



Weather

2022-23

This Week's Forecast

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| Dec. 28 | 29 | 27 | Cloudy |
| Dec. 29 | 34 | 26 | M. Cloudy |
| Dec. 30 | 35 | 25 | Cloudy |
| Dec. 31 | 33 | 25 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 1 | 31 | 23 | Snow |
| Jan. 2 | 29 | 21 | Snow |
| Jan. 3 | 26 | 16 | Cloudy |

Last Year, 2021-22

| | High | Low | Cond. |
|---------|------|-----|----------|
| Dec. 28 | 18° | 3 | Snow |
| Dec. 29 | 16 | 5 | Cloudy |
| Dec. 30 | 14 | 2 | Cloudy |
| Dec. 31 | 0 | -20 | Cloudy |
| Jan. 1 | -20 | -25 | M. Sunny |
| Jan. 2 | 0 | -20 | M. Sunny |
| Jan. 3 | 21 | 7 | Sunny |

Average Temps:

H = 20° Low = 5°

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WCCO's Staples area

Weatherwatcher



Public Notices

City of Staples: 8A

Motley: 9A

ISD #2170: 8A, 9A

Construction bids accepted for high school building project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

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 \$197,600

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 \$607,400

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 year in review: Staples, Motley 2022

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

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 severely 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 surprised 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

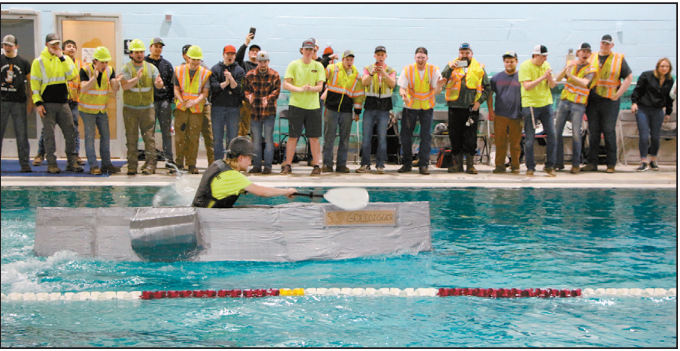
fall of 2022. “We're very excited, the workforce need is very apparent,” said David Endicott, CLC Dean.

March 30 - The Staples-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, a 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 YouTube. 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 construction.



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:

- General: \$247,056
- Fire: \$21,531

- Street Improvement: \$58,000
 - 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

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 November.
- 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

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 jobs 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 what they do.”

Accounting Assistant, as recommended by the hiring committee. Lenzen’s start date was Dec. 13, 2022 at \$16.48 an hour and will be bumped up to \$16.63 an hour starting in 2023 with the new Step Structure; and

will advance one step on the step structure every year on her anniversary hire date, and accrue prorated PTO based on hours worked.

- NOTED that it was council member Jace Carlson’s last meeting, as his

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

cianship 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 masterpiece.”

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. 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 High School graduates, 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 Free-love. Horn, Hoemberg and Thelen are all former Staples-Motley High School Choir directors. Hoemberg currently directs the Staples Area Men’s Chorus and Free-love directs the Staples Area Women’s Chorus. Paskewitz has served as accompanist for the community choirs, as well as the school choirs. (Submitted photo)

Motley Police report

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

- 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.

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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-

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 Dawn Timbs)



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 !

Sunday School members at Faith Lutheran Church presented their Christmas Program "Journey to Bethlehem" Dec. 18. The journey followed the path of Jo-

seph and Mary to Bethlehem and the birth of the Christ Child. The final song, "(Go Fish)... Joy To The World" had the whole group expressing their J - O - Y!

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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.

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 attorney. 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.

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"

Compiled by Dawn Timbs



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 staff." • 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.

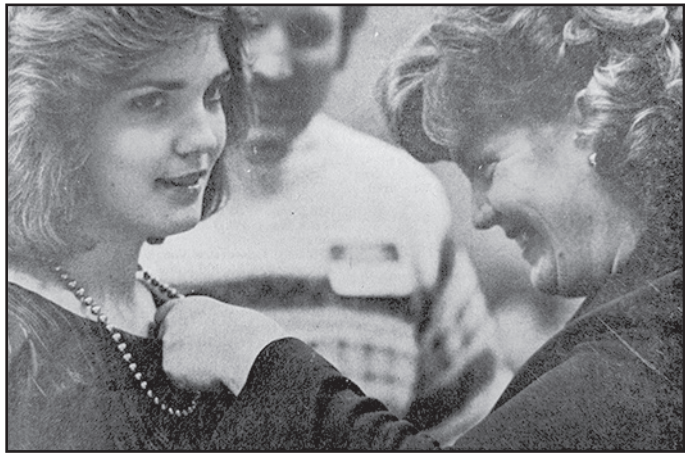
sky throughout the area the past several weeks. Results of a Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commercial were announced Monday. Rose Kasten's lighting display just south and west of Motley on County Road 28, was the residential winner for the Motley area. Lewis 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 honored. • 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, followed 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.

25 Years Ago - 1997

• Dec. 25, 1997 - A major \$1 billion pipeline construction project may come through the Staples area in 1999. 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

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 Staples. • 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 Hedquist, a sister to Jill. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Quote of the week

“If I’m going to Hell,
I’m going there playing the
piano.” --Jerry Lee Lewis
(Sep 29, 1935 - Oct 28, 2022)



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 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 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 RECOVERY 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

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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 Dawn Timbs)



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A beautiful sight, on winter’s eve

The Lisson farm off County Road 83 in rural Staples was post-card pretty Dec. 20, the day before the official start of winter. With several feet of snow already on the ground and temperatures well below zero, it seemed that winter had already made an appearance. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Baby, it’s cold outside

The temperature had dropped to nearly 20 degrees below zero the early evening of Dec. 20, in Staples. Pictured above, a few cars drive along 5th St. NE; and in the lower photo on the same street, a snowman greets passersby, a reminder that we’ve had several inches of snow 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, Frances 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)



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 events.

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 county.

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 situation. 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 way.

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

was made.

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 3.

- 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

starting at Step 4 is because 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 year 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

wouldn’t be enough to do all 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

regarding the agreements 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-

ference after this year, leaving 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 Conference currently is made up of Barnesville, Breckenridge, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Frazee, Hawley, Pelican Rapids and Perham. Park Rapids is also look-

ing 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, 58-50.

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 minutes 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 58

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



Avandre Brandt



Olivia Lorber

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

firstcongouccstaples@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 218-894-2296

Church.....

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 a.m.

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

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

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Pastor Carl Larson

Pastor Chris Mathiason

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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.

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 Wellwood St. E

Motley 56466 218-352-6888

Jim Johnson, Senior 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 10:00 a.m.

Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen

218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316

Pastor Neal 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

Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 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 10:30 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

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale

218-445-5108

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)

Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Seeds of Hope 7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church

Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6

Info. 218-837-5690

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

“New Beginning”

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

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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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| 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 | | | |
| Budgeted Governmental Funds | 2021 Actual | 2022 Adopted | 2023 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 |

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

Dated: December 19, 2022.

Mary Freeman
Clerk of the School Board

Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley), Cass, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties, Minnesota

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| CITY OF STAPLES Table 2 Enterprise Funds 2023 Adopted Budget | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Community Center | Sewer | Water | Electric | 2023 Adopted Budget | 2022 Adopted Budget | 2021 Actual |
| Operating Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ 61,150 | \$ 923,040 | \$ 631,300 | \$ 2,975,000 | \$ 4,590,490 | \$ 4,404,170 | \$ 4,342,600 |
| Other operating revenue | - | - | 52,592 | 278,050 | 330,642 | 433,131 | 280,564 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 183,808 | 221,232 | 232,512 | 683,032 | 1,320,584 | 1,251,252 | 1,111,478 |
| Contractual Services | 9,850 | 52,700 | 19,800 | 85,600 | 167,950 | 532,835 | 257,756 |
| Supplies | 67,500 | 114,350 | 127,450 | 146,800 | 456,100 | 229,900 | 376,413 |
| Purchase of energy | - | - | - | 1,818,830 | 1,818,830 | 1,776,945 | 1,608,690 |
| Heat, Light, Power | 39,500 | 70,000 | 38,200 | 10,600 | 158,300 | 159,350 | 160,384 |
| Depreciation/Capital Outlay | 20,000 | 47,500 | 151,000 | 488,081 | 706,581 | 354,000 | 413,768 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 320,658 | \$ 505,782 | \$ 568,962 | \$ 3,232,943 | \$ 4,628,345 | \$ 4,304,282 | \$ 3,928,489 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (259,508) | \$ 417,258 | \$ 114,930 | \$ 20,107 | \$ 292,787 | \$ 533,019 | \$ 694,675 |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 52,813 | - | - | - | 52,813 | 51,233 | 51,067 |
| Intergovernmental | 111,775 | - | - | - | 111,775 | 129,064 | 4,676,208 |
| Interest Earnings | 2,000 | 1,000 | 6,000 | 30,200 | 39,200 | 43,450 | 47,122 |
| Miscellaneous revenue | - | - | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | 34,000 | 109,591 |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges | - | (262,344) | (68,143) | (177,377) | (507,864) | (594,940) | (98,892) |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | 166,588 | (261,344) | (62,143) | (127,177) | (284,076) | (337,193) | 4,785,096 |
| Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers | (92,920) | 155,914 | 52,787 | (107,070) | 8,711 | 195,826 | 5,479,771 |
| Operating Transfers In (Out) | 20,000 | (52,000) | (20,000) | (40,000) | (92,000) | (60,000) | (22,031) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (72,920) | \$ 103,914 | \$ 32,787 | \$ (147,070) | \$ (83,289) | \$ 135,826 | \$ 5,457,740 |

Central Todd County Care Center

•Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)•

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We are in search of a RN or LPN who is looking for a rewarding career in the Nursing field, has a care giving personality, and wants to make a difference in our older adult population. Various shifts are currently available (including every other weekend and holiday). Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families and visitors.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

Central Todd County Care Center is located in Clarissa, MN.

Central Todd County

Care Center

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FOR RENT

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ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS

TITLE:
**Staples-Motley
High School Addition
& IAQ Upgrades**

Work Scope 9 – Alumi-
num Doors Windows &
Glazing Rebid

LOCATION OF WORK:
401 Centennial Drive
Staples, MN 56479

OWNER:
Staples-Motley Public
Schools ISD #2170

905 Fourth Street NE
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**CONSTRUCTION MAN-
AGER:**
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(320) 360-5506

Contact: Jorden Pangrac
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JLG Architects
525 Broadway
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 408-7008

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102 South 21st Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55806
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NEER:**
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(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 addi-
tion and indoor air quality
upgrades to the existing
school. Rebid consists of
Work Scope 09: Aluminum
Doors Windows & Glazing

only.
**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 allot-
ted time will be discarded,
NO EXCEPTIONS.

**EXAMINATION OF
DOCUMENTS:**

Bidders may view draw-
ings 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 hold-
ing plans for contractors to
access. Bidders are respon-
sible for any and all costs
associated with the produc-
tion of plans and specifica-
tions for their use.

**BIDDING REQUIRE-
MENTS:**

Each Bidder must comply
with the following require-
ments to reassure acknowl-
edgment and recognition of
their Bids:

Bids must be accompa-
nied 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 pre-
scribed form, which is
furnished with the specifi-
cation, 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, exe-
cuted by a principal duly
authorized to enter into an
agreement. If a Bidder is a
co-partnership, then signa-
tures 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 numeri-
cal figures must agree; oth-
erwise at Owner's option, it
shall be cause for rejection
of Bid. Complete form with-
out 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 alter-
nates.

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 investiga-
tion of, such Bidder fails to
satisfy the Owner that such
Bidder is properly quali-
fied to carry out the obliga-
tions of the contract and to
complete the Work contem-
plated therein. The compe-
tence and responsibility of
Bidder will be considered
in making an award, includ-
ing, but not limited to; (1)
proof of financial responsi-
bility, (2) quality of similar
work, (3) amount of experi-
ence with similar projects,
(4) facilities, personnel and
equipment, (5) reputation
for performance, and (6)
the ability to complete the
work within specified time.

Owner reserves the right to
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 Alter-
nate Bids, in any order
regardless of the order in
which they were listed, (3)
reject all Bids, (4) award con-
tract based on their investi-
gation 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 irregulari-
ties or discrepancies in Bid-
ding 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 themselves and record
their own investigations as
to the extent of the Work,
the extent of the work per-
formed by other contractors
under other construction
packages, conditions under
which the Work is to be per-
formed, 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 rele-
vant 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

Project (including those
primarily for other Subcon-
tracts). 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 docu-
ments 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 investi-
gation and has become
thoroughly familiar with all
contract documents (includ-
ing 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 Pan-
grac 320-360-5506). No extras
will be allowed because of
the Bidder's misinterpre-
tation 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 con-
tract from the Owner. The
anticipated award date is

January 25, 2023. Pre-con-
struction 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
by:

**IAQ Phase 1: August
25, 2023**

**IAQ Phase 2: August
23, 2024**

**Wellness Center Addi-
tion: September 27, 2024**

**END OF
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Public
Notices

NOTICE OF FILING
FOR MOTLEY
TOWNSHIP

Motley Township is ac-
cepting 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.

Please contact Ken
Swecker at 218-330-7887 to
file for office.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township

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tion bids for \$4.52 million at their April 4 special meeting.

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 Hoernberg 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

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 Library.

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 19.

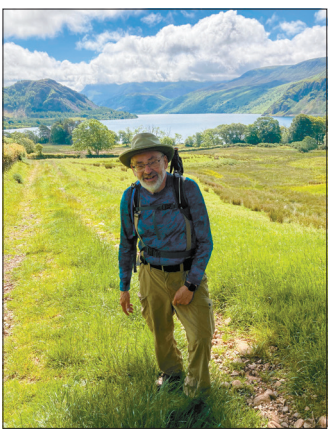
Aug. 3 - The Central Lakes College meat processing program already has a spin-off business in the works, before the first class has been held. The Minnesota Farmers Union has proposed to purchase a five acre lot in the Staples Industrial Park to use as a base for mobile meat processing units that will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

Aug. 10 - Staples' first female doctor, Sarah Israelson, has retired. After 29 years 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

been named the 2022-23 Central Lakes College Board of Trustees Outstanding Educator.

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 accidentally 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,

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.

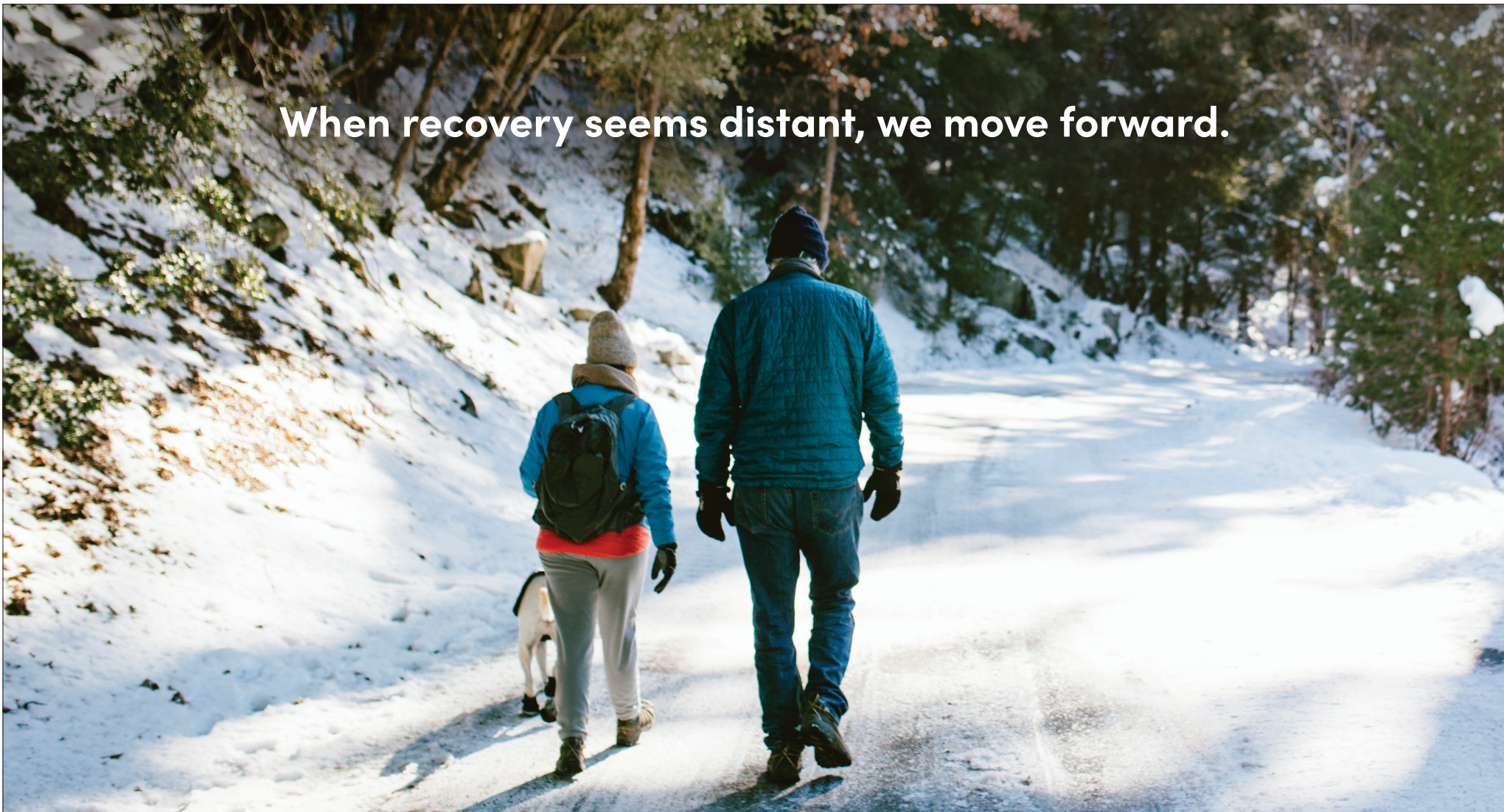
Nov. 23 - Staples-Motley test scores are narrowing the gap with the state average, and the school is particularly strong in science.

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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