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It wasn't the 65-year-old former Beatle who had shown up in north-central Wisconsin but a professional look-alike, 57-year-old Mike Oltersdorf of West Dundee, Ill.

Delco Estate Planning Services, a financial planning firm with an office in Wausau, brought in "McCartney" along with look-alikes for Dean Martin, Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret to perform at the company's annual appreciation dinner for its senior clients.

Delco president Mike O'Dell admitted he fueled the speculation that a celebrity might show up at the restaurant called 2510 last Wednesday night.

"I might have dropped a little leak that someone famous would be at 2510," O'Dell said with a laugh. "We never said he was Paul McCartney. Before we knew it, people were looking through the windows, pounding on the doors and chasing us when we left."

Colette Krahn of Wausau dined at a table next to the closed-off room for "McCartney."

"I'm disappointed," she said. "It sure was an interesting diversion."

Oltersdorf, for his part, said the resemblance is purely superficial.

"The only difference between Paul and I is a galaxy of talent and billions of dollars," he said.

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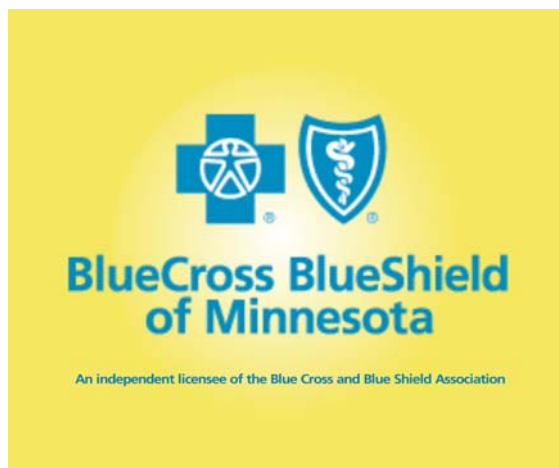


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