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# StaplesWorld

Staples, Minnesota

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## Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 30	18	7	Cloudy
Dec. 1	30	25	Cloudy
Dec. 2	36	13	Cloudy
Dec. 3	19	14	P. Cloudy
Dec. 4	33	13	P. Cloudy
Dec. 5	19	4	M. Cloudy
Dec. 6	14	4	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2021			
	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 30	38°	26	M. Sunny
Dec. 1	47	30	Sunny
Dec. 2	40	36	M. Sunny
Dec. 3	34	30	Cloudy
Dec. 4	28	25	Cloudy
Dec. 5	29	24	Snow
Dec. 6	0	-5	Sunny

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 30° Low = 16°**

*Compiled by  
Dale Hausmann,  
WCCO's Staples area  
Weatherwatcher*

**Bright bird** A pileated woodpecker finds a snack at a local bird feeder. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

## Staples sales tax to start April 1

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved the first step in implementing the sales tax that was approved by voters in the November election.

At their Nov. 22 meeting, the council approved the first reading of an ordinance enacting the .5 percent sales tax in the city, which will be applied to all taxable items sold in the city.

The second reading will be at their Dec. 13 meeting, but the tax still has to go through more confirmation by the state, so City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said it will likely start on April 1.

The tax will apply to all items that already have a sales tax according to Minnesota law.

All proceeds from the tax will go to fixing Staples Community Center, which is in need of heating and ventilation systems and other major repairs. The sales tax will end after 25 years, or when \$1,600,000 is collected.

In other news, the council

- Set public hearing on assessments for non-payment of nuisance violations for the Dec. 13 meeting.
- Accepted donation from Fire Relief Association of \$26,289 to purchase firefighting equipment.



**Returning to the lab**

Tim-E returns to lab with a delivery and the drawers are checked by phlebotomist Elisheba Johnson. (Submitted photo)

## Lakewood's new robot delivers smiles and specimens

Lakewood Health System in Staples took a step into the future earlier this summer when they purchased TUG, a smart autonomous mobile robot that securely delivers medications, specimens and other materials between Lakewood's laboratory (lab), emergency department and hospital lab draw area.

When the lab was expanded and moved to the lower level (from its previous location on the first floor), it was determined that due to the location change and staffing challenges, assistance was needed in getting specimens and other materials to and from the lab without pulling necessary staff from their tasks.

Enter TUG. Staff in the aforementioned areas simply 'call' the robot to their respective department, and following a pre-mapped path, it utilizes special laser, sonar and infrared sensors to override automatic doors and even the elevator, to make its way to the necessary department. Once it arrives and either makes a pick up or delivery, it returns to its docking station.

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**Tim-E waits for a pick-up**

Tim-E the robot waits for a pick-up in the hospital hallway. (Submitted photo)

## Elementary school opens lunch room, kitchen

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Major construction at the Staples-Motley Elementary School is now complete, with the new kitchen and lunch room open and operating. Students were able to use the lunch room to welcome veterans on Veterans Day and the kitchen was open to prepare a Thanksgiving meal the week before the holiday. The Staples-Motley School Board heard a building update from Damien Williams of ICS at their Nov. 21 meeting.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the project met the time frame set for the school. It was also on budget, with around \$50,000 remaining in the contingency fund, which can be shifted to the next round of construction scheduled for high school and elementary school gym.

The board also approved plans for high school building refurbishing, which includes expanding the south gym area at the high school and adding a walking track around the top of the gym. The new wellness area is part of a donation from Lakewood Health System. Tappe said the wellness area will be operated by the school and will be open to the public, who can purchase memberships like a fitness club.

The construction will also replace the portion of the gym wall that has compromised integrity, one of the reasons the school is doing the construction. The newly refurbished gym will include outdoor lighting, but will have protections against glare. The refurbishing will also update many of the classrooms and provide new lighting.

The board approved drawings of the project, which was to go out for bids on Nov. 23, with bid opening Dec. 14.

In other news, Tappe said three parties are interested in purchasing the Motley school building. The school is currently selling surplus items by silent bid auctions.

In other news, the board

- Approved coaching positions: Cole Kubesh, assistant wrestling; Holton Truax, assistant wrestling; Dan Bjerga, middle school wrestling; Loren Brownell, assistant boys basketball; Cory Lawrence, assistant girls basketball; Patrick Hoppe, middle school girls basketball; Josh Winter, 8th grade girls basketball.
- Approved renewal of coaching positions: Cy Bestlans, boys basketball head coach; Nick Schlutz, boys basketball assistant; Christine Fox, girls assistant; Bruce Fuhrman, girls basketball head coach; Steve Jennissen, wrestling assistant; Isaac Novak, wrestling assistant; Eric Kramer, wrestling assistant; Mark

See **SCHOOL** on page 3a

## CGMC looks for LGA to increase in Minnesota

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) is hoping for more action from the Minnesota Legislature, which starts its new session in January.

Elizabeth Wefel, an attorney for the CGMC, presented the results of last year's session and the organization's hopes for this year at the Nov. 22 Staples City Council meeting. Staples is a member of the CGMC.

Wefel said the Minnesota Legislature did not pass any major bills in 2022, much due to gridlock between the two parties.

"It was really a disappointment. The biggest disappointment was a lack of a bonding bill," said Wefel.

The new session will have the Democratic Party as a majority in the legislature, but Wefel pointed out that more than 80 percent of DFL members are from the metro area.

Wefel said the CGMC expects the new legislature to pass more spending, likely in the direction of public safety, capital investment, special education, paid family and medical leave, legalizing marijuana and affordable health care. She said Governor Tim Walz is pushing for surplus checks to citizens from the state's budget surplus.

CGMC also expects an increase in Local Government Aid (LGA), the payments from the state to cities.


CGMC is also pushing the legislature to pass a bonding bill that focuses on infrastructure. Wefel said they are trying to get more for child care grants, city streets, water and wastewater funding.

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# Region Five earns national impact award

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) based in Staples has received a 2022 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for Watershed Planning.

Meeting facilitation, public engagement, and plan development coordinated by R5DC resulted in local, and subsequent state-level approval of multiple watershed plans.

These plans will lead to millions of dollars of extraordinary investment in our region over the next 10 years that will protect surface and groundwater, enhance wetlands, protect fish and wildlife habitat and recreation, and prioritize buffer zones.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities,

and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Award-winning projects were recognized during NADO's 2022 Annual Training Conference, held in Pittsburgh, Penn., on Oct. 15-18. The 2022 class of award recipients consists of 107 projects from 71 organizations spanning 28 states. These projects are presented in an interactive "Story Map" developed by NADO that includes project summaries, partners, and images. The Story Map is available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/38vbcczu>

"Regional development organizations and their partners have played an integral role in supporting

local communities during this important time of economic recovery," said 2021-2022 NADO President Misty Crosby, former executive director of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council, located in Marietta, Ohio. "This year's Impact Awards recipients demonstrate the many ways our member organizations serve their communities by promoting economic development, fostering resilience, and improving quality of life for residents."

The NADO Impact Awards are presented in honor of the late Aliceann Wohlbruck who was NADO's first executive director and served 24 years as a tireless champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

For more information about this award-winning project, contact Angela Anderson, 218-894-3233, [aanderson@regionfive.org](mailto:aanderson@regionfive.org).



## Minnesota impact at NADO

Representatives from Minnesota at NADO Conference, from left, Jay Trusty, Southwest Regional Development Commission; Andrea Boettger, City of New Ulm, Dawn Hegland, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commis-

sion; Staci Headley, Region Five Development Commission; Myron Koets, City of Pipestone, Nicole Griensewic, Region Nine Development Commission; BJ Allen, Region Five Development Commission. (Submitted photo)



## Lions donate to LEAP

The Staples Host Lions recently made several donations to area organizations, including \$200 to LEAP, designated for the recent Candidate Forum.

Pictured, from left, are Lion President Steve Sing; and Tim Rice, with LEAP. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Motley area law enforcement report

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

**Nov. 16 - 22**

Nov. 22 - The MPD received a report of theft from a resident at the 300 block of Cedar St. E, Motley.

Nov. 22 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding a possible domestic assault at the 100 block of Cedar St. E, Motley. One subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Nov. 20 - The MPD received a report of theft at the 200 block of Cedar St. E, Motley.

Nov. 18 - The MPD reported that Motley Fire responded to a sauna that

was on fire next to a residence at the 900 block of East River Rd, Motley. The fire was extinguished and only minor damage was done to the house.

Nov. 18 - The MPD received a call from the manager at Eastwood Apartments, reporting that someone is putting garbage into their dumpster. The reporting party stated that the subjects (two males and a female) were driving a blue van.

Nov. 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Victoria Marie Cramer, 37, for driving after revocation and use of another vehicle's plates.

Nov. 20 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle theft at the 200 block of Cedar St. E, Motley.

## Catholic Charities needs senior dining help

Catholic Charities' work is embedded in this community through the local senior dining site. And without volunteers, this work cannot happen. Last year, thousands of volunteer hours were donated to benefit the programs of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities is requesting individuals donate a few of their life's hours to help fight food insecurity in your hometown. We are in desperate need of volunteers to provide meals for seniors in your area.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." I Peter 4:10.

Volunteer opportunities available at senior dining sites include:

- Prepare food in kitchens
- Set-up dining sites for meals
- Serve meals

• Clean-up after meals

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Annie Henriksen at 320-650-1645 or [annie.henriksen@ccstcloud.org](mailto:annie.henriksen@ccstcloud.org). Learn more at [ccstcloud.org/volunteer](http://ccstcloud.org/volunteer). Or to learn more about dining site volunteer opportunities, contact the Senior Dining Site Coordinator at the location nearest you.

**About Catholic Charities Senior Dining**

Catholic Charities Senior Dining, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud, has been providing low-cost healthy and nutritious meal options for seniors aged 60 and older across central Minnesota for more than 55 years. The program's nine-county region has expanded to five additional counties, including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena.

Karin L. Nauber  
Todd County correspondent

At the Todd County Commissioner's Nov. 1, 2022 meeting, commissioners listened to concerns regarding hunting land proximity to neighboring land.

Is it the county's responsibility to let neighboring landowners know where buildings will be erected?

It may not be, but a land owner from Fargo, North Dakota certainly would have liked to have had that information as the building of an Amish school house near his hunting land affects how much of his land he can use.

According to the landowner, hunting laws state that he can't shoot within 500 feet of any occupied buildings. In essence, that means that he loses about five acres of his hunting land because of where the Amish school house is being built.

He was notified of the construction of the school house and had called planning and zoning to find out where the school would be built. No one in planning and zoning really knew for certain. One employee said that it would be on the opposite end of his land. He left it at that, but when he came up to the area, he saw that the foundation for the school had already been dug and it would make the five acres unusable for hunting.

He talked to planning and zoning again and the person who had told him it would be on the opposite end apologized which he said he appreciated them taking ownership of the error.

He said he had spoken with the planning and zoning director and was told his only recourse was to hire a lawyer and sue the Amish neighbors.

He said he was not going to do that. He had talked to the Amish and they had not known and had not been informed by anyone that the location of the school would affect the hunting land.

"There are going to be a lot of people out hunting and wearing orange soon. You know who won't be wearing orange? Those children. I'm going to go over and ask if I can buy them orange," he said.

He felt that planning and zoning needed to be more aware of land uses and how permitting one thing could affect another thing.

**In other business:**

- Approved the consent agenda which included:
  - meeting minutes from October 18
  - a gambling permit for the Browerville Sportsmen Club to hold a raffle event

at the Clarissa Ballroom on March, 2023

- a gambling permit for the Todd County Council On Aging (TCCA) to conduct an excluded bingo event at the Clarissa Ballroom on November 13
- a gambling permit for the TCCA to conduct an excluded bingo event at the Clarissa Ballroom on February 12, 2023
- hire Aubrey Koep to fill the open social worker position with a start date to be determined (TBD)
- hire of Ashlie Muhvich to fill the open social worker position with a start date TBD
- the retirement of Registered Nurse Tim Ludwig effective December 15. He has been with the county for 11 years.
- Delivered the oath of office to Kimberley Bosl who will be the interim county recorder.
- Approved the agreement to provide the professional consulting services between Government Management Group and Todd County for the 2022 through 2026 Cost Allocation Plans at a cost of \$5,500 for each plan year.
- After discussion about going out for bids for a different firm to do the county audits, the board approved an agreement with Clifton Larson Allen LLP to provide auditing services as specified for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024. There is a gradual increase in cost each year with approximately \$20,000 more for the 2022 audit.

Commissioner David Kircher had suggested going out for bids partially because of the large increase but also because he said he felt it was healthy for organizations to go out for bids on occasion. They have been using Clifton Larson Allen LLP since 2003.

Many of the other entities that work within the county also use CLA for their audits.

- Set the date of November 30 at 6:45 p.m. for an informational meeting regarding County Ditch 42.
- Approved the final payment of \$12,282.56 for the 2022 gravel surfacing contract to Sanders Construction, Inc. The total cost of the work was \$245,651.20.
- The 2023 preliminary Road and Bridge budget contains funds for the replacement of public works unit #6, which is a 2011 CAT 120M motor grader with approximately 7,800 hours. It's scheduled for replacement in 2023 and is included in the current Todd County Public Works Equipment Replacement Plan.

According to Ziegler Equipment, a new 2023 CAT

120JOY motor grader would cost in excess of \$258,110 (state bid prices) with an expected delivery date of around 12 months.

Currently Ziegler Equipment has in inventory a used 2011 CAT 140M2 motor grader with 3,856 hours at a cost of \$129,937. This price includes an additional extended two-year powertrain warranty, plow equipment, delivery and credit for trade-in of unit #6.

After discussion, the board approved the purchase of the used machine.

- Accepted the retirement/resignation of Sheriff Steve Och effective January 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. PERA requires a board action.
- A subdivision request to establish a seven lot preliminary plat in Leslie Township called Lakeside Acres First Addition was submitted on December 2, 2021. The Preliminary Plat was approved on February 15, 2022 by the Board of Commissioners with the following conditions:
  1. Stabilization of gully area between Lots 2 and 3 prior to final platting. Stabilization plan, storm water management plan and construction must be approved by Todd Soil and Water Conservation District.
  2. Placement of a permanently protected drainage easement around the gully area between Lots 2 and 3.
  3. Dedication of a 140' cul-de-sac as public road rights of way with construction completed by the developer prior to final platting.
  4. Dedication of a 20' of public drainage easement along the southern boundary of Feather Drive.
  5. Developer and future property owners must obtain appropriate per-

mitting when necessary from other governmental agencies including but not limited to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Sauk River Watershed District.

The board approved the final plat.

- Health and Human Services (HHS) employee Cindy Wardien is planning to retire on December 30. She is interested in the Phased Retirement Option (PRO) and the HHS Eligibility Team could use her help part-time in 2023.

The county will follow the process of the PRO requirements, with board approval.

This is the first time the county has used this policy that's been in effect for 10 years.

- Approved the designation of Operation Green Light for Veterans the week of November 7-November 11, in recognition and honor of those men and women in uniform transitioning from active service. The county will be using a green light in the upper part of the historic courthouse which can be seen all around. They have done this for many years in an unofficial capacity but are now making it a policy.

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Looking back

**75 YEARS Ago - 1947**

- Nov. 27, 1947 - Friday Evening Dec. 12, at 8:15 p.m., the junior class of the Motley high school is presenting a three act farce, "The Campbells are Coming."

The play concerns the activities of a family living in the Ozarks who put on hillbilly dress and manners to frighten off an outstanding and objectionable suitor.

Appearing in the cast of this humorous play are Mary Jane Jazuka, Beatrice Ackerson, Wilma Cruse, Donna Hanson, Lillian Kral, Lowell Schrupp, Eugene Rosvold, Robert Blake, Jim

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*Compiled by*  
**Dawn Timbs**

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Coverston, Glenn Alveshire and Alvin Riggs.

- Nov. 27, 1947 - Bible reading month will start throughout the nation on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27, and will continue through to Christmas Day, Dec. 25. People are urged to read their Bibles daily in an effort to promote World Peace.
- Nov. 27, 1947 - In the colored section of the Minneapolis Tribune of Sun day, Nov. 23, pictures of George Marquardt were carried on the second and third pages.

Mr. Marquardt is one of the students taking the rigorous highway patrol training course at Camp Ripley, where 46 vets are under the supervision of veterans of the highway patrol system of the state.

Mr. Marquardt is the husband of the former Joan Asselin of Staples, and makes his home in Wadena.

- Nov. 27, 1947 - Rev. J. M. Amundson, pastor of the First English Lutheran church of Staples, who is with the United States Naval Reserve, returned to this city Monday of this week, after spending the past two weeks on a naval cruise with other reservists.

Their voyage took them to the island of Haiti, where, Rev. Amundson stated, the temperatures were very warm, the coolest being about 85 degrees most of the time. He stated that it was a drastic change from the weather in Minnesota at the present time, but he also stated that he was glad to be back and "in the harness again," and that he hoped he would not be called out again for some time.

**50 YEARS Ago - 1972**

- Nov. 30, 1972 - Congratulations to Doug Frisk of Motley, the winner of the 12" Panasonic black and white television set, in the Fall Texas Corporation promotion. Harold Selchert is the Branch Manager in Staples.
- Nov. 30, 1972 - Word was received this week that Senior Fullback Randy Frisk of the motley Rockets has made the final All-State Football team.

Frisk, an outstanding four sport athlete has lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball.

- Nov. 30, 1972 - The sixth graders in Mr. Card's class at the Staples Elementary school compete in the "Question of the Day" contest. Pat Doud was the first place winner; and Dave Henry ad Robert Whitford tied for second place honors.
- Nov. 30, 1972 - Cheerleaders for the sports of basketball and wrestling at Staples High school were selected last week.

Leading the cheers of the sports fans for the Cardinal Basketball team during the upcoming campaign will be Toni Anderson, Jan Peterson, Deb Stoerzinger, Jeanne Hesse and Dorothy Dukowitz.

Cheerleaders for wrestling will be Mary DesMarais, Patti Blessing, Susette Jay, Lynnelle Reese and



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photos are from our Nov. 27, 1997 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Do you have a memory to share? Email

Sharon Greenwood.

- Nov. 30, 1972 - Two seniors at Staples High school were selected by the Staples Rotary Club as their delegates to the Model United Nations Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada this coming April 5 - 8. They are Colleen Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Henry; and Patrick Quance, son of Mrs. Edith Quance. Rotary member Richard Donat will accompany the students to Winnipeg.
- Nov. 30, 1972 - Robert Pederson, Postmaster in Staples, today reminded the residents of the area that the recommended mailing dates for civilian domestic Christmas mails start the first of December.

The United States Postal Service is using as its theme for the Christmas mailing, "Christmas '72, the Toughest Yet."

**25 YEARS Ago - 1997**

- Nov. 27, 1997 - Members of the Staples FFA chapter's ag sales team placed 8th out of 35 teams competing in the National FFA ag sales contest at Kansas City, Mo., last week. Members of the team include Nichole Tyrrell, Shavaun Martin, Lisa Reed and Lisa Detloff. Kerry Lindgren is their advisor.
- Nov. 27, 1997 - El-Ray Gift/Travel Store & Restaurant is offering a Wednesday Night Harvest Buffet for \$6.50; and a Thanksgiving Buffet for \$7.95
- Nov. 27, 1997 - Motley Staples Middle School's Students of the week included Brilla Binek, Kendra Martin and Emily Waldahl.
- Nov. 27, 1997 - Recipients of the 1996 - 97 Staples Motley High School Student Recognition included Matt Heier, Track; Andrea Hanson, Class Rank; Jeff Thompson, Wrestling; Jesse Jennissen, Wrestling, Music; Justin Windschitl, NHS, One Act; Carlee Noska, NHS, Class Rank, Music.
- Nov. 27, 1997 - Showing at the Staples Cinema (formerly Staples Theatre) Saturday, Nov. 29, Free Christmas Matinee at 2 p.m., Jingle All the Way Showing Nov. 28 - 30, at 7:30 p.m. The Rocketman.
- Nov. 27, 1997 - Showing now at the Cozy Theatre in Wadena - Screen 1, through Dec. 11, Anastasia; and Screen 2, through Dec. 4, The Jackal.

**10 YEARS Ago - 2012**

- Nov. 29, 2012 - A Little Falls man has been charged with murdering two teenagers at his home on Thanksgiving Day. The murders were not reported until the following day, Nov. 23.

Byron David Smith, 64, was charged in Morrison County District Court Nov. 26, with two counts of second degree murder with

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.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 23, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured a few participants in the Variety show held at Staples High School. Above: Guy Doud, who was the Happy Wanderer in the variety show, listens attentively as Barbara Cline entertains the crowd with her vocal solos, "By the Time I get to Phoenix" and "I Left my Heart in San Francisco." At right, despite a hand burn from a previous day's practice, Mary Jo Hudalla (now Hofer) performed brilliantly with a fire baton before the huge throng of spectators at the variety show.

*Mike Koppes of Staples correctly identified all, mentioning that he and Guy Doud are both 1971 Staples High School graduates. Judy Wolak and Janice Johnson, both of Staples, recognized Barb Cline and Mary Jo Hofer. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo. On a side note...the World learned that Mary Jo and her husband Jim Hofer celebrated their 50th anniversary Nov. 18, 2022.*



intent, but not premeditated.

The victims, both of Little Falls, are 17-year-old Nicholas Brady and his 18-year-old cousin Haile Kifer. Brady (who sometimes used the last name Schaeffel) was a student at Pillager High School and Kifer attended Little Falls High School.

- Nov. 29, 2012 - On Nov. 19, around 2:15 a.m., Staples Police observed numerous vehicles that had been struck by eggs on 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Street NE. Eggs were also thrown on the south side of the city as well. It is believed that the eggs

were thrown between the hours of 8 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 12:30 a.m. Nov. 19. This incident is currently under investigation.

- Nov. 29, 2012 - Live Music by Sweet Siren Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., at Town's Edge Restaurant in Staples.
- Nov. 29, 2012 - Staples Cinema showing "Rise of the Guardians" Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.
- Nov. 29, 2012 - Beagers Barbeque in Lincoln by Fish Trap Lake offering Free Beer Fridays - Open Keg at 9 p.m.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by Staples Police Dept.

- Oct. 24, Staples Police responded to 8th St. NE for a report of a domestic dispute. Cassandra Meneely, 34, was arrested.
- Oct. 26, Staples Police were dispatched to a residence of 1100 3rd Ave S. to assist the Motley Police Dept. with a suicidal subject with a gun to his head.
- Oct. 28, Staples Police received a call of an intoxicated subject at the intersection of Illinois Ave. SW and 4th St. SW. The subject was extremely intoxicated, had been out in the cold and was transported to the LHS hospital by ambulance.
- Oct. 28, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic assault on the 700 block of Pine Grove Rd. Cody Tvrdik, 30, was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Todd County Detention Center.
- Oct. 29, Staples Police responded to a single car crash at Airport Rd and Mini Dr. Justin Mack, 28, was arrested for DWI.
- Oct. 23, Staples Police received a report of shots fired on the 1000 block of 5th St. NE. Police are investigating.
- Oct. 31, Staples Police responded to the 500 block of 6th St. SE for a report of a disturbance during a vehicle repossession. Police spoke to all individuals involved to keep the peace. The subjects came to an agreement and police cleared the scene.
- Oct. 31, Staples Police were dispatched to a gas drive off from Ernie's. The suspect vehicle was a white Ford F250. The theft was for \$180 in diesel. The vehicle was later stopped in Sebekka at which time driver information was collected. The driver, Wyatt Bond, 19, was advised to pay for fuel and was issued a citation for theft.
- Nov. 1, Staples Police arrested Matthew Suomi, 40, for violating a harassment restraining order and was transported to Todd

County Detention Center.

- Nov. 3, Staples Police checked on a party who matched the description of a suspicious person reported earlier in the day. The party was an unrelated homeless person passing through town.
- Nov. 4, Staples Police were dispatched to the 500 block of 1st St. NE of a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival officers spoke with the reporting party and stated that both parties on scene had been drinking and had gotten into an argument. It was discovered that the female involved was in violation of her probation. Her probation officer was contacted and advised officers on scene to arrest her. She was transported to LHS emergency room to be medically cleared and was transported to jail by a deputy.
- Nov. 5, Staples Police responded to report of an individual making suicidal threats in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE. The subject was located in the basement of the residence and transported to a hospital in Brainerd by a close friend.
- Nov. 6, Staples Police received a call of a hawk laying in a back yard. Caller was unsure if it was dead or not. Police checked the residence and the bird was deceased and relocated.
- Nov. 6, Staples Police received report of a stolen vehicle from the 500 block of Warner Rd. Police are investigating.
- Nov. 9, Approximately 2:38 a.m., Staples Police responded to a request by the Wadena County Sheriff to respond to a residence in rural Verndale, where a report of an intruder inside of a residence. While enroute to the call for service, it was also reported that there was a party in the residence with a firearm. Upon arrival of law enforcement, all parties involved had seprated. Police stood by while the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. investigated the incident.

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Hiring more assistant coaches does not cost more money for the school

Carlson, wrestling assistant. Superintendent Tappe noted that when more assistants are hired, the coaches come to an agreement to split the assistant coaching salary, the dollar amount that the school pays for coaching does not change.

- Approved resignations of Dennis Frei, custodian; Kesha Holst, social worker; Carly Bowman, assistant softball; Heather Bartle,

custodian; Brian Sams, speech; Cole Kubesh, para-professional; Sheryl Nanik, para-professional.

- Approved the hire of: Lynn Oothoudt, para-professional; Tanner Anderson, bus driver; Amanda Weishair, SLPA, Sheryl Nanik, SLPA; Lynette VaVreck, special education; Emma-jean Erickson, custodian

Wadena BookEnds to feature Nordic skiing

Author Ryan Rodgers will talk about cross-country skiing on BookEnds Online Edition December 10 at 11:30 a.m. via ZOOM.

"Winter's Children: A Celebration of Nordic Skiing", is a book that captures the essence of cross-country skiing in the Midwest, from its earliest days of making wooden skis to the snowmaking loops and large races of today.

"Winter's Children" traces Nordic skiing in the Midwest from its introduction in the late 1800s to its uncertain future in today's changing climate. Generously illustrated, this is an engaging look at the earliest

ski teams and touring clubs; the evolution of cross-country skis, gear, and fashion; and the ambitious effort to maintain a vast trail network across Minnesota's state park system.

For more information and to access the ZOOM program call 218-631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net or visit [www.WadenaCountyHistory.org](http://www.WadenaCountyHistory.org).

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



# The lonely land won’t be for long

While on a walk with my spouse on the post-Thanks-giving weekend, seeing the changes happening all around us, I was reminded of the title of a book whose author fired my imagination for wild places and outdoor adventures. That author is the late Sigurd Olson, one of the most influential forces in the preservation of wilderness and the northern Minnesota land and water-scape we call “canoe country.”



Mike Rahn

The title of the book that for some reason came to mind was The Lonely Land. Wilderness was a thread that ran through the books he authored, much of it presented as sketches and vignettes of Nature, and our relationship to it. But The Lonely Land was different, a book-length journal of his canoe voyage of some 500 miles in a setting a thousand miles north of Lake Superior, where he and companions retraced the route paddled and trod by voyageurs and fur traders of the 18th and 19th centuries.

It was a land where “sparsely populated” would be an understatement, a land of moss and muskeg and climate-stunted trees, much different in look and feel from the lush and verdant Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness where northern Minnesota meets southern Ontario.

Through Olson’s writing we could peer through a window in time and be transported to a distant place—a lonely place—where important pages of our history were written.

Maybe I was reminded of this because the changes happening around us have a similar element of loneliness about them. Deciduous trees and shrubs are bare, and we know that their color and life will not return for months to come. Many colorful birds have left us for the more temperate climates they need to survive. The only flowers we will see for a long time to come are those that will come from a florist. Neighbors—particularly those of a certain age—may have migrated, too. A sense of loss—of loneliness—would be understandable.

As my wife and I walked the road that borders a lake near our home, we could hear “ice voices.” It was the sound of thousands of tiny shards and plates of ice grinding against one another in the gentle waves driven onshore by a west wind. The ice had formed along the shore during several still, sub-freezing nights. Now, it was as if the lake was mounting a counterattack to reclaim its freedom, a battle it will inevitably lose—probably in just a matter of days.

Above this “white noise” of lake ice, my wife and I would periodically hear notes that sounded like old-fashioned bicycle horns. We’ve heard them often enough over the autumn to know they came not from pedal-powered two-wheel vehicles, but from trumpeter swans. They’ve been congregating on the lake as the marshes and ponds

nearby have gradually become icebound, leaving them few places to go to find open water.

There were seven of them, drifting and paddling perhaps a hundred and fifty yards offshore, periodically calling in the unmistakable vocal notes no other swan can imitate. They seemed restless, which would not be surprising for waterfowl at this time of year, when at any time they could be forced into a southward flight as open water disappears under a layer of ice.

As we walked and watched, their calls were suddenly drowned out by a furious splashing, as their webbed feet beat the water in that characteristic swan take-off, which begins with a run for many yards across the water. The birds eventually cleared the water’s surface, became airborne, gained altitude, and circled over our heads not far above the tops of the tall pines along the shore. They circled a second time, took a southeast heading, and eventually disappeared from sight.

Earlier in the day, while passing one of the lake’s public boat launch sites, a lone pickup-and-trailer rig was parked where not long ago there would have been a crowd. Several hundred yards offshore a boat—almost certainly launched from this trailer—was slowly back-trolling into a light chop. There are die-hards in every sport, and angling is no exception. The docks at all this lake’s launch sites have been pulled, and now look strangely out of place standing on dry land. This makes launching a boat a trickier process. But nothing will keep the most dedi-

cated open water anglers from getting in a last trip before ice makes that option unavailable for up to five months, give or take.

Like open water anglers, hunter numbers for the most part are waning, too. The general firearms deer season and waterfowl hunting season have reached their ends. Pheasant and grouse hunting remain open through January 1, and rabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting seasons remain open through February 28th. So, like that lone angler, diehards will pursue such opportunities to the bitter end. But the legion that went afield shouldering shotguns and rifles weeks or months ago has diminished greatly.

Things are pretty quiet on the woods, waters, and wetlands front. But that will soon change. As lakes complete their ice-over, villages of ice fishing structures will pop up on every popular fishing lake. The whine of snowmobile engines will reverberate across lakes, and—with the coming of snow cover—on Minnesota’s 22,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Cross country skiers will kick and glide on groomed trails in state and national forests, state and county parks, arboretums, at resort properties, and on golf courses; a network of skiing opportunities literally border-to-border.

What seems for the moment a lonely land will soon be repopulated with Minnesotans and visitors from beyond our borders, taking part in winter activities that are emblematic of Minnesota and of our obsession with the outdoors no matter what the season.

Quote of the week

“Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it.”  
— Richard Lamm

# Rural women seek community, opportunities

From 100 Rural Women

Through interpersonal connections and widespread system change, 100 Rural Women has identified the key requests of rural women in Minnesota interested in making a difference for themselves and their communities. Rural women are underrepresented in leadership opportunities and underpaid in most employment roles. The voices and experiences of diverse rural women were synthesized into several themes that directly provide actionable opportunities to develop and support rural women leading.

A series of 37 focus groups and an online survey aimed to collect feedback and suggestions from rural women about what actionable supports are needed for rural women leaders to form and thrive. Throughout all conversations and survey responses, the need for easily accessible mentorship was requested over and over. The power of virtual connections was highlighted as a great resource for many individuals, although some in-person aspects would be complimentary. Participants responded to question prompts focused primarily in six main themes:

- Community: the lack of authentic spaces to connect with rural women in similar leadership roles or life circumstances
- Safe Spaces: the ability to request feedback and criticism as well as practice skills in spaces away from the public eye
- Emotional and Mental Health: the struggle to maintain multiple responsibilities in the public and private spaces of their lives as well as to take care of themselves
- Opportunities: the availability of pathways and positions into leadership roles, no matter the size
- Skills: the request for external trainings and support available to keep rural leaders up to date on new technologies and leadership techniques
- Peer Support: the need for public and private leadership affirmations of rural women from those closest to them

100 Rural Women partners with The University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP), who support and sustain Minnesota’s rural communities through a variety of initiatives.

# Finding purpose improves life

From bluezones.com

Quick, can you sum up your life purpose in one phrase?

If you can, research suggests that you could be living up to seven good years longer. Research shows that people who know their life purpose and why they wake up in the morning live longer, better lives.

Dr Robert Butler and his collaborators led an NIH-funded study that looked at the correlation between having a sense of purpose and longevity. His 11-year study followed healthy people between the ages of 65 and 92, and showed that those who expressed having clear goals or purpose lived longer and lived better than those who did not. This is because individuals who understand what brings them joy and happiness tend to have what we like to call the Right Outlook. They are engulfed in activities and

communities that allow them to immerse themselves in a rewarding and gratifying environment.

In most blue zone cultures, this concept of purpose, this idea of “why I wake up in the morning” is an integral part of their culture. Okinawans call it ikigai and Nicoyans call it plan de vida. More importantly, we think that this strong sense of purpose may in fact reduce their chances of suffering from Alzheimer’s disease, arthritis and stroke.

So where do you begin? How do you start to craft this credo of self-awareness and make the necessary steps toward adopting the Right Outlook? It’s not as complicated as you might think; try some of these Blue Zones® tips to adapt the Right Outlook and determine your ikigai.

1. Do an internal inventory—think about your ideals, principles, standards and morals.

Then think of your

physical, emotional and mental talents, strengths and abilities. Take out a blank sheet of paper and write or type for about 20 minutes. It might take awhile, but eventually you’ll clear your mind and get to what you really want to contribute to the world. You’ll know you’re getting close when you have a strong emotional reaction to something you’ve written. Then write your Personal Purpose Statement to incorporate what you like to do and where you can share your talents.

2. Put your skills into action.

Find out you love animals? Make plans to volunteer at the humane society or even adopt a pet. Spread the word amongst your neighbors and see if you can establish a dog-walking group. In short, use your passions as a launchpad for your life. Besides (or perhaps because of) the satisfaction that comes from doing good, people

who volunteer have lower rates of cancer, heart disease, and depression, as well as lower health care costs.

3. Dedicate a place in your house to display your passions, accomplishments, and the things of which you are proud.

Every time you walk by, you’ll be rewarded with a surge of pride and a reminder of how you fit into the world.

4. Find a partner. Find someone to whom you can communicate your life purpose, along with a plan for realizing it. It can be a friend, a family member, a spouse, or a colleague. Use their honesty as a sounding board for your plan of action.

A strong sense of purpose can really reduce stress in your life. You’ll have less worry and anxiety, be more clear about your goals, be less motivated by the positive opinions of others and you may not fret as much about decisions.

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## Lydia Claussen's song release concert is Dec. 10, in Baxter

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Musician Lydia Claussen of Staples will present a song release concert Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., at the Heritage Church youth building in Baxter. A free-will offering will be taken to support Claussen's upcoming internship with RAIN Ministries in Minneapolis.

She's excited for the opportunity to celebrate the release of her song, "All I Know," Claussen said in a recent interview. She wrote it this past April and subsequently had the opportunity to work with producer Finnoh Bangura on a professional music video of the song. It was filmed at Dower Lake in Staples, Claussen said. A preview of the video will be shown at the Dec. 10 concert.

Claussen, who turns 20 on Dec. 6, said she's been writing songs for as long as she can remember. The daughter of Dr. Jon and Amy Claussen of Staples, Lydia said music has always played an important role in their family. Her dad plays guitar and sings, and each of her seven siblings have been involved with music to some degree. Most of the 'Claussen kids' play an instrument, Lydia shared, adding that she plays piano

in addition to singing.

After graduating high school in 2021 (she was home schooled), Lydia enrolled at Berklee School of Music in Boston, taking online courses in songwriting. "It's a great school," she said, adding that she'll finish her course work there in December, receiving a Certificate in Songwriting.

Starting in January of 2023, Lydia will begin her 14-month ministry internship. "I love the ministry and what they stand for," she said of RAIN. As an intern with the organization, Lydia will be involved with local outreach in the Twin Cities area (including leading small group ministries) as well as mission trips in the lower 48 states. The internship will end with a mission trip to Kenya.

She felt a call to mission work at an early age, Lydia said. Her first trip, at age 13, was to the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. A year later she embarked on a missions trip to the Dominican Republic. "I turned 14 there," she shared. In 2021, she traveled to Kenya, which was an amazing experience, and she's excited for the opportunity to return.

The young singer/song-



### Singer/songwriter

Lydia Claussen of Staples will present a song release concert Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., at the Heritage Church in Baxter. (Submitted photo)

writer is hoping that she'll be able to combine her love of music and ministry down the road. "I'm passionate about both," Lydia said.

In addition to her song release concert, Lydia will be performing Dec. 20, from 3 - 5 p.m. at Loco Espress Coffee House in Brainerd.

It's a fun venue, she says, adding that it's located in the old railroad station in Brainerd.

For more information about Lydia's music, her upcoming concert and missions fundraiser, visit her website at [lclaussen.wixsite.com/my-site-6](http://lclaussen.wixsite.com/my-site-6).

## Mark Your Calendar

### December 1

**'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>

### December 2

**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.

### December 5

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

### December 6

**RUBY'S PANTRY** is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of

Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

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

### December 7

**DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

### December 14

**STAPLES 60+ SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** Wednesday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. - noon. Cash drawings, music, entertainment, meal. To register for 11:20 meal, call 218-894-2556 before noon on Dec. 13. Questions? Call Kathy Crews at 218-894-2256.

## School board work session; Truth In Taxation

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a work session and Truth In Taxation meeting Monday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

The Community/Public Forum includes Truth In Taxation Levy and Budget public discussion. The Facilities portion will include a tour of the ele-

mentary school.

Upcoming schedule:

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

**Dec. 26 - Jan. 2: Christmas Break;** all school offices **CLOSED**

**Tues., Jan. 3:** School Board Organizational meeting, 6 p.m., District Office (elect. officers, set 2023 meeting schedule, etc.)

## Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

### December

- **ELEMENTARY CONCERT** Dec. 7, Elem. Commons
- **COMMUNITY CONCERT** Dec. 10, 7 p.m., HS Gym
- **HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION** Dec. 12, 6 p.m., HS cafeteria
- **CHRISTMAS BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Dec. 15, MS at 6 p.m.; HS at 7 p.m.
- **CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL** Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

**•BENEFIT•**

**SILENT AUCTION**

for Bruce Martin

**Sat., Dec. 10**

**2 - 5 p.m.**

**Staples Assembly of God Church**

**915 3rd Ave NE**

**-Lunch provided**

**-Donations accepted**

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## Lions club donates to Staples-Motley FFA Club

The Staples Host Lions recently donated \$500 to the Staples-Motley ISD #2170 FFA Club. Pictured, from left, are Kaylee Pratt, advisor; Lauren Rutten, Heidi Zimmerman, Evan Woodwick, Cory Watland, Emma Lamke,

Caden Mrazek, Olivia Opheim, Jessie Lundquist, FFA members; Lion President Steve Sing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



## More Lions donations

The Staples Host Lions recently made several donations to area organizations, including \$1,000 to Hilltop Regional Kitchen in Eagle Bend; and \$250 to Staples '93 Lions for 'Christmas for Kids'.

Pictured at top, from left, are Lion President Steve Sing; David and Marsha Rolstad, with Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

Below, from left, are Lion President Sing and '93 Lions member Janet Opheim. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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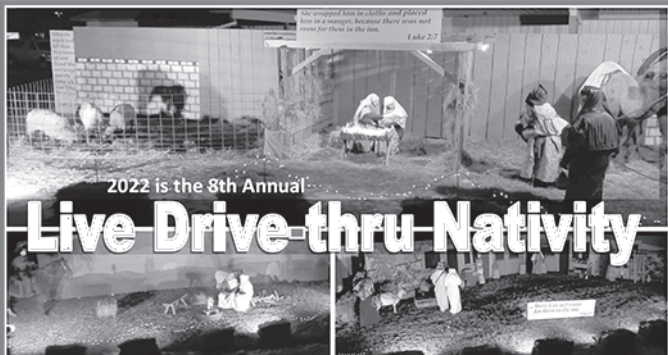
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**WAGE RANGE** 2023 January 1 wages: \$21.72 - \$29.18, depending upon qualifications.

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**REQUIREMENTS** Bachelor's degree in Nursing, Social Work, or a related behavioral science field. Experience in health insurance, Medicare, prescription drug program and medical institution billing practices and relevant experience working with seniors and senior programs preferred.

**EMPLOYMENT VARIABLES** The typical schedule is 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Additional hours may be required but vary based upon workload demands.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION** Got to: [www.co.stevens.mn.us](http://www.co.stevens.mn.us) to apply under Employment Opportunities by 4:30 p.m., December 2nd, 2022. ADA accommodations available.  
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Obituaries

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Sally Joanne (Smrt) Mathewson, 67, of Motley, died on November 17, 2022, from injuries sustained in a rodeo accident.

Per Sally's request, no services will be held.

Sally was born May 11, 1955 to John and Ruth (Button) Smrt in Illinois.

She married Scott Mathewson on August 21, 2002 in Brainerd. Sally enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening, cooking, sewing, bow hunting, fishing, riding motorcycle and her "Sally Coffee Club" at the Stomping Grounds in Staples. She would tell you her regrets included not writing poetry, not making it to the Sturgis motorcycle rally and not owning a mansion in Colorado.

She is survived by her



husband; one daughter, Casey Oreskovich (Jamie Kloss) and one son, Josef Oreskovich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, John, Jerry and Tom Smrt.

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Carol Hyndman

Carol J. Hyndman, 87, passed away November 17, 2022, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids.

No services will be held at this time.

Private family burial will take place in the spring at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Carol was born on May 23, 1935 to Daniel and Marian (Kisler) Spencer in Brainerd. She was united in marriage to Dixon Hyndman in 1955 and they later divorced. Carol grew up in Staples, moved to Sartell and enjoyed being back in Staples after retirement. She moved to Good Shepherd in 2019. Carol was a cashier at the Warehouse Market which is now Cash Wise. She retired in 2000. Carol enjoyed reading, gardening, and flower arranging, especially gladiolas. She was a caring and loving woman who was most proud of her family. Carol loved her cat, Moki and she was appreciative of how much her children took great care of her.

Carol is survived by four children, Kim (Bob) Brandel of St. Cloud, Kelli (Todd) Krajosa of Cushing, Monica (Brian) Laudenbach of Sartell and Kirby (Tora) Hyndman of Champaign, IL; one brother, Daniel (LaVyrle)



Spencer of Oak Park; one sister, Jeanne Huebner of Staples; daughter-in-law, Bev Hyndman of Sartell; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dan Hyndman and seven siblings, Edith Miller, Craig Spencer, Sue Germann, Charles Spencer, Nancy Case, Faye Case and Barbara Longbella.

Special thank you to all the wonderful caregivers at Good Shepherd Court Apartments, Good Shepherd Memory Cottages and St. Croix Hospice.

Arrangements are by Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids. Obituary and guest book available online at: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

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Gerald Riewer

Gerald "Jerry" Riewer, 85, died peacefully November 16, 2022, surrounded by family in St. Cloud Hospital.

A Wake will be held Fri., Dec. 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Sat., Dec. 10, at 11 a.m., with visitation two hours prior to services at the church.

Jerry and his twin sister, Geraldine, were born to John "Jack" and Cecelia Riewer in Bagley on April 15, 1937. When Jerry and Geraldine were eight-years-old their mother died. Their Aunt Theresa Thul helped raise Jerry, Geraldine and their siblings Leroy, Eileen, Rose and Peter. Nine years later when their father died, Theresa raised the children on her own and refused to separate the children into foster care.

Jerry attended Bagley Schools and participated in basketball and baseball. He graduated from Bagley H.S. in 1955. He went one year to Bemidji State University, then worked a year as a Merchant Marine on the sister ship to the Edmond Fitzgerald on the Great Lakes. He realized that this type of work wasn't for him so he returned to Bemidji State and graduated in 1960 with a Physical Education and Biology degree. While at Bemidji State he played baseball and basketball.

His first teaching job was in Deer Creek as a Science Teacher, where he also coached baseball. While in Deer Creek he met the love of his life, Maryann Edholm. Jerry and Maryann were married on August 24, 1963, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Jerry and Maryann moved to Staples in 1964 where Jerry accepted teaching and coaching positions. He taught Science, Phy. Ed. and Driver's Ed. for Staples Public Schools and Phy. Ed. at Sacred Heart Catholic School. He was a Driver's Ed. instructor for over 50 years, teaching several generations of students, including his own children and some of his grandchildren.

Jerry coached 60 seasons as a head coach of various sports including baseball, cross country, girl's softball and JV basketball. He was a baseball umpire and a basketball referee for many years. He led 18 Cardinal Cross Country squads to the State Tournament, two teams earning State Championships in 1982 and 1983. He was honored to coach two Individual State Cross Country champions. He led two Cardinal Baseball teams to the State Tournament, winning one State Championship in 1983 and a State Runner-up in 1977. Two of his players went on to play professional baseball and another player later became a popular Minnesota Twins Broadcaster.

His coaching was recognized throughout the state as he was named Minnesota State Cross Country Coach of the year in 1977, 1982 and 1983. He was named Minnesota State Baseball Coach of the year in 1984. Jerry received national attention and recognition as he was nominated for National Baseball Coach of the Year in 1984. One of his greatest coaching accomplishments was winning two State Championships in different sports in the same year, which happened in 1983. In



1999 he had a Cross Country Award named in his honor at Staples High School and in 2013 the Staples-Motley High School Baseball Field was named "Jerry Riewer Field."

Jerry was inducted into many Halls of Fame including: Minnesota Cross Country Coaches, Minnesota Baseball Coaches, Minnesota Coaches Association, Bemidji State University, Minnesota Amateur Baseball, 2019 Staples-Motley Hall of Fame award and most recently his 1983 Staples Baseball team was inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. He was the past president of the Minnesota State High School Cross Country Association and the Staples High School Coaches Association. Jerry was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a volunteer religion teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Jerry, also known as "Reeves," was recognized as a great teacher and coach, but he was an even better husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend. His relationships with his children and grandchildren were one of a kind. Jerry and Maryann traveled extensively around the state and out-of-state to support their children and grandchildren during many sporting events. Jerry was proud of the lifelong friendships he had with many of his former students and athletes.

He is survived by his wife, Maryann; three children, John (Debbie) Riewer of Pequot Lakes; Mary (John) Samuelson of Arden Hills and Jackie (John) Lenk of Princeton; foster son, Mike (Lori) Snook of Leawood KS; four siblings, Leroy (Connie) Riewer, Geraldine (Sy) Berezni, Rose (Al) Colligan and Peter Riewer (Molly Fortney); brother-in-law, Tom (Ann) Edholm; nine grandchildren, Jolene (Derek) Owen and their children Eli and Ruthie; Aaron (Ashley) Otteson and their children Landon, Ari and Camilla; Malerie (Christopher) Klabo and their children Juliette and Calvin; Jordan Riewer and his girlfriend Jazmen Boone; Hanna Samuelson and her fiancé Michael Ellsworth; Heidi Samuelson; Lexis Lenk; Cammey (Cody) Dieberich and their children Brooklyn, Brody, Tucker, and Austyn; and Casey (Kirstina) Emans and their children Alayna, Vannessa, Gia, Gavin and Skylar and extended family members.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Eileen; Aunt Theresa; in-laws, Elvin and Mary Edholm; brother-in-law, Nels Edholm; sister-in-law, Doris Edholm and daughter-in-law, Kim Nurnberger Otteson Riewer.


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**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891  
Pastor Zach Jones  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.  
**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sunlight (kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Facebook Live  
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.  
**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
firstconougccstaples@gmail.com  
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571  
Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service  
**Faith Lutheran**  
430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples  
Church.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.  
**Seventh Day Adventist**  
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.  
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.  
**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923  
Pastor Scott Jorgenson  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)  
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)  
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.  
**Aldrich**  
**Balsamlund Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month  
**Cushing**  
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month  
**Lincoln Evangelical Free**  
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad  
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown  
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.  
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.  
**Cushing Baptist**  
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Motley

**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
facebook live.....9 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**St. John's Lutheran**  
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399  
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler  
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
**St. Michael**  
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.  
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
www.motleyumc.net  
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist Church**  
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Kenneth Uhren  
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
**Verndale**  
**Verndale Alliance**  
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481  
218-445-5619  
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.  
**Family Life Church**  
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568  
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com  
Pastor Amos Sell.....218-371-7189  
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.  
**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
18126 County Road 7, Verndale  
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malcore  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)**  
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
**Verndale United Methodist**  
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale  
218-445-5108  
Pastor Jill Pawlowski  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
**Central United Methodist**  
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)  
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950  
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.  
**Leaf River Township The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
Info. 218-837-5690  
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

“Life”

Submitted by Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

By Thomas W.

There's an old classic movie which is played each year around Christmas time called, "It's a Wonderful Life." The story of the life of a selfless person who came into a situation as an adult in which he was about to commit suicide, when God sends an angel to intervene, to show him how important his life, his decisions, and his influence are. He got to see what life would have been like for other people if he had never lived. He got to go among the people whom he had known all his life. Only now he was a stranger to them. His response to the difference that he now saw in people went through three stages.

Confusion was the first. "Why is everyone so mean and cranky?" It's like he hardly knew these people. Anger was the second stage. He was used to seeing people getting along. Compared to what he was now seeing, he realized how much better things could be with a little effort and care from everyone. But it was not happening, and it angered him. Fear was the last stage. He felt alone and helpless against the differences that he now saw in other people. He cries out to God to let him have his life back, where people knew him, and people cared. God granted him his wish and life suddenly had a new perspective. His heart and his life were changed by a revelation from God. He saw what a difference it made when he showed his care to other people first.

Would we be changed by that same revelation?

We are not just made for God alone, but for other people as well. Mark 12:30-31 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Jesus called these the two greatest commandments from God! The point is; people need other people. The Lord made us that way. He wants it that way and He likes it that way.

We live in a fast-paced and self-centered world which promotes "things" and being "busy" (perhaps too busy) often at the expense of God and other people. One of the reasons that people need other people is to help remind ourselves and each other just how important our lives are to the Lord.

Galatians 6:9- "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." In this fast-paced, high-tech, impersonal, and often cold-hearted world, it's good to know that there are some simple answers that still work in life.

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## After big school success, Jackson takes on Staples-Motley wrestling

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

Jim Jackson has coached some of the top wrestlers and top teams in Minnesota high school history, winning state championships at Apple Valley and Shakopee. When he accepted the wrestling coach position at Staples-Motley, he divulged one of his secrets to winning championships: he wanted lunch room duty.

"It's a great way to get to know the students," said Jackson. He is also a resource room advisor and teaches a phy ed class.

Jackson won 16 state championships at Apple Valley and two more at Shakopee, then retired from coaching in 2020 with a 868-64-4 record, the highest winning percentage for a coach in state wrestling history.

He has a cabin about an hour from Staples-Motley and Cardinal coach Mark Carlson asked him to drive over to put on a wrestling clinic. While here, Carlson asked him why he wasn't coaching a team in this area, since his cabin is nearby.

"I've never been asked," replied Jackson.

So he was asked. Jackson looked at his situation and decided he wasn't doing very well with retirement because he had more energy than things to do. He also has a history with Staples-Motley, bringing his Apple Valley team here in 1986, after each team had won a state title the year before. Apple Valley was the big school champion and Staples-Motley the Class A champion. The gym was packed and loud for the battle of the top teams.

"It was one of the most incredible atmospheres I've been a part of," recalled Jackson.



### New wrestling coach

Staples-Motley wrestling coach Jim Jackson in the lunch room where he is volunteering to start assembling a wrestling team. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

He decided to move to Staples and coach again.

Jackson said it takes a long time to build up a program, but his lunch room strategy is already getting more students involved, with 44 wrestlers showing up for the first week of practice, a big increase from past years. Many of the new faces are people who are trying wrestling for the first time after being urged by Jackson, there is also a big group of younger wrestlers coming up through the program.

Jackson would like to

expand the team to include more girls wrestlers, as there is now a statewide girls wrestling league in Minnesota, which is one of the fastest growing sports.

"It's a great opportunity for the girls, we want to build that program," said Jackson. There are currently two girls wrestling for the school.

This is Jackson's first time coaching a small town team, so he is learning some of the differences between big schools and small schools. One thing he found out is that Staples-Motley is

in one of the toughest sections in Class A, so it will be a big challenge for the team or individuals to reach the state tournament.

At Apple Valley, he started as a middle school coach and it took years to move up to head coach. He likes the idea of starting at the ground level, an approach that extends to the wrestling community in general. He wants more families and volunteers to get involved from the youth program on up. He has assembled a lot of assistant coaches and volunteers to help out with the varsity.

"If one of the coaches can inspire one athlete, that's a grand slam in my opinion," said Jackson.

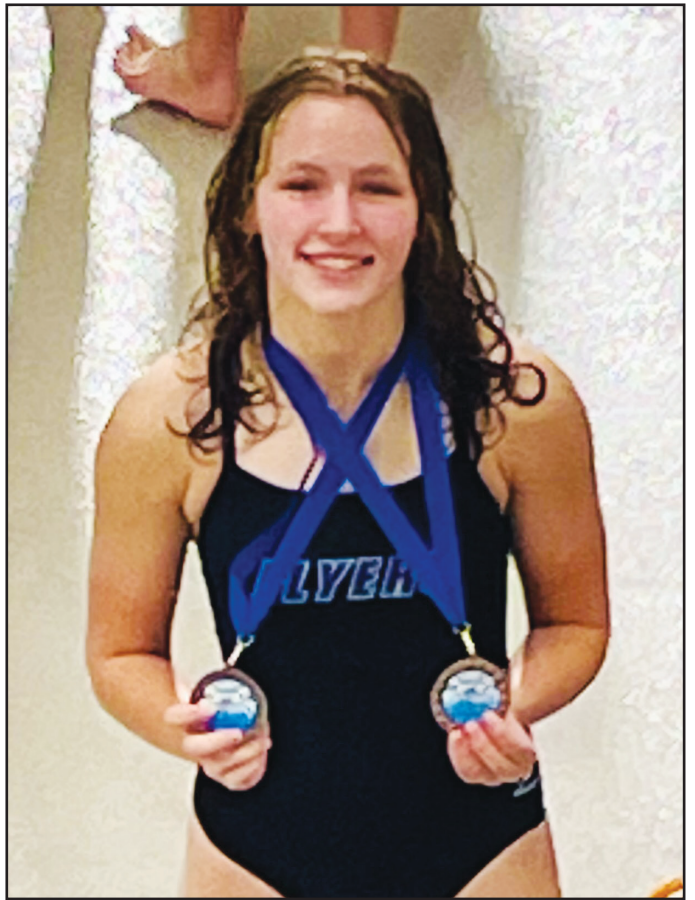
He said he has gotten a lot of support from school administration and parents. Even though the wrestling program appears to be gaining momentum, Jackson knows there is a lot more to do.

"It's going to be a challenge," he said, "it's not going to happen right away."

Jackson said he has a love/hate relationship with coaching. "I love working with the kids, but there is a lot of work to do," he said.

Jackson is committing his time to the program because he said it is all about the kids. In the classroom, his job is an advocate for the students who need extra time to get their work done. In the lunch room, it isn't just about wrestling, Jackson said he wants to help other sports out and has recommended to some students that they join another sport. He also was impressed that the school musical was such a success this fall.

"We want to provide a great education and a great experience," he said.



### Swimming success

Staples-Motley junior Sabina Moe, competing with the Little Falls Flyers, competed in the Granite Ridge Conference swim meet on October 29th. She swam in the medley relay, swimming a quick 35.82 second 50 breaststroke. Sabina along with her team of Claire Anderson, Molly Petrowitz, and Stella Moe took 9th place, a half second off the podium. She had a career best in the 50 freestyle with a time of 28.25. She was ranked 16th in that event and earned 10th place. Sabina earned medals for an 8th place finish in the 200 freestyle relay with her teammates Claire Anderson, Stella Moe, and Abi Nagorski. She also earned a 7th place finish in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:19.07. Sabina moved on to compete in the Section 6A meet November 10-12.



### Basketball action

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team started practices Nov. 15. They play their first game at home on Tuesday, Nov. 29. See page 10a for more. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### Wrestling season starting with new head coach

Staples-Motley wrestlers started official practices on Dec. 21, with new coach Jim Jackson putting them through their paces. See more on page 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



### Claussen, Lorber are All Conference in volleyball; Kobliska, Storry honorable mention

The Staples-Motley volleyball team held their team banquet at Timbers Event Center, with the following players and their awards, pictured from left, Emilya Case - Captain Pin, Letter; Gabby Case - Letter; Ashlin Birkholtz - Letter; Lilly Tyrrell - Coaches Award; Maggie Claussen - Captain Pin, Letter, Most Digs, Highest Serve Receive Rating, Team MVP, F-I-G-H-T Award, All-Conference, All-Section Tournament Team; Grace Jennissen - Captain Pin, Letter; Jayce Kobliska - Letter, Highest Serve Percent-

age, All-Conference Honorable Mention, Cardinal Award; Ellie Moulton - Letter; Liv Lorber - Letter, Most Ace Serves, Most Kills, Highest Kill Percentage, Most Blocks, All-Conference; Annie Schlosser - Letter, Most Set Assists, Most Improved; Miranda Schotzko - Letter; Jade Storry - Letter, All-Conference Honorable Mention; Steffany Sullivan - Letter; Mady Beto - Manager Letter. Not pictured, Izzy Olander - Letter and Will Dolezal - Manager Letter (Submitted photo)









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Sealed Bids will be  
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cent (5%) of the base Bid  
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Submit Bid on the pre-  
scribed form, which is  
furnished with the specifi-  
cation, with full name and  
address of the Bidder.

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

Sign in longhand, exe-  
cuted by a principal duly  
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a co-partnership, then sig-  
natures on the Bid shall be  
by an authorized member  
of the firm, with names and  
addresses of each member  
of partnership.

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

Submit alternate prices  
(Bids) for either increasing  
or decreasing the costs, as  
called for on Bid form and  
Description of Alternates.  
Submit a Bid for all alter-  
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Owner may make such  
investigations as they deem  
necessary to determine the  
ability, competency, and  
responsibility of the Bidder  
to perform the work. Any  
Bidder shall furnish to  
Owner all such informa-  
tion and data for this pur-  
pose, as the Owner may  
request. Owner reserves  
the right to reject any Bid  
if the evidence submit-  
ted by, or investigation of,  
such Bidder fails to sat-  
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Bidder is properly quali-  
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tions of the contract and  
to complete the Work con-  
templated therein. The com-  
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of Bidder will be considered  
in making an award, includ-

ing, but not limited to; (1)  
proof of financial responsi-  
bility, (2) quality of similar  
work, (3) amount of experi-  
ence with similar projects,  
(4) facilities, personnel and  
equipment, (5) reputation  
for performance, and (6)  
the ability to complete the  
work within specified time.  
Owner reserves the right to  
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is reasonable doubt as to the  
qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right  
to: (1) accept Bidder's Base  
Bid only, (2) accept any one  
or more of Bidder's Alter-  
nate Bids, in any order  
regardless of the order in  
which they were listed, (3)  
reject all Bids, (4) award con-  
tract based on their investi-  
gation of Bidders, as well as  
acceptance of alternates, all  
of which the Owner deems  
to be in their best interest,  
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minor irregularities in Bids  
and waive minor irregulari-  
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Contractor shall provide  
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**BIDDING DOCU-  
MENTS & SITE REVIEW:**  
Each Bidder (including  
subcontract Bidder where  
appropriate) is required to  
visit the site and to fully  
inform themselves and record  
their own investigations as  
to the extent of the Work,  
the extent of the Work per-  
formed by other contractors  
under other construction  
packages, conditions under  
which the Work is to be per-  
formed, existing buildings  
and streets, conditions of  
the area, existing utilities  
and other features, type  
of soil, available facilities  
and difficulties that may be  
encountered in connection

therewith, and other rele-  
vant items which will affect  
their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid,  
each Bidder is required to  
examine all of the bidding  
requirements, all Contract  
Documents, all drawings,  
and specifications for the  
Project (including those  
primarily for other Subcon-  
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become thoroughly famil-  
iar with the scope of the  
Project and all factors and  
items of work which will  
affect their Bid or the Work,  
whether shown or specified  
in documents primarily for  
Work of others or Work of  
this Contract.

No extras will be allowed  
the Contractor as a result  
of misunderstanding of the  
extent of scope of the  
Work as a result of their  
failure to study and record  
their own findings. Submis-  
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that such examinations  
have been made and that  
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own investigation and has  
become thoroughly familiar  
with all contract documents  
(including all addenda).  
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ment shall in no way relieve  
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rict Office, 905 4th Street  
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Bidders want to visit the  
physical site, a site review  
will take place immedi-  
ately following the Pre-Bid

conference at Staples-Mot-  
ley Elementary School.  
No extras will be allowed  
because of the Bidder's  
misinterpretation as to the  
amount of work involved,  
Bidder's own error, negli-  
gence, or failure to examine  
the site.

**START DATE:**  
Work will begin after  
receipt of the signed con-  
tract from the Owner. The  
anticipated award date is  
**December 19, 2022.** Pre-  
construction and submit-  
tals work related to the  
project is to commence  
immediately after receipt  
of the signed contract. The  
onsite work will begin on  
the premises no later than  
**June 2, 2023.**

**SUBSTANTIAL AND  
COMPLETION DATE:**  
Owner requires  
all work to be  
substantially complete by:  
**IAQ Phase 1:  
August 25, 2023  
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**END OF  
SECTION 00 11 13  
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## Tim-E robot treks 1,000 miles through Lakewood’s halls

tion in the lab. Lakewood staff participated in a naming contest for the robot, with Tim-E ultimately being chosen as the winner by the administrative Operations & Planning (O&P) team. The name is an homage to retiring Lakewood President & CEO, Tim Rice. With a name like Tim-E, the robot also needed an updated look, so it recently received a vinyl/PVC wrap, giving it a futuristic robot look inspired by Star Wars. Staff have had fun with Tim-E, giving it googly eyes, dressing it up for holidays and even cheering on the Vikings with a SKOL flag and Viking helmet/hair. Since its first run on June 21, 2022, Tim-E has traveled 1,000 miles, making

1,300 total trips (round trip from and back to lab), and 3,900 deliveries or pick-ups (stops while making a trip). Tim-E is available for runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and on average, makes 12.4 deliveries/pick-ups per day, with an average trip time of about 10.5 minutes. All of which is time added back to the day for lab staff. During their visit, Lakewood patients and visitors may encounter Tim-E in the hallway or elevator as it makes its way to its destination. While Tim-E’s sensors prevent it from running into obstacles in its path, patients and visitors are asked to simply walk around Tim-E if they have a chance meeting.

## Boys basketball headed to Target Center

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team will play their first game on Saturday, Dec. 3, against Henning at Target Center in Minneapolis, the home court of the Minnesota Timberwolves. The game starts at 12:30 p.m.

The Cardinals return home to play against Vernadale on Tuesday, Dec. 6, have another game at Rothsay on Friday, Dec. 9 and play at home on Friday, Dec. 16, against West Central Area.



### Wrestling season starts

The Staples-Motley wrestling team started practice on Nov. 21. They start the season Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament, they travel to Brainerd for their tournament on Dec. 9-10. The Cardinals have their first home meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13, a triangular against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle and West Central Area, two of the top teams in the area.



### Basketball season starting

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team started practice Nov. 15. Pictured, players practice at the home gym. The Cardinals start their season on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at home against Browerville. Their next three games are away at Wadena-Deer Creek on Thursday, Dec. 1,



### Water main work in Staples

Employees from Johnson Jet-Line, Inc., out of Kensington (in front), were at work in Staples recently, attempting to televisc a section of water main for the purpose of determining what type of pipe the city has underground. Scott Grabe, Staples Public Works Direc-

tor, said they were able to get to the main, but not able to televisc the entire length. Pictured in background are City of Staples employees Steve Statema (left) and Jake Williams (hidden). (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



at Greenway on Friday, Dec. 2 and at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Tuesday, Dec. 6. They return home on Thursday, Dec. 8, for a game with Little Falls. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)