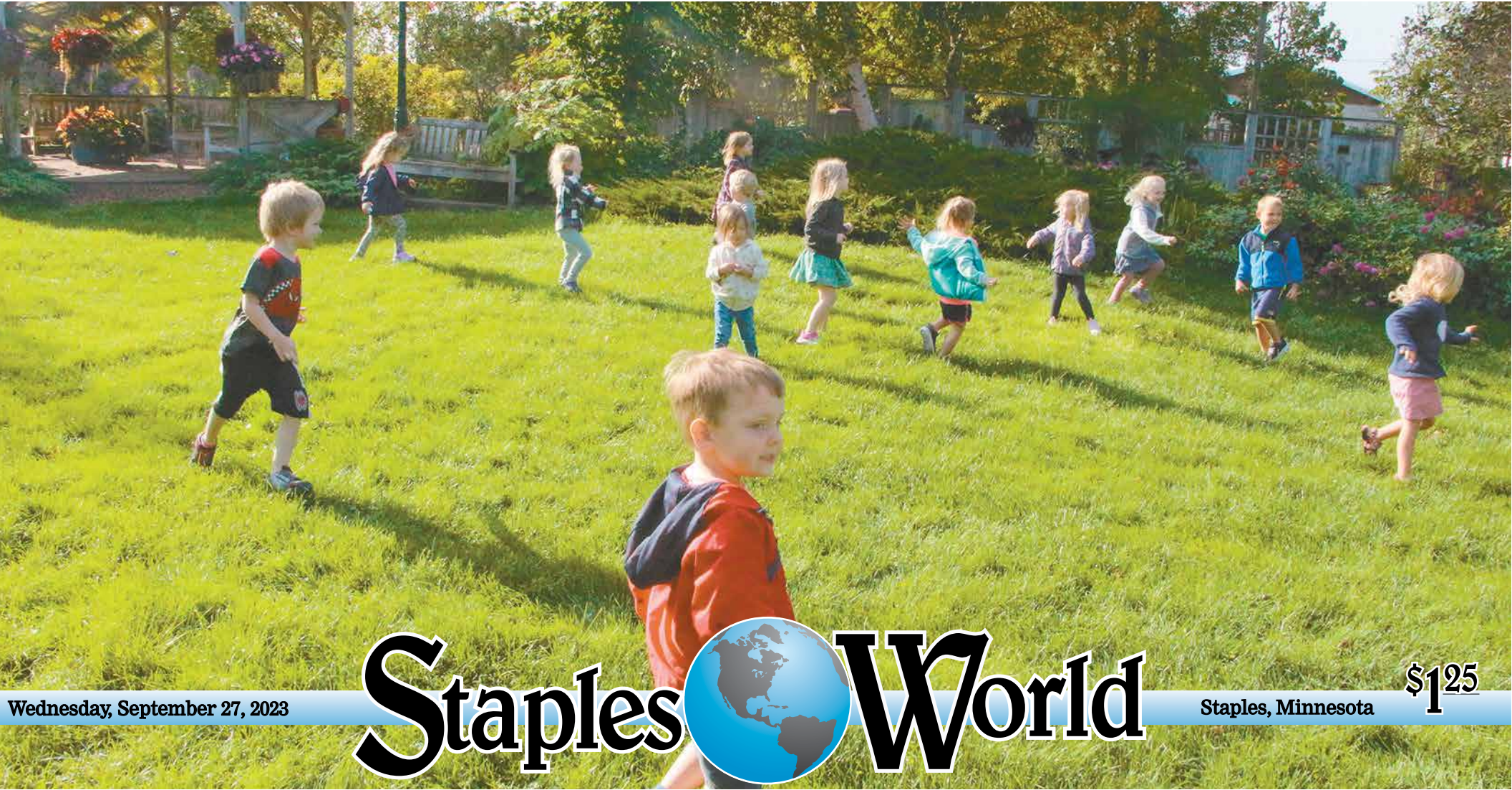


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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Staples, Minnesota

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Running through the fields Magic Forest Preschool in Staples took a field trip to the Central Lakes Ag and Energy Center on Sept. 20. They took some time to explore the Living Legacy Gardens, where they had fun running in the grassy field. Below, the Staples-Motley girls cross country team takes off on the grassy field at the Roy Griak Invitational (see page 7a). (Photos by Mark Anderson)



Lakewood to hold pregnancy and infant loss remembrance ceremony

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the U.S. end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of the newborn child. Lakewood Health System, Staples, hosts a special ceremony to acknowledge these painful losses and provide comfort to families each year.

Those who have been touched by a pregnancy or infant loss are invited to a ceremony of dedication and remembrance on Monday,

Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place on the lower level of Lakewood's Main Campus in Staples, at 49725 Cty. 83.

The nondenominational ceremony will include a vocal performance, time for reflection, a message from Lakewood chaplain, Pastor Paul Johnson, luminary lighting, and a special water service at the Serenity Sanctuary fountain.

Whether your loss is recent or was experienced in the past, all parents, family and friends are

invited to attend. For more information, call 218-894-8525 or 218-894-8505.

School looking at five percent tax increase

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a preliminary tax levy that would increase the school levy by 5.06 percent at their Sept. 18 meeting.

The board scheduled their truth in taxation meeting for the Dec. 4 board meeting. The final levy can not go higher than the preliminary budget and levy passed at the meeting.

Business Manager Ellen Hill said the school has 911 students enrolled, which is about what they had projected. Because the school year started a week late due to construction, Hill said the enrollment count will still be updated by Oct. 1, when they send the num-

bers to the state for per pupil funding.

Construction

One new gym is nearly finished and another is ready to start. The Staples-Motley Elementary School's new gym should be completed by Oct. 23, said Damien Williams of ICS. That is the original deadline of the project.

An expansion of the high school gym and the addition of "The Nest," a community wellness center provided by Lakewood Health System, has been started and Williams said the precast walls should be going up in October.

A groundbreaking ceremony for The Nest will be on Friday, Sept. 29, at 1:30. A ribbon cutting for the elementary gym is scheduled

for Monday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.

The ventilation and air quality projects for the high school is mostly completed but some heating work will go into the fall and some cooling work will be finished in the spring.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said school staff, contractors and the ICS team did a great job of getting the schools ready after a summer of construction. "Everybody stepped up to get in a position where we could have school that first day," said Tappe.

Parent conferences

Staples-Motley Elementary School Principal Allen Berg said that the new format for school conferences was very successful.

See **SCHOOL** on page 12a

CLC heavy equipment program announces new Hwy 10 sign project completion

In 1961, the Staples Technical Institute became the first Minnesota school to offer a program in the Maintenance and Operation of Heavy Equipment. Since then, the Staples Campus has undergone several name changes, mergers and transitions. Still, the Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance Program has continued to grow and emerge as the country's number one operator training program.

The Staples West Campus provides a setting for on-site instruction in heavy equipment maintenance and operation. To meet continued demand and to replace outdated facilities, a 15,500-square-foot classroom building was constructed on the Staples West

Campus in 1999. In 2008, a new state-of-the-art shop was constructed to serve the growing industry demands for heavy equipment operators.

The Heavy Equipment Operation & Maintenance Program currently trains approximately 100 students annually, with the majority leading to high-paying employment opportunities within the industry. As the HEOM Program continues to grow, Central Lakes College has been making a conscious effort to increase the marketing of its flagship program.

One of its most recent marketing projects is a physical reminder of the location of the West Campus at the corner of Highway 10 and 255th

Avenue. A large landscape project that was done in collaboration with the HEOM students and program alumni-owned Ryan Landscape Service Inc. was completed this fall and showcases a John Deere 450 bulldozer and sign advertising the location of the West Campus. In 2021, the John Deere bulldozer was the victim of an electrical fire, resulting in a total loss. As it was inoperable, the HEOM Program decided to make good use of it as a display machine. Thanks to the generosity of donations from contractors and vendors, 100 percent of this project has been completed through fundraising.



Landscape project, reminder of CLC's west campus

The landscape project of Central Lakes College was recently completed, and showcases a John Deere 450 bulldozer and sign advertising the location of CLC's West Campus in Staples. It is located at the corner of Highway 10 and 255th Avenue. (Submitted photo)

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Weather

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This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 27	68	56	Cloudy
Sept. 28	69	57	Cloudy
Sept. 29	71	61	P. Cloudy
Sept. 30	71	51	M. Sunny
Oct. 1	78	61	Cloudy
Oct. 2	77	60	P. Cloudy
Oct. 3	69	54	Showers

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Sept. 27	61°	44	Sunny
Sept. 28	62	35	Sunny
Sept. 29	70	47	Sunny
Sept. 30	68	52	P. Sunny
Oct. 1	62	53	Cloudy
Oct. 2	68	51	Cloudy
Oct. 3	74	57	M. Sunny

Average Temps:

H = 62° Low = 43°

Very much a wet forecast!

Compiled by

Dale Hausmann,

WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Todd Cty 2024 Fee Schedule

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Obituary

Lucille Schwengler

K9 Ryker released from veterinarian hospital

Cass County Sheriff Bryan Welk reports that K9 Ryker, who was assaulted Sept. 17 in rural Cass Lake, was released from a Twin Cities veterinarian hospital Sept. 19, and is recovering comfortably at home.

The suspect, Kyote Windom, 27, of Cass Lake, has been charged with the following offenses: kill or cause great or substantial bodily harm to a public safety dog, 2nd degree assault, 5th degree assault, fleeing a peace officer, and obstructing legal process. As of Sept. 19, Windom remains in the custody of the Cass County Detention Center.

According to Sheriff Welk, on Sept. 17, their office received 911 calls of an assault in progress at a residence in Wilkin-son Township, rural Cass Lake. Deputies responded and learned that a male, Windom, had been in the area and was assaulting individuals with an axe and had left the immediate area. Deputies met with two adult male victims, who were injured, but did not need medical aid.

Deputies proceeded to search the area for the male suspect, who was quickly located nearby. While attempting to take him into custody, Deputy Ryan Huston deployed his K9 partner, Ryker. The suspect



Has served four years

K9 Ryker, six, has served with Deputy Ryan Huston and the Cass County Sheriff's Office for four years. Ryker was seriously injured during an assault Sept. 17, in Cass Lake. (Submitted photo)

swung a large metal pipe striking K9 Ryker twice in the head, causing significant injury. The suspect was taken into custody. K9 Ryker was transported to a Twin Cities area emergency veterinarian hospital where he received treatment.

According to the sheriff's office, Ryker sustained several serious injuries, including a shattered orbital socket, snout fracture, fractured teeth, and lacerated

tongue and cheek. Ryker will continue ongoing treatment and is expected to make a full recovery.

Ryker is a six-year-old German Shepard who has served with Deputy Huston and the Cass County Sheriff's Office for four years. Sheriff Welk asks people to keep Ryker in their thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from this injury.



Construction at St. Michael's Church

Construction of the new 'Narthex Addition' at St. Michael's Church in Motley has begun. Becker Construction is the contractor. Pictured on Sept. 14, Shingledecker Concrete & Construction of Pilager were working on the foundation of the new addition. (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:

Sept. 14 - The MPD received a call regarding the theft of a wallet from a vehicle at the 3rd Ave. South block in Motley. The complainant said that his credit cards had been used.

Sept. 19 - The MCSO received a 'theft of tools' report at the 34000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.

Sept. 18 - The MCSO

received a call from a resident at the 6000 block of Roundview Dr., Motley, who reported there'd been a small fire in her microwave. It was now out, but she wanted the fire department to contact her about it. The Scandia Valley Fire Department was notified.

Sept. 16 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a call regarding a group that was fighting at the Friendly Inn in Motley. After being at the scene a short time, the deputy cleared to look for a wrong

way driver near that location.

Sept. 15 - A Morrison County deputy issued a citation to Makail Schroeder, 23, for no insurance.

Sept. 13 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of cattle on the road near the 5600 block of 320th St., Cushing. Deputies patrolled the area but were unable to locate the cattle. Contact was made with the owner who stated he would check around for them and take care of it.

Staples-Motley school district to break ground on "The Nest"

As part of a collaborative effort with Lakewood Health System, Staples-Motley School District #2170 is breaking ground on an activities and wellness addition September 29, 2023. Built onto the district's middle/high school's east side, the goal of "The Nest" is to support students and the local community as well.

Approximately 14,000 square feet will be added to the existing 6,700-square-foot gymnasium and provide space for a variety of wellness opportunities. The main level will include a multi-purpose room, additional gymnasium space, new bleachers and bathrooms, an administrative office area, storage and a new entrance that seamlessly ties into the facility's existing lobby.

The upper level will include a walking track, fitness rooms, community locker rooms, changing rooms and showers, a weight room and an athletic training space dedicated to Cardinal athletes. Apart from the athletic training area, these facilities will be accessible to the local community. More information about community access will be available next year.

"We're grateful to Lakewood Health

System for partnering with us on this exciting addition to our district," said Superintendent Shane Tappe. In an earlier news release, Lakewood's Chief Financial Officer Lisa Bjerga said, "Community facility investments are responsible investments, ensuring our patients have the opportunity to be healthy where they live, work, learn and play."

Community members are invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, Sept. 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Staples-Motley Middle/High School, located at 401 Centennial Drive, Staples. Ceremony speakers will include district administration, staff, local leaders and project representatives. The district will formally "break ground" as part of the event. The district encourages community members to attend.

The current schedule anticipates project completion in December 2024. More information may be found on the district website, <https://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us> or reach out to Superintendent Shane Tappe by email at shane.tappe@isd2170.k12.mn.us or by phone at 218-894-5400.

Court report September 11

Long Prairie Police Department Maria Antonia Ferrufino Benegas, Melrose. Driving without a valid license for class or type. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Edgar Noel Nieves Ramos, Long Prairie. Driving after cancellation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Kevin Charles Odenbreit, Sauk Centre. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Carlos Antonio Sosa Franco, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Driver fails to stop for stop sign. Fine \$50. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lester Geovany Rivera, Montgomery. Illegal length Northern. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Steven Michael Traut, Alexandria. Speed 70/55. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Minnesota State Patrol Alicia Shelly Beckfeld, Champlin. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Paul Bjorn Hunt, Perham. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Samuel David Kluge, Annandale. Unsafe equipment. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Hunter Rowdy-Blayne Miller, Motley. Speed 74/65. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Tauer Wesley Morrison, Little Falls. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Abraham Nyel, Lisbon, N.Dak. Fail to yield right of way stop sign/ blinking. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Andrew Stuart Austin-White, Zimmerman. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Wade Steven Blanchard Hayes, Fridley. Speed 90/70. Fine \$70. Fee \$155. Cristal Marine Botello, Long Prairie. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Fee \$85. Tayler Raye Braaten, Brooklyn Park. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Jeffrey Brinkley, Frankling, Tenn. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Jason Carl Brown, Clarissa. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Austin Winsortye, Browerville. Driver and passenger must use. Fine \$25. Fee \$85. Giovanni Capocci, Richfield, Conn. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85.	 Haivy Tu Chau, Inver Grove Heights. Speed 83/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Miles Elihu Dewitt, Sauk Rapids. Speed 65/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Giovanny Omar Diaz Calderon, Long Prairie. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Brenden Scott Eberhardt, Oscoda, Mich. Speed 87/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Aaron James Eickhoff, Long Prairie. Wrong class registration. Dismissed. Detectable presence of alcohol. Dismissed. Unsecure load. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Seth Lee Hagedorn, Minnetonka. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Makayla Rose Haney, Big Lake. Speed 80/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Yvette Marion Hansen, Jordan. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Brenda Louise Hedtke, White Bear Lake. Speed 65/55. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Amado Daniel Hernandez, Alexandria. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Edwin J. Hershberger, Bertha. Speed 45/35. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Benjamin John Jager, Long Prairie. No proof of motor vehicle insurance. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Carson Bradley Kern, Wadena. Window tint. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Jordan Dennis Kramer, Clarissa. Seat belt required. Dismissed. Kyle Edwin Lindberg, Balsam Lake, Wis. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Steven Douglas Miller, Osakis. Speed 82/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Ava Grace Novacek, Greenbush. Speed 84/70. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. Jeremy Lee Nunez, Long Prairie. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Libby lone Nunnelee, St. Francis. Speed 80/65. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. Colby Roy Swanson, Eagle Bend. Speed 70/60. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Jescel Villafane Diaz, Sauk Centre. Speed 75/60. Fine \$60. Fee \$85. No Minnesota Driver's License. Fine \$100. Kelsey William Wollmann, Neepawa, Manitoba. Speed 80/70. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. Yerouel Komi Zamba, Bismark, N.Dak. Speed 86/70. Fine \$60. Fee \$85.	Staples Police Department Talesha Marie Delcourt, Staples. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Cory Hale, Pequot Lakes. Four counts of assault—fourth degree. Dismissed. Maria Alexis Jackson, Wadena. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Brianna Kathryn Miles, Falcon Heights. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Thomas Edward Wetteroff, Motley. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Alexis Emily Felleggy, Randall. Speed 86/60. Fine \$100. Fee \$185. Todd County Sheriff's Office Kylee Faith Forcier, Wadena. Disorderly conduct—offensive, abusive, boisterous, noisy, obscene. Dismissed, conditions met. Gary Paul Loxterkamp, Swanville. Driving after revocation. Fine \$200. Fee \$85. Elliott Richard Post, Cushing. Speed 40/30. Fine \$40. Fee \$85. The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Sept. 5, 2023. Jesse Marie Horton, Staples. Dog running at large. Fine \$50. Fee \$85. The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Sept. 7, 2023. Shane Douglas Ledahl, Bismark, N.Dak. Disorderly conduct—brawling or fighting. Continued for dismissal. Unsupervised monitoring without conviction, one year probation. The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County Sept. 11, 2023. Rosa Anabel Mendoza Lagos, Willmar. Drugs Fifth Degree—possess Schedule I, II, III, IV—not small amount marijuana. Continued. Local confinement 52 days. Credit for time served: 52 days. Fine \$50. Fee waived. Driving after revocation. Dismissed. False name to police officer. Fine \$50. Fee \$75. Local confinement 52 days. Credit for time served: 52 days. Introduce contraband—drug/liquor into jail/lockup/prison. Dismissed.
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STOPPING THE FLU BEGINS WITH YOU!

Lakewood flu shot clinic dates & locations:

- PILLAGER CLINIC**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 4:30-7 P.M.
- STAPLES CLINIC**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 9 A.M.-12 P.M.
- BROWERVILLE CLINIC**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 4:30-7 P.M.

Those six months and up are eligible for a flu shot. (FluMist available.)
Flu shots are also available at all Lakewood clinic locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.



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‘Looking back’ column sparked memories

After reading last week’s ‘Looking back,’ from 75 years ago, which mentioned a fire at the Evensta Cafe in Pillager, Chad Converse of Motley shared a few memories with The World.

Converse noted that the restaurant was started by his grandparents who had emigrated from Norway. “They met on the ship coming over,” Converse said, noting that his grandfather’s last name was Evensta, and his grandmother’s maiden name was Berg.

Converse went on to share that his grandfather had passed away before the above-mentioned fire, but his grandmother was still somewhat involved at that time, as her daughter Myrtle (Mrs. Gus Parson) had taken over the restaurant.

After the fire, his Aunt Myrtle had a new building built where the original restaurant had stood. Converse went on to share that his aunt’s restaurant would be open on New Year’s, but that

she always let her help have the day off. He was a kid at the time, and recalled how he, his parents and siblings would come to the restaurant and serve as waiters, dishwashers, etc. He always looked forward to that time, Converse said, adding, “My aunt was known for her excellent cooking and would have people from Brainerd and other surrounding areas come to eat at her restaurant.”

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1948

• Sept. 23, 1948 - Todd county has not entirely escaped polio this year; The World learned late last week.

Only case in the county this season is reported from Bertha. Percy Davis of that community was taken ill several weeks ago with what was diagnosed as polio. He received prompt treatment at Bertha where it was discovered that his attack

Compiled by
Dawn Timbs

was of the rapid type. He recovered quickly and has now been fully restored to health without any lasting ill effects.

• Sept. 23, 1948 - Daily papers and radio dispatches of the past week or more have carried items about the murder of Mrs. Frank Kendall of Austin, Minn., and about the disappearance of her husband, whose body was found in a river several days later.

Mrs. Kendall was a niece of William Cutler of Staples. Reports at the present time state that the two deaths were a murder-suicide. Considerable money was left in a safety deposit in one of the banks at Austin, according to Mr. Cutler in Staples.

• Sept. 23, 1948 - There was a good turnout at the Sunday trap shoot sponsored by the Staples Sportsmen’s club on Sept. 12, in spite of the inclement weather conditions which prevailed some of the day.

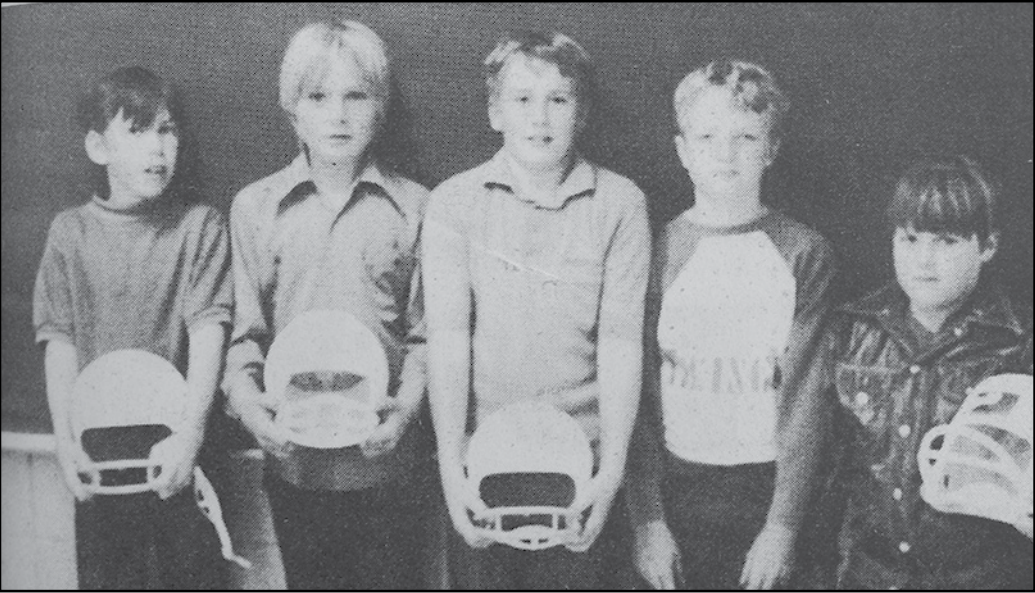
About 50 people participated in the shoot, and there was a gallery of that many more who were around watching the “felloes” shoot.

Lloyd Findsen of Fargo, was the first place winner of the day. He knocked down 23 and 22 clay pigeons out of a possible 50.

Winners of the turkeys were Bill Shelver of Staples and Ora Bombarger of Motley.

• Sept. 23, 1948 - Glen-nadean Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes of Motley, observed her 11th birthday Sept. 17.

Games were played out of doors followed by a lovely lunch served by Mrs. Hayes. A three tier cake with coconut icing, and with a “Happy Birthday” written



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from 1973. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you’re from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

50 YEARS Ago - 1973

• Sept. 27, 1973 - Motley High school has chosen five candidates for their Homecoming Queen. They are Joyce Zetah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zetah; Lyn Bell, daughter of Mrs. Luella Bell; Kristy Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson; Becky Cantleberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cantleberry and Mary Shequen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shequen. Homecoming festivities start off Oct. 4, with a pepfest and bonfire at the fairgrounds. Coronation will take place in the school gymnasium on Friday, Oct. 5, 12:30 p.m., followed by a parade and the football game with the

Pequot Lakes Indians at 1:30.

• Sept. 27, 1973 - A timber wolf, which tipped the scales at 95 pounds, was trapped on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vogel Sept. 19.

The Vogels, who reside about one and a half miles southeast of Leader in Meadowbrook Township said they had an idea that a timber wolf was in the area as they had been missing sheep from their flock, as were their neighbors.

Mr. Vogel set the trap about two weeks ago about one-quarter miles from their house.

• Sept. 27, 1973 - The Staples Arts Council is tentatively sponsoring a 38-passenger Greyhound type bus trip to Chanhassen to see a dinner theatre production called “Gypsy.” This is a show based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee. For more information, call or write Mrs. Ken LeVasseur, Mrs. Larry Klimstra, or Mark Evans.

• Sept. 27, 1973 - Mark E. Crampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Crampton Jr., Staples, left for Dahomey, Africa, Sept. 24.

Crampton is a Volunteer for “Action” Peace Corp, Washington, D.C. and will be involved in an agricultural program.

25 YEARS Ago - 1998

• Sept. 24, 1998 - This summer 17 area youngsters participated in a unique opportunity to learn Span-

ish in an earl childhood classroom setting. Every afternoon students participated in singing songs, dancing, playing games, and a variety of hands-on activities in the target language. Instructors for the class were Tracey “Teresa” Kloeckl-Jimenez and Antoinette “Antonia” Sveom.

• Sept. 24, 1998 - The Cardinal girls tennis team defeated the Crosby-Ironton Rangers 7-0 and Wadena-Deer Creek 5-2 in dual meets early last week, earning a 4-0 record in conference play.

To cap off the week, the Cards won five championships, one second and one third place finish on their way to the first place title in the Mid-State Conference tournament in Staples on Saturday.

The Cards, coached by Kevin Coughlin, finished with 32 team points, while second place Park Rapids had 22, Wadena-Deer Creel 21, Detroit Lakes 20, Crosby-Ironton 10, and newcomers to the conference Perham 0.

• Sept. 24, 1998 - Members of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce gathered recently to welcome D C Net Computers to the 200 block of 4th St. NE in staples. Owner Dan Carter says they offer computer sales, service, supplies and upgrades.

• Sept. 24, 1998 - Dennis and Julie Pearson caught two nice walleye just moments apart on Dower Lake Sept. 6. Julie caught the bigger one, which measured 27 inches and is thought to weight 7 pounds, 4 ounces. With a full moon rising, she set the hook just as Dennis netted his 4 - 5 pounder.

10 YEARS Ago - 2013

• Sept. 26, 2013 - Six new flagpoles are now in place at the Staples All Veterans Park on Highway 10 in Staples, ready to fly the flags of U.S. branches of service. Members of the Staples All Veterans Park Board, 3M volunteer crew and the City of Staples boom truck all helped raise the flagpoles.

• Sept. 26, 2013 - The Fabulous Armadillos are bringing their Eagles tribute show “Takin’ It To The Limit” to Staples. The concert is Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m., in Centennial Auditorium and will kick off the Staples Motley Area Arts Council’s new season.

• Sept. 26, 2013 - St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Motley will celebrate its 125th anniversary at a special service Sunday, Sept. 29, at 10:30 a.m. The celebration will continue with a social gathering and lunch. St. Michael’s, the first church built in Motley, began holding services in 1888.



Storage units in Staples

Ethan and Kaycia Ellingsen of Motley were at work in Staples Sept. 19, putting in the footings of their new 160 x 40 storage building located on Warner Rd., across from True Value Hardware. Their business is called EEEZ Storage and the expected opening date is May of 2024. The Ellingsens said they bought the empty lot this past June, and figure it must have been used previously for recreation, as they’ve found a lot of golf balls and frisbees while clearing the land. For more online information about their business visit www.eeez-storage.com. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Car/buggy accident

A car and horse drawn buggy were in an accident at Aldrich on Sept. 10.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, around 10:30 p.m., the vehicles made contact at Central Ave. and Highway 10 in Aldrich. The car driver, Brittany

Burkholder, 26, of Wadena, was treated at Lakewood Health System for minor injuries.

The driver of the buggy, Daniel Yoder, 18, of Vernaldale and two female passengers, did not report any injuries.

SBDC launches virtual training

The North Central Small Business Development Center (SBDC) launched its first on-demand virtual training titled “Dollars and Sense: Understanding Your Small Business’s Financial Statements.” In today’s complex economic landscape, it has never been more important for small business owners and entrepreneurs to be able to interpret their financial statements and to use them to help sustain and grow their business. The training is available online at no cost by visiting www.clcmn.edu/small-business-development-center and selecting “Learning and Resources.”

“Financial literacy is not just a skill, but a fundamental life tool. Being able to understand financial statements can lead to improved decision-making, increased savings, and a more stable business,” stated Katie Heppner, Regional Director of the North Central SBDC. “However, the lack of accessible and engaging educational resources often stands in the way of small business owners being able to fully utilize their financial statements to their full potential. Our on-demand training video aims to bridge this gap by offering an interactive and user-friendly learning experience.”

Dollars and Sense: Understanding Your Small Business’ Financial Statements is a half-hour long video, which can also be viewed in smaller chapters. These include Chapter One: How to Read and Interpret Financial Statements; Chapter Two: How to Use Financial Statements to Set Growth Goals; and Chapter Three: How to Analyze Your Products and Services to Drive Profitability. All three chapters are led by Tyler Wittwer, a professional business consultant with the North Central SBDC.

The North Central SBDC provides no-cost one-on-one business consulting and low-cost trainings to help entrepreneurs and small business owners start, grow and succeed. The North Central SBDC is hosted by Central Lakes College and works throughout an 11 county and two sovereign nation region. The geographic region served by the North Central SBDC includes: Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. To learn more about the North Central SBDC and to register for services visit www.clcmn.edu/small-business-development-center or contact Katie Heppner, Regional Director, at kath-erine.heppner@clcmn.edu.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the Sept. 27, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured officials from HUD, the city and the school, at the official groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of the Community Center in Staples. From left, Paul Van Buren, school board member; Dr. V. D. Brede-meier, city council member; Jeanne Matross, legal consultant for HUD, Minneapolis; Garland Davis, HUD project director, St. Paul; Edwin Perry and Robert Hanky, city council members; Urban Abendroth, architect, Minneapolis; Ernest Weber, Mayor of Staples; and Douglas

Grossman, school board member. It was noted that members of the Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance Class of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical school were completing the site preparation that week, with construction expected to get underway the next.

A large print of this photo was donated to the Staples Historical Society by longtime Staples resident Ray Garland, who recently moved to Burnsville. Garland noted that Garland Davis was his brother-in-law, married to his wife Helen’s sister, Lavina (Amundson) Davis.

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•NOTICE•

Parking Restriction

(odd/even parking reminder)

Effective Oct. 1, 2023

THE CITY OF STAPLES

odd/even Parking Ordinance is in effect Oct. 1 and implements a calendar - or odd/even type - parking.

The Ordinance is based on Street and Avenue house numbers. Even numbers are on the East side of Streets and the South side of Avenues. Odd numbered houses are on the West side of Streets and the North side of Avenues.

Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from Oct. 1 to May 1 and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m. - 6 a.m. zones.

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For questions, call city hall or 800-794-5733.

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Quote of the week

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Minnesota Legislature shows modest bipartisanship

Majority in the Middle (MITM), a grassroots organization working to reduce political polarization, unveiled its inaugural study of bipartisanship in the Minnesota State Legislature.

The study was designed to answer the question: Can members of the minority party get bills heard during the legislative session? The answer appears to be a qualified yes, much more so in the Senate than in the House.

While Minnesota has had split government for many years, the 2023 legislative session was seen as particularly challenging for the Republican party, given the DFL trifecta in the House, Senate and Executive branches.

Majority in the Middle looked at overall bipartisanship in the House and Senate by analyzing all bills introduced in both bodies. From there, MITM studied hearings by committee – looking at bills that received hearings, and the partisan makeup of their authorship.

From a high-level perspective, Majority in the Middle’s research determined:

Of the 3,342 bills introduced in the House, hearings were granted to 144 bills by Republican chief authors. Bills chief-authored by a member of the minority party comprised 11% of the bills heard in the House.

Of the 3,363 bills introduced in the Senate, hearings were granted to 288 bills by Republican chief authors. Bills chief-authored by a member of the minority party comprised 19% of the bills heard in the

Senate.

“We were struck by how nuanced bipartisanship really is,” said Shannon Watson, executive director and founder of Majority in the Middle. “While we hear a lot about the two parties not getting along, most legislators do work with colleagues across the aisle to advance legislation, and some committee leaders create extra incentives to do so.”

One notable example is the Senate Taxes Committee, where the chair announced at the first hearing that she would not hear any bill with all five authors from the same party. While a bill could move forward with just four authors of the same party, this requirement encouraged leaving space for bipartisan cooperation. Of the bills heard in that committee, 37% had at least one author from each party.

In another example, the Senate Transportation Committee had a nearly even split on chief authorship – 51% DFL chief authors vs. 49% Republican chief authors. And 73% of the bills heard by the Human Services committee had at least one author from each party.

In the House, 44% of the bills heard in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee, and 29% of the bills heard by the Capital Investment Committee, had Republican chief authors. 39% of the bills heard by the Human Services Finance committee had at least one author from each party.

Former Senate Minority Leader and MITM board member Susan Kent echoed

Watson. “Bipartisan activities occur in the committee hearings as well as behind the scenes as bills are being shaped. This year’s nursing home bill is one example,” Kent continued. “It was a bipartisan priority, and a complex challenge. As a result, real work and collaboration was needed from members of both parties to reach a meaningful solution that will help Minnesota’s seniors.”

“The evolution of a bill is complicated,” said MITM board member and former GOP Representative Sandy Layman, who also served as Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation in the Pawlenty administration. “Obviously the priorities of the majority party carry a lot of weight, but personal relationships are formed when individuals work together on crafting legislation. Those working relationships, extending across party lines, can and do help shape the outcome of major bills that affect every day Minnesotans.”

“Our goal is to shine a light on bipartisanship here in Minnesota,” Watson explained. “Bipartisanship doesn’t get the same headlines as a heated talking point, but legislators have a duty to represent everyone in their district, and we want to give credit to those who are modeling bipartisan behavior.”

Majority in the Middle is a grassroots nonpartisan nonprofit organization. Majority in the Middle does not endorse individual parties or candidates. Learn more at www.majoritymiddle.com.

Goldman Sachs commits funds to help rural businesses expand

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

In a win for rural entrepreneurship, global investment leader Goldman Sachs has committed \$100 million to help “rural small business owners raise capital and grow their enterprises” through its 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, reports Colin Velez of America’s Small Business Network. “According to the Goldman Sachs website, the company plans to divide the new \$100 million among three groups: community lenders funding rural small business owners will receive \$75 million; community college courses hosted by the 10,000 Small Businesses organization will receive \$15 million; local entrepre-

neurs will receive the remaining \$10 million in the form of grants.”

The rural initiative will launch in North Dakota and Arkansas.

The investment will seed entrepreneurship and business growth that addresses rural businesses’ unique challenges and vital role in rural community economics and overall health. The release noted how a lack of capital prevents rural business owners from growing their businesses. It cites an “accompanying survey that found only 7 percent of rural entrepreneurs felt they received adequate support from non-government entities. Limited access to child care, healthcare and labor were also cited as obstacles to expansion,” Velez writes.

“Noting such individuals employ roughly 65% of their local workforces, the company argued that these conditions are also holding back economic growth.”

Rural enterprises often struggle with investment dollars and are “naturally neglected by typical lenders and education institutions, as they represent a smaller portion of the national economy than competitors in more populous states,” Velez reports. “If more entrepreneurs were to leverage private and government programs that prioritize small business growth in underserved areas, this could help reverse these tendencies and ultimately ensure wealth is distributed more evenly between different parts of the country.”

Community pride boosted by Athletic Hall of Fame

By Mike Hajek
Committee Chair
Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame

What is the value of high school athletics? Is there value in the memories that are created?

At times, we all tend to get caught up in the winning and losing, but if we truly measure the big picture of high school athletics, there is more to it than winning or losing. By a variety of measurements, the legacy of our Cardinal athletics truly contributes to the pride of our school and communities.

As we look back, few events have brought us closer together as communities, than the success and achievements of our school, coaches, athletes and teams. Our communities thrive under the memories of our local school successes.

Embracing the Cardinal Pride of our school is at the foundation of the positive attitude of our communities. Regardless if it’s FFA, speech, arts, academics or athletics, we are simply better people and healthier communities when we support and encourage the achievements of our high school programs.

The one ongoing challenge we all face is time. Time has a way of fading those fond memories that are at the foundation of who we are as communities.

We gathered at the SM Athletic Hall of fame event to take a step back and relive the stories and careers of our past high school heroes. Stories and fond memories that inspired us so long ago.

Yes, we also gathered to honor our heroes and the legacy of their athletic achievements but more importantly, we gathered to listen to their stories. Stories that have the opportunity to inspire the next generation of athletes and coaches. To motivate them to reach for a higher level of commitment and achievement. And without a doubt, those stories will contribute to the health of our schools and communities, and to each

of us who gathered at the Athletic Hall of Fame event.

Our High School heroes and teams have etched our memories with exciting times, creating a legacy of cardinal pride surrounding the 31 Cardinal team state championships and the now 67 individual state championships.

Our Cardinal Pride sign, located at the stoplight intersection is a bold reminder of the many stories and memories of our school’s athletic success. The Cardinal Pride sign is also a message of awareness for those who pass through our community. Those stories of our athletic legacy must be remembered and passed on to the next generation. Stories that will mold the character and commitment of our future athletes, coaches and teams.

As we rekindled and relived those memories of community and school pride, there were multiple stories of great moments shared by athletes, coaches and community members.

While celebrating each of our high school heroes’ careers, there was a clear focus on the history of our athletic legacy and the culture of our past athletic success highlighting the pathway to our continuing success.

The SM Athletic Hall of Fame event and reception was full of great moments, memories and conversations that truly reflected an example of healthier communities. Without a doubt, conversations demonstrated the foundation purpose of the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame program that models an example of Cardinal Pride worth embracing by the next generation of athletes, coaches and teams.

As proud citizens, we gathered to recall and celebrate the past success of our athletes, coaches and teams. As the evening ended, we embraced the positive attitudes and reflection of the pride of our school and the legacy of our athletic programs.

Mental health doesn’t have to be gloomy

By Marnie Werner
VP, Research
Center for Rural Policy and Development

As I work on our research projects, it often seems like all the topics I write about are gloomy and doom-filled. And they are usually. Here at the Center for Rural Policy and Development, we tend to write about problems—problems that need fixing—because the only way problems get fixed is if we know about them and understand the breadth and depth of their impacts and their causes. I tend to write about those difficult problems like drugs, the childcare shortage, the workforce shortage in healthcare and long-term care facilities, problems that affect families directly and in strong ways. It can get a bit depressing.

Like our current report: the workforce shortage in mental healthcare. There’s a shortage of workers in every industry these days for various reasons, but mostly because Baby Boomers are retiring, especially during the pandemic, and there aren’t enough people to replace them. The problem is especially acute in healthcare and in mental healthcare. And of course, it’s even more acute in rural areas, where the sparse pop-

ulation makes everything more complicated and less cost-efficient to deliver.

For this report, we teamed up with the new Center for Rural Behavioral Health at Minnesota State Mankato, a center that’s almost unique in the nation, to look at whether there are problems in the mental healthcare career pipeline that are specific and could be fixed once we knew where to look. And we did find some. Several, in fact, and we’re hoping the legislature will be able to act on at least some of them to help unclog the workforce pipeline, getting more mental healthcare professionals into rural areas. You can read the report here.

But that’s for the legislature to figure out. What I wanted to share today is one problem and one solution. The problem is a growing number of school children with mental health problems. According to the most recent MN Department of Education Minnesota Student Survey, 29% of the kids responding said they deal with a long-term mental health issue. That’s a lot. That’s 11 percentage points higher than in 2016. For the teachers and school counselors tasked with identifying those children and their needs, then trying to connect them to help, it’s a daunting task, especially for people who already work long hours under stressful circumstances.

In the Mankato area, they’re tackling the problem with a new position within the school district: Youth Mental Health Navigator.

The position came about through discussions the Greater Mankato Area United Way had with local community organizations, strategizing on how to improve access for school kids to mental health services. The conversations, plus valuable input from school social workers, led to the development of the Youth Mental Health Navigator program. Its core purpose is to increase timely access to mental health services for kids, in part by taking the burden of making connections off of teachers and counselors and putting it in the hands of someone dedicated solely to that job. The Youth Mental Health Navigator is an employee of Mankato Area Pub-

lic Schools and is funded by Greater Mankato Area United Way, Mankato Clinic Foundation, and Mayo Clinic Health System.

Patrick Clark is the first person in the role if navigator, serving five Mankato-area elementary schools since last April. His job is to connect students and their families to mental health services and keep them connected. The pilot project has been so successful, the Youth Mental Health Navigator is now an official program of District 77, with aspirations to expand the program to more schools with more navigators in the future.

Why elementary schools instead of middle schools or high schools? It’s preventative, says Patrick. The earlier symptoms of mental illness are identified, the greater the likelihood of success with treatment. Patrick’s intervention reduces what is usually a long wait time these days to get in to see a therapist—one month, two months, three months or more. Patrick, a licensed social worker, takes care of that by building relationships with the providers, being the point of contact for them, monitoring the wait list, following up with providers to see if there is a cancellation that could be filled. He also follows up with families to make sure they go to appointments and keep going.

“It’s about relationships,” says Patrick, “following up with providers. [Families] fall through the cracks. There’s lots of follow-up.”

For providers, Patrick is a single point of contact within the district, greatly increasing the efficiency of the process. For families, he is the navigator, helping them through the system and, importantly, paperwork.

With the current mental health epidemic and substance abuse seemingly everywhere, it’s nice—and instructive—to hear about something that’s working. Teachers have enough on their plates. But one person, or a group of people, experts, devoted to monitoring and managing the mental health scene in a school or a school district could prove to be an invaluable investment for our kids and our future.

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WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Sept. 28, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Brian Freed, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

September 29

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.

September 30

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

October 2

STAPLES AREA RETIRED EDUCATORS (REAM) will meet Monday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m., at Staples City Hall. Cory Detloff will be the program.

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

October 3

LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS

Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

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.

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.

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@lakewood-healthsystem.com.

October 4

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.

Homecoming Oct. 2 - 6 Coronation is Oct. 4

Staples-Motley Schools’ Homecoming will kick off with a pep fest on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 8:20 a.m. Homecoming Week will be held Monday, Oct. 2 - Friday, Oct. 6, with the Coronation set for Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 9:15 a.m., at Centennial Auditorium.

Royalty candidates

The 2023 Homecoming royalty candidates include Isabel Birkholtz, Kyanna Burton, Addisyn Cichos, Isabella Olander, Lauren Rutten, Kyr Stangle, queen candidates; and Keller Anderson, Eli Carlson, Blake Neelan, Andrew Salcido, Brayden Salcido, Odin Trif, king candidates.



Trinity donates to school

More than 200 people attended the Railroad Days pancake and sausage breakfast held by Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples Aug. 26. Proceeds of \$975 was donated to the Verndale Area Christian Academy. Accepting are Pastor Kenny Kjeldergard; Ashley DeGeest-Lemcke, Piper and Zoe. (Submitted photo)

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Field Day and annual meeting for CMSWOA in Little Falls

Central Minnesota Small Woodland Owners Association will hold its Field Day and annual meeting Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Little Falls.

The field day will start at Greg Pont’s sawmill, five miles south of Little Falls, at 12633 80th Street in Little Falls.

Following the tour of the sawmill, the field day will convene at Jordie’s Trail-

side Cafe, 105 1st Ave. S. in Bowlus. Following lunch, local attorney Peter Vogel will talk about wills, trusts, LLC’s, probate, easements, etc., and this will be followed by the annual meeting for CMSWOA members.

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Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.	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 Maltore 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.
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Obituary

Lucille Schwengler

Lucille “Lucy” Marie Schwengler, 77, of Nowthen passed away peacefully September 14, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Mass of Christian Burial was held September 22, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Oak Grove.

Private interment was at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Lucy is survived by one daughter, Kimberly (Michael) Peno; one son, Timothy; three grandchildren, Brandi (Joseph) Archila, Ashley (Tyler Paulson) Peno and Courtne Peno; four great-grandchildren, Mathias, Aston, Kaia, Rafe and one on the way (Remi); one sister, Theresa Simon; two sisters-in-law, Karen Simon and Alice Ereth; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



She is preceded in death by her husband, Peter; parents, Frankie and Loretta Simon; two brothers, Raymond and Melvin; one sister, Mary Lou and one sister-in-law, Mary.

Arrangements were by Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home, Anoka.

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More Lions donations

The Staples Host Lions recently made \$500 donations to both the Staples-Motley Hooked On Fishing event and the City of Staples. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Rick Adamietz and Staples-Motley School Board member Jeremy Reeck, on behalf of the SM Hooked On Fishing event.

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Rutten dispatches tennis challengers

For the first time all season, Lauren Rutten was challenged by two high level players in the same week and she came through with straight set victories in each match.

On Sept. 19, the Cardinals played Crosby-Ironton, a team with an undefeated player at number one singles. Rutten won 6-2, 6-2, leading the team to a 7-0 win.

On Sept. 21, Staples-Motley was set to face three ranked section teams, but only finished one match before the rest were cancelled by rain.

In the one match they did complete, Rutten faced a ranked player from Thief River Falls. She cruised in the first set, winning 6-1 and was nearly as dominant in the second set, winning 6-3.

The Cardinals defeated TRF 7-0, but four of the matches were extremely close, three of them going to a third set super-tiebreaker.

“Once our girls found their feet, after a long commute and rain delays, they showed their ability to climb back into a match and take over the controls,” said assistant coach Katie Noska.

Following Rutten’s win, Jaida Holst had a quick 6-1, 6-1 win and the doubles team of Madison Perius and Natalie Hanson only dropped one game.

The number one doubles match was extremely close, but Amy Rollins and Corinne Olson prevailed in both sets. The three matches that went to a tiebreaker were Ronnie Noska at two singles, Kayle Perius at four singles and Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman at two doubles. The doubles team and Noska dominated their tiebreakers 10-3 to win convincingly, while Perius held on for a 10-7 win.

The Cardinals started play against Crookston but were rained out in the middle of that match.

Staples-Motley also defeated Melrose 7-0 on Sept. 18.

Team results

SM 7, Crosby-Ironton 0

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



Lauren Rutten

Doubles: Amy Rollins/Corinne Olson W 6-3, 2-6, (10-8); Kenzie Erickson/Heidi Zimmerman W 6-4, 6-0; Madison Perius/Natalie Hanson W 6-1, 6-2

SM 7, Thief River Falls 0

Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-3; Noska W 4-6, 6-2, (10-3); Holst W 6-1, 6-1; K. Perius W 4-6, 7-5, (10-7)

Doubles: Rollins/Olson W 6-4, 7-5; Erickson/Zimmerman W 0-6, 6-1, (10-3); M. Perius/Hanson W 6-0, 6-1

SM 7, Melrose 0

Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-1; Noska W 6-1, 6-1; Holst W 6-1, 6-1; Andrea DiGiovanni W 6-2, 6-2

Doubles: Rollins/Olson W 6-3, 6-2; Erickson/Zimmerman W 6-3, 6-1; M. Perius/Hanson W 6-0, 6-2



Kaylee Perius



Jaida Holst

Volleyball team to play for conference title

The Staples-Motley volleyball team will play for the Mid State Conference title on Thursday, Sept. 28 in a home game against Detroit Lakes. The Cardinals beat Crosby-Ironton 3-0 on Sept. 21, remaining undefeated in the conference with one game left.

The Cardinals also beat Menahga 3-1 on Sept. 19, raising their season record to 9-6-1 and pushing them towards the top half of Section 6AA rankings and a chance of hosting a playoff game.

The Cardinals are currently the 8th seed in the section, but will need some more wins to keep in the top half of the section.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Menahga 1; 22-25, 25-18, 25-13, 25-12

Ellie Moulton: aces-3, assist-1, kills-3, digs-10
Livi Lorber: aces-2, assists-4, kills-11, blocks-4, digs-8
Jade Storry: aces-1, kills-3, block-1, digs-16
Miranda Schotzko: assists-2, kills-3, blocks-2, digs-2
Lilly Tyrrell: assist-1, digs-9
Annie Schlosser: assists-24, kills-3, blocks-2, digs-3
Tamara Strelis: aces-7,

assists-2, kills-12, blocks-3, digs-11

Staples-Motley 3, Crosby-Ironton 0; 25-7, 25-15, 26-24

Steffany Sullivan: Aces-1, Digs-5
Moulton: Aces-1, Kills-5, Digs-9
Storry: Aces-1, Kills-12, Digs-4
Tyrrell: Aces-3, Digs-5
Schotzko: Assists-2, Kills-1, Blocks-1
Lorber: Aces-4, Assists-7, Kills-10, Blocks-2, Digs-7
Strelis: Aces-6, Kills-11, Digs-10
Schlosser: Assists-30, Kills-2, Blocks-2, Digs-1



Racing with an elite field

Audrey Brownell (2083) and Kyanna Burton (2084) are among the top runners in the Midwest as they approach the first mile mark at the Roy Griak Invitational. Their first mile times were 5:38 and 5:39. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cross country teams race top competition

Staples-Motley had two runners in the top 20 in the biggest cross country race in the Midwest.

Audrey Brownell was 13th and Kyanna Burton was 20th in the championship race of the Roy Griak Invitational, a meet with many of the top runners in Minnesota and top teams from many states, including Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas and Illinois. Only one other team, Summit from Colorado, had two runners in the top 20.

Many of the runners got

caught up in the crowd on the hilly course that traditionally produces slower than normal times.

Despite the slow times, the Cardinals were able to compete with some of the top athletes in the Midwest and were able to see the course where the state meet will be held this year.

Staples-Motley girls finished 31st out of 40 teams in the championship race. The boys finished in last place in the championship race, but would have beaten some teams in the other race categories.

Team results

University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational

Boys results - 145. Issiah Tabatt 17:36, 304. Logan Robben 18:56, 366. Elijah Greenwaldt 19:51, 380. Gage Bjerga 20:14, 381. Odin Trif 20:14, 395. Dillan Robben 20:51, 397. Blaine Plattner 21:08, 403. Gabriel Kroll 21:23, 404. Garrett Bjerga 21:31, 408. Ivan Lozano 22:23

Girls results - 13. Audrey Brownell 19:09, 20. Kyanna Burton 19:37, 337. Suhaila Mikhaeil 23:55, 248. Naila Mikhaeil 24:18, 367. Leah Greenwaldt 25:40, 375. Madelyn Kist 30:00



Big school competition

Logan Robben, center, races to the finish line. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Rutten throws for 270 yards in first football loss

Staples-Motley moved the ball through the air, but it wasn’t enough to keep up with Pillager moving it on the ground and the Cardinal football team ended up with a 30-20 loss on Sept. 22.

Eli Rutten had 270 yards passing and two touchdowns. The first score was a 48 yard pass to Alex Schultz in the first quarter. Rutten connected on a 22 yard touchdown to Blake Neelan in the second quarter, but the Cardinals were still behind 22-12 at halftime.

In the second half, Elijah Claussen scored on a four yard run and added the two point conversion, but the team ended up 10 points short.

Schultz ended up with 119 yards on

five catches, Neelan had 62 yards on four catches, Peyton Mithun caught two balls for 44 yards and Colbe Tappe had two catches for 37 yards.

Ben Tyrrell was the leading rusher with six carries for 32 yards. Neelan had six carries for 30 yards and Claussen ran four times for 25 yards and one touchdown.

Rutten completed 14 of 25 attempts for 270 yards and had three interceptions.

Pillager rarely passed the ball and ran for over 400 yards. Their four touchdowns all came on long runs.

It was the first loss of the season for Staples-Motley after three wins.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 19, 2019

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$171,830.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Matthew Suomi and Charity Rud-Suomi, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 22, 2019 as Document Number A515250 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on January 11, 2023 as Document Number A534985 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder, EXPECT the South 52 feet of Lots 8 and 15 previously conveyed by deed with Instrument No. 273649, and EXCEPT those parts of Lots 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 previously conveyed to the State of Minnesota by deed with Instrument No. 266602;

AND That part of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 1, Odden Heights, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block 1;

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COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$174,397.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Cardinal Financial Company

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Flagstar Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0113700

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1000922-1400318832-7

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office,

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TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2024.

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MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: August 23, 2023

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TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2024 COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Todd County, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing of the Board beginning at 9:15 a.m., on October 3, 2023, to be held at the Todd County Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to solicit public input in order to determine the 2024 County Fee Schedules for the County Departments including but not limited to: Administration, Attorney, Assessor, Auditor-Treasurer, Environmental Health, GIS/MIS, Health & Human Services, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Recorder, Sheriff and Solid Waste (Transfer Station).

The proposed 2024 County Fee Schedule is available on the Todd County website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/> and at the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, located at 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing in-person or submit written testimony prior to the hearing date. Written testimony should be submitted to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN 56347 or by email to clerk@co.todd.mn.us. Individuals requiring accommodations should contact the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office prior to the date of the public hearing by calling 320-732-4414.

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Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Clerk to the County Board 39-40pnc

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Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony 2023



1972 Motley Rockets football team

The 1972 Motley football team was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Because this was the first year of the state high school playoffs, the team did not have a trophy to commemorate their accomplishments, so the Hall of Fame Committee built one for them. Pictured from left, Brian Silgjord, Mark Frisk, Joe Guests, Kelly Boldan,

Roberta Wohlert Christianson, Bill Simons, Mike Sullivan, Becky Cattleberry, Kevin Swecker, Gary Ward, Bob Torgrimson, Keith Skeesick, Randy Frisk, Larry Converse and Marlin Frisk. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Erik Kelly

Erik Kelly was inducted as a three sport athlete, with presenters Kathy Kelly and Joshua Kelly.



1995 Staples Motley boys basketball

The 1995 state runner up team was inducted into the Hall of Fame. From left, Loren Brownell, Scott Brever, Dan Otteson, Jamie Nichols, Erik Kelly, Coach Lynn Peterson, Blaine Joerger, Cy Bestland, Chris Heier, Jeff Joerger, Kyle Stevens and assistant coach Kevin Coughlin.



Pamela Sachs

Pam Sachs was inducted as a community contributor, with presenters Julie Mertens, Paul and Shawna Sachs.



Curtis Jenkins

Curtis Jenkins was inducted as an athlete with presenters Lillian, William, Roxanne and Christopher Jenkins, and Isabella Foster.



Blaine Joerger

Blaine Joerger was inducted as an athlete, with presenters Dave Joerger, Bryce, Karis and Kiersti Joerger and Cy Bestland.



Joe Joerger

Joe Joerger was inducted as a coach, with presenters William Joerger, Blaine Joerger, Becky Busselman, Jeff Joerger and Dave Joerger.



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Olivia Kastello, MD, joins Lakewood’s medical staff

Dr. Olivia Kastello joins the family medicine team at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Dr. Kastello is originally from Winona, and received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School. She completed her residency at Kootenai Family Medicine Residency in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Dr. Kastello is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

As a family medicine physician, Dr. Kastello will see patients of all ages. She has special interests in pediatrics, emergency medicine and palliative care. Dr. Kastello was previously at Lakewood for nine months as a third-year medical student as part of the Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) in 2019. She will be seeing patients in Lakewood’s Staples and Motley clinics.

“I enjoy taking care of patients of all ages in the clinic, emergency department and hospital settings,” said Dr. Kastello. “I love getting to know my patients and I am excited to be back home in Minnesota. I know Lakewood takes excellent care of patients and I’m thrilled to be joining this team.”

Dr. Kastello and her husband enjoy spending their free time outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, canoeing and walking their dog.



Dr. Olivia Kastello

Flu shots available at Lakewood Health System

Lakewood Health System, Staples, is offering flu shot clinics during the month of October. Clinic dates, times and locations are:

- Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Pillager clinic (653 Pillsbury St. N)
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Staples clinic (49725 Cty. 83 - Entrance B)
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Browerville clinic (30535 241st Ave.)

Flu shots are also available at all Lakewood clinic locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Everyone six months and older is eligible for a flu shot. FluMist and high-dose options are available to those who qualify.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone six months and older, with few exceptions. Vaccination is especially important for those who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. People with higher risk include, but are not limited to:

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- Young children
- Those with: Cancer, Asthma, Heart disease and stroke, Diabetes, Chronic kidney disease, HIV/Aids

Pre-registration for flu shots is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. (The Saturday, Oct. 21 flu shot clinic is by walk-in only.) To schedule a flu shot, call 218-894-1515.

Staples Police report Sept. 1-10

Sept. 1, Staples Police responded to Monte Azul restaurant for a child custody dispute.

Sept. 2, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 7th St. for a report of two stolen push mowers, and a bike. Police are investigating the incident.

Sept. 2, Staples Police were requested to assist Todd County Sheriff’s Office with a report of two people fighting in a vehicle near the intersection of Spruce and Timberline. Police located a subject who advised the driver had rammed his vehicle with a truck. The subject then jumped into the bed of the truck and forced the driver to pull over. The driver was on release conditions, and was not supposed to have contact with the subject. Police were informed that the driver then fled into a corn field and wooded area near by. Police located a modified loaded firearm inside of the vehicle. Police and Todd County Sheriff’s Department searched the area with the help of a drone and K9 but were unable to locate the subject.

Sept. 3, Staples Police responded to the 100 block of 4th St. SW for a report of a domestic dispute. Also responding to the incident was the Todd County Sheriff’s Department. Officers separated the parties and

gave one a ride to another residence in Verndale.

Sept. 4, Staples Police located and arrested an individual in the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE that had an active Todd County warrant. Charity Crosno, 37, was transported to Todd County Jail.

Sept. 5, Staples Police received a report that the cash box on a vegetable stand located in the 200 block of 6th St SE had been forced open and an undetermined amount of money was missing.

Sept. 7, Staples Police received a call of clothes burning in the alleyway around the 300 block of 6th Street SE. When police arrived, they located what appeared to be clothing that was on fire. Police used a fire extinguisher to put the fire out. No known suspects at this time.

Sept. 9, Staples Police assisted Wadena and Todd County Sheriff’s Offices in trying to locate the source of gunshots east of Warner Road and County Road 83. Responding officers believed the shots to be coming from the area near the County Road 32. Once police were in the area, a homeowner unrelated to the original complaint fired off their own firearm into the air at the same time officers stopped outside their residence. The homeowner was contacted and advised by officers. The original source of the complaint is believed to be from a residence near Marsh’s Landing, the Wadena County deputy on scene was advised.

Sept. 9, Staples Police were dispatched to a delayed report of suspicious activity near the South Side Minimart. Complainant stated that she was followed for multiple blocks by a white male in a silver sedan as she walked home from work. The complainant made it home safely and called law enforcement.

Sept. 10, at 12:15 a.m., Staples Police received report from an intoxicated individual that his vehicle had been stolen. He did not know the names of the two individuals that supposedly took his vehicle. Officers discovered his vehicle parked in the back parking lot of B&B’s bar. After speaking with individuals inside, it was learned that his keys were taken from him at the business to keep him from driving.

Sept. 10, Staples Police were dispatched to a report of loud exhaust on a motor vehicle that escalated into a dispute between neighbors in the 400 block of 5th St. NE. Police spoke with the complainant briefly over the phone and were told that

there was a short argument before law enforcement was called. Police arrived and advised the vehicle owner of the local noise ordinances. Extra patrol will be provided in the area to help curb driving complaints made along 5th St NE.

Sept. 10, Staples Police assisted a female and child get home after they became lost after taking a walk. They were located in the 600 block of Prairie Ave. NE and given a ride home by officers.

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School staff hiring approved at board meeting

The “getting to know you” conferences gave parents and students a chance to schedule 30 minutes with teachers and staff. Parents were able to complete necessary forms while the student learned about their schedules and expectations for the coming year.

“It is about building relationships and communication with families,” said Berg. He said 95 percent of students participated.

Feedback from the conferences showed that 100 percent of parents felt students were ready to start, appreciated the time with the teacher and want this format to be repeated next year.

In other news, the school board

- Approved hiring renewals of Allison Vangness, student council; Holton Truax, weight room; Kristina Haataja, music programs; Sarah Decker, middle school student council; Jill Kneisl, yearbook; Allison Vangness, yearbook.
- Approved resignations of Sam Schimpp, paraprofessional; Kathy Robben, paraprofessional; Melissa Jewison, food service.
- Approved termination of Julia Steward, elementary paraprofessional.
- Accepted retirement

of Liz Koskineimi after 23 years working at the school district.

- Approved staff hires: Penney Omodt, food service; Chris Jennissen, title interventions; Amanda Weishair, SLPA; Taylor Anderson, bus driver; Stacy Beto, food service; Andrew Capistrant, bus driver; Melissa Jewison, paraprofessional; Kathy Blessing, food service; Cade Bestland, vocal music; Theresa Kavanaugh, food service; Iain Sams, paraprofessional; Katrina Fligge, junior high volleyball.
- Approved leave of absence for Rebecca Gonzales, junior high volleyball.



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Kelsey Dockendorf, CNP

FAMILY MEDICINE

Lakewood is pleased to introduce its newest family medicine provider, Certified Nurse Practitioner, Kelsey Dockendorf. Kelsey will practice full-spectrum family medicine, seeing patients of all ages. She started her career at Lakewood as a registered nurse in 2017 and is excited to continue caring for the community in an expanded capacity.

Kelsey will be seeing patients in the Staples clinic.

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