



# ENTERPRISE

LOGAN COUNTY, STAPLETON, NEBRASKA 69163

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

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## Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
13	17	5	0
14	37	6	0
15	50	29	0
16	42	7	T
17	35	8	0
18	45	23	0
19	52	9	0

A trace of snow was measured on February 16. Wind chill was 3 degrees at 9:00 p.m on February 15 and at 1 degree on February 18. 32 mph wind at 6:30 p.m. on February 15 and 38 mph at 9:18 p.m. on February 18.

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## 20th Anniversary



Kimber's observed its 20th year anniversary this month. The convenience store located at the intersection of Highway 92 and 83 east of Stapleton, took lots of hard work and dedication on the part of business owners, Matt and Kim Kramer.

Story & Photos By Marcia Hora

The convenience store, located at the intersection of Highways 92 and 83 east of Stapleton, almost didn't happen. Now an asset to the community, owners Matt and Kim Kramer were faced with over-budget costs and thoughts of giving up. "It was a huge investment and a lot more than we had anticipated. We were over budget and didn't know what to do," Kim said. "That's when Matt said - we have to keep moving forward, complete it, and get it open."

And that's what the Kramers did. Fast forward to 2018. Kimber's celebrated 20 years of business this month.

For Matt, the business has been a culmination of a vision he had years ago. He would ride the school bus into Stapleton from the ranch north of town, and dream of having a store on the corner.

Matt and Kim purchased East Side Service in 1984 and were operating the gas and service station in the Village of Stapleton.

"We realized people weren't coming into small towns off the highway to purchase fuel," Kim said. "We knew we had to do something to stay in business."

The Kramers purchased land at the intersection east of Stapleton on Arlen Bay. Gary Larreau of Larreau Construction of Arnold began work on the store in 1997.

"The first 10 years were really tough," Kim said. "The second 10 years have been really good."

The couple kept East Side Service operational. Kim worked up to 100 hours a week at Kimber's, and did the bookwork at East Side after her work was done at Kimber's.

Kim credits a very good staff right now in helping ease her workload. "Over the years we have had 76 employees. I think the record would have to be the one that lasted six hours," Kim added. "The employees we have right now are exceptional."

Work force continues to be the major problem in the convenience store business, as in almost every small business across the state. The second biggest challenge is changing technology and keeping up with the costs associated with needed improvements.

"In 2019 we will have to replace our pumps to make them chip viable," Kim said. "When we started a fourth of our sales were on cards. Now two-third of our sales are on cards."

Kimber's has been through three different companies in the last 20 years and changing signage comes with a big cost.

The business started under Amoco, went to BP, and is now a Sinclair station.

"We are very proud to be a Sinclair station as it is now the only American-owned oil company," Matt said.

In addition to fuel, Kimber's is a full-service convenience store offering refreshments, groceries, ATM, beer, ice and noon lunch specials.

East Side Service was later closed and the building purchased in 2015 by the Stapleton Rural Fire Protection District. It now houses fire and rescue equipment and is a business office for the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department.

Kim said there are so many decisions in owning a small business.

"It's tough getting it up and going. Then you have to keep it going. The needs and wants of customers are constantly changing, and you have



Kim and Matt Kramer pose in front of the "Top Performer" brand excellence awards the store has received. Kimber's is inspected three times every year and must meet standards set by the company.

to keep up with those changes."

Kimber's is inspected three times every year to make sure they are keeping up with standards. Kim said she is proud that the business has always met those standards.

The couple has strong ties to Stapleton. Matt has lived here his entire life and graduated from Stapleton High School. The son of Eloise and the late Wayne Kramer, Matt continues to ranch on his parent's place.

Kim is a lifetime resident of Thedford. Her parents, Allan and Garnett Jameson, own and operate Sandhill Oil.

The Kramers have four children who all graduated from Stapleton High School.

Ashley Kramer lives in North Platte where she is assistant manager at Brothers.

Adam Kramer and his wife, HaLee, live west of Stapleton, where Adam is in the construction business with Todd Walz. Adam helps his parents at the ranch on weekends. Adam and HaLee have three children. Kamryn and Kwyn are students at Stapleton Public Schools, and Kalem, at home.

Brenna Kramer is currently in Africa with the Navy reserves. She has a daughter, Elyse.

Brittany and her husband, Ryan Schaefer, farm near Chester, South Dakota. Brittany is a Registered Nurse in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. The Schaefer's have four children, Brynlee, Kayson, Tierney, and Suttyn.

Kim is currently a School District R-1 Board of Education member. Matt is a past member of the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department and Logan County Ag Society. He is a founding member of the Stapleton Junior Rodeo and is still active to this day.

The Kramers are members of St. John's Catholic Church in Stapleton. All four of the Kramer kids competed in high school rodeo, and at one time, they held four high school rodeo records. There were also four trips to the national high school rodeo finals.

Would Matt and Kim build a convenience store again? The answer is yes. Although Kim has some good advice for anyone thinking about it. You had better know what consumers want, and be prepared to make this business your life.

The Kramers agree the convenience store on the corner would not have been possible without the great support of the residents of Stapleton and the surrounding area.

## Dog ordinance will be revised

The dog ordinance was the main topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees meeting held Wednesday, February 14. The source of contention is the limit of two dogs per household within the village limits.

It has been determined there are several households with more than two dogs. Lack of ways to enforce the ordinance has become a problem.

Village board members tabled the matter until the next regular meeting. Prior to the March 14 meeting, members will receive a copy of the present dog ordinance and review any revisions that need to be made, including changing the number of dogs per household within the village limits.

## Logan County sets 2018 salaries

Logan County Commissioners held a reorganizational meeting in January at which time they set salaries, made appointments, and approved the request of Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson to look into the purchase of a defibrillator for the courthouse.

Cecil Wonch was appointed chairman for 2018. Scott Gaites will be vice-chairman.

Annual salaries for county clerk, county sheriff, and county treasurer for 2018 were set at \$40,921.00, and commissioners, \$7,470.00.

The minimum wage was set at \$12.00 per hour for occasional employment for equipment operators.

Richard Cook was appointed noxious weed superintendent and highway superintendent. Dr. Ronald Sheppard was appointed county physician and Bonnita Edwards, country surveyor. Sean Carson will be the emergency manager.

Dr. Sheppard, Sean Carson and Debbie Myers were appointed to the county health board.

Colten Venteicher was approved as county attorney. (Continued on page 12)

## McPherson County Clerk & Treasurer will not seek re-election

The McPherson County clerk and treasurer will not be seeking re-election. Clerk Judy Dailey reports she will not be seeking re-election, nor will Shareen Munson, incumbent, McPherson County Treasurer.

Jodi Dudley has filed for the office of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket.

Tim McConnell, incumbent, has re-filed for his position as McPherson County Sheriff on the Republican ballot.

Katherine E. Hoberg, Republican, has filed for the McPherson Co. Clerk's position.

Trent Neal, incumbent, has joined Toni Powers, also an incumbent, in re-filing for their positions

on the McPherson County School District #90 Board of Education. Rusty Kemp, incumbent, did not seek re-election to his position on the school board.

Three filings have been received for the two positions on the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. Incumbents, John E. Bryant and Harold E. Arensdorf have both re-filed for their positions on the County Board on the Democratic ballot. Brett Nason has also filed for a position on the McPherson County Board of Commissioners on the Republican ballot.

March 1 is the filing deadline for anyone who is not an incumbent.

## Car thief flags down sheriff for assistance

Thomas County Sheriff G.J. Eng and Deputy Marva Hover were patrolling 5.4 miles east of Thedford on U.S. Highway 2 in Thomas County on Thursday, February 15.

They observed a vehicle parked along the road. A male subject flagged Sheriff Eng and Deputy Hover over and advised he had

run out of gas. The male asked the officers for a ride to Thedford to buy some gas.

A records check on the vehicle revealed it had been stolen in North Platte earlier that morning.

The male subject was transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

## Two incumbent school board members file

Two School District R-1 Board of Education members are seeking re-election to the board.

Franklin J. Kramer and Steven L. Schaeffer have both filed before the February 15 deadline. Josh Allen is not seeking re-election.

Incumbent Republican Debbie Myers is seeking re-election as Logan County Clerk.

Richard Gewecke, Republican incumbent Logan County Treasurer will be running against Lisa Kinderknecht on the

Republican ticket. Logan County Sheriff, Sean T. Carson, Republican incumbent has filed for his position.

Lee Wonch has filed for Logan County Commissioner District 1 on the Republican ticket. He is the incumbent.

Non-incumbents have until March 1 to file for the upcoming May 15 Primary Election.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Logan County Clerk's office.