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Stokes Market is Expanding to Montana

The family-owned grocer is buying two stores in Butte and Anaconda

BURLEY, ID—(December 19, 2014) Stokes Market is coming to Montana. John and Steve Stokes recently announced that the company entered into an agreement, subject to approval by the Federal Trade Commission to purchase two new stores in Southern Montana. The Idaho-based grocer will convert the Albertsons in Butte and the Safeway in Anaconda to Stokes Markets. The transition is expected to be completed in February 2015.

The two stores add approximately 60,000 square feet to Stokes Market. The Anaconda store has a pharmacy, which will continue to offer the same services to guests under the Stokes Market name. The newly acquired stores employ approximately 100 people. Stokes is evaluating their employment needs and will be conducting interviews soon. Stokes Market currently employs over 250 people in Idaho and Utah.

The new stores join the five Stokes Markets located in Northern Utah and Southern Idaho. Eldon Stokes opened the first Stokes Market in Burley, Idaho in the 1960's. The family-owned store provides fresh meats, produce and scratch-made bakery items. Stokes is committed to supporting the communities they serve through several outreach programs. Part of this effort includes giving team members company shares, allowing them to have store ownership.

Stokes focuses on providing an excellent shopping experience to store guests through first-rate customer service, competitive prices and the addition of popular brands like Western Family and Full Circle, an affordable and high quality organic brand. The local grocer is committed to making the change in ownership as smooth as possible and both stores will remain open during the transition.

"Our shoppers know when they shop at Stokes they save money," said John Stokes, owner of Stokes Market. "We look forward to helping Butte and Anaconda residents save money while receiving the freshest products and excellent customer service."

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About Stokes Market

The first Stokes Market opened in the 1960's in Burley, Idaho when Eldon Stokes furthered his father's dream of becoming a family grocer. Today that dream is still being realized by John and Steve Stokes. With stores in Burley and Aberdeen, Idaho and Salem, Utah-they maintain the generational goals to provide an exceptional shopping experience to all guests as a locally-owned and operated company. They regularly contribute to local schools and charities in an effort to give back to the communities who support them. For more information about Stokes Market, visit

<http://stokesmarket.com/>