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Staples-Motley Middle School/High School Principal Deb Ferdon

Ferdon transitions from K through 12, now principal

By Mark Anderson
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Staples-Motley Middle School/High School Principal Deb Ferdon learned the Staples-Motley school system from the ground up. She started as a kindergarten teacher, transitioned to elementary and middle school leadership, coordinated the school's curriculum, test scores and testing strategies, and now is the full time principal at the middle school/high school.

Ferdon became interim principal last year when Principal Mike Schmidt took a leave of absence.

"I was filling in to help keep the building running," said Ferdon, "I wasn't going to change anything big, but found some things that needed to be tweaked."

It was an opportunity to see if the principal role was right for her, and she has decided move forward to expand her educational career once again.

Ferdon grew up in Becker and went to St. Cloud State. "I always knew I wanted to be in education," she said.

She started teaching at an army base in Barstow, California. "It was my first time out in the world, where I learned about the diversity of military life," she said.

Ferdon said that experience created a shift in her mindset, where she learned that education is not just curriculum, but is also about providing for kids and giving them what they need because they all have different backgrounds and family structures.

That is also where she met her husband Keith.

She moved back to Minnesota and taught in Albertville for three years before a job opened in Motley Elementary. She transitioned into a kindergarten teacher and did that for 10 years.

"In Motley we were on our own little island," said Ferdon, "all of us rose up as leaders at different times,

providing fun things for kids and problem solving, learning how to do things differently."

That experience gave Ferdon another new perspective on education.

"I saw the potential of what we could do for kids," she said.

It was one of the reasons she decided to earn her administrative license. She took on a leadership role at the Motley building, then transitioned into the district-wide curriculum and assessment coordinator.

In that role, Ferdon learned how education works system-wide. She said it helps to have the perspective of being a former teacher, because that helped her explain to other teachers what goes into the district decisions, and the reasons those decisions are made.

She found that her assessment background was helpful in the principal role.

"So much of what we do is about scores," she said, "but it is more about helping kids grow and teaching them how to learn. If they can do that, the scores will take care of themselves."

Ferdon said the high school will continue to offer CIS (college in schools) classes and also have online college credit classes. She said the school has found that there is less of a need for online high school classes and they don't have enough staff to provide that content.

Her elementary experience is also needed, since fifth and sixth grade classes are included in the middle school/high school building. Ferdon said that age group needs a block schedule to concentrate more on education basics, but they are also transitioning into an hourly schedule that synchs up with the rest of the building, making them more comfortable as they advance in their schooling.

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Walking among the roses The local foods tour at the Aug. 26 CLC Field Day strolled past the rose bushes at the Ag Center, displaying bright red rose hips. (Photo by Mark Anderson)

Berg takes on challenges of elementary principal

By Mark Anderson
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Allen Berg spent the first month of his new job as a principal without a building, because of construction at Staples-Motley Elementary School.

Since he was prevented from working on building issues, "We're making sure the operational side is ready to go on day one," said Berg.

Teachers began moving in to their refurbished classrooms on Sept. 1, so Berg has now turned his attention to getting the building ready for students.

"I look forward to meeting the community and welcoming them back to the building," said Berg. "The first week of school is always the most exciting."

Berg is finding solutions to the challenges of meeting staff and learning about the building. He has been learning the history of the school and the reasons why they do things they way they do. "It's kind of a crash course," he said.

Berg has a masters degree in educational leadership and is licensed for community education, K-12 principal, or superintendent. He is currently working on a doctorate in educational leadership.

He started working in the Farmington school system, in charge of youth programs and enrichment. He moved to Big Lake to work in community education, enrichment and early childhood.

Berg said he had been looking for a job in this direction, not just to continue to hop northward but also because he has a brother in Bemidji.

After talking to Superintendent Shane Tappe and



Elementary principal

Allen Berg is getting the newly refurbished Staples-Motley Elementary School ready for classes. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Communications Director Lauren Walz, Berg said he became interested in the Staples-Motley job.

One of the first aspects that intrigued him is that the school is an early childhood to grade four building, because in Berg's experience, education isn't just about K-12 any more.

"I am very passionate about including early childhood in elementary education," said Berg. "It's great that we have that model, districts in the metro don't have that model."

Berg is impressed with the school's community education and summer enrichment program that is a supplement to education.

While interviewing for the job, Berg learned that because of construction, he wouldn't have a building until just before school starts. Further challenges include not having a full cafeteria for two months and not having a gym for a year.

"We have really great people here who are coming up with really great solutions," said Berg.

To get to know staff quickly, Berg is holding "3-2-1" conversations in which the staff bring in three ideas why they like the school or what they are proud of, two issues that they would like help from the principal, and one personal item that they think Berg should know about them.

"I am trying to get an idea of why people choose to bring their kids here," said Berg.

The elementary is starting a new reading curriculum this year. Berg said this will be the third curriculum he has helped implement in a school, and he has had fun with each one.

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Reycraft is named new CFO at Lakewood Health System

Joe Reycraft recently accepted the position of chief financial officer (CFO) at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Originally from Maple Plain, Reycraft has an undergraduate degree in business with a finance emphasis from Bethel University. He has been with Lakewood since 2013 and started as a financial analyst, after which he quickly advanced into various leadership roles, including reimbursement manager and finance director. In July 2022, Reycraft accepted the CFO position and now oversees Lakewood's fiscal division which includes the



Joe Reycraft

revenue cycle and materials management teams.

"I'm honored to have this leadership opportunity and to have the support of our

board, providers, managers and senior leadership team at Lakewood," said Reycraft. "I'm excited for our system and this new chapter we're about to enter into as Lisa Bjerga takes over for Tim Rice. I'm eager to continue to add to our legacy of being a health system that values and contributes to the health and well-being of our patients and our community."

Reycraft and his wife, Jenna, live in the Motley area, and have one daughter. Outside of work he enjoys time with his family and spending time outdoors golfing, hunting, boating, and snowmobiling.

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Freshwater Education District named a Top Workplace in Minnesota

Freshwater Education District has been named one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune.

Produced by the same team that compiles the 31-year-old Star Tribune 100 report of the best performing public companies in Minnesota, Top Workplaces recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. The analysis included responses from over 79,000 employees at Minnesota public, private and nonprofit organizations.

The results of the Star Tribune Top Workplaces

are based on survey information collected by Energage, an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention.

“We are so honored to receive this recognition. Although, it doesn’t surprise me as Freshwater has a long-standing reputation for employee satisfaction,” said Freshwater Education District Executive Director, Eric Weber. “From our employees to our School Board, the message is that we are here to provide the highest quality of services possible to our members and school families.”

Star Tribune Publisher Michael J. Klingensmith said, “The companies in the Star Tribune Top Work-

places deserve high praise for creating the very best work environments in the state of Minnesota. My congratulations to each of these exceptional companies.”

Freshwater Education District provides educational services to its 13-member school districts. These districts include Frazee-Vergas, Perham-Dent, New York Mills, Wadena-Deer Creek, Verndale, Staples-Motley, Pillager, Menahga, Sebeka, Bertha-Hewitt, Henning, Browerville and Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

The services that are provided are Special Education, Area Learning Centers, Early Childhood Family Education/School

Readiness, Carl Perkins/CTE, Technology and Adult Basic Education.

Freshwater currently has approximately 150 employees.

To qualify for the Star Tribune Top Workplaces, a company must have more than 50 employees in Minnesota. Over 4,000 companies were invited to participate. Rankings were composite scores calculated purely on the basis of employee responses.

A complete list of those selected is available at startribune.com/mn-top-workplaces and was published in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces special section on Sunday, June 19.



Lakewood Health System Foundation awarded

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the the Lakewood Health System Foundation. Above: Ally Twardowski, LHS Foundation and Steve Sing, Staples Host Lions president. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Jeff Fink is 2022 LHS Team Member of the Year

Jeff Fink, registered nurse, was named 2022 Team Member of the Year at Lakewood Health System, Staples. The Team Member of the Year is chosen based on votes from Lakewood’s administrative team and the Lakewood Board. All nominees have received a STAR award during the voting year.

Fink’s nomination was submitted anonymously and stated: “Jeff consistently goes above and beyond for all his coworkers and patients. In the month of October, the hospital floor was very busy with very sick COVID patients. Anyone who has taken care of someone with COVID knows how sick they can get and how quickly they can decline. It is especially physically, mentally and emotionally taxing for those working eight or 12-hour shifts. Jeff worked 17 overnight shifts in a row, most of which were 12 hours and all of them were spent working in the intensive care unit (ICU).

When a patient turned on their call light, regardless of their assigned nurse, you would find Jeff running (literally) to help that



Jeff Fink

patient. Jeff rarely took a break, because someone might need help, so he ate his meals on the go. Patients often request Jeff as their nurse as they appreciate his care. Seeing his name on the schedule is always a breath of reassurance as he is always willing to tackle any task. Jeff is a valued nurse at Lakewood, and we are so lucky to have him on our team.”

Fink has worked at Lakewood for the past 18 years. He is currently working as a registered nurse in the hospital, caring for patients during their ICU and inpatient stays.

One dead, another injured in two-vehicle crash near Pillager

A Baxter man is dead and a Pillager woman severely injured as a result of a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 210 in Pillager the early afternoon of Aug. 30.

The incident involved 83-year-old Robert Frederick Lohman of Baxter, and 47-year-old Gina Villanueva Hollingsworth of Pillager.

According to Minnesota State Patrol, Hollingsworth, driving a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt, was westbound on Hwy 210 just west of 57th Ave. southwest; and Lohman, driving a 2007

Toyota Tacoma, was traveling eastbound. The Tacoma crossed over the centerline and collided with the Cobalt.

Lohman was pronounced dead at the scene and Hollingsworth was transported to St. Cloud CentraCare Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Road conditions were dry and alcohol was not a factor, the report said.

Assisting at the scene were the Cass County Sheriff’s Office, Life Link and Staples Ambulance.

Motley police report

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

Aug. 24 - 30

Aug. 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Isaiah Carner, 31, for driving after revocation and no insurance.

Aug. 29 - The MPD received a complaint from a resident who had a sign with him that read, “Cash for Vintage Clothing” along with a phone number. He stated someone had nailed it to a power pole at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Ash Street and that it blew off of the pole and onto his property. He stated this has happened in the past and feels it’s not right of people to do this. The MPD noted that other complaints have been received regarding this same person placing signs on private property along Hwy 10. The police chief called the number on the sign and explained to the person that he can’t be putting his signs on private property without permission. The person told the officer that they are just signs and if people don’t like them they can just take them down. He proceeded to say that he would never come back to Motley or spend any money

here again, which he was fine with because people there are “just a bunch of Trumpy Rednecks anyways.” He then hung up on the officer.

Aug. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Edwin Chanaguano David, 32, for speeding, failure to provide current proof of insurance and for not having a valid driver’s license.

Aug. 25 - The MPD arrested Jessica Bridgett Bond, 35, on a warrant out of Carver County for gross misdemeanor theft. The subject had been stopped at Hwy 10 and Aztec Rd., Motley, for speeding. The passengers all stated they did not have a driver’s license and were told they would need to wait for a ride. Bond, the driver of the vehicle, was transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Aug. 24 - The MPD issued a citation to Joshua Landin, 32, for driving after revocation.

Aug. 30 - The MCSO received a request from Cass County regarding a two-vehicle accident at 5881 State 210 SW in Motley, with multiple injuries and possible extrication needed. Motley Fire Department and first responders were dispatched.

Aug. 27 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Tyler Adamski, 34.



Staples Host Lions donate

The Staples Host Lions recently made donations to area organizations totaling \$6,475. Above, Lion President Rick Adamietz hands Brooke Goddard of Verndale, with the Pinky Swear Foundation, a check for \$2,500. For more online information, visit pinkyswear.org.

Below, members of the Staples Chamber of Commerce receive a check for \$3,975. From left are Renee Kroll and Kathleen Ferrel, chamber members; and Staples Host Lion President Rick Adamietz. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Todd Cty. sheriff’s report

Aug. 29: The Todd County Sheriff’s Office received a call from the The Woodtick Lounge in the city of Hewitt reporting a burglary that had occurred between 2 a.m. Aug. 28 and 10 a.m. Aug. 29. Suspects forced entry into the business, damaging property and stealing items, including money from inside the business. If you have information regarding the burglary, call TCSD at 1-800-794-5733. This incident is currently under investigation.

Aug. 22: Todd County Deputies responded to a call of a two vehicle accident with possible injuries on County Road 7 and 444th St. south of Staples. Deanna Page was traveling east on 444th St. when she failed to stop at the intersection and was struck by Randall Madsen who was traveling south on County 7. Page was taken to Lakewood Health System to be treated for minor injuries.

Both vehicles were towed due to disabling damage. Alcohol/drugs do not seem to be a factor. Todd County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Staples Fire Department, Staples Ambulance and Scott’s Southtown Service.

Aug. 21: At approximately 11:31 p.m., the Todd County Sheriff’s Office responded to a one vehicle accident at the address of 315 Main Street E., in the city of Bertha. A 2000 Chevy Silverado left the roadway and struck a tree in the yard. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. The cause of death is under investigation, pending an autopsy at the Mid-west Medical Examiner’s Office. The driver’s name is not being released until family is notified. The Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by Bertha Fire/Rescue and Bertha Ambulance.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1947

• Sept. 4, 1947 - St. Paul - From the state's first newspaper in 1849 the Historical Society has collected 24,000 bound volumes of Minnesota newspapers, which are so frequently and ardously consulted that they are disintegrating. To preserve this priceless historical record the Society has been granted state funds to microfilm its newspaper files. With hardest wear each film should last at least 500 years.

• Sept. 4, 1947 - Mr. and Mrs. Jonas M. Beachy and

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four children of Plain City, Ohio, returned to their home the first of this week after having spent several weeks in the Leader vicinity getting their farm ready for occupancy next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Beachy have purchased the former Art Severin farm and expect to move to the Leader community early in the spring.

• Sept. 4, 1947 - Staples High School band won first place at the Brainerd Labor Day celebration Monday morning of this week, when they marched in the two mile parade, in which 12 other marching musical units participated.

By virtue of their winning the band copped the \$75 first prize money, and they were also paid \$50 for expenses to the city. Milaca high school band was awarded the second prize and the Municipal Band of Bemidji was given the third place.

Staples high school band is under the baton of Erling Lian, who is starting his third year in Staples this fall.

• Sept. 4, 1947 - Enrollment in the Staples Public Schools and the Sacred Heart Parochial School is slightly higher than the year of 1946, according to the office of Superintendent P. M. Atwood, and from Sister Bonavita, principal of the Sacred Heart school.

Enrollment for all schools in the city reached 986, with the expectation that a few more students would be coming into the school a little later on in the fall of the year.

• Sept. 4, 1947 - Northern Todd County took its share of honors at the Minnesota state fair in 4-H club work when four young people of this community placed



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our April 2, 1998 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers 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.

high in honors, and ribbon winning in their demonstrations. Heading the list is Douglas Grossman of Lone Birch club who won the grand championship in his beef demonstration. Ernest Schlichting, also of Lone Birch club, won a blue ribbon on his crops demonstration. Roy Lenk of Lone Birch won a red ribbon on his garden exhibit, and Miss June Sampson of the Hayden Boosters club won a blue ribbon on her clothing repair demonstration and exhibit.

50 Years Ago - 1972

• Sept. 7, 1972 - Paula Radniecki, daughter of Mr. and Mr. Roman Radniecki, of the Golden Gophers 4-H Club received a Grand Champion ribbon in the "photography" project at the Minnesota State Fair.

• Sept. 7, 1972 - Ron Oknick, President of RKO Tool Corporation, announced this week that after a long deliberation, expansion plans for a tool and die shop in Staples have been completed.

The Palmer Building, located on S.E. Sixth Street,

will be the temporary home for the new Plastic Mold and Cast Mold Building Shop. Tentative plans call for the plant to become operational in Staples on or before Oct. 1.

Oknick said that the present RKO Tool and Die Shop in suburban St. Paul currently employs 22 tool and die makers, mold builders, trainees and apprentices.

• Sept. 7, 1972 - Leading the Cardinal Football team of Coach Frank Leidenfrost for the 1972 season are three senior members, elected by their teammates to serve as tri-captains. They are Dennis Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walfred Hanson; Robert Rego, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rego; and Pat Wilhelmson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilhelmson.

The Cards opened their season last Friday at Brainerd and will play their first home game this Friday evening as the Perham team invades the Staples gridiron.

• Sept. 7, 1972 - The Motley Rockets, coached by Bill Finn, opened their 1972 football season on a successful note last Friday afternoon as they downed the Backus Wolverines 20 to 0 on the

Backus field. Key team players noted in the article included Rockets Randy Frisk, Keith Skeesick, Larry Converse, Marlin Frisk and Kevin Swecker.

25 Years Ago - 1997

• Sept. 4, 1997 - The Staples Volunteer Fire Department responded Aug. 27, to a hay barn fire on the Norm Krause farm in Moran township.

About a dozen large round bales were lost in a fire, but the hay shed building and the remaining hay in the shed were not significantly damaged.

• Sept. 4, 1997 - What is the future of Terrace National Golf Course of Staples?

That is a question that's been heard and discussed to great extent in recent weeks around Staples, following publication of ads seeking buyers for the recently expanded 18-hole course.

That was also the question to be decided by the course's current owners at a share-holders meeting Tuesday night. There are 59 shareholders, mostly local people who over the past 60 years have purchased and still hold shares in the course. At their meeting, they voted 40 - 17 to authorize the board of directors to sell the golf course assets. Board President Glen Hasselberg said that no time frame has been set for any further actions, however the sale of the course is likely in the near future.

• Sept. 4, 1997 - School bells are ringing and students and teachers are back in class. But for the first time in 31 years, Henry Kopka is not in the classroom this fall. He won't be teaching math or German to Staples or Motley students any more. Instead, Henry will be enjoying his garden, raising grapes and otherwise enjoying the fruits of his labors. Kopka has retired after 31 years of teaching in Staples and a 37-year career as an instructor.

10 Years Ago - 2012

• Sept. 6, 2012 - Six representatives from Lakewood Health System took a trip to Kenya in June in the first big step of setting up a sister hospital relationship with Tabaka Mission Hospital in Tabaka, Kenya.

On this inaugural trip, Lakewood President Tim Rice, Dr. Carol Uhlman and her daughter Claire, Dr. Mark Holub and Cathy Graham joined Dr. Christine Albrecht, the leader of the sister hospital project.

• Sept. 6, 2012 - Pam Collins of Staples was commissioned by the Friends of the Staples Public Library to create an original work of art for the library. Together, the pieces measure 12 ft. wide by 4 ft. tall.

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Recognizing students for doing the good things

"The staff is excited about the curriculum, it is going to be awesome," he said.

Teachers will still be able to pick the books that students read but the curriculum will help align the reading program for the whole building.

Berg is also looking forward to seeing the science and technology classes in the school.

"It is unique for a district to have specialists in that area," said Berg, who helped set up a science school at Big Lake's elementary.

An elementary principal is also responsible for the social and emotional learning of students. Berg said his goal is to "make sure every kid knows they belong here."

Besides behavior intervention strategies, the school will be recognizing students for doing good things. He is coming up with reward system for students who display positive behavior. He is looking to implement a "lunch with the principal" or similar special recognition for students who are doing things right in the school.

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Building student experience

Besides doing schedules and filling staff positions, Ferdon is working on building trust with the staff and students. Specifically, she is making a plan for staff and students to help to form an identity for the building. She remembers seeing the middle school and high school staff coming together in 2020 after everything was disrupted by the pandemic. "The staff and students formed an identity," she said.

Over the next few years, Ferdon said she wants to help map out the student experience, so that each student has a chance to understand their role and their place in the building. Along those lines, she wants to use older kids to support younger kids.

"We have some great mentors in our student body," she said, "they can teach a lot to the younger students."

The middle school/high school staff will be build-

ing teams this year and students will have grade level meetings to explore their role in the building.

"We want to give them opportunities for making good choices and help their friends make good choices," said Ferdon. "We want kids to feel trust and let them know they are important."

The building-wide support will continue as Ferdon works with new Dean of Students Jamie Pearson. She said his role is "not just discipline, but student experience."

Ferdon said the middle school and high school will each have a student council that will plan fun events and come up with new ideas on how the building can work.

Ferdon said she and the school office staff welcome input from parents. "We can help get questions answered and we can have a conversation if there are issues," she said.

Establish native vegetation

From Todd County NRCS

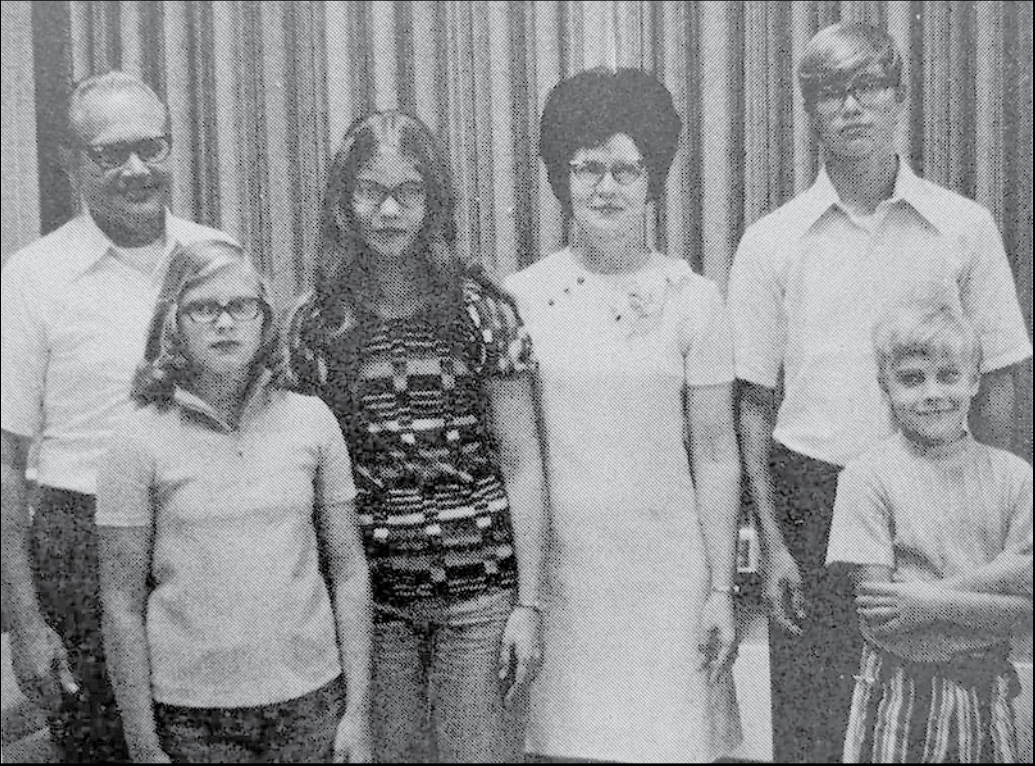
Native grasses and wildflower plantings take about three to five years to establish. The plants focus a lot of energy into their root systems the first few growing seasons, which may allow annual weeds to establish. A general rule to remember is the first year of planting the site will "Sleep", The second year it will "Creep" and the third year it will "Leap". Patience and management are key. If your native grass or pollinator planting isn't looking how you thought it would in its early stages, it may just need time.

Early planting management may require one or two mowings on the year it is planted. The first mowing should be done before weeds reach maturity. When performing this type of mowing it is recommended to mow the vegetation to a height of about 8 inches. Monitoring of the site will determine

if a second mowing later on will be needed.

In the following year, monitoring of weed presence will be needed. If weeds start to establish again, another mowing may be needed. By the time this mowing happens the native vegetation should have a pretty good root system started underneath and you should start to see some above ground growth. You should also start to notice the native vegetation out competing the weeds. As time goes on the native vegetation will become more and more resistant to weeds. The key to remember with native vegetative plantings is that time, patience and effort pays off.

If you have a native vegetative planting that you would like assistance with please stop into your local NRCS office. Look for future articles about native vegetation management and other resource concerns.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Aug. 31, 1972 edition of the Staples World featured Pastor Eugene Floistad and his family, who were honored guests at an Appreciation Dinner at Faith Lutheran Church, where they'd served for the past 10 years. From left are Pastor Floistad, Laura, Linda, Mrs. Iris Floistad, David and John.

Staples residents Mary Sperley and Paul Drake, both longtime members at Faith Lutheran Church, correctly identified all members of the Floistad family. Sperley has fond memories of the family's time at Faith, and sadly recalled that Pastor Eugene and Iris's son, David, drowned at Lake Shamaineau when he was very young...a college student at Concordia.

Drake recalled that his parents

were good friends of the Floistads and their families spent a lot of time together over the years. He went on to share that the family moved to another parish around 1978, but had a cabin on Lake Shamaineau, so still stayed in touch with the Staples community. Laura was his age (a 1979 grad) and now lives in St. Paul. Linda was his sister Ann's age (a 1976 grad) and lives out East. John currently lives in Oklahoma, and comes up every winter to go snowmobiling, Drake said. Now in their 90s, Pastor Gene and Iris returned to the Staples area when they retired and currently live at Lakewood Pines. Like Sperley, Drake remembers well the day that David drowned, saving his brother John's life in the process. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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Quote of the week

“Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire.” — W.B. Yeats

Cardinal fans are excited for fall sports season

By Josh Lee
Staples-Motley Activities Director

We are well into our fall athletic seasons and are already blown away by the talents and skills of our student-athletes, coaches and volunteers. We are so excited for what the fall, winter and spring seasons will bring. Following is a recap of what has already been done and what to look forward to this fall,

Cross Country

Our cross-country team returns veteran groups on both the boys and girls sides. They have competed twice already, first at the home meet hosted at The Vintage Golf Course and then at the St. Olaf Showcase in southern Minnesota. The returning state champion girls team have picked up right where they left off last season. They took first at their home meet and third at the St. Olaf Showcase. For context, at the St. Olaf Showcase, they were only beaten by Wayzata and Hopkins who are nationally ranked in the large school division. Our boys also performed really well finishing in 27th out of 45 teams and were second place finishers of class A schools. Home meets coming up are October 3rd at The Vintage Golf Course and the section meet October 28th again at The Vintage Golf Course.

Volleyball

Coming off one of their most successful seasons in program history, a young team looks to make their own mark. This team is fun to watch as upperclassmen with a lot of varsity experience guide and lead a youthful core to make another run in the section. Expect this team to be competing at a very high level come October.

Tennis

This is a very experienced group that is looking to take that next step as a team. They have already started the year extremely strong as they have knocked off a number of larger schools and section opponents. There are a number of individuals who have high hopes for this season but what makes this group different is their team concept. They are bought in for each other and know that success as a team is just as important as what they do individually on the court. They have a number of home matches coming up, be sure to get out and support these girls.

Football

If you haven't seen a theme yet you might feel it here. This is a TEAM. Many will look at a score or stat and make assumptions. Don't. Come watch these kids play. You will not be disappointed in how they compete and have come together to support one another. A young core makes up the majority of the team but the leadership the older players are bringing cannot be overlooked. Thursday night we saw a senior captain “picking up” or encouraging a freshman on the sidelines after a turnover. He was helmet to helmet with him encouraging him, telling him that they are a team and will fight together, “one play doesn't make a game”. In another situation a frustrated player was turned back towards the team by his teammate after a mistake on the field. These things happen... they are a part of the game but teammates rallying behind each other, that makes it special. This TEAM will grow a lot this year as players but more importantly as teammates especially with more moments like these.

We would love to see you in the stands, on the course or at the courts supporting, cheering and showing your Cardinal Pride. Our students are awesome and we look forward to all the amazing things they are going to do.

The case for county fairs

By Julie Tesch
President, Center for Rural Policy and Development

The weather is hot and steamy in Minnesota, so that must mean it's county fair time. Growing up, the county fair was my favorite place on earth. It was the place where I got to see my friends, who I hadn't seen since school let out, ride some rides at the carnival, listen to music, eat different foods and show my 4-H projects. Boy, did I love the county fair! The smell of cotton candy and deep-fried food gives me nostalgic memories of beautiful summer days from long ago.

I've heard that county fairs are a thing of the past. A nostalgic event of bygone days. Is there a need for county fairs anymore?

We live in a mobile society where we can see the best food, the best places on earth and can live vicariously through other people's lives on Instagram. We can even ride on midway rides through Virtual Reality. Why do we even bother with this once-per-year gathering? It's irrelevant.

But is it?

I tend to disagree with this sentiment. I think county fairs are more relevant than ever before. We are lacking a sense of community in this tech-savvy age. What better place to support your local community than through shared experiences, food and entertainment?

County fairs have a prominent place throughout Minnesota's history and serve as a catalyst for continuing local traditions and connecting community members. The reunion culture surrounding county fairs unites both families and distant community members. Many families are

eager to maintain the tradition of going to the county fair with their children, as they did with their parents before. If county fairs went away, the community would lose part of their heritage and identity.

Economic Impact

County fairs have a positive economic impact on the community. A majority of the vendors are local entrepreneurs, so being part of the county fair is prime time for advertising and selling their wares and food. Going to the fair is the perfect way to shop local.

The food vendors at county fairs continue to expand and change. As a kid, the biggest highlight was eating a Pronto pup and cheese curds. All that ooey, gooey cheese in a paper boat just screamed my name and made me happy. Actually, not much has changed. I still hear those cheese curds calling my name and a Pronto pup is a traditional must-have every year. But as our communities change, so do our food offerings. I'm hoping that as new populations move into rural Minnesota, we see more diverse food booths. Food is a great way to bring people together and learn about each other. I bet you can find some Instagram-worthy food at the county fair.

Support Local Organizations

For several community organizations, the county fair is their main fundraiser of the year. At my county fair I can enjoy a hot beef sandwich to support the American Legion, have a basket of delicious onion rings at the local fire department, then top it off with a strawberry shake from the county dairy association. All these purchases support these organizations that

give back to our communities. If all I have to do is eat to support my community, then count me in.

Friendly Competition

Another highlight of the county fair is visiting the exhibit buildings, where you can see community members vie for an array of ribbons for their baking, canning, artwork, photography and more. If you received a blue ribbon, or better yet, a purple rosette, you could claim to be the best baker or woodworker in the county. Friendly competition is good, and I don't care how old you are, seeing your work on display for the public makes you feel good, ribbon or not. And it's fun seeing what other people in the community are up to during those long, winter days in Minnesota. This year I am entering multiple items including cookies, muffins, salsa and some flowers. I'm not sure how I will do, but that doesn't really matter. Being part of the local community is the goal.

Looking around the exhibit buildings in 2022, the number of entries are getting fewer and fewer. Honestly, entries should be at an all-time high because of Pinterest. On Pinterest you can find all of the best recipes, crafts, ways to do photography and thousands of other things. It should be relatively easy to find ideas to exhibit in Open Class exhibitions. Are you up for the challenge?

Education

My best memories at the county fair came from showing my dairy animals. A lot of hard work went into preparing those animals for show, but it all paid off by being at the fair with my friends. One of my favorite memories was when my cow, Joni, unexpectedly

had her calf at the fair. The barn and the fairgrounds were abuzz because of the new calf, so we had a naming contest and were able to show the public how we care for our animals. Sure, not as many youth are showing livestock for 4-H or FFA now, but the need to learn where our food, fiber & fuel comes from is at an all-time high. The disconnect around where our food comes from is a reality in both urban and rural areas. The county fair might be the only time that both kids and adults can see cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, rabbits and goats. It is a great opportunity for hands-on learning for kids and adults of all ages.

4-H has the reputation for being a farm-kid organization, and while that is the organization's heritage, 4-H is for every kid in rural, suburban and urban areas. Yes, some of my best memories were made in a cattle barn with my friends, but I've also watched kids without livestock projects have just as much fun at the county fair. They may be showing their friends and family their science exhibits in the 4-H building, participating in their Arts-In program or volunteering in the 4-H food stand. That sense of community is on display and the 4-H motto of “learning by doing” is out in full force.

So, take some time this summer to check out your local county fair and see your neighbors. Take some Instagram-worthy photos and find those next Pinterest ideas that you can bring next year as you stroll the fairgrounds. You will be contributing to the sense of community that is often lacking in this crazy world and realize that county fairs are more relevant now than ever before.

Outstate needs special session

Letter from the League of Minnesota Cities

Dear Governor Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan and Members of the Minnesota House and Senate:

As associations representing the state's local partners – its school districts, counties, cities, and townships, encompassing all citizens of our state – we are aware of the significant challenges and needs local leaders face amid an uncertain economy and the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

During the 2022 legislative session, school district, county, city, and township leaders articulated needs for state support, some of which received consideration in bills that were not finalized before the conclusion of the session. Challenges faced by your peers – our locally elected officials – are at a high point and state resources play a critical role in the provision of many local services. There are many issues that need attention now and that

should not wait until 2023.

We know you all understand the significant issues local governments are currently experiencing and we appreciate the consideration given to local issues and needs during the session. As partners, we want to work with you on our legislative needs and priorities and why a special session is so important.

We can provide many examples of pressing local needs. Generally, they include labor shortages that hinder the provision of public safety services including police and fire staffing, rapidly escalating costs to provide local services, social services, and the education of Minnesota's students.

Local leaders are also working to improve deteriorating infrastructure but are doing so without appropriate state investments. There are urgent needs for funding the state's social service and mental health support services to address substantial challenges being experienced by families and communities. School districts are confronting widespread challenges for students that will only compound without necessary resources. Delays in addressing matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and a bonding bill to address transportation, transit and infrastructure projects will result in higher costs, disjointed planning, and economic losses.

Local governments also are faced with issuing local regulations as a result of the new THC law. Prompt establishment of a state framework and parameters for regulation, established by lawmakers in partnership with local governments, is needed now. Not addressing a framework until next year is a recipe for a patchwork quilt of local laws that are likely to be inconsistent from one community to another.

We are therefore writing to respectfully, yet strongly, encourage the prompt convening of a special session to finalize supplemental budget and tax bills, the development of a capital

investment bill and other critical unfinished business including state matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, addressing the growing special education cross subsidy, and addressing a framework for the regulation of cannabinoid products. We call upon state leaders to continue engaging with us, your local government partners, to finalize legislation that will serve the entire state.

The state's historically large budget surplus provides an unprecedented opportunity for Minnesota to address the state's immediate and critical needs. We ask all state leaders to use this opportunity and to return to the work at hand. Minnesota's local governments, and the state's residents, business, families, and students are depending on you.

Now is the time for action: we stand ready to work with you and appreciate your attention to our request. Our constituents are your constituents. Let's work together in the next few weeks to complete the business started months ago and, in the end, benefit all Minnesotans.

Cosigned by:
Association of Metropolitan School Districts Association of Minnesota Counties
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities League of Minnesota Cities
Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan Municipalities)
Minnesota Association of School Administrators
Minnesota Association of Small Cities
Minnesota Association of Townships Minnesota Inter-County Association
Minnesota Rural Counties
Minnesota School Boards Association
Municipal Legislative Commission
North Metro Mayors Association
Range Association of Municipalities and Schools
Southeastern MN League of Municipalities Schools for Equity in Education
Southwest MN Council of Mayors

Quote of the week

“The road to freedom – here and everywhere on earth – begins in the classroom” — Hubert Humphrey

Quote of the week

“The first day of school is our second New Year’s. It is our day to make resolutions, to look backward to former lapses and triumphs and to look ahead, usually with a mix of anxiety and hope, to the year to come” — Mark Edmundon

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Mark Your Calendar

September 8

'WALK WITH A DOC' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lake-wood 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>

September 9

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

September 12

MINNESOTA FIREARM SAFETY CLASS Starting Monday, Sept. 12, 6:45 - 9 p.m., at the Staples Sportsmen's Club and at Motley City Hall. Classes also run Sept. 13, 15, 19, 20, 22; with Field Day and Online All-Day Field Day being Saturday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For info., to register, call 218-894-2255 during the day, or 218-894-2608 after 6 p.m. (Staples); or 218-352-6390 (Motley).

September 14

FALL FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENT AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Wednesday, Sept. 14, 5 - 7 p.m., 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley. Supper, bounce house, hay rides, games, registration for AWANA and youth groups.

Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) begins rehearsals Sept. 12



The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) is excited for a new year of singing.

The chorus is directed by Rob FreeLove, the band director at Pillager High School who has vast experience with choral and musical performance.

Rehearsals for the 2022 - 2023 season start Monday,

Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room at Staples-Motley High School. Rehearsals will occur every Monday, from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Plans for the year include a fall "Divas and Desserts" performance, a Christmas collaboration with the Staples Area Men's Chorus; Our Voice, Our Song annual festival; and

other performances to be determined.

If you have an interest in making music, spending time with other women and having fun, consider joining the SAWC. Like the chorus on Facebook to stay up to date with performances and other information.

Trappers Education Course Sept. 10

The 2022 Trappers Education Course will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Dewey's Taxidermy, 63539 340th Street in Wadena.

Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1989 that has never purchased a trapper's license and would like to, must take a Trappers Education Class.

For questions and to register, contact Duane Schmitz at 218-631-4988. Pre-registration is required.



Trivia group

The Staples Library hosted its last trivia group of the season during Staples Railroad Days. Participants included the Saari, Jewison and Odden families (above). The Staples Friends of the Library hosted the activity. (Submitted photo)

Sign up for your library card during September

September is library card sign up month at the Staples Library. Although free library cards are available at any time, registering during September will give you a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

"Invite your friends and family to enjoy all that your local library has to offer," said Cathy Perish, Library Services Coordinator, Great River Regional Library, Staples and Eagle Bend. "If you already have an active card, invite someone to get their own card and your name will also be entered into the drawing." Gift cards are sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Library cards expire every three years, so now is the time to renew them.

Library cards are used to check out books, magazines, newspapers, ebooks and audiobooks (personalized book picks and reading recommendations). Library cards allow you to listen to CDs and stream or download music. Watch movies, documentaries, TV series and more on DVDs and videos to check out, stream or download. Online classes and research materials are available; Take and Make kits, Tumblebooks and Great Courses taught by award-winning experts and professors are available on video and audio classes.

Join one of the programs or sign up for an adventure at the Staples Library. Currently programs are listed at events.griver.org.

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Sat., September 17

-Chili Feed

5:30 p.m.
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-Guest Speaker

7:00 p.m.
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A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the 2022 England Prairie Pioneer Days a huge success! To those who came to the Friday night dinner to everyone who entered the grounds Saturday and Sunday... we had a "phenomenal" turnout because of you! Our success would not be possible without your support and we look forward to our next endeavors as well as next year's England Prairie Pioneer Days 2023.

--England Prairie Pioneer Club
www.England-prairie.org

Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St. E, Motley

FALL Festival

COMMUNITY EVENT
Weds., September 14
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Motley Fairgrounds, Motley, MN Indoors if rain.
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

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As we have sold our property and are moving out of state we will sell the following at public auction.
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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kacy Smart and Jason Hudalla of Baxter, a baby girl, Amelia Joan, weighing seven pounds, two ounces on August 29, 2022.

Born to Terria Wilde and Nick Bueckers of Alexandria, a baby boy, Jesse Eli, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on August 31, 2022.

Born to Tera Andres and Josh Johnson of Wadena, a baby girl, Genevieve Joann, weighing five pounds, two ounces on September 1, 2022.

Born to Tanisha Gerv-ing and Zachary Bennett of Brainerd, a baby girl, Acadia Faith, weighing eight pounds, six ounces on September 1, 2022.

Obituaries

Howard Webster

Howard Dean Webster, 83, passed away August 1, 2022.

A graveside service will be held at the St. James Cemetery in Philbrook at 11:00 a.m. on September 17.

Howard was born December 24, 1939 to Forrest and Nellie (Hedglin) Webster in Detroit Lakes.

Even though Howard had lost his right arm in a round baler, he fulfilled his dream of becoming a farmer, working his own land outside of Philbrook. In 1975 he was recognized as a Minnesota Outstanding Young Farmer.

In 2005, he bought a diner in Webster, SD which he successfully operated until 2018.

Howard enjoyed collecting antiques, building and remodeling houses, fishing, playing cribbage and helping his friends and family. He had an amazing work ethic and was ambitious. Howard was loved and admired by many.

He is survived by two daughters, Becke (Albert) Szczubiala and Nancie Webster, both of Las Vegas, NV; three step-daughters, Jackie



(Daniel) Anderson of Bradley, SD, Renae (Patrick) Hill of Seattle, WA and Melissa Schwarz of Columbus, GA, 11 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews in Minnesota who affectionately called him "Unc". He will be greatly missed by all of his family.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Carol (Mudick) of Philbrook; wife, Lucinda (Anderson) of Bertha; four brothers, Gerald, Bob, Gordon, and George Webster and one sister, Fern (Webster) Branchaud.

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Sharon Garland

Sharon (Ford) Garland died August 27, 2022, from Alzheimer's Disease with her husband of 56 years always at her side.

Sharon lived her life by Disney's motto, "If you can dream it, you can do it." True to the motto, Sharon lived a magical life.

A family memorial tribute ceremony will be held in Disney later in the fall to prove to the grandkids that Sharon's magic will continue.

Sharon Marie Ford was born March 3, 1945, to Beulah and Elwin Ford in Wadena.

Sharon married Bill Garland on June 11, 1966 and started their family in Litchfield where Tim and Troy were born, supported and loved. She was very active in the community, commonly seen at concerts and basketball games (maybe arguing with the referee at times), as well as leading church youth groups, bike trips and any activity where she could help teach young people to grow into young successful adults.

Sharon also started her long successful private music studio teaching voice, piano, performance, discipline and life skills to what turned out to be thousands of kids, many of whom have gone on to use their talents professionally. Sharon taught formally in six dif-



ferent towns and traveled the nation allowing her students to perform in public, the most favorite of these was the ultimate showcase of Disney.

She is survived by family who will always love her: husband, Bill; two sons, Tim (Michelle) and Troy (Kelli) and six grandchildren, Meghan (Cody), Josh (Ariel), Alyssa, Emily (Cameron), Aaron and Sammi.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Orville and David.

In memory of Sharon we ask that any desired donations be made to The Institute for Mental Health Research (www.imhr.org) in her name where we can advance the research of the horrible disease of Alzheimer's. Any cards can be sent to 575 W Pecos Road #1125, Chandler, AZ 85225.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstconougccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
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Phone: 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal 5:30 p.m.
Family Night 6:00 p.m.

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

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
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City, 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.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
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“Crazy Hope”

Rev. Scott Jorgenson, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

We were missing our backyard cardinals last winter. Not sure if it was the drought conditions of the prior summer, the nature of our winters or that we live on the northern edge of the range of those beautiful red cardinals. We were sure that the feeders that supplied five or six pairs of cardinals the prior winter were now devoid of them. Would they come back?

Yep, one crazy cardinal did return. We call him crazy because not only has he returned this summer but he is staking claim to the backyard. For a cardinal this takes the form of attacking every window on the back of the house. It starts at first light and continues until early evening...all...summer...long. He isn't actually attacking the windows, but of course, fighting his own reflection. Crazy, huh?

Now, the cardinal probably isn't hoping for a home. God built him that way, instinct, if you will. He is preparing for the future. God has built us to prepare for the future. Fortunately, we don't have to peck at windows to prepare our homes or protect our families. God has built into humanity this wonderful gift of hope.

Hebrews 11:1 reminds us that we all have hope... look to the future for things that are not yet. It is a critical part of our thinking and an important bless-

ing from God because our current circumstances are "less than ideal." If everything is OK, then there is no need for hope. Hope takes wing (pun intended) when faced with difficulties and hardships. Our longing for resolution, peace, and healing is real.

And there is a crazy hope...hope in something that cannot come to pass. Crazy like me wanting to be the world's strongest man. That is just not gonna happen. But seriously, for whatever specific circumstances we may currently endure, the world may not offer much hope.

However, when we place our hope in things that we are confident about...that is FAITH. "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

We can have faith in ourselves, in medical advances, in family, or in places of work. Our faith in these institutions can become easily misplaced. These can all fail us.

God provides us with a living hope...His Son, Jesus. Now, Jesus came into the world because of God's unconditional love for each one of us. And this Jesus, THE hope of the world, doesn't provide us with delusional kind of hope. It is not a hope that everything is going to get better.

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Ashley Robben, left, and Bella Hines, right.



Cardinals stun the state at St. Olaf Showcase

The Staples-Motley girls cross country team placed third at the St. Olaf Showcase on Sept. 1, a huge achievement in a race of mostly big schools held in Northfield. The Cardinals finished ahead of four teams that are ranked in the Class AAA top ten, and only finished behind nationally ranked Wayzata and Minnetonka.

The Staples-Motley boys finished 27th, the second highest Class A team in the race.

Audrey Brownell was the top finisher for the girls, placing 11th. Kyanna Burton took off fast with the top ten but faded slightly in the last mile to place 13th.

In the boys race, Luke Brownell went out fast and kept going strong to finish in 17:25. Issiah Tabatt was not far behind but got caught up in the big pack.

The St. Olaf meet was just three days after the team's open meet, the Central Minnesota River Run on Aug. 29. The girls won easily and the boys were second to the state's second ranked team.

In the home meet, the junior high girls placed first as a team and junior high boys were second.

Team results

Staples-Motley Central Minnesota River Run Varsity boys

Park Rapids 28, Staples-Motley 63, Fergus Falls 75, Bertha-Hewitt 79, Sauk Centre 155, West Central Area 168, Detroit Lakes 183, Ottertail Central 185, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 281, Brandon-Evansville 323, New York Mills 323

3. Issiah Tabatt 17:27, 4. Luke Brownell 17:27, 16. Logan Robben 19:11, 17. Grant Johnson 19:12, 26. Elijah Greenwaldt 19:51, 27. Dillan Robben 19:51, 44. Odin Trif 21:04

Junior varsity boys

24. Ivan Lozano, 23:52

Junior high boys (2,500 meters)

1. Gage Bjerge 9:28, 10. Garrett Bjerge 10:09, 14. Gabriel Kroll 10:40, 18. Justin Olson 10:56, 21. Reid Judd 11:00, 37. Jackson Odden 11:46

Varsity girls

Staples-Motley 32, Park Rapids 83, Fergus Falls 96, Detroit Lakes 98, West Central Area 103, Crosby-Ironton 131, New York Mills 176, Sauk Centre 202, Pine River-Backus 268

1. Kyanna Burton 19:33, 3. Audrey Brownell 20:55, 7. Bella Hines 21:19, 8. Ashley Robben 21:29, 19. Naila Mikhaeil 23:20, 20. Sophie Schlosser 23:22, 31. Addisyn Cichos 24:44



Elijah Greenwaldt



Addisyn Cichos

Junior high girls

(2,500 meters)- 2. Suhaila Mikhaeil 10:32, 4. Aleea Holst 11:02, 11. Leah Greenwaldt 11:53, 13. Brooke Bendson 11:55, 14. Madelyn Kist 12:01

St. Olaf Showcase

Varsity boys

Lakeville North 90, Minneapolis Washburn 123, Minnetonka 134, Wayzata 157, Blue Valley (Kansas) 168, Minneapolis Southwest 194 ... Staples-Motley 27th out of 45 teams

52. Brownell 17:25, 83. Tabatt 18:01, 185. L. Robben 19:06, 200. Greenwaldt 19:17, 203. Johnson 19:18, 246. D. Robben 19:49,

266. Gage Bjerge 20:00, 273. Trif 20:02, 415. Kroll 23:06, 421. Lozano 23:30

Varsity girls

Wayzata 62, Minnetonka 137, Staples-Motley 224, Hopkins 227, Farmington 255, Bloomington Jefferson 256, Centennial 169, St. Michael-Albertville 273, Mounds View 285, Forest Lake 327, Northfield 336, Roseville 347, Champlin Park 379, Perham 393, Mankato East 428 ... 23 other teams

11. Brownell 19:56, 13. Burton 19:58, 37. Aften Robinson 20:46, 79. Robben 21:38, 103. Hines 22:04, 159. Mikhaeil 22:52, 189. Schlosser 23:23



Luke Brownell (996) and Issiah Tabatt.

Volleyball season off and running

Staples-Motley volleyball players take the floor by running through an archway formed by students at their first home

game on Aug. 30. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Going on offense

Ellie Moulton pounds a spike over the net.



Keeping the ball in play

Jayce Kobliska digs a hard shot.

Volleyball team plays tough in two losses

The Staples-Motley volleyball team made some quality plays but also had a few stretches where they fell behind in two losses, 3-1 against Pine River-Backus and 3-1 against Foley.

Against Pine River-Backus, the Cardinals fell behind in the first set after struggling with their serving. Steffany Sullivan and Livi Lorber started serving well as the Cardinals started a comeback. Miranda Schotzko had a big block to give the team their first lead at 22-21, then a kill by Emilya Case put them up again 25-24. On the final point, Grace Jennissen put PRB on their heels with a hard spike that they ended up hitting into the net to complete a 26-24 win.

Staples-Motley fell behind in the next two sets but were unable to mount a comeback. In set four, Ellie Moulton scored on a tip and a kill to put the team up early. They served better in this set also, with Maggie Claussen, Jayce Kobliska and Livi Lorber scoring aces. The team lost momentum late in the set, but two huge blocks by Lorber tied the score at 23, before the Cardinals lost the last two points.

It was a similar story at Foley, where the Cardinals came close in the first set, won the second set, then lost two where they didn't have their best game.

Team results

Staples-Motley 1, Pine River-Backus 3

26-24, 12-25, 16-25, 23-25
Grace Jennissen: kills-3, blocks-4, digs-1, ace-1
Emilya Case: kills-3

Jayce Kobliska: assists-9, digs-8, ace-1
Maggie Claussen: digs-20, ace-1

Miranda Schotzko: kills-5, blocks-5

Livi Lorber: kills-4, assists-10, blocks-4, aces-2

Jade Storry: kills-5, digs-13, block-2

Ellie Moulton: kills-3, digs-2, block-1

Steffany Sullivan: digs-5, aces-2

Staples-Motley 1, Foley 3

23-25, 25-17, 16-25, 16-25

Claussen: assists-2, kill-1, digs-19

Kobliska: aces-1, assist-1, digs-12

Moulton: aces-1, kills-9, digs-3

Storry: aces-2, assist-1, kills-10, digs-8

Lorber: assists-20, kills-1, blocks-4, digs-1

Sullivan: digs-7
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Schotzko: kill-1
Case: block-1



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BID DATE AND LOCATION:
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EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:
Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

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iar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

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START DATE:
Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is **Tuesday September 20, 2022.** Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises **no later than May 1, 2023.**

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
Owner requires all work to be substantially completed by October 21, 2023.

**END OF
SECTION 00 11 13
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DATE OF MORTGAGE:
January 26, 2018

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:
\$83,232.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Shane Crider, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 29, 2018 as Document Number 507802 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc by assignment recorded on June 1, 2020 as Document Number A519577 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on August 4, 2022 as Document Number A533014 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

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THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$94,519.12

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0043400

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10010980003594216

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: October 20, 2022 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 April 20, 2023.

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: August 19, 2022

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:
1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated July 31, 2017, and filed for record on October 2, 2017, as Document Number 506073, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota, in which BOUSON ENTERPRISES, a general partnership, as Seller, sold to WADE J. POACH, as Purchaser, the real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:
The North 15.00 feet of Lot Three (3) and all of Lot Four (4), Block One (1) of O'Conner Addition to Staples, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Todd County Recorder;
2. The default is as follows:
Late payments through August 1, 2022, totaling \$3,800.00.
The real estate taxes advanced, totaling \$2,216.00.
Insurance premiums advanced, totaling \$2,176.00.
Repairs and maintenance, totaling \$3,000.00.
Total Default: \$11,192.00.
3. The conditions contained in Minnesota Statutes § 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable.
4. THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE REA-

SONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE UNLESS BEFORE THEN:
(A) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU:
(1) THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE; PLUS
(2) THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU); PLUS
(3) \$500.00 TO APPLY TO ATTORNEYS' FEES ACTUALLY EXPENDED OR INCURRED; PLUS
(4) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; PLUS
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(B) YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES

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5. The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Dated: August 24, 2022

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The Saturday Tractor Pull featured 50-year old and older tractors: Oliver/Hart Parr, Cockshutt/Co-op and more.
Left: A pull framed by a line of antique farm equipment. Right: Partial crowd near the old gas station on the grounds.



Big smiles while feeding the goat in the Petting Barn.



Trying out the ear corn sheller.



The Mercantile also featured The Ice Cream Shoppe with Wadena County Dairy Princesses serving.



Connie Cromquist gave the kids barrel train rides.



Taking in the historic collection at the Museum.

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Potato plucking

Mel Klein of Clearwater demonstrated a horse drawn potato picker with his Percherons, Mace, weighing about 1,900 pounds and Mandy, about 2,100 pounds and 18 hands tall. Above: Klein had help unclogging the machine in the field. Those watching the demonstration were welcome to take home the harvested potatoes.



Participants in the Sunday morning Draft Horse Field Demonstration plow down.

2022 EPPD Trivia: Over 496 paid through the gate (children were free). 200+ people were served at the Friday night dinner.



Karen Aakre at the spinning wheel.



Duane Cromquist gave horse drawn wagon rides.



Joshua Hoemberg and Jim Hoemberg manning the Hit 'N Miss Gasoline Engines working display.



Blocking makes for big gain

Steven Petrich (64) leads the way for running back Blake Neelan (6) on a big gain, with two WDC players on the ground thanks to Kevin Miller (55), left. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Young football team gains experience in opening loss

The young Staples-Motley football team opened their season with a 45-6 loss at Wadena-Deer Creek, but the young team, many getting their first significant varsity playing time, had positive plays and will be able to learn from the game. The Cardinal touchdown was scored by Benet Robinson on an interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. He caught a deep pass, evaded the intended receiver, then raced down the sideline to get to the end zone before anyone could catch him. The Cardinal defense was hard to get past for most of the game. Blake Neelan and Kevin Miller combined on a tackle for loss on the first play of the game, setting a tone for both of them. Miller had a sack and another tackle for loss in the second half. Neelan also had a sack

and tackle for loss and was the team's leading tackler throughout the game, catching up to running backs and receivers to bring them down. Alex Schultz ended the first WDC drive by intercepting a tipped pass. On offense, Neelan was the main ball carrier, with Ben Tyrrell and Colbe Tappe also getting carries to gain yards. Quarterback Peyton Mithun completed several passes in the game, mostly short passes to running backs and a sideline pass to receiver Noah Larson for a first down. The Cardinals hurt themselves with a couple of fumbles and interceptions, allowing good field position. The defense also made a few mistakes, but forced Wadena-Deer Creek into several fourth down situations.



Kevin Miller and Steven Petrich stop a runner.



Saluting the start of football season

Staples-Motley fans shield their eyes from the sun in what looks like a group salute, as Eli Rutten (35) and Conner Kuhns (30) make the first tackle on the opening kickoff.



Pick-six

Bennet Robinson, right, takes an interception all the way for a touchdown, with the blocking of Kevin Miller (55) and Taylor Serich (52) leading the way.



Team defense

Ben Tyrrell (24) and Elijah Blue combine to make a tackle on a running back, as Benet Robinson (3) and Conner Kuhns (31) back them up.

Super tiebreakers make difference for tennis team

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team played some extremely close matches last week, losing 4-3 to Moorhead and beating Detroit Lakes 4-3 on Aug. 30. They beat section rival Crookston 4-3 on Sept.1 and lost a rematch with Moorhead 5-2. In these close matches, the super tiebreaker comes into play. In most regular season matches, if a player or doubles team wins one set and loses the other set, instead of playing a third set they play a super tiebreaker up to 10 points. In the first loss to Moorhead, the Cardinals won two of their super tiebreakers, but lost two others. In the rematch, they lost both super tiebreakers. In the win against Crookston, Ronnie Noska won her super tiebreaker at number two singles and the number two doubles team of Ellie DiGiovanni/Madison Perius won the other, providing the margin for victory. If the Cardinals meet Crookston in the section tournament, they will play a full third set for any tiebreakers, but this should give the team some confidence that they can outplay their section rival when it counts.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Moorhead 4
Singles: Lauren Rutten W 1-6, 6-2, (10-8); Ronnie Noska W 6-0, 7-6 (7-5); Georgia Kruchten L 3-6, 6-2, (8-10); Heidi Zimmerman L 4-6, 1-6
Doubles: Amy Rollins/Elizabeth DiGiovanni L 3-6, 6-2, (8-10); Kenzie Erickson/Corinne Olson L 1-6, 1-6; Madison Perius/Jaida Holst W 1-6, 6-3, (10-6)
Staples-Motley 4, Detroit Lakes 3
Singles: Rutten W 6-0, 6-2; Noska W 6-4, 6-1; DiGiovanni W 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Zimmerman L 0-6, 2-6
Doubles: Rollins/Kruchten L 3-6, 4-6; Erickson/Olson L 3-6, 6-0, (3-10); Perius/Holst W 6-2, 6-1
Singles: Staples-Motley 4, Crookston 3
Singles: Rutten W 6-1, 6-3; Noska W 3-6, 6-1, (10-2); Kruchten W 6-3, default; Holst L 2-6, 0-5
Doubles: Erickson/Rollins L 3-6, 2-6; DiGiovanni/Perius W 1-6, 6-4, (10-8); Olson/Zimmerman L 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, (8-10)
Staples-Motley 2, Moorhead 5
Singles: Rutten L 4-6, 5-7; Noska W 6-0, 6-2; Kruchten W 6-2, 6-4; DiGiovanni L 4-6, 6-3, (9-11)
Doubles: Erickson/Rollins L 6-1, 1-6, (7-10); Olson/Perius L 3-6, 2-6; Zimmerman/Mia Pesta L 0-6, 3-6



Tennis action

Madison Perius hits a forehand for the Staples-Motley tennis team. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Pearson creating a safe learning environment

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Jamie Pearson sees some similarities and some differences between his former role, school resource officer, and his new role, dean of students at Staples-Motley Middle School/High School. The similarities include building relationships with students and staff. The differences include overseeing the flow of the building on a day to day basis. Pearson started his professional career with the Staples Police Department. He was a school resource officer until 2013 when he became a Wadena County deputy and an agent with the drug task force. In 2017, he went back to the Staples Police and become the school resource officer again.

The dean of students job came up when community education transferred to the activities department. Pearson applied for the position because he wanted to have more of a regular schedule for his children, age six and three year old twins. With all his experience at the school, Pearson feels he knows faculty and a lot of the students. Beyond discipline and attendance, he said his job will be to communicate with teachers, students and parents. “It is still about law and order of the building in that we want to make a safe learning environment, follow the rules and do what



Familiar building, new role

Jamie Pearson once visited the Staples-Motley schools every day as a police officer, but now has his own office as Middle School/High School Dean of Students. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

we are supposed to do,” he said.

As a police officer, Pearson worked on building relationships in the community, something his new position will do more of. The dean of students job is to learn about each student to help them solve problems that can get in the way of their education. “If a student is acting out, there is a reason why,” he said. “Maybe there is something that happened at home or something went on during the weekend.” This summer, preparing

for the arrival of students, Pearson has been working on developing expectations in the building with Principal Deb Ferdon and school staff. He developed a presentation for staff so they can start out on the same page. He is creating a layout of the building to figure out where things happen and build a plan to keep students from acting out in those places.

“We want to have excellent relationships, with teachers and students looking out for their best interests,” said Pearson.



Staples-Motley Elementary new teachers

New teachers at Staples-Motley Elementary, from left, Katrina Fligge, 2nd grade; Emily Benson, kindergarten; Emily Dews, music; Courtney Lisson School

Readiness; Kelsie Weite, special education; Jorie Ihme School Readiness. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



New elementary classrooms

Staples-Motley teachers began moving equipment into the building on Sept. 1. Pictured above, one of the newly refurbished kindergarten rooms. Every classroom is now equipped with a sink, new cupboards and cubicles. Below, the new music room.

Staples-Motley students can still get a free breakfast every day but the grant that funds free lunches ran out. Families must fill out the form in order to qualify to receive free or reduced lunches. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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