



Hightailing it

Deer hightail it toward a hunting stand.... A wishful scenario for the opening of deer firearm season Nov. 6. (Photo by Janice Winter)

Weather

This Week's Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 3	41°	22°	M. Cloudy
Nov. 4	47	28	Sunny
Nov. 5	52	35	M. Sunny
Nov. 6	54	31	Sunny
Nov. 7	53	33	P. Cloudy
Nov. 8	50	35	M. Cloudy
Nov. 9	51	33	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2020			
	High	Low	Cond.
Nov. 3	68°	42°	Sunny
Nov. 4	73	37	Sunny
Nov. 5	64	36	Sunny
Nov. 6	62	47	M. Sunny
Nov. 7	61	54	P. Sunny
Nov. 8	69	57	M. Cloudy
Nov. 9	57	40	Rain

Average Temps:
H = 45° Low = 28°
Rain for Week: 1.1"

Have a SAFE deer season

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*

Public Notices

Freshwater: **10A**

Obituaries

*Marcella Arndt
Judy Bottila
Phyllis Sellnow
Roger Wielinski*



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Staples World



Directing "An American Hymn" at the choir concert

The combined Staples-Motley Choirs (grades six - eight) under the direction of Thomas Johnson sang "An American Hymn" at their Fall Choir Concert Oct. 25. Johnson invited the audience (below) to stand and sing along on the final verse of the song. In addition to their combined performance, the Middle School Choir sang, "Lean on Me"; and the High School Choir sang "Keep Your Lamps!" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Sandy Paskewitz was the accompanist for both choirs. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New music teacher excited to be at Staples-Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Nebraska native Thomas Johnson is the newest member to join the Staples-Motley ISD 2170 music staff, taking on a variety of roles as he teaches students in grades six - 12.

Although his primary position is that of choral director, Johnson's duties at Staples-Motley include directing Bell Choir, assisting Kristina Haataja with sixth - eighth grade Orchestra and Band; and teaching Theatre Productions, a new class this year at the school.

Johnson made his directorial debut at the Fall Choir

Concert Oct. 25, showcasing the vocal talents of middle and high school students.

He's excited to be a part of a school that has such a rich history of strong music, Johnson said, adding that it's a bit terrifying to step into the shoes of his predecessors. But, he's ready for the challenge and looking forward to bringing his own skills to the table.

When asked about the upcoming Christmas concert at Staples-Motley, a community favorite for decades, Johnson said they plan to try and keep a lot of the show's tradition, but may tweak a few things here and there.

"I'm really excited to be here and figure things out along the way," Johnson said.

Music has been a passion of his since he was a child growing up in Louisville, Nebraska, population 1,200. He later attended high school in Omaha, where he continued to be involved in both music and theatre. In addition to voice, Johnson studied piano and clarinet.

Johnson continued his studies at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, earning a Bachelor of Music Education degree this past year. In fact,

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Happy to be here

Thomas Johnson is a first-year music teacher at Staples-Motley, where his duties include directing the middle and high school choirs; leading Bell Choir;

and co-teaching sixth - eighth grade band and choir with Kristina Haataja. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

New trails sidewalks being planned

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council approved an updated Safe Routes to School plan and will now request state funding to build the infrastructure associated with the plan.

The plan calls for an updated sidewalk system for students to reach the Staples-Motley Elementary School, and connections with the Legacy Bike Trail along Airport Road. A trail is planned along 2nd Street NE and 3rd Street NE to make a walking or biking lane from the high school to the elementary school.

The council also approved the second reading of their chicken ordinance, which allows up to ten egg laying hens and secure structures for the chickens and their feed. Any homes that currently have more than ten chickens can apply for a permit from the city within 120 days.



NADO recognition

Erica Bjelland, regional development planner at R5DC, attended the NADO award ceremony that was held in Portland, Ore. on Oct. 18. (Submitted photo)

Region Five earns Impact Award

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), based in Staples, has received a 2021 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for rural energy and environment planning.

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is currently working with small, rural cities to develop Energy and Environment Action Plans that help cities implement and envision energy and environment-related projects in their communities.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promote programs and

policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association's Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

Award-winning projects were recognized during NADO's 2021 Annual Training Conference, held in Portland, Ore. on Oct. 16-19. The 2021 class of award recipients consists

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Sacred Heart volunteers at Staples cemetery



Clearing away grass and dirt

Students from Sacred Heart Area School held their annual work day Oct. 20. At Evergreen Hill Cemetery, the students raked leaves, pine needles and scraped away grass and dirt overgrowing graves in the ground. The students had help from parents, grandparents, teachers and staff. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Raking leaves and pine needles

Sacred Heart Area School students tended to a large pile of pine needles they had raked up at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples Oct. 20, during their annual work day. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 21 - 27

Oct. 26 - The MPD issued a citation to Dakota Weaver, 29, for driving after suspension and possession of paraphernalia.
Oct. 24 - The MCSO and MPD responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence in Motley and subsequently arrested Jorge Sandoval, 32.
Oct. 27 - The MCSO responded to a report of theft at the 33000 block of Birch

Ln., Motley.
Oct. 23 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 2000 block of White Pine Ln., Motley, reporting seeing a suspicious person on her security camera. A masked individual is seen walking up to her garage and taking a security camera down. The masked individual then walked away with the camera. The caller advised that she didn't care about the camera (which was worth about \$200) but was concerned about the individual and his behavior. It appears the individual arrived in a vehicle. This is the second time this person has reported this same incident.



Treats on the streets

A number of children, decked out in their Halloween costumes, traveled through downtown Staples the afternoon of Oct. 29, collecting candy at local businesses. The event was sponsored by the Staples Chamber of Commerce. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Senior dining comes back with a Boo!

After more than a year off due to COVID-19, the Senior Dining program has started serving some meals in person at the Staples Community Center. The group held their annual Halloween party on Oct. 27 and plans more fun events on the third Wednesday of November and December.

Pictured, front row from left, Jeanette Olson and Martha Holsapple; back row, Tim Finn, Kathy Crews,

Carol Olson, Rose Hoernberg, Gloria Martin, Maryann Riewer and Jeanne Hubner. The costume prize went to Riewer.

During the pandemic, the dining program shifted to an increased Meals on Wheels program, delivering meals to seniors at their homes. The delivery program will continue for those who wish to remain at home. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

November

- **NO SCHOOL - PLC/STAFF INSERVICE** Nov. 8
- **MS/HS BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
- **VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS** Nov. 11
- **HS FALL PLAY, "THE MAD TEA PARTY"** Nov. 12-13, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples
- **SADIE HAWKINS DANCE** Nov. 19

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

COVID testing in Wadena

COVID-19 Rapid Testing
Wadena Armory
517 Jefferson St N
Wadena, MN 56482
Monday - Tuesday
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The COVID-19 Testing network has been expanded. Beginning Tuesday, October 26, 2021, free COVID-19 testing is available at the Wadena Armory. Testing will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 am to 6 pm through the month of December. The sites are being supported by the Minnesota National Guard.

Testing is free. Participants that have health insurance will be asked for their insurance information so the state can bill their insurance company on their behalf. If a person is uninsured or if insurance does not cover some or all of the cost, the state will cover the difference, ensuring testing remains open to all at no cost.

Testing at the state's new rapid sites is recommended for symptomatic Minnesotans and is open to Minnesotans with or without insurance. State guidance on

who should get tested can be found on the COVID-19 Testing webpage (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/index.html#test). Rapid test results will be available within approximately 1-3 hours of processing.

Walk-ins are welcome. Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced several other rapid testing sites opened in Greater Minnesota.

"Minnesotans continue to navigate daycare, school, and work all alongside the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Free and fast testing options help families keep their lives on track," said Governor Tim Walz. "That's why we continue to expand testing opportunities in the metro and Greater Minnesota to meet Minnesotans where they are. We are taking action to make sure all Minnesotans have access to testing options at our free community testing network."

The testing is being administered by the National Guard.

"The Minnesota National Guard's motto is 'Always Ready, Always There' and

November 4

STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP MTGS are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

November 5

ATTENTION STAPLES SENIORS (55+) 'Coffee, Cookies and Conversation' at Staples United Methodist Church basement on Fridays, 9 a.m. - noon. For more info., call 218-894-2256 or 218-640-6477.

November 8

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

demonstrates our commitment to support Minnesota citizens," said Army Major General Shawn Manke, Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General. "We have supported public health activities since March 2020 with varying levels of personnel and activities and are prepared to do so, again."

The state continues to assess current and projected testing needs and will work to execute its comprehensive approach to ensure every Minnesotan has access to free testing to keep their families and communities safe.

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'Surviving the Holidays' seminar offered

Grieving? Know someone who is?

A 'Surviving the Holidays' seminar will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. The 'Surviving the Holidays' seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions

- What to do about transitions

- Helpful tips for surviving social events

- How to find hope for the future.

Motley Free Methodist Church is located at 33 Wellwood St., Motley. For more information, call 218-352-6888. Additional online information can be found at www.griefshare.org/holidays

Lakewood Clinics' hours of operation changed

As of Nov. 1, the hours have changed for Lakewood Health System's Pillager, Motley, Browerville and Eagle Bend clinics.

All four clinics will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is a change from the previous hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staples clinic

hours will remain the same, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; walk-in clinic from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

This change is being made to better address staffing needs in order to ensure patients continue to receive the care and services they need.

3rd Annual Craft Sale

We are excited to announce, that we are hosting our 3rd Annual Sale. We have new items and hand picked a few new vendors.

D & W's Country Boutique

November 4th 10-6
November 5th 9-6
November 6th 9-3

7627 120th St SW
Motley, Mn 56466

ATTENTION RENTERS

The **Todd County HRA** has been granted Housing Choice Voucher funds by the Department of HUD. These funds are to provide a rent subsidy for low-income families, elderly, and disabled individuals, who rent privately owned houses, apartments or mobile homes in Todd County. Eligible families and individuals pay no more than 40% of their income towards rent. If you think you may qualify for this program, stop by the **Todd County HRA** for an application at **300 Linden Ave S, Browerville, MN 56438** call **320-594-6388** or email **toddcountyhra@yahoo.com** to find out more information or have an application mailed to you. *EHO*

DEADLINE

for all classified ads and copy is 12 noon Friday

LSS Meals is offering Healthy Meals at a Pop-Up Location in Staples

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Staples Community Center
425 4th St. NE, Staples

NO COST Donations accepted.

Seniors 60+ in Minnesota in need of nutrition can receive meals in bundles of 10 at each pop-up event on a first come, first served basis. A quick, easy form will need to be filled out for anyone who would like to pick up meals, with the assistance of an LSS volunteer or worker.

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TODD COUNTY HRA Mainstream Voucher Program

The Mainstream Voucher program provides rental assistance for nonelderly (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% 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.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Must meet Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program eligibility requirements.
- 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.

Please call 320-594-6388 to request an application be mailed out to you or contact 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 entryway at 300 Linden Ave S, Browerville MN. If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our program's services, use the above information to contact us.

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Obituaries

Roger Wielinski

Roger Alan Wielinski, 68, of Cushing, passed away peacefully October 23, 2021, at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, November 4 at St. James Catholic Church in Randall. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Roger was born to James and Marvella (Lepau) Wielinski on November 10, 1952 in St. Paul.

He enjoyed bonfires, telling stories until early morning, animals, hunting and walking in the woods with his daughter.

Roger is survived by one daughter, Katie (Michael) Stewart; three grand-



children, Alex (Marissa), Austin (Gabbie) and Madison; one great-grandson, Nathaniel Allen Stewart; three sisters, Shirley (Bruce) Guetzkow, Barb

Wielinski and Candy Wielinski; four nieces, Lisa Guetzkow, Lori (Shawn) Berg, Amy Gebben, Sara (Nik) Pflueger; two nephews, Dustin Zeimet and Trevor (Kelli) Zeimet; many great-nieces and nephews; three foster brothers, Frank Sackett, Bruce Waldhauser and Rick Morrison.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Donnie.

Roger's daughter and family would like to thank his cousins, Lucy and Larry for being there.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel- Staples.

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Marcella Arndt

Marcella Arndt, 93, of Staples, formerly of Hewitt passed away October 27, 2021 in Staples. Compassionate care was provided by Lakewood Health System Hospice.

Funeral services were held November 1 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Robin Collins presiding.

Marcella Luella was born to Arthur and Emma (Hannemann) Meinhardt on March 9, 1928, at home in Bartlett Township, Todd County.

After graduating from Hewitt High School, she attended Teachers Training in Staples and then taught country school for two

years. She married Elmer Gustav Arndt on June 10, 1948 and was a homemaker and mother for many years. Later, her teaching experience benefited her as a paraprofessional at Bertha-Hewitt School for 23 years. She found great joy in playing cards and visiting with family and friends.

She was a member of the Hewitt and Staples Senior Citizens, Hewitt Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid for 50 years, Trinity Lutheran Ladies Guild in Staples and the VFW Auxiliary.

Left with loving memories of Marcella are her children, three sons, Lester (Patricia) Arndt, of Lake City, Gene (Roxanne) Arndt, of Hewitt and Roger (Laura) Arndt, of Franktown, CO; two daughters, Linda Arndt, of Staples and Lori (Brian) Bates, of Staples; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Arthur (Myrna) of Farmington and sister-in-law, Devona Meinhardt of Columbia Heights.

Preceding Marcella in death were her husband, Elmer (2009); parents; four siblings, Ernest (Eunice) Meinhardt, Ruth (Alan) Smith, Alice (Ray) Rooney and Roy Meinhardt and one



great-granddaughter, Ava Klokstad.

Honorary pallbearers were Marcella's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers were Gene Arndt, Aaron Arndt, Roger Arndt, Erik Arndt, Brian Bates and Luke Bates.

Memorials will be directed to Bartlett Immanuel Lutheran Church Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Bartlett Township, Todd County.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Domian-Anderson Chapel, Bertha. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wallwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
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.

Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 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 Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
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Judy Bottila

Judy A. (McGillivray) Bottila, 72, of Monticello passed away October 26, 2021.

Funeral services were held November 2 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park.

Burial will be held Wednesday, November 3 at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Judy was born to Frank and Olga (Peterson) McGillivray on July 28, 1949 in Staples and grew up there. She married Duane A. Bottila in 1967. She was very proud of her family and will be missed as the matriarch of the family. She was talented and passionate about her arts and crafts.

Judy is survived by her husband, Duane; three children, Dawn (Tom), Matthew (Cindi) and Melissa (Matt); two grandchildren, Kalie (Chris) and Eli; four step-grandchildren; one



great-grandson, Kellen and two brothers, Dave and Greg (Debbie).

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Larry, Jr. and Sonny and two sisters, Marlys and Marilyn.

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Off to a fast start

Issiah Tabatt leads a big pack during the Section 6A cross country race, with Luke Brownell right behind. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Section champions for cross country teams

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley cross country teams are both Section 6A champions for the second year in a row.

The girls team was boosted by season best races from Audrey Brownell and Sophie Schlosser while the rest of the team ran up to their potential.

The boys team was not the favorite coming in, but Logan Robben, Luke Brownell and Grant Johnson had their fastest races of the year to win by 10 points.

“Can you be confident and nervous at the same time?” asked Coach Bruce Fuhrman about the team’s expectations coming into the race. “We felt our teams were ready to compete for the titles, after experiencing a surge of confidence in practice the past two weeks. We were generally healthy for once this season.”

In the girls race, Kyanna Burton started out with the leader and stayed steady to finish in second place. Aften Robinson and Audrey Brownell worked together the entire race to finish third and fifth.

“Kyanna and Aften were stellar from start to finish in dominating this race,” said Fuhrman. “Audrey was also holding her position in the front, which was so exciting to see.”

Ashley Robben and Bella Hines were the next scorers. “They gutted it out to run exceptionally well and seal the victory,” said Fuhrman. Naila Michaeli was the seventh runner not far behind.

In the boys race, the Cardinals keyed off some of

their rivals and held their position. Issiah Tabatt started with the leaders and settled into fourth place, where he stayed until the finish. Luke Brownell started right behind Tabatt and Lyle Brownell was in the chase pack. Logan Robben and Grant Johnson started a little farther back but both moved up, picking off runners throughout the race.

Lyle Brownell crushed the last mile to move up to eighth place. After each team’s top four runners finished, Staples-Motley was tied with West Central, leaving the section title to be determined by the fifth runner. Johnson came in ten spots in front of their rival, bringing the trophy to Staples-Motley. The five scoring runners finished within one minute of each other. “That eliminated any gaps for our opponents to score in,” said Fuhrman. Dillan Robben and Odin Trif were the sixth and seventh finishers.

“Our guys held the will to win in this one, running in top form to put the final outcome in our favor,” said Fuhrman. “These guys were severe underdogs to win this thing, but were successful in carrying out a race plan discussed several times over the past two weeks. I am so proud of these nine guys.”

Fuhrman said the team’s traditional calm demeanor carried them through, but there is also an appropriate time to break the calm.

“Words and the way you speak them from a content, quiet spirit have a lasting effect on your kids and are not easily forgotten,” said Fuhrman. “I find that pos-

sessing a loud, proud, restless spirit is one ‘wanted to be forgotten’ and often times these words are ineffective over time. Yes, we, did have an extended moment together out on the course for some joyful outbursts directly after the boys race. I am human too.”

This is four section champion titles in a row for the girls team. Burton and Robben have been on all four teams. Addison Lorber also has been on those teams was not able to run this year because of health issues.

This is the fifth straight year that the boys team has qualified for state, three of them as section champions. Luke Brownell has been on four of the teams.

Team results Section 6A championships

Boys results
Staples-Motley 48, West Central Area 58, Sauk Centre 123, Bertha-Hewitt 124, Benson 189, Ottertail Central 211, Minnewaska 230, Morris 234, Breckenridge 246, Osakis 266, Wadena-Deer Creek 274, Brandon-Evansville 310, Wheaton 323, Parkers Prairie 347, Ortonville 355, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 450, Pillager 454

4. Issiah Tabatt 17:09, 8. Lyle Brownell 17:34, 9. Logan Robben 17:35, 10. Luke Brownell 17:37, 17. Grant Johnson 18:04, 48. Dillan Robben 19:16, 57. Odin Trif 19:30

Girls results
Staples-Motley 44, Minnewaska 65, Wadena-Deer Creek 94, West Central Area 115, Morris 134, Breckenridge 167, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 179, Ottertail Central 197, Benson 222, Pillager 234, Sauk Centre 312, Osakis 352, Wheaton 355

2. Kyanna Burton 19:26, 3. Aften Robinson 19:34, 5. Audrey Brownell 19:40, 12. Ashley Robben 20:50, 27. Bella Hines 21:57, 28. Sophie Schlosser 22:04, 49. Naila Mikhaeil 23:33

Cardinals start off strong in playoffs

The Staples-Motley volleyball team finished every set with a flurry in a 3-0 win against Holdingford in the first round of the Section 6AA playoffs on Oct. 28. In each set, the Cardinals broke open a close score and rolled to an easy victory.

The Cardinals advanced to the second round to play Milaca on Nov. 1, played after this newspaper was printed.

Staples-Motley setter Leah Bestland spread the ball around throughout the match, leaving the opponents on their heels and giving Cardinal hitters quality swings. In the first set, Grace Jennissen had two kills, an ace tip and a block. In the second set, Klaire Storry had four blocks, a tip and two kills. In the third set, Morgan Becker had four kills as the team pulled away. Throughout the match, Bo Erholtz cleaned up at the net, scooping by knocking back several overpasses and slowing down the Holdingford attack with her blocking.



Steady passer

Stephanie Sullivan digs a serve.

Team results
Section 6AA playoffs
Staples-Motley 3, Holdingford 0; 25-17, 25-14, 25-16
Leah Bestland: Assists-30, Digs-9, Kills-1
Morgan Becker: Kills-14, Blocks-1, Digs-5
Maggie Claussen: Aces-2, Assists-1, Digs-15
Bo Erholtz: Kills-7, Blocks-5,

Digs-4
Klaire Storry: Kills-7, Blocks-4, Digs-1
Grace Jennissen: Kills-3, Blocks-1
Jayce Kobliska: Aces-1, Digs-7
Emilya Case: Kills-1, Blocks-2
Stephanie Sullivan: Aces-1, Digs-8

Martin, Carlson score in playoff loss

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley football team scored two touchdowns but gave up three in a 23-12 loss to Wadena-Deer Creek in the opening round of the Section 6A playoffs on Oct. 26. Hunter Martin and Eli Carlson scored the Cardinal touchdowns.

Wadena-Deer Creek took the opening drive to the end zone for a 7-0 lead. Staples-Motley punted but when WDC started driving again, Sam Opheim broke up a play in the backfield and jumped on the fumble that resulted. It was one of many big plays Opheim made in the backfield, as he finished the game with four tackles for loss and one quarterback sack.

After the fumble recovery, Isaiah Schultz ran for a first down, then completed long passes to Chandler Braith and Carlson. Martin scored on a two yard touchdown run, but the two point conversion attempt fell just short, making the score 6-7.

In the second quarter, WDC had another touchdown drive and added a field goal late in the half to make the halftime score 17-6.

The Cardinal defense was stronger in the second half. They allowed one touchdown drive but stopped the conversion attempt.

The Staples-Motley offense struggled to get a consistent drive going in the second half, but Carl-



Gaining ground

Isaiah Schultz gets away from a tackler. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

son turned things around with two big plays in the fourth quarter. First on defense, he stepped in front of a pass over the middle for an interception. On the very next play, he ran a deep route along the sideline and Schultz hit him for a 40 yard touchdown.

The Cardinals had more opportunities but were unable to get crucial first

downs, finishing the game with just three of twelve third down conversions.

Schultz completed 12 of 26 passes for 161 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Chandler Braith caught six passes for 67 yards.

Schultz was also the leading rusher with nine carries for 46 yards. Martin had 11 rushes for 17 yards.



Playmakers

Left, Sam Opheim pressured the quarterback; right, Eli Carlson hauls in a 40 yard touchdown pass. Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Blockers in motion

Klaire Storry (12) and Bo Erholtz stop a spike during the section match (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Youth hunt results in big bucks

Local youth were successful in finding big bucks during the early youth hunting season.



Beau Carlson of Staples had a 170 pound 10 pointer



Justin Olson of Motley shot his first deer, 12 points



Aidan Winter, 9 point buck



Jack Carlson, Staples, 195 pounds and a 9 pointer



Caden Kramer 211 pound, 9 point buck in Staples



Eli Greenwaldt 7 point buck



A deer camp in the truest sense

Ask a deer hunter to describe a “best of” experience among all their years of hunting whitetails, and chances are that most could at least narrow it down to a few finalists. Notwithstanding the fact that some are blessed with a better memory than others, the passage of time can dim distant recollections. Of course, fuzzy details can give us license to embellish, and we might end up with something just a tad more colorful than reality.

I’ve been accused of having a two fact memory. I can readily remember two things, but if a third is added, I am liable to forget one of the other two. But when it comes to a most-memorable deer hunt, there is one that truly stands out, and its most salient facts are firmly fixed in my normally far-from-photographic memory.

Deer hunters are prone to refer to their almost sacramental annual pilgrimage as going to “deer camp.” Deer camp might be a log cabin tucked deep in the northern Minnesota woods. But it could be a resort—rustic or deluxe—a pickup camper, travel trailer, or even a motel. The “camp” element may have as much to do with the companionship and camaraderie of friends, relatives and acquaintances coming together to enjoy a commonly held passion.

The deer hunt I’d be inclined to label “best of” certainly lives up to the deer camp concept; literally. It was a deer hunt that employed not only a high-powered rifle, but a nylon tent, backpacks, sleeping bags, hiking boots, topographic maps, and campfires. It was full-on camping in the November north woods, with the hope of my hunting partner and I that we would enjoy not only tangible success, but an uncommon adventure.

We were just a few years out of high school, and very much still figuring out what to do with the rest of our lives. But there was no such uncertainty about what we wanted to be doing in early November, when Minnesota’s red or blaze orange-clad legions descend on the woods and fields with white-tails on their minds.

I had stumbled upon the idea of backpacking into a remote area that might not be overrun with hunters, and would have at least a whiff of wilderness to it. Stumbled upon it while interviewing the director of the Belwin Conservancy—known then as the Belwin Nature Center—a nature preserve and environmental learning center near the St. Croix River.

Before becoming Belwin’s director, Bernie Fashingbauer had a lengthy career with the Minnesota Department of Conservation, which was the agency’s name before it was modernized as the Department of Natural Resources. Among other things, he was a writer who played a role in the agency’s publications; perhaps not by coincidence, its guide to big game in Minnesota.

Over the course of this interview on the nature center’s mission, I learned that he and I shared an interest in deer hunting, and he described his hunting party’s bushwhacking to camp and hunt in the watershed of

the North Shore’s Baptism River, a trout stream that winds some nine scenic miles through the state’s Arrowhead region and terminates in Lake Superior.

Inspired by his encouragement, I broached the idea to a lifelong friend and sometime hunting partner. When you’re young, and less influenced by practicality, ease, and comfort than you will eventually become, you often act on enthusiasm and a sense of “we can do anything.” Thus, the 2-0 vote to give this brand of deer hunting a try.

We were not new to deer hunting. Nor were we strangers to camping, at least the warmer weather kind. But November is not June, and it would require more thought and preparation. Things like warmer sleeping bags, clothing appropriate to cold and snow, and obtaining accurate topographic maps to help us navigate. Then pre-hunt scouting to narrow down promising deer habitat, and hopefully confirmation in the form of deer trails and deer sign.

Neither of us were serious hikers or backpackers, as romantic and adventurous as that has always seemed. But there are only so many ways to get gear in to a remote location without a vehicle, and—lacking snow that would have made pulling a gear-laden sled possible—we “hoofed it” with heavily laden but thoughtfully assembled packs. A light dusting of snowflakes during our hike in offered that perennial hope of all deer hunters: “tracking snow.”

Much is different in such a deer camp. Darkness arrives in late afternoon, and you live by the light of a gas or battery-powered lantern, and usually end up “turning in” early. There is no electric toaster or microwave, and no Mr. Coffee for java in minutes. Campfire coals or a small camp stove accomplish your cooking, which is likely to be more basic than at home. No TV to break the spell of being in a wild place. The stars seem brighter, and there is always the prospect for northern lights. You do simple things like play cards, talk politics (with civility!) philosophize, and rediscover the ability to be comfortable without a pressing to-do list.

The first morning of our hunt we were in our stands on a tall ridge well before even a pinkish hint of sunrise. Soon after those first warming rays, I heard a measured crunch...crunch...crunch from below the ridge. I wondered who had invaded our hunt, and was so lazy as to be finding their deer stand in daylight. But it was not a hunter. A forkhorn buck was following the base of the ridge, its gingerly-placed hooves on brittle frost-glazed leaves betraying it.

There are only a handful of outdoor experiences that make the heart beat almost beyond your control. But somehow composure outdueled panic, and—without details that might offend some—with one shot the buck was mine. It was the next morning when my hunting partner, hunting at the base of the same ridge, intercepted a huge buck, far outdoing mine in body size and antlers; a real “wall hanger,” as the saying goes.

Next day we broke camp and began the trek out. We discovered just how much work it is to carry a camp on your back, and drag two deer—one seeming as massive as a small cow—out of the bush and back to civilization. Then again, as some might say: “Nice work if you can get it.”

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Inside the
Outdoors



Mike Rahn
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500 scores for Becker

Left, the Staples-Motley volleyball team celebrates Morgan Becker’s 500th kill scored during the Section 6AA tournament match. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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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-W-DC; S. Veronen-Verndale; J. Hillmer-Browerville. Supts: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka. FED Staff: E. Weber, L. Murdock, J. Anderson, M. Krause, S. Johnson, S. McAllister and S. Thiel.

Agenda- MOTION BY B. Lund and SECONDED by B. Tumberg to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE-U/C

Presentation- FED Staff Members - M. Krause, S. Johnson and S. McAllister presented on the program "Birth to Age 3 Equip". Bus. Mang. J. Anderson reported on FED's Finances.

Old Business- MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED by Hillmer to approve the 6/23/21 minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann and SECONDED by Veronen to approve the eval-

uation of the Ex. Director 20/21 SY Goals. VOTE-U/C
Business & Finance
MOTION BY Howard and SECONDED by Tumberg to approve the 6/22/2021-9/15/2021 voucher claims as presented. VOTE-U/C

New Business
MOTION BY Tumberg and SECONDED by Thalmann to approve the annual Food Service Purchase Agmt. with S-M ISD #2170 for the 21/22 SY. VOTE-U/C
MOTION BY Hillmer and SECONDED by Funk to approve the MN State Community and Tech College PSEO Agmt. FED for the 21/22 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Howard and SECONDED by Lund to approve the HRA Section 115 Trustee Report as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Wolf and SECONDED by Tumberg to approve the Ex. Director Goals for the 21/22 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED by Lund to approve the ALC Extended Time Programming Guide for the 21/22 SY as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Tumberg and SECONDED by Hillmer to approve the SRO Agreement between the City of Wadena and FED as pre-

sented. Roll Call VOTE - Aye- Hillmer, Veronen, Tumberg, Funk, Lund, Thalmann, Howard, VanDenheuvel. Nay - Wolf. Motioned Carried.

MOTION BY Thalmann and SECONDED by Howard to approve the 2022 Revision 1 budget as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Hillmer and SECONDED by Wolf to approve the 2022 Vision Renewal Rates as presented. VOTE-U/C

Department Reports
ALC/Targeted Services: *E. Weber reported the ALC Summer Schools and Targeted Services Programs were well attended and the fall enrollment continue to increase. The WALC Independent Study currently has a waiting list.*

Bus. Mngt.: *J. Anderson presented on the quarterly finance update.*

MOTION BY Lund and SECONDED by Thalmann to approve the Facility Reserve Fund for \$332,816 for the 21 FY End as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Tumberg and SECONDED by Veronen to approve the OPEB Reserve Fund for \$338,647 for the 2021FY End as presented. VOTE-U/C

Ex. Director: *E. Weber reported on the following topics: FED Safe Learning Plan; Wadena ALC driveway has been paved; Applying for grant "Grow Your Own" with Sourcewell FED as the fiscal host.*

Pers. Committee: *Reviewed minutes of the Pers. Comm Mtgs.*

MOTION BY Veronen and SECONDED by Thal-

mann to approve the 21-23 Master Agmt. between FED #6004 and T/I EMFED #7335, as recommended by the FED Pers. Comm. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Funk and SECONDED by Tumberg to approve the 21-23 Master Agmt. between FED #6004 & FED Para/RVR Drivers Group, as recommended by the FED Pers. Comm. VOTE-U/C

Personnel Agenda-
MOTION BY Wolf and SECONDED by Howard to approve Personnel Consent Agenda as presented:

Resignation of K. Lambert, E. Judd, C. Collings, J. Holmquist, T. Becker, S. McKeever, E. Patnode, T. Rickbeil; Voluntary Reduction in days for K. Snyder, M. Henry; Hiring of J. Storry, J. Covert, M. Ludovisse, A. Ladwig, C. Perala, K. Lehmann, S. Eckhoff, S. Orsello, T. Walz, M. Murch; Increase in Hrs. of K. Boutiette, J. McFedries, D. Baune, W. Wegscheid, S. Wacker, C. Kempenich, L. Lorentz, H. Jasmer, M. Schmidt, L. Wright; Lane Change Request of K. Thoennes; Re-Assig. of L. Wick, N. Hibbs; Decrease in Days of L. Truax, VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Wolf and SECONDED by Hillmer to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. VOTE-U/C

Pre-Approved Publication Summary

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED:
Katie Howard, Clerk

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on November 23, 2021, at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt assessments for non-payment of utility charges against property(ies).

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Tara Greer, City Clerk

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 533 THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAPLES ORDAINS: SECTION 1:

The following is hereby adopted:

Sec. 6-63 Chickens

(a) The total number of chickens may not exceed ten (10) on a parcel that is less than five (5) acres in size and the coop and other structures must meet applicable setbacks.

(b) The principal use of the property shall be single-family residential and contain a single family residential structure. Chickens shall not be permitted on vacant properties or those containing multi-family residential uses. Coop structures that are greater than 120 square feet in size shall comply with 109-114.

(c) The keeping of chickens on lots smaller than five (5) acres shall comply with the following standards:

(1) Hen chickens are permitted.

(2) Roosters, guinea fowl, ducks and turkeys are prohibited.

(3) All chickens shall be contained within the owner's parcel at all times.

(4) Chickens shall not be kept inside the principal structure.

(5) Chickens may be slaughtered on the property in locations that are not visible to the public or adjacent properties.

(6) Coops and attached exercise pens shall be provided for all chickens. A permit shall be required. Coops and pens shall be fully-enclosed including overhead areas, and shall be constructed of durable materials. The coop shall have sufficient windows for natural light. The floor area of the coop must equal at least two (2) square feet per chicken and the combination of the floor area and pen area must equal at least ten (10) square feet of area per domestic chicken.

(7) If the coop is larger than 200 square feet, the owner shall obtain a building permit. If electricity is to be provided for heating or lighting, the owner shall obtain an electrical permit.

(8) Coops, pens and other structures for chickens shall meet the structure setback requirements plus all structures shall maintain a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from dwellings on adjacent properties, and

shall be located in rear yards only.

(9) No person may allow chickens to free range unsupervised without fencing or without a mobile pen.

(10) All food and bedding stored for chickens shall be kept in rodent-proof containers and stored inside coops or other buildings.

(11) Structures and areas in which chickens are kept or maintained, including coops and pens, shall be kept reasonably clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. All feces shall be collected regularly and properly disposed of on a regular basis as fertilizer, composted, or transported off the premises.

(12) Chickens shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance.

(13) The City may enter and inspect any property, including the coop and back yard, at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating a reported violation or to ascertain compliance or noncompliance with the City Code.

(14) Any properties keeping chickens at the time this ordinance is enacted shall apply for a permit within 120 days. The permit shall document the number of chickens and the existence of any coops currently on the property. Those properties obtaining a permit shall be permitted to maintain the number of chickens and size of coop as documented in the permit. Any properties keeping chickens at the time this ordinance is enacted that do not obtain a permit, shall be required to bring their property into compliance with this ordinance within 150 days of enactment of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

Effective Date. The ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

APPROVED:
Chris Etzler, Mayor

Attest:
Tara Greer, City Clerk

First Reading:
October 12, 2021

Second Reading:
October 26, 2021

Adoption: October 26, 2021

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Public Notices

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN 56347 320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 301, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information.

Questions? Call or email 320-732-4420 or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of October 28, 2021 Minutes
- Board introduction and process review
 - o The applicant is introduced
 - o Staff Report
 - o Applicant request if staff report accurately represents the request
 - o Public Comment
 - o Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. William and Nancy Noon: Mound Lake, Section 11, Grey Eagle Township
Site Address: 14049 341st Avenue, Grey Eagle. PID: 11-0044200

1. After-the-fact variance request to increase the impervious surface in Shoreland RD Zoning (Mound Lake) from the ordinance standard of 25 percent (%) to 51.6 percent (%) for 320 square foot sidewalk.

1. **Greg and JoAnn Carlson:** Big Lake, Section 23, Turtle Creek Township
Site Address: 35368 Moccasin Lane, Cushing. PID: 24-0049000

1. Request to reduce the OHWL setback in Shoreland RD Zoning (Big Lake) from 100 feet to 74 feet for a dwelling addition.

2. Request to increase allowed peak height for structures not meeting all setbacks in Shoreland RD Zoning (Big Lake) from 18 feet to 22 feet.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Richard Johnson, Chair
Todd County
Board of Adjustment

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Scenes from section 6A football
Above, Staples-Motley cheerleaders at the section football game. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Chandler Braith avoids a tackle.



Haiden Rychner and Isaiah Schultz bring down a runner.



Section volleyball action

Top, Cardinal fans celebrate with the team; left, Leah Bestland sends a back set to a hitter behind her; middle, Morgan Becker hits a jump serve; right, Grace Jennissen watches her spike cross the net. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Cross country section champions, times two

The Staples-Motley boys and girls teams with their Section 6A championship trophies. Front row from left, Coach Bruce Fuhrman, Addisyn Cichos, Kyanna Burton, Sophie Schlosser, Audrey Brownell, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Bella Hines, Naila Mikhaeil and Suhaila Mikhaeil; back row, Coach Tony Spandl, Odin Trif, Wil Dolezal, Lyle Brownell, Issiah Tabatt, Grant Johnson, El Greenwaldt, Luke Brownell, Logan Robben, Dillan Robben and Coach Steve Jennissen.



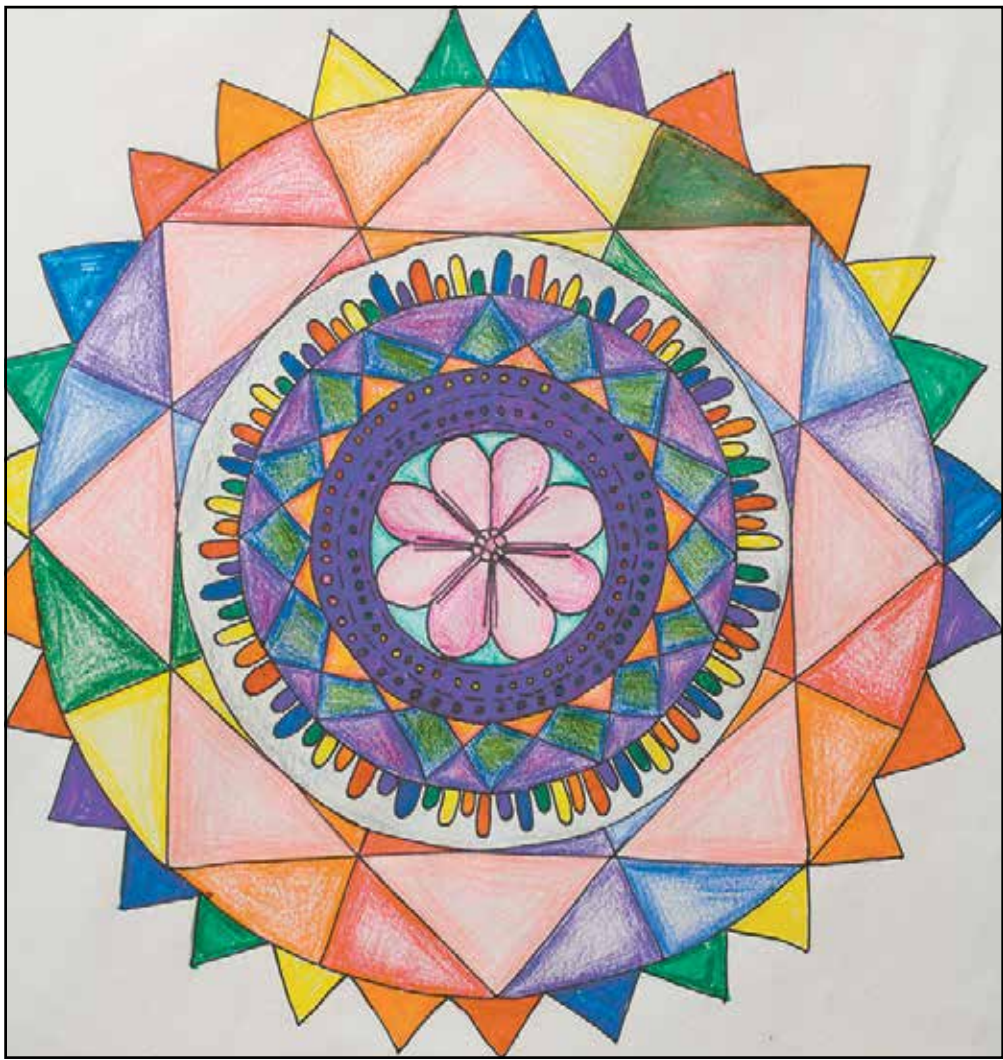
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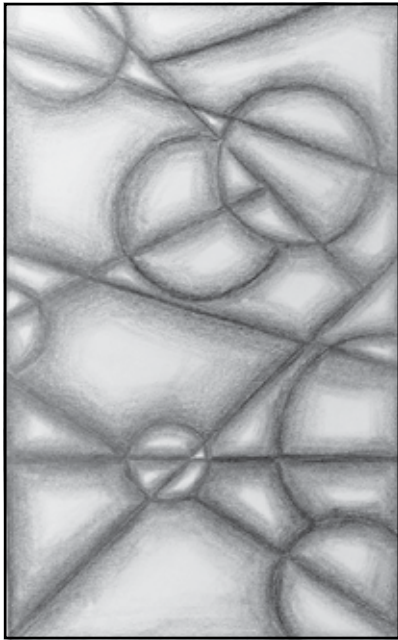
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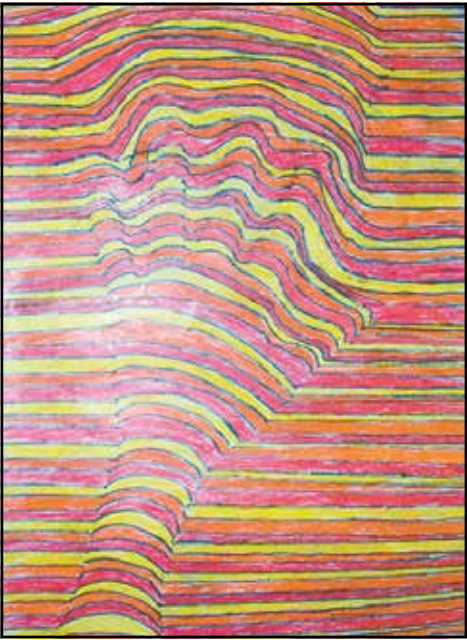
Audrey Brownell (left) and Aften Robinson



Alexis Opelia



Natalie Hahne



Garrett Bjerga

USA vs. SPAIN (cultural comparisons)

By Mireia Pablos

In this article you will find the main differences that a 16-year-old Spanish exchange student has found during her first month in Staples, Minnesota. We will talk about the food, school, social activities and more things.

First of all, I will say that everything is different. I have found a lot of cultural differences and for me everything has been new and unfamiliar. Let's start with the food. In the U.S. the food sizes are way bigger than Spain. Last week I went for the first time to an American restaurant and I ordered a salad and I couldn't finish it. Three people could have eaten from there. Also, here you can find lots of fast food, candy and basically everything you want. In Spain we don't have that many varieties of foods and also everything is a little bit healthier. Actually, I have never tried that many foods in such a short period of time. I've tried Reese's, Poptarts, corn dogs and many new things.

A big difference between the U.S. and Spain is the school

and everything is involved in it. Let's start with the schedule. Here, in the U.S. you have seven classes and at the end of the semester you change them. In Spain every day we have a different schedule, so at the end of the week we do a total of 13 different classes. Also, we don't change our schedule each semester, we have the same one during all the year. Another thing is that everybody has the same classes, so we are not changing our classmates every hour. We just stay in our class and the teachers are the ones that move around the school. In my opinion, I think that this is a better way to maintain the school a little bit more organized because not all the students are moving, only the teachers, which is way fewer people. Also, we call our teachers by their first names, not by their last name, so when I came here and I noticed that, it was a cultural shock.

Another thing is that our education system is totally different than here. In Spain it is all about study, memorizing, doing exams and basically being quiet in class and taking notes. I totally prefer the American education system,

because I think that you learn more by doing practice, labs, and teamwork.

The houses are different. What I have seen here is that American houses are made of wood. All the Spanish houses are made up of bricks. Also, since we don't have tornados, heavy storms or anything dangerous, Spanish houses do not have a basement because we don't really need them.

The meal times are totally different, too. In Spanish houses the most common time to have lunch is at 2 p.m. Then at 5 p.m. we usually take a snack, because we don't eat supper until 9 to 10 p.m.

Basically between these countries there is a totally different culture. In my opinion I think that Spain is a safer country than the United States, but if I needed to choose between these two countries, I would prefer the U.S. for its culture, activities and school.

During this short period of time that I have been here, I have had a lot of fun and I really like it.

Wanted: Trade school graduates

By Sophie Albie

"Help wanted."
"Please be patient as we are short staffed."
"Be kind to the employees that have shown up to work today."

These are the signs that are posted on almost every business in the country right now. These businesses include any position from a barista in a coffee shop, a waitress in a restaurant, a clerk at a gas station, an electrician, a machine shop shift worker, a diesel

mechanic, a welder, a nurse, a medical assistant, a phlebotomist, an auto repair worker and the list goes on and on.

Our county is in need of trade school graduates and honestly, there aren't enough students or workers to fill the empty positions.

Four year schools are important, but they are not for everyone. There are students who are more hands-on learners and that is where our two year technical schools come in. Our country was founded on

hands-on workers and the jobs for America's basic needs are relying on those to continue.

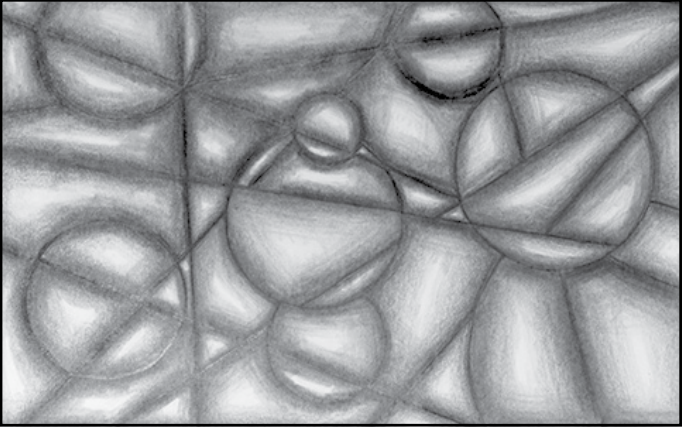
In an interview with Jill Albie (my mom and also an employee for the state of Minnesota at Central Lakes College) answered a question for me.

Are your students getting jobs when they graduate from a trade school?

"Yes, they are. In fact, we don't have enough students for all of the jobs that are open," she said.

This is the case because

nobody wants to work mainly because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Less and less people want to do the hands-on work: for example electricians, my dad (Jamie Albie) is an electrician. With the few electricians that there are in Staples, it really has become a problem for them. Normally this time of year work would get pretty slow for my dad but his schedule is jam packed and it's because no one wants to do the work.



Jessica Schwichtenberg

Student artwork



Madison Perius

Standing during the National Anthem

By Luke Bjerga

My opinion is to stand for the flag today, not to please ourselves, but to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. If you don't have the ability to stand, the Patriots understand. More than 1.2 million Americans have died because of war.

The stripes on the flag represent the 13 colonies and the 50 stars represent the 50 states. The colors also have a meaning, red symbolizes hardness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Pro athletes who get paid millions of dollars are supposed to be role models

and when they kneel for the flag that's not being a role model. When pro athletes kneel for the flag and bring politics into their sports their views go down a lot because nobody wants to watch people disrespect the flag and the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We have been standing for the flag since June 14, 1777 - that is 243 years of standing for the National Anthem. Why stop now? Whether you are at a little league baseball game or the Super Bowl, when you hear the National Anthem you stand up, remove your cap and put your right hand over your heart.

--<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/353087-5-reasons-we-stand-for-the-flag>

Microwaves in the cafeteria

By Annie Schlosser

Many students bring cold lunches to school every day. It would be nice if there were more options of things that they could bring. If there were microwaves there would be more options, not just cold food. Instead of bringing a sandwich every day they could bring things like leftovers. The cafeteria is busy so there would need to be more than just one microwave so that the line does not take forever.

Having microwaves would also make the lines shorter at ala cart and the hot lunch line. Having microwaves could help kids with specific dietary needs like gluten free, lactose intolerant and any other allergies.

Having microwaves in the cafeteria would provide more options for the kids that bring lunch from home every day. Some kids might want to bring leftovers and they should not have to eat them cold. With a microwave they could heat it up and their parents would also be happy that the leftovers will be eaten and not wasted.

The cafeteria lines are long with four grades eating at the same time. With microwaves it would maybe split lines up more. There would then be a line for students getting hot lunch, ala cart, for kids using the microwaves and the students with cold lunch could just go and sit down right away. There would need to be more than one microwave or

the line would get backed up anyways. If there was only one microwave, kids would not want to wait in line for it. There should be five or more microwaves so that kids can get through the line and actually have time to eat.

There are students with dietary restrictions and school lunch can't always meet everybody's needs. With microwaves the students with the dietary restrictions could bring their own food that they can eat, not just only cold things but warm things too.

In conclusion, there should be microwaves in the cafeteria for lots of reasons and they are all stated above.

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