



Hard hitting defense

Scout Strickland fills the hole and stops the running back. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Football team falls short in overtime

The Staples-Motley football team answered three touchdowns with immediate scores of their own, but they weren't able to score in overtime against Wade-na-Deer Creek and ended up losing 18-24 on Oct. 12.

Cade Schmidt scored all three Cardinal touchdowns, but neither team was able to convert their extra point tries.

WDC started the game by running out the entire first quarter, converting four fourth down tries on the way and scoring with 44 seconds left, before Staples-Motley even touched the ball.

When they got the ball, they scored quickly. Max Strickland passed to Josh Lombard to set up Schmidt's first score.

On the next WDC drive, a big hit by Scout Strickland caused a backwards fumble and a sack by Shaine Guggenberger forced a punt.

After passes to Scout Strickland and Jordon Carlson, the Cardinals fumbled the ball back and WDC scored again at the end of the half.

Staples-Motley opened the second half with a touchdown drive featuring runs by Carlson and Schmidt, and passes to Carlson and Lombard, with Schmidt carrying the final distance over the goal line.

Finally, the Cardinals stopped WDC on fourth and short, but an interception led to another WDC touchdown.

Staples-Motley responded right away again, as Schmidt carried it most of the way and Carlson caught one pass.

With the score tied, Jeff Sundstrom broke up a third down pass and the Cardinals had one more chance to win in regulation. They drove to within striking distance, but two passes fell incomplete and they were forced to go into overtime.

In high school overtime, both teams get a chance to score from the 10 yard line. The Cardinals tried first and got two positive plays, Max Strickland running for two yards and Cade Schmidt running for five.



Flying in for the tackle

Shaine Guggenberger makes a stop in the backfield.



Stopping the run

Garret Carlson makes a tackle.

But they lost yardage on third down and were unable to reach the goal line on fourth down.

WDC won the game after completing a pass and finishing a three yard run.

Team results

Staples-Motley 18, Wade-na-Deer Creek 24

Rushing: Cade Schmidt 25-98, 3 TD; Jordon Carlson 3-28

Passing: Max Strickland 9/15, 94 yards

Receiving: Josh Lombard 4-54, Scout Strickland 2-22, Carlson 2-20, Schmidt 1(-2)



Gaining yards

Josh Lombard turns upfield after catching a pass.

kills-21, blocks-4
Kiera Dumpprope: digs-3, kills-6, blocks-1
Aubrey Brandt: digs-28, assists-1, kills-1
Tabetha Allen: digs-14, kills-11
Bella Martin: aces-3, digs-29, kills-2
Staples-Motley 1, versus Menahga 3
31-29, 17-25, 17-25, 16-25
Bjerga; digs-18, assists-30,
Lombard; Ace-1, digs-28, kills-5
Peterson; aces-3, digs-33, kills-12
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Allen; Ace-1, digs-9, assists-1, kills-10
Martin; digs-23, kills-1

Tennis team learns to compete at section

With most of their lineup taking part in their first postseason match, the Staples-Motley girls tennis team was extremely competitive at the Section 8A tournament, Oct. 11-13.

The team match couldn't have been any closer, with two matches going into a third set and four more sets that went into tiebreakers. "Every position competed and raised their level," said Coach Jacques Doll.

The Cardinals lost 4-3 but were very close in several matches.

Lauren Rutten competed hard at one singles and nearly pushed her match into a third set. "She kept getting better as the match progressed," said Doll.

Jenna Dvorak was outmatched at the beginning of her match, dropping the first set 6-2. "She stayed focused and believed in herself and in her ability to learn as the match progressed," said Doll. "She completely turned the tables on her opponent and capped off probably our best come from behind win of the season. She is a great competitor."

Rose Han also battled hard her entire match at three singles. "She was unable to swing the match her way, but she remained focused and competed hard, pushing the second set to a tiebreaker and just missed pushing her match into a third set," said Doll.

Tasha Achermann was too much for her fourth singles opponent. "She dominated the first set, and began to do the same in the second before her opponent made a move," said Doll. "However, Tasha was not shaken, and capped off an impressive win."

Tiffany Achermann and Abby DiGiovanni competed in the first doubles position against a very successful Crookston doubles team. They were not able to get any traction throughout the match, but kept their composure and competed hard throughout. "They gained valuable experience in doubles this season that will serve them well in the future," said Doll.

At two doubles, Haley Cichos and Keara Kern pulled off another impressive come from behind win for the team. After a very slow start, they were able to shake off

their nerves and play at a very high level for the remaining two sets. They pulled off the three set win and kept the team in the hunt to advance to the next round.

Allison Knosalla and Elizabeth DiGiovanni played three doubles. "After being prepared and competing at a high level to start their match, their opponents got hot and we didn't have an answer for it," said Doll. "The improvement we achieved at the bottom of our lineup this year was so fun to see."

"After losing nine players from last year's team, to finish in the same place in the section a year later speaks to our work and improvement this year," said Doll.

It wasn't just the 10 varsity section players who made the season successful. The alternates were Georgia Kruchten, Amy Rollins, Torii Nienow and Kenzie Erickson. "The nice part is we could have played any of those girls and our level wouldn't have dropped much," said Doll. "They are all young as well and a part of this young and bright future we have to look forward to in our program. Going into the off season with no seniors and a group this focused on growth is exciting. If all of our kids stay hungry we could have a special season next year, but we have to keep going."

In the individual section, Rutten won her first match, then lost 6-4, 6-1 to the second place finisher in the section. The other individuals were also extremely competitive despite losses. Jenna Dvorak won her first match 1-6, then lost 6-2, 6-1 in singles. In the doubles tournament, Haley Cichos and Rose Han lost 6-4, 6-4 and Tasha Achermann and Abby DiGiovanni lost 6-1, 6-3.

Team results

Section 8A

Staples-Motley 3, Crookston 4

Singles: Lauren Rutten L 6-1, 7-6 (7-2); Jenna Dvorak Won 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Rose Han L 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Tasha Achermann W 6-3, 7-6 (8-6)

Doubles: Abby DiGiovanni/Tiffany Achermann L 6-0, 6-0; Haley Cichos/Keara Kern W 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-1); Elizabeth DiGiovanni/Allison Knosalla L 7-5, 6-1

Cardinals sweep Mid State Conference meet

The Staples-Motley cross country teams are Mid State champions, both as individuals and as a team. Kira Sweeney won her third straight conference title in the girls race and Emmet Anderson won for the boys for the second year in a row.

"Our kids were outstanding in today's competition in winning individual titles and both team awards," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

Last year, the girls team finished four points from first in the conference, but this year they didn't let anyone get in the way. Kyanna Burton outraced two close competitors to the finish line and Addison Lorber also had a strong finish. Ashley Robben and Addisyn Cichos both finished in the top ten to earn all-conference medals.

"In practice we discussed the potential of having five girls earn all-conference and they ran with purpose," said Fuhrman. "We had some competition but our girls were strong to move up or hold on to key spots in the race."

In the first half of the boys race, Staples-Motley was in second position in the team score, as Detroit Lakes started fast with five runners in the top ten.

"The boys were in a tough battle with Detroit Lakes, who pulled out all the stops to try to beat us," said Fuhrman. "Competitive running does have the opportunity for some 'skirmish' and it was present. Our boys held their own very well to pursue from behind and capture the Mid State title."

Tanner Robben had a strong finish for an all-conference medal and Jack Tyrrell lowered his PR for the second straight meet. Luke Brownell ran his fastest race of the year and earned all-conference honorable mention by placing 15th.

"Our impressive JV runners also were first, and are perhaps the strongest unit in this part of the state," said Fuhrman.

The Cardinals ran a meet at Bemidji on Oct. 16, to prepare for the section



Competing as a team

Brayden Christensen leads Isaac Christoffersen on the finishing hill as fans encourage them to kick it in.

meet on Thursday, Oct. 25, at New London-Spicer.

"As we look to the section meet, we need to still cut some individual time and work on reducing our spread between runners," said Fuhrman. "Section 6 will be a battle for the title this year, as it contains some great teams who know how to put things together at the end of the season. We aim to be one of those teams in both girls and boys competition."

Team results

Mid State Conference Boys results

Staples-Motley 27, Detroit Lakes 38, Pequot Lakes 91, Crosby-Ironton 93, Park Rapids 134, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 165

Varsity: 1. Emmet Anderson 16:02, 3. Hunter Klimek 16:42, 5. Tanner Robben 17:32, 7. Bentley Christensen 17:36, 11. Jack Tyrrell 17:51, 15. Luke Brownell 18:04, 17. Ben Bartczak 18:11

Junior varsity: 1. Isaac Christoffersen 18:07, 2. Brayden Christensen 18:14, 4. Austin Johnson 18:55, 6. Issiah Tabatt 18:58, 7. Sam Jennissen 18:59, 14. Jacob Schmitz 20:23, 19. Jonah Johnson 23:18

Jr. high (2,500m): 5. Logan Robben 9:43, 10. Dillan Robben 10:17, 18. Will Dolezal 11:00

Girls results

Staples-Motley 27, Pequot Lakes 42, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 85, Crosby-Ironton 86,

Detroit Lakes 92
Varsity: 1. Kira Sweeney 19:28, 2. Kyanna Burton 20:19, 6. Addison Lorber 20:40, 8. Ashley Robben 20:53, 10. Addisyn Cichos 21:22, 26. Madysen Hull 23:51, 34. Abby Brown 24:39
Junior varsity: 14. Jorie Ihme 26:18
Junior high: 7. Brooke Hanson 13:28, 9. CJ Koval 13:47



Senior stride

Jorie Ihme pushes up a hill during the conference meet.

Volleyball team back on winning track

The Staples-Motley volleyball team ended a losing streak with a 3-2 win against Aitkin on Oct. 11. They competed against Menahga on Oct. 15, falling 3-1.

The Cardinals finish the regular season with a tournament at Upsala on Thursday, Oct. 18. The Section 8AA playoffs start Thursday, Oct. 25, at the high seed.

Team results

Staples-Motley 3, Aitkin 2
25-21, 16-25, 25-17, 18-25, 16-14
Mackenna Bjerga: aces-2, digs-10, assists-37
Heidi Lombard: aces-2, digs-28, kills-2
Alix Peterson: aces-2, digs-20, assists-1,



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Swim captains set lineups, get results

For the Detroit Lakes meet on Oct. 11, Staples-Motley coaches put the captains in charge of the lineup and let the girls swim things they aren't used to or for the first time in a meet. The result was some interesting races and awesome time drops, according to Coach Amanda Olson.

"It really proves the growth that some of these girls have made and it's truly incredible to watch them improve so much in just a few months," said Olson. Totaled up, the team dropped over nine minutes just in one meet.

Highlights for the Cardinals:

The medley relay (JV) of Evelyn Gonzalez, Aften Robinson, Malaya Reem, and Mandy Carter started the meet strong with a win.

Bel Birkholtz and Mazie Hopp both dropped three seconds in the 200 Freestyle (JV). In the varsity heat, Gonzalez dropped nearly 30 seconds from the start of the season with Val Lozano dropping 3 seconds.

In the 200 IM (JV), Sabina Moe dropped nearly 30 seconds from the start of the season, and Olivia Holmberg dropped exactly 1 minute. To continue the time drops in the varsity heat, Robinson dropped 20 seconds as well to get herself the second fastest time on the team.

Destiny Dukowitz won the JV 50 freestyle with a new best time of 35.77 and then Joelle Bounds took 2nd in the varsity heat with her new best time of 28.60.

Moe dropped 17 seconds in the 100 butterfly (JV) and then Lili Schneider took 3rd in the varsity heat with a 12 second time drop for a 1:24.25. Lozano followed up with a 7 second drop.

Mirela Forner set a best time of 1:22 in

the 100 Freestyle (JV) and Hopp dropped 7 seconds herself. In the varsity heat Reem dropped 4 seconds and Robinson 5 seconds.

In the JV 500, Dukowitz dropped over 2 minutes from the start of the season. In the varsity heat, Brooke Ferdon dropped 34 seconds and Leah Crider dropped 1.5 minutes from the start of the season.

The JV 200 free relay of Dukowitz, Carter, Ferdon, and Gonzalez had their best time and won the heat.

Birkholtz dropped 13 seconds in the 100 backstroke (JV). Schneider then took 2nd in the varsity heat and dropped 5 seconds.

Holmberg dropped about 50 seconds in the 100 breaststroke (JV) to take 3rd. Bounds (3 seconds), Reem (12 seconds), and Crider (9 seconds) all had times drops in the varsity heat as well.

The Cardinals also competed at Foston-Bagley on Oct. 9.

Top 3 finishers and other varsity highlights:

The medley relay of Leah Crider, Lili Schneider, Malaya Reem, and Joelle Bounds took 2nd.

In the 200 freestyle, Schneider (2nd) and Reem (3rd) both had best times.

Evelyn Gonzalez 3rd in the 200 IM. Bounds then won the 50 freestyle out-touching two girls right next to her.

Reem was 2nd in the 100 butterfly. Bounds dropped a second off of her 100 freestyle to take 2nd place.

In the 500 freestyle Robinson took 3rd.

The 200 free relay (Varsity) of Reem, Robinson, Bounds, and Schneider took 2nd.

Gonzalez took 3rd in the 100 backstroke. Schneider won the 100 breaststroke with Robinson taking 3rd.

Big outdoor business



Local quarry

Part of Minnesota's deer herd gathers in the woods. (Photo by Ray Gildow)

By Ray Gildow

I can hardly believe it but I have been hunting deer for 57 years. I started when I was 16. My first hunt was near Craigsville in northern Minnesota. Well, it should have been 58 years, but the season was closed in 1971 because Minnesota had some back to back harsh winters that nearly wiped out the deer herd in the state.

I remember hunting in 1970 and seeing about three sets of deer tracks in nine days of hunting. I also remember my hunting equipment; Sorrel boots, long johns, blue jeans, a red wool parka, a 16-gauge shotgun and a Bowie knife. I was one of the lucky ones that year, I got a deer. I remember seeing three other

hunters in the woods in 1970. There were slightly over 250,000 firearm deer hunters in 1960.

Fast forward to 2018. The deer herd is healthy and the DNR estimates there will be over 500,000 people hunting deer this year, using bows and firearms, with the deer season going from September until the end of December. More people hunt deer than any other outdoor sport in the state and the economic impact is huge.

Economically, the DNR estimates that \$260 million was spent in retail last year. \$33 million was collected in state and local tax revenue. The overall economic impact from deer hunters was estimated at \$458 million.

All hunting-related ex-

penditures in Minnesota totaled \$725 million and deer hunters spent an estimated \$400 million on just equipment. Hunters spent \$90 million on other items such as magazines, membership dues, licenses, permits, land leasing and ownership. The DNR estimates that overall, deer hunters, other hunters and folks who do activities in the outdoors spend over \$1.3 billion each year in Minnesota.

Yes, deer hunting is really big business and it is great for our state. It points to the importance of keeping our deer herd healthy. Years ago, the largest number of deer were found in the northern woods of Minnesota. Now the animals can be found in good numbers across wide sections of the state.

The economic impact of deer hunting can be seen from the Canadian border to the Iowa border. Most of our rural communities rely on the seasonal business of deer hunting. One of the local store owners in my town told me the deer hunting weekend is, by far, the busiest period of the year for them. It is a big deal and a tradition that we all continue to enjoy. No wonder we call it a state holiday.

So, in the years that I have been hunting, the number of hunters has more than doubled and so has the economic impact on our state. It really is big business.

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Crash on Hwy 64 near Motley

The Motley Fire and Rescue Department, Staples Ambulance and the Minnesota State Patrol responded to a two-vehicle crash two miles north of Hwy 210 on Hwy 64. The incident took place on Oct. 10, shortly after 11 a.m. According to the report, one of the vehicles

was rear-ended and one person was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. A medical incident prior to the crash could have been a contributing factor, the report said. No serious injuries were reported. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley's water tower will be painted by Tri State Coatings

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Tri State Coatings out of Wadena is the company contracted to paint the City of Motley's water tower in 2019. Their total estimated price, which includes the addition of a new logo, is \$172,000.

The decision was approved by the Motley City Council at their regular meeting Oct. 8.

Estimates from three companies were considered prior to the vote. In addition to Tri State's, the council considered estimates from Maguire Iron out of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Viking Industrial Painting out of Evansville.

Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Supervisor, has been working on this project for over a year and narrowed the contract options

to these three companies. Recently, he met with each company individually. Also in attendance were Lacey Smieja, City Clerk/Treasurer; and council members Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan.

Maguire Iron's estimated price, along with the addition of a logo, was \$186,175. It included a two-year warranty.

Viking Industrial Painting's total estimate, revised on the last day to include the addition of a logo, was \$174,700. They offered a three-year warranty.

Brotherton told the council that all three companies had decent references. He felt that Tri-State Coatings and Viking Industrial Painting had plans that were laid out better than Maguire Iron's. There were "no surprises," he said, adding that he felt either of the first two companies were capable of the job.

Johnson said that he would like to go with the local company out of Wadena. This was an aspect that fellow council member Amy Hutchison agreed with.

Council member Jace Carlson said he liked that Viking Industrial Painting offered a three-year warranty. Brotherton said that if there was going to be a problem, it would most likely be evident within two years. Tri State Coatings offered a two-year warranty.

In the end, the council voted to go with Tri State Coatings. Carlson was the lone nay-sayer.

A representative from Viking Industrial Painting expressed his disappointment with their decision, stating that they had been excited to work with the city on this project.

In other matters the council:

- DISCUSSED a request from Motley-Staples Middle School art students to put a wooden sign in Motley that showcases their Cardinal spirit. Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton advised it should be placed 40 ft. or more from the fog line. They would like to place one by each welcome sign entering the city on the highways. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja will respond to the students.

- APPROVED the Motley Fire Department's request to apply for a grant from the MN Department of Public Safety. If awarded, they intend to purchase a turnout gear washer/

extractor and dryer as approved by the State Fire Marshal.

- APPROVED a request from Police Chief Jason Borash to keep the squad vehicle at home on certain occasions. Prior to the vote, Borash explained that he lives in Little Falls, so when he has early morning meetings at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (in Little Falls) it makes sense to already have the vehicle there, rather than driving first to Motley to exchange vehicles. As part of the motion, Borash will notify the police liaison prior to those times he will keep the squad vehicle at his house.

- APPROVED the MPD's request to purchase a less lethal shotgun along with modifications. The total cost for a used one is estimated at \$274.

- APPROVED the request of Chief Borash to attend the TZD (Toward Zero Deaths) Conference in Mankato in October and to drive the squad vehicle there.

- APPROVED the purchase of a plow for the 2018 GMC Sierra truck as requested by Brotherton. The estimated price is \$5,750 which includes installation.

- APPROVED a motion to appoint Brotherton and Smieja as managers of the Wellhead Protection Plan.

- LEARNED that there had been a sewer backup in the city the previous week and that a resident had paid to have the problem taken care of, not realizing it was the city's responsibility. The council approved reimbursing the resident \$250.

- APPROVED a request from Smieja to purchase a new outdoor bulletin board. The cost is approximately \$600.

- APPROVED a resolution accepting a grant from Compeer Financial Corporate Giving in the amount of \$3,000 to be used toward the purchase of a new infrared/thermal imaging camera. As part of the grant stipulations, the city must contribute an equal amount.

- APPROVED comprehensive updates to the Personnel Manual.

- APPROVED the MPD's request to allow the police department to have an extended workweek of 14 days, running concurrently with the 14 day pay period.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program).....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
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
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. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 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
Pastor Greg Leslie
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
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

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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Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
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.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
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Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 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. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Hwy. Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

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Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

The Bible tells us an ancient, yet timeless story about two brothers. Their names are Cain and Abel. They both bring a sacrifice to God, but Cain's is half-hearted while Abel's is whole-hearted. God prefers Abel's big heart to Cain's stingy heart and so Cain becomes angry and jealous of Abel. At this point, God tries to reason with Cain and says, Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. (Genesis 4:6-7)

God loves Cain, so he shows him what sin is like. He says that sin wants to have him - like a cougar ready to pounce. Cain can rule over sin, or be ruled by sin. There is no

neutral here. There's no playing around. It's a tooth and nail, all out, throw down fight to the death.

Tragically, Cain chooses to disregard God's words. In his anger, he murders his brother, lies to God about it, and only feels sorry for himself when he's punished. Sin rules over Cain.

The good news is that we can go a different route. We can heed God's loving warning. We can call out to Jesus our Savior and defeat the sins in our lives. But we can't do it on our own. We need God's weapons and God's help.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:10-11)

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Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 2 - The MPD responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at the 1000 block of Hwy 10 S. Minor damage reported.

Oct. 2 - The MPD responded to a call from Motley-Staples Middle School which resulted in three juveniles being cited.

Oct. 1 - The MPD responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley. Vehicle one was traveling eastbound on Hwy 10 and was turning east onto Hwy 210. Vehicle one failed to yield on a green light and turned in front of vehicle two, which also had a green light and struck vehicle one in the passenger side. Both drivers stated they were uninjured and declined medical assistance. Vehicle one sustained minor damage and vehicle two, moderate damage. The driver of vehicle one, Devon Smithson, 21, was given a citation for failing to yield to oncoming traffic at a controlled intersection.

Oct. 3 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic situation at the 8000 block of Dollars Dr. in Pillager. The male subject was

transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples for his injury. The female subject was taken into custody and transported to the jail where she was booked for domestic assault/harm. However, the result of her pbt (preliminary breath test) was .26 and she had to be transported to St. Cloud Detox on a police hold.

Oct. 2 - The MCSO responded to a vehicle crash at Bugle Rd. in Cushing.

Oct. 2 - The MCSO received a report of a stolen camper at the 2000 block of 320th St. in Cushing.

Oct. 1 - The MCSO responded to a wood stove fire at a house near 260th St. in Cushing. Randall Fire arrived and put out the fire.

Oct. 10 - The MPD received a report of a stolen cigarette butt ash can from the Eastwood Inn Apartments in Motley.

Oct. 10 - The MPD received a report of a fake \$20 bill that had been passed at a local business. All paperwork has been filed with the Secret Service.

Oct. 10 - The MCSO received a call from Unity Bank in Motley regarding fraud.

Oct. 8 - The MCSO received a call from Crow Wing Power regarding theft of services.