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Teacher contracts approved by school

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board voted to ratify the 2023-2025 Teacher Master Contract at a special meeting on Oct. 27.

The new contract was negotiated by the Staples-Motley Education Association (SMEA) and voted on by teachers in the district.

The contract includes adjustments to the salary schedule each year, 4.15 percent for 23-24 and 3.6 percent for 24-25. Teacher benefits also were increased with total package increase of 6.99 percent for 23-24 and 5.9 percent for 24-25.

Sourcewell insurance

At their regular meeting on Oct. 23, the school board approved Sourcewell as Staples-Motley School District health insurance provider, as a member of the Better Health Collective.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the school had used Sourcewell years ago, but had been using other companies for the past few years. He said they ran the numbers for what they wanted this year and Sourcewell turned out to be the option that made the most sense.

"Sourcewell gave us the best numbers both the first and second year," said Tappe.

He said the increase is

around three to four percent for the plans, which is better than many options.

"Some districts are finding that second year you're getting 30 to 40 percent increases," said Tappe.

Construction updates

The board heard construction updates from Damien Williams of ICS. As the elementary gym is getting completed and summer HVAC and updating work at the high school is finishing, phase two of the high school work is scheduled for May 30 to Aug. 23 with more interior updating. The new addition to the high school gym area will be similar to the elementary gym project, with a fall 2024 completion date. That means the school will go another summer without the use of both high school gyms. It also means that when volleyball starts in the fall, they will not be able to use the south gym until late in the season.

Tappe said they will still be able to use the varsity gym for games and may have to hold some practices in the new elementary gym. The construction zone for the south gym is expected to begin around May 1. Tappe said the spring sports teams should be getting outside around that time and will not need the gym.

In other news, the board

- Approved new Minne-

sota School Board Association (MSBA) policies regarding overdose medication, online instruction and the READ Act.

- Approved updates to existing MSBA policies, including personnel data, workload limits for special education, corporal punishment, bullying prohibition, privacy of pupil records, peace officers and crisis management.

- Approved applications to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

- Heard from Tappe that the school is looking to build a new web site this school year. "We want to create a web site that is user friendly and provides a mobile service so you don't have to search for things," said Tappe. He said that once they decide what company to work with, it will be an eight to 12 week development process.

Staples-Motley Music Department

posed for a group photo in their new formal wear prior to their Fall Concert Oct. 30, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Veterans Day programs on Thursday, Nov. 9

Two Veterans Day programs will be held in Staples on Thursday, Nov. 9. At 9:45 a.m., a program will be held in the Staples-Motley High School gym. At 1 p.m., a program will be held at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples.

Prior to the programs, at 8:15 a.m., all veterans and their spouses are invited to a special breakfast at Staples-Motley Elementary School.

Veterans and members of the public are invited to the high school program at 9:45, with doors opening at 9:15. The student speaker will be Madison Perius and there will be performances by the Staples-Motley Choirs and Orchestra.

Sgt. Alan B. Marshall will be the featured speaker at the Veterans Day event at SMHS, with a talk entitled, "What's it like being a

veteran."

Marshall was born in Seattle in 1949 and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1967. He trained in Jet Engine Aircraft Maintenance at Shepard A.F.B. Wichita Falls, Texas. From there he went to Mtn Home A.F.B. Idaho with the 10th Tactical Recon. Squadron.

In 1968, Marshall was deployed to Udorn Royal Thai A.F.B. Thailand with the 432nd Field Maintenance, and also worked with Para Rescue Crash Recovery. From there, he was sent to Bergstrom A.F.B. in Austin and was made acting NCOIC, while his F-4 Phantom Squadron was being reactivated and deployed to Phu Cat Air Base, Vietnam. There he served as a Crew Chief on F-4 Fighter Jets with the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron. Back in the states, he was Honor-

ably Discharged in 1973, at McCord A.F.B. Marshall was a recipient of an Air Force Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Small Arms Expert Medal and the S.E. Asia Conflict Medal.

In addition to the keynote speaker, there will be music and readings offered by Staples-Motley students. The Motley American Legion will provide the color guard.

Several Veterans Park pavers, honoring local veterans, will be dedicated during the program. These include:

- Aviation Storekeeper Chief Charles W. Crews Jr, US Navy Korea Vietnam, 1947 - 1969

- Storekeeper Seaman Beatrice "Pat" Crews, US Navy Korea, Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA, 1951 - 1954

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"Oliver!" performances set for Nov. 16 - 19 in Staples

Cast members have been rehearsing for their upcoming performances of the musical, "Oliver!" presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre and Staples-Motley Schools, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Performances are set for Thursday - Saturday, Nov. 16-18, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m.

Approximately 70 people are a part of the production (adapted from the book 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens), including co-directors Justin Edin and Mike Kincaid; music director Cade Bestland; pit orchestra director Jeff Iverson; choreographer Nikki Paskewitz; technical director Keegan Harvey; and props/costume coordinators Gloria Palmer and Jeanette Evans. Pictured rehearsing a scene are Widow Corney (Anne Frelove), Mr. Bumble (Kevin Olsen) and Oliver (Sam Frelove) with the workhouse boys. Tickets are available in advance at www.lctstaples.com or at the door. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 8	48	30	M. Cloudy
Nov. 9	45	28	M. Sunny
Nov. 10	38	27	M. Cloudy
Nov. 11	41	29	M. Cloudy
Nov. 12	47	33	M. Sunny
Nov. 13	49	36	P. Cloudy
Nov. 14	48	35	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 8	43°	34	Cloudy
Nov. 9	46	42	Rain
Nov. 10	42	38	Rain
Nov. 11	23	22	Cloudy
Nov. 12	22	20	Cloudy
Nov. 13	26	19	Cloudy
Nov. 14	26	21	Snow

Average Temps:
H = 41° Low = 26°

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Obituaries

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Public Notices

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Quilters renew friendships, are inspired, at The Landmark Inn

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

For more than a decade, a group of quilting enthusiasts have made a pilgrimage to The Landmark Inn in Staples during the month of October.

“It’s a great opportunity to get away from distractions,” said Deb Bauer of Bemidji, who serves as the retreat coordinator for the group of women, which this year numbered seven.

They come from their respective homes (one, all the way from Idaho) to spend five days together working on quilts and other sewing projects. Although quilting is their main focus, the Staples retreat represents so much more.

“We have lots of laughs, there’s no finger pointing, and we just have a wonderful time together,” Bauer said.

Some of the women have known each other for over 30 years, and at least two, Bauer and her sister, Diane Madden of Hugo, all their lives. “It’s easy,” Bauer said,

describing the group’s ease with each other. They laugh and share stories, and are fine with silence on occasion as well. “There’ve been some ‘pajama days,’” Bauer laughed, going on to say how much she appreciates having this annual retreat where everyone can just “be themselves.”

It’s great to get away from the busyness of everyday life, says fellow quilter Dianne Dockendorf, who hails from Bemidji as well. She also comes to the annual retreat to “be inspired,” a comment which was affirmed by her quilting pals.

“It’s an inspiring space,” Dockendorf went on, noting the beautiful setting of The Landmark Inn, owned by Janet Kiley. The brick structure was originally home to a church, but was repurposed when Kiley bought it in 2006, fulfilling a longtime dream of renovating an old building and bringing new life to it.

The Landmark Inn still boasts of the beautiful hardwood floors and cathedral



Quilts on display at the Landmark Inn

A group gathered at the Landmark Inn in Staples recently, to spend time renewing friendships, while working on their individual quilt projects in a lovely and relaxing setting. Hanging at the back of the Inn’s loft are several of their quilts, including one (front and center) that they presented as a gift to Janet Kiley, owner of the Landmark Inn.

ceilings once belonging to Faith Lutheran, but Kiley’s added several bedrooms, a sitting room and bathrooms, all tastefully decorated. There’s also a kitchen available for use. It’s a perfect get-away location, according to the chatter amongst the quilters.

“My sister Diane and I started coming here in 2010,” Bauer said. Since that time, others have joined the group, which fluctuates in membership. This particular group of seven has been together for the past four years.

“This is my favorite

group,” Kiley says of the women who are busy creating at their sewing machines. “I love the community feel they bring... they’re such great friends.” She goes on to note that when these women arrive, “the energy changes...and when they leave, it’s a different energy.”

The admiration seems to go both ways, as is evidenced by the lovely autumn-colored quilt the women gifted Kiley with this year. Bauer shared that they’d invited her to join them for dinner one evening and had the recently-completed quilt

Pictured, from left, are Judy Balk, Cambridge; Dianne Dockendorf, Bemidji; Karen Oftelie, Bemidji; Kiley; Carla Johnson, Bemidji; Diane Madden, Hugo; Mary Dulalia, Idaho; Deb Bauer, Bemidji. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

on display. “She asked us, ‘Whose quilt is that?’ and we said, ‘It’s yours.’”

“There were tears,” Kiley said, pointing at her eyes which welled up once again at the memory.

It made them happy to be able to do something nice for their host, the women said. “Janet does so much for us,” Bauer said, noting everything that’s set up for them upon their arrival, including tables, irons, etc. “She takes good care of us.”

Events like this are a great reminder as to why she opened The Landmark Inn in the first place. It was

tough going for awhile after COVID shut things down, during which time Kiley had considered selling the place. Thankfully, that didn’t happen, and with the pandemic in the rear-view mirror, she’s looking forward to hosting more events in the future (there’s a community swing-dance on the calendar, she notes), and providing a fun, inspiring space for groups like her quilting friends.

The Landmark Inn is located at 631 3rd Ave. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-894-4444.



Working on their projects

Deb Bauer, front left, of Bemidji is the retreat coordinator for a group of friends that travels to the Landmark Inn in Staples each fall to work on quilting projects. In addition to sewing, the women enjoy visiting with each other at the Landmark Inn (their home for five days), as well as traveling to area quilt shops and taking in a few local sites.

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New additions at City of Motley’s petstop/rec area

The Petstop and Rec area in Motley has new trees and a water fountain with a bottle filler, all part of the city’s Energy and Environment Plan, made possible with fund-

ing secured from Sourcewell, USDA through Region Five Development, and the Motley Lions Club. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Motley area law enforcement report

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

Oct. 25 - 31

Oct. 31 - Motley Police issued a citation to Taylor Buttici, 25, for no muffler.

Oct. 31 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. Upon further investigation, it was found that the driver had parked there to watch a movie. The driver was advised to leave the area.

Oct. 29 - Law enforcement responded to a mental health incident in Motley.

Oct. 28 - A Morrison County deputy issued a citation to Brian Nightin-

gale, 34, for driving after revocation, unsafe equipment and unsecured load.

Oct. 26 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at the 1000 block of Hwy 10 S, Motley. The owner of the vehicle said he was having vehicle trouble and would haul the truck away in the morning. The truck was parked legally and out of the way.

Oct. 26 - Law enforcement responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries in the parking lot of Trident Seafoods, Motley.

Oct. 25 - The MCSO received a report of goats on the railroad tracks at Hwy 10 and 270th St., Cushing. The responding deputy did not locate them.

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Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1948

• Nov. 4, 1948 - While crossing Second Ave. at 5th Street in Staples Saturday evening, Mrs. Bert Dower was struck by a car driven by Reo DeMars of Staples, and suffered such injuries, that she was immediately rushed to the Staples Municipal hospital in an ambulance, where she still remains under a doctor's care.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - The 22nd Annual correspondents banquet of writers of The Staples World was held at

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the banquet room in the St. Charles hotel Saturday noon.

Eleven of the 18 correspondents were present for the dinner and program which followed. They included Mrs. Alvin Benson, Mrs. Dave Johnson, Mrs. Ed. Grossman, Mrs. Guy Irwin, Mrs. Emil Perisian, Mrs. J.E. Michalson, Miss Anna Howard, Mrs. Herman Grondahl, Mrs. William Stammer, Miss Albina Vasecka and Mrs. Sigfried Grondahl.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - Minnesota eggs seem to be going all over the world, both from the Staples Produce company, and also from individuals who ship them to friends in distant states.

The latest individual shipment to come to the attention of The World is the shipment of Frank Dietz of Motley to friends in Idaho.

Mr. Dietz was in The World office recently and stated that he had shipped 12 dozen eggs to friends in the state of Idaho who wanted some of his prize eggs.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - Wanted: Middle aged woman to assist with housework. Write Box 127, staples, or phone 173.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - Sleeping Room for Rent. Hot water. Good location. Man preferred. Mrs. A. T. Anderson, 102 n. 7th St. Phone 267.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - Workmen completed the installation of a new glass front at Ernie's Market in Staples Nov. 3. They had been working almost a week on the project.

The new front is of jade green and peach colored opalescent glass, set in chrome strips, and replaces the old black and yellow front which had been completely removed due to several breaks in the glass.

• Nov. 4, 1948 - Nurses at the Staples Municipal hospital were very busy early Sunday morning when twin girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Engstrom of Motley.

The first baby to arrive was born at 3:30 a.m. and has been named Marjorie Pauline. She weighed six pounds and one ounce.

Marie Paulette, the second of the twins as born at 3:323 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds and one ounce at birth. Both babies and the mother are doing fine.

Mrs. Engstrom is the former Marion Jenkins of Motley.

50 Years Ago - 1973

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Larry Stelck, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Stelck, Motley, shot a 13-point buck about 9 a.m. on the opening day of deer season. Stelck said that it weighed 205 pounds field dressed.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Students enrolled in the Distributive Education Program at the Staples school held their organizational meeting recently and elected officers for the 1973-74 year, Warren Noetzelman, advisor reported.

Heading the organization are Kathy Adamietz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adamietz, as president; Cindy Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sweet,



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1973. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

ney, as vice-president; Terry Oldenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hagenson, as secretary; and Rita Adamietz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Adamietz, as treasurer.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Les Jenkins of Staples shot a 26-pound lynx last Thursday afternoon, while hunting deer. The animal was shot in an area northeast of Staples, at the edge of a wooded area. Jenkins said that there have been reports of more lynx in the vicinity. The hide was given to the Staples high school biology department, where instructor Ken LeVasseur said it will be used to make a "study skin."

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Ten persons from this area were winners of a free fun-filled weekend at any Holiday Inn or Ramada Inn in the United States, Canada or Mexico, as a result of the Vagabond Weekend Promotion conducted in Staples the past eight weeks by the Staples world and the 25 participating merchants. Winners included Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Skeesick, Motley; Harry Tracy, Staples; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dummprope, Staples, Mr. and Mrs. John C. B. Edwards, Staples; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pattison, Mr. and Mrs. John Hetman, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Germann.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - In the 'Thomastown News,' by Mrs. Herman Grondahl: Mr. and Mrs. Stan Edin drove to Rapid City, S.D. last weekend where Rose conducted an art workshop on Saturday with a display of her painting and a reception for her Sunday. Their children, Kathy-Jo and Jonathan were weekend company at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Lila Edin and Cindy McCormick.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Wanted - Mother's Helper to live in Milwaukee with old fashioned family. High school girl, or unwed mother O.K. Write to V.M., 1125 West Fairy Chasm, Milwaukee, Wisc., 33217.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Christmas Bells Jingle - So does the money you can make in your spare time as an AVON representative. Write Box 666, Brainerd.

• Nov. 8, 1973 - Elsie Ahl-

brecht, Librarian at the Staples Public Library, said that many new book have been received at the library in recent months and will be on display during the national observance of Book Week Nov. 12 - 18. Some of the books include "Call in the Night," by Howatch, "Beulah Land" by Coleman, "The Plum Thicket" by Giles, "The Salamander" by West," and "I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God" by Holmes.

25 Years Ago - 1998

• Nov. 5, 1998 - This week at Scotty's Pub in Staples: 1/4 lb. burger on Mondays, \$1; Daily lunch special always \$3.50; Fish Fry Friday, All You Can Eat, \$4.

• Nov. 5, 1998 - Sports page headlines: "9th Grade Football has 4-2 season," "Cross country team at state," "Volleyball season ends on 3-0 loss in Sub-Section to Pequot," "Football season ends too early for Cards."

• Nov. 5, 1998 - The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce recently cut the ribbon on a new business in Motley - Four Roses Floral, Nursery and Gifts. The name comes from the family ownership - Gordy and Julie Rosenthal and their children, Jacob and Samantha.

• Nov. 5, 1998 - Approximately 325 young people turned out in costume Saturday afternoon for the annual Greater Staples Care Center fall carnival.

10 Years Ago - 2013

• Nov. 7, 2013 - For the second year in a row, the Still Cruisin' Car Club is sponsoring a flyover of the T-6 Thunder North American Flight Team, which thrilled the crowd with a flyover at last year's Veterans Day Ceremony.

• Nov. 7, 2013 - The Barley Jacks, led by legendary fiddler Brian Wicklund, will bring their blend of bluegrass, Celtic and roots to Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Nov. 16.

• Nov. 7, 2013 - After 17 years serving as scale master for the Minnesota Cattlemen's Association at their scale yard in Motley, Al Krupke is turning over the ropes to Les Swift.

Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Oct. 16, Staples Police were dispatched to a report of a female holding a sign with profanity on it in the area of Forest Ave. SE. Officers checked the area but did not locate any individuals.

Oct. 17, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a truck on 12th St. NE. The vehicle pulled into a private drive, then backed into the squad car, causing damage. Staples Police arrested Ray Johnson, 23, of Staples and Kentucky, on suspicion of DUI alcohol and he was transported to the Wadena County Detention Center.

Oct. 17, Staples Police respond to the area of Cty Rd 7 and Cty Rd 30 in Wadena County of a report of a possible assault with a weapon. Police arrived on scene and stood by as a Wadena County Sheriff's deputy took reports from both parties involved.

Oct. 17, Staples Police responded to the report of missing packages from an address in the 300 block of 8th St. NE. The complainant wanted only a report be made. If it continues they will try to capture the theft on camera.

Oct. 20, Staples Police received a call of a large black dog running loose by the Southside Mini Mart. After checking the area, officers were able to locate the dog. The dog, a male rottweiler/shepard mix, wearing no tags was taken to the Staples Vet Clinic.

Oct. 20, at 2:45 p.m., Staples Police received a report of a woman walking along the shoulder of Hwy 10. SPD located the female party on the east side of town. Officers asked if everything was okay and she stated everything was fine. She asked for a ride, and when police asked for her license, she stated she didn't have it on her. Police asked her

for her name and she stated she didn't want to provide that and that she would continue to walk. Police left the scene. No violations or safety concerns.

Oct. 20, Staples Police received a report of a shoplifting that occurred at Jon's Family Foods. Unknown suspect at this time. Police will be reviewing camera footage.

Oct. 20, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a suspicious person incident on the 100 block of Long Prairie Rd. A female subject walked onto the property, sat down in a lawn chair for a short time and then went to a parked vehicle on the property and sat inside. The subject started the vehicle and exited the vehicle when the owner came outside. The subject left without incident.

Oct. 21, at 2:41 a.m., Staples Police were called to two incidents involving the same suspicious person on the 800 block of 4th St. NE and 200 block of 10th St. NE. In both incidents, a female subject knocked on the door, spoke with an occupant, who indicated the female appeared to be under the influence. The area was checked and the individual was not located but the female subject was identified.

Oct. 21, at 6:48 a.m., Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 10 mile marker 114. State Patrol arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

Oct. 21, Staples Police received a report of items stolen off a snow plow in the area of the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE.

Oct. 22, Staples Police to assisted MN State Patrol on a traffic stop at Holiday in Motley. Police stood by for officer safety while the trooper conducted an investigation.

SWCD can help manage invasive species

Submitted by Todd County SWCD

Whether you are riding out on a boat on Lake Osakis or driving out in the country you may have unfortunately come across invasive species such as zebra mussels or buckthorn. What are invasive species you may ask? Invasive species are plants or animals that are not native to a particular area that can cause great environmental harm to the new area. Often times these species are a major problem in both terrestrial and aquatic environments as they have no natural predators here to control the population and are rapidly reproducing. In lakes and rivers, they can be a major problem as they can greatly reduce recreational opportunity and alter the ecosystem. In terrestrial environments, invasive plants can overcrowd natives and make it more difficult for them to compete.

A few examples of invasive species you may see in Todd County include Common Carp, Buckthorn, Zebra Mussels, Leafy spurge, Wild Parsnip, Curly Leaf Pondweed, and Purple Loosestrife. While we may not be able to completely stop the spread of these species everyone can do their part to help slow the spread. For lakes and rivers, be sure

to clean your boat, drain all water, and dispose of unused bait before leaving a public access. Additional steps may need to be taken such as using a decontamination unit that has hot water or high pressure if AIS is seen on boat.

For controlling the spread of terrestrial invasive species, many things can be done to help slow spread. These include cleaning your boots or shoes when walking in a new area, making sure camping gear is free of seeds and soil, and before buying plants for a garden check to see if plant species is listed as invasive. In addition, reestablishing native vegetation in areas can make it more difficult for invasive to become established due to competition.

If you do happen to have an invasive species infestation on your property many control options exist to help manage or control the infestation. For invasive plants, common control methods include frequent mowing and burning, grazing with animals such as goats, cut stump herbicide treatment, leaf application, and basal bark spray. If you have any questions or concerns regarding invasive species feel free to reach out to the Todd County Soil and Water office at 320-732-2644, or stop by the office.

Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 25, 1973 edition of the Staples World featured the newly elected Student Council officers at Staples Elementary School for the 1973-74 year. Kathy Hegre (front center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hegre, was chosen president of the council, with Kerri Klimstra (right), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Klimstra, selected to the post of vice-present; and Sue Odden (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Odden, to the post of secretary. Norman Card was council advisor.

Catholic Charities Central MN Foster Grandparent program

New school clothes are purchased, backpacks are prepared, and school buses are being shined up as children begin the journey of a new school year. They are not alone in their preparations as their anticipation and excitement is shared by AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent volunteers who will also be back serving in local schools, Head Starts, and other non-profit agencies.

Foster Grandparents are under the direction of classroom teachers and staff and often work with children to improve reading skills, increase their understanding of math concepts, completing art projects, shops classes and provide extra attention and support to students. These volunteers become role models for the students they mentor, while students are able to develop practical skills and a higher sense of self-worth.

We know that Foster Grandparents make a difference. The volunteers spend much of their time reading with children. At the end of the school year, teachers and staff reported that 98 percent of the students in grades K-12,

practicing their reading skills with a Foster Grandparent, demonstrated improvement.

"As we begin another school year, we are reminded once again of the investment Foster Grandparents make to the youth in our community," said Sara Heurung, Foster Grandparent Program Director. "Our volunteers serve as tutors, mentors and friends to kids who need them most. We are grateful for their efforts, and for the lives they change each school year."

Foster Grandparents are positive role models who demonstrate caring for others by volunteering in local schools. The intergenerational relationships that Foster Grandparents have with the children they serve is unique. These relationships can be long-term and last months and even years as they build confidence and self-esteem in the children.

About Catholic Charities Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program:

Foster Grandparents spend time 8-40 hours per week helping children in schools, early education programs,

residential facilities, and other non-profit agencies. Through their service, the Foster Grandparent create relationships with and become role models for children who need such constructive relationships the most.

AmeriCorps Seniors, which is under the direction of AmeriCorps, consists of the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. The Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud. For more information on the Foster Grandparent Program call (320) 229-4589 or toll-free 1-866-895-7992 or visit <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/community/foster-grandparents>

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Quote of the week

“America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels.” — Claudia Pemberton (Veterans Day is Nov. 11)

Many things going on in Staples

By Ron Murray
Staples Mayor

I wanted to get back in touch with all of the citizens of Staples and the residents of the surrounding area who either call Staples home or come to our city to enjoy what we have to offer. I am a little late in getting this out but it actually was good in that I was able to experience a few things that I want to include in this letter to all of you.

Our summer celebration back in August was a huge success. It was extremely hot that day but what a great turn out to all the festivities downtown. Myself and my family really enjoyed being in the parade, probably the grandkids most of all. If you got a “I love Staples” button, I hope you are wearing it with pride or at least have it somewhere where it reminds you of the good things Staples has to offer. It was so nice to feel positivity and smiles. Essentially, everyone was able to enjoy a “free” day with music, water, inflatables and the toolbox at no cost, not to mention the parade candy. Renee Kroll and Jordan Goodwater deserve another round of thanks. Along with them, 80 sponsors who helped financially support the event as well as local community groups who stepped forward to make it a great day. The alliance church congrega-

tion managed the inflatable, Hill Brothers contractors with Zach Hill and his wife who ran the build a toolbox activity with the donation of product from Central Building Supply. I also ran into the class of 1963 who were in town to celebrate a reunion.

The business development and expansion as well as school remodel and addition are in full swing. I had mentioned in previous letters that they were in the works but now they are visibly present and moving towards completion in one case. It is incredible the amount of activity going on downtown. The number of workers on the projects is very impressive. I hope when they step away from the work to partake in something Staples has to offer that they are greeted with a smile. There is a lot of dirt being moved and construction going up. I paused to watch them lift the walls of “The Nest” at the high school into place.

I estimate I saw between the 4 building projects, 40 to 50 people working at the job sites.

I have had a few people tell me nothing is going on in Staples. I just told them to drive down Main Street or along Highway 10 for starters.

I was privileged to tour a local plant, Staples Precision Metal Craft and learn what they do. It was very

interesting to learn the interesting products they can make and to see the financial investment with updated laser equipment.

I was able to visit a few new establishments such as the Frosty’s Spirits and Social Club. A very nice atmosphere and some great events taking place each day. As well as Hwy 10 Paw Spa, bringing my dog in for some grooming. The Stomping Grounds has also done some remodeling to add to its already great product and great staff downtown. The Old Highway 10 Apparel did some embroidery for me, on some great quality shirts.

I was able to visit with the artist who did our mural on the side of Tower Pizza building and the finished product is now visible for all to see. It definitely adds to the downtown look!

Earlier this fall, I was able to spend part of day out at Pine Grove Park helping the Lions group and the high school kids involved with REACH put together displays and lights for the upcoming North Pole light display coming again this year. It should be fantastic. It was fun working with and getting to know some of the kids at the school. This project is in need of any and all help that anyone would like to participate. If you think you would like to help you can reach out to Bob Schafer at 218-296-2057.

I was able to attend the

open house out at CLC at both the main campus in Staples and the West heavy equipment campus. Spoke with staff there and discussed all that is going on. Many young people are checking out our campuses. The instructors at the heavy equipment campus made a point to thank the local businesses who treat the students so well, it is much appreciated.

The City of Staples was able to remove another blighted building in our city after a long trail of hoops to jump through. We continue to work on these buildings as we can to try to rid our city of these unsafe and unsightly areas. We have taken down 18 blighted buildings since 2015.

The city council has set the preliminary tax levy and will be discussing and making decisions on the final tax levy and 2024 budget in the coming council meetings. Keep an eye on the city website or newspaper for the agenda items and come to meeting or watch it on YouTube Live.

We have a great deal to be thankful for living in the City of Staples, in light of what is happening the world around us with natural disasters and war torn countries. Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving. As well as Advent and Christmas Season.

Rural policy messages can swing elections

By Heather Close
The Rural Blog

For campaigns looking to attract swing voters, rural Americans offer a surprising opportunity to “move the needle” in battleground states, a new poll by the Center for Rural Strategies and Lake Research Partners suggests. “The findings provide a potential new and more effective roadmap for candidates vying for seats in state legislatures, Congress, and the White House ahead of the 2024 elections,” reports Will Wright of The Daily Yonder. “The survey suggests as many as 37% of rural voters are swing, blue-collar voters who could be swayed by the right policy proposals and messaging.”

Pollsters for The Center for Rural Strategies and Lake Research Partners, a Democratic research firm, “interviewed a weighted sample of 500 likely voters in rural zip codes in 12 states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Arizona, and Georgia,” Wright explains. “They asked rural Americans how they feel about their place in the economy and how their feelings intersect with modern politics. . . . While partisanship remains strong among the rural electorate, voters were aligned on many of their chief concerns: af-

fordable housing, the high cost of food, and corporate greed.”

Overall, the poll indicated three primary points of concern: “Lowering prices; bringing good-paying jobs to local communities; and a populist message focused on corporate greed — received such broad support that they rivaled voters’ agreement on core values like family and freedom,” Wright reports.

Among those polled, “(Joe) Biden was viewed unfavorably by 66% of respondents, while (Donald) Trump was viewed unfavorably by 48%. And while the rising cost of living was the top issue for people aligned with both parties and for independents, Republicans were also more likely to put that as their top issue.” Wright reports. “Pollster Celinda Lake said the poll revealed the potential for Democrats to perform much better in rural areas than they might otherwise believe. . . . Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, said the effectiveness of policy messages shows a path forward. . . . While many candidates focus heavily on suburban areas where voters are viewed as more persuadable, the polling suggests rural areas may be well worth the time and money.”

A healthier America? We’re aiming at the wrong target

By Dan Buettner
Bluezones.com

Quick: how is basketball like America’s healthcare system?

In basketball, teamwork tends to win games—but a college player who sinks 40 points a game is more likely to get noticed (and drafted) than a player who feeds his teammates the ball.

We can’t really blame the ball hog. It’s human nature to focus on the behaviors that reward us.

That was the message of Jack Welch’s Chief Learning Officer Steven Kerr in his classic essay, “On the Folly of Rewarding A, While Hoping For B.” And yet, that’s exactly what we’ve been doing for decades with America’s health and longevity: we’ve been rewarding one thing while hoping for something else.

The economics of healthcare in America reward sickness. Pharmaceutical companies profit when you fill a prescription; surgeons bill when you need a procedure; hospitals make money when you occupy a bed. Very few businesses profit from your health.

Meanwhile, the number of middle-aged people with

a chronic disease like diabetes or heart disease has doubled from 30 percent in 1980 to 60 percent today. Despite racking up a massive bill of 4.4 trillion dollars a year—one-sixth of our entire GDP—our healthcare system delivers outcomes no better than those of nations that spend half as much. Since 2019, the life expectancy of Americans has actually fallen by almost two and a half years to 76.4 years, the lowest level in nearly two decades.

Why such poor performance? COVID-19 was a major cause of the most recent drop in life expectancy, though not the only cause.

The U.S. ranks dead last among wealthy nations for premature deaths from preventable conditions. I’m talking about chronic ailments such as diabetes, heart disease, dementia, and certain cancers, which account for 90 percent of our healthcare costs. If we were to pursue the right kind of prevention, we might be able to avoid such diseases and spare millions of people their pain and suffering.

Instead, Americans lavish \$200 billion a year on diet regimens... even

though most of us abandon them by the third week. We throw \$160 billion a year at plans to exercise... even though only about a fifth of all adults get the minimum recommended amount of eleven minutes of vigorous activity a day. We waste more than \$150 billion a year on vitamins and supplements...even though no supplement, pill, hormone, or vitamin has ever been proven to extend life expectancy.

Rather than trying to modify our habits in the short term, we should be investing in ways to change our surroundings for the long term. That’s the lesson of the world’s blue zones, where people live as much as ten years longer than we do—even though they don’t go on diets, go to gyms, or take nutritional supplements. Their environments are key; they just go about living their lives, and longevity naturally ensues.

A few examples

There’s a cluster of mountain villages on the Italian island of Sardinia where men reach the age of one hundred at ten times the rate of their U.S. counterparts. One reason is

that they’re constantly on the move. Every visit to a friend’s house, church, or store involves a climb up a steep cobblestone street.

Women on the Japanese island of Okinawa have ranked among the longest-lived on the planet with a life expectancy of 87.4 years, or eight years more than American women. When I visited Gozei Shinzato in her village, the 104-year-old showed me a kitchen garden packed with superfoods: sweet potatoes, soybeans, mugwort, turmeric, and bitter melon. Here, as in most of the blue zones, a whole-food, plant-based diet is the traditional norm. Not least of all, their adult lives are imbued with “ikigai,” or purpose—and their “moais,” or lifelong circles of committed friends, help assure that older people don’t suffer loneliness.

On the northwest coast of Costa Rica, there’s a 30-mile strip of ranchland where a 60-year-old male has twice the chance of reaching 90 as an American male does. I spent a morning there recently with a cowboy named José Ramiro Guadamuz who’d just returned on horseback from

tending his herd of cattle. He’d celebrated his 100th birthday that August.

Costa Rica, by the way, spends one-seventh as much on healthcare as we do, and yet its system helps people avoid life-shortening diseases better than ours does. This is largely thanks to a robust public health program that sends small teams into the countryside to visit every household at least once a year. They’re much more likely to catch, say, a heart condition, before it ends up in the emergency room with a six-figure price tag. Since the 1990s, these visits have helped reduce deaths from communicable diseases by 94 percent, reduced infant mortality by a factor of seven, and boosted life expectancy by 14 years.

The government of Singapore takes a similar path to better health. Using a wide range of policies, it discourages smoking, subsidizes healthy foods, and makes parks and public transportation easily accessible to everyone. Largely as a result, the tiny nation has achieved one of the world’s highest rates of health and life expectancy at 84 years. Its laws on drugs and guns may seem draconian, but this nation of 5.5 million people suffered only 19 deaths from drug overdoses in 2019 compared to more than 100,000 in the U.S., and only three deaths from gun violence compared to our 49,000.

Minnesota example

Inspired by what I saw in these and other blue zones, I partnered with AARP 15 years ago to see if we could achieve similar results in an American community. Our goal wasn’t to change people’s behavior but to reshape their environments physically, socially, and (in

certain small ways) politically.

We started in Albert Lea, Minn., where we convinced town leaders to put in bike lanes and sidewalks to shift their community from car-friendly to people-friendly. We persuaded schools, grocery stores, and restaurants to make healthier foods easier to find. We helped residents volunteer, join walking groups, and make new friends. After only 18 months, we raised the life expectancy of the average Albert Lea citizen by three years and shaved about 30 percent off the city’s year-over-year healthcare bill.

Since 2009, the Blue Zones Project has applied the same model to 72 cities across the country, from Fort Worth, Texas to Scottsdale, Ariz., to the entire states of Iowa and Hawaii. Each one of them notched measurable improvements in health and/or well-being—but in none of these places did people try to get healthy. They didn’t try to pursue health through diets, exercise programs, or expensive insurance plans; they changed their environments and incentives so that health could ensue. And it did.

As a word in closing, and to bring things full circle... It’s worth mentioning that, when NCH Hospital first decided to invest in the Naples city-makeover program, they did so against the advice of their CFO (i.e. their Chief Financial Officer). In other words: they had to decide that the health of their community was more important than the money they knew they could make from an unhealthy community. They wanted to find a way to reward the same things we’re hoping for. And so should we.

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Quote of the week

“Too many people spend money they haven’t earned to buy things they don’t want to impress people they don’t like.”

— Will Rogers



Author will talk about her ‘life lived with epilepsy’ Nov. 14, at Staples Public Library

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month. Join Minnesota author Barbara Mack at the Staples Public Library Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., as she talks about her book, “The Hand I’ve Been Dealt: A Life Lived with Epilepsy.” According to a book review, “A devastating car crash and an unsuspected seizure disorder dismantles life for Barbara Mack. Thus begins a narrative of ongoing attacks, diagnosis, treatments, depression, gambling wheel of medicines and occasional reprieves.

“This journalistic story offers information that will help not only those who suffer from this debilitating disease, but also their caregivers.” Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-1401.



And so it begins...

As concert goers left Centennial Auditorium in Staples Oct. 30, they were welcomed by some white stuff called ‘snow’ that hadn’t been seen in these parts for nearly six months. At least three inches fell during the night, which meant shovels needed to be gotten out of storage prior to trick-or-treaters heading out on Halloween. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples-Motley School Board work session Tues., Nov. 14

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a work session, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples. The agenda will include the 2022-2023 SY Student Achievement Data Report and school board self evaluation review. **Upcoming schedule:** **Mon., Nov. 20:** Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office

Thurs., Nov. 23-Fri., Nov. 24: OFFICES CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving! **Mon., Dec. 4:** Work Session and Truth in Taxation Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office **Mon., Dec. 18:** Regular Board meeting, 6 p.m., District Office **Mon., Dec. 25-Mon., Jan. 1:** Christmas break **Mon., Jan. 8, 2024:** Organizational meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

November

- **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** Nov. 9, 9:45 a.m., SMHS Gym
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK - No SCHOOL** Nov. 23 - 24

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

Mark Your Calendar

November 9

‘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>

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Nov. 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at St. Michael’s Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Larry Fruetel, caller. For info., 218-894-2900.

November 10

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.

November 13

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

November 14

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

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

Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf a success

On Sunday evening, Oct. 29, youth and adults went throughout Staples not looking for candy, but for food to be donated to the Staples Food Shelf.

Youth from the Staples area churches and the local FFA, Trick or Treated for the Staples Food Shelf. Over 658 pounds of food and \$94 was collected and given to

the food shelf.

The evening ended with Tower Pizza at Faith Lutheran Church.

“Thanks to all who donated,” said Pastor Chris Mathiason.

If you were missed, food is still being collected and can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples.

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Nancy Ridley

Nancy (Morlock) Ridley, 69, passed away October 25, 2023, after a brave, year-long battle with cancer, lovingly cared for by her husband Charles (Chuck) Ridley.

A service in Nancy's memory will take place in the coming months.

Nancy was born March 19, 1954, growing up on a farm near Staples with her eight siblings. She married her husband on December 31, 1973 and they lived in Minneapolis, followed by Florida and eventually moved to a dairy farm in Sebeka in 1980. They raised their two boys on the farm until 1988 when they moved to Red Wing for work. She had attended Staples Technical Institute and received a certificate in photography. Nancy worked as a photographer at Photo Fair enjoying helping people capture their memories and taking beautiful photos herself.

Nancy was quick to smile and laugh, to make a comical observation or tell a funny story. Her love was bottomless for her family; she shared it openly and easily making sure each person knew how much she loved them. She was full of energy, not one to sit still, a hard worker and usually had a project or a plan for something she wanted to do. A curious person who loved to learn, she observed the world around her and gave her input with honesty and kindness.

Nancy and Chuck's over five decades together took them on many adventures. They were each other's best friend, had deep affection for one another and were rarely apart. Nancy tended their yard with love and care, enjoyed learning about flowers, plants, birds and caring for their koi pond.

Nancy adored her two sons, Rimhel (Susie) and

Chris (Courtney), raising them to be gentle, strong, kind, loving fathers and caring husbands. She loved fishing with her son, Chris, in his boat on Lake Pepin and on the Mississippi River. She enjoyed music with her son, Rimhel, and bought him his first of many guitars three decades ago.

Nancy's grandchildren brought her the greatest joy and she made sure Jada, Grace, Xander, Max, Conrad, Luke and Kara knew how special they were to her and how proud each of them made her.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck; two sons, their wives and their children and all eight of her siblings, Darla Burke (Jerry), Janice Jensen (Lynn Clodfelder), Lauren Morlock, David Morlock, James Morlock, Russell Morlock, Curtiss Morlock, Lori Huff (Harold) and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Norma and Harry Morlock and one granddaughter, Jada.

In lieu of memorials or flowers, please plant some flowers, kiss your grandchild, hug your spouse and tell someone you love them, in memory of Nancy.

Arrangements were by Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel in Red Wing.

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Freeman Wuollet

Freeman Wuollet, 75, of Detroit Lakes, died October 29, 2023, at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND.

Mass of Christian Burial was held November 4, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Lake Park.

Interment was at the St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery in Perham.

Arrangements were by West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

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Frances Christensen

Frances Joy Christensen, 101, of Staples, passed away October 27, 2023.

Services were held November 2 at the Motley United Methodist Church.

Franny Jo as she was affectionately called, was a cook for the original El-Ray Café in Motley (now BRICK'S). Franny had a phenomenal memory and a great mind for numbers (she was a banker's daughter). Fran figured she had cooked 24,848 turkeys at the El-Ray Café in 18 years. She had the most beautiful cursive handwriting right up to her last days. Franny taught piano and played piano at the Motley United Methodist Church.

Frances is survived by two sons, Sherwood (Florence) Jordahl and Edward (Marsha) Jordahl; three daughters, Carole Oligier, Janet Greig and Judy (Lee) Jen-

kins; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Irv; parents, Franklin and Harriett Freemire; one granddaughter; two sons-in-law; one brother and two sisters.

Arrangements were by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Gordon Rosenthal

Gordon Rosenthal, 61, of Staples, passed away on November 4, 2023, in Perham.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held Thursday November 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to the start of the services at the church.

A full obituary will be included in next week's Staples World.

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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.

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 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 and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
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Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Robin Fish
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Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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34) “Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35) The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

You and I are slaves. That’s what Jesus is telling us in the words above, that we’re slaves to sin. You probably don’t think of yourself that way normally, I know that normally I don’t, but Jesus’ words can’t be denied. “Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”

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Bella Hines

Epic state cross country battle

Audrey Brownell (711) and Kyanna Burton (712) race with the top runners in the state with a mile to go in the state cross country meet. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Girls cross country second at state

Brownell 2nd, Burton 5th; Tabatt All-State

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Audrey Brownell placed second and Kyanna Burton was fifth, leading the Staples-Motley cross country team to a second place finish where all seven of the runners had amazing races. In the boys race, Issiah Tabatt was 17th to make the All-State team and Logan Robben ran a fast race to place 48th, but the other runners on the team were a little behind their previous best races and the team dropped to 15th place.

Girls race

A pack of five runners cleared themselves from the field fairly early, with Brownell and Burton right behind the leaders. They were still there when a sixth runner joined the pack and then made a move to pull ahead after the two mile mark. That broke up the pack and Brownell led the chase to cover that move, with Burton in third right behind.

Coming into the finish, Brownell didn't have enough space to catch the leader, but she finished strong to place second. Burton was still in contention with the next two but was unable to catch them and finished fifth.

Meanwhile, in the thick of the pack, the other five Staples-Motley girls were moving up at an incredible pace.

Bella Hines led that charge by passing multiple runners throughout the race. She passed 13 runners between mile one and two, then passed another 11 runners in the last mile. Aleea Holst, Naila Mikhaeil and Suhaila Mikhaeil also passed double digit runners after the first mile. Leah Greenwaldt started towards the back of the field but passed runners throughout the race.

As a team, the Cardinals were in sixth place at the one mile mark. With Hines, Holst, and Naila Mikhaeil passing multiple runners, they moved up to third place by the two mile mark. The team ahead of them in second had a runner drop out, so by the end Staples-Motley was in the clear for second place, but their progression would still have likely earned them second place and Suhaila's finish would have given them the



Issiah Tabatt, left, passes a runner right before the finish line.

tiebreaker just in case.

The Staples-Motley girls had come into the meet ranked fourth and moved way up thanks to brilliant races by all seven girls. They were not that close to catching the top team, who also ran an excellent race.

Boys race

Tabatt was always within All-State contention, starting out in 25th place, then moving up eight spots by the finish. As a senior, his time of 16:39 was his fastest ever of all the state races he has run since eighth grade, but he was still a few spots away from matching his ninth place finish of 2021.

Logan Robben was right behind Tabatt at the one mile mark, running a 5:12 first mile, but fell back a little in the last two miles. He still ended up with an excellent time of 17:05 to give the Cardinals a solid second scorer.

Gage Bjerga led a pack of Cardinals through the first part of the course, with Elijah Greenwaldt and Dillan Robben right with him at the one mile mark. Bjerga maintained his position while the other two fell back a little. Blaine Plattner improved over his section race as he and Odin Trif were the sixth and seventh

finishers.

Girls results

Minnesota State Cross Country Championships

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Boys results

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Aleea Holst (715)



Leah Greenwaldt (713)



Naila Mikhaeil



Logan Robben



Eli Greenwaldt and Dillan Robben



Gage Bjerga



2023 Salute to Staples-Motley Tennis Team



- Ranked 5th in the state
- 15-0 regular season
- Reached Section 8A finals
- Lauren Rutten and Ronnie Noska placed 4th in the Minnesota State Doubles Tournament

Seniors: Amy Rollins, Lauren Rutten

Staples World photos by Mark Anderson



Teamwork



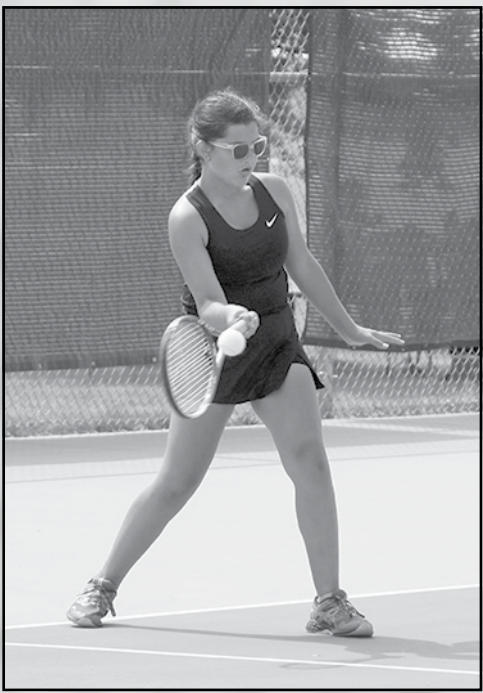
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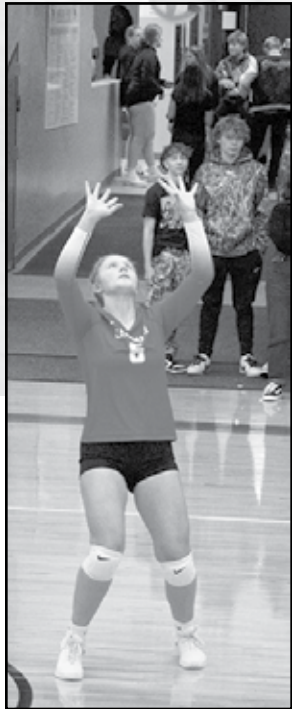
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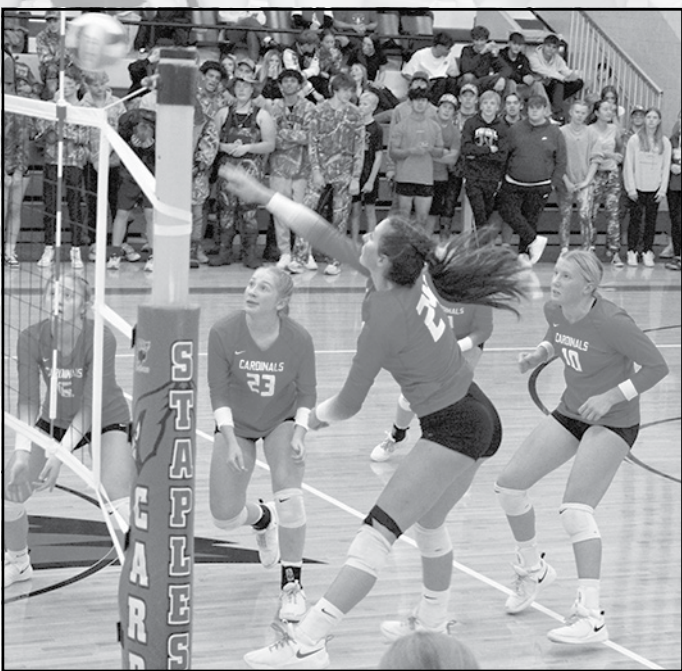
Teamwork

- Team finished the season with a record of 18-9-1
- Won the Section 6AA playoff game against Pillager
- Lost in Section 6 AA quarterfinals at Melrose

Seniors: Ellie Moulton, Steffany Sullivan



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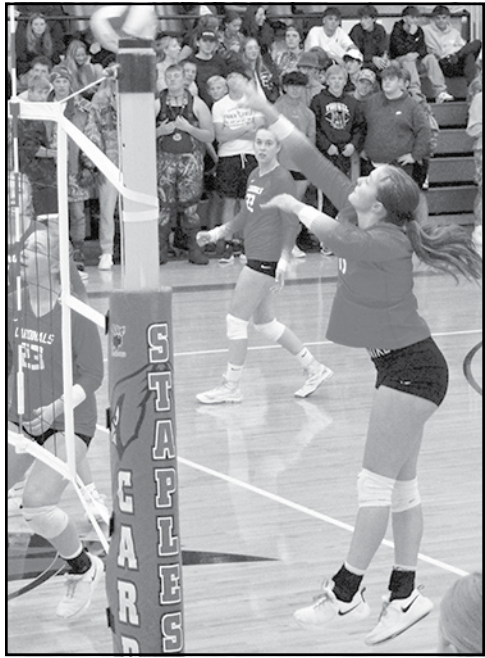
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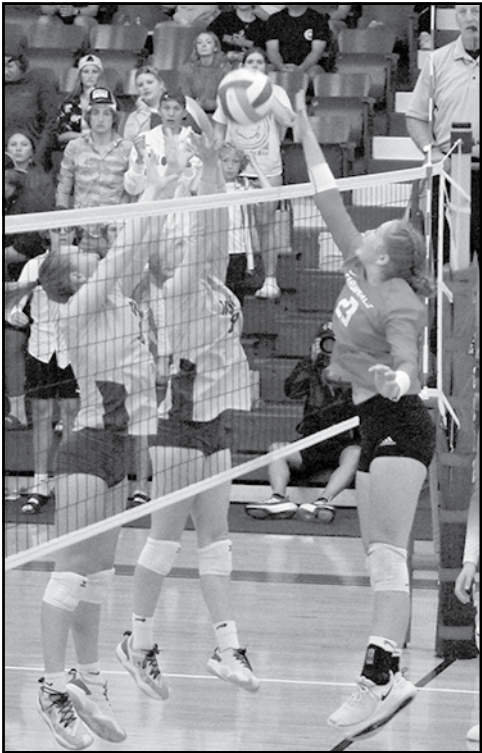
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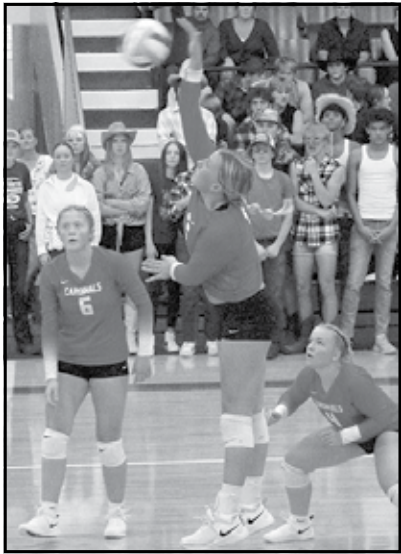
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Tamara Streli



Livi Lorber



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Section volleyball action

The Staples-Motley volleyball team celebrates a block against Melrose. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Tamara Streli hits down on a spike.

Lorber leads Cardinals in volleyball playoff loss

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley volleyball team ended their season with a 3-0 loss at Melrose in the Section 6AA quarterfinals. Livi Lorber led the team with nine kills and four blocks, while Jade Storry had six kills and 11 digs.

The Cardinals came in as the fifth seed and Melrose was the fourth seed.

“We knew it was going to be a competitive game and that we could not allow them to go on runs,” said Coach Gretchen Bestland.

The game was as close as expected, but Melrose went on a run late in the first set, early in the second set and late in the third set, each time emerging ahead.

In the first set, the Cardinals took an early lead behind strong hitting from Jade Storry and a back row kill from Livi Lorber. They fell behind midway through but came back with an ace by Storry and Annie Schlosser set the ball over the net into a hole in the defense for a point. Tamara Streli had a kill and scored on an unusual point, passing a high ball backwards along the net to land for a bump kill. Even though they were close late, Melrose went on a run to win 25-20, as the Cardinal block was not effective slowing down their hitters.

In the second set, Staples-Motley fell behind by five early on and scrambled to get back. Lorber had three tips for points, while Storry and Ellie Moulton had kills to bring the team back.

With the team behind by three, Lorber had a kill and then had three ace blocks that stifled the Melrose attack. The third one put the Cardinals ahead at 22-21, but they lost that lead and despite a kill by Storry to close within 23-24, they ended up losing the final point.

In the third set, Lorber came out hammering the ball, scoring four kills and an ace serve to take an 8-7 lead. Storry scored a kill and a tip to take a two point lead. When Lorber came around to the front row again, she got three more kills and Streli added an ace serve as the team took a 17-14 lead.

But then Melrose started hitting well again and went on a big run to end the match, winning the last five points.

“Unfortunately we were not able to close out any of the sets,” said Bestland.

The Cardinal defense was solid with Storry, Streli, Moulton, Lilly Tyrell and Steffany Sullivan doing a lot of the back row passing.

Season recap

Staples-Motley finished the season with a record of 18-9-1. That gives the team five straight seasons with a winning record and double-digit wins each year, except the shortened pandemic year.

“The girls put together a really good season ending ranked number 35 in all of Class AA, fifth in our section and was section in the Mid-State Conference,” said Bestland.

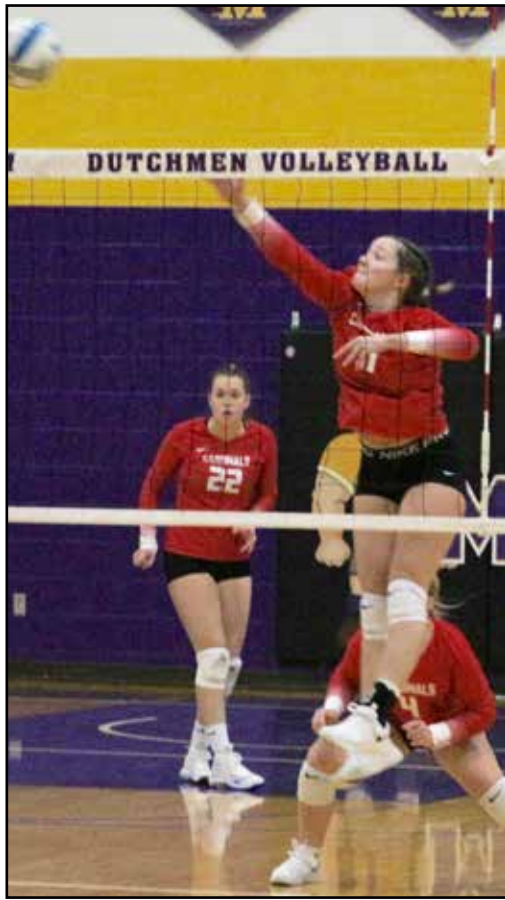
“We were able to capture wins against both Wadena-Deer Creek and Pine River-Backus, who are advancing to the state tournament from their respective sections,” said Bestland. “These wins help the girls realize their potential moving forward into next year. We have a strong group that will be returning with varsity experience along with a lot of potential coming with our underclassmen.”

Team results

Section 6AA volleyball second round



Livi Lorber



Jade Storry

Staples-Motley 0, Melrose 3; 20-25, 23-25, 18-25
Steffany Sullivan: digs-4
Ellie Moulton: kills-3, blocks-1, digs-9
Jade Storry: aces-1, kills-6, digs-11
Livi Lorber: aces-1, assists-4, kills-9, blocks-4, digs-5
Miranda Schotzko: blocks-1
Lilly Tyrell: digs-6
Annie Schlosser: assists-16, blocks-2, digs-1
Tamara Streli: aces-1, kills-4, blocks-1, digs-8

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Blaine Plattner



Suhaila Mikhaeil



Controlling the ball

Ellie Moulton receives a serve as Jade Storry and Livi Lorber look on.

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77-PR-23-260
Case Type:
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DECEASED**

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of Personal
Representative and
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Name
Kevin Lynn Dickman
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Beautiful music, light moments shared

Attendees at the Staples-Motley High School Music Department's Fall Concert Oct. 30, were treated to a variety of music from the Cardinal Orchestra, Band and Choir. Above, the band, directed by Kristina Haataja, plays, "The Great Locomotive

Chase." Below, the orchestra, also directed by Haataja, shares some laughs at the conclusion of a fun piece fitting for the Halloween season, "Curse of the Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space." (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Cardinal bass singer shares the spirit

Noah Larson, left, a bass singer in the Cardinal Choir at Staples-Motley High School, sang a solo during the choir's

rendition of, "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit." The choir is directed by Cade Bestland. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Directorial debut at his alma mater

Cade Bestland, the new choir director at Staples-Motley Middle/High School, introduced himself at the music department's Fall Concert Oct. 30, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Bestland, a 2017 graduate of SMHS, went on to study music at Concordia College in Moorhead, graduating in 2021. This is his second teaching position, after two years at Wahpeton Public Schools.

"It feels surreal," Bestland shared later. "Not too long ago, I was standing on the risers, with Steve Hoemberg directing me. And now I'm on the same stage, standing in front of the choir that I was so proud to be a part of. It's a great feeling." He went on to say that he's excited to begin the Christmas concert preparations, remembering how much this concert meant to him when he was growing up in Staples. In addition, he's excited to begin prepping for contest season after the winter break. When asked if he had any other comments to share about 'coming home,' Bestland said, "I've already felt so welcomed back into the community and I hope to build a choir program that students can look back on in pride, like I can."



Surprise for Ms. Haataja

Cardinal Orchestra members Zachary McIlravy (left) and AJ Nienow held up a sign at their Fall Concert Oct. 30, informing the audience that it was Director Kristina Haataja's birthday and that they should sing along when the orchestra played, 'Happy Birthday.' Haataja, who was still back stage, was not aware of the sign and was very surprised when she lifted her baton to direct the students in playing, "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons" and heard instead the song, "Happy Birthday."

Breast cancer screening

Todd County Health and Human Services

Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer diagnosed in women across every racial and ethnic group in Minnesota. Breast cancer is a complex group of diseases. Most commonly, breast cancers begin in ducts (tubes that carry milk to the nipple) or lobules (glands that make milk).

Breast cancer can occur in men but it is rare, accounting for only 0.2 percent of cancer in men. By contrast, breast cancer accounts for over 30 percent of cancers diagnosed.

There are about 4,500 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed among women each year in Minnesota. In 2019, 650 Minnesota women died from breast cancer.

Screening Guidelines

The goal of screening for breast cancer is to detect the disease before symptoms develop and treat it early, when cancers respond better to treatment. Screening guideline recommendations depend on age, family history and individual risk.

- Women should talk with their health care providers about breast cancer screening tests and when to have them.

- Women who do not have health insurance, or have insurance that does not fully cover breast cancer screening costs, may be eligible to receive free screening in Minnesota through MDH's Sage Program.

- Women screened through the Sage program who need follow-up treatment may qualify for Medical Assistance for Breast or Cervical Cancer (MA-BC). This program covers treatment and other MA-covered service costs until treatment ends.

- Be sure to discuss screening recommendations with a health care provider.

Source: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/data/dashbc.html>

Johnson fourth generation of family legacy in the U.S. Navy

From United States Navy Talent Acquisition Group (NATG Northern Plains)

Families of Americans often look through their family history and can usually point out one or two relatives that served in the U.S. military, passing down stories of their loved one's service to future generations.

For the Johnson family, naval service is more than the stories that have been passed down through the generations, it has become something of a legacy in their family as Cy Johnson, native of Staples, becomes the fourth generation in his family to enlist in the U.S. Navy.

"Military, in general, I have always had that calling to it, just growing up around my dad and grandpa and other family members who were, and are still serving in the military," said Cy.

During a family gathering, Cy's father and grandfather expressed their full enthusiasm and support about Cy becoming the fourth generation sailor, and shared their personal Navy journeys.

"I remember when Ben (Cy's father) was in his early 20s and first had Cy, they were living with me and he wasn't sure what he was going to do," said Cy Porwall, Cy's grandfather. "I remember thinking to myself how the Navy helped me straighten my life out, and that's when I invited the Navy recruiter over to my house to talk with Ben."

"I joined when I was 26 and I was still in a 16, 17-year-old mind set," said Ben Johnson, Cy's father. "Until Cy was born I didn't take too much seriously."

"When it came down to it, I wanted to do something

with my life that would make Cy proud," Ben added as he looks at his son with a noticeable sense of pride and adoration on his face.

Cy and Ben began to talk about how Ben would often take Cy into work with him when he was on active duty as a Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman.

"I always wanted to do what my dad did in the Navy," Cy added after hearing the stories and recalling the memories about his father when he was young and serving in the Navy.

"A little joke I have with my family is that I'm going to do what my dad did, but do it better," snickers Cy, currently in his Navy training school to become a Hospital Corpsman following in the footsteps of his father.

"Joining the military has been something that Cy has been talking about since he was 15 years old," Ben added. "With the pay and benefits better now than when we joined (as Ben motions to Cy's grandpa) we have always supported his decision."

As Ben and Cy Porwall discuss their paths that ultimately led them to join the Navy, Kathy Porwall, Cy's grandmother walked in with fresh brewed coffee for everyone, with something to add.

"Cy has always been patriotic, even as a little kid," said Kathy as she passes out fresh, black coffee to everyone. "As a little boy, no matter where we were or what we were doing, when Cy saw a man or woman in uniform he would always walk up to them and thank them and began to try to ask them questions about their job."

As the conversations continued around the room, it eventually landed on the

topic of Cy's personal reasons for joining the Navy.

"Initially when I started looking into the military, I was leaning towards the Marines," said Cy. "But the more I thought about my family history, and how I wanted to do what my dad did, I just thought it would be so cool to be the fourth generation to enter the Navy."

In addition to following in his family's footsteps, Cy had other reasons for making the decision on a career in the Navy.

"Eventually, I want to work on a golf course, I want to go to college and get my degree in turf management," said Cy. "Just being super sound on finances and knowing I don't have to pay for college, and having the option to even earn a degree while I am serving in the Navy, using the tuition assistance program, makes life less stressful."

Cy also talked about his responses to people when they asked about his career plans, and how he would watch others getting stressed out about college and various career plans while he would simply respond, "I'm going in the Navy where I have at least five years of job security and checks coming in, and it will pay for my college."

"I would like to make a career out of the Navy, but that's looking so far ahead," said Cy. "A career would be a dream right there. Being told that you can retire at 37 years old is like...okay, why not? It's kind of a no-brainer at that point."

As Cy continued to talk about his future plans and what he hopes to accomplish in the Navy it naturally developed into where he would like to be stationed and why.



Family service in the U.S. Navy

Cy Porwall, Cy Johnson and Ben Johnson.

"I would love to be stationed overseas, like in Italy or Greece," said Cy. "Experiencing new places, people and cultures will be a bit of a shock coming from the small town of Staples, Minn."

"I saw the same people at school every single day," Cy added. "It will be nice to go somewhere where I have the chance to meet someone new. It's something that I wanted and talked about ever since I was in middle school."

Cy continued to list other reasons he is grateful on his decision to join the Navy, such as: free medical and dental insurance, being able to move around and see the world, and the possibility of retiring at 37 years old.

"It just feels amazing to continue the Navy legacy in my family," Cy said. "See-

ing how much the Navy has changed the life of my family members that were in, just how successful they are and continue to be...it feels good, there's a lot to live up too."

Cy was the only student from his graduating class at Staples-Motley High School to enter the military on active duty.

"He was the only one in a class of 83 students to make the commitment to serve active duty in the Navy," said Cy Porwall.

"It was heart-wrenching during the cords and awards ceremony at his (2023) graduation," said Ben. "When he received his Navy sash there was a standing ovation from everyone in attendance."

"I jumped right up and started cheering," said Cy Porwall. "I was so proud of him."



Cy Johnson

Cy left for basic training on June 22, 2023, and following his basic training went to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is continuing with his training to become a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy.

Cardinals come up short in section football final

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley football team earned a trophy, but it wasn't the one they wanted. The Cardinals lost in the Section 6AA championship game to earn the second place trophy but fell one game short of going to the state tournament. The 42-13 championship game loss was played at the Fargodome on the North Dakota State University campus on Nov. 3.

The Staples-Motley offense struggled early and had three turnovers that led to three scores. The defense stopped Osakis on their first drive, but had trouble getting off the field after that. They had many stops on individual plays and limited many runs to two or three yards, but were unable to string multiple stops together.

Staples-Motley started with the ball but had two passes knocked down at the line and had to punt. Osakis drove inside the 20 but the Cardinal defense tightened up and Blake Neelan stopped them on fourth down.

After another Cardinal punt, Osakis completed a long pass to the one yard line and punched it in from there. Luke Bjerga stopped the extra point try with a big hit right before the goal line.

On the next drive, Staples-Motley started gaining momentum with a pass to Elijah Blue, but another tipped pass resulted in an interception. Osakis drove down the field, mostly running the ball, and scored for a 14-0 lead.

Another interception came on a long pass. Two big plays brought Osakis to the goal line and they scored to make it 22-0.

After that, Staples-Motley finally got their offense on track. Neelan and Elijah Claussen made nice runs, then Eli Rutten hit Neelan for a long pass on a wheel route that he carried down to the six yard line. Colbe Tappe ran it to the one yard line, but the next two tries were stopped just short. On fourth down, Rutten rolled to the right and hit Tappe running along the goal line



Blake Neelan turns the corner on a run.

for a touchdown. Neelan was stopped a foot short on the extra point try to make the score 6-22.

At the end of the half, Osakis went on a long drive to score and make it 30-6 at halftime.

In the second half, the Cardinal defense came close to making stops, forcing third and fourth downs, but Osakis made plays at the right time to keep the drive alive and it ended with a touchdown. Staples-Motley fumbled on the kickoff and Osakis scored again.

Late in the third quarter, Alex Schultz sniffed out a pass play and jumped high in the air to make an interception on a short pass. That gave the offense a spark. Schultz made a catch, Ben Tyrrell had a nice run, then Claussen ran for two first downs to get inside the ten. Tyrrell took it to the end zone on a trap play where Steven Petrich pulled from his left tackle spot to the right side and blocked the path for Tyrrell to score. Peyton Mithun kicked the extra point to make the score 13-42 early in the fourth quarter, but neither team was able to score after that.

Season recap

A year ago, the Cardinals played Osakis and lost 42-0. They fared much better this time around, but still were outsized and had trouble stopping drives. The three early turnovers put them in a hole, but they showed resilience with two long touchdown drives.

Osakis came into the game ranked 8th in the state, with only one loss to third ranked Eden Valley-Watkins.

Staples-Motley finished the season with an 8-2 record and were the 16th ranked team in Class AA, according to minnesota-scores.net.

It was an amazing turnaround from the previous season, when the team didn't win a game. This was the most wins for a Staples-Motley football team since 2009-10, when the Cardinals went 9-1 with an undefeated regular season and a loss in the section semifinals. In 2019-20, the team went 7-3.

The Cardinals averaged 33.6 points per game this season and scored at least three touchdowns in every game except the final one.

The defense gave up 15.4 points per game this season and had two shutouts.



Scoring plays

Above, Colbe Tappe catches a pass in the end zone. Below, Ben Tyrrell cuts into the end zone behind a block by Steven Petrich. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Breaking up a passing play

Left, Andrew Salcido (62) hits the Osakis quarterback as he throws the ball, causing a floating pass that was broken up by Turner Beachy.



Players and fans celebrate a touchdown.



Elijah Claussen throws a pass while Steven Petrich (64), Drake Dukowitz (66) and Blake Neelan block.



Elijah Blue hits a seam during a kickoff return with blockers Turner Beachy (18) and Colbe Tappe (2).



The Staples-Motley cheerleaders had some new formations to try out at the Fargodome.

Correction

Conner Kuhns made the one handed interception in the playoff game against Pillager. The Staples World misidentified the player.



Halloween in downtown Staples

Hundreds of costumed children and their families walked the streets of downtown Staples on Oct. 31, despite cold and snow, for the "Treats on the Streets" event where local businesses provided candy for kids who showed up at their door. Pictured, some of the

sights on the street and kids who showed up at the Staples World office. Below, the Staples-Motley Women of Today had a Candyland display on the street. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson and Janice Winter)



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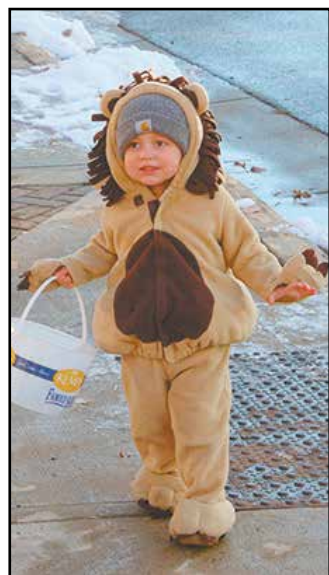
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