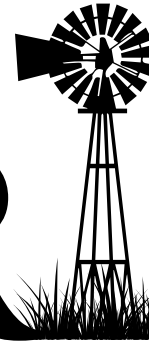


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MCHS One-Act Statebound



MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTO

The McPherson County Play Production team was the MNAC West Division and the District D2-6 Champions. Cast, crew and directors, back row, l-r: Assistant Coach, Melissa Sandager, Alyssa Magana, Addison Starr, Tabitha Viter, Lane Watson, Malaky Johnston, Kadie Ascherl and Head Coach, Robyn Dalton. Middle row, l-r: Ashton Apperson, Megan Coffman, Jency Starr, Katelyn Powers, Theresa Ascherl, Hollianna Watson, Alissa Apperson and Camron White. Front row, l-r: Garrett Neal, Aubrey Schultis, Abigail Goosey, Nick Gifford, Alexx Starr and Rainah Holm.

McPherson County High School's play production of Laura Lundgren Smith's drama "Dark Road," won a trip to state by beating out Hyannis and South Platte at the D2-6 District Competition.

They will be one of six schools in the D2 contest performing Wednesday, December 5, at 10:45 a.m. The play will be streamed live, so those who do not attend the contest will be able to view the performance in real time. Please go to the nsaahome.org website under the heading Activities, Play Production, State Championships to find the link. Sev-

eral schools will have their plays live streamed during the three-day contest.

"Dark Road" centers around a war criminal who is interviewed before her scheduled hanging. Through the journalist's questions and a series of flashbacks, the audience learns this former Nazi guard gave everything to the Reich, including her own sister. The judges have complimented cast and crew for tackling a serious drama.

Jency Starr, Hollianna Watson, Theresa Ascherl, and Garrett Neal received outstanding performance recognition.

McPherson County students traveled to Cody to compete in the conference contest, Tuesday, November 20. The cast and crew earned championship honors. Hyannis placed second and Theford, third. Receiving acting recognition were Abigail Goosey, Hollianna Watson, Katie Powers, Jency Starr, Theresa Ascherl, Alyssa Magana and Garrett Neal.

Other schools competing in the D2 state championships will be Chambers, Leigh, Loomis, Shickley, and St. Edwards. Competition will be held in the Johnny Carson theatre.

James Chapman fund established to aid Vets

MARCIA R. HORA

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, Inc. has announced the establishment of the James Chapman Fund for Veteran Support.

The late James Chapman said in his own words, he had not planned to spend most of his life in military service - it just sort of happened.

Chapman's life in the military began two weeks after graduating with the Stapleton High School Class of 1946. Jim believed he would be some kind of engineer, but knowing he would more than likely be drafted, he entered the Army Air Corps in 1946. He was enlisted for eight years and attended officer candidate school in 1954. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Jim, at the age of 17, had never been any further from home than McCook and going to North Platte was a "big deal."

The guy who had grown

up in a little sod house in McPherson County would eventually retire as Lt. Col., serving in the Philippines and back to the United States, working in the Pentagon where he was assigned to the National Guard Bureau. After 28 years and about two weeks after walking into a recruiting station in Omaha, Lt. Col. James Chapman retired on June 30, 1974.

Among his job titles after retirement was serving as Logan County Veterans Service Officer from January 1997 until April 2011, where he spent countless hours helping veterans.

In civilian life he worked at Western Publishing Company creating software for the newspaper industry. After retirement, he operated his own software company, Sandhills Software, and maintained an avid interest in computers.

He served on the St. John's Parish Council and Stapleton Youth Center board of directors.

He was a lifelong member of the VFW Post 8258 and Post Adjutant of

American Legion Post 324.

It was Jim's desire that proceeds from the sale of his home in Stapleton would go to help veterans. The evening he passed away at his home on November 6, 2017, he was on his way to attend the veteran's meeting in Stapleton to discuss donating his home.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, his children, Susan Jackson, Steven Chapman and Mary Beth Chapman, have established a separate charitable fund at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation to provide qualified charitable financial assistance for support and services that benefit veterans of the United States armed services.

"We knew dad would be very pleased that the proceeds from the sale of his home would be used to support veterans in need," Susan Jackson said.

The fund truly leaves a legacy of a man who lived out the meaning of duty, honor, and country all his life.

Rolling up our sleeves



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Sue Hauser rolls up her sleeve to donate when the Red Cross Bloodmobile came to Stapleton in November. Charlene Walz was recognized at this bloodmobile for donating 180 units. Although the goal was not met this time, Bea Gaites, coordinator, said the 14 units collected will go to help supply life-saving blood during the holidays. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages, accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

"Several took advantage of rapid pass this time and thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to donate," Gaites said. "Thank you also to Stacy Billings for the soup, to the Village of Stapleton board of trustees for the use of the Stapleton Community Center, and to the newspaper for their help in getting the word out."

The next Stapleton bloodmobile will be January 25, 2019. Mark your calendars!

Self defense class being offered



A women's only self-defense class is being planned for Saturday, December 29, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Public Schools gymnasium.

Pre-registration is required and limited spaces are available. For more information call 308-636-6037, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or to pre-register. Classes are sponsored by the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

Women's self-defense classes have an incredible positive impact on participants and greatly change lives for the better. Classes provide you with real insurance to protect your life. "We hope you don't need it, but we want you to be prepared if you do," said Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson.

Junior Chamber Members

Cooperation from Stapleton Public Schools working with the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, has resulted in new junior Chamber members joining the organization.

Applications were submitted by SPS students. Junior Chamber members selected to begin serving in January will be junior high students, Elizabeth Petty, 7th grader and Caleb Burnside,

8th grader, and senior high students, Aiden Trimble, senior and Megan Amos, freshman.

Junior Chamber members will attend monthly chamber meetings to share their ideas, learn how a chamber works, find the importance of supporting a local economy, and help volunteer

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Hand Thrown Ceramic Sale

Lane Chesley will be presenting his annual hand thrown ceramic sale, Saturday, December 8, at the studio by his home located at 79715 Arnold River Road.

The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information you may call 308-991-0870.

Thedford Event

Thedford will be hosting their annual old fashioned Christmas Friday, Dec. 7. See ad in this issue.

Sporting Events Rescheduled

Winter weather conditions forced postponement of sports events in the area. The Mullen wrestling invite originally scheduled for December 1 was postponed to December 21. Weigh-in will be at 8:00 a.m. MT. Wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m. MT.

McPherson County basketball games at Franklin will be played December 15. Junior varsity will play at 4:00 p.m. and the varsity at 5:00 p.m.

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Weather



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Wind at 33 MPH was recorded on November 25. Snowfall in the amount of 2.9" fell on November 25.

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