organization agreement with Training HAUS

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

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$10,300. MC

Thank you to the following for their donations: Staples Lions Club, LEAP Inc., Costa Azul Mexican Bar & Grill, Japke Decorating & Carpet, Central Building Supply, Jon's Family Foods, Hubbard's Hardware, Holst Acres, Staples Hardware LLC, Ernie's Foods and Twin Cities Orthopedics

Finance Items

(Finance Committee Minutes 9-5-25)

Financial Report was presented by Business Manager Hill

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Wright, to approve the August disbursements. MC

the August receipts. MC

General Fund: \$2,287,594.36

Food Service: \$6,146.70

Community Service: \$19,608.22

Construction Fund: \$0.00

Debt Service: \$ 169,729.05

Fund 21 Student Activities: \$ 1,085.32

Fund 45: \$0.00

Motion by Reese, seconded by Frisk, to approve the teacher substitute pay at \$160 per day. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to certify the proposed tax levy at maximum; payable in 2026. MC

(Public Announcement: The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at which time the budget and levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.)

ICS and Applied Insights North Presented a Demographic Study of the School District

Cabinet Presentation from Dean of Students, Kari Sarych

Curriculum / Policy (Policy Committee Minutes 9-10-2025)

Motion by Reese, seconded by Reeck, to approve the review of MSBA policies. MC

209 - Code of Ethics

210 - Conflict of Interest - SB Members

301 - School District Administration

305 - Policy Implementation - Minimal Changes

415 - Mandated reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

512 - School Sponsored Student Publications

611 - Homeschooling

903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

906 - Community Notice of Predatory Offenders

Personnel

Motion by Frisk, second by Wright, to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE First Grade Elementary Teacher. MC

Motion by Reeck, second by Frisk, to approve the hire of Rebeka Kappedal, First Grade Teacher. MC

Reports

School Board:

Freshwater - Minutes from 8-20-2025

Sourcewell - Minutes from 7-15-2025

Elementary Principal report from Principal Koenigs

Middle/High School Principal report from Principal Ferdon

Activities/Community Ed Director report from AD/CE Ahrendt

SMEA report from representative Kneisl and Evans

Superintendent report from Superintendent Tappe

Motion by Reeck, second by Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. MC

Trisha Larson, Clerk

ISD #2170

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Upcoming Meetings: Mon., Oct. 20, 2025: School Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.;

Mon., Nov. 3: School Board Work Session, District Office, 6 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 17: School Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 1: School Board Work Session and Truth In Taxation meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 22: School Board meeting, District Office, 6 p.m.

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LEAF RIVER TWP				
#1	05.008.4010 & 05.009.3040	SECT-08 TWP-135 RANG-35 20.00 AC - PT SE1/4 SE1/4 TRACT"A" 100-1 BEG AT SE COR OF SAID SEC 8; THN WSTLY ALG TH S LI OF SD SEC 8 627';THN IN A NTHLY DIRECTION PARALLEL WITH THE E LINE OF SAID SEC 8 FOR A DIST OF 1287';THN ESTLY PARALLEL WITH THE S LI OF SEC 8 TO THE E LI THEREOF; THN IN A STHLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST LI OF SAID SEC 8 TO THE POB*EXC PT CONVEYED TO CNTY FOR RD **AND** SECT-09 TWP-135 RANG-35 36.00 AC - 36 A OF SW1/4 SW1/4*EXC BEG AT THE SE COR OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4; TH WTLY ALNG THE S LI OF SW1/4 SW1/4 200';THN NTHLY PARALLEL WI E LI OF SAID 40 TO A POINT 165'S & 20'W FROM THE NE COR OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4;THN WSTLY PARALLEL WI THE N LI OF SAID 40 180'; THN NTHLY PARALLEL WITH THE E LI OF SAID 40 TO THE N LI OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4;THN ESTLY ALNG THE N LI OF SAID 40 TO THE NE COR THEREOF; THN STHLY ALNG THE E LI OF SAID SW1/4 SW1/4 TO POB	12214 200TH STREET - WADENA **THESE 2 PARCELS ARE SOLD - TOGETHER**	\$250,000.00
#2	05.016.2035	SECT-16 TWP-135 RANG-35 2.30 AC - THAT PT OF N1/2 NW1/4 DESC AS FOLLOWS: BEG AT A PT ON THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16 SAID PT BEING 1167'ESTLY FRM THE NW CORNER OF SAID SEC 16;THN IN A STHLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE W LI OF SEC 16 400'; THN IN AN ESTLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE N LI OF SEC 16 250';THN IN A NTHLY DIR PARALLEL WITH THE W LI OF SEC 16 400TO THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16;THN IN A WSTLY DIR ALNG THE N LI OF SAID SEC 16 TO POB		\$4,000.00
RED EYE TWP				
#3	10.019.1020	SECT-19 TWP-137 RANG-35 10.00 AC - E1/4 OF NE1/4 NE1/4		\$7,500.00
WADENA CITY				
#4	22.006.1050	SECT-06 TWP-134 RANG-35 5.43 AC - THAT PT OF THE SW1/4 NE1/4 LYING NTHLY OF A LI DESC AS FOLLOWS:COMM AT THE NW CORNER OF SW1/4 NE1/4;THN S 00°29'29"W ON AN ASSUMED BEARING ALNG THE W LI OF SW1/4 NE1/4 9.37' TO POB OF SAID LI;THN S 89°28'35"E 51.60';THN SESTLY ON A TANGENTIAL CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SW HAVING A RADIUS OF 1500'& A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 27°10'07"FOR AN ARC DIST OF 711.27';THN S 62°18'28"E 656.08'TO THE E LI OF SW1/4 NE1/4 & SAID LI THERE TERMINATING *SUBJ TO EASEMENT		\$25,000.00

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ORTON TWP				
#2	09.014.1040	SECT-14 TWP-137 RANG-33 40 AC - SW1/4 NE1/4 **LAND LOCKED**		\$56,000.00
THOMASTOWN TWP				
#3	13.001.2020	SECT-01 TWP-134 RANG-33 LOT 5 **LAND LOCKED**		\$10,000.00
#4	13.001.2025	SECT-01 TWP-134 RANG-33 LOT 8**LAND LOCKED**		\$4,000.00
#5	13.127.3010	SECT-27 TWP-135 RANG-33 .20 AC - LOT 2 **LAND LOCKED**		\$2,000.00
#6	13.380.0010	SECT-12 TWP-134 RANG-33 SCENIC SIMON LAKE LT 1 BLK 1 & OUTLOT A	14411 273rd Ave Staples	\$75,000.00
MENAHA CITY				
#7	17.300.0460	ORIGINAL TOWNSITE - W 30'OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2		\$500.00
SEBEKA CITY				
#8	19.370.0640	SLOVER & ANDERSON'S ADDITION - N 150'OF LOT "H"	10 Slover Ave N Sebeka	\$45,000.00
#9	19.134.4030	SECT-34 TWP-137 RANG-35 .15 AC - PT SW1/4 SE1/4; COM AT PT ON N LI OF MN 169' E OF ROW GNRY;THN N PARA WITH ROW 150';W AT R/ANG 46'; TH S PARA WI R/W 150';THN E 46'TO POB	208 Minnesota Ave E Sebeka	\$24,000.00
#10	19.370.0090	SLOVER & ANDERSON'S ADDITION - LOT 9 BLK 1	212 1st ST NE Sebeka	\$76,400.00
WADENA CITY				
#12	22.530.0080	SUNNY VIEW LOT 8	1028 2nd ST SE - Wadena	\$16,300.00

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Octoberfest costume parade

Children dressed up as various characters stroll across the bridge, above, and in front of judges, below, at Northern Pacific Park in Staples for the October-

fest costume contest, sponsored by the Staples Area Chamber of Commerce. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



The Octoberfest pumpkin patch proved to be a popular spot for families to look through pumpkins and gourds, or rest on the hay bales to take photos.

The fall event was set up by Staples Area Chamber of Commerce and held at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Octoberfest activities

Dakota, Emerson and Everet Douts show the pumpkins they decorated at the Chamber of Commerce Octoberfest on Oct. 4. right, costumed kids enjoy the Prairie Smoke band. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Chili cook-off

Customers hang out at the Hubbard Hardware tent for the chili cook-off, part of Octoberfest at NP Park in Staples.

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Unbeaten football teams battle to the end in 30-24 loss

The Staples-Motley football team traded leads with Pillager throughout their game on Oct. 10, but ended up 16 yards short of scoring at the end of the game to lose 30-24. The battle of the unbeaten teams was as close as expected, with Pillager emerging with the win because of their running game.

The Cardinals got the first score of the game on a trick play. They lined up with running back Colbe Tappe taking the snap from center and quarterback Eli Rutten lined up at wide receiver. Tappe turned and tossed it backwards to Rutten, who passed it deep to Beau Carlson, who caught it at the goal line for a touch-

down. Tappe ran in the extra point and the Cardinals took an 8-0 lead.

On their next drive, Rutten completed two passes to Turner Beachy, but the drive ended on a fourth down and two.

Pillager replied with a long run for a touchdown to tie the score at 8-8.

Staples-Motley struck with another long play, this time on a conventional pass from Rutten to Tappe, who was running a wheel route out of the backfield. For the extra point, Rutten lost the snap and had to scramble, but ended up hitting Conner Kuhns in the end zone for the two points and a 16-8 lead, which was the score at halftime.

In the second half, Pillager started with a fumble but the Cardinals gave it right back with an interception.

Pillager made another long run for a touchdown. Chase Blue made a stop on the extra point try to preserve the lead at 16-14.

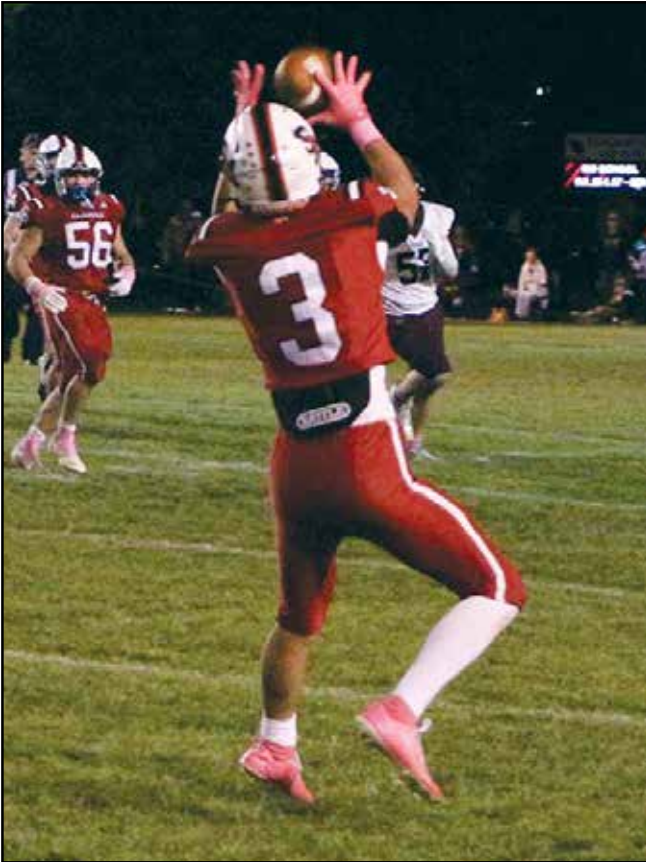
Late in the third quarter, Pillager got into their rhythm of running it up the middle and the Cardinals didn't have an answer. They eventually scored in the fourth quarter and made the two point extra point to make the score 16-22.

Staples-Motley responded with another scoring drive. Peyton Jares caught a pass to get the drive started. Tappe had two first down

runs before taking a pitch to the right side and running it in for a touchdown. He then went off tackle to the left side for the extra point, getting the lead back at 24-22.

Pillager made another drive of mostly running up the middle, getting four or five yards on most carries. They scored again to get the lead back at 30-24.

Staples-Motley had two minutes for their own drive. Tappe made some nice runs and made a great catch on the sideline at the 20 yard line, but the Cardinals couldn't get any farther and missed on a fourth down play to end the game.

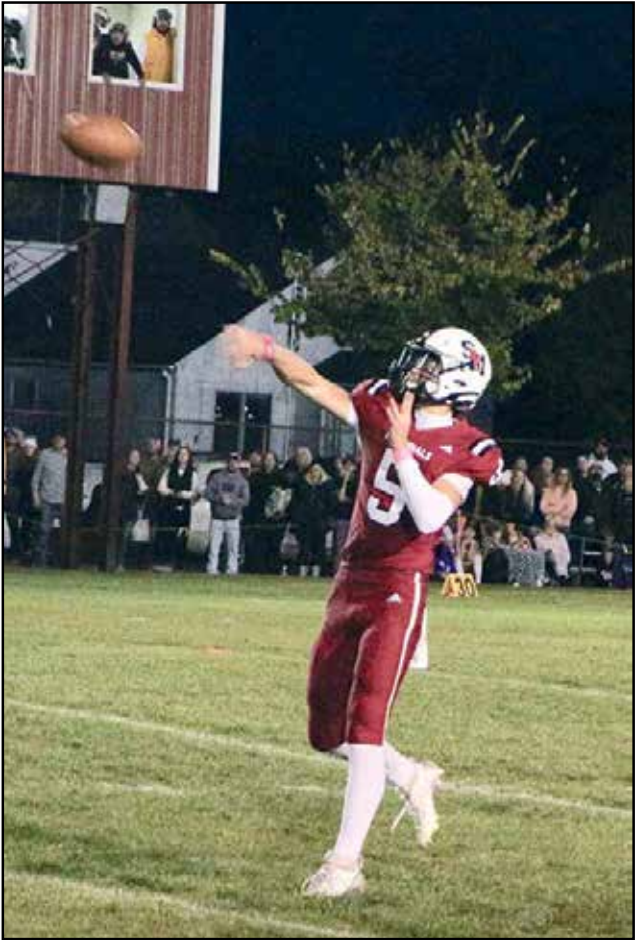


Peyton Jares



Plugging up the middle

The Staples-Motley defense surrounds a Pillager running back, with Riley Reese (54) ready to make the tackle. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Eli Rutten



Athletic Hall of Fame reception at Timbers

Following the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sept. 27, the new inductees, their families and friends mingled with fans, past induct-

ees and perhaps future inductees. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Beau Carlson



Riley Reese (54), Adrian Caldwell (55) and Evan Schlutz (4)



Talking baseball

Hall of fame sports announcer Dick Bremer chats with long time baseball coach Pat Held.



Cayden Neisen

Stauber compliments Lakewood culture

U.S. Representative Pete Stauber toured the Lakewood Cancer Center on Oct. 9, as he was unable to attend the open house Oct. 10. Stauber told Lakewood administration and board members about how he would like to see federal grants get used by the health care system, and also complimented them on the positive culture he was seeing on the tour.

Stauber said his mother has been involved in rural health care her whole life, which is why he makes sure to protect rural health care. Lakewood Chief Operations Officer Missy Lindow told Stauber about the hospital's community based care.

Chief Development Officer Brad Anderson said when Lakewood is recruiting doctors, they are often asked how many patients they will be expected to see each day.

"We don't have these conversations about number of patients, we only talk about quality of care," said Anderson.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Reyecraft told Stauber it helps to have local administrators who live in the community, instead of being owned by a larger system.

For example, he said that Lakewood has to subsidize their obstetrics (pregnancy)

programs, but they figure that is worth the benefits it brings. Reyecraft said an administrator living hours away might make cuts to obstetrics to save on costs.

Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta, the new radiation oncologist at Lakewood, said people used to have to travel to the Twin Cities for their radiation programs, some of which could last four to six weeks. Now they can do it at Lakewood, where the oncology department draws patients from a 45 mile radius around Staples.

Stauber said he liked that Lakewood focused on patient care and quality of rural life.

"You have built a culture here, you can feel it. You have something special going on."

Stauber advised them to continue to be innovative because he likes to see federal grants be used for those types of programs.

Stauber visited Staples during the federal government shutdown. He is taking the opportunity to tour many places in his district, which includes Cass County. Lakewood Health System is located a few miles outside Stauber's district, but he said he will give them support in the federal government because he supports all rural health care in Minnesota.



New technology at Lakewood

Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta shows U.S. Representative Pete Stauber the new linear accelerator in the new Lakewood Cancer Center. The machine is able to aim radiation directly to the area of a tumor with precision. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Lakewood administration shows up for Stauber

Lakewood administration and board members with U.S. Representative Pete Stauber at his tour of the new cancer center. From left, Alicia Baumann, Daniel Douts, Mary Theurer, Jef Cichos, Lisa Bjerga, Norm Krause, Sheilaine Mabanta, Stauber, Matthew Jensen, Christine Albrecht, Brad Anderson, Missy Lindow and Joe Reyecraft. (Staple World photo by Mark Anderson)

Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta is new radiation oncologist at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta, radiation oncologist, to its oncology team.

Originally from Meridian, Miss., Dr. Mabanta completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame and obtained her medical degree from Tulane School of Medicine. She completed her residency at Shands Hospital – University of Florida. Dr. Mabanta is a member of the American Society for Radiation Oncology.

As a radiation oncologist, Dr. Mabanta specializes in using radiation therapy to treat cancer. She will work with oncology patients to develop personalized treatment plans, determine the type and dose of radiation needed, and oversee their treatment from start to finish to destroy cancer cells while minimizing harm to healthy tissue. Dr.



Dr. Sheilaine Mabanta

Mabanta completes the Lakewood oncology team which includes Drs. Nathan Dewey, Emily McGovern, Wade Swenson and Aquino Williams, and nurse practitioners, Mariah Nieman and Jessica Nybakken. "I am excited to join Lakewood, which has a stellar reputation in the area, to provide advanced cancer care close to home for patients who might otherwise have to travel long distances for quality treatment."

Dr. Mabanta and her husband, John, have two daughters, Bella and Ava, both of whom were Division I gymnasts. In her free time, Dr. Mabanta enjoys walking, hiking, cooking and is an aspiring golfer.



Hallway conversations

U.S. Representative Pete Stauber speaks with Joe Reyecraft, Lakewood Chief Financial Officer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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