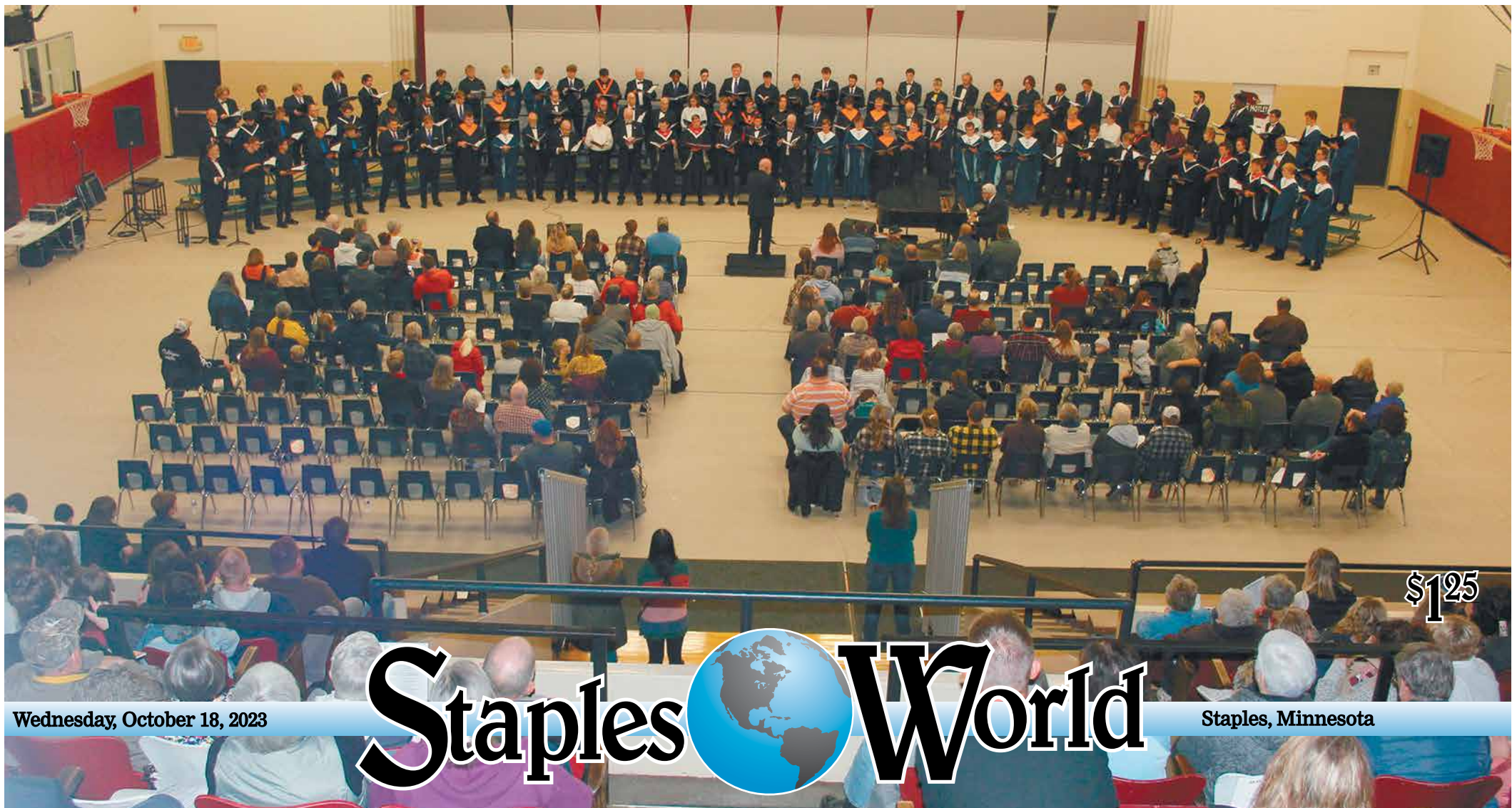


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Staples, Minnesota

Cameron, Miller named to softball Hall of Fame

Submitted copy

Lefty Cameron and Carroll Miller, former Staples area residents are headed to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame, announced recently by the Minnesota Sports Federation.

Cameron, former owner of Lefty's Bar in Staples, is being inducted as a sponsor and promoter of softball in Minnesota.

Miller is being inducted as a player/coach/sponsor and umpire.

The 33rd Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Historic Holmes Theatre in Detroit Lakes.

Cameron and Miller are among 20 individuals to be inducted this year.

Story content is information from Cameron and Miller's nomination letters, submitted to the MN Softball Hall of Fame for consideration.

Carroll Miller

Carroll Miller started playing fastpitch softball at the early age of 15 at Farm Bureau picnics near Horsehoe Lake by Browerville. He played in the Wadena Fastpitch League in the late '60s and early '70s for Lefty's Bar along with his son, Bob. When Staples formed a slow pitch league he became

the pitcher for Lefty's Bar, having many memorable games.

Carroll also coached many teams over the years. His first coaching venture was the women's Miller Golf team in 1971. He also coached womens teams for; Lefty's, Browerville Vet's Club and Land O Lakes team also from Browerville.

Carroll started to umpire in the mid '70s, continuing into the 2010. He called countless league games for the Staples Softball Association. His tournament experience is a strong attribute to his name. He also worked the men's, women's, co-rec and kitten ball games, along with some high school games. All in all, his love of working the games lasted over 35 years. Later in life, he sponsored a co-rec team in Staples called Buck Acres. On nights Carroll was not working the games he and his wife, Donna, would come out and watch the Staples Softball League games. He was always a pleasure to have around.

As mentioned, he played with his son Bob, and coached his daughters; Sherry, Sue, Elaine and Nancy.

Carroll will always be remembered as a soft spoken, hard working, all

around great man.

Lefty Cameron

Mr. Loren Cameron, affectionately known as "Lefty," was born in Wadena County. He attended country school, then moving on to Staples High School where he was an outstanding athlete.

Lefty played fastpitch softball for a number of years in Wadena. After working for the Northern Pacific Railroad and bartending for Ralph Martin, Lefty decided it was time for a new adventure. He opened Lefty's Bar on Highway 10 in Staples. In the early '70s Staples started a slow pitch softball league and Lefty was one of the original players and sponsors. He put up a sign on poles in left center field on the south diamond at Dower Lake field, challenging anyone to hit it with a homerun. A case of beer was the prize.

In 1972, the Lefty's men's softball tournament started. Beginning with eight teams, it was a success, later expanding to 22 teams played on the two fields at Dower Lake. The tournaments brought close to 1,000 people to Staples. With Dower Lake having a campground and beach many families used this tournament as a vacation

Real Men Sing! Festival Chorus Guest Conductor Tim Sawyer, music professor at the University of Northwestern at St. Paul, directed the Real Men Sing! Festival Chorus Oct. 14, at the Staples-Motley High School Gym. The event was hosted by the Staples Area Men's Chorus. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Cutting the Centennial birthday cake

Helping cut the Staples Rotary Club's birthday cake were, from left, Peter Nelson, Assistant District Governor; Kurt Wilson, Staples Rotary President; Dave Long, District Governor; and Marv Rothstein, Centennial Celebration committee chair. (Submitted photo)

Staples Rotary Club celebrates 100 years of service

The Rotary District 5580 Governor and Assistant District Governor were among the guests at the Centennial Celebration of the Staples Rotary Club held Sept. 28, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples.

Other guests included past District Governors and other District officers, past Staples Club members, representatives from the Staples Host and Staples '93 Lions Clubs

and other interested community supporters. Memorabilia and historical photos were on display.

The program included a review of the many community, regional and international service projects and supported projects over the past 100 years as well as a video of reflections from members about why Rotary has been important to them.



Newest Paul Harris Fellows

Five recent Paul Harris Fellows received their pins from Rotary District 5580 Governor Dave Long, center, at the Centennial Celebration for the Staples Rotary Club Sept. 28 at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center. From left are Del

Lecy, Chuck Mayer, Long, Al Kolling and Kurt Wilson. Rotarian Ray Garland was unable to attend the event. To date, members of the Staples Rotary Club have donated \$66,908 to the Rotary Foundation. (Submitted photo)

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 18	57	44	Cloudy
Oct. 19	56	42	M. Cloudy
Oct. 20	61	43	M. Sunny
Oct. 21	56	41	M. Sunny
Oct. 22	57	40	
Oct. 23	55	48	M. Cloudy
Oct. 24	56	48	

Last Year, 2022			
	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 18	39°	17	M. Sunny
Oct. 19	43	22	Sunny
Oct. 20	60	31	M. Sunny
Oct. 21	58	45	M. Sunny
Oct. 22	73		Sunny
Oct. 23	72	51	Sunny
Oct. 24	60	41	M. Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 52° Low = 33°

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

Public Notices

Fawn Lake 9A
Todd-Wadena Community Corrections 9A

Obituaries

Franklin Cerney
Wilma Colby
Don Farber
Lowell Hoffman

Juvenile fires gun from Staples home

On Oct. 15, at 7:48 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of a house that had been struck by firearm projectiles.

Police collected evidence and spoke to individuals in the area. It was determined that a young juvenile had located ammunition for a firearm and shot the residence across the street. After speaking to the suspect, it appeared this was done with no intention to hurt anyone. Police collected the firearm and will be forwarding the report to the county attorney to review.

Fall Fest fun at the fairgrounds



Decorating pumpkins

Cousins Elena Anderson (left), Ivy Vanvickle and Tera Miller had fun decorating pumpkins at the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 14. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



B-I-N-G-O!

The Motley Lions Club sponsored a Bingo contest during the Fall Festival at the Motley Fairgrounds Oct. 14. Above, Sarah Roeder and her six-year-old son, Sean, from the Twin Cities area, kept track of their numbers, ultimately winning \$20 in that game.



Fun for all ages

The Motley Fairgrounds was headquarters for the Fall Fest Oct. 14, presented by the Motley Community Events Organization. The all day festival included bouncy houses, a petting zoo, wood projects, face painters, free live music, as well as contests and a corn hole tournament. A variety of refreshments were available throughout the day, including coffee, mini donuts, waffles and a beer garden.

City of Motley still working to fill vacated seats

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Filling empty seats vacated by resignations continues to be a priority for the City of Motley.

Acting Mayor Pat O'Regan was at the helm Oct. 9, leading the Motley City Council's regular meeting, with the recent resignation of Mayor Mike Schmidt.

Joining O'Regan at the table were council members Nikki Bjerga and Steve Johnson. The chair usually reserved for council member Brenda Borash was empty, as she had submitted her resignation Sept. 13, effective on that date.

In addition to accepting Borash's resignation at their recent meeting, the council declared that there was a vacancy on the council.

Johnson proceeded to mention the name Dennis Erickson as a person to

consider for filling the seat vacated by Borash. A motion was made and seconded, with all three council members voting in favor of Erickson.

Later, in the public forum, Brenda Borash asked whether the empty seat had been posted anywhere? Had an opportunity been given for people to submit letters of interest?

Earlier in the meeting, updates were offered regarding the recent vacancies at city hall, the police department, and the mayor's seat.

Council member Bjerga said there was nothing new to report regarding the mayoral position.

During the subsequent discussion, it was noted that Sarah Lenzen (the former Administrative Assistant who'd recently resigned) had offered to help out in the office on a temporary basis until the city was able to hire some-

one else. The council proceeded to approve a motion that Lenzen be allowed to work up to 25 hours a week, at pay Grade 5, Step 1, until a new person is hired.

Acting Mayor O'Regan also noted that Curt Bryniarski, a former City Clerk/Treasurer for Motley, had offered to help by doing some financial work for them during the transition, including payroll, etc. It would be on a very temporary basis. The council approved hiring Bryniarski at a pay Grade 7, Step 8, until the clerk/treasurer position is filled.

Temporary Police Chief Al Yoder gave a report at the meeting, which included a total of 41 calls for the month. Yoder, who is also employed as a Morrison County Deputy and a former Motley Mayor, agreed to help the police department out until a new chief is hired.

Council member John-

son said he is supportive of Yoder as a temporary police chief, but is also not wanting this hiring process (background checks, etc.) to linger. He requested a time table to be set up as they moved ahead. Acting Mayor O'Regan suggested they speak with the hiring committee about this.

In the subsequent public forum, Brenda Borash voiced concerns about some typos in the police report, which led her to question the entire report. She also had questions about Johnson's reference to background checks in the police department. She hoped the council could answer her questions at their next regular meeting.

In regard to his report, Chief Yoder said that he had done the best he could under the circumstances. He mentioned that former Chief Jason Borash (who resigned in September) had deleted all of the files, so he had to start from scratch.

Jason Borash, who was in attendance at the meeting, stated that all of the files, with reports dating back many years, were there. They'd been downloaded onto a flash drive. Yoder said he had trouble accessing those, to which Brenda Borash wondered why he'd waited so long to

ask for assistance.

In other matters the council:

- **DISCUSSED** the upcoming Fall Fest, sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO), scheduled for Oct. 14. Amy Brichacek, MCEO President, asked if the city was able to provide security. Chief Yoder said he was scheduled to work that night, but would see what he could do about having a Morrison County deputy stop by at some point. Yoder wondered if they were expecting trouble? Brichacek said no, but noted Motley had been in the news lately regarding their police department's situation.

The fire department had also been asked if they could help provide security at the Fall Fest. Fire Chief Brad Olson said that they'd discussed it, but a group from the department is already booked at Holst Acres for their event. In addition, department members had noted they did not want to wrestle with drunk people, Olson said. They would, however, have a truck there at the festival. Brichacek said that the Fall Fest ends at 10 p.m., and she did not expect things to get out of hand...this was just precautionary.

- **APPROVED** the fire

department's request to go with the low bid from Alex Air Apparatus for equipment. Fire Chief Brad Olson mentioned they'd been awarded a FEMA grant for \$151,000, but there had been some price increases since that time, and they would be approximately \$22,000 short of the low bid. Since that \$22,000 was not budgeted, the council tabled a discussion on that until a later date.

- **HEARD** from Mike Chapman, President of the Mill Pond Townhomes Association during the public forum. Chapman said that most of the people living at Mill Pond (located in Motley, on a private road) are seniors and that the association does not have equipment for sanding icy roads. This makes even walking to one's mailbox dangerous. The Mill Pond residents feel they pay a significant amount in taxes, and wondered if the city would consider treating their road for ice, when they are out and about working on other city roads.

- **HEARD** from Motley resident Erv Bjerga during the public forum who requested that property taxes not be increased for one year.

- **SET** next regular council meeting for Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

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Successful fall sports teams

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

All of the Staples-Motley fall sports have had winning seasons, creating a buzz around town as they head into the postseason. No matter what happens in the playoffs, this has been an amazingly successful year to watch Cardinal sports.

Every team has senior leaders but they also have younger stars who should be able to keep the legacy going in coming years.

Tennis

The tennis team has already started their post-season push with a flurry, reaching the Section 8A team final and sending their top players to state as a doubles team.

Putting Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska in the doubles bracket was a bold move. They both made it to state as individuals in singles last year, where Rutten earned the third place medal and Noska won two matches in the consolation bracket. Pairing the two of them together means they are gunning at another state medal, maybe even a top one.

Football

The football playoffs will be determined after the Wednesday Oct. 18, home game against Wadena-Deer Creek on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Cards are assured of the second or third seed and a first round bye. That would mean their first play-off game will be Saturday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m., either at home or at Pillager. If they win that game, they will play for the section title, Friday, Nov. 3, at 12:30 p.m. at the Fargo Dome.

Whether their first game is at home depends on the tiebreaker rule is triggered. The state uses a Quality Results Formula (QRF) that was developed by a web site to generally rank teams. It isn't actually a computer program with algorithms running through the data, it is a mathematical formula based on wins and the size of schools played. Because the formula isn't perfect, if teams are close it goes to a tiebreaker.

Because Staples-Motley lost to Pillager in the regular season, they would lose the tiebreaker if the two teams end up close together, which it appears likely.

Last year the Cardinal football team lost all nine games and were ranked 52 out of 54 teams in Class AA. Most of that was because they were a very young team, with a lot of 9th and 10th graders on the field for every play. They played a tough schedule that left the team beat up every week so there wasn't much rebound from week to week.

This year, the players are a year older, bigger, stronger, faster and smarter. They also had an easier schedule where they had an opportunity to win all but one of their regular sea-

son games. The Cards have moved up to 18th in the state rankings.

The team seems to be coming together much better in the second year with Coach Drew Potter and his coaching staff. They're disciplined on defense and dynamic on offense, leading to some great games and a winning season.

Volleyball

As of now, the Cardinal volleyball team is the sixth seed in Section 6AA, ranking them 31 out of 126 teams in Class AA. They haven't played the teams below them, so if they win their final match they will stay at the sixth seed. With 14 teams in the section, that means they will get a home game on Thursday, Oct. 26, most likely against Pierz or Milaca. If they win that playoff game, they will most likely play at Sauk Centre on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

It's a tough section with two, top ten teams, Pequot Lakes and Albany, and also finding Sauk Centre ranked 16th.

This year's volleyball team has had some big wins against Wadena-Deer Creek, Park Rapids and Pelican Rapids, all teams ranked in the top half of Class AA. Another big win was at Pine River-Backus, who is ranked in the top 20 of Class A.

The Cards have gotten stronger as the season progressed, with all of the above big wins played in the second half of the season. They have a bunch of all-around players who can play the front row or back row, can hit, set, block and serve. A few of them are emerging into star players.

Cross country

Staples-Motley girls and boys both have an opportunity to get back to the state meet, but it won't be easy. Both teams fell out of the state rankings during the middle part of the season but are getting back in that range. The Section 6A meet is Thursday, Oct. 26, at Long Prairie.

This season the girls team ran several meets without a full squad, but if they're healthy and run well at the section meet, they should be the top team there. Wadena-Deer Creek, Minnewaska and Breckenridge also have good teams that could be in the running. Audrey Brownell and Kyan-na Burton are two of the top three runners in the state.

In the boys section meet, it could be a three way battle for two spots for state. Bertha-Hewitt has been ranked in the top three in the state, a remarkable achievement for a program that's only been running for five years. Even though they had an injury situation, they're still the team to beat. Staples-Motley and Sauk Centre are the main contenders for the other spot for state.

The boys team has qualified for the state meet for six straight years and the girls team has won the section title for five straight years.



'Dig Pink' night recognized at home volleyball game



to are members of the Cardinal Volleyball team with Melanie Bestland. Front row, from left: Steffany Sullivan, Jade Storry, Bestland, Lilly Tyrrell, Ellie Lange, Ashlin Birkholtz, Kyra Stangle. Back: Maddy Beto, Livi Lorber, Tamara Strelly, Miranda Schotzko, Ellie Moulton, Annie Schlosser, Katerra Barnhart, Pam Lawrence. Prior to the game, Bestland thanked Dr. Wade Swenson, Lakewood's oncologist, as well as Alyssa Manning and Mariah Nieman, both family nurse practitioners in oncology. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Like the landscape, Minnesota lakes are changing, too

The autumn seasonal transitions we tend to think about most are changes on the land. Leaves have stopped their photosynthetic capture of the sun's energy, their chlorophyll disappears and reveals the brilliant oranges, reds and yellows that have been hidden, and most—save some of the oaks—soon fall to the ground to leave barren limbs behind.



Mike Rahn

Conifers shed dead needles, like deciduous leaves, but only some, the remaining live ones allowing time to remain "ever green." The needle-bearing exception to this is the tamarack, which loses all its luminous golden needles at one time, and is barren all winter long. A member the larch family, not of the pines or spruces, its larger relative the western larch can grow to be eight feet in diameter and 250 feet tall, almost four times as large as a typical tamarack found here.

Oaks are dropping their

acorns, just as some other deciduous trees are shedding mature seeds. But unlike those, the acorns are a rich bounty of nutrition that feeds deer, bear, ruffed grouse, turkeys, squirrels, and other forest dwellers. Even humans have been known to gather acorns and grind them into flour for baking.

Crop fields where just a few weeks ago corn and soybeans stood dry and awaiting harvest are now only stubble, and geese, swans, and sandhill cranes can be seen there making their own harvest of the leftovers.

Humans' tasks are changing their own domestic landscapes, too. The leaves that have fallen on lawns instead of in forests are being raked or mulched, and will be several times over before the task is through. Evergreen shrubs will be wrapped to protect them from browsing deer. Mowers are being winterized, and snow blowers made ready for duty when the first snow events come.

Docks and boat lifts that have ringed lake shorelines since May and June are being drawn up or hoisted on shore, making these lakes look almost undeveloped if you could ignore all the structural aluminum that bristles like fortifications

on beaches, rip-rap shoreline slopes, and lakeside lawns.

Traffic on most lakes is now almost exclusively anglers awaiting a good fall musky, walleye or crappie "bite." No whine of jet-skis, no runabouts towing youngsters on Big Mabel inflatable or float tubes, no tsunami-generating wake boats towing wakeboarders, and very few pontoons. Most are now covered and in storage until next spring.

Freeze-up—or "ice-in"—as it's sometimes called, is likely weeks rather than months away, though the timing will depend a lot on lake size, depth, and the wild card of weather, with its unpredictable temperatures and winds.

Importantly, preceding freeze-up will be the process known as lake turnover on our deeper lakes. More than anything else, it is a mixing of a lake's several layers of water at different temperatures. This layering is also called stratification. Typically during summer there are three different temperature layers in the deeper lakes that provide our best fishing, lakes that are least subject to fish dying of winterkill.

Unlike most liquids, water is most dense, or heaviest, at 39 degrees Fahrenheit. Water that is either colder or warmer than 39 degrees is lighter. Being heaviest, that layer of 39 degree water—called the hypolimnion—is at the bottom of a stratified lake. Above it is a layer of water that could be either colder or warmer, water that is less dense, called the thermocline. The warmest layer in summer is, as you'd expect, the top layer that is exposed to sunlight and warm air, and is called the

epilimnion.

In Minnesota at the fall, and beginning to happen now, the cold air—aided by the wind—is lowering the water temperature at the surface. Eventually, that surface water will approach the point of greatest density at 39 degrees, and will begin to sink toward the lake's lower depths. Importantly, it brings with it critically important dissolved oxygen to replenish the depths, where decomposing plant and animal matter depletes oxygen.

Eventually the newly mixed waters will again stratify, the densest 39-degree water at the bottom, and colder layers above it. In winter, however, the temperature differential between coldest and warmest layers is much smaller. Whereas in summer the top-to-bottom temperature differential can be as much as 35 to 40 degrees, in winter the top-to-bottom temperature differential can be as little as four or five degrees. Above that, in climates like Minnesota's, during winter's sub-zero cold there will be a layer of ice on top. This—like the ice cubes in your favorite beverage—is less dense than liquid water, and will float above everything else.

In spring, a similar process will occur. Warming temperatures will melt the ice layer, and water at the surface will reach that magic highest-density temperature of 39 degrees, and this water will sink and mix with colder water below. Not as dramatic as fall's turnover, perhaps, but equally important to fish and other creatures in the lake. And, not least, important to anglers whose sport depends on a healthy lake.

Quote of the week

“I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games; 26 times I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed.”
— Michael Jordan

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October 18

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. The public is invited. To attend via Zoom, contact Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139.

October 19

‘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>

TRI-COUNTY POST #124, MOTLEY AMERICAN LEGION will hold its next regular monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 19, at BRICKS Restaurant, Motley. Meeting at 6 p.m., followed by dinner. All members are urged to attend.

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

October 22

CENTRAL MINNESOTA ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR will present a program of music and testimonies at Motley United Methodist Church, Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more info., 218-352-6466.

October 23

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

October 24

CARE MINISTRY FREE MEAL Tuesday, Oct. 24, 4:30 - 6 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples. Thomastown Covenant Church helping. The free meals are held on a monthly basis to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. - noon, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Facilitated by Dementia Community Action Network. No cost, no need to register. For info., call Cristina Rodriguez, 320-640-6724.

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTGS are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Wadena VFW at 7 p.m. If you wish to eat early you may order from the menu prior to meeting.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

‘GRIEF SHARE’ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTGS will be held Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 p.m., through Oct. 24, at Sourcewell, 202 12th St. NE, Staples. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome. For more info., call 218-894-8093 or email pauljohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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 which is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 17 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m.-noon.

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

Donated hard cover and paperback 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 spotlight on Hwy. 10 in the City Hall building at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. For information call 218-894-1401 or visit griver.org/locations/staples.

Proceeds of the sale support library programming.

Staples-Motley School Board meeting Monday, Oct. 23

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Individuals or groups wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

- Approve Fundraiser requests from FFA; PTO
- Approve resignation of Victoria Serich, Elementary Secretary
- Approve winter coaches list
- Approve the FMLA request from Josh Lee
- Approve staff hires: Victoria Serich, Elementary School Administrative Assistant; Amanda Keplin, MS/HS Para.; Mikayla Rich-

ards, Elementary Para.; Todd Crawford, MS/HS Custodian

- Approve new policies; approve review of policies with MSBA revisions
- ICS update

Upcoming schedule:

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

Mon., Nov. 20: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Thurs., Nov. 28-Fri., Nov. 24: OFFICES CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving!

Mon., Dec. 4: Work Session and Truth In Taxation Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Dec. 18: Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Dec. 25-Mon., Jan. 1: Christmas break

Mon., Jan. 8, 2024: Organizational meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Staples Host Lions Pumpkin Decorating Giveaway

Sat, **October 21** 2 to 5 p.m.

Free PumpkinsDecorating Materials

Limited amount of pumpkins

Ages Pre-K - 6th

Lions Building, 402 Wisconsin Ave., Staples

INFO: 218-820-7287

Staples Host Lions Wreath Sales

Pre-Order Ends 11/10

Wreaths will be available for pick-up/delivered the week of Thanksgiving.

Check the box that applies to you.

☐ Yes, I'd like my wreath delivered.
(Delivery only available if prepaid and within 5 miles of town)

☐ No, I will pick my wreath up from
Williams Floral & Nursery.

Mail to: **Staples Host Lions, P.O. Box 143, Staples, MN 56479**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Quantity _____ X \$25 _____

Enclosed is cash / check (circle one) for \$ _____

Make checks payable to Staples Host Lions

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A Fundraiser for Student Scholarships!

Tickets available @ the Staples World

M-F, 8 a.m.-noon

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Trunk or Treat

A Fun, Safe, Trick or Treat Experience

Loads of Candy Carnival Games Hot Drinks Fun Costumes

Staples Alliance Church 1512 8th St. Staples 218-894-2891

October 31st 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Trick or treat for the food shelf

Faith Lutheran Church in Staples is hosting a community wide ‘Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf’ event Sunday, Oct. 29, from 4 - 7 p.m.

All community youth grades five - 12 are invited to meet at Faith Lutheran that day at 4 p.m. Participants will break into

groups, where they will ride through the Staples area on hayracks and cars, picking up donations for the food shelf. Participants will return to the church at 6 p.m. for a meal.

If a home is missed, food can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran until Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Fall is in the air... Let's keep the harsh chemicals out!

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205 Ravilla Ave, Staples, MN

Lori Bates, Norwex Consultant

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--Pre-order call 218-397-2562, leave message.

Building projects fundraiser.

Rifle Sight-In Day

October 29

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•Sight-In Targets provided

•Assistance avail. if needed

Staples Sportmen's Club

27158 McGivern Dr., Staples

Info/?s call 218-296-1519

Thanks for reading the Staples World

Staples Rotary Club Rose Sale

One Dozen Only

Long Stemmed Roses While Supplies Last

Credit Cards Accepted at Pick-Up

Pick up 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 26 or 27 at Williams Floral

1010 2nd Ave. NE, Staples.

Add vase, greenery, other arrangements for additional fee through Williams Floral.

Email chuck@mpn-cpa.com with name, phone#, quantity and color or use the form below

Mail to: Staples Rotary Club, P.O. Box 206, Staples, MN 56479

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

(Where can we call you if we need to remind you to pick them up?)

Email _____

_____ dozen red roses _____ dozen assorted roses

Enclosed is cash / check (circle one) for \$ _____.

Rotarian initials _____ I'll pay with credit card when I pick up my order.

In order to conduct maintenance and an inspection, the City of Staples' water tower will be drained during the week of October 16-20, 2023.

Because of this, we are asking residents to limit their water usage to essential uses only.

Please refrain from unnecessary watering of plants, washing vehicles, windows, houses, etc. and any other non-essential uses.

The City of Staples will be able to maintain adequate pressure throughout this process, but you can help us do that by limiting your water use.

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Historic Staples

Many City of Staples water customers will soon be receiving letters asking them to make an appointment with HydroCorp to have their meter register changed out. HydroCorp has been contracted by the City of Staples to perform this work, and we are asking customers to follow the instructions in the letter to set up an appointment.

Changing out the register on the water meter allows the City of Staples to read the water meter remotely. When this is done, city employees will no longer have to enter your property to read the water meter. Nothing will be required from the customer, other than to allow access to the meter. There is no cost to the customer for this service. If you have any questions, you can contact the city office at 218-894-2550.

The City of Staples thanks you for your cooperation.

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Hello World

ONLINE BIRTHS REMOVED
AT THE REQUEST OF LAKEWOOD
HEALTH SYSTEM.

Guess
Who's
turning 70
on the 24th
of October?

Love, Your
Wife and
Family.

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Obituaries

Wilma Colby

Wilma Colby, 98, of Vern-
dale, passed away Septem-
ber 28, 2023, at the Lakewood
Health System Care Center
in Staples.
Burial was in Wadena
Cemetery, Wadena.
Wilma was born to Fred-
erick and Flavel (Fortner)
Waldofski on February
16, 1925, at Cadott, WI. She
completed high school and
in later years worked in the
kitchen at Central Lakes
College in Staples. In quiet
hours Wilma used her tal-
ents in quilting, sewing,
knitting and needlepoint.
Her family will remember
her as a loving mother who
was willing to help anyone
in need. She was a member
of the Faith Lutheran
Church ladies circle and
reading the Bible strength-
ened her faith.
Wilma is survived by one
son, David Colby of Vern-
dale; two grandchildren,
seven great-grandchildren
and one great-great-grand-



child; along with several
nieces and nephews.
Preceding Wilma in
death were her parents,
Frederick and Flavel; two
sons, Jim Colby and John
Colby; one grandson, Fred
Colby; one sister, Carol
Waldofski and one brother,
Verlyn Waldofski.
Arrangements were with
the Schuller Family Funeral
Homes & Cremation Ser-
vices, Wadena (www.Schul-
lerFamilyFH.com).

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Don Farber

Don F. Farber, 85, of Pil-
lager, passed away unex-
pectedly October 10, 2023,
surrounded by his family
and loved ones at Lakewood-
Health System Hospital,
Staples.
A Celebration of Life will
be held Wednesday, October
18, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Catholic Church in Staples.
A visitation will be held one
hour prior to the services at
the church.
Don will be entered into
rest at the Wildwood Ceme-
tery in Pillager.
Don was born January
24, 1938 to Ray and Mag-
dalene Farber in Becker
Township. He was born and
raised on the family farm
and graduated from Staples
High School. He worked as
an auto glass installer for
many years with Modern
Auto Glass and Harmon
Auto Glass. He also worked
many years at Grand View
Lodge in the housekeeping
and laundry area.
Don was married to Dar-
lene Fornshell, the love of
his life, for 45 years. They
lived most of their lives
in the Pillager area. Don
served on the Pillager Vol-
unteer Fire Department and
the Pillager Fair Board for
many years. He was a life-
time Pillager High School
Huskies fan. He enjoyed
fishing, hunting, playing
cards, hosting card par-
ties, gabbing on the phone
and having people around.



Don will be remembered as
a devoted husband, father,
grandfather and great-
grandfather.
He will be dearly missed
by one daughter, Barb
(Hector) Merced; one son,
Mark; four grandchil-
dren, Ryan, Tyrone (Sara),
McKenzie (Jon), Brittanie
(Kurt); 12 great-grandchil-
dren, Payge, Isaac, Austin,
Hayden, Keyonna, Ari-
anna, Hunter, Sawyer, Ken-
neth, Finley, Gracelynn
and Emberlyn; two sisters,
Yvonne (Larry) Perry and
Pat (Wendell) Gregg and one
brother, Mike (Michelle)
Farber.
He is preceded by death
by his wife, Darlene; par-
ents; one daughter, Leann,
and three brothers, Bill,
Ken and Roger.
Arrangements are by
the Brenny Family Funeral
Chapel, Baxter.

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Franklin Delano Cerney

Franklin Delano Cerney,
85, of Staples passed away
peacefully surrounded by
his family on October 13,
2023.
Funeral services will
be held at Faith Lutheran
Church, Saturday, Octo-
ber 21 at 11 a.m. Visitation
will be held one hour prior
to services at the church.
Lunch will be served follow-
ing services.
Franklin was born Sep-
tember 1, 1938.
Franklin was passionate
about his farming work but
mostly so his customers,
whom he viewed as friends,
had everything they needed.
That excellent customer ser-
vice was a driving force in
everything he did. Franklin
loved spending time with
his family and was deeply
proud of everything they
did. He valued time together
watching sports, playing
cards and talking about life.
Square dancing was a hobby
he picked up and had so
much fun getting his "steps
in" with a fun group of
people. Florida also became
a destination he loved when
it got too cold in Minnesota.



Franklin was loved by
many and will be missed
dearly.
Franklin is survived by
two sons, Del (Lisa) Cerney
and Jon Cerney; two grand-
daughters, Alicia and Madi-
son Cerney; customers and
friends.
He is preceded in death
by his parents and siblings.
In lieu of flowers, Frank-
lin requested that donations
be made to Faith Lutheran
Church, 430 12th St. NE, Sta-
ples, MN.
Arrangements are by
the Brenny Family Funeral
Chapel, Staples.

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Lowell Hoffman

Lowell Hoffman, 93, of
Staples, passed away Octo-
ber 9, 2023, in Staples.
Funeral services were
held October 16 at Faith
Lutheran Church, Staples.
Burial was at Pinewood
Cemetery in Crosslake.
Lowell was born Octo-
ber 12, 1929, to Lewis and
Florence Hoffman in Spiral
Siding, North Dakota. He
grew up in Kenmare, ND,
where he graduated from
high school. In 1951, he
joined the U.S. Marines
and served in California
as a Frogman. During that
same year, he married his
wife, Carolle Anderson.
After his service in the
Marines, Lowell started
working with the U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service, where
he had a successful 35-year
career. He was stationed at
several locations through-
out the U.S. working in var-
ious roles with the highlight
of his career at Boston, MA
as the Assistant Regional
Director, covering the 13
northeastern states. He



transferred from Boston to
Bloomington and retired
from the Federal building.
In 1992, his wife of 41
years passed away. In 1994
Lowell married his current
wife, Virginia. He enjoyed
many good years in retire-
ment, enjoying fishing and
golfing until his health dete-
riorated.
Lowell is survived by his
wife, Virginia; four children,
Janice (Bill) McCullough,
Bernadine (Steve) Walker,
Greg (Colleen) Hoffman,
and Scott (Pamela Ander-
son) Hoffman; Virgin-
ia's four children, Jody
(Brad) Farber, Bob (Kay)
Mueller, Kevin (Jackie)
Mueller and James (Kim)
Mueller; 18 grandchildren;
27 great-grandchildren;
three great-great grandchil-
dren; many loving relatives
and friends.
Lowell was preceded in
death by his parents; wife,
Carolle; three brothers and
two sisters.
Arrangements were by
the Brenny Family Funeral
Chapel, Staples.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes
for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main
worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade)
.....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade)
.....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

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 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
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
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.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd. Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday.....4:00 p.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.

Oylen
Oylen Alliance
City. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malkore
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.....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@fbpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

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

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malkore
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 rd)
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.

"Demonstrating your Beliefs"

Pastor Chris Mathiason, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

I recently was reading the 21st Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus is being questioned, challenged really. "By what authority do You do the things You're doing?" Jesus answers by telling a story, a parable. "A man had two sons, he went to the first and said 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' The son said, "I will not," but later the son changed his mind and went. The father went to the second son and asked him to go to the vineyard and work. The son answered "I go, sir," but he did not go. Which of the sons did the will of the father?" The clear answer is the son who did what is asked. In our lives, we often know what we should do. The challenge is sometimes we don't want to do it. It's too difficult. It makes us uncomfortable in mind, body or spirit. The reasons for our hesitation are varied.

It would be best of all if our words matched our actions. That our yes be yes and our no be no. That's what we seek to do. But we know that we judge others and are judged ourselves based on what we do. Saying we believe something and demonstrating we believe something by our actions are very different things. The cry of hypocrisy is quick to raised up. I started out talking about where Jesus gets His authority. We earn the trust of others when we can be depended on to do what we are called to do. As we all know, building up trust takes a long time. Losing trust can happen very quickly. Our call as Christians is to be trustworthy. To follow Jesus not just when it benefits us, but to follow Jesus when it is a challenge for us. May we seek to be true in all things. Thanks be to God.

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Volleyball action

Above, Steffany Sullivan serves. Right, Tamara Streli spikes



Big second set propels volleyball team to win

The Staples-Motley volleyball team overpowered a tall, hard hitting Pelican Rapids team, on Oct. 10, that was 12-5 coming into the match.

The Cardinals started slow in the first set. They had trouble slowing down the PR attack and fell behind by three in the middle of the set. Tamara Streli and Livi Lorber started scoring on kills, bringing the team back into the lead, along with Lilly Tyrrell serving out the last six points.

The second set was a remarkable show by the Cards, as they built a 10-1 lead and it never got close. The remarkable part was that Pelican Rapids didn't make many mistakes, it was all good plays by Sta-

ples-Motley. Tyrrell started the set out with an ace, Lorber had two blocks, four kills and an ace serve, Ellie Moulton had two aces and a kill, Jade Storry had three kills and one ace, Streli had one ace and aone kill. The best play may have been early on when Storry dug up a hard hit and Lorber finished the point with a block.

The third set went back to a normal volleyball game, with the teams tied a 14 before the Cards pulled away with a block by Miranda Schotzko.

"The team has had a really good regular season, only losing to top ranked teams in their respective classes with one more regular season game left," said Coach Gretchen Bestland.

"The majority of our losses were early in the season and now we feel like we have hit a good stride, going 9-2 since the Hawley tournament with the losses being to Detroit Lakes and Hawley who are looking to make a state appearance."

Team results

SM 3, Pelican Rapids 0: 25-20, 25-12, 25-17
Sullivan: Digs-3
Moulton: Aces-2, Assists-1, Kills-5, Digs-11
Storry: Aces-2, Assists-2, Kills-5, Blocks-2, Digs-12
Tyrrell: Aces-1, Assists-2, Digs-7
Schotzko: Kills-1, Blocks-3
Lorber: Aces-2, Assists-4, Kills-14, Blocks-2, Digs-6
Schlosser: Assists-19, Blocks-2
Streli: Aces-2, Kills-5, Digs-6

Rutten, Noska make it to state tennis doubles

The Staples-Motley tennis team suffered their first loss of the season in the Section 8A championship game, falling 5-2 to Crookston.

The team's top two singles players, Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska, teamed up to compete in the doubles tournament, where they won the section title to advance to the state meet. They will play their first state match at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

In the team tournament, the Cardinals won 5-2, over Roseau in the first round, winning all four singles matches handily. They won 4-3 against East Grand Forks in the second round. It was close in the team score, but they had four solid wins, with the closest match a 6-2, 6-4 win by Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson at number three doubles.

In the championship match, the Cardinals were close and competitive in

every match but ended up with a loss in five of the matchups.

Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska were both undefeated in the team tournament. They were untouchable as a doubles team, cruising to the Section 8A doubles title without losing a set. Their toughest match was in the championship, where they won 6-1, 6-2. They won over teams from Roseau, Thief River Falls and two teams from Crookston.

The other Cardinal doubles team of Amy Rollins and Corinne Olson lost their first match, losing 11-9 in a tiebreaker for the second set.

In individual singles, Heidi Zimmerman won over the fifth seed, but lost to a player who went on to take second. Kenzie Erickson lost in her first singles match.

Team results

Section 8A
SM 5, Roseau 2

Singles: Lauren Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Ronnie Noska W 6-2, 6-0; Jaida Holst W 6-2, 6-1; Kaylee Perius W 6-1, 6-0

Doubles: Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 6-2, 6-2; Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman L 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), (2-10); Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-2, 6-2

SM 4, East Grand Forks 3

Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-0; Noska W 6-0, 7-6 (8-6); Holst L 6-2, 4-6, 0-6; K. Perius L 0-6, 0-6

Doubles: Rollins/Olson L 5-7, 2-6; Erickson/Zimmerman W 6-2, 6-0; M. Perius/Hanson L 3-6, 3-6

SM 2, Crookston 5

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-0; Noska W 6-2, 6-1; Holst L 3-6, 3-6; K. Perius L 6-7 (407), 2-6

Doubles: Rollins/Olson L 2-6, 4-6; Erickson/Zimmerman L 4-6, 6-7 (3-7), M. Perius/Hanson L 3-6, 3-6

Individual tournament

Section 8A Singles:
Heidi Zimmerman W 6-2, 6-3, L 1-6, 1-4

Kenzie Erickson L 0-6, 1-6

Section 8A Doubles:

Lauren Rutten/Ronnie Noska W 6-0, 6-2; W 6-0, 6-1; W 6-1, 6-1; W 6-1, 6-2

Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson L 0-6, 6-7 (9-11)

Cardinals rush past NYM for sixth win

The Staples-Motley offense gained 452 yards and scored 35 points in a 35-6 win over New York Mills on Oct. 13.

The key to the win was getting first downs, with a total of 22 first downs in the game. The Cardinals converted on seven of 12 third down attempts and converted their only fourth down attempt.

Most of the big plays were gained on the ground, with several Cardinals breaking out big runs. Ben Tyrrell gained 72 yards

on nine carries, with one touchdown. Blake Neelan had six carries for 62 yards. Elijah Claussen gained 42 yards and scored a touchdown. Colbe Tappe gained 40 yards, Elijah Blue 30, Turner Beachy 21, Chase Blue 18, Gavin Chenoweth 15, Conner Kuhns 13 and Zach Tabatt 5.

Eli Rutten passed for two touchdowns and ran for one.

Alex Schultz caught three passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns, including a 50 yard touchdown.

On defense, Staples-Mot-

ley held NYM to 147 total yards. Chenoweth and Schultz each intercepted a pass to end drives in Cardinal territory. Noah Larson had two tackles for loss and one sack.

The win moved the Staples-Motley record to 6-1 with one game remaining, against Wadena-Deer Creek on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

The Cardinals will receive a bye in the first round of the playoffs and will play on Saturday, Oct.



Jade Storry



Pam Lawrence



Ellie Moulton

Cross country prepares for postseason

The Staples-Motley cross country team competed in Perham on Oct. 12, their last invitational meet before the conference and section meets.

They compete in the final Mid State Conference meet at Park Rapids on Tuesday, Oct. 16 and will be at the Section 6A meet at Long Prairie on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Boys results

Perham 49, Fergus Falls 97, Moorhead 114, Bemidji 119, Bertha-Hewitt 141, Park Rapids 180, Brainerd 205, Hawley 225, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 244, Staples-Motley 262, Detroit Lakes 332, Lake Park-Audubon 365, Otter Tail Central 374, Pelican Rapids 378, Mountain Iron-Buhl 380, Wadena-Deer Creek 415, Breckenridge-Wahpeton 462, Little Falls 478, Frazee 498

16. Issiah Tabatt 16:34, 24. Logan Robben 17:05, 64. Dillan Robben 17:59, 76. Gage Bjerga

18:22, 83. Elijah Greenwaldt 18:32, 94. Odin Trif 19:06, 98. Blaine Plattner 19:12

Junior varsity - 43. Garrett Bjerga 19:26, 49. Ivan Lozano 19:38, 50. Gabe Kroll 19:40, 122. Israel Ritter 22:11, 127 Jackson Odden 22:29

Junior high - 63. Alex Leach 13:59

Girls results

Perham 61, Brainerd 61, Moorhead 122, Hawley 128, Little Falls 177, Staples-Motley 202, Fergus Falls 206, Breckenridge-Wahpeton 207, Bemidji 213, United North Central 218, Wadena-Deer Creek 225, Detroit Lakes 342, Park Rapids 405, Otter Tail Central 406, Pelican Rapids 419, Nevis 432, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 474

2. Kyanna Burton 18:19, 35. Bella Hines 20:22, 49. Alelea Holst 20:54, 50. Naila Mikhaeil 21:00, 85. Leah Greenwaldt 23:17, 91. Suhaila Mikhaeil 23:34

Junior high - 48. Elise Trif 16:33



Having fun cheering on the team

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Brown of Randall was trav-
eling south on Dove Road
and 69-year-old Randall Lee
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north on Dove Road. Lee's
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Water, air and land at Enviro Fest 2023

Staples-Motley middle school students attend Enviro Fest on Sept. 21, where they learned about wildlife, soil, bees, water, farming, corn, forestry, topography, invasive species, electricity, conservation and other topics related to land, air and water. In the above photo,

students listen to a presentation about water. The event was sponsored by Todd County Soil and Water District (SWCD) and held at the Katterhagen farm near Browerville. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Releasing wildlife

Leiten Rychner releases after his class helped put a metal band on the bird's leg at one of the Envirofest stations. The bands help identify migration patterns of birds.



Learning to identify soil

At an Enviro Fest station, Staples-Motley students identify soil by color to help determine the nutrients that are in

the soil. From left, Marivel Duran, Elise Trif and Chadia Schultz, with Tayden Weite in the background.



Putting mud balls to good use

From left, Reece Hull, Joshua Wintner, Ryan Macheel and Arthur Keplin toss

mud/soil balls into the air to test the consistency of the soil.



Enviro Fest butterfly bombs

At one Envirofest station, students were invited to build "pollinator bombs" out of clay and milkweed seeds. When planted, the bombs will grow into the favorite food of monarch butterflies. From left, Sacred Heart Area School teacher

Abbie Detloff, Angie Paklonsky, Charlie Noska, Lily Brichacek, Piper Hanson, Abiri Ziegler, Ali Reese, Ben Rutten, Oskar Doll and Ben Stevens. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Questions about fish

Viewing a tank of large fish at the DNR station at Envirofest brought up some questions for Sacred Heart Area School students. From left, Zane Leach,

Simon Uselman, James Uselman, Katie Hoppe, Brynn Stevens, Kamryn Brenna, Rita Oeltjenbruns and Mavis Haehnel. The station also showed students how to



Fishing net

Students check out the fish trap at the DNR fisheries station at Enviro Fest.



Acting out soil filtration

Sacred Heart Area School students practice a drill of water molecules filtering through soil. From left, Rita

Oeltjenbruns, Brynn Stevens, Katie Hoppe, Reed Leach Mavis Haehnel, James Uselman and Zane Leach.



Ag careers at CLC

Central Lakes College hosted around 900 area high school students at the Staples campus Sept. 21-22, to learn about agriculture careers. Pictured, students learn about plants, soils and natural resources. Below, students watch a demonstration of field runoff and water filtration. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Transportation trailer

Students tried out various transportation displays, demonstrations and games in the transportation trailer during the ag careers day at CLC in Staples. Below, students learn about the USDA, NRCS healthy soils tunnel.



Staples '93 Lions make blankets for children with cancer

The Staples '93 Lions recently made 20 blankets which will be given to children who have cancer. This project was funded by a donation from the Staples Host Lions. Pictured above, from left, are '93 Lions members Sue Flaten, Beth Gedde, Donna Shaw, Rayma Miller, Joann Schornack, Deb Schreifels, Diane Japke, Amy Leidenfrost, Mary Fitcher, Cheryl Carry. In lower photo, working on a blanket, are Fitcher, Schornack and Leidenfrost. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Lakewood Cancer Center is pleased to announce the arrival of Jessica Nybakken, advanced oncology certified nurse practitioner, to it's oncology staff. Jessica has a deep passion for the care of patients with cancer and has spent her entire career in the specialty of oncology. She has a special interest in symptom management.

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Artist begins painting mural in Downtown Staples



Graphic artist Jon King of Minneapolis began painting a mural on the west wall of Tower Pizza in Staples Oct. 10. The project, which has been in the works for several months, has been made possible thanks to a Blandin Foundation grant that Discover Staples applied for.

King said his design includes prairie flowers and native grasses, as well as some landmark themes locals will recognize. Prior to painting, he sketched the design on the wall with the help of a projector. A native of Ridgeland, Wisc. (population 258), King said he has an affection for small towns and is excited to be a part of this downtown revitalization project in Staples. He's also familiar with this area, as his mom, Deb King, lives in Wadena. Jon shared that he studied graphic design in Stevens Point, Wisc., and has been painting full-time for several years. He completed his first mural, for Norseman Distillery, in 2015. Additionally, Jon has a degree in opera, so you just might catch him singing while he paints in Staples. For more information about Jon's work, visit his website, www.thegeyingbeard.com (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Jessica Nybakken, AOCNP, joins Lakewood oncology team

Jessica Nybakken, advanced oncology certified nurse practitioner, joins Lakewood Health System's oncology team in Staples.

Nybakken is originally from Eden Prairie, and completed her undergraduate work at Gustavus Adolphus College. Her advanced nurse practitioner degree was completed at The College of St. Scholastica. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society.

Nybakken has a deep passion for the care of patients with cancer. She has spent her entire career in the specialty area of oncology and has a special interest in symptom management. Providing patient education and helping patients understand their diagnosis and treatment plans is very important to Nybakken and she appreciates the time she's able to spend getting



Jessica Nybakken

to know patients and their families during that process.

Nybakken is married to her husband, Brent, and they have three sons: Hunter, Tyler and Bodie. They are a typical Minnesota hockey family and she spends most of her time away from work running from rink to rink. As a family, they also love spending time outdoors and all things sports.

SOFTBALL continued from page 1a

Lefty's Bar a super sponsor

week. Lefty would always come out to the ball park to visit with many of the players. Lefty stopped playing back in the late '70s, but he always had time to talk "softball" or about anything.

Many of his teams went on to District and State tournaments. It seems like no matter where his teams went to play, in tournaments, people knew "Lefty" and had stopped at his bar in Staples.

He sponsored men's and women's softball teams for years. Always willing to help his teams in any way he

could. Even after he retired from the bar business, his name is still on the bar through numerous owners to this day. Lefty's Bar sponsored teams throughout and his tournament still went on until Covid.

Without a doubt, Lefty was the type of sponsor you wanted to play for and support year round. He always supported the Staples Softball Association in any way he could.

Sadly, Lefty passed away in 2014. His smile and big heart will always be missed at the ball fields.



Music tradition inspires men of all ages

Over 150 voices participated in the 2023 Real Men Sing!/RMS Jr. choral festival in Staples Oct. 14. The event, hosted by the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC), included rehearsals and workshops during the day, and a concert at the Staples-Motley High School Gym in the evening. Above, Guest Director Steve Hoemberg introduces the RMS Jr. Choir, which represented students from a number of schools. Below, Hoemberg, who directs the SAMC, introduced one of their songs, "Tell My Father," which featured soloist Cade Bestland, the new choir director at Staples-Motley High School (his alma mater). The concert also featured selections from the Good Day Quartet, student soloists, the Con Brio Men's Chorus from the University of Northwestern - St. Paul; and the combined Real Men Sing! Festival Chorus. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Fall Fest helpers

Amy Brichacek (left) and Stephanie Jordahl, members of the Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO), handed out treats during the recent Fall Fest, which was organized by the MCEO. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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