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Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

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Winter recreation Tyler Daly, 10, of Motley shows off some hockey moves at the rink in Motley while little brother Matthew, four, tries to keep up. See page 2a. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 4	21	11	Cloudy
Jan. 5	23	14	Cloudy
Jan. 6	26	20	Snow
Jan. 7	26	16	M. Cloudy
Jan. 8	24	16	M. Cloudy
Jan. 9	26	18	M. Cloudy
Jan. 10	25	13	Cloudy

Last Year, 2022

	High	Low	Cond.
Jan. 4	18°	10	Cloudy
Jan. 5	6	-6	Cloudy
Jan. 6	-14	-18	Sunny
Jan. 7	-1	-29	Cloudy
Jan. 8	22	10	Cloudy
Jan. 9	-4	-9	Cloudy
Jan. 10	0	-15	P. Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 20° Low = 4°

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

Fondurulia charged with seven felonies

On Dec. 20, 2022, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, the Wadena Police Department and undercover agents from the West Central Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force attempted to arrest Michael Fondurulia, 44, of Isle, for first degree sales of a controlled substance after selling 28 grams of methamphetamine.

As law enforcement approached the suspect, he became non-compliant with verbal commands. Law enforcement gained control of his hands as they were reaching towards the pockets of his jacket. It took multiple officers to gain control of the suspect while using pain compliance techniques. Handcuffs were eventually placed on Fondurulia.

While performing search incident to arrest, officers located a loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm pistol in Fondurulia's right jacket pocket. Other items found were: two loaded 9mm magazines, 28 grams of methamphetamine (for a total of approximately 142 grams) and 101 rounds of ammunition.

Fondurulia has been convicted of felon in possession of a firearm/ammunition and possession of a controlled substance in the past.



Michael Fondurulia

On Dec. 22, 2022, Fondurulia was charged by Wadena County Attorney Kyra Ladd with seven felonies, including aggravated first degree controlled substance crime and several counts of felon in possession of firearm or ammunition. If convicted, Fondurulia faces a sentence of 86 months to 40 years on the controlled substance charge, and five to 15 years on the firearm charges, to be served consecutively.

Fondurulia appeared in Wadena District Court, where bail and conditions were set by the court. Bail was set in the amounts of \$150,000 cash or bond without conditions and \$75,000 bond or \$7,500 cash with conditions.



Partner award for meat cutting project

The group representing Minnesota Farmers Union for Exceptional Regional Partner of the Year. Pictured left to right: Julie Anderholm, Small Business Development Center; Stu Lourey and Gary Wertish, Minnesota Farmers Union ; Dave

Endicott, Central Lakes College; Carol Anderson, Community Development of Morrison County, Mark Johnson, Central Lakes College; John Benson, Region Five Development Commission; Quinn Swanson, Happy Dancing Turtle.

Region Five announces 2022 regional awards

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), announced their 2022 Annual Award Winners and honored awardees at an event held at Roundhouse Brewery Union Station in Nisswa on Dec. 9. Music was provided by the Pillager Chamber Singers.

R5DC selected Schlenner

Wenner & Co as the recipient of the 2022 Exceptional Service Provider of the Year for exceptional services and authentic relationships that support R5DC's mission.

Minnesota Farmers Union was chosen as 2022 Exceptional Regional Partner of the Year for exhibiting real collaboration

through the Mobile Meat Slaughtering project in partnership with multiple allies including Cass County, Community Development of Morrison County, Happy Dancing Turtle, Central Lakes College, the Small Business Development

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Public Notices

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Obituaries

Jennifer Ashbaugh
Priscilla Gillespie
LaDelle Neal



Thank you for subscribing!

Todd County Board of Commissioners

Ordinances need teeth or why have them?

Karin L. Nauber
Todd County correspondent

At their year-end meeting held on December 27, 2022, the commissioners discussed the ongoing violations that some property owners have in the county.

One that seemed to cause the most chagrin was the matter of Marvin Drayna's first-year violation assessment.

Planning and Zoning Director Adam Ossefoort presented the information.

Drayna's specific violation description was as described: This property is in violation for operating a business without a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and accumulation of public nuisance items.

An update was provided during the December 20 work session. Several in-person meetings have been held to determine a path to compliance. No efforts have been made by the landowner to make progress.

Commissioner David Kircher said that this person had been in violation of operating without a CUP for a long time and wondered why this was being done as a first-year violation.

Ossefoort explained that

an old scoring system that had been implemented before his time with the county had pushed Drayna's violations down the list and down the list.

Kircher said he believed this property had been in violation for ten or more years. He said this was a matter of a lack of enforcement.

County Attorney John Lindemann said that they could start to take action on this.

Kircher felt that this violation assessment was improper because it was not a first-year violation.

Ossefoort said his office has made many attempts to get Drayna into compliance in the past, but that this was really a penalty more than anything.

He said that the CUP had been revoked by the county quite some time ago.

He noted that Drayna still appears to be operating a business, but Ossefoort said he does not know to what extent he is operating it.

"We have to put teeth into our ordinance or why have it?" questioned Kircher.

Ossefoort said that he could work with Lindemann on this.

Kircher said they should

pursue both criminal and civil actions. He also noted that he gets three or four calls on this property annually.

After discussion, Kircher said he did not support the action to take no action and by doing so that a \$1,000 assessment would remain in place for failure to complete the restoration order but he made the motion anyway because the process needed to be started. It was approved.

There were several other violation assessments that were reviewed including:

-Gideon and Ella Swartzentruber first year violation assessment was dismissed because they had paid the fees and had followed the permitting process.

-Marianne Gerving third-year violation assessment. This property is in violation for the accumulation of public nuisance items including trash, junk and household garbage. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

-Linda Jean Hansen. This property is in violation for an open septic tank that qualifies as an imminent public health threat. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

-Harold G. Harkcom third-year violation assessment. This property is in violation for the accumulation of junk vehicles and accumulation of other junk items that constitute a public nuisance. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

-Jeffrey J. and Kristine Kuhlmann third-year violation assessment.

This property is in violation for the accumulation of public nuisance items including old cars, trailer homes and structures in need of repair. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

-Georgann M. and David W. Larson third-year violation assessment. Because David has passed away, proper notice paperwork was not sent. The board approved removing the assessment and hopes to be working with the new landowner to correct the violations.

-William J. and Marsha K. Owen third-year violation assessment. This property is in violation for the accumulation of public nuisance items and an unpermitted mobile home. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

-Timothy Wagner third-

year violation assessment. This was removed because the property was sold and the new property owners are making great strides at cleaning it up.

Kircher asked if they removed the violation would the process have to start over?

Ossefoort said he would assume so.

Kircher advised caution in removing these assessments.

-Timothy Forcier fourth-year violation assessment. This property failed to take corrective actions to resolve violations for miscellaneous public nuisance items. Approved the \$3,000 assessment be left on the property.

Two years back taxes/assessments are owed. After the third year, the county would begin the forfeiture process.

In other business:

- Approved the hire of Traci Becker to fill the position of a part-time correctional officer with a start date to be determined (TBD).
- Gave the oath of office to Sheriff-elect Mike Allen. His term is set to begin at 12 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2023.

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Family fun at the ice rink

Jereme and Bekah Daly of Motley, along with three of their four children, enjoyed family time at Motley's ice rink Dec. 27. With temperatures in the 20s that day, the weather was a welcomed relief from the previous week's sub-zero temps, and perfect for outdoor activities like sledding, skating and playing hockey. Pictured above, from left, are Matthew, four; Jereme; Tyler, 10; Isabelle, two; and Bekah. At right, Bekah comforts Isabelle after she took a tumble on the ice (which is why she covered her eyes with her mittened hands during the subsequent family photo shoot.) (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Sarah Lenzen, Motley's new Admin./Accounting Assistant

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you stop by Motley City Hall, most likely you will be greeted by Sarah Lenzen, the city's new Administrative/Accounting Assistant. She'll be working along side Darci Odden, Motley's City Clerk/Treasurer.

A Brainerd native, Lenzen and her husband, Terry, recently moved to the Lincoln area. They have three grown children, and daughter Hailey is an eighth grader at Staples-Motley High School.

Lenzen has a degree in horticulture from the University of Minnesota-Crookston. She's always been passionate about gardening, she said, adding that it's something she learned about early on from her mother, who always kept a large garden. It's mostly been a hobby, but she did work one season at Landsburg Landscape Nursery in Brainerd, which was a great experience.

She enjoys business, too. Prior to receiving her degree in horticulture, Lenzen had studied business and accounting. She went on to work for 20 years in the field of business management. "I helped manage convenience stores in the Brainerd area, and did



Glad to be on board

Sarah Lenzen, Motley's new Administrative/Accounting Assistant, is pictured at her desk at Motley City Hall. Lenzen was hired this past December. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

accounting for them," she said.

Lenzen said she was really excited to learn about this job opening in Motley, and for the opportunity to utilize her business skills. "I'm really excited to meet the people in the community," she added.

The part-time hours at city hall are perfect for her,

as she plans to continue her work with plants on the side. "We have 10 acres," she shared, adding that she's excited to do some gardening this summer.

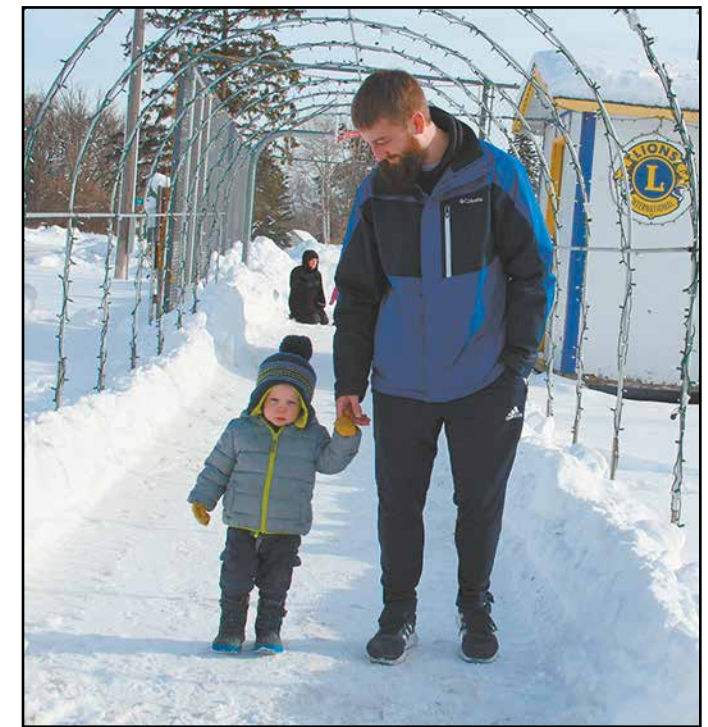
Besides business and gardening, the Lenzens share a love of the outdoors. "We love hiking national and state parks...it's our passion," she said.



Choral ensemble sings beloved Christmas songs

Director Andrew Mahon directs the Pulchritudo Choral Ensemble in singing "For All the Saints" at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley Dec. 28. The ensemble members, representing Mary's Area Catholic Community (ACC), included Tamber Edin, Brianna Robertson,

Judy Wolak, Katie Jacobson, Betty Lorber, Marie-Claire Mahon, Cindy Zetah, Natalie Ziade, Mike Blessing, John Koopmann, Jack Tyrrell, Paul Ziade, Justin Edin, Jay Tyrrell, John Wolak. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Annual stop in Motley

Alex Johannes of Bemidji and his son Anthony, who turns two in February, took a stroll at the ice rink in Motley Dec. 27. Johannes said their family was on their way home after visiting relatives in Clearwater over Christmas. They always make a stop in Motley when traveling that direction, Johannes said, mentioning they enjoy the city's parks, as well as stopping for lunch at the Dairy Queen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley police reports

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

Dec. 21 - 27

Dec. 24 - The MPD provided assistance at the 1300 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.

Dec. 25 - The MCSO received a report of possible mailbox tampering at the 5000 block of Birch Rd., Motley.

Dec. 23 - The MCSO assisted Todd County with attempting to locate a subject that was threatening to shoot up a house at the 31000 block of County Road 28 in Motley. Deputies were unable to locate the subject and cleared once their assistance was no longer needed.

Dec. 22 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Birch Ln, Motley.

New minimum wage in Minnesota

From Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

and \$8.63 an hour for other state minimum wages.

than \$500,000 – must pay at least \$8.63 an hour.

\$8.63 an hour, may be paid to employees younger than 18 years of age.

Minnesota's minimum-wage rates will be adjusted for inflation on Jan. 1, 2023, to \$10.59 an hour for large employers

As of Jan. 1, 2023: Large employers – with annual gross revenues of at least \$500,000 – must pay at least \$10.59 an hour. Small employers – with annual gross revenues less

The training wage rate, \$8.63 an hour, may be paid to employees younger than 20 years of age for the first 90 consecutive days of employment. The youth wage rate,

The state minimum-wage rates will not apply to work performed in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, which have higher minimum-wage rates.

Sprout grant for veterans in ag

Sprout received a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work with Veterans who are interested in agriculture and want to learn more. Sprout, in partnership with Region Five Development Commission (R5DC), will offer Veterans in the region opportunities to explore agricultural careers with hands-on learning opportunities through apprenticeships, fellowships, and cohort peer-to-peer learning. These opportunities are fully funded by the AgVet grant, funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and will be delivered in conjunction with Central Lakes College to provide Veterans career curriculum and development certifications, and technical assistance programming as many of

our Veterans embark on agricultural career exploration and transitions. "The community partners engaged in the development of this programming continue to provide programs and services to our Veterans as part of the core commitment to serving those who have served all of us. We are excited to be part of this grant and work with other organizations to make these partnerships successful," shared Arlene Jones, Executive Director of Sprout. This work is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Program, project 1029231 and will be implemented over a three-year period.

STEVENS COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF VACANCY

Stevens County is looking for a full-time Deputy Sheriff. Our schedule will be 5 on/5 off; 2 on/2 off, which provides every other weekend off as a 5-day weekend. Stevens County offers a cafeteria plan for health insurance, which includes a generous monthly contribution from the County to an employee's health insurance costs. A portion of that contribution can be flexed or taken as salary. Stevens County also offers tuition reimbursement for credits earned beyond an associate degree.

Starting Salary: \$25.98 to \$34.91 per hour. Successful candidates will be placed on to the pay scale based upon the number of years of experience. Must have a minimum of an A.A. Degree in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement; have a current P.O.S.T. License, or eligible to be licensed by time of appointment. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must successfully complete a background investigation, physical examination, and psychological examination.

Duties and essential functions include patrol duties enforcing Minnesota criminal and traffic laws; investigation of crimes; respond to calls for service; civil process service; transport prisoners and provide security for courtrooms.

DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023

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Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1947

Jan. 1, 1948 - Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey of Minneapolis, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Staples Lions club on Monday evening, Jan. 5, in Staples.

Just what theme Mayor Humphrey will use is not known at this time, but he will have a good address for the Lions and their guests.



Compiled by
Dawn Timbs



Jan. 1, 1948 - According to employees of the Staples postoffice, the Christmas season of 1947 was the largest year the postoffice has ever had, and this is borne out by the figures which were revealed by employees the first of this week.

A total of over 100,000 1 1/2-cent stamps were sold, and more than 50,000 3-cent stamps were sold during the holiday rush, these being put on just the letters alone. This does not include stamps of other denominations which were placed on the parcel post going out of the office.

At one mail delivery from the depot, 67 sacks of mail were taken to the post-office, and employees figure that this was about an average for incoming mail, per train.

Jan. 1, 1948 - Tragedy again struck in the little village of Aldrich in Wadena county, seven miles west of Staples early Saturday morning, Dec. 27, when eastbound Northern Pacific passenger train No. 4 hit a car in which Kenneth and Franklin Cameron, ages 23 and 13 respectively, were riding. They were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cameron of Aldrich.

The boys never knew what hit them, and their death was instantaneous. Their bodies were along the right-of-way when found by residents of Aldrich who heard the crash, and im-

mediately rushed to the scene.

Just how the accident happened will never be known. Engineer George Hankey, at the throttle of No. 4, stated that he did not see the car on the tracks until about 30 seconds before the vehicle was hit. The train was traveling about 70 miles per hour at the time.

50 YEARS AGO - 1973

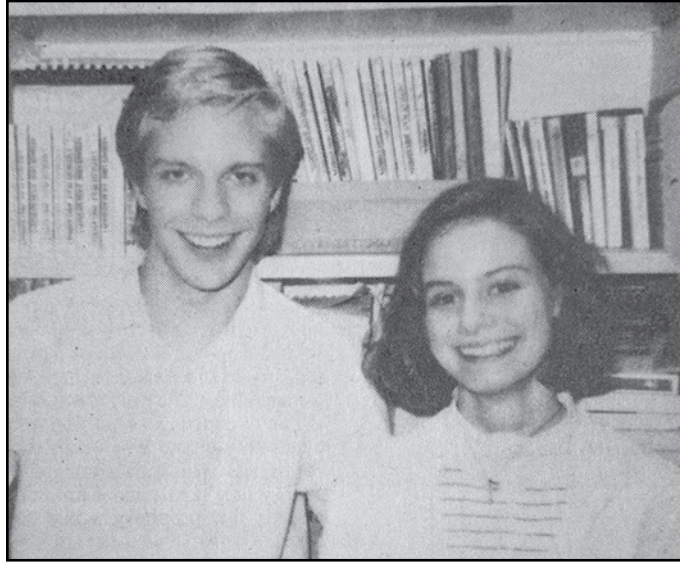
Jan. 4, 1972 - Constance M. Olson, a member of the faculty at Staples High school, died Monday morning, Jan. 1, at the University of Minnesota hospitals, Minneapolis.

Miss Olson, 29, was involved in an automobile accident near Cushing on U.S. Highway No. 10 late Sunday evening, Dec. 17. She was a passenger in the auto, driven by her father, Rudolph Olson, 63, of Larimore, N.D., which was involved in the accident with a stationwagon driven by Dannie Dale Spurling, 31, of Hopkins. A third vehicle was also involved, following the first impact.

Her father, Rudolph Olson, was killed in the accident. Her mother, Gladys Olson, was critically injured and is still confined to St. Gabriel's hospital, Little Falls. A sister, Sheila, 26, of Frazee, suffered a fractured right arm. The driver and three occupants of the Spurling vehicle were also killed in the accident.

Following the accident, Miss Olson was transferred to the University of Minnesota hospital, suffering from spinal and bladder injuries. She underwent surgery immediately and it was reported that she was progressing satisfactorily. Reports received in Staples were that Miss Olson died at the University hospital Monday morning apparently from a blood clot.

Jan. 4, 1972 - A young Staples girl and a North Dakota man drowned while exploring a cave in Florida Dec. 28.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Jan. 3, 1991 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.

Dead is Anmarie Weber, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weber Staples. Miss Weber was a senior at Staples High school. The North Dakota man was identified as Keith A. Becker, 21, of Linton, N.D.

The two were in Florida with the Minnesota School of Diving. The mishap happened off Peacock slough in Suwanee county, near Live Oaks, Fla.

Jan. 4, 1972 - James Patrick Engdahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Engdahl, Staples, was the first baby born at the Staples Municipal Hospital in 1973. The baby boy arrived at 2:40 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. He weighed 6 pounds and 5 1/2 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Jan. 4, 1972 - Telephone customers will soon notice a slight reduction in the tax rate on their telephone bills, L.G. Lundeen, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company manager, said today. Effective Jan. 1, 1973, the federal excise tax on telephone service will be reduced from 10 to nine per cent.

25 YEARS AGO - 1997

Jan. 1, 1998 - Three weeks before Christmas, a fire at his home near Randall nearly wiped out the joy of the season for 18-year-old Gale Olson and his family.

But in the week before Christmas, students, staff and others at Staples Motley High School (where Gale attends) did their best to bring a little more spirit back into the season. They collected money and went shopping for gifts and goodies for the family, presenting the items to Gale on Dec. 23, the last day of school.

Gale, 18, is the son of Val and Mary Olson. The family had lived for the past seven years just west of Randall on Morrison County Road 14.

Jan. 1, 1998 - Now showing through Jan. 15 at the Cozy Theatre in Wadena, "Titanic."

Jan. 1, 1998 - Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Lin

Club! Chicken & Rib Buffet, \$6.25; Steak & Jumbo Shrimp, \$9.95; Prime Rib, \$10.95.

Jan. 1, 1998 - Holiday Specials from Mercury (as advertised by Mills in Brainerd/Baxter) - 1998 Mercury Sable GS, 4 Dr., \$17,989; 1997 Mercury Villager, \$19,695; 1998 Mercury Mountaineer, AWD, 4 Door, \$27,849.

Jan. 1, 1998 - Lights, camera, action! Those instructions will be communicated from the stage to the tech booth to better coordinate productions at Centennial Auditorium in Staples when the wires are connected to an intercom system. The Lamp-lighter Community Theatre recently contributed \$500 toward the cause that will eventually connect the box office and possibly the dressing rooms and scene shop. Stan Carlson, auditorium director, recently accepted the check from the theatre officers: Amy Hjelmeland, president; Coni Hoffert, vice president; Jeanette Evans, treasurer.

10 YEARS AGO - 2012

Jan. 3, 2013 - The day after a New Year's Eve fire destroyed his family's home in rural Staples, Vernon (Vic) Scantling said he was "still numb."

"All that's left are a few pots and pans," Scantling went on surveying the charred two-story home that he and his wife, Lynn, transplants from Oklahoma, purchased last February.

Jan. 3, 2013 - "area snowmobilers are happy that winter is back" was a front page headline. The Todd Area Trail Association maintains 386 miles of trails each winter. Bernard Mumm, a member from Staples, said most of the trails are open now, a welcome sight after a winter of very little snow last year. "Any time we get the groomers out before Christmas is a good year," said Mumm.

Pulchritudo String Ensemble

Members of the Pulchritudo String Ensemble played "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley Dec. 28. Ensemble members included Justin Edin, viola; Brianna Robertson, cello; Nathan Beard, Amy Peterson and Mikayla Sauber, violin; and John Wolak, harp.

Other musicians who performed during the concert were Cindy Koopmann, accompanist; Mike Blessing, organist; and the Pulchritudo Instrumental Ensemble of Lisa Winter, flute; Jeannie Rohr, clarinet; John Koopmann, trumpet; Nick Trout, French horn; Jeff Iverson, tuba. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples native Svidal purchases second newspaper

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples native Kathy (Hollister) Svidal and MCM Media have acquired two newspapers, the Devils Lake Journal and the Country Peddler in North Dakota from Gannett Company

Svidal is also an owner of the Thief River Falls Times and The Northern Watch.

Svidal, a 1975 graduate of Staples High School, said she has been working in the newspaper industry since 1982.

"I accidentally fell into the newspaper business," she said. "You always plan to do something else, but once you get in, you want to keep going," she said.

She had worked at Devils Lake for 35 years, so when it came up for sale she decided to look into it.

"I always missed Devils Lake," said Svidal.

The previous owners

were moving assets out of the community and were getting out of the small newspaper business.

"They had two employees left," said Svidal.

It was a lot of work to get the newspaper off the ground and keep it a local asset, said Svidal.

"We are restarting the paper almost from scratch, we are bringing back some of our old employees," said Svidal. "We want to give it back to the community."

Svidal is doing all this work when she is one year removed from completing chemotherapy.

The new venture was the subject of a story in Editor and Publisher Magazine, which quoted Svidal as saying:

"This community has always been very supportive of the Devils Lake Journal and I am looking forward to hearing from local community as we work to provide exceptional local news coverage," she said.

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Regional awards to area organizations

Center, Agriculture Utilization Research Institute and the U.S. Economic Development Administration. In support of the agricultural economy, and alongside others, the North Central Economic Development Association (NCEA), the private sector led lending arm of R5DC, assisted the Minnesota Farmers Union project with access to capital to make this important project a reality.

Central Todd County Care Center and Upsala Senior Living were selected as 2022 Outstanding Business Partner of the Year. Central Todd County Care Center, located in Clarissa, Minnesota, Central Todd County Care Center Inc is a private non-profit corporation consisting of a 45 bed Skilled Nursing Facility with 16 Assisted living

Apartments and eight Independent Senior Apartments. Upsala Senior Living is a 20-bed licensed assisted living community serving area residents with a newly constructed building, opening its doors and welcoming their first residents in August 2022.

R5DC recognizes the amazing work of all these organizations and strongly applauds them for their positive community impact. Commissioners David A. Anderson (10 years) and Rosemary Franzen (15 years) received R5DC service awards, along with Cory Pettit (5 years) with NCEA.

R5DC also released its Annual Report, highlighting regional impacts from fiscal year 2022. To review the report: visit regionfive.org/annual-report.

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County board meeting

Chair of the Executive Committee. Through his leadership, dedication and direction, Commissioner Kircher has challenged TWCC to be the best it can be in providing supervision and programming.

Because of his service, our communities are safer. Additionally, I personally want to thank Commissioner Kircher for serving as a mentor to me over the past 35 years. I very much appreciate Commissioner Kircher for that.

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections wishes to present Commissioner Kircher with a plaque thanking him and recognizing him for his service to Todd-Wadena Community Corrections.

Approved the quote from Granite Electronics to provide the required updates to the four dispatch MCC7500 consoles for \$8,070.12. This is an allowable 911 fund

expenditure and has to do with new encryption requirements.

Approved the carry-over of the sheriff's office vehicle purchase account in the amount of \$196,000.

Approved carrying over the funds in the Officer and Vehicle Equipment account from 2022 to 2023 in the amount of \$50,000. These funds will be used to outfit the squads that we had ordered but have not yet arrived.

Approved the final plat to establish the Henry Slaubaugh Amish Cemetery in Round Prairie Township with previously approved conditions.

At the end of the meeting the board recognized retiring commissioners David Kircher and Gary Kneisl both of who had served the county for 16 years as commissioners.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Oct. 6, 1977 edition of the Staples World featured five Staples High School students who represented the Cardinal Yearbook Staff at the 31st annual High School Journalism Conference on the campus of Bemidji State University. From left are Kelly Beach, Scott Grossman, Donna Weber, Jim Uhrich, Kim Clapp; and Kay Tomsich, advisor. The students said that they gained many practical ideas at the conference, which they promptly shared with the rest of the Cardinal staff.

There were no responses to last week's photo.



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Letter to the Editor

Appreciate helping make our community better

We are so impressed by the beautiful and festive planters that have been placed on sidewalks in downtown Staples. Williams Floral and Nursery

prepared them and local businesses generously "adopted" the planters.

One of the great things about living in our community is the way in which civic mindedness crosses the boundaries between businesses, groups and individuals to make our community richer than it otherwise might have been.

The WOW coffee group (Women of Wisdom) Staples, Minn.

Quote of the week

"Newspapers are increasingly one of the last remaining businesses whose purpose brings the community together. Newspapers provide the credible news and information that is needed in today's cluttered media landscape." — Dean Ridings, CEO of America's Newspapers

By Al Cross The Rural Blog

America needs a coherent rural policy, writes Tony Pipa, a senior fellow at the Center for Sustainable Development at the Brookings Institution, leader of the Reimagining Rural Policy Initiative and host of its Reimagining Rural podcast.

"Despite widespread acknowledgment since 2008 that rural places have generally been left behind, our nation still lacks a coherent federal rural policy," Pipa writes for The New York Times. "The Rural Electrification Act, Title V of the Housing Act and other national-scale development programs helped bring rural America into the modern era, and its contributions helped make the American economy the envy of the world. But today's federal programs were built for a different era. We need a renaissance of rural policy to enable a renaissance of rural America."

"What we have are lots of programs — over 400 available for community and economic development spread across every nook and cranny of the federal government. But navigating that maze and the peculiarities of their applications, reporting and matching requirements is a high bar for anybody, let alone the part-time

volunteer elected officials and the bare-bones staffs that make up many local rural governments. That leaves most rural communities starved for investment. Very few can get the type and level of resources necessary to reinvent their economy or unleash the full potential of their human, intellectual and natural capital as they face rapid change."

Agricultural policy is often mistaken for rural policy, Pipa writes: "Farming now accounts for just 7 percent of rural employment. Service jobs, retailing, manufacturing and government employment all outweigh agriculture." And contrary to prevailing belief, rural America is ethnically and racially diverse: "People of color make up 24 percent of the rural population. Close to half of rural Native Americans and more than half of rural Black Americans live in a distressed county. That's compared with 18 percent of rural white residents." The image of rural America as an overwhelmingly white place may have cooled some Democrats' interest in it, but elements of the Biden administration remain interested.

"While the Biden administration has started the Rural Partners Network to embed federal staff members in rural communities to help them identify and secure federal resources, the program is limited to select com-

munities in just 10 states and Puerto Rico," Pipa notes. "The country needs a national rural prosperity strategy that offers a coherent vision for rural America in the 21st century. Someone at the highest levels of the White House should be responsible for its execution and cutting through the bureaucratic entanglements. Canada and Ireland, among other countries, have completed such policies and created cabinet-level positions to carry them out. Governors in Wisconsin and Michigan have created rural prosperity offices."

What about Congress? "Rural policy is one issue where Republicans and Democrats should be able to find common ground to work together," on such things as the new Farm Bill, Pipa writes. "Yet early indications signal high-profile fights over food stamps, agricultural subsidies and conservation investments — and limited attention to rural development. . . . Rural America is listening for how public leadership and resources can better support the economic and social renewal of rural communities, but it hears mostly silence."

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to fellow citizens and politicians who disagree with them. They want to extinguish hope.

Still, I believe that most Americans are solidly pragmatic. They recognize the complexities of the challenges we face, see the limitations on what can be accomplished at any given moment, and believe that even in the face of division there's much that unites us, especially the urge to improve our own lives and those of our neighbors and fellow community members. They're very aware of differences of opinion and operate out of a basic sense of decency and fairness—they want the process to reflect fairly where people stand. I think that, without articulating it, they understand instinctively that keeping the process fair is crucial to keeping hope alive.

I've worked in this system a long time, and I believe it can do just that—if it's allowed to work, and if citizens are allowed to fulfill the basic responsibility of being involved. That's why the hope of changing things for the better is so crucial. We may face serious, difficult problems, but if we allow ourselves to become discouraged—or even worse, to be discouraged from tackling them—then progress really will be impossible.

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Always leave them with hope

By Lee H. Hamilton

Many years ago, I was in the audience when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the legendary civil rights activist and election mobilizer, gave a speech. He often used the catchphrase, "Keep hope alive!" when he spoke, and he did so that time. The audience picked it up as a chant. "Keep hope alive!" they called. "Keep hope alive!" It was a memorable bit of political showmanship.

A few years later, I gave a speech at a small college in Iowa. I used it to analyze all the challenges our country faced, domestic and foreign, and finished thinking I'd done a pretty good job of laying out our problems. Afterward, a young student came up to me. "That was a marvelous speech, Congressman," she said. "I've just got one question: Is there any hope?"

I realized then that, far from rising to the occasion, I'd failed. Jesse Jackson was right: You always have to leave your listeners with hope, and I had not done that.

This is very hard to pull off, of course—possibly harder now than it was then. We face a long list of seemingly intractable problems, from climate change to mass shootings to threats to our democratic processes to overseas rivals willing to test us at every turn. It's easy to get discouraged and to believe that we cannot

solve or manage those problems—and then to give in to despair. But Jackson and that student were right. We constantly need reminding that we can change things for the better.

The reason, actually, is straightforward. The backbone of our system of representative democracy is its faith in ordinary Americans to step up to their responsibility as citizens to improve their corner of the world—by their own direct actions as well as by making discriminating judgments about politicians and policies. If you rob people of hope, then you rob them of a reason to be involved.

In decades of talking to people all over the country, I've been repeatedly impressed by the strength of citizens' desire to improve their communities. This often reflected itself in specific projects—a bridge or a road or renovations to a local school—but it also applied to supporting quality leaders who could get things done for their communities.

To be sure, people were often wary of politics: they thought it was filled with messiness and noise. But at the end of the day, they saw the need for deal-making, compromise, and negotiation. I think this is still true for the majority of Americans, though an alarming number these days want to elect political leaders who will brook no compromise—and, indeed, seem to take an almost punitive approach

Show up and take your shot

Editor's note: Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame nominations are open until Jan. 15, forms can be found at https://rb.gy/sekguv. The following is from the 2022 Hall of Fame ceremony

By Mike Hajek Staples-Motley Athletic Hall of Fame Chairperson

The great moments of this evening will be born from this great celebration before us. Before we start, let's consider what this event will mean to each of us. Let's set our expectations on how this celebration will end.

As stories of our athletic legacy are shared throughout the evening, my guess is we will all have something to share and something to gain. The question is what will each of us leave with, and what will we leave with others? At the end of our time together most will agree, there is no place we would have rather been this evening, then right here.

There is one thing we can all be assured of in life and that is how time will tend to fade our memories. But there is an exception to that. Time has a hard time fading what we value and what we choose to recall. Tonight, we gather and we choose to celebrate the many fond memories of our inductee careers and our school's amazing athletic legacy. To be sure we start this evening right, it's important to understand the foundation purpose of the Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame program.

We are not organized or function as a program to dwell solely on the past achievements of our past athletes, coaches and teams. And without exception, our

inductees were not lacking recognition.

Our program exists to retrace and honor the athletic careers of our inductees by telling their stories of commitment and success. Telling their stories so their example of commitment, may be leveraged by others. It's their stories that are truly relevant for today. Stories that have lived on to make up our athletic legacy. Tonight, with the help of our inductees, we take a step forward to pass the torch of athletic commitment on to the next generation of athletes and coaches. To pay it forward, so to speak.

Our goal is to leverage our inductee stories to encourage and inspire today's athletes and coaches. To inspire them to take their athletics to a higher level of commitment. A level of commitment that will lead them to someday take their place on this Hall of Fame stage. And, with the opportunity for them pay it forward to others.

As I looked at the careers of our inductees, there's clearly a common thread between them. Among the many career similarities, each one of our inductees were fierce competitors. Beyond the level of their competitive intensity, the idea of good enough was not in their training, or in their commitment to athletic competition. It just wasn't who they were as athletes.

In reality, it would be a challenge for most to reach this level of athletic achievement and success. But what can be done, is follow their example of commitment. An example of commitment that can be applied to many walks of everyday life for most.

As the career bios are read, the stories will reflect how each inductee showed up to each competition at a higher level. Showed up and consistently took their best shots throughout their careers.

To the inductees, showing up meant consistently being there for their coaches and teammates. Committed to a level of training that prepared them both physically and mentally to compete at an uncommon level.

When you blend their relentless training with their unparalleled commitment to showing up, it created a competitive edge and focus that truly led to their success. Driven by Cardinal Pride this level of showing up became who they were as athletes.

As I now look at athletic achievement, I am a firm believer that every game, match or race is won by those who showed up. And, by those who consistently took their best shots in one way or another. No exceptions.

To be clear I don't express

this from the voice of experience, I express this from the voice of regret. Like many other athletes and coaches gathered in this auditorium this evening, we all would have benefited from the opportunity to be inspired and motivated by the likes of the athletes and coaches that will be on this stage tonight. But without a doubt, we will all benefit from the stories that will be told from this stage and throughout the evening.

As I was preparing for this evening my thoughts surrounded what could I possibly say that would make this evening stick in the minds of our future athletes and coaches? I will start by reflecting on a foundation belief of a great coach.

The late Vince Lombardi would firmly proclaim...

"I believe an athlete's finest hour...is the greatest fulfillment...of all that they hold dear. It's in that moment...when they have worked their heart out in a fierce competition and lies completely exhausted on the battlefield of competition, victorious."

Now from the echoing voices of our inductees, here is their encouragement for today's athletes:

- Seek every opportunity to compete, showing up for your coaches and teammates.
• Commit to exceeding all common expectations of your abilities.
• Train and prepare relentlessly.
• Work your heart out...leaving every ounce of effort exhausted on the battlefield of training and competition.
• Take your shots, whatever they may be and intend every shot, to be your best shot.
• As you compete...expect to succeed. Expect to win.

Make this commitment now and it will set the tone for who you are and, who you will become. Give yourself the opportunity to remember your high school years of athletic competition, as filled with memories of your finest hours! And then, spend the rest of your life, being glad you did.

From the encouraging words of the 1980 Olympic Hockey coach Herb Brooks as he inspired his team before the Olympic game with the Russians. "Don't ever let anyone, or yourself, convince you that you have accomplished enough."

This is now your time to show up. To own the race before you, and the finish line ahead. To believe in what you and your team, can do together. To prove to your competitors, that you are driven by Cardinal Pride and that your opponents can count you to show up, and take your best shots, every time.

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Volunteers re-roof LAPS building

“Helping others” is always a good New Year’s Resolution. In what way can you offer your gifts, time and talents during 2023, to help your community? The above photo is an example of volunteers in action. Thanks to the work of several volunteers last October, Lakes Area Pregnancy Support (LAPS) Center in Staples was able to get a new roof. During the course of two-plus hours, the volunteers removed all of the roof rock from the flat roof, which had to

be done prior to installing a new roof. Volunteers included Elli Greenwaldt, the Tony Schotzko family, Joel and Jacob Kletsch, Norman Drone, Bill Evans, the Andrew Freyholtz family, Andrew Paklonsky, Braden Tyrrell, Justin Domogalla, Pastor Barry Klein, Jim and Ben Tyrrell, Mike Sickels, Axel Mertens, Reza and Christopher Michael, Christopher Taylor, Jeff Kobliska with Ideal Construction provided a dump truck; and Ken Berg, who supplied the forklift. (Submitted photo)

Staples Library events Jan.-Feb.

Events and opportunities at the Staples Library in January and February. For more information, call 218-894-1401

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten. Check out the new app available to record books read. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Tiny Art Show!

Connect with your inner artist, using your creativity and imagination create a masterpiece for the art show. Starting Jan. 3, you can pick up an art kit at the library, create your masterpiece and return it by Jan. 21. Art pieces will be on display at the Eagle Bend library until Jan. 31. For ages 13 and up. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 to Tuesday, Jan. 31. During library open hours

Tech Time

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks, but aren’t sure how? Tech help will be available the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to Noon. Registration is required. For teens or adults.

Wednesdays Jan. 4 and Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to noon

Warm Up with Storytime

Join us for fun winter stories, flannel boards, and craft activities. Children gain early literacy skills by listening to stories, singing songs and making crafts. For preschool to second grade. Registration required. Limit 10. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Saturdays, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Virtual Lego Builders Challenge

Follow our Facebook page or stop in the library each month for a new challenge. A chance to use your imagination. Using your Legos, post a picture of your Lego creation and you will get a free mini figure and have your name put in for a prize drawing. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Runs for one week, starting Mondays, Jan. 16 and Feb. 21

Science Demonstrations with Great River Children’s Museum

Science is always more fun when it is hands on! Come join a Great River Children’s Museum staff member at the library to experience some exciting science demonstrations! For ages 6 and up. No registration required.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4-7 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

Join us in Reading Roundhouse for singing, playing, and other age appropriate activities and crafts. We will engage their curiosity, while developing important literacy skills and fostering a life-long love of reading and learning. For preschoolers. Limit 10. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Wednesdays, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Sustainable Gardening with Beth Dooley

Part one of our Exploring Nature’s Treasures Series.

Join Beth Dooley, James Beard Award winning food writer, for a discussion about how knowing where our food is grown and how it comes to us can add depth and richness to our meals. We will explore our region’s culinary origins, along with insights into traditions, nutrition information, and tips and hints on how to find

our season’s best. Register for a chance to win one of Beth’s books donated by the Staples Friends of the Library. For all ages. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota’s Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Make a team of four friends, name your team, and enjoy a morning of donuts and puzzling fun. Tournament rules: Each team receives the same puzzle. No one sees the puzzle until the timer begins. Teams try to put the puzzle together the fastest. If there is no declared winner by the end of the time limit, the winner is chosen by the team with the fewest remaining loose pieces. Six team limit. Registration required. For ages 12 to adult. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. to noon

Race to the Library!

It is “I Love to Read” Month. We are challenging all elementary student to see how many visits YOU can make to our library during February. Each time you come to the library and check out, you will get a sticker to put on your crafted car. The challenge is to reach the end of the track by Feb. 29. Each person reaching the end will get a prize. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 to Tuesday, Feb. 28, During open hours

Let’s Explore Coding

Come explore coding with Great River Children’s Museums coding bugs. Can you make the bug navigate the maze? This activity is for the entire family and we encourage the adults to get down and play/explore

alongside their child. For ages 4 and up. No registration required.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 4-7 p.m.

Author David Housewright

David Housewright is an Edgar Award-winning author of crime fiction and past President of the Private Eye Writers of America. He is best known for his Holland Taylor and Rushmore McKenzie detective novels. Join us for a fun discussion and snacks provided by the Staples Friends of the library. For teens and adults. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota’s Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 6-7 p.m.

Herb Gardens for Pollinators with Tammy Rick

Part two of our Exploring Nature’s Treasures Series.

Tammy Rick is the manager of Living Legacy Gardens, a public garden located at Central Lakes College’s Ag & Energy Center in Staples. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology Education from the University of Minnesota Duluth. This class will focus on the importance of pollinators in the home gardener’s landscape and specifically how we can use herb plants to attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Participants in this class will receive a planter box containing several herb plants to take home. We will discuss each of these easy to grow herbs and their culinary and medicinal uses. For adults. Sponsored by the Central Lakes College, Living Legacy Gardens, Ag and Energy Center and the Staples Friends of the Library.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar

January 5

‘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>

MOTLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, Jan. 5, noon - 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. For info, to register, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org

enter Sponsor Code: Motley Community.

January 6

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.

January 9

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

School board organizational meeting Jan. 9

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their organizational meeting Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Reorganizational items include (but not limited to):

Elect Board Chair; election of other officers; appoint person(s) to perform duties of the office of clerk and treasurer.

Other items include the presentation of the 2021-2022 audit and its acceptance.

Organizational items include designate 2023 legal counsel, official newspaper, official depositories, investment of funds, electronic transfers and signature approvals.

Set the 2023 school board meeting schedule; set school board salaries for 2023; approve the resolution allowing the school district to purchase supplies or services from a school board member.

Individuals or groups must contact the Board Chair or Superintendent by noon of the Friday prior to the board meeting date to be included in the community forum portion of the meeting.

All Staples-Motley School Board members will be attending the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Leadership Conference January 12-13 in Minneapolis.

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Correction

The Reese farm (not the Lisson farm as stated in last week’s paper) off County Road 83 in rural Staples was post-card pretty Dec. 20, the day before the official start

of winter. The Staples World regrets the error. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays



Staples hockey team featured in U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The 1945 Staples hockey team has a new display at the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum in Eveleth. The Staples team played in the very first Minnesota state tournament in February of 1945.

Staples graduate Ron Manning (1960) found a photo of the team and presented it to hall of fame director Doug Palazzari this summer. Manning said they did not have a photo of that Staples team so they were happy to put it in the Minnesota State Tournament memorabilia section.

The 1945 tournament had eight teams and was held at the St. Paul Auditorium. Eveleth won the title with a 4-3 win over Thief River Falls. The other teams were Rochester, White Bear Lake, Granite Falls, St. Paul Washington, Staples and St. Cloud Tech.

The Staples team played one game, losing 2-0 to St. Cloud Tech.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press wrote: "A group of Staples 'ironmen' who played the entire game without substitution, bottled up St. Cloud Tech's attack pretty well, but they couldn't get their own offensive clicking and bowed, 2-0, in a defensive battle."

The iron five were goaltender Emory Dupre, defensemen Bill Finn and Allan Johnson, center Wayne Stewart, and wings Tony Langer and Don Eddy.

The Pioneer Press described the game: "Most of the action occurred in Staples' territory and the score is a tribute to the alertness of the losers who fought off rush after rush of the fleet Saints who constantly hammered in for shots only to lose the wafer in wild scrambles in front of their opponent's net."

St. Cloud Tech scored one goal in the first period and one in the third. There were no penalties in the game.

The Pioneer Press gave praise to one Staples player:



Sharing the Staples story

Staples graduate Ron Manning, wearing his Staples letter jacket, with U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Director Doug Palazzari. (Submitted photo)

"Wayne Stewart, towering center, stood out for the losers as he carried on a valiant one-man offensive several times during the game."

The first state tournament

surprised organizers by drawing 8,900 fans. The modern tournament now draws more than 120,000 fans for the entire tournament.

Basketball boys split games at tournament

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team won their first game but lost the second in a tournament at Walker Dec 27 and 29. In the first round, they beat Lake of the Woods 85-43, then lost their second game against Warren-Alvarado-Olso 63-41.

Against Lake of the Woods, Isaiah Schultz scored 21 in the first half as the Cardinals raced to a 50-17 halftime lead. Luke Brownell had nine points and Grant Bestland had eight in the first half.

Alex Schultz picked up the scoring in the second half with 12 points.

Against Warren-Alvarado-Olso, the Cardinals

were facing an undefeated team. Hunter Miller and Isaiah Schultz each made two 3-pointers in the first half but the Cardinals fell behind by eight at halftime. The team did not get much closer in the second half.

Team results

Staples-Motley 85, Lake of the Woods 43

Scoring: Isaiah Schultz 30, Alex Schultz 12, Grant Bestland 12, Luke Brownell 11, Dakota Hennigar 7, Avandre Brandt 6, Elijah Claussen 5, Hunter Miller 2

Staples-Motley 41, Warren-Alvarado-Olso 63

Scoring: I. Schultz 16, Miller 8, Henagir 6, Bestland 5, Brownell 2, A. Schultz 2, Brandt 2

Get outdoors in Minnesota this winter

Wondering how to get outside and enjoy the outdoors this winter? The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has some great no- and low-cost activities open to everyone.

"We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and winter offers a whole different way to play outside," said Ann Pierce, DNR parks and trails director.

The DNR offers several suggestions to make getting outdoors easy, fun and affordable for Minnesotans:

Get a vehicle permit

Vehicle permits are required to visit state parks and recreation areas. The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 for an annual permit. Permits can be purchased at a park office, or visitors can save time by purchasing online before heading to the park. Park permits can be purchased on the DNR website.

The DNR also offers free park permits through its library program. More than 100 libraries across Minnesota offer seven-day permits that people can check out at no cost.

"The library park pass program is a terrific way to access state parks for free," Pierce said. "It's one way we're removing barriers to getting outdoors and enjoying the beauty of Minnesota's state parks."

A list of participating libraries is on the DNR website.

Try winter camping

Winter camping is offered at 25 state parks and recreation areas. For visitors looking for a warmer overnight stay, many state parks offer heated camper cabins with electricity and yurts with wood stoves that are open year-round. Camper cabins accommodate up to six people, while yurts hold three to seven people. Pets are not allowed inside camper cabins or yurts.

Find the winter camping guide on the DNR website, as well as information on staying in camper cabins or yurts.

Look into family-friendly events

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the winter season, offering a wide

range of activities, including escape rooms, interpretive hikes, crafting, education about park wildlife, and more.

"Whether you want to learn, or be physically active, or both, you're sure to find an event that fits you," Pierce said. "State parks and trails events are suitable for beginners and all age groups."

State park events are free, but a vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Find state park events on the DNR events calendar.

Rent snowshoeing or skiing equipment

Snowshoe rentals are available at 30 state parks and recreation areas, and five state parks offer cross-country ski rentals. Rental prices vary by location, and some state parks offer free rentals.

"Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are great activities to be active while beating cabin fever," Pierce said. "If you need rental equipment, it's a good idea to check the website for the park you're planning to visit or call ahead to get details about the type of rental equipment offered at the park and to check for availability."

For snowshoe rental information, visit the snowshoeing page of the DNR website and for cross-country ski rentals, visit the ski pass map on the DNR website.

Try ice fishing

It's free to fish in many Minnesota state parks, and some parks have fishing kits for visitors to borrow.

"Ice fishing is a quintessential winter activity in Minnesota," said Pierce. "If you're new to ice fishing, don't worry, we can help. State parks offer events and hands-on learning programs to teach you how to ice fish."

Those interested in ice fishing in state parks can read tips, learn about ice safety, find a lake to fish on and more by visiting the state parks ice fishing guide. To find parks that have fishing kits available to borrow, see the DNR's page about borrowing equipment.



Staples hockey remembered for first state tournament

The 1945 Staples hockey team, photo now on display at the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum in Eveleth. Pictured from left, coach Wayne Koski, Ben Baker, Dick

Bacon, Ron Thompson, Bill Finn, Allan Johnson, Tony Langer, Don Eddy, Wayne Stewart and Emory Dupre. (Submitted photo)



Lineup for the first state hockey tournament

The 1945 Minnesota State Hockey Tournament program had this photo of the Staples team. Front row from left, Wayne Stewart, Emory Dupre, Anthony Langer,

Allen Johnson and Donald Eddy; back row, Benjamin Baker, Richard Bacon, William Finn, Ronald Thompson and Coach Wayne Koski.

Wrestlers earn wins at dual, tournament

The Staples-Motley wrestling team competed at the Rumble on the Red at the Fargodome in Fargo Dec. 29-30. The huge event had 40 teams from Minnesota, 30 teams from North Dakota and one team from South Dakota.

Partial results from day one show that Elijah Greenwaldt, Colbe Tappe and Owen Winter each had two wins, while Jason Trantina and Riley Reese had one win early in the tournament. Because of early printing schedule, the results of

day two were not available when this newspaper went to press.

Results from the previous week's wrestling match on Dec. 20 were released, with Staples-Motley winning against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 43-30 and falling to United North Central 49-26.

Team results

Staples-Motley 43, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 30

106 Eli Greenwaldt W fall; 113 Beau Carlson W fall; 120 Jack Carlson W 7-2; 126 Turner Beachy W ff; 132 Jason Trantina

L fall; 138 Riley Reese W 10-2; 145 Owen Winter W ff; 152 Colbe Tappe W ff; 160 Blake Neelan W 12-1; 170 Luke Bjerga L 12-3; 182 Jacob Becker L fall; 195 Kevin Miller L fall; 220 Adrian Gomez L 17-3; 285 Steven Petrich W ff

Staples-Motley 26, United North Central 49

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DNR roundtable now open

For the first time, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Roundtable — an annual gathering of conservation partners to discuss fisheries, wildlife, and ecological and water resource topics — will include an open registration opportunity for what has historically been an invitation-only event.

The 2023 Roundtable is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20. The opportunity to

register for one of a limited number of free, first-come, first-served slots will open at noon Wednesday, Dec. 28. The DNR's Roundtable page will include a registration link.

The Roundtable provides a forum for Minnesota's conservation community to engage with each other and DNR leadership, with an emphasis on conversation and idea sharing. The theme of the 2023 Roundtable

is "Minnesotans Working Together - The Key to Conservation Success." The keynote speaker will be Duluth Mayor Emily Larson. Featured speakers will include Commissioner Sarah Strommen and other leaders from the DNR and the conservation community.

More information is available on the DNR's Roundtable page.



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 For full details, visit www.wcta.net/information-technology-supervisor.

Full-time Employment Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections seeks one full-time Office and Administrative Specialist for our Todd and Wadena Offices. Travel between both counties will be required. Current work load assignment consists of, but is not limited to, the following: providing word processing, data entry and retrieval, receptionist services, maintaining information tracking systems, and utilizing technology to fulfill assigned tasks. Successful applicant must be highly organized and efficient and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Minimum qualifications Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, plus skills in the following areas: data entry, database management, business English, customer service, word processing, and typing/keyboard.

Preferred qualifications include an associate degree or vocational/technical diploma in relevant field, experience entering data into information tracking systems and experience working in a correctional setting.

Must have valid MN driver's license and auto insurance, and reliable transportation. Must pass agency background check requirements prior to employment. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Salary range \$18.63-\$24.69 per hour.

Contact Kathy Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165, kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet and/or to request a reasonable accommodation. Veteran's preference applies. Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to: Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled. "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"

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Preschool Storytime at Staples Library

Preschool Storytime at the Staples Library in December included reading stories and decorating a flannel board tree. Each child made a gingerbread house. Next Storytime is Weds., Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. To register call the library at 218-

894-1401. This program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above, left to right: Deb Jordan, Greyson Winter, Ziva Thorsett, Samuel Reigstad, Analu Reigstad, Alana Reigstad, Lucas Imrick. (Submitted photo)

Tutoring Center re-certified

Central Lakes College announces its Tutoring Center has been awarded re-certification as a Level 1 Certified Tutor Training Program by the internationally recognized College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

The CLC Tutoring Center has worked hard to develop a tutor training program that meets CRLA's rigorous standards and has successfully completed the International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) peer review process. Achieving certification means that the Tutoring Center has met CRLA's high standards for tutor selection, training, direct service, and evaluation as an integral part of their overall tutoring program.

"Tutoring at CLC is free and is offered both online and in person," said Teri Duff, Tutoring/Testing Center Coordinator. "It's important for students to realize they have this great resource with highly trained tutors."

To access the tutor schedule, check out D2L. No appointment is needed.



This hill's a screamer

The holiday and weather break found sledders enjoying the ride down the slope next to the overpass in Staples. The view

and the screams of riders could be seen and heard across the highway from the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree parking lot.

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Todd Cty ADA drawing winners

Todd County American Dairy Association recently completed their annual "Very Dairy Merry Holidays" promotion in conjunction with grocery stores around Todd County.

Justin Nelson of Staples was the cash winner at John's Family Foods in Staples and DeAnna Warren of Clarissa was the cash winner at John's Family Foods in Clarissa. Gift certificate winners were also announced.

"Thank you for shopping at your local small town stores," said Shirley Hulin-sky, Todd Cty ADA. "Keep enjoying real dairy products for the most complete nutrition package from A to Zinc."

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TITLE:
Staples-Motley High School Addition & IAQ Upgrades
Work Scope 9 – Aluminum Doors Windows & Glazing Rebid
LOCATION OF WORK:
401 Centennial Drive
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OWNER:
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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 only.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

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 REQUIREMENTS:

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.

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 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 DOCUMENTS & 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 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 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 CONFERENCE:

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 - (Jordan 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 by:
IAQ Phase 1: August 25, 2023
IAQ Phase 2: August 23, 2024
Wellness Center Addition: September 27, 2024

END OF SECTION 00 11 13

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

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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Todd County Board of Commissioners approves items in final meeting of 2022

- Approved the abatement to correct the classification of a parcel owned by the Louis C. Gramsey Trust. This parcel became tax forfeited in July 2021. The assessed classification should have been changed to an exempt status at the time of forfeiture but that didn't happen. Approval of

the abatement resulted in a reduction of \$42, which is the entire tax for the parcel in 2022.

- Approved the 2022 County Motor Pool budget carryover request of \$9,000 to go to the 2023 budget.

Due to a lack of availability, the funds could not be used toward the replace-

ment of any of the motor pool vehicles.

- The county board approved, by resolution in 2020, to establish a committed fund balance for future retirees' severance fund within the general fund. The Finance Committee has reevaluated the amount available in this committed

fund with an updated committed balance of \$113,790 at fiscal year-end (FYE) 2022.

- The Todd County Board of Commissioners established a building and grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the county general fund. The building and grounds improvement funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year.

The remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2022, is \$936,252.51. The state auditors' recommendation is to approve, by resolution, a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting.

- Approved the transfer of funds for ARP/SLFRF funds for department expenditures.

Background: There exists ARP/SLFRF used/expended funds that have been approved by the county board involving the support of staffing positions. These expenses are not able to be billed directly to Fund 19-ARP/SLFRF and now necessitate realignment to the county departments that incurred the expense for inclusion of reporting to the United States Treasury.

In order to comply with audit standards, it is recommended to approve the transfer of funds from fund 19-ARP/SLFRF to fund 01-general revenue in the amount of \$107,005.01 and to fund 11-human services in the amount of \$23,822.58 for a total of \$130,827.59.

- Authorized the transfer of funds for partial repayment of the County Ditch 18 loan in the amount of \$23,333.17.

- Approved the transfer of funds for the South Country Health Alliance funds in the amount of \$658,293.

According to County Coordinator Chris Pelzer, there are two payments left from SCHA. One will be for about the same amount in 2023 and then the remainder owed to the county in 2024.

- Approved a letter of support for a city of Osakis project. City Clerk of Osakis Angela Jacobson presented the information about the proposed project.

Background: The city of Osakis is asking for support from Todd County for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Active Transportation Grant.

The city has been working on a master park plan that will be approved in January 2023. Part of our plan was to add additional walking/biking paths and connect our parks and school with a trail system.

The first step of this process was to connect the current parks and the school for safer travel.

We are asking Todd County to support this plan. The plan would designate part of the side line on Lake Street to be used for walking/biking lanes. We are not asking for any financial support only support of the plan to connect these parks.

- Approved a resolution endorsing the efforts of the Community Supervision Workgroup to help bring more funds back into the corrections probation system.

Background: Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (TWCC) provides supervision of justice-involved individuals in Todd and Wadena counties, including pre-trial, probation and supervised release. Through a joint powers agreement between Todd and Wadena counties, TWCC has been providing supervision and program-

ing since joining the Community Corrections Act (CCA) in 1976.

Minnesota has three different delivery systems for probation. Each system has its own method of funding. The three different mechanisms used to fund Minnesota's probation systems are not only difficult to understand, but also create inequalities in services and outcomes. Minnesota is last in the nation when it comes to general fund spending on corrections, which makes the situation worse. In Minnesota, counties provide about 80 percent (%) of the probation and supervised release services and the Department of Corrections (DOC) provides the other 20 percent (%).

This year the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) formed the Community Supervision Workgroup to conduct a workload study and to develop a probation funding formula that is equitable and transparent.

The AMC Board of Directors and AMC Public Safety Committee passed motions of support to request that all 87 Counties adopt this resolution. The resolution endorses the efforts of the Community Supervision Workgroup and urges the legislature to pass a new funding formula and significant appropriation during the 2023 legislative session.

- The TWCC Board acknowledged the work and contributions of Commissioner David Kircher who served on the corrections board for several years as well as serving as sheriff in the county for 12 years.

Part of the acknowledgment from Corrections Director Kathy Langer read: Kircher has served on the Executive Committee and Advisory Board since 2009. He currently serves as Vice

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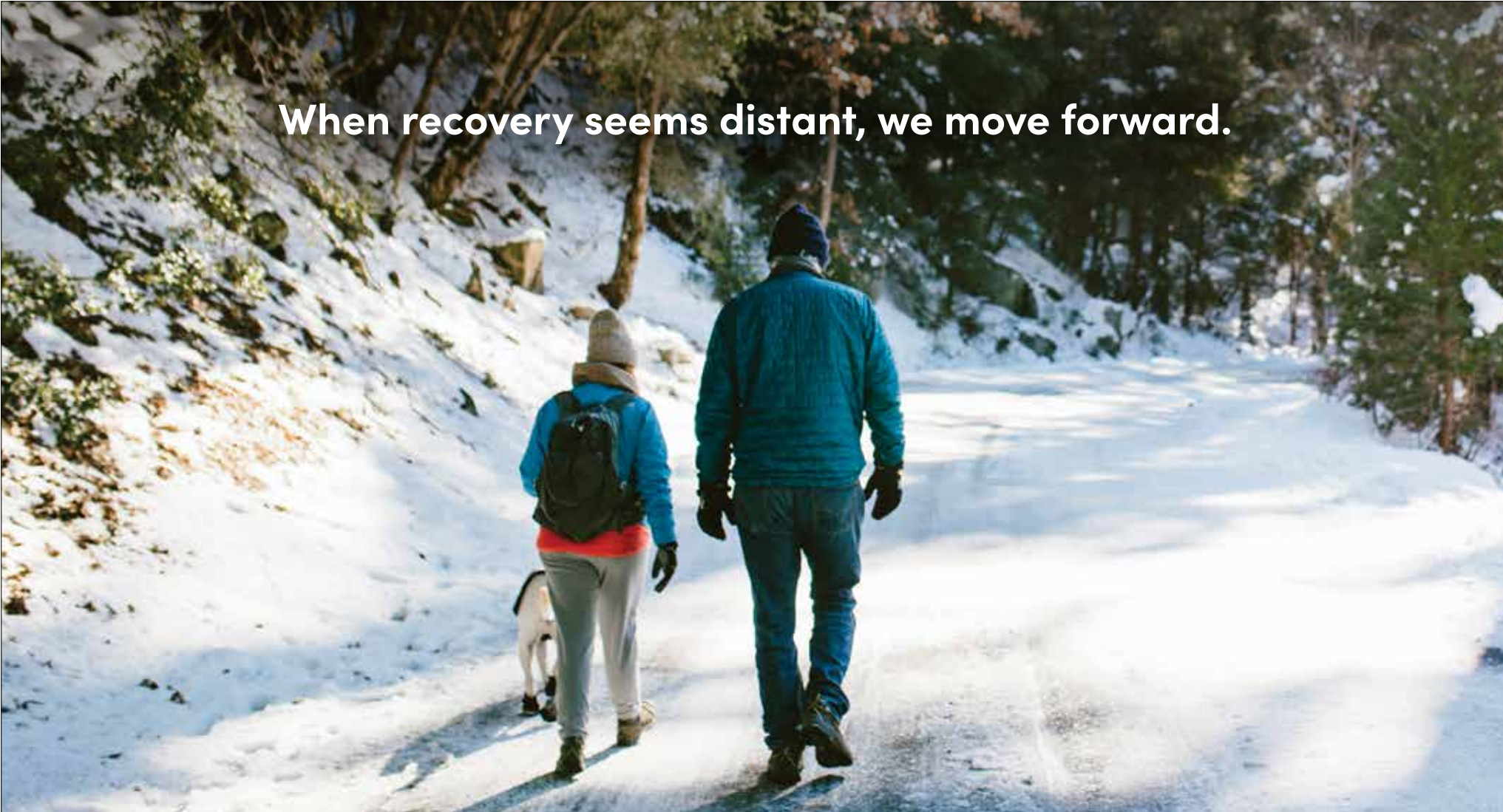
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