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State champion run

Audrey Brownell is the first runner to cross the finish line at the Minnesota State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 1, to become the state champion. See story, page 7a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Section champions, headed to state Staples-Motley football players celebrate with their Section 6AA champions trophy after beating Osakis 36-30 on Nov. 1. The Cardinals play in the state tournament on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at St. Cloud Tech High School. (Photo by Staples-Motley School District)

Knosalla to speak at Veterans Day event

Area veterans and community members are invited to attend the Veterans Day program at Staples-Motley High School gym at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11. Sacred Heart Area School will also hold a Veterans Day program at 1:15, with doors open at 1 p.m. For the Staples-Motley High School program, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Staff Sergeant E5 Larry Knosalla will be the guest speaker. He is planning on talking about "Veteran Brotherhood." Knosalla graduated from Staples High School in 1963. He was drafted in 1967 and became a Drill Sergeant until getting orders for Vietnam. Following Vietnam, he attended St.

Cloud State, married his wife Judy and worked at Dezurik, a manufacturer in Sartell. He later was a dealer for manufactured homes. Knosalla has helped many other veterans with government paperwork, helping them navigate the VA system and upgrading their disability rating to fit with the service they gave to the country. The high school ceremony will also dedicate 13 pavers that will be placed in the Staples Veterans Park. Pavers will be for: • ADR3 Robert Lyle Case, Jr., U.S. Navy Vietnam, USS Ranger • Private E2 Eugene Dennemeyer, U.S. Army Reserves

- E6 Anthony J. Dolezal, USAF, Army National Guard
- E6 Christopher Dolezal, USAF
- E7 Francis A. Dolezal, USAF, USAF Rerve
- Henry R. Dolezal, U.S. Army WWII
- E4 Troy T. Houde, U.S. Army Gulf War
- A/2C Harlan F. Killian, USAF Korea
- E3 Tamara L. Mack, USN Gulf War
- GS2 Duane J. Overby, USN Korea
- Tec 5 Louis C. Overby, WWII Army
- DT Milton Peterson, USN Vietnam
- Corporal James (Toedter) Tater, "U.S. Army



Rehearsing a song from "The Addams Family"

Rehearsals are underway for the Staples-Motley High School musical, "The Addams Family," to be presented at Centennial Auditorium in Staples Nov. 14, 15 and 16 (Thursday - Saturday) at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. Pictured above, from left, are Cecily Moe, Owen Roline, Olivia Opheim, Noah Larson, Ruby Thoe,

Sayde Anderson, Addie Brenny. Justin Edin is the artistic director for the show; Cade Bestland is the musical director; Brian Sterriker is the choreographer/pit director; and Daren Blanck, along with the theatre class, doing set design. Tickets will be available at the door. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

CLC enters national ag coalition

Central Lakes College, a founding member of the Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3), announced a ground-breaking initiative with U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS). This \$9-million, four-year program is part of a cooperative agreement between C2A3 and USDA-NRCS to create a national agriculture center for two-year colleges and connect more students to agriculture career pathways. C2A3 is a collaboration of nine schools across eight states that began eight years ago as a 501c3 organization. In addition to CLC,

member schools are Clark State College, Springfield, OH; Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL; Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, IN; Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD; Northcentral Technical College, Wausau, WI; Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE; Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar, IA; and Richland Community College, Decatur, IL. "C2A3 began as a Midwest consortium," said Executive Director Tracy Kruse. "But with this partnership, we will be able to expand to include colleges from across the nation. Our goal is to have at least 50 community and technical college mem-

bers by the end of the four-year award period." C2A3 will become a national hub for two-year ag education, developing expertise and regionally specific programming and curriculum that can be replicated across the country. Through this alliance, member colleges can access these resources and gain assistance in building partnerships with their local and state USDA-NRCS offices. Astrid Martinez, Director of the Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance division with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, has been active in getting this agreement established.

"C2A3 schools will increase students' interest in agriculture, natural resources, and conservation, with a focus on preparing students for USDA jobs. National skill standards will be developed in natural resource conservation, precision agriculture, and agronomy," said Martinez. "This is an important step in developing the next generation of agricultural leaders." The national ag education consortium will also encourage applied research and outreach activities on college farms and urban agriculture facilities. Several C2A3 schools already have continuous projects in place that are related to See **CLC** on page 10a

Weather

2024

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 6	49°	31°	Cloudy
Nov. 7	47	33	Sunny
Nov. 8	54	37	M. Sunny
Nov. 9	56	41	Cloudy
Nov. 10	50	36	Showers
Nov. 11	51	39	P. Sunny
Nov. 12	50	36	M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 6	34°	25°	Cloudy
Nov. 7	40	33	Cloudy
Nov. 8	42	36	Sunny
Nov. 9	40	31	P. Sunny
Nov. 10	33	30	Cloudy
Nov. 11	41	32	M. Cloudy
Nov. 12	43	32	M. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 43° Low = 28°

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Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

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Obituaries

Roberta Breyen

Paul Etzler

Olde Tractors cross Mackinac Bridge

Verde Pepin, 89, is a long-time resident of the Motley area, affectionately called ‘Riverman’ by the many students that had him for a teacher during his 34 years teaching in Motley. He lives on the Crow Wing River, Pepin said, explaining where that nickname came from. “I think Greg Frisk came up with that,” he laughed, recalling his former student.

In addition to his work in education (he taught a variety of subjects along the way and all grade levels, from K-12), Pepin’s kept busy with farming, as well as collecting classic cars and vintage tractors. He started driving tractors at age eight, growing up on a farm in Swanville. By the time he was 11, Verde was diskings the fields, he said. “That was the same year Roosevelt died,” he added.

Yes, he has a lot of good memories of farming and tractors, and now he’ll add one more to his collection, thanks to his friend and former student, Steve Zetah, who invited Verde to join him in driving their vintage tractors across the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan this past September. Upon their return, Verde sat down with pen and paper to document the highlights of the special trip. He agreed to share his story with *The World*.

I was surprised last March when my friend, Steve Zetah, called and asked me if I would like to join him on a tractor ride over the famous five-mile long Mackinac Bridge. He said it had been on his bucket list for years and decided that this was the year.

I thank Steve for taking care of all the preparatory work to make this happen as one does not just decide to drive a tractor across the bridge and then do it, as it is a well organized event and has been the weekend after Labor Day for the past 16 years. There were a number of issues to deal with. Steve made a number of contacts and many phone calls were exchanged.

One of the first things we had to do was join a tractor club that was recognized by the overhead committee. We ended up joining the All American Tractor Club which was a local Michigan Club. Information had to be given as to year, make and model of the tractor one was driving. They had to be able to maintain a speed of close to 10 miles an hour and be at least 40 years old. This eliminated most models of John Deeres built before 1941 and many other older models of other makes, too, as they could not reach that speed. However, Steve’s 1937 A John Deere was equipped with an aftermarket add on gear box that was built by the Behlen Manufacturing Co. in Nebraska for A’s and B’s which gave them two extra road gears. Another



From Motley to Mackinaw City

Verde Pepin of Motley is pictured with his 1950 Farmall C demonstrator tractor that he drove across the five-mile

long Mackinac Bridge in Michigan this past September. (Photo by Jennifer Kiel, Michigan Farmer/Farm Progress editor)



Checking off his bucket list

Steve Zetah, 67, of Lincoln recently fulfilled a long-time dream of participating in the antique tractor parade across the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan. He’s pictured with his 1937 John Deere A tractor prior to driving across the five-mile long bridge that stretches from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace. Zetah’s tractor is part of a collection that includes other vintage mod-

els, including a 1938 John Deere B that was his grandfather’s. Zetah shared the recent experience with his friend (and former teacher) Verde Pepin of Motley, who drove his 1950 Farmall White C demonstrator in the parade. The two trailered their tractors 600 miles each way for their journey. (Photo by Jennifer Kiel, Michigan Farmer/Farm Progress editor)

company built a road gear option for some Farmall models so I did see a few F-20s from the ‘30s there.

I drove my 1950 Farmall White C demonstrator. White Farmall C demonstrators are not considered rare tractors although they are not commonly seen at public events. International Harvester designed them to help promote a mid century sales campaign they were involved in. The white Cs were the first built of the 1950 models with the intention of getting one to each dealer to take out to the farms and demonstrate with. Mine was built Dec. 22, 1949 which makes it an early

one. I used to hear people say that one a bright sunny day the shining white paint was real hard on the eyes. A few white cubs and super As were built, too.

More contacts were needed with the Crossing Bridge committee as well as the bridge authority, and this all took some time, so by the first of June Steve had all the final registration work in place.

We left early in the morning on Sept. 5, taking Steve’s pickup and trailer with our tractors loaded for the 600 mile drive and stayed in Escanada, Mich. that night with 140 miles to go on Friday. We got to the bridge

about noon and crossed over to the south side to Mackinaw City where the staging area was set up two miles from the bridge. After we unloaded the tractors and got checked in, we met some of the folks that Steve had been making contacts with earlier in the year. Time went fast as we spent time looking at hundreds of tractors from 28 states and Canada, and visiting with other tractor drivers and enthusiasts. Soon it was time to drive back across the bridge to St. Ignace where a large number of the tractor folks were staying.

Saturday morning buses started picking up the trac-

tor people (pass required) from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. at the Little Bean East Event and Community Center which is a very large building and even has a hockey rink in it. A little after 6 a.m. we were on the eighth bus load, with more to follow, and back across the bridge in the dark with all the lights on (a pretty view) to the staging area on the south side which was the starting point. It was exciting as hundreds of tractors were running and getting their final tune ups. At 8 a.m. all engines were turned off for a short drivers meeting. This was followed by an opening ceremony, including the raising of the American flag, a veteran spoke briefly, and the Star Spangled Banner was sung.

At 8:30 the first of the tractors began to leave for the trek across the bridge. Our club group line up number was B24 and we took off about 9:45. During the first two miles before the bridge several tractors had pulled over with issues and did not want to stop on the bridge. We did go around one tractor that had stopped on the bridge ahead of us. It was only 46 degrees that morning and with a 24 mph wind, it was a cold ride. Once we got to the bridge things got interesting. We were kept to the far right next to the catwalk. With the high winds over the bridge, I had to hold one hand on my cap while the other one held the steering wheel. A number of cups, small flags and other items blew off people and tractors which is expected each year. Once we got to the mid point on the bridge and driving only a few feet from the edge, that three ft. high railing on my right seemed

very low when riding on a tractor.

I soon decided it was wiser to look more to my left toward the center of the bridge than over my right near wheel down 200 feet to the water. I think it was easier on my heart, too. Yes, sitting on an open tractor riding near the edge of the bridge is definitely a different experience than riding in an enclosed vehicle more to the center which we did five other times those two days.

Once we crossed the bridge, it was another two miles to the Little Bear Arena which was the final stopping point. This included driving through the main street of St. Ignace where spectators were lined up on both sides of the street waving to us. The last of the tractors crossed the bridge about 2:30 p.m. Hundreds of tractors were parked here with a lot of conversation taking place. There were a number of activities provided for everyone and the day wound down with an ice cream social in the arena.

The event was capped at 1,500 tractors, but the official count of tractors actually crossing the bridge was 1,265. Some drivers that didn’t cross the bridge stayed in Mackinaw City and toured the town. This is where we loaded our tractors and both of them performed flawlessly for the entire event. Sunday we made the trip back home, unloaded the tractors, shook hands for a good time and thanks to Steve again for doing all the leg work. Finally, yes, it was a great ride!

By, Verde Pepin
Motley, Minn.



Up-close view of the bridge

Steve Zetah of Lincoln snapped this photo while driving his antique tractor across the five-mile long Mackinac Bridge in Michigan. According to Wikipedia, the Mackinac Bridge (also referred to as the Mighty Mac or Big Mac) is a suspension bridge that connects the Upper and Lower peninsulas of the U.S. state of Michigan. It connects the city of St. Ignace to the north with the village of Mackinaw City to the south. (Submitted photo)



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Motley area law enforcement

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

Oct. 23 - 29

Oct. 18 - Motley Police assisted Morrison County in searching for a missing child in Cushing. While the officer was enroute, the child was found.
Oct. 21 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Dogwood Ln., Motley.
Oct. 18 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle that was seen on a trail camera at the 25000 block of Basswood Rd., Cushing.
Oct. 29 - Motley Police issued a speeding citation to Rhonda Gayle Mielke, 53.
Oct. 29 - Motley Police responded to a vulnerable

adult crime at the 900 block of Eastwood Ln. S., Motley.
Oct. 28 - A Morrison County deputy issued a speeding citation to Lee Gerald Fundanet, 50.
Oct. 27 - Morrison County deputies assisted state patrol on a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and 340th St., Motley, serving as cover officers.
Oct. 25 - A Morrison County deputy responded to a report of a vehicle accident at Hwy 210 and Hwy 64 in Motley.
Oct. 25 - The MCSO received a report of harassment at Pine View Blvd., Motley.
Oct. 25 - The MCSO received a report of harassment at the 2000 block of Red Oak Ln., Motley.
Oct. 23 - The MCSO received a report of illegal burning at the 2900 block of Pine View Blvd., Motley.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1978. 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.

Looking back

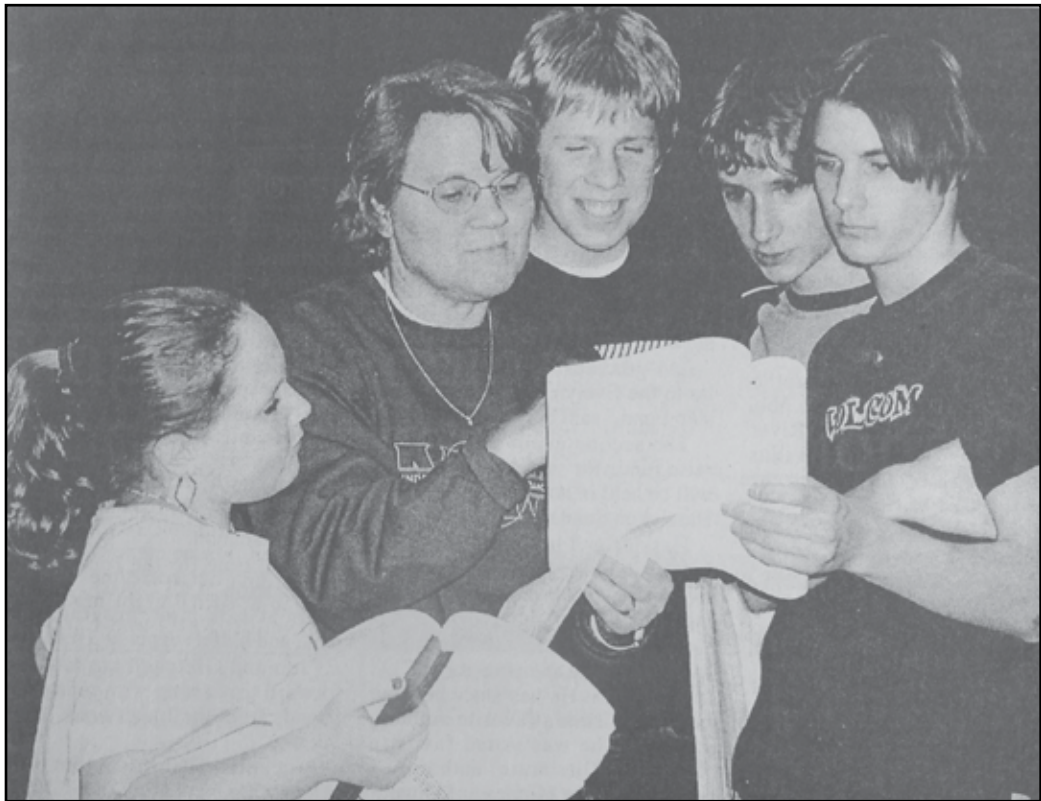
Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept:
Oct. 15, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE regarding an individual who ran away and possibly having mental health problems. Police found that this individual assaulted a family member and arrested Nicholas Goranson, 21, for Second Degree Assault.
Oct. 16, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic assault on the 400 block of 4th St. SW. Police arrested Donovan Logering, 30, of Staples, on charges of domestic assault and disorderly conduct. Also assisting was the Todd and Wadena County Sheriff's Depts. Logering was transported to the Todd County Detention Center to be held for court.
Oct. 18, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Hwy 10 E. in Staples for a theft of mini bike. The officer, along with Todd County Sheriff's Dept. attempted to speak with the possible suspect, but no contact was made. The area was checked for the stolen mini bike which was not located.
Oct. 18, Staples Police were informed of a four wheeler parked on private property. Police found that the individual forced entry into an apartment complex at the 500 block of 2nd Ave. NE. Police are investigating.
Oct. 18, Staples Police along with Todd County Sheriff's Dept. were dispatched to the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE for an individual tampering with motor vehicles. Police arrested and cited Brodey Kropuenske, 26, for a probation violation and tampering with a motor vehicle.
Oct. 19, Staples Police were informed that an individual was on their way to the police department with their four year old child who was actively choking. Police, along with an off duty Browerville EMT member, provided first aid to the child. The child started breathing and was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital by the Staples Ambulance.
Oct. 19, at 7:38 p.m., Staples Police responded to a vehicle stuck on the railroad track at the 100 block of 6th St. SE. Officer arrived in the area and found the vehicle was stuck on the railroad tracks and had gone through the road closed barriers. No one was in the vehicle. Officer observed a female walking on Hwy 10 but the unknown female would not come back to the area. Tow company arrived on scene and towed the vehicle. Officer spoke to the vehicle owner by phone and made them aware of what they did and the seriousness of leaving the vehicle on the train tracks. Owner will have to pay the tow company to retrieve the vehicle.
Oct. 20, Staples Police responded to a disturbance call at the 300 block

of Dakota Ave. SW. Officers found two individuals yelling and arguing. Reporting party told officers that the suspect was banging on his door and making threats. The suspect continued to yell and swear at the reporting party and was aggressive towards him. Officers placed the suspect, Zachary Billman, 34, under arrest for disorderly conduct. Suspect continued to yell and use foul language the entire time.
Oct. 20, Staples Police were dispatched to the 1100 block of 5th St. NE regarding a break in that occurred at a business. Police were assisted by the Todd County and Wadena County Sheriff's Depts. and Verndale Police Dept. Police, along with assisting agencies, cleared the building and found it to be unoccupied.
Oct. 22, Staples Police assisted the task force with a search warrant. Maria Jackson, 24, was arrested on drug charges and transported to Todd County Detention Center.
Oct. 23, Staples Police came across a cow loose on the roadway near the 2500 block of Thunder Rd. Officer was able to locate the owner and the cow was returned.
Oct. 25, Staples Police received a report of a cargo truck driving on Hwy 10 with its rear door open and was losing boxes out of the rear of the truck. Police made contact with the driver and advised them.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949
• Nov. 10, 1949 - Staples city will be resplendent this coming holiday season with some of the most modernistic Christmas lighting in the nation, according to Gordon Ellis, chairman of the Christmas Street Decoration committee of the Staples Civic & Commerce Association.
• Nov. 10, 1949 - New Buick Special at Scharf Chevrolet Co. in Staples - A 4-Door Sedan priced at \$2,353.75. Immediate delivery. Equipped with radio, heater, windshield washer, backup lights, signal lights, permanent anti-freeze. Telephone 208.
• Nov. 10, 1949 - Dick Nagel, of Pierz, took possession of the Noyes Barber Shop in the Ellis Building in Staples on Nov. 8, having purchased the equipment of Chester Noyes of Little Falls who purchased the equipment from Mr. Ellis several months ago.
Mr. Nagel is an experienced barber, and is a married man, and at the present time is looking for an apartment in Staples.
• Nov. 10, 1949 - Sunday, Nov. 6, was a memorable day for Motley. It was a day long looked forward to by the church members and other folks of Motley, the day for the dedicating of the beautiful new Methodist Church. Enos Windsor, Supt. of the Fergus Falls District of the Minnesota Conference, was guest speaker. There was special music by the choir.
• Nov. 10, 1949 - Miss Carrie Mayer, librarian of the Staples Public Library announced the first of the week that 17 new books have been added to the library in the past few days.
The list of new editions includes The Minnesota Book of Days by Swanson; Father Flannagan of Boy's Town by Oursler; Lead, Kindly Light by Sheean; Mary by Asch; Beloved Bondage by Yates; The Golden Apples by Welty; Opus 21 by Wylie; My Son and Heir by Holt; Bride of Fortune by Kane; I Married a Redhead by Musselman, and others.
• Nov. 10, 1949 - Through the efforts of James Randgaard, owner of the New Staples Theatre, a Baby Sitter Club has been organized in Staples, and anyone wishing to go to the movies, just has to call the Theatre, and a baby sitter will be available to them.
The "sitters" charge 25 cents per hour, and will be available for any occasion, stated Mr. Randgaard. He has a list of 18 eligible young women in Staples who will be willing to do the work.
50 YEARS Ago - 1974
• Nov. 7, 1974 - More than 200 head of livestock - cows, heifers, calves and pigs - were slaughtered by area farmers in an effort to draw attention to their plight of battling low prices for farm products. The livestock kill was held at the Dave Ondris farm, about four miles east of Pillager, Monday.
A spokesman for the group said, "we don't like to kill these animals any more than anyone else. But we feel that our situation needs a drastic move in order to attract attention to the fact that we're raising animals and having to sell them at a loss. I'm grateful that so many people are willing to make the sacrifice of some of their animals to demonstrate our plight."
By 11:30 a.m., about 120 calves, 35 pigs, 30 heifers and two full-grown cows had been slaughtered and dropped into a pit. The pit was about 100 feet long, nine feet deep and 10 feet wide. The animals were later covered with dirt.
• Nov. 7, 1974 - The members of Coach Myron Smith's Cardinal football chose tri-captains for 1975 at their squad meeting last week.
Heading the Cardinal team as tri-captains will be Doug Cizek, son of Mrs. Edward Cizek; Doug Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts; and Clark Dahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dahl.
• Nov. 7, 1974 - An estimated loss of \$800 in items were reported stolen from a mobile home in Staples over the past weekend according to the Staples Police Department.
H. Michael Carr, Staples Police Chief, said that the theft happened at the mobile home of Bruce A. Yager, which is located in the Knosalla Trailer Court.
• Nov. 7, 1974 - Patty and Ernest Converse of Motley had good luck fishing last Sunday as they caught a string of 12 walleyes.
The 12 walleyes weighed a total of 72 pounds, with the largest being 8 1/2 pounds. They were caught Nov. 3, in the Crow Wing River, north of Staples.
25 YEARS Ago - 1999
• Nov. 11, 1999 - Winning in astoundingly convincing style, the Staples Motley Cardinals are the 1999 state cross country champions. They had the first four runners crossing the finish line of the 5,000 meter race, and their fifth runner was only in 12th place.
Breaking their own state record set a year ago, the Cardinals scored just 22 points. The previous record was 24.
"Unbelievable," said Coach Gene Mattila. "Considering that the last time any other team had the top two runners was 1980, this

was an historic event."
Jeff Brever, in defending his own state title from a year ago, finished in 15 minutes, 42.1 seconds, about one second off the state Class A record.
• Nov. 11, 1999 - Two local women are among the cast of six performers who star in the Madhatters dinner theater presentation of three one-act plays about the elderly.
Anna Nice and Margo Hoemberg are in two of the productions set for Nov. 17, 17 and 18 at the River Inn in Aldrich.
Nice plays Megan Matthews in "Admit One." Hoemberg plays Mae Reynolds in "The Cat Connection."
• Nov. 11, 1999 - Unusually warm weather greeted hunters for the opening weekend of deer hunting, probably aiding some hunters in their quest for the white tail.
Area Department of Natural Resources personnel say nicer weather usually results in a higher deer harvest because hunters stay on their stands and in the woods longer than they would in cold or windy conditions.
However, this year the weather was so warm, many hunters complained that deer were just not moving. That may result in a lower overall harvest than would have been the case if the weather was a little cooler.
Still, close to 500,000 hunters took to the swamps, hills and woods throughout Minnesota over the past weekend.
10 YEARS Ago - 2014
• Nov. 6, 2014 - It's been over 60 years since Kenneth (Ken) LeVasseur was shot down during the Korean War, but he remembers the incident "like it was yesterday," he said recently at his home in rural Staples.
LeVasseur, 85, was a member of the United States Army's 11th Airborne Division and was in active service for six years. He earned a Purple Heart after being injured during the Korean War. In addition, he earned several ribbons and medals during his service.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Feb. 27, 2003 edition of the Staples World featured cast members of the Motley Staples Middle School's production of 'The Wizard of Oz' rehearsing. From left are Trista Koppes (Dorothy), Gloria Palmer (co-producer), Wade Anderson (The Tin Woodman), Ephrem Shaffer (Scarecrow) and Chris Olsen (The Cowardly Lion).
AJ Johnson (formerly Swenson),

a 2007 Staples-Motley graduate now living in the Twin Cities, correctly identified all, and remembered the name of the play as well. Tracy Stevens of Staples correctly identified Gloria Palmer, and thought two of the others might be Alan Schmidt and Megan King. Sam Metzler of Becker correctly identified all, as did Dianne Heldman of Staples. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.



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Staples-Motley schools following MN READ Act

By Staples-Motley School District

In May of 2023 Governor Walz signed into law the MN READ Act. The goal of this legislation is to have every Minnesota child reading at or above grade level every year, beginning in kindergarten, and to support multilingual learners and students receiving special education services in achieving their individualized reading goals in order to meet grade level proficiency.

There are several components to this legislation that Staples-Motley School District is focusing on this year. They include Professional Development for teachers of reading, screening students throughout the school year, and providing parents with information on how their student is doing in relation to grade level goals.

The MN Department of Education (MDE) was tasked with evaluating and recommending professional development options and screening tools that will be used throughout the state. Our district chose to use OL&LA for teacher professional development. This training will take about 45 hours for each teacher to complete. The OL&LA course focuses on the Science of Reading and evidence-based practices. Our teachers will be able to link the latest reading research to their teaching practice around the five main components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. We have 33 teachers participating in Phase 1 of this PD, most of them are at the Elementary School. Next school year, Phase 2 teachers, mainly MS & HS reading teachers will participate in a similar opportunity. We have built the majority of those hours into our school calendar. However, some time will be required outside teacher contracts and MDE has set aside funding dedicated strictly for teacher development for the MN READ Act, so our teachers will receive a stipend for successful completion of the training.

One of the screeners that MDE approved for schools to use with students is FastBridge.

FastBridge provides data that lets us know how individual students are doing compared to Norm groups across the na-

tion, as well as helps us to see individual student growth over time. Our district has been using FastBridge screeners for several years already. However, MDE is asking that we do additional screeners with students that will require additional resources of time for screening and training for staff. The READ Act requires schools to provide families with information regarding how students perform in relation to grade level targets. Again, this is something our district has already been doing, however, you will see a more formal letter and report that will be shared with families during conferences, if your child is not performing at grade level.

Do you ever wonder what teachers are doing on the Early Release and In-Service days, when your child is not attending school? Much of those days (about 25 hours each year) are dedicated to Professional Learning Committees also known as PLC's. This is a time that teachers collaborate in teams to talk about student data, instructional strategies, and work toward goals focused around student achievement. Last school year many of you participated in the Effective Schools Blueprint survey. Teachers and students also participated in this survey, which was put together in collaboration with Sourcewell, in an effort to help us understand perceptions around a set of effective school measures. From the feedback we received, our leadership team created specific goal areas within our Continuous Improvement Plan. Our teachers have also been reviewing the ESB survey results within their PLC's in an effort to set some goals within their teams. PLC teams also review how our school is doing in relation to teaching the MN State Standards in Reading, Math and Science. The MCA's that students take in the Spring give us this data, and we use this to understand how our system is performing. We can compare ourselves to neighboring districts, districts our size with similar demographics, and to the State as a whole. All of this data helps us create goals and action steps and informs our teaching practices to improve student achievement.

Rural high-speed internet slowed by red tape

By Heather Close, The Rural Blog

Part of the bipartisan infrastructure law aims to expand access to high-speed internet for all Americans. The rollout and the millions of dollars attached are overseen by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment, or BEAD, program.

NTIA was under the scope last week during a House subcommittee hearing on how BEAD was faring, reports Chris Teale of Route Fifty. The hearing included testimony about positive progress alongside criticisms. "The program said it has approved initial plans for 48 of the states and territories that are eligible to receive funding. . . . GOP subcommittee members argued that the program is too complex, not technology neutral, and has onerous pricing and workforce man-

dates" that make it harder for states to succeed.

Even though NTIA announced the approval of Montana's plan in early August, Misty Giles, the state's chief operating officer and director of the state Department of Administration "said in her written testimony that NTIA's requests and shifts in its guidance to states 'are akin to building a plane while flying it without having the necessary instructions to be successful,'" Teale writes. "She said the 'litany' of requirements place an undue burden on states looking to implement BEAD."

U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a Republican from Washington state and the chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, "said the 'burdensome red tape' from NTIA has created continued delays in the approval process," Teale reports. "NTIA rejected the House subcommittee's criticism. According to a fact

sheet the agency shared, the federal government has made more than \$20 billion available in funding and met or exceeded all deadlines imposed by the infrastructure law to keep the program on track."

The hearing hashed out other issues, including technology-neutral needs for some states, and low-cost requirements on internet service providers, which some committee members felt was government overreach. Still, many praised the program's planning and acknowledged its broad challenge. "Subcommittee members gave NTIA credit for recently announcing it would seek comment on the use of alternative technologies in BEAD," Teale reports. "Giles said, 'I understand that trying to have all states and territories swimming in the same direction in the same lane is no small task.'"

Quote of the week

“Our Republic and its press will rise or fall together. An able, disinterested, public-spirited press, with trained intelligence to know the right and courage to do it, can preserve that public virtue without which popular government is a sham and a mockery. A cynical, mercenary, demagogic press will produce in time a people as base as itself.”

— Joseph Pulitzer

Pre-season deer sign can take many forms

Within the next several days, one of the biggest unofficial holidays on the Minnesota calendar will arrive. In our state, deer hunting is an annual rite that verges on almost religious significance for many. While the archery deer hunting season has been open since September 14th, it is the general firearms deer season that is “the big dance,” to borrow a familiar term from college basketball’s major annual tournament.

The statewide firearms deer season begins Saturday November 9th, its precise length depending on the region or deer permit area you hunt in; most end November 17th or 24th. Of course, given the fine-tuning of modern wildlife management, there are also a number of special hunts, among them the four-day October youth hunt, a late special season for the containment of chronic wasting disease (CWD), and the 16-day “muzzleloader” hunt that ends December 15th. But in the grand scheme of Minnesota deer hunting, this coming weekend is the “real” opener, the most awaited, and the one that will fill our highways and byways with orange-clad hunters heading to deer camp.



Mike Rahn

Already there is “deer sign” in evidence in the rural areas where deer hunters will be congregating, evidence I’ve seen while engaged in other pursuits, like ruffed grouse hunting. Among the most conspicuous signs are the large, orange-painted, wooden Hides-for-Habitat boxes set out by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA). This program has been in place since 1985, and has generated roughly \$6.5 million for public land habitat improvement projects across the state to benefit deer and other wildlife.

Under the program, deer hides donated by hunters are collected by MDHA and sold to hide and fur buyers,

to become raw material for deerskin gloves, mittens, slippers, moccasins, gun cases, and even garments. More than a million deer hides have found their way from the many MDHA drop boxes—found at such junctions and gathering places as gas stations, bait-and-tackle stores, taverns, and even hardware stores—and into the lives of eager consumers. Some hunters skin and butcher their own deer, while others who have their deer processed can retain the hide and make their donation at these abundant and highly visible drop-off points.

More deer sign being seen in the hunting hinterlands is the signage at various establishments announcing the location as a site for the sampling of deer tissue to test for chronic wasting disease, which is debilitating and ultimately fatal to deer. Captive deer and elk farms have been blamed for its spread to multiple regions within the state.

In an effort to monitor and hopefully contain CWD, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is mandating that deer harvested on the opening weekend of November 9-10 in certain deer permit areas be tested for CWD. This includes “management zones” where CWD has already been detected in wild deer, and “surveillance zones,” where the danger of spreading to wild deer is deemed significant.

In other permit areas, testing is optional, but hunters may like the peace of mind of knowing that the venison they will put on the table came from a disease-free deer; testing results for a specific deer are shared with the hunter who harvested it. Some testing sites will be staffed by DNR personnel, while others are described as “self-service,” where a sample can be left for testing. Mail-in kits are available, too, but said to be “while supplies last.”

For more information, type “Minnesota DNR” in your computer or smartphone browser, then—at the DNR web site—type “CWD” in its search window. The most helpful links you will be directed to include “CWD management zones,” “CWD surveillance zones,” and “CWD deer permit area look-up,” the latter being where you can see if there are testing requirements for the area in which you hunt. The “CWD questions and answers” link also provides good background informa-

tion on this threatening disease.

A more familiar deer sign is what avid and resourceful deer hunters have already been scouting for where they plan to hunt. While not the only evidence, the most obvious is the cloven-hoofed prints of whitetail deer in soft earth. If the deer’s two main toes are not splayed apart, and ignoring the imprint of the small dew claws at the back of the foot, the main print faintly resembles a heart, split in twain.

One of the biggest whitetail deer tracks I’ve seen in a long time was found in the wet sand of a trail I followed recently while prospecting for grouse in an unfamiliar area. There are those who claim they can tell whether the deer that left a track was a buck or a doe. Others will contend vehemently that a track by itself is insufficient evidence. All else being equal, mature bucks are generally larger than mature does, and larger deer tend to leave larger prints. But can you tell a medium size buck from a large doe by their prints alone? Many think not. (Sadly, I don’t hunt deer where I found that humungous print!)

One sort of deer sign I encountered in mid-October was less than welcome. As I drove a county road near our home to retrieve mail held at the post office during a short vacation, a deer blind-sided me, striking my vehicle just ahead of the driver’s door. It appeared out of nowhere, out of a field of unharvested corn that was planted right up to the edge of the road ditch. Not only did I not see the deer before it hit me, but a search afterward revealed that it had apparently bounced off, picked itself up, and disappeared. Disappeared, but not before doing damage that may require two weeks in the repair shop, and cost my insurance company the price of an all-expenses-paid trip to a really nice destination! Not a welcome kind of deer sign, to be sure.

While spring flooding in some areas of Minnesota may have hurt whitetail fawn survival, the statewide deer herd is thought to have benefitted greatly from a very mild 2023-2024 winter. Minimal winter mortality, and pregnant does coming into the birthing season in good health, usually mean good things for deer numbers, and therefore for deer hunters. Just how good will be revealed over the coming days and weeks.

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Quote of the week

“I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion.”

— Alexander the Great

Quote of the week

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

— Ronald Reagan



Mobile meat units arrive with fanfare

Central Lakes College held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 14 to celebrate the arrival of the new mobile meat cutting units. The Minnesota State Board of Trustees attended the event and listened to speakers Hara Charlier, CLC President, Thom Petersen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner and Gary Wertish, Minnesota Farmers Union President. Below, the trailers are equipped with specialized meat-cutting equipment. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Help 'Light Up Staples!'

Parade of Lights will be Nov. 30

Businesses in Staples are encouraged to show their holiday spirit and bring joy to our community by decorating their storefronts by Saturday, Nov. 30. "Join the celebration and help transform Staples into a holiday wonderland," said event organizers, adding, "It's a great way to engage with residents and visitors during this festive season." A festive Holiday Parade of Lights event is planned for Saturday, Nov. 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a tree lighting ceremony to follow.

Mark Your Calendar

November 6

STAPLES AREA MEN'S CHORUS - FREE INFORMAL MUSICAL EVENT Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., at Frosty's Spirits & Social Club in Staples. Opportunity to see the chorus practice, visit with the members, meet the new director.

November 7

'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>

November 8

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 10

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

November 11

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

November 12

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info, call Dan at 218-640-7228.

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church basement, through Dec. 17. For more information, call 218-352-6888.



Painting class at the library

Artist Deb Edwards, above standing, recently taught a class on alcohol ink art at the Staples Public Library. Participants had a choice of painting a mug, ornament or greeting cards using the alcohol ink method. The program was made possible with the Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. To check upcoming programs stop by the library at 122 6th Street NE Staples or go to the website, griver.org. Above, front to back: Class participants Kathy Rutten and Julie Goff. (Submitted photo)

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Obituaries

Paul Etzler

Paul A. Etzler, 69, went home to be with the Lord on October 26, 2024.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Staples Alliance Church.

Paul was born February 10, 1955 to Bud and June Etzler.

Paul was blessed with three children, Joshua (Dawn) Etzler, Sarah (Josh) Werb, Lucas (Jenna) Etzler; seven grandchildren, Vanessa, Jacob Etzler, Jade, Jacoby, Zoey Werb, Hailey, Brihanna Etzler and one great-granddaughter, Izabella Etzler.

He is survived by eight brothers, three sisters and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

“Forever missed but never forgotten; God bless the memory of Paul.”

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples.

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Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages)9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 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., Staples218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult)9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Adult Bible Study6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St. NE, Staples218-894-2372
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class ...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples218-894-2248
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
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SUNDAY
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YouTube Channel10:00 a.m.

Cushing Baptist
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Pastor Dan Holmes320-749-2583
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study7:30 p.m.

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Swan Valley Lutheran
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Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
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Worship and Sunday School9:00 a.m.

Motley
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Motley 56466218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church
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Fr. Aaron Kuhn Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
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MASS:
Sunday10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting8:00 p.m.

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Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
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717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 2nd and 4th Sundays8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone218-746-3839
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
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curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering10:00 a.m.
Connection Point9:30 a.m.

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Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.

Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
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SUNDAY
Youth Prayer9:20 a.m.
Worship Service10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups6:30 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

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5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service9:00 a.m.
Bible Study10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church
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info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena
St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

Roberta Breyen

Roberta “Bobbie” Jean Breyen, 77, of Motley, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 28, 2024 at the Hennepin County Medical Center Burn Unit.

A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

Bobbie was born November 27, 1946, to Eugene and Florence Livgard.

Bobbie is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ralph; two daughters, Sharon (Sue) and Becki (Matt); one son, Phillip; three grandchildren, Jayde “Izak”, Rose (Hayden) Hebert and Morgan; three sisters, Nancy, Barbara and Bonnie as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the burn unit at Hennepin County Medical Center for their unwavering support, devotion and compassionate care they provided to her and our family until her final minutes.

Family fun tradition

Prior to hitting the ‘Treats on the Streets’ Halloween event in downtown Staples, the Winter siblings (Emmitt, Greyson, J.J.) stopped by the Staples World newspaper to visit their grandma, Janice Winter, who works there. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Linemen driving into the end zone

The Cardinal offensive line pushes their opponents into the end zone. Visible members are Jacob Becker (63), Steven Petrich (64) and Dustin Converse (68). See more photos, page 9a. (Photos by Staples Motley School District)

Cardinals win 36-30 to reach state tournament

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Colbe Tappe scored four touchdowns and Ben Tyrrell scored the winning touchdown as the Staples-Motley football team beat Osakis 36-30 on Nov. 1, winning the Section 6AA title and advancing to the state football tournament.

The Cardinals now play Barnesville for the first round at state on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at the St. Cloud Tech High School field.

In the section championship, the Cardinals overcame two turnovers, but they created two turnovers on their own. The game was won by steady offensive drives punctuated by big plays on both offense and defense.

Tappe had 21 carries for 170 yards, an average of over eight yards per attempt. The Staples-Motley offensive line opened many holes and once Tappe got into the secondary, he was hard to bring down, either evading tacklers or running through them for extra yards. The offensive line usually had Dustin Converse at center, Luke Bjerga and Steven Petrich blocking on the left side, with Jacob Becker and Riley Reese on the right side and Drake Dukowitz rotating in.

The Cardinal defense gave up a few big plays and a couple of long drives, but also made crucial stops to come out on top. Tyrrell and Tappe each had one tackle behind the line of scrimmage, while Converse, Alex Schultz, Sawyer Ferdon and Peyton Mithun each shared a tackle for loss. Linebacker Bjerga had a huge day with 13 total tackles.

Game summary

Going into the game, “We were confident, we were pretty sure we could win,” said senior Sawyer Ferdon.

Senior Peyton Mithun said “If we played like we know we can, we were going to win.”

The Cardinals started the game by moving the ball downfield, but lost it on a fumble. They allowed a long play for Osakis to score and found themselves in an early hole, 8-0.

The team was never rattled, knowing they would make it up.

“We should have scored on the first drive, it was just bad luck,” said Dukowitz.

“We just had to keep grinding,” said Mithun.

Staples-Motley scored quickly on the next drive. They spread the offense with five receivers and no running backs and Rutten threw a deep pass to Tappe over the middle and he raced past defenders for a touchdown. They missed on the extra point so it was still 6-8.

Osakis started to drive again but Ben Tyrrell blitzed from the corner and hit the Osakis quarterback, causing a fumble that Drake Dukowitz fell on.

After that turnover, Rutten hit Tyrrell with a short pass and he carried it another 25 yards inside the 20 yard line. From there Tappe made one of his bruising runs, slipping through a hole on the left side, knocking down one defender and dragging two

more to the one yard line. Tappe punched it in on the next play and Tyrrell added the two point extra point with a run over the right side and the Cardinals had their first lead of the game at 14-8.

Dukowitz said Tappe running to the left worked because Osakis may have been overprepared for Tyrrell running to the right.

“They were good on the counter play, their linebacker kept tight,” said Dukowitz. “But if the linemen don’t block it, Ben and Colbe can still find a hole.”

The defense forced a punt and Tappe went back to work with two strong runs. They reached the 21 yard line when Tappe went to the left side again, bounced outside, broke four attempted tackles and cruised along the sideline into the end zone for a 20-8 lead.

Staples-Motley recovered their onside kick on the kickoff, but the referee ruled it had been touched before it went 10 yards and Osakis had a short field to score another touchdown, making it 20-14 at halftime.

Despite the close score, the Cardinals were still confident at halftime.

“We were telling each other that we were the better team,” said Converse, “if we limit turnovers, it shouldn’t be a close game.”

They still had to figure out how to deal with the Osakis offense.

“Their quarterback was an athlete,” said Dukowitz.

Mithun said “He would go back to pass, wait until we were in coverage, then find a hole to make big plays.”

They also had a good wide receiver who was tall and made a lot of plays.

Osakis came out in the second half and scored the first touchdown, putting the Cardinals behind again, 20-22.

Facing a deficit, Staples-Motley responded again with another bruising drive, mostly running, with Tappe, Tyrrell and Bjerga getting big yardage. Tappe finished it off with a short touchdown and Conner Kuhns punched in the two point conversion for the Cardinals to take the lead at 28-22.

Osakis drove back down to the 15 yard line when a big defensive play changed the game. Osakis attempted a short pass, but Noah Larson, rushing from the left end position, leaped up and tipped the ball high in the air. Tyrrell dove to catch it before it hit the ground for an interception.

“That was a big play,” said Converse,

“That got us pumped up,” said Mithun.

The Osakis defense started tightening up on the running game, so Rutten slipped a short pass to Alex Schultz for a big first down. The drive reached the Osakis 45 yard line but they were facing a crucial third down. Receiver Peyton Mithun, lined up alone on the left side, ran a post route and Rutten hit him up the middle for a 27 yard gain.

“It was supposed to be an F-wheel to Colbe,” said Mithun. “I was just running the post to clear out the defenders, but they never pick up on the post. I wasn’t

expecting the ball, but I saw Eli throw it and I knew I had to hold on to it with my life.”

Mithun caught it while sliding to the ground and absorbed a big hit from the safety coming from the other side.

Tyrrell took it in from there, running through a hole on the right side, breaking a tackle and pushing two defenders into the end zone. Tyrrell added the two point extra point for a 36-22 lead late in the fourth quarter.

Osakis struck back quickly with a big play to close to within six points. They needed an onside kick but Rutten caught it cleanly. With more than two minutes left, the team needed a first down to run out the clock.

“We were confident we were going to get it,” said Dukowitz, “we had been running well all day.”

That came when Tappe hit the left side again, ran through a hole and went down inbounds to keep the clock running with a first down. Rutten just needed to kneel down on the next play to run out the clock and Staples-Motley celebrated their section title.

“It felt really good,” said Dukowitz, “it was something that hadn’t been done in 20 years,” as the last Staples-Motley team to make it to state was in 2004.

The team celebration was wild, with the fans joining in.

“The fans were getting so loud, it was great seeing all the red up there,” said Mithun.

Journey to state

This year’s Staples-Motley seniors have gone from 0-9 to 10-0 in a run of three years. As sophomores, a lot of them played on the varsity when they only scored eight touchdowns in nine games. But losing didn’t get the team down.

“The coaches made it fun, even when we didn’t win a game,” said Dukowitz. “A lot of us are friends and nobody dreaded coming to practice. We knew we could be good if we put in the time and effort.”

Mithun said they have always had their eye on the future. “Even in middle school, the coaches told us that if we stick together, we will win some games,” he said. He added that they spent a lot of time in the weight room and practicing, knowing how good the team can be if they worked together.

They improved to 8-2 their junior year and now are 10-0 and have advanced to the state tournament.

“We learned what it feels like to lose a bunch of games,” said Ferdon, “now we know the other side of it.”

Barnesville is the defending state runners-up from last year, and in three class polls this year they are ranked first, fourth and fourth. Staples-Motley is ranked 10th, 11th and 12th in those three polls.

The players said they have learned a little about their state opponent.

“We need to be disciplined on defense,” said Converse, “they do a lot of fakes. We have to be tackling everyone who might have the ball, not just rely on instinct.”

Brownell pulls away to win state cross country

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Audrey Brownell won the state cross country title after finishing second last year. She led the Staples-Motley team to a seventh place finish overall.

All of the Cardinals ran a steady race. Once they settled in after the first mile, they either held their positions or moved up, with Suhaila Mikhaeil and Leah Greenwaldt passing the most runners throughout the race.

Brownell has been ranked first in the state all year. She said she was confident going into the race, but she knew there were some potent runners trying to upset her.

“Audrey and I discussed possible challengers for a top finishers before the race,” said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. Those top runners were all in the lead pack for the first mile, along with a couple more runners right with them.

“We were confident that Audrey could outlast them all,” said Fuhrman.

“I knew the girl from Mankato Loyola was undefeated all year,” said Brownell, “so I knew if I set a pace where she couldn’t keep up, it would start to play mind games with her.”

Brownell started to make her move at the two kilometer mark of the 5K race. She opened up a gap with three challengers stringing out behind her.

Brownell increased that gap up to five seconds by the two mile mark, but the second place finisher was not falling much farther behind.

“At the two mile, I wasn’t sure if I had gone too early,” said Brownell.

But she kept her pace steady and nobody in the race ran a faster last mile as Brownell ended up winning by seven seconds in 18:17.

Aleea Holst had another good race as the second runner for the Cardinals, followed by Naila Mikhaeil. Bella Hines had been running with an injury, but gutted it out to come in as the team’s fourth runner, just ahead of Suhaila Mikhaeil. Elise Trif and Leah Greenwaldt were the next two runners.

Season improvement

The seventh place team finish was ahead of Minnawaska, who beat the Cardinals at the section meet. It marked a season-long improvement by the team.

“It was quite an experience for our girls team this season,” said Fuhrman. “We began to see the seven pack girls putting it together in October, at the St. Cloud State meet. From this point, our mid-team spread was much improved, with times dropping. I credit Bella and Naila for helping this become possible.”

Fuhrman said at the beginning of the season, the team set a goal to make it to state.

“It is important for me to see their goals and facilitate as best we can to help them



Aleea Holst



Suhaila Mikhaeil



Bella Hines



Naila Mikhaeil



Elise Trif



Leah Greenwaldt

accomplish their goals,” said Fuhrman. “We always want to end the season, as a team, at the state meet.”

Brownell’s goal to start the year was to win the state meet.

“Audrey is a hard working individual who understands many aspects of training and using it to become the athlete she is becoming,” said Fuhrman. “She understands the importance of logging miles, speed workouts, tempo running, rest, and other technical aspects required to become a great runner. I like to say, ‘we train smart’ and that gives her an edge.”

This was her first state cross country title to go along with two individual track titles, one relay title and two team cross country titles.

Team results

Minnesota State Cross Country Meet
Girls results

Cotter/Hope 116, Redwood Valley 121, Rochester Lourdes 150, United North Central 157, Hawley 164, St. Cloud Cathedral 165, Staples-Motley 225, Heritage Christian 229, Carlton-Wrenshall 234, Trinity at River Ridge 235, Greenway/Nashwauk/Keewatin 236, St. John’s Prep 246, Minnawaska 249, Canby/Minneota 20, Mankato Loyola/Cleveland/St. Clair 254, Mountain Lake/Comfrey 347

1. Audrey Brownell 18:17,



Dustin Converse and Jacob Becker line up players to block

Team results
Staples-Motley 36, Osakis 30

Rushing: Colbe Tappe 21-170, 3 TD; Ben Tyrrell 13-56, 1 TD; Luke Bjerga 4-26, Conner Kuhns 3-13, Eli Rutten 2-(-1)
Passing: Eli Rutten 9-11, 178 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.
Receiving: Tyrrell 3-37, Alex

Schultz 3-33, Tappe 2-81, 1 TD, Peyton Mithun 1-27
Kick-off returns: Tyrrell 2-38, Kuhns 1-10
Kickoffs: Alex Schultz 4-130 yards, Adrian Gomez 2-76

Tackles (solo-assists): Bjerga 3-10, Kuhns 2-2, Tappe 3-4, Steven Petrich 0-3, Noah Larson 1-5, Dustin Converse 0-3, Jacob Becker 1-3, Sawyer

Ferdon 1-4, Mithun 0-5, Benet Robinson 1-0, Alex Schultz 2-4, Turner Beachy 1-1, Ben Tyrrell 1-2, Beau Carlson 2-0, Drake Dukowitz 0-2

Pancake blocks: Becker 5, Converse 4, Petrich 4, Riley Reese 3, Bjerga 2, Dukowitz 1, Schultz 1, Adrian Gomez 1, Robinson 1

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 31, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$43,959.64

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

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

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

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

in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2020-R1 by assignment recorded on September 12, 2024 as Document Number A542768 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Fay Servicing, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0095800

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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DATE AND TIME OF

SALE: November 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

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

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

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Dated: September 25, 2024

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NOTICE MORRISON COUNTY AG ASSOCIATION/ MOTLEY FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Morrison County Ag Association/Motley Fair Board will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 immediately following the monthly meeting. Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 p.m.

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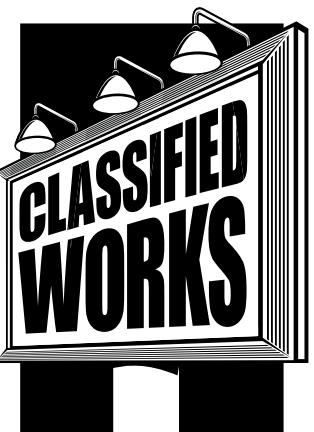
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Section 6AA champions

The Cardinal football team salutes their fans with their section trophy. Below, the fans show the love back to their team. (Photos from Staples-Motley School District)



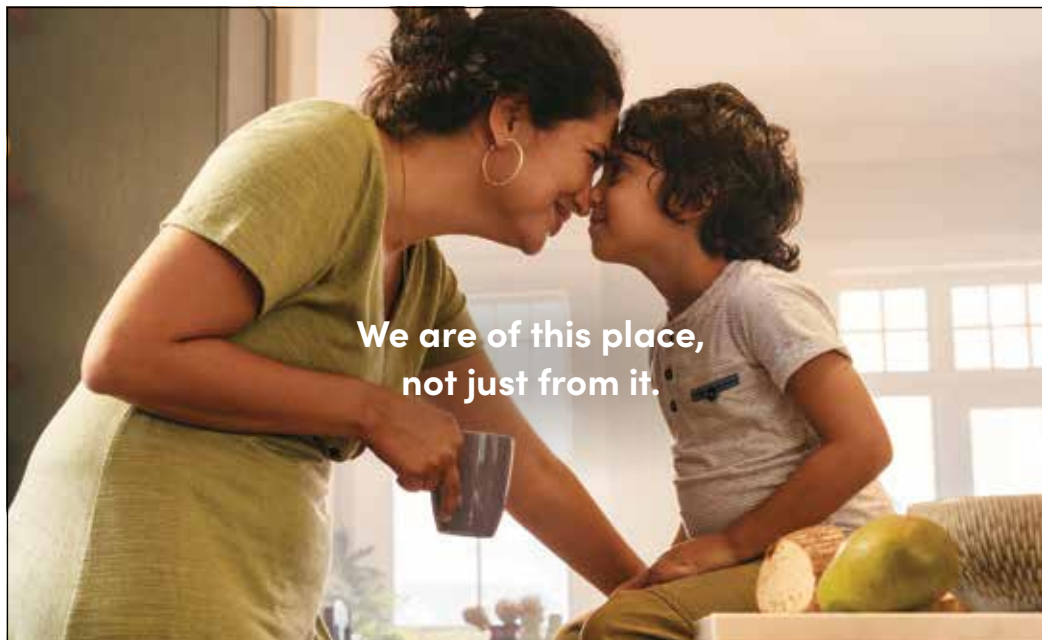
Colbe Tappe turns upfield on a touchdown run.



Peyton Mithun (8) and Adrian Gomez make a tackle.



Coach Drew Potter congratulates his team for a job well done.



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Ben Tyrrell evades a defender.



Luke Bjerga churns for extra yards.

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Proposed projects include artificial intelligence and precision livestock; crop drainage and irrigation management; soil quality, field/pasture renovation, and cover crops; water quality, pond, and wetland management; silvopasture management; and urban agriculture.

At Central Lakes College, the focus will be on using cover crops and livestock in cropping rotations to measure soil microbial health and organic matter gains, while building an economically viable model to share with producers and professionals that support producers through programs at (NRCS).

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"Agriculture plays a crucial role in our campus community and across the state," said Dr. Hara Charlier, President of CLC. "We're eager to continue this essential work to open doors for students to

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Kruse explained, "Student participation in applied research is the cornerstone of cultivating the next generation of agricultural innovators and problem solvers. By using real-life examples of conservation in classroom and laboratory experiences, students can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application."

"The rapid growth of technology in agriculture requires colleges to be nimble and respond quickly to changes within the industry," Kruse said. "This alliance will support the colleges and provide them the tools to rapidly respond to the workforce needs within agriculture."

This agreement will fund the hiring of four employees to implement this work, including the hiring of a national director, an

instructional designer, an outreach coordinator, and an executive assistant. The Alliance is expected to start this work immediately. For more information on C2A3, visit www.agalliance.net.



Minnesota State meets in Staples

Central Lakes College hosted the Minnesota State Board of Trustees meetings Oct. 14-16 in Staples. The board, which oversees all the state colleges and universities in Minnesota, toured the new

meat plucking mobile units on Oct. 14, then held committee and board meetings Oct. 15 and 16. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Popcorn, anyone?

Staples Women of Today members served popcorn at their "Movie Night" themed booth Oct. 31, during the Treats on the Streets event in Staples. Pictured from left are Shelly Zaffke, Lisa Fontaine and Jaime Wilkins. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Trick-or-Treating with Mom

Drone siblings Harper and Augustus of Staples had fun collecting candy at the Treats in the Streets event in Staples Oct.

31. Accompanying them was their mom, Logan Drone. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Treats on the Streets

The Treats on the Streets event attracted many different characters to downtown Staples on Oct. 31. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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