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2022-23 This Week's Forecast High Low Cond.

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Construction bids accepted for high school building project

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

Construction bids were accepted for most of the project scopes for the Staples-Motley High School/ Middle School building addition and refurbishing

The construction plan is to widen the practice gym area and construct a walking track around the expanded gym, with the contribution from Lakewood Health System and First International Bank.

The Staples-Motley School Board approved 17 of the 19 work scopes, as recommended by building advisors ICS. Representatives from ICS said they received 59 bids for the project, with three or more bids for most scopes. The bids had a difference of \$3.8 million between the highest and lowest bids, with \$1 million of that in the fire sup-

The two scopes that were not accepted only had one bidder for each. They were scope 9, aluminum doors, windows and glazing, and scope 15, gymnasium equipment. Those two portions will be sent out for bids again.

The bids that were accepted were:

Earthwork - Ideal Construction of Staples for \$202,060

Concrete - W. Gohman Construction of Saint Joseph for \$492,300

Precast concrete - Wells Concrete of Maple Grove for \$731.500

General construction Hy-Tec of Brainerd for \$1,359,000

Masonry - Johnson-Nelson Masonry of Ashby for \$440,400

Steel material - Integrity Steel Supply of Mapleton, ND for \$498,700

Steel install - Innovative Erectors of Alexandria for

Roofing and metal panel - Herzog Roofing of Detroit Lakes for \$437,000

Flooring and tile - Arnquist Carpets of Alexandria for \$223,374

Acoustic treatment - Dow Acoustics of Detroit Lakes for \$372,480

Wood athletic flooring -Prostar Surfaces of Milwaukee, Wisc., for \$48,550

Fluid-applied athletic flooring - H21 Group of Minneapolis for \$78,300

Paint and wall coverings Gunion Painting of Waite Park for \$90,000

Bleachers and fixed bench seating - H&B Specialized Products of Eden Prairie for \$116,450

Fire suppression Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection of Saint Joseph for

World's Best

Workforce The board heard from

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Festive decorations Richard and Brenda DeLong of Motley received the "Most Creative" award during the Christmas Lights contest in Motley. Their festive yard is located on 1st Ave. N across from the Free Methodist Church. TRB Sewing was awarded

the "Best Decorated Business" and Jared and Hillary Rubink were given an award for "Best Use of Lights." The judging was done by a person from another town.

(Photo by Dawn Timbs)



Santa goes ice fishing

Santa is now on vacation and has plenty of time to go ice fishing, like in the lights display at the Pine Grove Park in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

The vear in review: Staples. Motley 2022

Looking back on 2022, there were many beginnings, with new projects **Public** and buildings started, and new leadership in several **Notices** key positions. This was an election year, so the Staples World had stories on City of Staples: the new state districts and **8**A profiles of local candidates. The newspaper followed the school refurbishing process and plans for future school

additions.

pression bid.

Following are some of the memorable news stories, events, achievements and photos of 2022.

2022 - The Year in Review

Jan. 5 - The Motley Lions Club held a 50th Anniversary Celebration at Ten-Hi in Motley, where they looked back on all that had been accomplished since their charter on Dec. 16, 1971.

Jan. 12 - The Staples-Motley FFA Chapter shattered past records, receiving the highest ever national competition ranking it has ever had along with its first ever national-winning proficiency award. Members who attended the convention were Brooke Converse, Colton Converse, Camryn Ferris, Owen Hageman, Addison Lorber, Caden Mrazek, Allison Olander

and Benjamin Olander.

Ben Olander received the Staples-Motley FFA Chapter's first-ever national-winning proficiency award in the area of Agricultural Mechanics: Design and Fabrication.

Jan. 19 - Sivert Klefsaas scored his 1,000th career point on a three point shot with the score tied against Browerville on Jan. 11.

Feb. 2 - Staples World reporter Dawn Timbs was awarded first place in the Minnesota Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest for social issues story. The story, "Red dresses in Leader raising awareness of Indigenous women," appeared in the June 2, 2021 edition of the Staples World. It explored Domita DeWald's project of bringing awareness to thousands of cases of missing and murdered Indigenous

women each year. Feb. 2 - Julie Benson accepted the position of Senior Services Medical Director at Lakewood

Health System. Feb. 2 - The surge in COVID-19 continues in the area, with several communities reaching their highest weekly total since the state began releasing numbers by zip code in 2020. Staples had

82 new cases, topping their highest weekly total, which had been 74 in November. Motley also set a weekly high with 36 and Wadena had 99, their highest weekly

total. Feb. 9 - Staples-Motley volleyball player Leah Bestland signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Mayville State in North Dakota.

Feb. 16 - Steven Schmura was severly injured when he was struck by a car while out for a walk on County Road 7, near 430th Street, south of Staples.

Feb. 16 - The Staples Downtown Revitalization Committee was suprised to see statistics showing that the trade area for businesses is much larger than the group predicted. Committee facilitator Neil Linscheid, of the University of Minnesota Extension program said the population of the Staples trade area was calculated to be around 141,000 people. "People are coming to Staples from

much further than you think," said Linscheid. Feb. 23 - The Colla Voce Girls Choir helped spread love and joy at a two-part Valentine's Day event in Staples recently. Both parts included music, handmade gifts and smiles from the

givers and recipients alike. March 2 - After spending nearly a year in Kuwait, Jared Newton immediately noticed some of the differences when he got back to Minnesota. "We got off the plane and said 'wow, we can actually smell the snow, it has a real smell," said Newton, now at home in Staples with his wife Kaija and three children, Ryker, 10, Dakota, 8 and Teddy, 3.

March 2 - Lots that have been sitting empty for more than a decade now have two developers interested



Photos of the year June 8 - A drone photo from the Wadena County Sheriff's Department shows damage in the forest from the Memorial Day tornado.

in them. At the Feb. 22 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting, the board learned that a company from Iowa and another located in Cass County are both interested in the same lots to build town homes.

March 9 - The Staples-Motley School Board learned that they will need to make changes to their building plans because a supply chain concern caused a high construction bid and a new state regulation limited how much they can expand at the elementary school.

March 16 - Harold Arvid Wassather, 60, of Motley, has been formally charged by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) with two counts of murder in the death of his girlfriend, 66-year-old Christine Nygard. The incident, which took place at the couple's trailer home in Motley, is still under investigation by the MCSO, along with the Motley Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

March 23 - Central Lakes College is planning to start a meat cutting program at the Staples campus in the

fall of 2022. "We're very excited, the workforce need is very apparent," said David Endicott, CLC Dean.

March 30 - The Sta-ples-Motley School Board started a process that could lead to officially closing the Motley school building and making it available to sell.

April 6 - Stepan Strilchuk, Ukrainian man who worked at Lee and Laurie Paskewitz's farm in Browerville in 2017, has stayed in contact with his American friends and recently shared of the horrific events that have taken place in his country following the Russian invasion.

April 6 - Gary Timbs, Staples, is one of the featured artists on a new musical program on You-Tube. Prairie Public TV is debuting a new season of "Prairie Musicians" to focus the spotlight on regional talent — recorded live in Prairie Public's downtown Fargo studio.

April 13 - The Staples-Motley Elementary school will undergo extensive renovation this summer after the Staples Motley School Board approved construc-

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Photos of the year April 27 -

Central Lakes College teams cheer for paddlers in the cardboard boat races at Staples Community Center on April 20, part of the CLC Club Olympics.

Motley's 2023 levy up 4.43 percent

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Dec. 12, the Motley City Council approved the total levy for 2023 (\$424,181), an increase of 4.43 percent from last year's certified levy. They also adopted the final budget for 2023 as presented.

The total certified levy includes sums of money for the following funds:

- Fire: \$21,531
- General: \$247,056
- Beaulieu Project Bond:
- \$40,000 • 2011A Street Improvement: \$20,594
- 2012A Street Improvement: \$37,000.

Prior to their regular meeting, a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was held to discuss the proposed 2023 budget and levy. It was noted that a preliminary levy increase of 12.67 percent had been approved in September, and that the

• Street Improvement: council has the ability to reduce the amount of the levy, but not to increase it before approving the final budget.

In other matters the council:

• APPROVED the 2023 Fee Schedule.

• APPROVED the Motley Fire Department's recommendation for the following officers: Chief, Brad Olson; 1st Asst. Chief, Todd Judd; 2nd Asst. Chief, Jace Carlson; Medical Officer, Nathan Thiede.

• HEARD the monthly fire report which included nine calls for November.

• HEARD the monthly police report, which included 71 calls for Novem-

• APPROVED the police department's request to purchase a 40mm single shot launcher and all necessary equipment to go with it. The total price for is \$2,339.29. Chief Jason Borash mentioned that this less lethal weapon is used by law enforcement when they want to avoid lethal force, but still be able to detain people. Both Chief Borash and Officer Cody Holtz have been trained on how to properly use this equipment and are both certified.

• APPROVED a request from Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director, to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) Conference in March.

• APPROVED hiring Sarah Lenzen for the position of Administrative/



Council member Carlson says 'goodbye'

Jace Carlson, left, member of the Motley City Council for the past six years, is pictured at his final council meeting Dec. 12. Carlson did not run for reelection. Also pictured, from left, are council member Pat O'Regan, Mayor Mike Schmidt, and council member Steve Johnson. Council member Nikki Bjerga was absent that night.

When asked what he liked most about being on the city council, Carlson said "problem solving and team work." As

be bumped up to \$16.63 an

hour starting in 2023 with

the new Step Structure; and

Accounting Assistant, as will advance one step on the recommended by the hiring step structure every year on her anniversary hire date, committee. Lenzen's start date was Dec. 13, 2022 at and accrue prorated PTO \$16.48 an hour and will based on hours worked.

> • NOTED that it was council member Jace Carlson's last meeting, as his

what they do."

term is up at the end of 2022. Mayor Mike Schmidt thanked him for his work

he reflected on his work with the council.

Carlson said there wasn't one particular

project that stood out, but he was glad

to have been a part of them all. "Even

though this is one of the most thankless

iobs a person can do, it was still gratifying

knowing that I did my best to make the City

of Motley a better place to live." Carlson

shared. "So next time you run into a city

council member, thank them for doing

on the council. • SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

New faces at the meeting

The City of Motley recently hired Sarah Lenzen (left) as its Administrative/Accounting Assistant; and will have Brenda Borash (right) joining them in 2023 as a member of the city council (a four-year, elected position). Both Lenzen and Borash were in attendance at the Motley City Council's regular meeting Dec. 12. (Staples World pho-

tos by Dawn Timbs)

'For All The Saints' concert was a hit

Plans underway to bring the Community/Alumni Christmas event back

The Community and Alumni Christmas Choir Concert, "For All The Saints" was such a success, that plans are already in the works to make this a regular event...perhaps every three years or so.

Held Dec. 10, at the Staples-Motley High School gymnasium, the concert featured selections from the Staples Area Men's and Women's Choruses (event sponsors), the Staples-Motley Cardinal Choir; and an alumni choir.

Bill Spar, member of the men's chorus, served as chairperson for the special event, which included nearly 150 singers.

Spar reflected on Dec. 10, which he said "was a wonderful day of rehearsals, reminiscing, catching up with old friends/classmates/past directors/musicians, etc., and of course performing." According to Spar's unofficial counts, there were 84 returning Cardinal alumni that participated in the event; and when the entire group combined for the closing selections, he counted 141 singers on the risers. "Not bad for our first attempt at this," Spar said.

Men's Chorus Director Steve Hoemberg, a former director of the Staples-Motley High School Cardinal Choir, was one of the director's of the alumni choir. Hoemberg shared that, "I was so impressed by how quickly the alumni chorus was able to pick up all of the new music they had to learn. I have so much gratitude for all who were able to give us a day of music-making and friendship."

Hoemberg went on to say that this event was "a true testament to the power of collaboration, as it could not have happened with such a high level of musicianship had it not involved both past and present musicians from our community. So many amazing stewards of musical arts combining their skills and dedication to accomplish a beautiful day of music, memories and camaraderie. From the labor of setting up the gym, to the creation of the program, to the afterglow, and of course the performance itself, and everything in between, the event brought a wholeness to the hearts of all of us. It was so very meaningful.'

Reactions from both performers and concertgoers have been both humbling and overwhelming, Hoemberg said. "I'm grateful to have been part of it, including the chance to mingle with former students, colleagues, and my most influential teachers." One of his teachers was long-time high school choir director at SM, Stan Carlson. Carlson was in the audience for the Dec. 10 concert, and received a standing ovation after being recognized for all of his years of contribution to the music program.

The alumni group sang three solo numbers at the concert, which they'd rehearsed for approximately 75 minutes earlier in the day. "They sounded as if they'd been singing together for months," Spar said.

Spar went on to say that so many people commented on how fun to was to participate in the "For All The Saints" processional again. There were also many (not alumni) who said they'd watched the processional for years, but now were actually able to participate because of their involvement with the men's or women's chorus.

Several choir members shared comments of what

this event had meant to them. Joanne (Giza) Gilligan, a 1998 SMHS grad, expressed her thanks to all who had been a part in organizing the reunion concert. "I thought everything went so well, the only recommendation from me is to not wait three to five years to do this again. Maybe make it every other year or if you did this every year, I would surely attend...I can't say it enough, I enjoyed this opportunity to come back and sing so much."

Dave Anderson, member of the SAMC, shared that 'For All the Saints' has been a part of his Christmas tradition for over half a century, but never before as part of the procession. You might not have been aware that second tenors Anderson, Gorton and Neumann (who account for 240 years of the collective ages of chorus members) were joined by one Anderson, two Gorton and two Neumann progeny. We were well represented. I am grateful beyond words to be part of such a musical mas-

terpiece." Jon Neumann, a Cardinal Choir alum, commented that this event was a great way to get family and friends back together. 'My wife was crying when she watched the three of us singing together again,' Neumann said, referring to his dad, Dick Neumann,

and brother, Randy. For those who were not able to attend the 'For All The Saints' event, the concert is available on YouTube. High School graduates. Otherwise, plan ahead to be there for the second Annual Community and Alumni Christmas Concert somewhere down the line. Sooner than later, is the consensus of the participants in this year's event.



Alumni choir rehearsal

Nathan Thelen, a former choir director at Staples-Motley High School, rehearsed a piece with the alumni Cardinal Choir prior to their concert Dec. 10. At the keyboard is accompanist Sandy Paskewitz. Other former directors at SM that

participated at the concert were Steve Hoemberg, Caleb Horn and Jeff Iverson. Longtime former director Stan Carlson attended the concert, and also arranged one of the songs performed by the choir. (Submitted photo)



Fun reunion

Rebecca Nemitz and Katrina Eckenrode, 2012 Staples-Motley enjoyed being a part of the recent Cardinal Reunion Christmas Choir Concert. (Submitted photo)



Past and present directors

A number of music directors participated at the Community and Alumni Choir Christmas Concert in Staples Dec. 10. Pictured, from left, are Caleb Horn, Steve Hoemberg, Sandy Paskewitz, Nathan Thelen, Rob Freelove. Horn, Hoemberg and Thelen are all former Staples-Motley High School Choir directors. Hoemberg currently directs the Staples Area Men's Chorus and Freelove directs the Staples Area Women's Chorus. Paskewitz has served as accompanist for the community choirs, as well as the school choirs. (Submitted photo)

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Motley Police report

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

Dec. 14 - 20

Dec. 19 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off from Holiday gas station in Motley, in the

amount of \$15.67. Dec. 15 - The MPD stopped a vehicle in Motley for expired registration and failure to maintain a single lane. Signs of impairment were observed and the driver performed poorly on the field sobriety test. The driver was arrested for DWI and transferred over to Wadena County for an A&D order.

Dec. 15 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 300 block of Telemark Trl, Cushing, who reported he was a victim of identity theft.



Season of Lights ceremony

Ornaments were hung recently in honor of Lakewood Health System's hospice and palliative care patients who died during the past year. Held at Timbers Event Center in Staples, this was the 27th annual Season of Lights ceremony spon- Dawn Timbs)

sored by Lakewood Health System Foundation. Above, family members pick up the ornaments for their loved ones. The event also included a meal, speakers and special music. (Staples World photos by



Provided special music

The Staples Area Women's Chorus provided special music at Lakewood's Season of Lights ceremony Dec. 10, at Timbers Event Center in Staples. The chorus's accompanist, Kim Prestridge, also played peaceful Christmas music as Chaplain Paul Johnson read the names of each patient, and ornaments were hung on the tree in their honor. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Journey to Bethlehem with J - O - Y!

theran Church presented their Christmas of the Christ Child. The final song, "(Go Program "Journey to Bethlehem" Dec. Fish)... Joy To The World" had the whole 18. The journey followed the path of Jo-group expressing their J - O - Y!

Sunday School members at Faith Lu-seph and Mary to Bethlehem and the birth

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Schools on track for educational goals

Curriculum Director Jenny Pantzke and Principals Deb Ferdon and Allen Berg about the school's progress on the World's Best Workforce program.

Berg said the school is on track to meet their goals for students entering kindergarten.

The elementary school has not yet met their goal for students to reach the state average in grade level proficiency.

A third goal for the elementary is to close the achievement gap between students with free and reduced lunch. Berg said they are on track to reach that goal by 2025.

Ferdon said the main goal that the high school is working on is to have all students ready for a career or college by the time they graduate. To reach that goal, the school is targeting all students to take the resource management class by 10th grade. Guidance Counselor Steve Jennissen is helping 9th and 10th grade students to form a personal learning plan for their high school career. The school is also working with Sourcewell's

Metier program to help students plan their future.

The high school is on track to meet their graduation rate goal of 94 percent. Ferdon said 93 percent of the Class of 2021 graduated.

In other news, the board approved a request for a music tour. Ferdon said they are planning a smaller scale tour than in some other years because of changes due to COVID and other factors. The plan is to go to Chicago, with stops along the way including the Twin Cities, St. Olaf College, Winona and Wisconsin.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• Dec. 25, 1947 - The three large transformers which arrived in Staples Dec. 15 for the city light plant were installed early Sunday morning, Dec. 21, and now, according to Hugo Klang, superintendent of the plant, there will be no danger of the transformers "going out"

> - 0 -Compiled by **Dawn Timbs**

unless some unforeseen circumstance damages them considerably.

The only drawback now to the light service is the switchboard at the plant. Mr. Klang stated that the switchboard, although servicing the city at the present time, is inadequate to efficiently care for the electrical load being carried at the light plant.

It took the crew of about 15 workmen about six hours to complete the work of installing the new transformers Sunday morning.

• Dec. 25, 1947 - Staples Creamery employees stated Monday afternoon of this week that the price of butterfat at the creamery had risen to a new all-time high when they were paying \$1.03 per pound for butterfat. This they report, is the highest price ever paid in the creamery.

About a year ago butterfat prices soared to \$1.00 per pound, and this was considered to be the highest it would ever go, but the prices all over the nation have risen accordingly, and the Staples Creamery has had to "fall in line" with other creameries throughout the

• Dec. 25, 1947 - Employees at the Staples post office have been "rushed to death" during the past week taking care of the patrons who are mailing letters and parcels through the office.

Although figures are not available at this time, employees at the office state that the volume of business this year will far exceed any year in the past.

An added employee, Leonard Hall, has been put on as a regular parcel post delivery man, and he has had to make several trips a day to deliver the packages coming into the office

50 YEARS Ago - 1972 • Dec. 28, 1972 - The Sta-

ples Cardinals claimed three individual championships and settled for a second place finish in the 8-team Paul Bunyan Wrestling Tournament last Friday and Saturday at Brainerd.

Winning the tourney was the defending Staples Champion, St. James, with 104 1/2 points. Staples, the defending Paul Bunyan Wrestling tournament champion, nailed down second place with 102 1/2 points. Team totals for the other participants were Brainerd 85 1/2, St. Cloud Tech 75 1/2, New York Mills 72, Bemidji 70, Foley 57 and Alexandria 40.

Wrestling their way to individual championships for Coach Don Dravis' Cardinal squad were Mark Bendson at 112, bell Bendson at 126, and Roger Madson at Heavyweight.

Mike Hajek, the Cardinal



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Oct. 6, 1977 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

132 pounder, wrestled his way into the finals, only to lose to Nelson of St. James.

• Dec. 28, 1972 - About 20 high school staff members purchased a Cassette Tape Recorder last week and had it sent to one of their fellow workers, Connie Olson, who is hospitalized at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis.

Miss Olson received injuries in an auto accident Sunday evening, Dec. 17, near Cushing. Her father was killed in the accident and her mother and sister were hospitalized at St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls.

Under the direction of Molly Boone, librarian, students in Miss Olson's classes at Staples High school tape recorded messages of cheer to be sent to her this week.

Don Sanda, one of the faculty members, said, "We hope to do this periodically during Miss Olson's Hospitalization and not just at the present time. This is one way that we at Staples High school can show our concern for a member of our

• Dec. 28, 1972 - A record high mail volume was experienced at the Staples Post Office during December, according to information released today by Robert Pederson, postmaster.

Peterson said that the post office in Staples showed cards and letters increasing about 2 percent over last year. The heaviest day for mailing outgoing cards and letters was Monday, Dec. 18. The post office also had a considerable increase in the number of parcels mailed.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• Dec. 25, 1997 - A major \$1 billion pipeline construction project may come through the Staples area in

Viking Voyageur is a proposed 773-mile long, 42-inch (3-1/2 ft.) diameter underground natural gas pipeline designed to bring Canadian natural gas to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. In Minnesota, it would run parallel to an existing 24-inch Viking gas line that runs just south of Staples.

• Dec. 25, 1997 - Holiday lighting displays have brightened up the night

sky throughout the area the past several weeks. Results of a Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commercial were announced Monday. Rose Kasten's lighting display just south and west of Motley on County Road 28, was the residential winner for the Motley area. Lewis Blanchard of 216 Park Road was the Staples residential winner. Other winners at Staples include the Staples Fire Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church and williams Floral. At Motley, St. John's Lutheran, LaBella St. Charles and Tysons were

• Dec. 25, 1997 - Two staples women are first place winners in the 1997 Photo Contest sponsored by the "Lake Country Journal" magazine and Target of Brainerd. "Garden Princess' won first for Jan Neterval-Barron in the plants category. "Three Little Pigs' won first in the animals category for Janice Winter. Winter took second place. as well, for her "Proud Puppies" photo.

• Dec. 25, 1997 - The Cards. for the second year in a row, won the Paul Bunyan wrestling title this past weekend at the prestigious Brainerd meet, but it was a close one.

Staples-Motley took first place with 168 points, fol lowed by Frazee with 166 and Bemidji with 160.5. Aitkin finished fourth with 130 points, Brainerd had 127 Foley 115, Grand Rapids 75 and Osseo had 65.5 points in the two-day tournament. Jesse Jennissen claimed the only Cardinal first place championship at 171 pounds.

10 YEARS AGO - 2012

• Dec. 27, 2012 - Pamela Withage now has nine new dog runs in a completely refurbished barn and is ready to open her new business, "Puppies Up North," less than a year since a fire destroyed her old business. Camp Canine. She lost four dogs in the fire. The business is located in rural Sta-

• Dec. 27, 2012 - A New Years Eve Tradition at Mr. Ed's in Motley Monday, Dec. 31. Featuring Prime Rib (served 4 p.m. until gone); Sirloin; and Shrimp.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Dec. 13, 1984 edition of the Staples World featured Jill Hedquist, left, receiving her National Honor Society pin from her mother, Joyce, at the Induction ceremony last week. Her father, John, smiles with approval in the background. Twelve seniors were inducted into the Staples Chapter of the NHS.

Kyra Ladd of Staples correctly guessed that this was a Hedquist girl and that her mother was putting her National Honor Society pin on her. However, she thought this was Jenna Hedguist, a sister to Jill. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Staples Police report Dec. 12-18

Dec. 12, around 5:47 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 900 block of Prairie Ave. NW for a report of a vehicle which had struck a deer. Police learned that both airbags had deployed on the vehicle. The driver declined an ambulance but stated that he was going to seek medical attention. A bystander asked to take the deer and police issued them a permit for it.

Dec. 14, Staples Police responded to a residence on Dakota Ave. SE for an alleged assault. After investigating the incident, officers decided to write a long form complaint to the city attor-

Dec. 15, Staples Police responded for a vehicle in the ditch on US Highway 10 and 291st Ave., east of Staples. No damage and no injuries.

Dec. 15, Staples Police assisted State Patrol with a jack knifed semi on Highway 10 just east of city limits. No damage or injuries.

Dec. 17, Staples Police received two separate reports of an orange snowmobile travelling northbound at a high rate of speed along 8th Street NE. Officers responded to the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Dec. 18, Staples Police were called to Timberlake Hotel for a male subject who was requesting to speak with an officer. While speaking to the subject they indicated they were not staying at the hotel. The subject was requesting an ambulance because they were high on methamphetamines and thought it

may be laced with something which made them feel ill. The subject was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System emergency room.

Dec. 18, Staples Police were dispatched to Lakewood emergency room on report of a male being disruptive and causing a disturbance. An officer spoke with the individual who wanted to get back home to Kentucky. After speaking with the male about possible options to get back home, he wanted to go to Little Falls to start making his way back. The male was transported to the Casey's gas station in Little Falls to possibly use WiFi to call for a ride.



Winter comes in like a lion

You know you're a bona fide, qualified, official Minnesotan if the threat of a snow storm finds you with excited anticipation. You don't quite earn the distinction when you're young. Young people have self-serving reasons for being excited by snow. Among them are the building of snowmen, snowball fights, sledding and snowboarding, andat least in the days before COVID-19 revealed the option of online learning—the school "snow day."

Only after you are a grownup and have to deal with snow's less pleasant consequences does excitement over snow really mean something. Conse

like remov-



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Outdoors

Mike Rahn

ing it from sidewalks, driveways and over-burdened roofs, navigating roads made treacherous by drifting, and snow compacted into ice, and arriving at destinations late and white-knuckled. Only after you have suffered such consequences and still retain a childlike fondness for snow, have you earned the rank of Minnesota Snow

My better half and I are of that generation known as baby boomer, and thereby meet the criteria of age and snow experience several times over. We have never developed the migratory instinct to leave Minnesota as snowbirds headed for Florida, Arizona, or Texas, so as to miss the winter to come. Most recently, when weather forecasters predicted a winter storm that would impact a swath of the nation from Southwest to Northeast, we checked the level of propane in our tank, filled the snow blower with gas, and stretched the ice grippers onto the soles of our walking boots. "Let it come," was our reaction.

And, as we all know, "come" is just what it did, and in great quantity. Some areas of the far North received from 18 to 29 inches, while much of the state from the Twin Cities northward received 10 or more inches. Hereabouts, it began as an almost imperceptible mist, next to impossible to see or feel, but slowly laying down a thin layer of freezing wetness over every exposed surface. Next came a more tangible sleet, not quite rain, and not quite snow. Finally, the precipitation that would provide the bulk of the accumulation turned to heavy snow missiles the size of corn flakes.

Over a two day period, nearly a foot of snow fell, its wetness—the same quality that makes the best snowballs—allowing it to cling to every surface. The pines, spruce, birch, aspen, maples, the cattails ringing the sloughs, and ornamental shrubbery all had a thick white coating befitting an explosion in a frosting factory. An artist rendering a scene with so much white on foliage would be accused of sacrificing realism for ef-Branches bent under the

weight. What wind there was would be no match for the adhesive properties of the snow, unable to blow it free and unburden them. Slender birch and aspen trunks took 90 degree bends, while many pine and spruce branches hung downward at precarious angles, and others broke under the weight. A Norway pine bough, many feet from the ground and nearly four inches thick, cracked, gave way, and battered a house gutter on its way to earth. Neighbors nearby suffered the same, or worse, as Mother Nature gave trees of all sizes and descriptions a heavy pruning. Power outages, from brief to extended, were widespread. When the weather front finally passed, it would be replaced by intense cold in the days leading up to what will bewithout question—a very white Christmas.

Apart from these direct effects of the recent heavy snow on people and landscape, there will be other lingering effects, too. As happened last year, substantial snow has now arrived before a deep layer of solid ice could form on many popular winter fishing lakes. This will make mobility—in some cases perhaps safety—an uncertainty in some locations, especially for heavy vehicles pulling large 'wheelhouse" style fishing structures. This is the last thing that ice anglers wanted to see.

Then there are the effects on some familiar wildlife species. Humans have invented means of adapting to extreme winter weather, from forced-air furnaces that provide heat, to plows to remove snow from our streets and highways, to goose-down and synthetically-insulated garments that help us cope directly with the worst cold conditions. Wildlife must also deal with extreme weather, but with bodily mechanisms and behaviors bestowed on them by evolution rather than in-

Whitetail deer are able to deal with extreme cold thanks to an insulating layer of hollow hairs over their entire body. These hollow hairs trap and hold body heat, not so different from some hollow space-age insulating fibers in our cold weather clothing. Snow is actually a greater threat to deer than cold. When snow depths reach and exceed roughly 15 inches, deer mobility becomes more difficult, especially for younger, smaller animals. More energy is then expended to obtain food. When snow

gets deep enough, deer may "yard up," or congregate in areas where travel may be easier and shelter is good, but food supplies in such confined areas may eventually be exhausted.

Wildlife agencies, including our own Department of Natural Resources, tabulate days during a winter with such 15-inch-plus snow depths, added to the number of days when the temperature drops below zero. Temperature is a factor, despite a whitetail's great insulation, because body heat must still be generated, and the colder it is, the more food-produced body heat is needed. When the cumulative number of days with such snow depths and sub-zero temperatures reaches 120 or higher, the winter is considered severe in terms of deer survival. Official winter has just begun, and already a substantial swath of Minnesota has snow depths of 15 or more inches, and temperatures have already dipped below zero, thus launching the countdown. Last winter was a difficult one for deer in some parts of northern Minnesota. Two in a row

would not be good. Ruffed grouse, on the other hand, generally benefit from deep now, especially when it is soft enough for them to burrow into it and escape the open air above the snow layer. Sheltering here makes them less available to predators during the hours between feeding sessions, generally at dawn or dusk. A snow burrow also reduces their body's demand for those heat-producing food resources, since temperatures within a snow burrow can be between 20 and 30 degrees above zero Fahrenheit, even when the air temperature is far below

Snow—and winter generally—agrees with some people more than others, and its effect on different wildlife species can be significantly different, too.

0-0 **Letter to the Editor**

Something for evervone in local news

I think the Staples World is the best local newspaper I have ever read. I am always impressed by the articles about our students and the paper does it up brown. I know there are scrapbooks dating back years that include cuttings of outstanding achievements by both teachers and "kids."

When I was a youngster 60 years ago, I longed to see

something about my activities in the paper and if I did, it was carefully saved. I don't think kids these days are any different in that re-

I also enjoy glimpses into the lives of people who have done something that has merit in and of itself. There is something for everyone in this paper and it was time I showed recognition to the staff. They are one topnotch group.

Susan Davis Staples, Minn.

Local journalism bill falls through

Excerpt from the Dallas Morning News Editorial Board

Congress had an opportunity this year to take an important step to support stronger communities, better government and civil

Unfortunately, a heavy lobbying effort succeeded in derailing the bipartisan Journalism Competition and Preservation Act that would have given regional and small publishers the opportunity to negotiate fair compensation for the journalism that Google and Facebook host on their plat-

As local journalism has struggled, America's sources of information have become more polarized and less reliable while technology platforms have benefited from becoming the top source of information for most Americans.

The JCPA would have given publishers the opportunity to negotiate with Alphabet and Meta, the parent companies of Google and Facebook, over the monetary value they draw from journalism that news organizations produce.

A bipartisan group led by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., had worked through the year to try to get enough support for legislation that would have helped stabilize the finances of local journalism organiza-

Quote of the week

"You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's corn bread... stale and dry." -Loretta Lynn (1934 - 2022)

Let go of control, allow public to implement ideas

By Deb Brown saveyour.town

I get it. Everything is coming at you at once. Trying to prioritize becomes an exercise in futility. You've lost your grip on being in control.

Stop. Breathe.

Realize that you don't have to be in charge. In fact, being in charge and in control is a demon of the past, part of the old way of doing things. It used to be important that a small group of people made the decisions. They were responsible for knowing all the rules, knowing who the key players were, knowing how to make the best decisions for as many people as they could.

The world has changed. Our access to news, technology, and innovation is light years away from the way it used to be. The days of six men in the backroom making all the decisions has passed. There is now a culture of creativity, of coming together to pool our resources and make small, beautiful accomplishments part of your every day.

How do you let go of being in control? The next time someone walks into your office and says, "I have this idea." You'll respond with "great idea! When will you get started on that?

The next time you're in the middle of flux and can't seem to get things moving, you'll gather your crowd. Who is interested in this challenge? How you can crowdsource the solution? Move that control out of the way and invite your crowd to solve that bit of flux.

When someone asks you for help, share your connections - not all your time. Who and what do you know that will help them? Build connections, help them find their crowd and encourage them to take small

Finally, move from talking to action with small steps.

Get rid of the meetings, get rid of the phone calls to tear apart yet again something already broken, get rid of the people that only want to tear you down. The committee of negativity was never your friend and was never going to help you.

Small steps, with your connected crowd, no one in charge, everyone participating in a small but meaningful way, and your life of being in control is over.

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For so many people, the holidays mean a break from routine—and while many look forward to this time of year, it can also be stressful, especially for people living with dementia or a developmental disability, such as Down syndrome or autism. Those moments of anxiety or commotion can result in them wandering away from

By Amy Klobuchar

U.S. Senator

Forty-nine percent of kids with autism have wandered from safe supervision, and 60 percent of people living with dementia will wander at least once. In Minnesota, we have seen these stories come to tragic ends.

In 2015, Hamza Elmi, a

tism wandered away from his family's home in St. Cloud. His disappearance launched a search that brought together police officers, reporters, and community members. Sadly, the next morning Hamza's body was found in the Mississippi River just blocks from his home. As John Bodette of the St. Cloud Times put it at the time, "Our entire community has lost a son.'

Bill to help keep people

Two years later, in 2017, the Duluth community was devastated by the loss of Mary and Ron Tarnowski, who had been married for 59 years. Decades earlier, Mary had suffered a stroke. and Ron took up responsibilities as her caregiver. But as he grew older and began to show signs of early-stage dementia, that work became harder for him to manage. One afternoon Ron and Mary drove away from their Duluth home with no cell phone. Days later, following a prolonged search, their car was recovered in a swampy area 30 miles away. Neither of them survived.

For years, the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program has been incredibly successful in reuniting wandering people with dementia with their families. That's why in 2017 I led a bipartisan bill with Iowa Republican Senator Chuck Grassley to increase funding and broaden the scope of this program to support wandering kids with developmental disabilitiesit's now called the Missing

six-year-old boy with au- Americans Alert Program. Our bill also included funding to educate caregivers on how to prevent wandering and equip law enforcement with the tools needed to recover missing loved ones. including potentially lifesaving tracking equipment like transmitter bracelets. The legislation was named Kevin and Avonte's Law, in honor of two boys who died as a result of wandering in

This vital program was set to expire, so Senator Grassley and I knew we had to act. I am proud to an nounce that we were able to extend it through 2027 with the Kevin and Avonte's Law Reauthorization Act, which was passed as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. We couldn't have gotten this done without the incredible work of a broad coalition of disability and patient advocates who came together to support this legislation.

For law enforcement, this means a higher chance of reuniting families. For care givers, this means lifesaving training on wandering prevention. For loved ones. this means peace of mind. And for people living with disabilities, this means living in a country with better resources to keep them safe.

In the year ahead, I look forward to continuing to work with our state's disability communities to make sure that every Minnesotan with disabilities is able to live a safe and healthy life.

Quote of the week

"If I'm going to Hell, I'm going there playing the piano." --Jerry Lee Lewis

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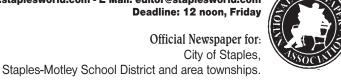
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Current Happenings



Finding the true Spirit of Christmas

Sacred Heart Area School presented "The Mall and The Night Visitor" Christmas program Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. An investigative angel searched for the true Spirit of Christmas throughout shopping malls without luck, until he visited a pet shop where a young girl

wanted to to spend her saved pennies on a kitten for a lonely neighbor. In the true Spirit of Christmas the little girl was willing to go without Christmas presents for herself. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



SHAS Christmas program finale

"Silent Night" second and third grade soloists were to Us All." followed by all singing "Jesus Brings a Merry Christmas





All grade **Christmas** choir

Above: Each class at SHAS had a part in the Christmas program, with costumes, song and more.

Kindergarten program opening

SHAS kindergarteners opened the afternoon Christmas program Dec. 21 by singing "Happy Birthday, Jesus," followed by individual greetings from each child. They concluded with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."





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Mark Your Calendar

December 29

'WALK WITH A Doc' Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit https://walkwithadoc.org/ join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota

December 30

WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOV-ERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

December 31

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 - 10:30 a.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley.

January 2

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

January 3

Ruby's Pantry is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132

January 4

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUP-PORT GROUP offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burling ton room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

Reminders of Bethlehem

A number of bright stars, as well as other festive lights, have been hung at a property along Warner Road in rural Staples. If you listen carefully, you just might hear the voices of angels in the wind. (Staples World photo by



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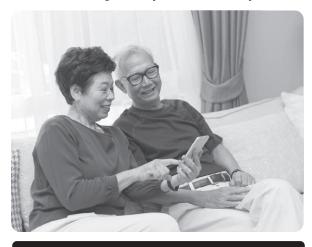
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A beautiful sight, on winter's eve

ter. With several feet of snow already on photo by Dawn Timbs)

The Lisson farm off County Road 83 the ground and temperatures well below in rural Staples was post-card pretty Dec. zero, it seemed that winter had already 20, the day before the official start of win- made an appearance. (Staples World



Baby, it's cold outside

The temperature had dropped to nearly 20 degrees below zero the early evening of Dec. 20, in Staples. Pictured and in the lower photo on the same street, a snowman greets passersby, a remind-

fall in the area, with several more on the way. It's a good night to stay inside, as the warm, welcoming light shining from the window indicates, pictured at right. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Second graders donate to the Food Shelf

Second grade students at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples recently donated 70-plus items to the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS). Pictured, front row from left: Samuel Norris, Tia Mertens, Olive Doll, Mara Pesta, Allison Hoppe, Fran-

ces Reese, Kolton Reese. Back row: Eldin Haehnel, Finnegan Hanson, Rose Roberts, Alexis Olander, Aundrea Olander; and SAFS Director Frank Leidenfrost. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



above, a few cars drive along 5th St. NE;

er that we've had several inches of snow

Todd County Board of Commissioners Ag Society questions about Todd County Fairgrounds

Karin L. Nauber Todd County correspondent

Due to most of the commissioners being absent because they were attending the AMC Conference, the regular meeting was held on December 9.

The Todd County Ag Society had a few additions to the agenda for requests that

they wanted to take care of. First was the cement barriers the Ag Society had purchased for events held at the grandstand like the demolition derbies and

other grandstand events. The Ag Society would like to retain ownership of the blocks, to make sure they're left on the fairgrounds, as this would save money so the public works department wouldn't have to come and build dirt berms for the

The Ag Society representatives said that other groups who rent the fairgrounds could use the block barricades, as well.

Chairman Rod Erickson questioned if the Ag Society was going back on its word about donating the blocks to

The representatives said they had not agreed to that and that the person who previously spoke at the meeting did not have authorization to make that statement of donating the blocks. Also at the time the statement had been made, the blocks had not been purchased.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that it was in the public record that the blocks would be donated.

The Ag Society said it was a misspoken statement.

The liability issue was discussed related to ownership. If someone was playing on them and got hurt if the county-owned them, the county would be liable.

The Ag Society said they had annual insurance that would cover injuries as long as they retained ownership.

There was also discussion about the use by the county in an emergency sit- was made. uation. There would be no guarantees that the blocks would be there for an event if the county needed them in an emergency.

After a lengthy discussion, the action was tabled until County Attorney John Lindemann is able to review everything and come up with a Memorandum of Understanding for the terms.

The second item was concerning an overhead door in the Expo Building. The Ag Society wanted it placed back to the original setting which had been changed when they had redone things for the hockey association netting. They weren't sure how the netting would fit. The door is apparently at a 45° angle and used to be at a 90° angle.

Erickson said that it appeared to the opinion of the Ag Society that this change needed to be made.

The Ag Society members contend that they are losing airflow with the door at the 45° angle.

They said yes, they could spend the money to do an airflow study, but that it would be best to simply change the door back to the original setting.

Apparently the issue is that the door can't be opened fully because it blocks an exhaust fan.

They felt that they would save money by being able to open the door fully. Right now it can only be opened half wav.

The Ag Society said their electric bill was double because they had to run the air conditioning because it got so hot without the

proper airflow The quote they received last winter to make the

change was \$3,900.

They didn't have information on what an airflow study would cost at the time of the meeting.

The Ag Society said they have noticed the air flow issues for the past two years since the change in the door

Later in the discussion, one of the members said that it was still the same amount of airflow, but that the direction was changed with the door at 45°

They believe changing the door would make the air cooler.

Commissioner Randy Neumann noted that they could do the airflow study but have no previous numbers to compare it to.

One of the Ag Society members said that the only way to determine the air flow would be to do the study the door as it is now and then switch it to the 90° angle and test it.

After discussion, Commissioner Gary Kneisl made a motion to move the door back to the 90° angle without the airflow study.

It was noted that the door will be the same door. They just have to change the track and how it's hung.

With Erickson opposed, the board approved the motion to change the door back.

In other business:

 Approved a gambling permit for the Struttin Blackbeards-NWTF to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom on February 4, 2023.

 Accepted the resignation of Nathan Ruda, a seasonal worker in the Solid Waste Department as of November

 Accepted the resignation of Traci Becker, a full-time correctional officer effective November 28.

· Accepted the resignation of Kellen Pulliam, a full-time correctional officer effective December 7.

· Accepted Emmitt Winkels's resignation from his position as part-time correctional officer, effective November 30. · Hired Elizabeth Muchow

for the position of full-time correctional officer with a start date of December 18. Muchow's starting pay will be Grade 6, Step 4, \$22.55. The reason Muchow is

Muchow was full-time, went to part-time and is now

going back to full-time.

· Approved the resignation of Social Worker Amanda Langford, effective December 6.

 Approved the hiring of Katherine Pittman for the office assistant position in the Assessor's Office with a start date to be determined.

Adopted a resolution

designating the Todd County Historic Courthouse as the polling place for the county's absentee precinct, the one mail ballot precinct (city of Swanville) and for county special election municipal locations.

Minnesota Statute 204B.16 requires municipalities, school districts and counties to designate polling place locations by December 31 annually for the next year's elections even if there is no scheduled election.

• Approved the contract with Peters Law Office for public defender services in Todd County for 2023. There was an increase in the cost

of the service. After an introduction to the one candidate, the board appointed Eugene Mensen to the Sauk River Watershed District Board of Managers for the remainder of a three vear term beginning immediately through July 1, 2024.

· After discussion on where the funds would come from, the board approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to move forward with the low bid from BCI Construction of \$1.510.069 for the Justice Center Roof and rooftops project.

Commissioner David Kircher was opposed - not to the project but to the funding source which would be from the ARPA funds.

'My concern is that there will not be enough money left for the other projects that other departments have." said Kircher.

County Coordinator Chris Pelzer said that there

starting at Step 4 is because wouldn't be enough to do all regarding the agreements of the items on the list but would be able to do several.

> There is approximately \$3.9 million in ARPA funds remaining.

> Facilities Supervisor Mitch Johnson said that they had talked about doing a shared amount between ARPA funds and the building fund. There was about \$936,000 in the building fund as of November 14 with about \$250,000 more coming out of it for already planned projects.

> He said that there would be approximately \$1.1 million in the fund after 2023 funds were added.

> After the discussion, the board approved using all

ARPA funds for the project. Background: Every five years, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires Todd County to update the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Todd County's plan expires October 15, 2023. Approving this resolution is to assure Todd County will be participating in the planning process and will make county staff and time available to assist in its update. Also provide the authorization of **Emergency Management to** execute and sign grant and applications.

If the All Hazard Mitigation Plan is not updated, Todd County and cities would not be eligible for any Hazard Mitigation.

The plan was approved. Chief Deputy Lonnie

Marcyes' request to be moved back to a sergeant position, effective January 2, 2023 was approved. Marcyes was appointed Chief Deputy on January 8, 2019. Todd County has a Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) which states the chief deputy shall return to his former position if available. There will be an open sergeant position available January 2, 2023.

 Heard an update from Director Laura Vaughn from Northern Pines

in place with the county.

 The Director of Todd County Health and Human Services will act as the 2023 and 2024 CHS Administrator for the Morrison-Todd-Wadena (M-T-W) Community Health Board (CHB). In return for the services, the M-T-W CHB member counties shall reimburse Todd County in the amount of \$1000 per county, per year. This was approved.

· Set 2023 non-union and appointed officials salaries. The agreements include a 2.5% general increase effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2023, pay date January 25, 2023, and a 3% step increase effective the first full pay period worked in July 2023, pay date July 26, 2023 for eligible staff. Staff currently over the maximum of the salary grid shall receive a 1.25% (one-half general increase) effective the first full pay period worked in January 2023 pay date January 25, 2023 in accordance with county policy.

 Approved the commissioner's salary at 2.5% increase bringing them to \$34,228.

· Established the county attorney salary at \$126,219.

 Established the auditor/ treasurer salary at \$100.682. Established the county

recorder salary at \$67,000. Established the sheriff's salary at \$107,000.

 Approved the 2022-2024 LELS road deputy salary at a 3% increase along with some other negotiated items.

 Approved the Teamsters sheriff supervisors contract for 2022-2024.

• Approved the Teamsters jailer/dispatcher contract for 2022-2024.

· Had a brief closed session for the evaluation of County Coordinator Chris Pelzer. Board Chair Rod Erickson said they gave Pelzer a satisfactory review.



Staples-Motley looks to join Heart O Lakes

By Mark Anderson Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a request for entry into the Heart O Lakes Conference for athletics. At the Dec. 19 school board meeting, Activities Director Josh Lee said the request is being made to find out if the conference would allow Staples-Motley to join, but the school will not commit until all options are explored.

The move was initiated because Pequot Lakes announced they will be leaving the Mid State Con-

ing Staples-Motley, Detroit Lakes, Park Rapids, Aitkin and Crosby-Ironton in the conference

Lee said talks between the current Mid State schools have not yet revealed a solution.

"No one was making a move, we didn't want to be on the back end of not making a move," said Lee. The Heart O Lakes Con-

ference currently is made up of Barnesville, Breckenridge, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Frazee, Hawley, Pelican Rapids and Perham.

Park Rapids is also look-

ference after this year, leaving at joining the Heart O Lakes Conference while Aitkin and Crosby-Ironton are looking into joining conferences closer to them.

> Board member Brad Anderson noted that the new conference would mean longer distances for teams to travel. Lee said the distance may be farther, but most of the towns are along major highways so the trips shouldn't be too hard.

The move would apply to all sports except football, where regular season games are set up into districts by the Minnesota State High School League.

Cardinal basketball teams play one game of Pillager tournament

The Staples-Motley boys won 50-36 against Pine River-Backus in the first round of the Pillager holiday tournament

The Staples-Motley girls lost their first round game, also against Pine River-Backus,

The second game of the tournament was canceled because of weather.

In the boys game, the Cardinals built a lead in the first half, only to see it cut to two at halftime. In the second half, they pulled away as they clamped down on defense.

The girls team was behind by two at half-

time and they tied the score in the second half as it was still a close game with 10 min utes left. The Cardinals fell behind after a short stretch of getting outplayed, but battled back to make the game close at the end again.

Team results

Staples-Motley 50, Pine River-Backus

Scoring: Lauren Rutten 15, Oliviah Lorber 12, Cami Anderson 8, Miranda Schotzko 6, Audrey Brownell 5, Ashley Robben 4

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WEDNESDAY AWANA6:00 p.m.	310 5th St. NE
Assembly of God	Sunday Wor (Nursery A
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles	Sunday Scho
Small Groups (Bible classes	Aldric
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Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service)11 a.m.	19550 490th S
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.	Eric Clapp Sunday Wor
WEDNESDAY Sonlight (kids ages 4 yrs6th grade)	Sunday Scho
After school to 5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade)	Cushin
After school to 5:30 p.m.	Bethany I
Church of Christ	25430 Bison R 320-749-2140
27343 490th St., Staples218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein	Pastor Carl La Pastor Chris M
Facebook Live	www.bethanyle
Bible School (youth and adult)9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.	Sunday Wor Communion
WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study7-8 p.m.	
First Congregational Church,	Lincoln Ev 1354 320th Str
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firstcongouccstaples@gmail.com 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571	www.lincolnefr Facebook Linco
Worship9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service	Office Hours: 1 Senior Pastor:
	Community Lif
Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples218-894-1546	Associate Pasto SUNDAY
Pastor Carl Larson Pastor Chris Mathiason	Church Wors YouTube Chan
Sunday Worship Service9:00 a.m.	WEDNESDAY
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Sacred Heart Church	Cushing I
310 4th St. NE, Staples Church218-894-2296	26298 Bear Ro Pastor Dan Ho
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz	Sunday Scho Worship
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Sunday8:30 a.m.	Bible study.
Seventh Day Adventist	Leader
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	1000 4th St., NE, Staples218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins
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	Bethany Lutheran
	25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
	320-749-2140 Pastor Carl Larson
	Pastor Chris Mathiason
	www.bethanylutherancushing.org
	Sunday Worship9:00 a.m. Communion1st and 2nd Sunday
	of each month
	Lincoln Evangelical Free
	1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
	Phone: 218- 575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org
	Facebook Lincoln E Free
	Office Hours: Tues Thurs., 9 a.m 12 p.m.
	Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
	Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
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Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz	
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Pastor Greg Leslie	
www.motleyumc.net Sunday Worship Service10:00 a.m.	
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	First Baptist	
	903 River Street South, Pillage	I IA
	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 Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor Sunday School . .10:45 a.m. **WEDNESDAY PRAYER** ..7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship. **United Methodist Church** Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN astor Kenneth Úhren Sunday Services. .10:30 a.m. Sunday School ..9:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 09 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 enior Pastor Tony Stanley leath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries

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Family Life Church 02 NE Clark Drive, Verndale erndaleFLC@gmail.com	
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Sunday School10:30 a.i
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

"New Beginning"

Fr. Gabriel Walz, Sacred Heart Church, Staples and St. Michael Church, Motley

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19, RSV).

That's such a beautiful line from Scripture which is echoed at certain key moments of our encounters with Mary early in Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:29; 2:59). This is the woman to whom the angel was sent to offer God's Divine proposal for the salvation of the human race. She, the "New Eve," said "Yes" to God's plan. Mary now reflects in her heart the divine mysteries of God which are at work in her life. Do we do the same thing? Where have you seen God at work in your life? Do you spend time - real prayer time - simply marveling at God's action within your life? If not, you might not have even realized yet just how much He has been at work in your life, showering you with many blessings.

Central Building

Supply

Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

218-894-3794

January 1 starts off the New Calendar Year. This new beginning is celebrated within our culture by making resolutions to strive for virtue especially in areas we recognize we have failed during the past year. Don't let this day become merely a checkpoint. In these first weeks of the new calendar year, claim the resolutions you will make, hearing the words of our Lord in the Gospel echo in your soul: "Do not be afraid" to say "Yes" to His plan in your life. Ponder anew the mysteries of God at work in your life each day. Strive for the greatness to which you have been called this year. And, may everything you think and say and do in this New Year, abound to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

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***To update your church information or to advertise on the Church Directory, call 218-894-1112 for Jan or email: jwinter@staplesworld.com. As always, continue to email your Ministerial pastoral message or advertisement to: jwinter@staplesworld.com



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Public Notices/Classifieds

City of Staples Summary Budget 2023

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2023 budget information concerning the City of Staples to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete: The complete budget may be examined at City Hall, 122 6th St NE. The City Council approved the budget on December 13, 2022.

Table 1 **Governmental Funds 2023 Adopted Budget**

2021 2022 2023						
Budgeted Governmental Funds	ental Funds Actual		Adopted		Adopted	
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$	1,030,537	\$	1,019,267	\$	1,017,687
All other taxes		565,111		725,000		703,500
Special assessments		117,414		89,132		60,420
Licenses and permits		105,455		86,460		103,940
Intergovernmental revenues						
Federal		243,982		180,960		325,000
State		1,297,871		1,433,996		1,393,231
County		-		-		-
Other Local Units		-		100,000		100,000
Charges for services		302,819		429,382		312,866
Fines and forfeits		23,036		22,000		22,000
Interest on investments		61,309		35,570		49,050
Miscellaneous		177,533		81,305		54,175
Total Revenues	\$	3,925,067	\$	4,203,072	\$	4,141,869
Other Financing Sources						
Proceeds from borrowing		-		-		-
Transfers from other funds	\$	60,000	\$	60,000	\$	60,000
Proceeds from sale of capital assets						
Expenditures	•					
Current:						
General Government	\$	479,806	\$	616,303	\$	687,531
Public Safety		1,045,923		1,207,903		1,165,063
Streets and Highways		424,768		584,620		629,636
Culture and Recreation		153,668		183,476		165,985
Economic Development		170,868		183,440		300,903
Miscellaneous		307,642		496,599		320,300
Total Current Expenditures		2,582,675		3,169,442		3,269,418
Debt Service - Principal		652,000		559,000		480,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		195,402		169,594		150,736
Capital Outlay		447,489		429,500		428,000
Total Expenditures	\$	3,877,566	\$	4,327,536	\$	4,328,154
Other Financing Uses						
Transfers to Other Funds		-		-		-
Debt refinancing						
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$	107,501	\$	(64,464)	\$	(126,285
Property Tax Levy Required to Fund the 2022 Budget	\$	1,030,537	\$	1,019,267	\$	1,017,687

Community

Center

61,150

183,808

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\$ (259,508) \$

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CITY OF STAPLES Table 2

Enterprise Funds 2023 Adopted Budget

Water

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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS TO FINANCE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S **TEN-YEAR FACILITIES PLAN**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STAPLES-MOTLEY) CASS, MORRISON, TODD, AND WADENA COUNTIES, **MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley), Cass, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties, Minnesota (the

"District"), intends to issue its General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023B (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595, as amended. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance certain projects included in the District's ten-year facilities plan and related financing costs.

A general description of the projects to be financed is as follows:

 Indoor air quality, fire safety, and asbestos removal and encapsulation projects included in the District's ten-year facilities plan approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The total amount of District indebtedness as of De-

cember 1, 2022, is \$15,410,000. If these proposed Bonds were issued after that date, the total indebtedness of the District at that time would be \$22,910,000.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF IN-DEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STA-PLES-MOTLEY), CASS, MORRISON, TODD, AND WADENA COUNTIES **MINNESOTA**

Dated: December 19, 2022.

Mary Freeman Clerk of the School Board

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2021 Actual

4,342,600

280,564

1,111,478

257,756

376,413

160,384

413,768

694,675

51,067

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109,591

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5,457,740

4,676,208

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2023 Adopted | 2022 Adopted

Budget

\$ 4,590,490 \$

330,642

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Budget

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CENTRAL TODD COUNTY アラフ Care Center

immediately after it occurs.

Operating Revenues Charges for services

Operating Expenses **Personal Services**

Supplies

Other operating revenue

Contractual Services

Purchase of energy

Heat, Light, Power

Property Taxes

Intergovernmental

Miscellaneous revenue

Operating Transfers In (Out)

Net Income (Loss)

Interest and Fiscal Charges

Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)

Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers

Interest Earnings

Depreciation/Capital Outlay

Total Operating Expenses

Operating Income (Loss)

Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)

Contact Tyler Kliniske at tkliniske@ctcccinc.com

or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12 Pick up an application in the Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

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FOR RENT Japke's North 8th Street

Mini Storage, 894-1551 6x20, 10x12, 10x20, 10x24

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Wadena/Pillager. 218-831-

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OWNER: **Staples-Motley Public** Schools ISD #2170

905 Fourth Street NE Staples, MN 56479 **CONSTRUCTION MAN-**AGER:

ICS Consulting, LLC. 1139 Franklin Ave., Suite 1 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 (320) 360-5506 Contact: Jorden Pangrac **ARCHITECTURAL: JLG Architects** 525 Broadway Alexandria, MN 56308

(320) 408-7008 STRUCTURAL: **Northland Consulting Engineers** 102 South 21st Ave. West

Duluth, MN 55806 (218) 727-5995 CIVIL, MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGI-

NEER: **CMTA** 2201 12th Street N, Suite E Fargo, ND 58102 (701) 280-0500

PROJECT DESCRIP-TION:

The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary for the construction of an approximate 22,000 sf gym and wellness center addition and indoor air quality upgrades to the existing school. Rebid consists of Work Scope 09: Aluminum Doors Windows & Glazing

BID DATE AND LOCA-

TION: Sealed Bids will be received at Staples-Motley School District ISD #2170 District Office, 905 4th Street NE Staples, MN 56479 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 PM local time on January 18th, 2023. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Angie Stahnke at 218-336-5901. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIRE-**MENTS:**

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid

Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the

work within specified time.

reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCU-**MENTS & SITE REVIEW:**

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is required to visit the site and to fully inform themself and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work. the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings. and specifications for the

Owner reserves the right to Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s)

PRE-BID CONFER-**ENCE**:

There will not be a Pre-Bid conference for the rebid. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review can be coordinated through the Construction Manager - (Jorden Pangrac 320-360-5506). No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site. **START DATE:**

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is

January 25, 2023. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 2, 2023.

SUBSTANTIAL AND **COMPLETION DATE:**

Owner requires all work to be substantially complete

IAQ Phase 1: August 25, 2023

IAQ Phase 2: August 23, 2024

Wellness Center Addition: September 27, 2024

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Motley Township is accepting filings for:

- Supervisor for a three (3) year term

- Treasurer for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk located at 181 Cedar St. W, Motley, on January 3, 2023 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023. Filing fee is \$2.00.

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Ken Swecker, Clerk Motley Township

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tion bids for \$4.52 million at their April 4 special meet-

April 20 - The Staples City Council agreed to sell Valley View subdivision lots for \$10,000, which is less than the \$19,000 they have invested into each lot, in order to assure that multiple new homes are built in the next two years.

April 27 - The tiny community of Leader is the subject of an award-winning documentary, Love Letter to Leader, that was released in 2020 by the Twin Cities Film Fest Streams platform.The film was written and co-directed by Mara Adamitz Scrupe and her husband, Daniel Jon Holm. It centers on themes of land, community and place.

April 27 -The Staples-Motley School Board unanimously voted to close the Motley school building and also voted to authorize the sale of the building, at the April 18 board meeting. Former school board member Dave Hoemberg brought up an objection to closing the building. Superintendent Shane Tappe said the district has consulted with the school attorney, who said they are abiding by all state statutes regarding the closing of a building.

May 4 - The Staples-Motley FFA Chapter was named Minnesota Premier Chapter at the state convention, on stage in front of the entire convention. "It was a surreal experience," said Chapter President Brooke Converse. "Our team went through so many ups and downs, a lot of long days and long nights. To be named chapter of the year was beyond exciting."

May 4 - First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) has announced a \$200,000 donation to the Staples-Motley School District over the course of 2022 and 2023. The contribution will support the school district on its upcoming activities and

Year in review: memorable events and news stories in Staples and Motley

wellness facilities addition.

May 11 - From 2017-2021, Staples saw \$17 million invested into commercial properties and \$25 million in housing developments, for a total of \$45 million. The figures were given to the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Board.

May 18 - Lisa Bjerga has been named the next President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lakewood Health System, replacing current President and CEO Tim Rice when he retires Jan. 1, 2023. "This is an opportunity to build on an incredible system that is in place," said Bjerga.

June 8 - A Memorial Day tornado decimated Old Wadena County Park, north of Staples. The grove of oak trees that provided shade for the Old Wadena Rendezvous was destroyed, the new pavillion was flattened and hundreds of pine trees were knocked over by a tornado with winds estimated at 130 miles per hour. According to the National Weather Service, the twister's path length was 9.4 miles. "No one was there at the time and that is the most important thing," said Deana Malone, Wadena County Parks Administrator. "Someone just had a graduation open house there on Saturday, but luckily they were all out by the time the storm came.

June 8 - Little did Lorna Klefsaas know that a social media challenge she offered her son. Sivert, six years ago would one day inspire people around the world and even land them on an Emmy-winning talk show, the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

June 22 - Motley Mayor Al Yoder and City Council member Amy Hutchison provided letters of resignation at the council's regular meeting June 13. The council accepted both resignations, with regrets.

June 29 - At 96 years

young, Irene Theis of Staples has a story to tell...one of hope, empowerment and inspiration. She's compiled her life story into three books (so far), all of which are now available for checkout at the Staples Public

July 20 - The Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) recently awarded Robin Collins of Staples the 2022 Presidential Award for Service.

July 20 - The history of Lefty's Bar in Staples makes it a sought after place, according to the new owners, Leo Carlson and Kristi Ziegler. "I always wanted to own this bar, just this bar," said Carlson.

July 27 - Raphael Kern, 63, died in a farming accident north of Verndale on July

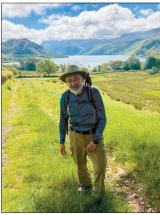
Aug. 3 - The Central Lakes College meat processing program already has a spin-off business in the works, before the first class has been held. The Minnesota Farmers Union has proposed to purchase a five acre lot in the Staples Industrial Park to use as a base for mobile meat processing units that will coordinate with the new program at

Aug. 10 - Staples' first female doctor, Sarah Israelson, has retired. After 29 vears as a primary care physician at Lakewood Health System, "Dr. Sarah," as she's referred to by her patients, conducted her last office visit June 29.

Aug. 17 - Mary Moen, former director of the Central Minnesota Boys Choir, recently received the Advocate for Choral Excellence (ACE) Award from the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota.

Aug. 31 - Area law enforcement told the Staples City Council about a shortage of officers and a crisis in the law enforcement profession.

Sept. 7 - Deb Ferdon is the new Staples-Motley Middle/



Photos of the year Aug. 3 - Tom Crawford of Staples is pictured near Ennerdale Water on the second day of his recent 'Coast to

Coast' hike in England.

High School Principal after filling in as interim principal last year. Allen Berg is the new Staples-Motley Elementary Principal. Jamie Pearson is the new school

dean of students. Sept. 7 - Joe Reycraft accepted the position of chief financial officer (CFO) at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Sept. 14 - A 13-year-old Motley girl died Sept. 4, as the result of a tragic boating accident. Laney Rose Danielson was thrown forward when the boat struck an object.

Sept. 21 - Stan and Diane Carlson of Staples, along with their daughter Lisa and granddaughter Analise, planted a memorial tree planted in honor of their son, David Carlson.

Sept. 28 - The Staples-Motley School Board accepted some bids but rejected others that were higher than expected and would have put the next building project over budget by about \$800,000.

Oct. 19 - Instructor Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez has tral Lakes College Board of Trustees Outstanding Edu-

Oct. 19 - A 12-year-old boy has died as the result of injuries from a hunting accident in rural Motley the morning of Oct. 9. A family from St. Paul was in the area, on public land, hunting squirrels when a 12-year-old male was accidently shot by his uncle.

Nov. 2 - May Township's 'Team Pistol League' recently held its awards celebration, recognizing its top team, as well as top individual shooters. This was the first year for the league. which was organized by Darin Flansburg of Motley. Nov. 9 - Members of the

Staples Rotary Club celebrated their 99th Anniversary with cake and candles at their Oct. 26 meeting. Planning has begun for the 100th Anniversary next October. The Staples Rotary Club received its charter Oct. 4, 1923, and the official presentation was celebrated with a banquet and program at Sovereign's Hall on Oct. 29, 1923.

Nov. 9 - Staples-Motley High School will present the Broadway musical 'NEWS-IES' at Centennial Auditorium in Staples

Nov. 16 - A groundbreaking for Lakewood Plaza was held Nov. 2. The new building on Highway 10 in Staples will be home to Twin Cities Orthopedics, plus several other tenants, yet to be named. The building will also have apartments above the ground floor businesses.

Nov. 16 - Forest Resources Association and STIHL honored Enberg Logging of Motley as the 2022 Lake States Region Outstanding Logger.

Nov. 16 - The Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame inducted their newest class on Saturday, Oct. 29. Athletes are Jeff Brever, Mark Carlson,

been named the 2022-23 Cen- Mark Redemske, Chad Walthall, Mark Lelwica and Al Haugen. Teams inducted were the 1983 Staples baseball team and the 1990 Staples Motley golf team. Two coaches are Rollie Penfield, golf coach, and Gene Mattila, cross country and football coach. Community contributor Rita Stone is the at-large inductee.

Nov. 23 - The Economic Alliance, in partnership with Wadena County, has launched a resident recruitment campaign aimed at attracting newcomers to the region. The campaign is called Wadena County is Calling.

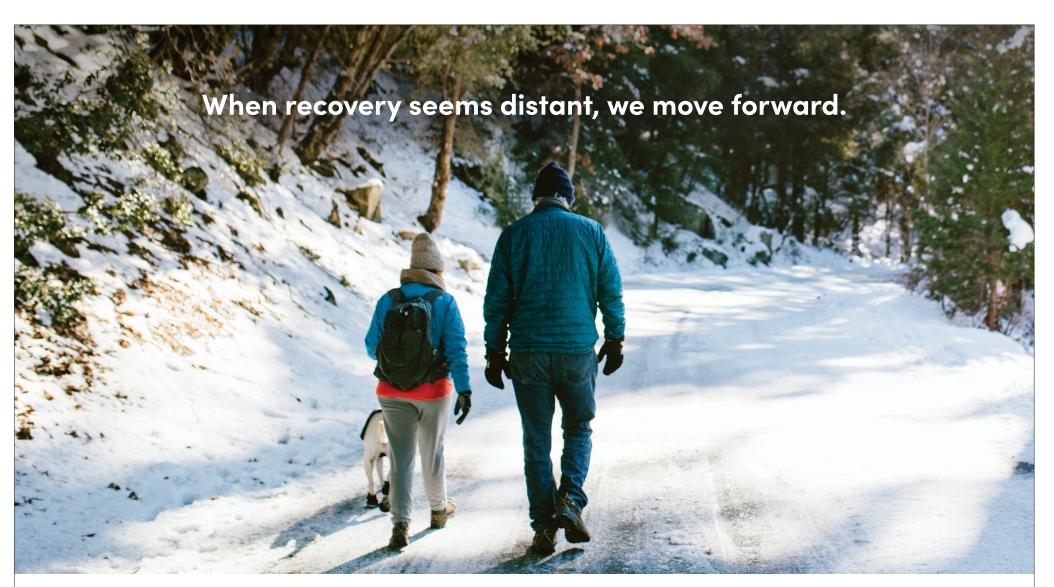
Nov. 23 - Staples-Motley test scores are narrowing the gap with the state average, and the school is particularly strong in science.

Nov. 30 - Lakewood Health System in Staples took a step into the future earlier this summer when they purchased TUG, a smart autonomous mobile robot that securely delivers medications, specimens and other materials between Lakewood's laboratory (lab), emergency department and hospital lab draw area.

Nov. 30 - Region Five **Development Commission** received a 2022 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for watershed planning.

Dec. 7 - Rick Brichacek built a replica of the Staples Depot, which will be displayed at the Polar Express train display at Central Lakes College

Dec. 14 - The Staples downtown revitalization project has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from Blandin. Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Wyman said the group is planning a community-wide meeting in January.



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