

Precious memories made while deer hunting

Steve Hoemberg, Jr. of Staples shares reflections

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Staples World mystery photo from two weeks ago featured the Hoemberg brothers (Doug, Steve and Donald) along with their deer, after a successful hunt north of Staples in 1970.

Among those who correctly identified the boys in the photo were sisters Molly and Meredith Hoemberg (ages 10 and eight respectively) who noted that Steve, Sr. is their grandpa and the other two, their great-uncles.

The girls hail from Staples, as does their dad, Steve Hoemberg, Jr. Recently, the younger Hoemberg generation collected memories of their own during the recent deer hunting season. Steve, Jr. took time to share some reflections of this tradition with the Staples World.

DID THE ARCHIVE PHOTO BRING BACK MEMORIES OF YOUR OWN BEGINNING HUNTING DAYS?

It really did. I can remember always getting together at my grandparents' house, full of aunts and uncles and cousins, all talking loudly about the day and preparing for the next. I have numerous pictures of family with hunters and kids standing by hanging deer.

I look forward to those kinds of fun family times during deer hunting, especially now that my own children can participate.

WHEN DID YOU START HUNTING? DID YOU HUNT WITH YOUR DAD

AND UNCLES?

I officially began deer hunting when I was 12 and was able to take gun safety, obtain my own tag and harvest a deer with a firearm.

Over the years our hunting party changed several times. When I first began hunting, it wasn't with either of the two uncles in the picture. But, for a number of years in my mid-20s, my dad and brother John and I hunted with my uncles Doug and Donald, and various members of their families.

WHAT SORT OF ADVICE DID YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR DAD AND UNCLES WHEN YOU WERE STARTING OUT?

There is never a shortage of advice from any Hoemberg boys. I remember clear advice about when to get in your deer stand, how long to sit there, how to process meat, how to gut your deer and things like that.

I remember my late uncle Donald specifically talking about the kinds of guns to buy for daughters that would be the safest; my uncle Doug's many different venison recipes, and my dad's insistence that deer aren't bothered by as many things as everyone thinks they are.

As I get older and now have my own kids hunting, there are other lessons I know I learned without being specifically told. Lessons about responsible shooting, working hard to help each other, taking care of your firearm, and most



Hoemberg family tradition

The sport of deer hunting has been a part of the Hoemberg family of Staples for several decades. Pictured above in 2006, the Hoemberg clan posed with the nine deer they tagged during a two-day hunting season. From left are Steve, Jr., his brother John, cousin Tammy,

Steve, Sr., uncle Donald, cousin Katie, and uncle Doug. Steve, Jr. noted that this is one of those memories he likes to brag about, as he shot six of the deer that year. This was the last year they were able to hunt together on the same land in rural Staples. (Submitted photo)

importantly patience and inclusion of young and new hunters.

IS SOME OF THIS ADVICE THE SAME ADVICE YOU'VE SHARED WITH YOUR DAUGHTERS?

It's still pretty early in the process for my girls, especially being Molly's first year that she can shoot. Meredith came along a few times just to sit in the stand.

Mostly, the biggest challenge is just keeping them on the lookout for deer. I tried not to laugh as I would frequently ask them if they were seeing any deer, and they tried not to smile as they fibbed about looking the whole time.

For my wife Wendy, also hunting for the first time, there was more conversation about strategy and things to do and look for. But I can tell you this question has certainly made me realize just how many things I've learned over the years and how important those fatherly influences are in the development of hunters. I'm very thankful to have had them, and to be one.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF HUNTING?

I have a number of fun memories. The one I frequently brag about was the year we hunted with my uncles and cousins in 2006.

We had 11 total tags to fill and only a two-day hunting season. That year we tagged nine deer and I shot six of them, using about the same number of bullets. I can already feel new favorite memories forming with my wife and kids and grandpa all hunting together.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE SPORT?

I like that I can do it with my family, all of us can participate, and that I can do it my whole life.

ARE THERE TRADITIONS THAT HAVE CARRIED ON SINCE YOU WERE A KID?

I suppose there are a few things we do to prep for the season and at the end, especially things I now realize I picked up from my dad, which I'm proud of.

But what stands out the most more recently has been the evolution of our deer stands. I can remember shivering in a rickety

tree stand with cardboard sides. Each year we go out in the fall and beef up a few things and add a few things. Now, all our stands have roofs and sides, some form of heat, and ladders we can trust. We even added a few windows this year and my wife and girls did some serious decorating to what we have dubbed, 'Molly's Stand,' which is also built on an old trailer frame in case she wants a change of scenery some day.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT DEER HUNTING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

The most critical element of successful hunting is having a place to do it. None of us in the family own enough land to hunt as a large group, so we have always been at the mercy of finding a good place. About a dozen years ago we were lucky enough to find the perfect spot about five miles north of Motley on Bill and Joyce Kuehn's property. I think it's fair to say they are now part of the family hunting party.

It first started with just my dad and brother and I out there, but now it's my wife and kids and even my father-in-law. I'm not sure they realize just what a gift their generosity has been to our family tradition.



Like father, like son

Steve Hoemberg, Jr., left, does some target shooting with his dad, Steve Hoemberg, Sr., prior to the deer hunting opener this year. (Submitted photo)



Deer stand

Their deer stands have evolved over the years, Steve Hoemberg, Jr. shared. Early on they were "rickety" with cardboard sides, but now they all have roofs, sides and some form of heat. (Submitted photo)



Teaching his daughters

Steve Hoemberg, Jr., of Staples, has been teaching his daughters the basics of deer hunting, just as his dad taught him years ago. Above: Steve and Molly, 10, are pictured in their deer stand north of Motley a few weeks ago. In lower photo is Steve's eight-year-old daughter Meredith. This was the first year Molly could shoot; and Meredith just came along to sit in the stand, Steve said. (Submitted photos)



With grandpa

In addition to advice from her dad, Molly Hoemberg picked up a few tips from her grandpa, Steve Hoemberg, Sr., while deer hunting for the first time this fall. (Submitted photo)



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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:

Nov. 18 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at the 200 block of Hwy 10 W, Motley. The subject involved in the activity left the area prior to the deputy's arrival.

Nov. 12 - The MPD called out Motley Fire and First Response to assist state patrol regarding a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210

in Motley.

Nov. 15 - The MCSO responded to a report of theft at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Nov. 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of a suspicious text message received by a resident in Motley. The message was threatening and came from an out-of-state number. The complainant stated he knew it was a scam but just wanted it on file.

Nov. 12 - The MCSO issued speeding citations to Jacynda Rodeman, 18; and Eric Wentworth, 30.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1945

• Nov. 29, 1945 - Final work is being rushed on the Anderson Hardware building at the present time, and Phillip Anderson, owner of the new building, state this week that his store would be moved and open for business Dec. 12.

• Nov. 29, 1945 - A new steam pressing machine has been installed at the Jelinek Launderers and Cleanery shop on Fifth Street in Staples. Other improvements include the enlarging of the main room to give a repair nitch in which repairs to the

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clothing are made.

• Nov. 29, 1945 - After working all summer on construction, Motley's Farmer's Cooperative store will open in its new building on Dec. 1, according to A.F. Sampson, who is manager of the store.

Free pancakes, and coffee is being served all day at the place and the public is invited to attend.

• Nov. 29, 1945 - Last week merchants in Staples started displaying their Christmas stock, decorating their stores for the holiday season, and revamping their display of the Christmas merchandise in their stores.

A great deal of new merchandise is in evidence in the stores in Staples this year, over that of the past several years. Merchants state that there has been considerable ne merchandise released this season.

Many of the steel toys have been replaced with wood, as the steel is still hard to get.

Some of the dealers have washing machines, and refrigerators and most of them are expecting radios before the Christmas shopping season is too far along this year.

50 YEARS Ago - 1970

• Dec. 3, 1970 - The members of the Staples Fire Department were called to the Birchwood Motel about 5:05 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

The motel, located on the east edge of Staples, is owned by Larry and Nancy Erickson. Mrs. Erickson said that her husband, Larry, was working outside making an enclosure on a room and was using a butane burner to warm himself. He accidentally knocked the burner over with a board and the fire crept into one corner of a back room. Damage was light, Mrs. Erickson said.

• Dec. 3, 1970 - Stan Carlson will sing the bass solo in "The Messiah," which will be presented by the combined church choirs and the Brainerd Chorale in the Auditorium of the Brainerd Junior college at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Carlson is the vocal music instructor at Staples high school.

• Dec. 3, 1970 - Paintings by two Staples area residents are included in Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's 1971 Appointment Calendar.

Manager L. G. Lundeen said the two artists are Mrs. Rose (Stanley A.) Edin, 933 N.W. Seventh Street, Staples, and Russell M. Norberg, Star Route, Staples.

Both Mrs. Edin and Norberg are art instructors in the Staples school system.

Their paintings were among 12 monthly illustrations selected from more than 1,400 submitted by approximately 420 artists in the five-state area - Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota -- served by Northwestern Bell.

G.D. (Gerry) O'Keefe of Staples, a Northwestern Bell equipmentman here, was instrumental in encouraging the two art instructors to enter the competition. The artists submitted 35mm slides of their paintings to Northwestern Bell's headquarters in Omaha, Neb.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Nov. 27, 1986 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photos? Email your answers and where you are from

to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.



Mystery photo

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Nov. 26, 1970 edition of the Staples World, featured the six FFA Sweetheart candidates (Staples Chapter) as they awaited the crowning by Princess Kay of the Milky Way (Gayle Krogstad of Ada). From left are Barbara Macho, Joyce Trout, Pat Cline, Julie Miller, Rosemary Jares and Carol Lenk. Julie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, was crowned the FFA Sweetheart.

The article noted that this was part of the concluding ceremonies on the program of the 10th annual 'Farmers Night on the Town,' sponsored by the Staples Chamber of Commerce. A crowd estimated to surpass the 1,300 mark was present in the Staples Auditorium for the evening's festivities. M.A. "Whitey" Mueller was Master of

Edin's oil painting, "Thistles in the Snow" illustrates the Dec. page of the calendar. Norberg's painting entitled "Spring Woods" will appear on the May page.

25 YEARS Ago - 1995

• Nov. 30, 1995 - Staples Motley FFA chapter members traveled to Kansas City, Missouri earlier this month for the national FFA convention. The group included Bill Haaehnel, Tom Brichacek, Jakin Tyrrell, Nicole Tyrrell, Bonnie Haehnel, Lisa Detloff and Tom Berg. The five day trip included tours of several agri-business sites where the students in Kerry Lindgren's classes go to see some of the career opportunities available.

• Nov. 30, 1995 - The Staples Rotary Club contributed \$1,000 to the Staples Centennial Auditorium carpet fund, putting the fund within \$600 of the goal of \$9,600.

• Nov. 30, 1995 - This year's cross country team enjoyed tremendous success in both the season and the post season running events.

The success during the season came in terms of numbers with first year Coach Gene Mattila enjoying an influx of 20 to 30 run-

ners in grades 7 - 12 for the boys cross country team.

Members of the Staples Motley cross country team earning post season honors included Aimee Jenkins, Cardinal award for the girls team; and Jeff Brever, boys team MVP. Other boys team award winners included Jeremy Cowles, the John Frank Award recipient; Scott Brever and Derek Mattila, next year's team captains. Mattila was also awarded the Joe Hirschey award.

• Nov. 30, 1995 - The Lincoln Evangelical Free Church congregation and community members will present the Christmas musical "The Gospel According to Scrooge," beginning Nov. 30, at 7 p.m.

Pastor Terry Stumbo plays the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge. There are over 60 members in the cast, including Jon Cuhing, Derek Gold, Ellen McGregor, Barb Best, Dale Hayenga and Chuck Raustad. Jann Stumbo, the pastor's wife, is the director.

10 YEARS Ago - 2010

• Dec. 2, 2010 - It was darker than Black Friday in Staples Nov. 24, when a power outage left residents

and business owners without electricity for over two hours Thanksgiving Eve.

• Dec. 2, 2010 - Staples Police Chief Kyle Huber said the intersection of Highway 10 and 14th Street has been averaging about one accident a week for the last month.

"It's a bad intersection," said Huber, "it definitely needs to have a change there."

Huber said while he would like to make a change, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to make improvements on the state highway.

• Dec. 2, 2010 - Approximately 275 people enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings at the 7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. This year's meal was part of the scheduled Community Meals provided through CARE Ministry.

Mary Sperley, the event coordinator, said, "This event brings out the best in people. The fellowship of workers and diners is such fun to participate in and observe. It is a wonderful day."

Staples Police report Nov. 2 - 13

On Nov. 2, Staples Police assisted MN State Patrol with a car versus deer accident on US Hwy. 10 near County Road 9. Both driver and passenger received minor injuries from the air bags being deployed. The driver and passenger were transported to Lakewood Health System by ambulance.

On Nov. 2, Staples Police received a concern for welfare on the 400 block of 8th St. SE. It was reported that there was an alarm going off at the residence. The alarm was found to be coming from a fish house park on the property.

On Nov. 2, Staples Police took a report of a theft from Staples True Value.

On Nov. 2, Staples Police to assisted MN State Patrol with a report of a semi truck and trailer, off of the roadway on Highway 210. Police observed a semi truck and trailer on its passenger side, east of Todd County Road 21, in the north ditch. The driver, Daniel Alm, of Brainerd, had been traveling westbound, when he stated he was cut off by another driver that had passed him, causing him to go into the ditch to avoid a crash. Alm was not injured. Also responding was the Staples Fire Department to assist.

On Nov. 4, Staples Police was advised of some storage units that had been broken into at AJR Storage at 2nd Ave. NW. Police advised the Todd County Sheriff's Department on the incident, as the incident occurred outside of city limits.

On Nov. 5, Staples Police received a report of a stolen vehicle from the 600 block of 6th St. SE.

On Nov. 6, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Department in searching for a juvenile who had run away from home. Also to assist were the Staples Police Department and Wadena County Sheriff's Department. The juvenile was located in the city of Staples.

On Nov. 7, Staples Police responded to the 1500 block of 6th Street NE for the report of shots fired. Police checked the area but did not hear any shots or observe

anything out of the ordinary.

On Nov. 9, Staples Police were called about an intoxicated individual in the city. Police also received two additional complaints from citizens about the subject. Police attempted to give the individual a ride to a residence, but the subject was unable to provide a location. While transporting the subject to detox, he began to hit the windows of the patrol car, and lit a cigarette. Police then arrested Todd Holmquist, 42, for disorderly conduct, and transported him to the Todd County Jail.

On Nov. 10, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a report of a domestic assault with injuries on 464th Street.

On Nov. 11, Staples Police were advised by dispatch that a subject had called the non emergency number and threatened to shoot Staples Police Officers.

On Nov. 11, Staples Police received a report of two individuals who often drive home intoxicated from a bar in Staples. Police made contact and spoke with one of the subjects.

On Nov. 11, Staples Police responded to the Stapleton Apartments for a report of a neighbor pounding on the ceiling. Police advised both individuals involved that they need to try to reduce the noise and get along.

On Nov. 11, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE, for a report of a restraining order violation. After investigation, police arrested Craig Wicht, 56, of Staples, for domestic assault causing fear, and disorderly conduct. Rosemary Czech, 61, of rural Browerville, was arrested for violating a harassment restraining order. Both were transported to the Todd County Detention Center. Also responding to assist, was the Wadena County Sheriff's Department and the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

On Nov. 13, Staples Police received a report of packages that had been taken from an apartment building on the 800 block of 4th Street NE.

Firefighter injured; arson suspected

The Todd County Sheriff's Office and the Osakis Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire Nov. 21 at 10:48 p.m. in the City of West Union. During that incident a firefighter was struck by a passing car driven by a juvenile female from Sauk Centre.

The firefighter was transported to the Sauk Centre hospital by the Sauk Centre

Ambulance with minor injuries.

The vehicle fire occurred near Sidewalks Bar and is suspected to be arson. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office. The Osakis Police Dept. assisted at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation.



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Why you should shop local

By Avery Japke

As you know some stores are made in small towns like Staples and are one of a kind. Then there are chain stores where there are multiple of that one store. Local stores help support the community and everyone in it. Chain stores usually just go towards making more of that one store and they usually don't do anything for smaller towns. When you buy local you are supporting your town and the people in it. When you buy from major businesses (McDonalds, Burger King, Sam's Club) you aren't really supporting anything unless they donate money to a charity. Also, why support them

when you could support a small business who actually needs the money? I understand you can't always buy local because sometimes it's hard to find local businesses but, if you can, 100 percent suggest it.

Some examples are, eat-

ing at The Spot instead of Burger King, or shopping at LMH instead of Walmart or Target, or getting food and drinks from The Stomping Grounds.

These stores are examples of local businesses:



Stomping Grounds



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Letters to the Editor

COVID rules not heeded

In the words of esteemed epidemiologist, Dr. Michael Osterholm, "The U.S. is about to enter COVID hell." We have been fortunate in Minnesota to have delayed the widespread infections that other places in the world have experienced from the SARS-CoV-2, but the time has come when infection rates in Minnesota are climbing. Ignore the reality of a worldwide pandemic is not option, as this virus is now infecting our friends, families, and loved ones at an alarming rate. The number of hospitalizations for COVID is rapidly rising and ICU beds are filling with the sickest among us. As a family practice provider, I am becoming increasingly alarmed at the high rates of infections in our community. My coworkers and I feel the strain of working extra hours to cover for sick and quarantined colleagues as we continue to care for an increasing number of patients. This is a difficult time for health care workers, but we realize that we need to continue to step up, as we are all in this together.

Television and radio ads bombard us with information that social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing, as well as wearing an appropriate mask, can re-

duce the spread of the virus. Yet, this message has been poorly heeded by some, and completely ignored by others. The time has come when we can no longer ignore this virus and its serious consequences. Governor Walz has extended and expanded the restrictions on Minnesotan's social gatherings based on the data that the state's health commissioner, Jan Malcom, has given us on how we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This information is updated based on disease prevalence and is detailed on the Minnesota Department of Health website:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/stay-safe-mn/stay-safe-plan.jsp>

At the time of this writing, Minnesota has lost more than 2,900 of our citizens to Covid-19. Ironically, this is very close to the population of Staples. It is heartbreaking to know that each of those who have died have left a family grieving their loss. For those who believe that COVID-19 is no worse than influenza, the 2018-2019 flu season in Minnesota had had a total of 126 influenza-related deaths; this virus is clearly a more serious health threat. There is a light at the end of this dark tunnel. A vaccine is to be released in the next few months and our willingness to participate in safety practice recommendations will insure most of us get

through this pandemic. As we go into the holiday season, please keep the wellbeing of others a priority by wearing a mask, sanitizing and maintaining social distancing. Now is the time for each of us to step up and do our part keep our community safe.

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Former Staples resident

Claims of election fraud undermine American democracy

By William P. Johnson

Reasonable people can disagree on important policy matters. That disagreement can lead to preference for one political party's platform or one candidate over another. Civil disagreement can also lead to minds being persuaded and positions changing over time. I believe in the importance of being open to being persuaded. I cherish the reasoned debate on policy differences. But the rhetoric we have heard over the past three weeks is not about policy differences; it is fundamentally aimed at American democracy itself, and it is dangerous.

When the president of the United States took the podium Thursday, November 5, and made claims about illegal votes, the election being rigged, and widespread voter fraud – claims he has relentlessly continued via Twitter and through his surrogates – he was harming American democracy, as he departed from long-held norms observed by losing candidates who put country before ego. I do not dispute the campaign's right to bring legal claims to investigate perceived irregularities. The campaign has the right to bring claims. Those claims so far have proven

When I visited Disney World's Epcot Center 25 years ago, they made a big deal about predicting what the future would be like. Many of their "futuristic" ideas revolved around remote communication, such as grandparents who could talk on screens to their families who live hundreds of miles away.

Well, here we are, having our family Thanksgiving on Zoom. Isn't the future great?

The Epcot display bothered me because I thought it was a bad idea to have families living that far apart in the first place, but they didn't question that aspect of society and presented it as such a positive future. Now that same mobile lifestyle is one of the reasons we have been so poor at containing the coronavirus, making the remote technology essential to combat a pandemic rather than a futuristic luxury. Their dream of a technology utopia has turned into a reality of pandemic dystopia.

I wonder what Epcot Center is saying about the pandemic? I assume they're still smiling because Disney

has developed a reputation for being idealist dreamers. Their theme park characters are required to smile while in public in an attempt to sustain the moniker they gave themselves, "The Happiest Place on Earth."

That seems creepy to me, I prefer authentic emotions, but maybe some of the Disney Pollyanna would be helpful to get us through the pandemic and political chaos this year. If we force ourselves to smile, will we feel better?

I have seen that attempted. Years ago I was watching the college softball tournament on TV. One team stood out for their loud, positive cheering. I remember thinking "sure, they're a good team making a run, wait until they are losing and we'll see if they keep cheering." Well, I saw that game. Behind in the late innings, the team knew they had met their fate and tears of sadness were running down their faces, but they were still smiling and cheering their positive cheers. At that point, I realized that it was a team rule to stay positive no matter what happened. I still don't know if that was the right strategy, but it was a conscious choice.

Keeping a positive attitude during this time does not mean glossing everything over and pretending it is not real, as many people are doing. We still have to face the tragedy of the pandemic and the injustices in our society. We can have

both tears and smiles as we use humor, gratitude and community to help cope.

It is easier to express compassion in small, rural communities. Our local connection means we trust our neighbors here more than in many places, even if they had an opposing yard sign up this year.

Instead of forcing ourselves to smile, we can enforce more of what we do best, so here are some action tips I found online:

- Check in on elderly neighbors
- Practice compassionate listening
- Provide warm, comforting, support
- Reach out to people in self isolation
- Take a photo of something beautiful, and text it to someone
- Fundraise for people financially impacted by quarantine measures
- Share positive news and acts of kindness with your community (send it to the newspaper)
- Volunteer your time
- Express sincere gratitude to a friend
- Keep yourself safe by social distancing and wearing a mask

Acts of kindness create authentic happiness and gratefulness, much better than compelling someone to act like they are happy. When I see all the examples of compassion in our community, I feel that we live in the most satisfying place on earth, which I prefer to the "Happiest Place on Earth."

Many of my extended family members and neighbors voted to reelect the current administration. Each of them had their individual reasons for doing so, including tax policy, gun rights, abortion regulation and otherwise. I respect their right to vote as they choose. This is America, after all. I reject unequivocally the white supremacist undercurrent to the president's rhetoric over the past four years; there is nothing reasonable about that recurring undercurrent in my view. But I know that those of my extended family members and friends who supported him did so for other reasons. I will not vilify anyone for exercising their right to cast their ballots in accordance with their judgment, even while I reserve my right to disagree vigorously with them.

But now the election is over. The outcome is clear. Some legal claims have been brought by the campaign, and that will play out in courts of law; those claims, even if some are successful, will not change the results of this presidential election. To claim otherwise causes consequential delay in the transition and the new administration's ability to respond to the pandemic. Undermining American confidence in the integrity of the election harms our democratic tradition and the rule of law itself.

My prayer, then, is for healing for this country, for an end to injustice, and for truth to prevail. I offer my prayers for our new president and vice president-elect, as well as our elected federal and state officials in Minnesota and around the country. And I hope and I pray that fellow independents and my Republican friends with courage, especially elected officials and other community leaders, will unequivocally reject this dangerous, anti-democratic election fraud rhetoric and instead will choose to defend the American democratic tradition.

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Men's chorus committee Zoom meeting

The Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) has been working on putting together a digital 'Community Christmas' recording that will be available at their YouTube channel. Committee members met together recently via Zoom to go over

details. Pictured top row from left: Keith Porter, SAMC Director Steve Hoemberg, Jerry Reck. Center row: Dan Jacobson, Eric Neznik, Jim Sauer. Bottom row, Jason Hoyt. (Submitted photo)

'Community Christmas' digital recording available soon

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Fans of the annual Community Christmas Concert in Staples will still be able to hear the music of their favorite local choirs this year...but due to the pandemic, it will be offered digitally.

Steve Hoemberg, Director of the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC), said a committee has been working to compile recordings from past concerts, rehearsals and other events, transferring them to digital audio files. These will be uploaded to the choir's YouTube page, organized according to category playlists.

With the holiday season around the corner, the

SAMC has been focusing on recordings from past Christmas concerts. They plan to launch the release of the Community Christmas link to YouTube soon after Thanksgiving.

To access the link, visit the SAMC website at www.staplesmen.org. It can also be found at the choir's YouTube channel. Click on 'playlist' and from there, click on Community Christmas. There is no cost to listen to the music.

The current Community Christmas playlist includes many songs, Hoemberg said. It features a variety of choral music highlighting community ensembles, including the Staples Area Men's and Women's Chorus, as well as area boys and girls choirs.

Music on the playlist features recordings from all five decades of the Men's Chorus' existence. "Although we didn't anticipate celebrating our 50th season in this way, we are now looking forward to new ways to bring music to our community and the memories these old recordings might conjure up," said Hoemberg. Hoemberg also mentioned that the majority of the songs on the playlist will be audio only, and he hopes people will pipe the audio into the background of their homes and businesses during the holiday season.

Down the road, but not too far, they plan to release other playlists, including one entitled, 'Director's Cut.'

Her Voice, Her Song, Her Internet Women's Chorus to hold virtual event

The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) is excited to announce the Her Voice Her Song 2020 Virtual event. It is anticipated to be released by the end of 2020.

Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the SAWC recognized that "hosting an in-person music festival like we have done for the past eight years was unlikely to occur. Therefore, the board committed to hosting a virtual festival this fall," said SAWC President Amanda Mithun.

With funding obtained from the Minnesota Arts Board, Sourcewell and Todd-Wadena Electrical Co-op Operation Round-Up, the SAWC can offer this event free of charge to 500 participating voices around the state. The event will incorporate treble voices of all ages to collaborate on a virtual recording of the song "Grace Before Sleep" by Susan Labaar. The collaboration will be directed by Melanie Kjellberg from Andover High School.

In addition to the recording, schools that participate in this event will be given access to two webinars done by Julie Hagen of the University of Hartford and Susan Volbrecht of St. Benedict's University.

The goals of this event are to: Engage treble voices in age range from high school to older adult in a virtual performance; utilize the direction of a professional director; create a piece of music to be available via the internet for the public to enjoy; and to have no financial burden on participants. The recording is anticipated to be released in late December.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

COVID-19 skyrockets in Morrison County

Morrison County had 691 new cases of COVID-19 in one week, between Nov. 16-22. That is one third of the total cases (2,075) the county has recorded since March.

That increase is reflected in Motley, which saw 40 new cases in one week when zip code information was released Nov. 19. That is the largest number recorded in one week for Motley, which has a total of 163 residents who have caught the virus.

Staples also saw a record weekly number with 56 cases in the zip code for the week of Nov. 13-19. Also setting weekly records were

Pillager with 40, Wadena with 54 and Long Prairie with 72. The Browerville zip code saw 34 new cases in the week.

Most area counties were near their record weekly total, with Todd County listing 209 new cases, Wadena County 151, Cass 231, Crow Wing 645, Otter Tail 603, Douglas 466 and Hubbard 156. Stearns County, the St. Cloud area, recorded 2,120 new cases in a week, the most of any outstate county for one week.

The state of Minnesota is recording record numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths over the past week.

Marijuana operation seized

Todd County Sheriff's Deputies executed a search warrant Nov. 17 at a residence in rural Eagle Bend, Eagle Valley Township.

During the search deputies discovered a marijuana growing operation. Over ten pounds of marijuana was seized. Several other felony level controlled substances were also seized as a result

of the investigation.

Assisting at the scene were members of the Central MN Violent Offender Task Force.

Charges are pending with the Todd County Attorney's Office. Names are being withheld due to an ongoing investigation.

Mainstream Voucher Program

--Todd County HRA--

The Mainstream Voucher Program provides rental assistance for non-elderly (18-61), low-income families with at least one disabled family member. The program also encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community. Rental assistance is based on 40 percent (%) of your income or lower.

The waiting list for this program is currently open and there are available vouchers that can be issued on a first come first served basis if you meet the below eligibility requirements. All applications received after the vouchers have been filled will then be kept on the waiting list for the next available voucher.

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- Families that include at least one person with a disability between the ages of 18-61
 - Applicants must be registered on the HCV waiting list.

Call 320-594-6388 to request an application be mailed to you or contact the Todd County HRA at toddcountyhra@yahoo.com to have one emailed or postal mailed out to you; or you can pick one up from the bulletin board in the entry way at: 300 Linden Ave S, Browerville MN.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKE-WOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Alexandra and Craig Sydness of Browerville, a baby girl, Lainey Irene weighing eight pounds on November 10, 2020.

Born to Courtney and Travis Murphy of Henning, a baby boy, Alexander James weighing six pounds, two ounces on November 10, 2020.

Born to Kristen and Eric Drew of Cushing, a baby boy, Wyatt Michael-John weighing eight pounds, three ounces on November 12, 2020.

Born to Nicole Pearson and Darsean Woodson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Freyah Mae weighing nine pounds, 11 ounces on November 13, 2020.

Born to Amanda Greeno and Rayge Nickaboine, a baby boy, Broolly Michael weighing eight pounds, one ounce on November 13, 2020.

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BIRTH REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Baby girl, Charlie Jo Caputo was born to Stevie and Anthony Caputo of Staples on November 3, 2020.

Student Achievements

CLAIRE WOLHOWE, Staples, is a forward for the women's basketball program at Bemidji State University this year. Wolhowe is a junior at BSU, majoring in exercise science.

Comfort Yeske

Comfort "Comfy" Adelaide Yeske passed away November 14, 2020, at Perham Living.

A Gathering of Friends was held Nov. 21 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Comfy was born to John and Marie (Haugen) Stangeland on July 20, 1926 in Dawson. She attended the St. Cloud Teachers College and later graduated from the Madison School of Nursing. She was united in Marriage to John Yeske on September 10, 1950 and together they had four children. Comfy was a Licensed Practical Nurse for 25 years at the Staples Hospital and also a daycare provider for various members of the community for 20 plus years. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church. She enjoyed knitting, camping, watching birds - especially cardinals - flower gardens and reading. Comfy will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Angela



(David) Thompson of Andover, Gale Enid (Jeff) Thomas of Corcoran, Heidi Lou (Jeff) Weishalla of Sartell and one son, Elliot John (Ila) Yeske of Pelican Rapids; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Yeske; two brothers, Verne Stangeland and Jerome Stangeland; one sister, Enid Norsted and great-grandson, Cameron Yeske.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Obituaries

Eldon Morey

Eldon LeRoy Morey of Motley died November 18, 2020.

A private ceremony was held November 21, 2020 with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Eldon was born August 15, 1937, to Edward and Mary Morey. Motley was his boyhood home and he graduated from Motley High School in 1955. He obtained degrees from Hamline University, St. Cloud State College and the University of South Dakota. He served in the United States Navy in active duty for three years and over 28 years in the reserves.

His work included a successful clinical psychology service at the Mower County Mental Health Center in Austin and the Lakeland Mental Health Center in Fergus Falls. Eventually, he left the Mental Health Center and continued his profession in private practice.

He married Karen Leah Nicol, whom he met while they were both studying at Hamline University, on December 31, 1961. He valued hard work and honesty. He was an avid outdoorsman and shared that with his children and grandchildren. He was never afraid to stand up for what he thought was right. He loved to learn new



things.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; one son, Kevin (Debra) and their two sons, Joseph and Michael; one daughter, Janet (Samuel) Hennies and their two children, Jack and Brook; one brother, Loren (Kathy) Morey, as well as their children and families.

Eldon always considered Motley his home. He and Karen spent their final years together overlooking the Crow Wing River.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers and staff of Edgewood Brainerd and St. Croix Hospice for the kindness they showed Eldon. We are grateful for their care.

Halvorson-Taylor Funeral Home of Brainerd assisted the family with arrangements.

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Gladys Cunningham

Gladys Mildred Cunningham passed away November 11, 2020.

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

Gladys was born January 16, 1927 to Kyrn and Jennie (Van Slooten) Ruis in Pease. She married William "Bill" Cunningham on December 9, 1950 and together they had two children. Gladys worked at various places in the Brainerd Lakes Area, including Madden's Resort, before she retired. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Brainerd. She enjoyed spending time with family, reading books and traveling in her senior years. Gladys moved into Northern Lakes Senior Living, Baxter, in February 2016 and truly loved living there. She had many good friends who were as special to her as she was to them. Gladys will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan (Ed) Jopling, Henderson, NV; one son, Carl Cunningham,



Merrifield; one grandson, Joshua Cunningham, Phoenix, AZ; two brothers, Marvin Ruis, Everett WA, Homer Glen, IL. and one sister Violet Plankis, Homer Glen, IL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; three brothers, Andrew Ruis, Eibert Ruis, Donald Ruis; and three sisters, Grace Godeke, Janet Vedders and Betty Stonecipher.

Arrangements were by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel.

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James Eastman

James Eastman, 93, of Battle Lake, died November 13, 2020, at the Broen Home in Fergus Falls.

A memorial service will be held at a later date due to the pandemic.

Interment will be held in Poplar at a later date.

James William Eastman was born February 23, 1927 at Staples to James and Henrietta Eastman. He grew up in the Staples area and graduated from Staples High School in 1945. He was baptized on March 20, 1983 at the Lord of Love Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE.

Jim married Donna Sautbain in 1951 and they divorced in 1969. He served in the United States Army from 1952-1954. He married Elizabeth Kludt on December 22, 1969. Jim worked in the trucking business for many years. He opened a Mack Truck dealership in Sioux Falls, SD in 1978 and was there until his retirement in 1988. Jim and Liz permanently located in Battle Lake in 1988, when he retired from the trucking business. After his retirement he spent 20 years working for Ottertail County at the Battle Lake Transfer Station.

Jim was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and had 45 years of continuous sobri-



ety. He loved his friends in the program and worked with many people over his years of sobriety.

Jim is survived by his children, Pat Hansen of Valley City, ND; Barb Olson of Sioux Falls, SD; Bruce Eastman of Cottonwood, AZ; and Scott (Cari) Eastman of Sioux Falls, SD; Cindy (Doug) Schnabel of Woodbury and Tim (Maria) Kludt of Corona, CA; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many special friends from the Friday Night Big Book Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Freddie Ann and his second wife, Elizabeth.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be given to the Fergus Falls Cancer Center or the Lakeland Hospice.

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Staples Alliance

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

Assembly of God

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

Church of Christ

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

First Congregational Church, UCC

firstcongregationalucc@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
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Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
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218-894-0033
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Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

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Motley Free Methodist

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

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Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
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Pillager

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Mathew Sundquist
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 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.

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Polarized Response

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor, Motley Free Methodist Church

We have heard it said many times that there are two sides to every issue. The pandemic, presidential election and even mandates such as wearing masks and staying home have created a wealth of sharp opinions.

Yet, there is still a place in which one can stand to overshadow every response and opinion. In matters that create polarized and heated responses, we can still be a holy people that love, serve and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Even if we must simply "agree to disagree," we can respond in a Christ-like manner that glorifies God. We find great advice from 1 Corinthians 8:9, *"But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble."*

Also, 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, *"You say, 'I am allowed to do anything' - but not everything is good for you. You say, 'I am allowed to do*

anything' - but not everything is beneficial. Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others."

When it comes to polarizing issues, I believe the best course of action for a Christian is to make sure our actions and reactions do not cause harm, discouragement, offense, or inadvertently raise any questions about the sincerity of our faith. The last thing we need to be is caught up and baited into heated arguments, name-calling, harsh, slanderous and derogatory statements.

John 13:34-35, *"... Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* We can agree. We can disagree. But, one thing we can all do is love and show the love of Jesus no matter the issue. In divisive issues that could cause polarizing responses, let us keep 1 Corinthians 13:8, in mind that *"love never fails...."*

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Tense moment with the ball up in the air

Staples-Motley running back Sivert Klefsaas temporarily loses the ball after it was poked out on his way to the end zone. He was able to recover and fall on the ball himself to retain possession for the Cardinals. Klefsaas finished with 112 yards rushing on 23 carries, and he did eventually reach the end zone for a touchdown, although not on this play. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals earn playoff victory on frozen WDC field

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley football team shut out Wade-Deer Creek 20-0 to win in the first round of the Section 6AA playoffs on Nov. 17. They then played Nov. 20 at West Central Area and lost 48-27 to finish the season.

Against WDC the Cardinals scored first on a one yard run by Hunter Martin. The key play in the drive was when Chandler Braith caught a short pass and pitched it to Alex Giza, who ran it down to the one yard line.

Staples-Motley had more promising drives in the first half but were unable to score. On defense, Giza and Sam Opheim constantly disrupted plays in the backfield. Giza finished the game with two sacks and two tackles for loss, while Opheim had two sacks and five tackles for loss. Cole Winkels joined them with one tackle for loss.

“Our defensive backs played good coverage and our line was able to put a lot of pressure on the backfield,” said Coach Chris Kappler.

In the third quarter, Isaiah Schultz had a 10 yard touchdown run on a quarterback draw, where he bounced off one tackler, spun around another and weaved into the end zone.

Following a Max Strickland interception, Sivert Klefsaas scored on an eight yard run, powering through tacklers to reach the end zone. Dominic Gomez kicked his second extra point to finish the scoring.

Coach Kappler said the team played hard on the frozen field, which had been cleared of snow prior to the game.

“Offensively we saw some great growth in our



Edge defender

Alex Giza was able to navigate the frozen field better than most of the opponents, here racing around the end make a tackle in the backfield.

QB, who made some great connections with his receivers,” said Kappler. “We saw flashes of our run game, and were able to grind out yards when we needed it.”

The Cardinals converted seven of 15 third down tries, much of it thanks to the run game setting up third and short.

“It was fun to see our kids play a full game,” said Kappler. “Especially after the craziness of the year, and the constant uncertainty.”

Max Strickland set that tone for the team by racing down the field on the opening kickoff and making a tackle to pin the opponents deep.

“On special teams we saw our guys hustle. They were fast down the field and made plays when needed,” said Kappler.

SM 27, WCA 48

When the two teams met in the regular season, the Cardinals lost by a score of 40-0, so their offensive output improved despite just two days to prepare for their second playoff game.

It was a defensive game in the first quarter, with the only score a long run by WCA. In the second quarter, Hunter Martin finished a drive with a two yard touchdown run, but WCA scored four times for a 34-6 half-time lead.

In the second half, Isaiah Schultz ran for a touchdown and threw a 14 yard pass to Max Strickland for a touchdown. Chandler Braith finished the scoring with an 80 yard interception return.

Schultz completed 12 of 20 passes for 139 yards. Braith caught 7 passes for

98 yards, Dayton Anderson had 3 for 21, Strickland one for 14 and Sivert Klefsaas one for six.

Alex Giza was the leading rusher with 43 yards on two attempts. Schultz had 27 yards, Conner Dobson 11, Klefsaas 9, Connor Judd 5 and Martin 1.

Strickland was the leading tackler with four solo tackles and nine assists. Other top tacklers were Sam Opheim 3 tackles and 8 assists, Logen Weite 3, 7, Alex Ross-Bahn 3,3, Klefsaas 2,3, Martin 2,3, Braith 1, 3, Giza 1, 5, Anderson 1,5, Dominic Gomez 1,3, Schultz 2, Jack Storry 1, Cole Winkels 1.

Team results

Staples-Motley 6 0 14 0 - 20
Wadena-DC 0 0 0 0 - 0
Rushing SM 193, WDC 20
Passing - SM 53, WDC 95



Cardinal Chronicle

Minnesota Youth Hunt

By Andrew Salcido

Through October 15 to October 18 Minnesota had their annual youth hunt. The Minnesota youth hunt is a head start for the next generation hunters. Hunters from the ages 10-17 are eligible to hunt, ages 10-13 must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older). The youth season is open state wide.

Some restrictions on the season is that you can not party hunt. Party hunting is when a group of hunters “help out” a hunter who isn’t reaching his or her limit, other hunters will then tag a deer for him. And of

course, anyone over the age of 18 cannot shoot a deer during the Minnesota youth hunt.

Through the three days of youth hunting, a total of 27,000 plus deer were harvested. In 2019, a total of 190,000 deer were harvested in Minnesota, this is including archery and firearms.

The Minnesota youth hunt is a great time to teach the next generation hunters. The more they are taught, the longer the sport continues. These lessons that they are being taught go down from generation to generation, so these few days are very special and important for the youth.



Cardinal Chronicle

Best things to do in the rut

By Jack Carlson

The rut is in full swing, the bucks are all over the place. In this article I’m going to tell you what are some of the best things to do to get a buck.

The first thing is that you don’t want to leave a trail of scent out in the woods. The deer will smell that and won’t come into your area. I suggest that you spray yourself down with scent control spray.

The second thing is that grunting will create curiosity. Most of the time they will want to check things out and see if there is a challenger buck on the property. Rattling will also bring them. They likely will want to check out another buck.

Both of them work during the rut, but I suggest rattling in pre-rut and grunting during the rut. Most of the time you don’t have to do any of these things and they will be chasing does anyway.



Catching the long ball

Chandler Braith hauls in a long pass for a big gain.

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Fourth down efficiency: SM 1-3 (33%), WDC 2-3 (67%)
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Hunter Martin 17-70, 1 touchdown.
Passing: Schultz 4-12, 53 yards
Receiving - Braith 3-43, Dayton Anderson 1-9, Martin 1-6



Double duty

Alex Ross-Bahn (77) blocks two players at once while Hunter Martin (37) looks for someone to block.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via phone conference call to consider the following applications.**

Please email or phone your wish to be included as the meeting is not allowed open to the public. Phone 320-732-4420 or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda

- Call to Order.
- Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
- Approval of the November 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. Gary and Renae Ilies: Section 22, Kandota Township

Site Address: 20547 Akron Trail. PID: 14-0024700

1) Request to plat existing 9.57 Acre parcel zoned as Shoreland-RD into one Riparian and one Non-Riparian lot.

2. Jeanette Muellner: Section 33, Burnhamville Township

Site Address: 15549 315th Ave, Burtrum. PID: 06-0045600

1) Request to rezone parcel from AF-1 to AF-2 for purpose of building new Dwelling.

3. William Hartsock: Section 12, Little Elk Township

Site Address: 31917 Morrison Line Road, Randall PID: 16-0010300

1) Request for Conditional Use Permitting for 60 Site Campground.

4. William Bontrager: Section 8, Eagle Valley Township

Site Address: 18032 County 78. PID: 07-0007200

1) Request for Conditional Use Permitting for Greenhouse

5. Jeff Hines- Lakeside Property Group LLC: Section 17, Grey Eagle Township

Site Address: 30XXX County 33. PID: 11-0023001

1) Request to rezone 5 Acres from R-10 to Shoreland RD zoning for future development.

Adjournment -

Next meeting:
January 7, 2021

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters. If unable to attend, all correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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Freshwater Education District

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 10/28/20 Wadena, MN

Meeting was held electronically, permitted under Minn. Stat. 13D. 021

Called to Order by Vice Chair VanDenheuvel.

Board Present: R. VanDenheuvel-B-H, K. Howard-Menahga, R. Thalmann-Henning, B. Lund-S-M, C. Funk-Sebeka, C. Wolf- LP-GE, B. Tumberg-WDC, S. Veronen-Vernedale. Members Absent: J. Hillmer-Browerville. Others: Supt. L. Westrum-WDC, Supt. D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka. Admin: E. Weber, L. Murdock, J. Anderson and S. Thiel.

Agenda- MOVED BY Howard and seconded by Wolf to approve the agenda as modified. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

Comments- Welcome of W-DC Board Member, B. Tumberg.

Old Business

MOVED BY Wolf and seconded by Funk to approve the 9/23/20 minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: U/C

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Howard and seconded by Tumberg to gratefully accept the following donation as identified: Todd-Wadena Elect. Co-op ~ \$2,500 for the WALC Solar Powered Greenhouse. VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows; ABSTENTIONS: None. AYE: VanDenheuvel, Howard, Thalmann, Lund, Funk, Wolf, Tumberg, Veronen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hillmer. WHEREUPON, said Resolutions were declared duly adopted.

New Business-

MOVED BY Veronen and seconded by Lund to approve the 9/17/2020 - 10/26/2020 voucher claims as presented. Roll Call Vote-U/C.

MOVED BY Tumberg and seconded by Lund to approve the Tech Service agreement between Sebeka ISD #820 and FED #6004. Roll Call Vote- U/C w/Abstention of Funk.

MOVED BY Funk and

seconded by Thalmann to approve and post the FY-21 FED Teacher- Itinerant Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote- U/C.

MOVED BY Veronen and seconded by Wolf to approve and post the SY 20-21 SpEd Para Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

MOVED BY Funk and seconded by Howard to approve and post the SY 20-21 SpEd RVR Drivers Seniority list as presented. Roll Call Vote - U/C.

Review of the Annual Admin. Memo Regarding Probationary & Term Emp. & the Classified Emp. 1st Date of Employment List for Sy 20-21.

Department Reports-

ALC/TS: Update on current enrollment numbers in the ALC's and TS Programs.

Technology: Update of increasing bandwidth for the WAN; Annual review of FED WAN Members: The FED Supts. voted to continue this cooperative internet network, thus continuing the opportunity for each site to receive MN Telecom Aid.

Bus. Manager: Reviewed the following; FEF Budget; FY21 Qtr. 1 Reports; FY20 YE Unaudited Fund Balance Summary; Amendment to HP Summary Plan and Amendments to Group/Long/Short-Term Ins.

Ex. Director: Update was given on the following: 21/22 SY Menu Options; COVID School Related Topics; 11/9/20 will be a staff planning day w/no students but counted as an instructional day; Status of Ex. Director's Goals; Adding an additional AC unit to the FED server room.

Personnel Agenda-

MOVED BY Tumberg and seconded by Wolf to approve the items as follows: Hiring of N. Brogle, N. Hibbs, A. Monson; Increase in Hrs. for B. Johnson; FMLA request of S. Truax. Roll Call Vote-U/C

Adjournment-

MOVED BY Funk and seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Pre-approved Publication Summary

Respectfully submitted:
Rod Thalman, Clerk

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Two vehicle crash east of Staples

The Staples Police Department responded Nov. 18 to a report of a two-vehicle crash, with one vehicle rolling over, at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 83, east of Staples. There were no serious injuries.

According to the report, Jeanette Olsen, 97, of Staples was leaving Lakewood Health System Hospital, attempting to travel eastbound on Hwy 10. She was driving a 2001 Buick Lesabre. As she pulled out into the intersection she did not see the 1999 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Douglas Robbins, 68, of Gully.

Staples Police Investigator Jamie Pearson also spoke with Robbins, who stated he was traveling westbound on Hwy 10 and saw Olsen's vehicle at the stop sign getting ready to cross Hwy 10. He stated the vehicle stopped but then pulled out in front of him. Robbins stated the vehicle stopped but then pulled out in front of him and he tried to avoid it, but couldn't. He proceeded to hit the ditch and his vehicle rolled. Robbins stated his shoulder was sore but he did not need a ride to the hospital by ambulance.

In lower photo, Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz speaks with Olsen and her passenger, Martha Holsapple, 75, of Staples. Staples Ambulance arrived on the scene but all three people denied needing to be transported by ambulance. Birkholtz later transported Olsen and Holsapple to the hospital to be evaluated, at their request; and Inv. Pearson transported Robbins to the hospital to have his shoulder checked out. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Stained glass paintings

Mrs. Schnieder's fifth hour class is painting scenes for this year's Madrigal. Left to right: Hannah Dewald, Samanatha Ratajczak, Jill Schneider, Bronte Martinez, Katherine Michel, Jadyn Kincaid, Jordan Lundquist, Kayla Deyonge. Not Pictured: Jacob Knutson, Libby O'Neil, Ava Schneider.

Madrigal will be online this year

By Jan Castellort and Andria Dolezal

Madrigal is a magical time of year. It's almost like Christmas. The Madrigal Dinner this year has gone through a whole remodeling. Due to the Coronavirus, this bi-yearly musical has gone through some changes. With the Covid-19 "pandemic" this year the Madrigal will be online and will be held the first weekend in December, 2020. Also less people than usual are working on it, the Madrigal is being delayed as they

need more time to prepare it. For the same reason, this year there will not be the famous supper at the end of the act, which all the participants celebrate at the end of this experience. What is Madrigal? For some people this term is unheard of and unfamiliar. A madrigal is a play, a musical, that takes place in the Medieval times. Usually, during the Madrigal the tickets are \$25, and that includes a seven-course meal. Beggars go around the tables begging for money. The

Beggars raise between five-hundred to six-hundred dollars per Madrigal season. Mr. Nathan Thelen, the director of the Madrigal said, "My favorite part of the Madrigal is being on the court with my A Cappella Choir students." This year the Madrigal will be on the following social media sites: •Choir Facebook Page •School Facebook Page •Staples Motley School Website We thank you for your support to make Madrigal happen.

Hybrid

By Annie Schlosser



Hybrid started October 19. The K-6th goes to school normally, just more socially distanced now. The 7th and 8th grade go Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. The 9th-12th goes Wednesdays and Fridays. The days that the grades are not at the school they are just doing online. With online this year I think that it is much more organized than it was last year. Examples: Zoom vs Google meets, Zoom confused people so much and google means you just go to google classroom and click a button. Also when all of us have to go onto google meets it reminds us to do our work more because we have set times for our classes. Last year you could do your work whenever like some people held everything off until the last day. With this hybrid model I feel like the teachers were more prepared

than they were last year because they had a little bit more of a warning with hybrid than with whatever we had last year. We have to wear masks this year and a lot of people are not happy with it. Even if you don't like them you should still wear them. If you don't think that they don't work you should still wear them just for others. Something that is also very important to know is that they give you the option to just be all online (distance learning) if you want to. Also the days that we have online you can still come to the school still, you are just put somewhere else (this is mainly for people who don't have internet access).

Staples-Motley Middle School First quarter Students of the Month

Fifth grade:

Gage Bjerga is the 5th grade team's student of the quarter. Gage is an amazing 5th grade student. He is always prepared for class, on task, polite and respectful. Gage often goes above and beyond the classroom expectations, willingly accepting extra challenges. Keep up the great work, Gage!

Clara Maros is the 5th grade team's student of the quarter. Clara is a role model 5th grade student. She is dedicated to her learning, putting forth extra effort and energy to make sure all her assignments show her best effort. She is a great friend to her classmates and is willing to help anyone who might need an

extra hand. Keep up the great work, Clara!

Sixth grade:

Thomas Johnson is the 6th grade team's student of the quarter. Thomas is a model student. He is respectful to his teachers and classmates. He is responsible and always strives to do his best work. Keep up the amazing work, Thomas!

Chloe Trantina is the 6th grade team's student of the quarter. Chloe is very polite and respectful to those around her. She always participates in class and does excellent work. Keep working hard, Chloe!

Seventh grade:

Riley Reese is the 7th grade team's student of the quarter. Riley is always polite and respectful to his classmates and his teachers. He goes above and beyond in his daily work in all his classes. He is a role model for his peers. The 7th grade team is lucky to have Riley as a student here at Staples-Motley Middle School!

Avery Japke is the 7th grade team's student of the quarter. Avery is not shy about asking the right questions to ensure she has a thorough understanding of all concepts. In class she is a role model student as she is kind, thoughtful and considerate of others. We are lucky to have her in class! Keep up the great work, Avery!

Eighth grade:

Axel Mertens is the 8th grade team's Student of the Quarter. Axel is an amazing student. He works hard, asks questions and turns in quality work. He is kind to others and a positive influence for his peers. Thanks, Axel, for being such a great member of our team!

Jessica Lundquist is the 8th grade team's Student of the Quarter. Jessie is conscientious and hard-working. She has a great work ethic, follows through with tasks and shows great leadership qualities. We couldn't be more proud of what Jessie has accomplished so far this year!



5th grade Cardinal Coin winners

Front row: Hayden Ziegler, Jacob Faulkner, Brooklyn Winter; middle: Carter Kist, Ryan Heifort, Brody Paige, Alyce Scheler; back: Hunter Vogt, Beau Carlson, Bryson Dumpprope.



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Front row: Giselle Polkow, Isabelle Dobson, Riley Reese, Ashton Anderson; back: Skye Larson, Isabella Larson, Matthew Larson, Owen Carlson, Luke Bjerga, Pam Lawrence.



8th grade Cardinal Coin winners

Front row: Aliza, Qureshi, Corinne Olsen, Lily Tyrrell, Olivia Opheim, Estella Bock; back: Ben Tyrrell, Ivan Lozano, Peyton Mithun, Jacob Becker, Abby Simon.

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