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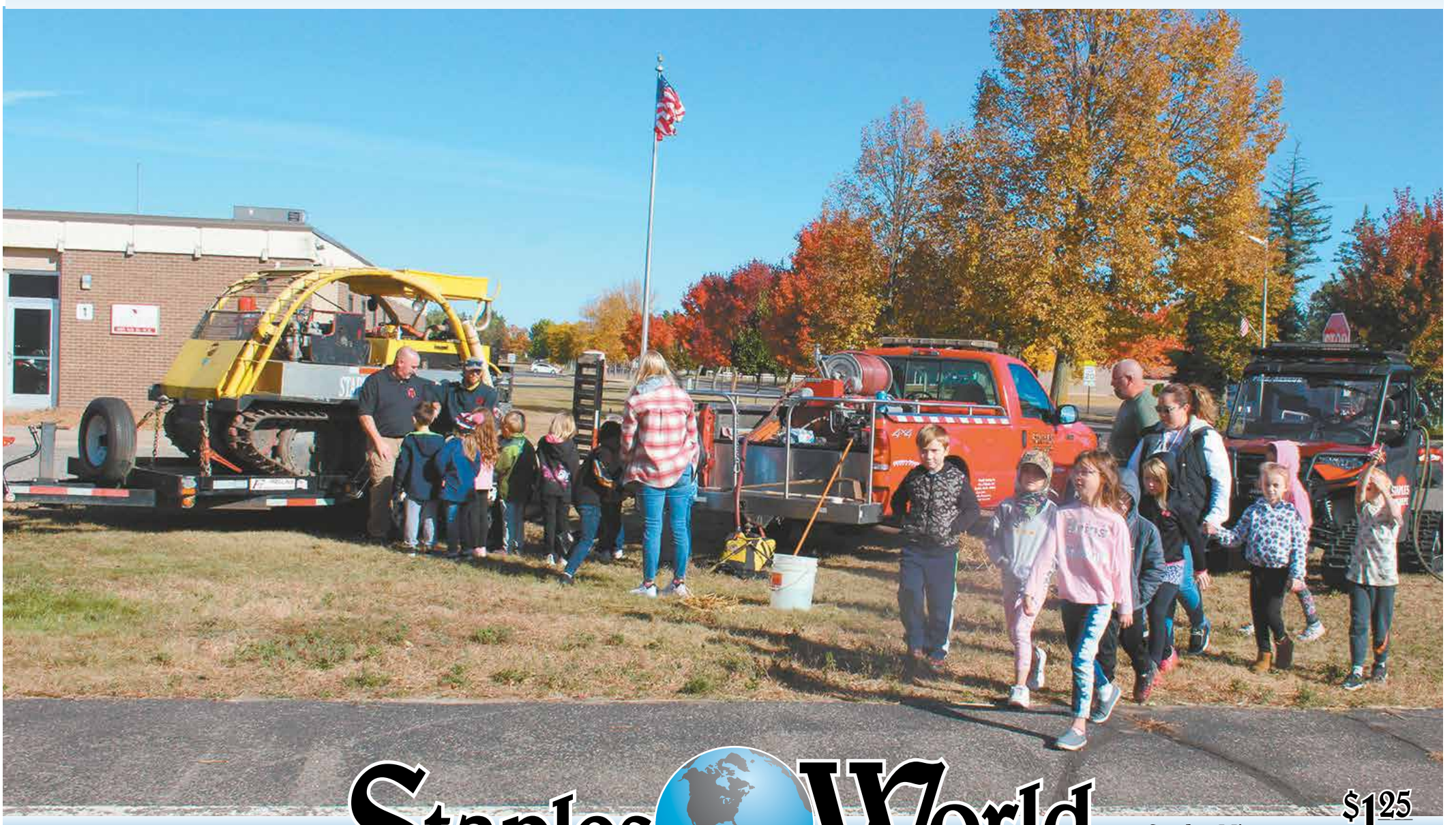

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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Up close look at fire equipment

On Oct. 11, during Fire Prevention Week, elementary students had the opportunity to speak with firefighters at the Staples Fire Department and see a variety of fire trucks and equipment. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Pickleball in the works

Paving of the new pickleball courts in Staples was completed Oct. 11, with work done by Ideal Construction of Staples. The courts are located near the south fire hall in Staples, just east of the Hwy 10 overpass. According to Roger Houselog of Staples who spearheaded this project, the three pickleball courts are expected to be completed by next spring. "It's been a group effort," Houselog said, going on to say that the city donated the land to be used for the courts, and that the project has been funded by several area businesses and organizations, as well as private donors. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hall of Fame family: Huck and Marilyn Holst

The Holst family gathered to see Huck and Marilyn get inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 5, as Community Contributors to the athletic programs. Pictured, front row from left, Aleea Holst, Kagen and Madyn May, Kenzie and Karter May, Shania Zetah, Jaida Holst, Brian Sterriker, Roy, Russell and Reese Sterriker with their parents Paige and Brandon; standing from left, Ken Holst, Brent and Winnie Sterriker, Derek and Jen Holst, Benjamin and Stephanie Sterriker, Debbie Sterriker, Marilyn and Huck, Kyann Nyhus, Ryan Tholl, Sheri and Derren Holst and Mason Nyhus. Most of the family members were in attendance, missing members include Kyle Zetah, Nate Nyhus, Bentley Jansson and Abel Nyhus. See more Hall of Fame photos on pages 12a and 13a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson

Weather

2024
This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 16	63	45	M. Sunny
Oct. 17	71	53	Sunny
Oct. 18	72	48	M. Cloudy
Oct. 19	65	43	M. Cloudy
Oct. 20	68	53	M. Sunny
Oct. 21	68	46	M. Cloudy
Oct. 22	55	36	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Oct. 16	60°	38	M. Sunny
Oct. 17	62	36	P. Sunny
Oct. 18	58	48	Cloudy
Oct. 19	63	37	M. Cloudy
Oct. 20	70	40	Sunny
Oct. 21	53	45	M. Cloudy
Oct. 22	54	38	Cloudy

Average Temps:
H = 52° Low = 33°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Public Notices

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Moran Tnshp. **9A**
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Todd Cty. Notice to Voters. **10A**

Obituary

Janet Martin

County Commissioner candidates

Todd County

Barb Becker

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the county board?

Being a Todd County native, I have seen the strengths and opportunities that the communities have within the County. My husband Dan and I are both graduates from Staples High School along with our five children. As a member of the District One community in Todd County, I take great pride in being a voice for the people. I have served on several local boards, including being the

See **BECKER** on page 14a

Sharon Thiel

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the county board?

As a lifelong Todd County resident with my husband Kevin, I bring a strong commitment to our community. For over 30 years, I've worked with the Freshwater Education District, spending the last 13 years as the Administrative Assistant. This role has equipped me with skills in organizational management and problem-solving. My dedication to education is further evidenced by 18 years

See **THIEL** on page 14a

Wadena County

Mike Weyer

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the county board?

I have nearly completed my first term as Wadena County Commissioner for District 2. I served in both the role of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the board during this first four years. Prior to being elected commissioner in 2020, I was a supervisor for Thomastown Township for 29 years. I have experience working with people and providing necessary services without causing undo tax bur-

See **WEYER** on page 14a

Bryan Winkels

1. What is your background and experience that will help you on the county board?

As a long-time resident of Wadena County, my wife Amy and I have raised our family in Thomastown Township near Staples. I am completing my third term on the Staples-Motley School Board where I have had the privilege of serving as board chair for the past four years. This role has demonstrated my practical and common-sense leadership skills, enabling me to make informed decisions

See **WINKELS** on page 14a

Spring flowers in October?

Beautiful and fragrant lilacs have been making appearances throughout the area this past October, including those above in Staples Oct. 12. Since these flowers usually only bloom in late May and early June, their mysterious 'come-back' has been an unexpected gift and reminder that spring is not that far away.

According to information at the University of Minnesota Extension's website, "the weather has a lot to do with this phenomenon. Environmental stress such as heat and drought may cause plants to respond in a variety of ways. For example, plants may flower and produce a great deal of seed, called 'masting,' due to stressful environmental conditions. Plants that rebloom are termed 'remontant' when they flower a second time in one growing season." Neil Anderson, in the UMN Department of Horticultural Science, went on to share that, "Spring-blooming plants produce or 'set' their buds soon after blooming. If bud set is followed by environmental stressors such as heat or drought and then a cold period simulating winter, flower buds may break dormancy and open."(Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Fall Festival in Motley

Beautiful day for Motley's Fall Festival

Dozens of people attended the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 12, held at the Motley Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization (MCEO), the event offered activities for all ages, including music, games, pumpkin decorating and a petting zoo. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Doing the 'chicken dance'

A DJ kept people entertained throughout the day at Motley's Fall Festival Oct. 12. Pictured above, young people have fun doing the 'chicken dance'. The all-day event was held at the Motley Fairgrounds.

Family fun at the festival

Above: Angelina Paklonsky and her little sister Kianna, both of Staples, had fun visiting the petting zoo at the Fall Festival in Motley Oct. 12. At right: Emma Bell and her mom, Janene Bell, of Motley, enjoyed the food that was available af the festival. Emma also had fun getting her face painted. The annual event was sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation fall grant cycle is coming to a close, but there's still time to submit your application!

Go to **www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org/how-to-apply** to submit an application before **October 31, 2024**.

Grants are available to public, academic, and nonprofit organizations that serve residents living and/or working in the boundaries of the Staples-Motley School District.

Staples Motley Area Community Foundation
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Staples Police report

Staples Police spoke to individuals that had vehicles parked on City of Staples property. The SPD advised to move vehicles or they would be towed.

Oct. 1, Staples Police received a report of some deer legs that were on the bike trail. Police removed the legs from the trail.

Oct. 2, Staples Police responded to a report of a garage door that had fallen and struck a vehicle. Police and Staples Fire Department assisted in removing the door from the vehicle.

Oct. 2, Staples Police were advised by Amtrak Police that a party was kicked off the train at the depot and not allowed to ride another Amtrak train again anywhere in the US. The party had previous contacts with Staples Police and is homeless. Amtrak police reported he attempted to board the train with a golf club he was using in an aggressive way and had previously been kicked off the trains.

Oct. 3, Staples Police and Wadena County Deputies saw several lights on in the Love Motel. Officers checked doors and windows to make sure the building was secure and found one window not secured. Officers cleared the building and found no one inside. All cameras inside the hotel were unplugged.

Oct. 3, Staples Police responded to a suspicious activity call at the 900 block of 5th St. NE. Reporting party said he had an airtag tracking his location. Reporting party was concerned that he might have made someone mad and they were trying to track him home. Police checked the car, no tracker was located. Police followed the reporting party home to make sure it was safe. The reporting party said that his friend contacted him and said that he gave him a item that had a tracker on it.

Oct. 4, Staples Police were dispatched to the Staples-Motley High School to take a report of an incident involving drugs. Police met with school staff and reported adult student.

Oct. 5, Staples Police were informed of a juvenile runaway who was known to be at a residence in the 800 block of 3rd Ave. NE. Police located the juvenile and transported home.

Oct. 6, Staples Police were dispatched to a driving complaint from the city of Bertha heading to Baxter. Police were made aware that two children where inside of the vehicle. Around 30 minutes after the call came out, police conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and arrested Chelsey Nelson, 29, for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Court report Oct. 9

Long Prairie Police Department

Ludwing Jose Morales Cruz, Long Prairie. Drivers license-driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. Fine $100. Fee $85.

Jasper Michael-Dean Terwey, Long Prairie. Speed 39/30. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Jonathan, Jr. Ulloa, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Jescel Villafane Diaz, Sauk Centre. Driving after suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Michael Lynn Lietz, Yetter, IA. Take or possess fish over limit. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Duane James Pangrac, Grey Eagle. Take migratory waterfowl without migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Bryan Jared Torres, Wadena. Game & fish licenses-must have in personal possession. Fine $25. Fee $85.

MN State Patrol

Steven Scott Bowman, Staples. CMV-previous seven days of duty status not available for inspection (log book). Fine $100. Fee $85.

Daliangelys Santiago Delgado, Staples. No insurance owner. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Allen Arthur Taylor, Faribault. Speed 75/65. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Matthew Joe Vukelich, Staples. Speed 65/55. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Christian Che Ade, Grand Forks, ND. Speed 83/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Julie Marie Brau, Sauk Centre. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Oscar Danilo Casco Gutierrez, Sauk Centre. Driving after suspension. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Sara Marie Chipman, Minneapolis. Speed 86/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Nicholas James Christensen, Browerville. Seat belt required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Hannah Jo Cramer, Mankato. Speed 87/65. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Daniel Arnold Erdman, Hawley. Seat belt required. Fine $25. Fee $85.

Juan Carlos Galaviz Coronado, Loretto. Duty to drive with due care. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Marc Joseph Maahs, Westville, NJ. Speed 89/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Hunter Evan-Wayne Maclean, Richland, WA. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Travis John Magnuson, Hudson, WI. Speed 79/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Cody James McBeth, Alexandria. Speed 69/55. Fine $50. Fee $85.

William Michael Nelson, Pelican Rapids. Speed 84/60. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Dana Lynn Pazdernik, Alexandria. Speed 87/70. Fine $60. Fee $85.

Emily Graceann Mildred Schmitz, St. Cloud. Speed 99/70. Fine $100. Fee $185.

Kolton Richard Segner, Annandale. Speed 80/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Humnarayan Shrestha, Fargo, ND. Speed 90/70. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Maria Christine Sistrunk, Moorhead. Speed 83/70. Fine $50. Fine $85.

Staphanie Laurel Joy Sticha, Bismarck, ND. Speed 79/70. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Leury Suero De Roa, Long Prairie. Speed 87/60. Fine $100. Fee $185.

Jacob D Swartzentruber, Browerville. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Rodney Harlan Sylvester, Fridley. Speed 84/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

Benjamin John Wisehart, Nashua. Speed 83/70. Fine $50. Fee $85.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County September 30, 2024.

Rudily Antonio Angeles Abreu, Long Prairie. Domestic assault strangulation. Dismissed. Domestic assault-bodily harm. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct-offensive/boisterous/noisy/obscene. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, Stay 0, yr 0 Mo 88 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Probation-adult(supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine $50. Fee $75.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 1, 2024.

Alicia Jami Horn, Bertha. 1st degree damage to property. Dismissed. 3rd degree DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol. Sentenced. Local confinement (364 Days, Stay 357 days for 4 yr credit for time served: 2 days). Home monitor (electronic alcohol) 30 days for indeterminate. Fine $50. Fee totals $2,655.

Anthony Michael Paskewitz, Staples. Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 3rd degree. Stay of imposition pursuant to M.S. 609.135. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 15 yr.) Fine $500. Fee totals $500. Criminal sexual conduct in the 3rd degree. Dismissed.

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County October 2, 2024.

Cory Matthew Messer, Melrose. Driving after revocation. Continued. Probation-adult (unsupervised monitoring without conviction, 6 mo). Fee totals $75. No proof of insurance. Dismissed.

Tyler Vincent Young, Forest Lake. Speed 75/70. Sentenced. Fine $40. Fee $115.

Corie Shawn Hurtig, Park Rapids. Burglary 2nd degree. Dismissed. Theft-take/use/transfer movable property-no consent. Stay of adjudication. Probation-adult (supervised probation, 2 yr). Service-adult (community work service for indeterminate). Service-adult (community work service, 16 hours for indeterminate). Fine $50. Fee totals $2,150.

Gary Dean Prather, Clarissa. Assault-5th degree-inflict or attempt bodily harm. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct. Sentenced. Local confinement (90 days, stay 0 Yr 0 Mo 86 days for 1 yr credit for time served: 4 days). Probation-adult (supervised probation, 1 yr). Fine $100. Fee $175.

Staples Police

Christopher Loyal Craft, Browerville. Vehicle registration expired. Fine $30. Fee $85.

Todd County Sheriff

Carlos Daniel Almanzar Rodriguez, Browerville. Speed 110/55. Fine $150. Fee $235.

Alexis Ann Ames, Brainerd. Speed 82/55. Fine $100. Fee $185.

Leslie Marie Bruder, Long Prairie. Driving after revocation. Fine $200. Fee $85.

Lance Cory Grewe, Hewitt. Motor vehicle registration expired. Fine $30. Fee $85.

Jose Roberto Nunez Cabral, Long Prairie. Speed 75/55. Fine $70. Fee $155.

Rolando Jose Ruiz Vilchez, Melrose. Speed 70/60. Fine $40. Fee $85.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1949

• Oct. 20, 1949 - Mrs. J. W. Featherstone of Anderson, Indiana, renews her subscription to The World this week, and states:

"My son James (of Washington, D.C.), who with his family visited in Staples a short time ago, told me how many changes the old home town has made. I hope to visit Staples again some day, and in the meantime, will try to keep up with its progress through the columns of The World."

Mrs. Featherstone is the wife of the late J. W. Featherstone, at one time editor of

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The World, and postmaster in the city of Staples.

• Oct. 20, 1949 - Last week The World received a renewal of the subscription of Mr. and Mrs. James Harlock of 11450-21-Ave. S.W. Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Harlock wrote in part as follows: "I am starting my 56th year subscribing to The World and I have never missed since. I hope that I will be able to continue to subscribe for The world for some time to come."

Fifty-six years, a continuous subscriber is "some record" and it may be that Mr. and Mrs. Harlock hold the record for the oldest subscribers to The World, who knows?

• Oct. 20, 1949 - Motley Rockets had little difficulty trouncing Hewitt 30-6 at Hewitt Monday.

Greenwaldt took to the offensive angle in this game and scored 3 touchdowns. Others were made by Stevenson and Opheim.

Because of the nature of the game, coach Spencer had an opportunity to use all the boys who were along.

• Oct. 20, 1949 - "The Maroon and White Wave" Motley were hosts to the Pequot Indians on the Rockets gridiron Wednesday afternoon.

Howard Sklenicka, sensational gridiron immortal of Motley used his piston like legs to score two touchdowns on returning kickoffs, one for 60 yds. and the other for 80 yds., the entire length of the field.

50 Years Ago - 1974

• Oct. 17, 1974 - "Our world today is torn by division-a division so wide that we have alienated ourselves from God. We do not know Him and think there is no need to know Him. This is the reason for choosing 'Reconciliation and Peace' as the Holy Year theme."

These were the words spoken by Bishop George Speltz, Bishop of the St. Cloud Diocese, in his homily at the 10 a.m. Mass, which opened the 21st annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held at the Sacred Heart Church in Staples Sunday, attended by more than 400 women and a number of priests.

• Oct. 17, 1974 - Brad R. Irwin of Motley has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, highest degree presented by the National FFA Organization. Brad is the son of Mrs. Gene Irwin of Motley and is currently a junior majoring in agricultural Education at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

• Oct. 17, 1974 - The Cardinalettes of Staples High School chalked up another girls basketball victory Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, with their 56-41 win over the Little Falls Flyerettes on the home court.

With Joan Stone, Sue Oldenburg, Kathy Lund and Cheryl Sauer all hitting from the field, the Cardinalettes took a 14-8 first period lead and were in front 25-22 at halftime. The girls of Coach Kay Pettitt outscored the Flyerettes 15-6 during the third canto, leading 40-28 heading into the final eight minutes, then proceeding to post the 56-41 victory.

• Oct. 17, 1974 - The Staples Junior High Cross-Country team captured the 1974 Mid-State Conference Cross-Country championship in junior high competition at Detroit Lakes Oct. 3.

Members of the title winning team included Paul Mertens, Roger Weishalla, Mike Heldman, Mark Palmer, Phil Sowers, Neil Crocker, Steve Mertens, John Lauer, Dave LeVasseur, Bob Backberg, Brian Chaffee, Tim Fox and Peter Fahnlander.

• Oct. 17, 1974 - A break-in at the Farmers Oil Station, located on West Hwy 10 early Thursday morning, Oct. 1, was reported by the Staples Police Dept.

H. Michael Carr, chief of police, said that entry to the building was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the building.

25 Years Ago - 1999

• Oct. 21, 1999 - Ashok and Dipti Patel arrived in the United States Sept. 6 from their native India and are the new managers of the Super 8 Motel in Staples. Dipti's brother, Dr. Mukesh Patel of Moorhead, is one of the two owners of the motel. They came from Anmedabad, a city of over 4 million people. "We find so much space here. It's so nice," Ashok said when asked how they like their new surroundings.

• Oct. 21, 1999 - Cardinal football fans were treated to the game last Friday night that they knew was coming in the 1999 gridiron season. The Staples Motley team finally put a full game together, and pulled out a 28-21 victory against the Perham Yellowjackets.

• Oct. 21, 1999 - It's been along time since the Cardinal girls were a major factor in area cross country circles. But all that changed this past week as the Staples Motley High School team won both the Mid-State Conference and Sub Section races.

Tuesday afternoon at the Pine Grove Park cross country course, the girls finished with 39 points to beat out six other teams in the Sub Section. Amanda Hoffert of the Cardinals was third and Steph Jares fourth overall.

• Oct. 21, 1999 - The Cardinal boys cross country runners continued their domination of the region's cross country events this week, winning both the Mid State Conference and the Sub Section races. They did so with very low scores, turning in an 18 for both events.

Jeff Brever, the Cardinals defending state champion, finished in 15:48 on the curvy course laid out by Jerry Riewer, former CC coach at Staples. On his heels were three teammates. Kurt Detloff also finished just a second under 16 minutes, with Shannon Webster and Justin Tholl in third and fourth places.

• Oct. 21, 1999 - Centennial Auditorium in Staples will present its second event of their season series with Pop Wagner, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

10 Years Ago - 2014

• Oct. 16, 2014 - The Staples Motley girls tennis team will defend their section championship as the number one seed, starting Oct. 9, at Courts Plus in Fargo. In preparing for the section, the Cardinals defeated Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 6-1 on Sept. 30 and beat Minnewaska 5-2 on Oct.. 2.

• Oct. 16, 2014 - Thanks to a collaboration between Project Together and the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, patrons at centennial Auditorium events now have hearing devices available.

The receivers are small earpieces that plug into a portable unit where the patron can adjust the volume. The transmitter is in the tech booth.

Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. 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.

Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Nov. 4, 1993 edition of the Staples World featured Darcy Reese and Sarah Berg, sixth graders in Kevin Lund's class at Sacred Heart school, displaying their two paintings along with one from the book done by Claude Monet. Monet was the featured 'artist of the month' at Sacred Heart.

Fair rental agreements for farm land

Submitted by University of Minnesota Extension

Landlords, farmers and agri-business professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Farmland rental rates are the largest input cost to the farmer. Determining a fair farmland rental agreement is always challenging.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the landowner and the farmer is a challenge. David Bau and Nathan Hulinsky, Extension educators in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways to determine a fair farmland rental rate for both parties; by examples, factsheets and worksheets.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farmland values and sales, and a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2024 will be presented, along with current 2024 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2025 costs and what is affordable rent to pay in 2025, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible rental agreements.

Make plans to attend one of these meetings now. No pre-registration is required. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets.

The meetings will be held from Nov. 7 through Dec. 16, in Pipestone, Sandstone, Litchfield, Hutchinson, Melrose, Little Falls, Mankato, Alexandria, Preston, Caledonia, Buffalo, Owatonna, Faribault, Thief River Falls, Sleepy Eye, Madison, Olivia, Rochester, Albert Lea, Blue Earth, Gaylord, Slayton, Cologne, Jordan and St. Peter.

For a complete listing of workshops, go to: extension.umn.edu/courses-and-events/farmland-rental-workshop.

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Heartwarming happenings going on all over Staples

By Ron Murray
Staples Mayor

I want to start this letter with an awesome observation that I experienced on a cool fall night in Staples. As I was walking back to the football stadium having gone for a walk at halftime, I was coming up 4th street from downtown and the view was spectacular. The city street lights were shining thru the leaves of the trees with a hint of fall color, the lights from the football stadium shone but were focused on the field. Voices were heard of kids running and playing and the stands as well as the area surrounding the field were filled with people. It warmed my heart to have so much of our community gathered together on that evening.

That feeling presents itself often as I spend time in our city. Whether it is walking downtown on a bustling morning this summer, visiting one of our parks that seemed to always have someone there enjoying themselves, when I volunteer at Legacy gardens and see people coming to enjoy the gardens or when I walk downtown and see all the interesting architecture on our downtown buildings. Stop and look around and up next time you are down there. It is one way to appreciate all we have instead of the empty buildings that are present. There are opportunities to be sure for that and to create more green space. We can't ignore that truth and it should be a priority of our city to work on trying to fill them, but looking at the proverbial "glass half full" never hurts...

Our summer and start of fall has been busy in Staples.Essentia opened its door to their new clinic on the west end of Staples. What a great addition to our community. Lakewood announced and then began building it's cancer center and making great progress.

WCCO TV paid a visit to our area for three days and showcased some of what Staples has to offer. It was a fun event and I believe really gave other people in the state a good look at the great things they can come and check out. They covered a lot of ground and really did a good job of hitting the highlights. I had at least one couple come here from that and I imagine there are and will be many more.

Railroad days was a huge success again. What a great event for our city. A big thanks to everyone who contributed in time, talent or treasure to make it successful. Thanks to Renee Kroll and Jordan Goodwater. The new location for National Night Out at the airport was a big hit and well attended. Thanks to all organizations who contributed and the city staff for preparing the space. We were blessed with good weather for that and railroad days.

Two more houses are going up in the prairie neighborhood development near the overpass. That place is taking shape and hopefully we can connect the people who need a home to these great opportunities and to live in Staples. Speaking of building homes, we as a city have lots around town as well and are in plans to make that more visible to prospective builders.

Our library continues to have great programming for everyone. Go to the website www.griver.org and look at the opportunities for October and beyond as we move into winter and less to do outside.

Just recently in our city we had the great pleasure of a movement called ConnectEffect come and do presentations on connections away from our phones/ screens. The paper did a nice job of covering this event. Chatty Tuesdays are going on at Witches Brew from 12 to 1 p.m. for continuation of the idea and to get people together. Studies show that isolation and loneliness is a real dilemma despite our "connectedness" on our phones. We need to get truly connected.

I also came across the drop in center downtown that is available for anyone to stop in and find a friendly face combined with conversation and various other things to do along lines of crafts and such but more importantly to just connect. It is open Monday thru Thursday 11 to 3 and is on Main Street just down from corner of 4th Street.

At the time I am writing this we have just celebrated our fall fest at Pine Grove Park and talking to organizers it was a success. A local pickle ball group is putting up courts on the south side of Staples by the ice skating rink area as well. Plans are in the making for another Christmas celebration in Staples with a parade, Christmas tree lighting and more. Keep an eye out for more details soon.

You may have read or heard by now that we are trying to deal with a stray cat issue around town and it was brought to light by a concerned citizen. I appreciate that it was brought to our attention. Now we need solutions to make this nuisance controllable. I have heard since then of all kinds of 'cat' issues around town but they vary from neighbor cats roaming from home to stray cats from one or two locations infiltrating a whole neighborhood. We are trying to come up with a workable solution and I am in contact with other mayors and communities for ideas that may work. Also, you may have read that there are concerns with loud trucks/cars in town that are making some neighborhood citizens upset. I would appreciate if you read this and know a person who has a loud vehicle by choice or not to be respectful of citizens in town and try to not intentionally cause loud noises with acceleration etc. thanks.

I am coming to the end of my first term as mayor and have learned a lot, met even more people and got to know more about this great city. I am looking forward to continuing to see growth, continued engagement from our citizens and business owners as I have witnessed these past two years. Our city is in great shape in so many ways. We are discussing at our LEAP group how to be even more welcoming to our visitors and new residents of Staples. I am encouraged by what I hear and see. We all are ambassadors of our city. How we meet and greet people reflects our city. Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns, solutions. You are always invited to attend one of our city council meetings in person or on YouTube live. We will be deciding our final budget and tax levy for the year in future meetings.

Lastly, a couple of things. I noticed some residents bag the recyclables and place them in the container for pick up, these items will not get recycled because the bag is treated as trash. Please put the items in the tote out of bag. And more importantly, Please go out and vote on Nov. 5. This is precious privilege we have as a democracy in our country. Hoping you have a blessed remainder of fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Quote of the week

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."
— Mark Twain

Quote of the week

"I find television very educational.
Every time someone turns it on,
I go in the other room and read a book."
— Groucho Marx

Whether beak or bill, form follows function

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Inside the Outdoors

Mike Rahn
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Most physical features of wild creatures are unambiguous. A wing is a wing, a tail is a tail, a foot is a foot, and so on. But there are exceptions. A case in point is the apparatus by which a bird feeds itself and its young. Is it a beak? Is it a bill? Why one, and not the other?

That question has puzzled me, much as I've sometimes been uncertain when making the choice in speech or in writing between "we" and "us," or "me" and "I." It seems that there should be rules that anyone could apply objectively, and make the right choice.

Not so, says no less an authority than the highly respected Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, at Cornell University in New York state. According to their web site, which is appropriately titled All About Birds, "the words are synonymous." The web site goes on to say that ornithologists—bird scientists—are somewhat more apt to use "bill" than to use "beak." There's also a tendency for people say "bill" when referring to the more fleshy or cartilaginous mouth parts of a duck, and "beak" when the bird in question has hard or sharp eating equipment, like birds of prey. The web site closes the argument by stating that "both words are used in reference to a wide variety of species."

Some birds' names leave no room for doubt. The ivory-billed woodpecker—long believed to be extinct, and a close relative of our own pileated woodpecker—settles the issue with the very name it was given by an English naturalist in 1731. Likewise the long-billed curlew, one of the largest of shorebirds, which in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was a target for market hunters.

But whatever word we use to describe a particular bird's eating apparatus—beak or bill—the common denominator among them all is that these diverse creatures have been equipped by Nature to survive in the circumstances under which they evolved. And therein lies much of the amazing variety found in the avian world. Following are just a few examples.

The long-billed curlew described above has the longest bill of any North American shorebird. Its downward-curving bill—from four to more than eight inches in length—allows it to probe well below the surface of beaches for deep-burrowing prey, like crabs and shrimp.

The northern shoveler duck, known in hunter slang as "spoonbill," at first glance looks out of proportion, like a creature whose genetic programming permitted its bill to grow much too large for its body. There's a reason. The shoveler has evolved to feed in shallow, mud-bottomed marshes that are rich in such aquatic invertebrates as tiny crustaceans and plankton. Their broad, shovel or spoon-shaped bill is lined with tiny comb-like structures that strain or filter these foods and tiny seeds out of the water as they swing it from side to side; sometimes in water so shallow that the shoveler is standing, rather than swimming.

Among the birds we occasionally see in winter is the crossbill—either the red, or the white-winged subspecies—especially where there are cone-bearing conifers like pine, spruce, and fir. If you didn't know better you might think that their bill was deformed, with the upper and lower mandible tips curved and crossing over one another, rather than aligning one above the other as a "normal" bird's mandibles do. This mandible configuration gives the crossbill leverage to break open even tightly-closed cones to extract the seeds inside. You can hardly imagine a more specialized environmental adaptation in a bird.

There are several North American subspecies of merganser ducks, which usually nest near lakes and wetlands that have an abundant supply of forage fish. These three—the common, the red-breasted, and the smaller hooded merganser—share the feeding adaptation of tiny serrations, or "teeth," lining the edges of their bills, which are uncharacteristically narrow and pointed compared to other ducks. For this reason, "sawbill" has come to be a nickname for them. These bill serrations are perfectly suited to grasping minnows and small fish that are a large part of their diet, notably a diet that has made them less than a favorite with hunters who misidentify and inadvertently shoot them.

Raptors—including hawks, ospreys, eagles, and owls—may be the branches of the avian evolutionary tree most deserving of the term "beak" rather than "bill." Hard rather than flexible, sharp, and hooked, they are ideally suited to the task of—dare we say it?—dispatching and dismembering the unfortunate rodents, gamebirds, songbirds, and occasionally larger prey they capture. They are an important part of the natural order, despite our squeamishness over their making a living at the cost of other creatures' lives.

Though it feeds on small living creatures rather than seeds, fruits, or other plant parts, the northern shrike is a perching bird like most songbirds, and not a raptor. It is an example of what biologists call "convergent evolution;" two creatures from distinctly different families evolving to have important behavioral similarities. The shrike has a hawk-like, sharp, hooked beak, and feeds primarily on the smallest of mammals—like mice and voles—other songbirds, lizards, as well as insects. It is known for impaling its prey on thorns or even barbed wire, to be consumed later.

Woodpeckers are equipped with a chisel-like bill, one that is ideally suited for splitting and fracturing tough tree fibers in the quest for the insects on which they feed. Their drilling not only yields insect prey, but excavations large enough for birds—including some surprisingly large ones—and small mammals to nest and rear their young.

The warblers, many of which are heavily dependent on insects, have a bill that has been compared to a pair of tweezers. Just the kind of instrument for efficiently plucking insects off trunk, limb, leaf, or branch. Much the same is true for wrens and gnatcatchers.

And, of course, there is that specialized, narrow and needle-like bill or beak of the ruby-throated hummingbird, so perfectly adapted to being inserted into the smallest of blossoms to collect nectar. It's a feeding and survival strategy that seems more akin to insects than to birds.

So, in the grand scheme of things, what a bird's feeding apparatus is called—beak or bill—is secondary to the almost miraculous diversity that allows birds to fill every possible niche in the natural world.

Fall Festival in Motley appreciated

The Motley Community Events Planning Committee once again have done a super tremendous job of planning and putting on the Fall Harvest Festival on Oct. 12, this past weekend.

The time, effort and hard work by Amy Brichacek and the entire group of fine people on this committee is truly amazing and very appreciated.

There was a record crowd in attendance at the event that packed the Motley Fairgrounds. In this day and age events like this are not an easy thing to do.

Each time this committee pulls the event together they vow to make it even better than the last one. It's all about people working together for the families and community. I'm sure if more people would wish to contact Amy or a committee member to volunteer to help out on this fine committee they would be most welcome.

Marinell Jo Philipp
Longtime Motley resident

Quote of the week

"Send me flowers while I'm alive. They won't do me a damn bit of good after I'm dead."
— Joan Crawford

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Staples Fire Department's open house

The Staples Fire Department hosted an open house Oct. 11, during Fire Prevention Week. Attendees enjoyed a free dinner, and had the opportunity to talk with firefighters and learn about fire safety. Tours of the fire trucks, as well as apparatus displays, were also offered. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Future firefighters

In addition to enjoying a free meal, young people attending the Staples Fire Department's open house Oct. 11, received a number of gifts including firefighter hats. Pictured above, from left, are Jordan Tangeman, Cullen Fraundorfer, Sara Tangeman (partially hidden), Pat Huff (partially hidden), Lizzy Tangeman and Tyler Fraundorfer, all of Staples. Below are Shawn Munson of Wadena and his children, from left, Zawyere, Jaxon, D'Kota and Khylier.

Firefighter demonstration

First graders watched intently as Staples firefighter Brandon Sterriker put out a stove fire during his demonstration. Students learned that you do not put water on a grease fire, as it can cause the fire to increase.

Learning about fire safety

Elementary students had the opportunity to visit the Staples Fire Department Oct. 11, during Fire Prevention Week, where they learned about fire safety and the tools and equipment that firefighters use. Pictured above, first graders receive gifts at the end of their tour.

Mark Your Calendar

October 16

Women's AA Mtg Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Staples Church of Christ, on Hwy 210, south of Staples.

October 17

'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

October 18

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 20

Celebrate Recovery Group Meetings are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

October 21

AA group Mtgs In Motley are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

ISD #2170 regular School Board meeting, Monday, October 21, 6 p.m. at the Staples-Motley School District Office, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479

October 22

CARE Ministry Free Meal Tuesday, Oct. 22, 4:30 - 6 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples. St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley will assist. The free meals are held on a monthly basis to promote fellowship, connection and nourishment.

Experience Strength And Hope AA group Mtgs In Staples are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

Wadena County Republicans Mtgs are held on the fourth 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.

'GriefShare' Grief Support Group is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

Motley American Legion's annual mtg/dinner Oct. 17

The Motley American Legion Post #124 will hold their annual meeting/dinner Thursday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m., at BRICKS Restaurant in Motley.

Thank you for reading the Staples World

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There will be *additional* hours available on:
Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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If visiting us in-person, park on the courthouse hill lot and enter through the north door (nearest the statue and flag). Curbside service is available by calling 320-732-4469 when you arrive.

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An Online Absentee Ballot Application Portal and/or printable Absentee Ballot Application form can be found on our County Website at **www.co.todd.mn.us** or at **www/mnvotes.gov**

Note: If you are currently a member of the Uniformed Services (or spouse/dependent) or temporarily or indefinitely overseas please use the websites named above for alternate UOCAVA Application procedures.

Completed Absentee Ballot Envelopes can be returned by in-person delivery or mail delivery to the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 215 1st Avenue S #201, Long Prairie, MN 56347, located in the Todd County Historic Courthouse.

Contact the County Auditor's Office at 320-732-4469 or elections@co.todd.mn.us with any questions.

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Hello World

Online births removed at the request of Lakewood Health System.

Obituary

Janet Martin

Janet Martin, 80, of Staples passed away September 30, 2024, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Funeral services were held October 11 at the Staples Assembly of God Church

Burial was at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

On February 17, 1944, Janet Hilda was welcomed into the world in Eureka, Dakota. She was the daughter of Eugene and Hilda (Joachim) Haidle. Janet graduated from high school. It was while out with friends that a young man named George Martin started teasing her. Janet eventually teased him back and this led to a friendship that blossomed into love. They were united in marriage on April 6, 1963, at the Church of Christ in Staples. The couple raised three boys in Staples, Edward, Bruce and Gerald. Janet was very busy raising her family. In her down time, she spent time in her vast vegetable garden. She was an avid canner and baker, her homemade bread was a favorite of her family. She volunteered at their church, helping with communion, church dinners and teaching religion classes. She had a strong faith and enjoyed the time with children sharing her Savior's love. Janet made a point of crocheting items for every child and grandchild, making them a gift of love and a memory to last a lifetime.

Janet's love for her family was great - becoming a grandma was one of her "best days ever". Her grandchildren became a light in her heart, and she enjoyed every second she was able to spend with her family. When her grandkids were younger, they would come and stay with her every summer, helping her with the garden and making special memories that will last a lifetime.

Janet leaves behind her three children, Edward (Terri) Martin, Bruce Martin and Gerald (Lori) Martin; three grandchildren, Zachary Martin, Megan Martin and Hannah (Mitch Feda) Martin; five great-grandchildren, Remington Martin, Charlotte Martin, Keegan Kilgore, Georgia Kilgore and Adelynn Feda; two brothers, Kenneth (Margie) and Terry (Dee) and many other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Martin; parents and two brothers, Delphane and Curtis.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home of Browerville.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship .....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH .....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Aldrich

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19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA 218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
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320-749-2140
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Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Saturday .....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
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MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday .....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

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"Go, God."

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Accepting the award

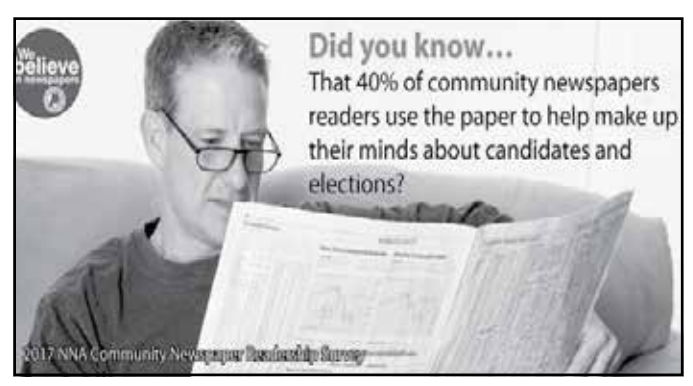
Lakewood's Miranda Haugrud, population health manager, and Amy Wiese, community healtn supervisor, accept the award from Hilary Marden-Resnik, UCare president and CEO, and Dr. Tenbit Emiru, UCare executive vice president and chief medical officer. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood Health System honored with UCARE'S "A Salute to Excellence!" award

UCare held its 16th annual "A Salute to Excellence!" event on Sept. 19, at the Delta Hotels in northeast Minneapolis to recognize 23 clinics and care systems with top results in 2023 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures – including preventive care, disease management, behavioral health, maternity care, care transitions and medication management. Lakewood, Staples, was honored for improving the health of UCare members enrolled in PMAP/MinnesotaCare plans.

"We are honored by this award as it shows the true dedication and care Lakewood employees give our patients," said Lakewood's Population Health Manager, Miranda Haugrud. "Ensuring the health and well-being of our patients and community is our top priority and we appreciate the opportunity to be recognized for that commitment."

"The health care partners we are honoring are truly among the best at delivering effective, quality care," said UCare President and CEO Hilary Marden-Resnik at the event. "This evening of celebration, gratitude and awards is always special. UCare could not live up to our mission of improving the health of our members without the critical work of our providers every day on the frontlines of care."



Cardinal tennis falls just short of state

Noska qualifies for state singles

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Ronnie Noska

It really couldn't have been any closer. The Staples-Motley girls tennis team beat the state's second ranked team, Perham, but fell just a few points short in beating the state's fourth ranked team, Crookston, to end up in second place at the Section 8A team tournament Oct. 10-12.

"Our girls ended the season doing what every coach hopes for, playing the best tennis of the year," said Coach Nikki Paskewitz.

In individual play, Ronnie Noska qualified for the state tournament for the third straight year. She will open the first round at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, at Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

In the first round of the team tournament, the Cardinals played Park Rapids, who had given them a competitive match just a week before. But Staples-Motley had one secret weapon that they used throughout the tournament, the return of Jaida Holst from injury. Holst was slotted into the number three singles role for the first time in a month and helped lead a singles sweep and a quick 6-1 team win against Park Rapids.

That set up the match with Perham, the second ranked team in the state, according to the Minnesota High School Coaches Association. Earlier in the season, Perham had won 6-1 when the two teams met, but this time the Cardinals finally had their full lineup to contend with. Noska and Kaylee Perius won their singles matches, but Perham took the other two. That left it up to the doubles teams to decide the match. Heidi Zimmerman and Madison Perius took care of business at number one doubles, rolling to a 6-3, 6-3 win. The final point came at third doubles, where Andrea DiGiovanni and Charlie Noska won 6-3, 6-2.

In the finals, the Cardinals met Crookston, ranked fourth in the state and a varsity consisting entirely of 11th and 12th grade athletes. In contrast, the Cardinals had three seniors and the rest of the athletes from grades 7-10. But the Cardinals did not back down to the experienced team, Noska and Holst set the tone by quickly winning their singles matches. Crookston took the other two singles, once again leaving the doubles matches to determine who made it to state.

All three doubles matches went to a third set, as the competition rose to an electrifying level for the fans and the players. At number two doubles, Natalie Hanson and Sarah Kroll overcame their first set loss to win 6-4 in the second and finished it off with a strong 6-1 third set. Zimmerman and Perius took their match to the final games, but lost 6-4 in the third set. DiGiovanni and Charlie Noska also fell in a close third set.

"They all fought hard and gave it their all," said Paskewitz. "Even though we were so close to making it to state and were disappointed to fall short, we felt so incredibly proud of how our girls showed up to play for sections."

Individual tournament

Between team and individual tournaments, Ronnie Noska played eight full matches in the three days of the Section 8A tournament.

After an exhausting team tournament, the individual tournament started the same day, with Noska winning her first two matches easily. On the third day of the tournament, she finally ran out of steam and lost in the semifinal. But she regrouped and dominated the third place match to set up a true second match.

Noska breezed through in straight sets again to secure second place and her third trip to the state tournament, after going in singles in 2022, doubles in 2023 and now singles again.

The other singles player for Staples-Motley was Corinne Olson, who lost a close match 6-4, 6-3.

The top doubles team for the Cardinals was Zimmerman and Madison Perius. They won their first match and lost in the quarterfinals to end their tournament run.

The second doubles team was Hanson and Kaylee Perius, who lost in their only match.

Team results

Section 8A team tournament

Quarterfinals

Staples-Motley 6, Park Rapids 1

Singles: Ronnie Noska W 6-1, 6-1; Corinne Olson W 6-0, 6-4; Jaida Holst W 6-2, 6-3; Kaylee Perius W 6-4, 6-4

Doubles: Madison Perius/Heidi Zimmerman W 6-0, 6-1; Natalie Hanson/Sarah Kroll W 6-3, 6-4; Andrea DiGiovanni/Charlie Noska L 5-7, 6-2, (6-10)

Section 8A semifinals

Staples Motley 4, Perham 3

Singles: R. Noska W 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; Olson L 6-3, 6-0; Holst L 1-6, 6-4, 0-6; K. Perius W 6-3, 6-4

Doubles: M. Perius/Zimmerman W 6-3, 6-3; Hanson/Kroll L 6-3, 6-4; DiGiovanni/C. Noska W 6-3, 6-2

Section 8A finals

Staples-Motley 3, Crookston 4

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

Doubles: Perius/Zimmerman L 6-4, 4-6, 4-6; Hanson/Kroll W 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; DiGiovanni/C. Noska L 5-7, 6-4, 3-6

Section 8A Singles

Ronnie Noska: W 6-0, 6-0; W 6-2, 6-1; Semifinals: L 6-3, 6-4; 3rd place match: W 6-4, 6-0; True 2nd: W 6-4, 6-2

Corinne Olson: L 6-4, 6-3

Section 8A doubles

Heidi Zimmerman/Madison Perius: W 6-3, 7-5; L 6-2, 6-4

Natalie Hanson/Kaylee Perius: L 6-4, 6-1

Evading the defense

Gavin Chenoweth turns the corner on a long kickoff return in the game against New York Mills on Oct. 11. See story, page 11a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Volleyball team wins two more conference nailbiters

The Staples-Motley volleyball team won two close matches, beating Park Rapids 3-2 on Nov. 8 and they scored another 3-2 win at Pelican Rapids on Nov. 10. Both of these were conference games, running the team's record to 3-4 in their first season in the Heart of Lakes Conference, with one game left.

Jade Storry paced the team against Park Rapids with 13 kills and she added 12 digs. Lilly Tyrrell had 14 digs and Ellie Lange had 10 as the team's defensive specialists.

Against Pelican Rapids, the Cardinals nearly closed it out in three sets, but it was extended to the final set. Livi Lorber had a big game with 18 kills and eight blocks. Annie Schlosser had an amazing stat line for the game, with 39 set assists, four kills, four blocks, five digs and three ace serves, making her responsible for 50 of the team's 111 points.

The conference has proved to be very competitive for the Cardinals, as they have won at least one set against every team except one. Four of their conference games have gone to a fifth set.

Section tournament

With a record of 17-8 and one game left, the Cardinals are in the top half of the Section 6AA standings, poised to host a playoff game when the final rankings are determined. The Cardinals could get as high as the fourth or fifth seed, or as low as seventh. In any event, they will host a playoff game on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. The winner of that match would play again on Friday, Oct. 25.

Section 6AA is very tough this year with two top ten teams and five others in the top 35. Staples-Motley is ranked 32nd in the state by Minnesota-Scores.net.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Park Rapids 2; 25-17, 23-25, 25-16, 22-25, 15-9

Miranda Schotzko: Kills-3, Blocks-4

Jade Storry: Aces-1, Kills-13, Digs-12

Livi Lorber: Aces-3, Assists-3, Kills-11, Blocks-5, Digs-3

Annie Schlosser: Aces-1, Assists-31, Blocks-3, Digs-5

Izzy Becker: Aces-1, Assists-1, Kills-10, Blocks-1, Digs-15

Lilly Tyrrell: Assists-2, Kills-1, Digs-14

Ellie Lange: Digs-10

Hannah Cole: Assists-2, Kills-4, Blocks-9

Staples-Motley 3, Pelican Rapids 2

3-2; 25-17, 25-15, 24-26, 22-25, 15-6

Schotzko: assists-1, kills-2, blocks-3

Livi Lorber: aces-4, assists-1, kills-18, blocks-8, digs-5

Jade Storry: aces-2, assists-1, kills-12, blocks-2, digs-14

Annie Schlosser: aces-3, assists-39, kills-4, blocks-4, digs-5

Izzy Becker: aces-3, kills-5, digs-13

Ellie Lange: aces-5, assists-1, digs-11

Lilly Tyrrell: aces-2, digs-12

Abby Brichacek: kills-2, blocks-7

Small meet gives runners a chance to shine

After running in several large invitationals this season, the Staples-Motley cross country teams raced in a small meet on Oct. 9, with only four teams. The smaller format gave the Cardinals a chance to sharpen their racing skills and run fast times, while competing against similar teams.

The meet was the Bob Waxlax Invitational at St. Cloud State, which also included a college race.

For both the girls and boys teams, the top two finishers had extremely good races. Aleea Holst ran her fastest race and Bella Hines was right behind, running her best race of the year. Logan Robben had another stellar race for the boys and Gage Bjerga made a big jump to get close to him as the second runner.

The boys race saw the top four Cardinals finish within less than a minute, but they will need a fifth runner to get in that pack to place well at the upcoming conference and section meets.

The top six girls were very promising and won the meet without their top runner competing.

Next up for the Cardinals is their first time racing the Heart of Lakes Conference meet on Oct. 15 at Perham. The Section 6A meet is Thursday, Oct. 24 at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Team results

Girls results

Staples-Motley 25, Visitation 52, Mahtomedi 57, South St. Paul 105

2. Aleea Holst 21:05, 4. Bella Hines 21:14, 5. Naila Mikhaeil 21:29, 6. Suhaila Mikhaeil 21:53, 8. Leah Greenwaldt 22:18, 10. Elise Trif 22:25, 25. Madelyn Kist 25:33

Boys results

Mahtomedi 29, Staples-Motley 35, South St. Paul 66

4. Logan Robben 17:37, 5. Gage Bjerga 17:42, 7. Blaine Plattner 18:29, 8. Dillan Robben 18:31, 11. Andrew Dobson 18:57, 12. Garrett Bjerga 19:00, 18 Ivan Lozano 20:14, 21. Gabriel Kroll 20:51, 30. Israel Ritter 22:59, 35. Jackson Odden 24:55

Providing the rhythm of the game

The Staples-Motley pep band plays at the Oct. 11 football game, led by drummer Gabriel Kroll and Geoffrey DeCamp. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Mark Anderson, Managing Editor

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NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that the General Election for the City of Staples, Todd and Wadena Counties, State of Minnesota and United States will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The polling place is the Staples Community Center located at 425 Fourth Street Northeast. Sample Ballots are available for inspection at the polling place or on the Secretary of State website at **https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/**.

City Offices to be filled at this election are: the Mayor and three City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The three individuals receiving the highest number of votes for City Council Member shall serve for terms of four (4) years.

Tara Greer, Clerk
City of Staples

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TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING

The public is welcome to observe the Public Accuracy Testing of the DS200 Vote Tabulator Machines for the upcoming State General Election.

In order to fulfill statute requirements for preliminary testing, this public testing event has been rescheduled to ensure all equipment is prepared for the event.

Testing will commence on Thursday, October 24, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until complete in the Election Room located in the Main Street Government Center at 347 Central Avenue, Long Prairie, MN.

Please contact 320-732-4414 with any questions.

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP MEETING

Due to elections being held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 we will move our regular monthly meeting to Monday, November 4, at 7 p.m.

Elections will be held at the Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 5.

Diane Mack, Clerk
Moran Township

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 31, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $43,959.64

MORTGAGOR(S): David J. Brusewitz and Tanya A. Brusewitz f/k/a Tanya A. Staley, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on April 2, 2008 as Document Number 456325 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on December 13, 2016 as Document Number 502051 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Bayview Dispositions IVA, LLC by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513294 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Greenwich Revolving Trust by assignment recorded on February 26, 2019 as Document Number A513295 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R1 by assignment recorded on September 12, 2024 as Document Number A542768 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Two 2, Block Three 3, Tiernan Addition to Staples, According to the plat thereof on file and of record with Todd County Recorders office.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 804 7TH ST NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $46,774.13

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Fay Servicing, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0095800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

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 May 21, 2025.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: September 25, 2024

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2020-R1
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NOTICE REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NOTIFICATION

Commissioner Rosemary Franzen will participate remotely via interactive technology at the Brainerd High School, 702 S 5th St. Brainerd, MN, for the Region Five Development Commission Meeting on October 24, 2024.

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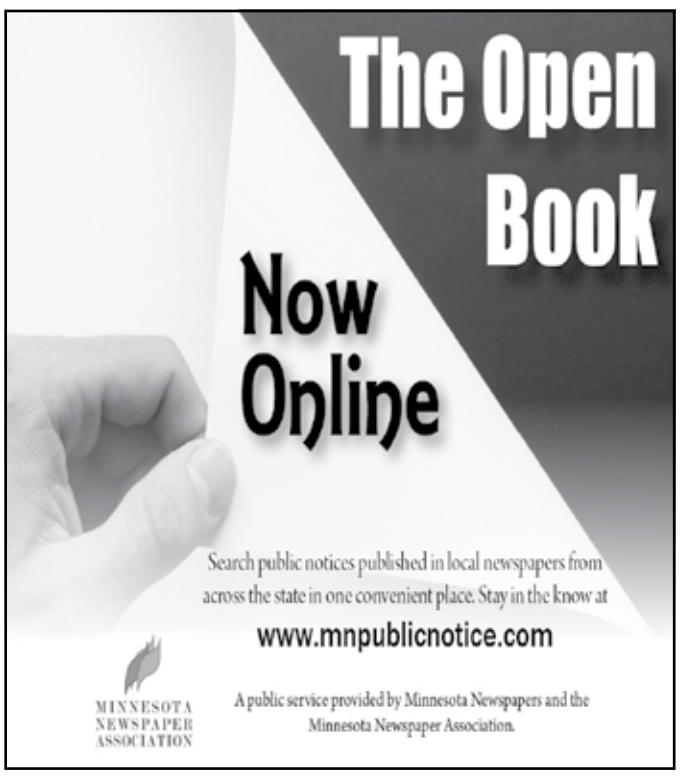

Notice to Voters

November 5, 2024

Statewide General Election

I Will Vote

Review the information below to learn about upcoming elections.

Access Your Sample Ballot

- Your official ballot will have the names of all candidates for your precinct.
- To see a list of the names of candidates and questions that will be on the ballot for your precinct visit: **mnvotes.gov/myballot**
- You may also be able to view your sample ballot online by scanning:
- You may request to have a free copy of your sample ballot mailed to you.

Find Your Polling Place

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.
- You can find your Election Day Polling Place by visiting: **mnvotes.gov/pollfinder**

Voting Before Election Day

- You can vote early with an absentee ballot starting Friday, Sept. 20.
- You can vote early by mail, in person, or from the military or abroad.
- Learn more by scanning:

Additional Election Information

- Most Election Day Polling Places are open 7am to 8pm.
- You may live in a precinct where a ballot is mailed to you as a mail ballot voter.
- If voting by mail, return your ballot no later than 8pm on Election Day.
- Election results will be available starting after 8pm on Election Day at: **https://www.co.todd.mn.us/**
- Check to see if you are pre-registered to vote by scanning:

Contact Your Local Election Official

Your county election official:

- Can mail you a sample ballot for free
- Keeps your voter registration record
- Handles other parts of the voting process

Election official:	Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
General phone:	320-732-4469
Website:	https://www.co.todd.mn.us/
Email:	elections@co.todd.mn.us
Absentee Voting and Mailing Address:	215 1st Avenue S, Suite 201 Long Prairie, MN 56347

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Firepower in the running game

Luke Bjerga breaks a tackle on his way to a big run, with help from blockers Ben Tyrrell (24), Dustin Converse (68) and Jacob Becker (63).

Dustin Convers breaks up a pass with pressure on the quarterback.

Cardinals win again, approach undefeated football season

The Staples-Motley football team ran their record to 7-0 with a 44-8 win against New York Mills on Oct. 11, with one regular season game remaining, at Wadena-Deer Creek on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Against New York Mills, the Cardinals overcame a challenge in the first half, then thwarted any challenges in the second half. Ben Tyrrell scored three rushing touchdowns while gaining 105 yards on the ground.

Staples-Motley scored on their first two drives, with Benet Robinson scoring on a pass from Eli Rutten, and a touchdown run by Tyrrell making it 16-0. Conner Kuhns added the first two point conversion and Alex Schultz leapt high in the air to catch a pass from Rutten for the second two pointer.

In the second quarter, Luke Bjerga made a long run, refusing to be tackled until the one yard line. He finished the drive with a touchdown run for a 22-0 lead.

NYM struck back with a long drive mixing running and passing to narrow the score to 22-8 late in the second quarter.

With 26 seconds left in the first half and 60 yards to get to the end zone, Rutten and Schultz improvised a play that turned the game back in their favor. Rutten went back to pass but didn't see an open receiver. He scrambled to his left and kept his head up, spotting Schultz breaking open. It was a short connection but Schultz took it the rest of the way, weaving through multiple defenders and outracing them to the end zone. Tyrrell added the two point extra point to make it 30-8 at halftime.

The second half played out much like the first, with Staples-Motley scoring on their first drive, Tyrrell taking it over the line for this second score. This time when NYM made a drive close to the end zone, Schultz stepped in front of a pass for an interception to end the drive. Tyrrell addded his third touchdown in the fourth quarter to make the final score 44-8.

The Cardinal scoresheet showed several players with multiple pancake blocks, including Steven Petrich and Dustin Converse with four each, while Jacob Becker, Drake Dukowitz, Riley Reese and Ben Tyrrell had three each.

On defense, Sawyer Ferdon and Tyrrell each recorded one quarterback sack.

Big block springs touchdown

Ben Tyrrell gets an open lane on a touchdown run, thanks to blocks like the one thrown by Steven Petrich (64). (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Playoff time

Now ranked 10th in the state according to Minnesota-Scores.net and MaxPreps, the Cardinals will be favored to win their final game and finish the season undefeated. If that happens, they will get a bye in the first round of the playoffs, then host a home game on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., likely against Menahga or Wadena-Deer Creek. The winner of that game will advance to the section championship at the Fargodome on Friday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m., against either Pillager or Osakis. The winner there will head to the state tournament, which will be seeded this year, with the first round Nov. 7 or 8, dates and locations to be determined after seeding.

Team results

Staples-Motley 44, New York Mills 8

Rushing: Ben Tyrrell 8-105, 3 TD; Colbe Tappe 4-46, Luke Bjerga 4-36, 1 TD; Conner Kuhns 3-10, Turner Beachy 2-11, Eli Rutten 1-35, Beau Carlson 1-30, Alex Schultz 1-3

Passing: Rutten 9-17, 151 yards, 2 TD; Schultz 1-2, 3 yards

Receiving: Schultz 3-101, 1 TD; Beachy 3-37, Benet Robinson 2-14, 1 TD; Tappe 2-2

Defensive tackles (solo-assists): Bjerga 2-7, Kuhns 0-1, Tappe 0-1, Steven Petrich 1-4, Noah Larson 2-1, Dustin Converse 0-2, Jacob Becker 0-5, Riley Reese 1-1, Sawyer Ferdon 1-4, Peyton Mithun 3-3, Robinson 1-0, Schultz 5-6, Beachy 2-2, Gavin Chenoweth 3-1, Jacob Hansen 0-1, Tyrrell 0-3, Drake Dukowitz 0-5, Ryan Neelan 1-1, Josiah Critten 1-0

Eli Rutten

Conner Kuhns skps out of a tackle.

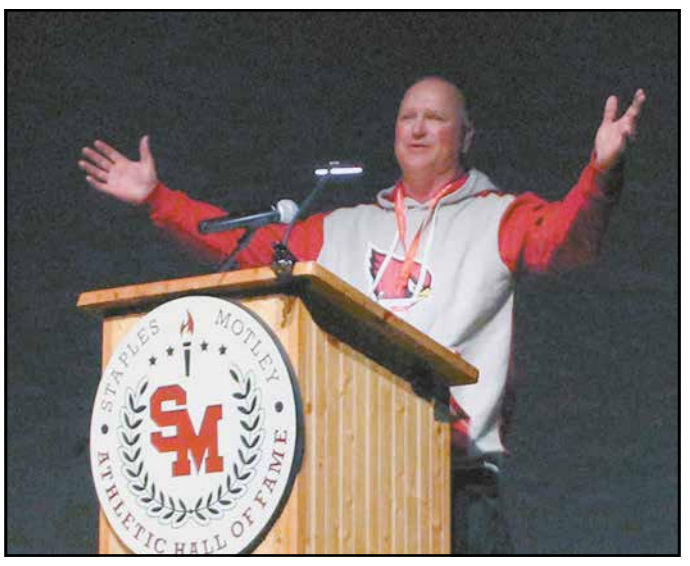
Benet Robinson zeros in on a touchdown pass.

A defensive stop led by Peyton Mithun (8) and Noah Larson (52)

Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony

Hall of Fame athlete

Jessica (Beachy) Rahman



Hall of Fame athlete

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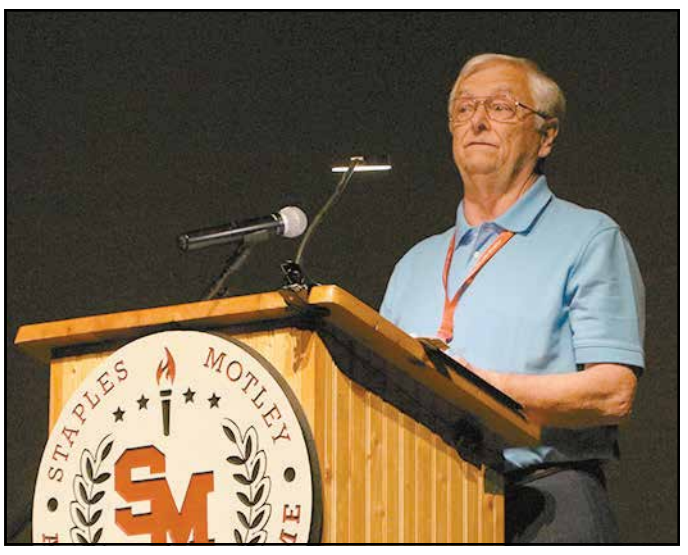
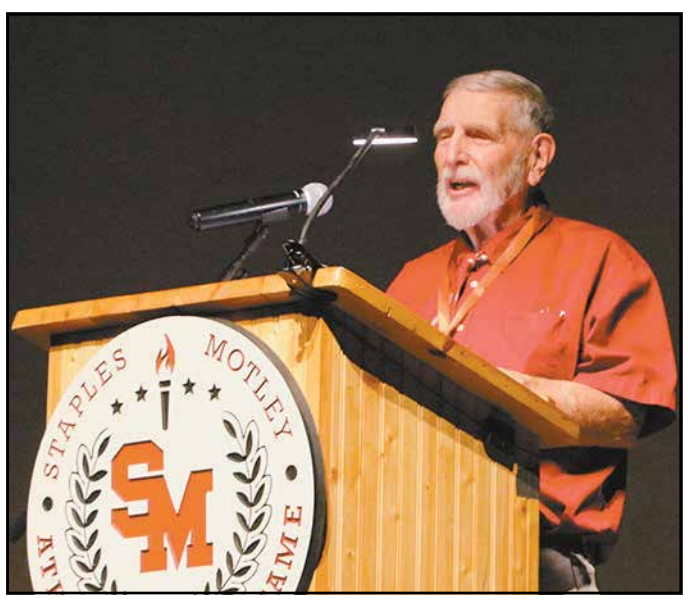


Hall of Fame athlete

Curt Johnson

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

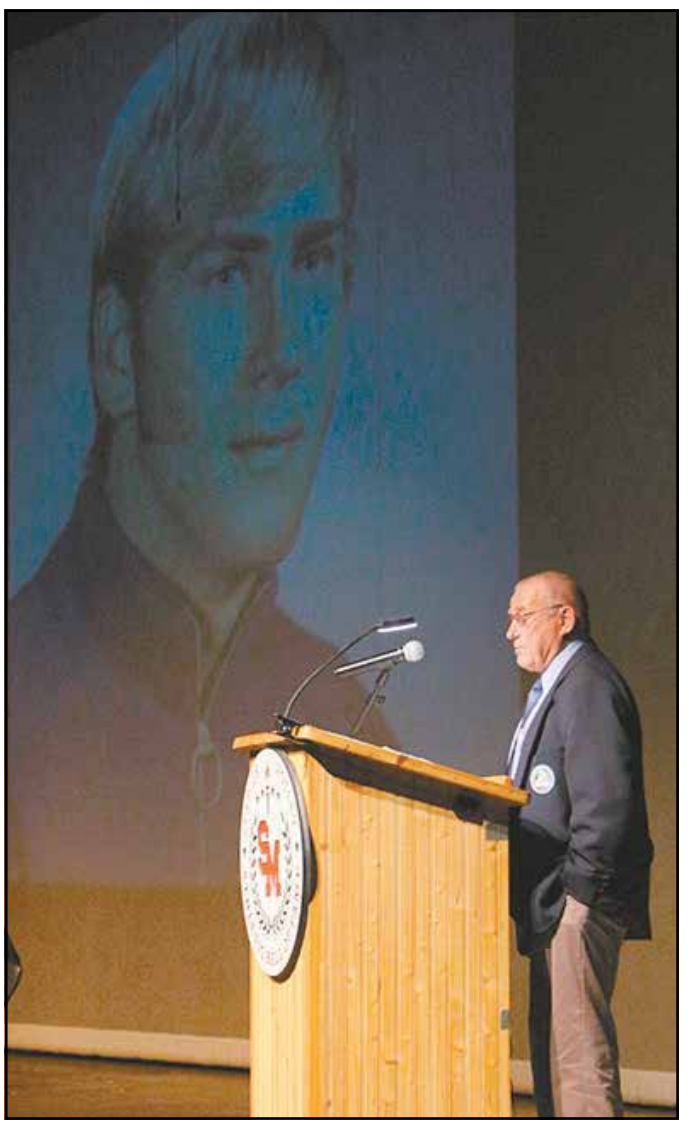
The entire Class of 2024 gathers with past inductees following the ceremony on Oct. 5.



Hall of Fame athlete

Lyle Stevens

Inducting Lyle Stevens into the Hall of Fame were his teammate, Ron Manning, left, and his son, Eric Stevens.



Hall of Fame athletes

Jerry Cleveland, previously inducted into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame, talks about his friend Gordy Thompson Sr., pictured on the screen behind him. Tompson passed away but his family was there to accept his Hall of Fame plaque.

Hall of Fame Coach Glen Hasselberg

The Hasselberg family gathered to celebrate the induction of golf coach Glen Hasselberg into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. From left, Cydney, Mary, Glen and Becky, Derek, Heather and Dana.

Many of Gordy Thompson's grandchildren accepted his Hall of Fame award, from left, Caleb Kramer, Kapri Thompson, Kindle Thompson, Chloe Kramer, Alexys Thompson, fellow wrestler Jerry Cleveland, Reese Thompson, Carter Thompson, Jude Thompson and Caden Kramer.

Following John Riewer's induction to the Hall of Fame, from left, Arron Otteson, Jolene Owen, John, Malerie Klabo, Jordan Riewer and Coach Lynn Peterson, who presented the award to Riewer.

Jessica (Beachy) Rahman with her family at the Hall of Fame presentation, from left, Cody Rahman, Jessica and Brian Rahman, Cassidy Rahman and Jason Klug.

Athletic Hall of Fame teams

1978 and 1979 Staples wrestling team

Following their induction into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame, members of the 1978 and 1979 wrestling team gathered together. Front row from left, Neil Jennissen, Tony Spandl, Brian Glynn, Gene Johnson, Jim Roberts, Greg Dravis, Mike Heldman; back row, Paula (Dravis) Redemske, Coach Lowell Bayerkohler, Tim Bainer, Don Heldman, Randy Carlson, Phil Sowers, Dean Schletty, John Lelwica, Paul Reese, Paul Mergens, Blaine Dravis, Coach Greg Leifermann. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Mike Heldman spoke about the 1978 and 1979 wrestling team.

1998 and 1999 Staples-Motley cross country team

The 1998 and 1999 Staples-Motley cross country team at their induction into the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame, front row from left, Dave Reichel, Justin Tholl, Chad Brever, Ryan Klingaman, Mike Schafer, Jeff Brever and Luke Grandlund; back row, coach Jerry Reck, Paul Mayavski, Jake Huebsch, award presenter Maryann Riewer, Kurt Detloff, Eric Klingaman, Joe Webster and Coach Gene Mattila.

Becky Hasselberg speaks about Coach Glen Hasselberg as he is shown on the big screen.

One more team huddle

The 1998 and 1999 cross country team held one more team huddle following their induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 1978-79 wrestlers gathered on stage during the awards presentation.

Before the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, many people gathered to share memories and talk to people they hadn't seen in years.

Staples-Motley cheerleaders opened the Athletic Hall of Fame program by getting people up and cheering for the school songs.

Todd County

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past treasurer for Moran Township, serving over 11 years, Farm Service Agency (FSA) board member, Todd County Agricultural Society member and serving as a Todd County Commissioner chairperson.

I firmly believe that my background and experience serving on local community boards and being your current District One Todd County Commissioner for the past ten years will continue to help build the opportunities and strengths within our county on the conty board.

2. Is there an area of the county government that you think should have more attention or more resources?

I believe there are two areas that the county government needs to pay more attention to which are economic development and the wellbeing of all Todd County residents.

First, we need to pay attentiont o economic development within Todd County. We need to look at ways to expand our local businesses to enhance the jobe market and to provide continued growth to happen.

Second area of attention would be around the overall wellbeing of all Todd County residents. I believe that we need to be able to better support all individuals from childhood to older adults. We need to look at ways to support and provide resources around mental health in schools, jails, and in local communities. As County Commissioner I want to continue to improve the quality of life and well-being of all Todd County residents.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a county board member?

The main issue I would like to work on as a county board member is around budgeting. I would continue to support the budget committee as they develop and present their budgets. As a Commissioner I will listen to the community members and be transparent around the budget. I wlll provide accountability to ensure that local government tax dollars are being used for the best interest of the county.

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as a school board member for the Bertha-Hewitt School District, where I've worked with colleagues to improve educational quality and maintain fiscal responsibility, preparing me to address budgetary matters as County Commissioner. Additionally, I have served as a Director on the Sourcewell Board for six years, where I've built partnerships and led projects that help the counties in Region 5. This experience demonstrates my ability to collaborate across jurisdictions and secure resources to drive community development.

2. Is there an area of the county government that you think should have more attention or more resources?

I believe Todd County should continue to focus on more resources on affordable housing for income levels and the availability of daycare. Access to quality, affordable housing is essential for attracting and keeping residents, supporting local families, and fostering long-term growth. At the same time, the shortage of daycare options is a critical issue, impacting working families and limiting economic growth by making it harder for parents to participate fully in the workforce. Increasing affordable housing and daycare availability will create more opportunities for people to live and work here, strengthen the local economy, and offer stability for residents across various income levels. By addressing these areas, Todd County can better meet community needs and become a more welcoming, sustainable place for future generations.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a county board member?

As a county commissioner, my primary focus would be addressing affordable housing, enhancing public safety, and to continue to support education and community service. Affordable housing is crucial for attracting and retaining families, ensuring that all residents have access to safe and affordable living options. I would advocate for partnerships with developers and nonprofits to create more housing opportunities.

In addition, I aim to enhance public safety by supporting law enforcement and emergency services as there is such a need for school liaisons in our schools as well as emergency services in our small towns.

Furthermore, I am committed to supporting educational initiatives and resources within our schools. By collaborating with educational institutions and local organizations, we can provide programs that prepare our youth for future success and address the diverse needs of our students.

Lastly, I would support the county to continue to improve the infrastructure of the county roads, to ensure that residents have safe means of travel.

By focusing on these key issues, I hope to contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of Todd County and its residents.

Wadena County

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dent on the residents of the county. I have worked on numerous committees within the county during this first term in office, learning about each of the departments that make up Wadena County. During the last four years, the county levy has only increased an average of 2.25 percent each year, which is below the state average for a county levy. The number of county employees has been reduced by seven employees which has lowered the cost of payroll by more than $600,000.

Living on a farm has given me problem solving skills and the ability to adapt to fluid situations that sometimes arise. I have the ability to think outside the box to find viable solutions to the problems that come up.

2. Is there an area of the county government that you think should have more attention or more resources?

Economic Developmetn is key to growth within our county. We need to find ways to encourage businesses to open in Wadena County. New businesses create a ripple effect within the county. When there is business growth, then there will be housing growth. More housing will generate less of a tax burden for the residents within the county, which ultimately is my goal for Wadena County

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a county board member?

As stated in the previous question: housing, economic growth and taxes are all intertwined. More good paying jobs will bring in more workers. Additional workers will need housing and with additional housing built within the county, the county tax base will increase. Each new home or business that is built in Wadena County will help to lower taxes for all residents.

This past year Wadena County has implemented a tax abatement program for new residential construction allowing homeowners to benefit from a reduced home evaluation for the first five years, which will reduce their property taxes. We have seen a significant increase in new residential construction since this program began. The board is working on developing a similar tax abatement program for the construction of commercial properties within the county.

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that benefit our community.

My active involvement extends beyond the school board; I currently serve or have served on various committees, including the Sacred Heart Church Parish Council, the SHAS advisory board, and the SHAS Fish Fry Committee. Additionally, I contribute to the Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame and am the chair of Staples & Motley Dollars for Scholars. These experiences have deepened my understanding of the diverse needs of our community and the importance of collaboration.

I believe that my background in education, combined with my commitment to community service positions me uniquely to contribute effectively to the county board. I am dedicated to fostering positive change and addressing our county needs with integrity and transparency.

2. Is there an area of the county government that you think should have more attention or more resources?

An area of county government that deserves more attention and resources is Economic Development. Unfortunately, from what I see in the board minutes and read in the newspaper, the county board can sometimes perpetuate a negative narrative, focusing on financial constraints and the need for cuts. This mindset not only impacts internal morale but also affects external perceptions—when people search for information on Wadena County, they might see a community that's struggling rather than one with potential and opportunities.

To counter this, it's crucial to conduct an internal review of inefficiencies and redundancies to optimize service delivery. Building partnerships with community stakeholders—like healthcare providers, schools, and city entities—can help us share resources and maximize our impact. These partnerships are especially vital in Greater Minnesota and rural areas; by working together, we can ensure our limited resources are used effectively and that we provide the high-quality services our residents deserve.

We need to shift the narrative from scarcity to possibility, fostering a creative culture of innovation and cooperation to drive meaningful economic growth in our community.

3. What are the main issues you would like to work on as a county board member?

As a county board member, I am committed to addressing key issues with a forward-thinking approach. I firmly believe that being proactive is far more cost-effective than relying on reactive measures, and this philosophy will guide my work on the board.

A top priority for me is to enhance collaboration among the board of commissioners, the county administrator, and department heads. This collaboration is essential for effective governance in Wadena County. It is crucial that everyone is aligned with our mission—to provide quality services that meet public needs efficiently, respectfully, and professionally. By upholding our values of respect, stewardship, integrity, collaboration, empowerment, and equity, we can ensure that our efforts are focused and unified.

Having a current and well-communicated strategic plan is vital for providing clear direction and fostering unity across all departments. We need to evaluate whether our strategic plan is up to date and regularly reviewed. Identifying and celebrating our strengths, while also pinpointing opportunities for growth and improvement, plays a significant role in our future planning.

By collectively addressing the root causes of our challenges and emphasizing our strengths, we can build a more collaborative and effective county government. This will enable us to meet the needs of our residents and fulfill our mission with renewed purpose and energy.

Baumgartner is new care management provider at Lakewood

Marissa Baumgarner, care management provider

Lakewood Health System, Staples, welcomes Marissa Baumgartner, physician assistant (PA), as its first care management provider.

Originally from Henning, Baumgartner completed her undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University, and received her Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Bethel University. She is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants.

As Lakewood's first care management provider, Baumgartner will focus on supporting hospital patients after discharge, providing after visit care for patients in the clinic, and collaborating with the care management team on population health services. After most recently working in an emergency department setting, Baumgartner is excited for the opportunity to get to know her patients better and caring for 'the whole patient'. "I was lucky enough to be a PA student at Lakewood and loved their patient care and the family-like team. I am very excited to be part of the Lakewood family and be able to help provide care near home."

Baumgartner and her husband, CJ, recently welcomed their first child. Having both grown up in the area, they consider themselves lucky to raise their son here, as well. In her free time, Baumgartner enjoys spending time with family, and going to the lake during the summer. As a family, they also enjoy watching and cheering on Minnesota teams, and of course, the NDSU Bison.

Flu shot clinics at Lakewood

Longbella Drug by Lakewood – Plaza will be holding flu shot clinics on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and Wednesday, Oct. 30, both from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at its Plaza location (1210 Hwy. 10 E, Staples). Flu shots are available by walk-in or appointment to anyone 18 years or older.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), annual flu vaccinations are recommended for everyone six months and older, with few exceptions. Vaccination is especially important for those who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from the flu, including:

- Adults 65 and older
- Pregnant people
- Young children
- Those with: Cancer, Asthma, Heart disease and stroke, Diabetes, Chronic kidney disease, HIV/Aids

Those coming in for their flu shot are asked to bring some form of ID and insurance information to help expedite the process. While most insurances cover vaccinations at no cost to the patient, it is not guaranteed.

While walk-ins are welcome, if you'd like to schedule an appointment, call 218-894-2242. Flu shots are also available at all Lakewood Health System clinics during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, for anyone six months or older. Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be made by calling 218-894-1515.

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