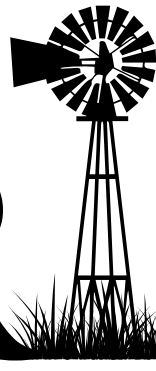


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Burnside makes it to third round at State Spelling Bee

It took more than three tense hours to crown the champion of the 88th annual Midwest Spelling Bee on March 11. Sponsored by *The World-Herald*, the contest drew approximately 200 people to the Omaha Public Schools Teachers Administration Center. Seventy third- through eighth-graders, who had won their school and county bees around Nebraska and Iowa, competed for the opportunity to participate in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Hannah Burnside, daughter of Rich and Polly Burnside of Stapleton, represented Stapleton Public Schools.

Hannah made it to the third round before going out on the word rucksack.

"The enunciator rolled the 'r' and it threw me off," Hannah said.

Hannah Fernandes, a fourth grader from St. Stephen the Martyr was this year's winner. She correctly spelled parvule to claim the title after she and Deeksha Sridher, a seventh-grader at Millard North Middle School, went back and forth for more than 10 rounds.

In addition to the all-expense-paid trip for two to Washington for the national bee, Fernandes received a cash prize, "Webster's Third New International Dictionary," a 2017 U.S. Mint proof set from Jay Sugarman and a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online Premium.

Students have competed for a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee since 1925. This year, 11 million students competed in school, district and regional bees across the country.



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Stapleton Schools completes requirements for AdvancEd School Accreditation

The External Review Team of AdvancEd has submitted their external review exit report of Stapleton Public Schools. The team met with three members of the governing board, administration, certified staff, classified staff, parents, community members and students from March 6 through 8. They examined student performance results, instructional quality, learner and family engagement, support services for student learning, curriculum quality and efficacy and college and career readiness data.

Their findings showed:

- The school has a structure whereby each student is well known by at least one adult advocate in the school who supports that student's educational experience.
- The school needs to improve in developing and documenting a comprehensive communication plan using multiple delivery methods to inform all stakeholders of conditions surrounding student learning, achieve-

ment and school improvement.

- Development was necessary in documenting and implementing a K-12 professional development plan aligned to the district mission based on assessed needs of the district including, but not limited to instructional strategies and interpretation and use of data.

The school scored higher than the national average in digital learning environment and a well-managed learning environment.

AdvancEd also said students and school personnel have access to a variety of media and information resources necessary to achieve the educational programs of the school.

Updating and formalizing the district safety and crisis plan was listed as an area with an opportunity for improvement.

Principal Kris Walker said she recently attended a meeting on school safety and will be implementing "Safety and Security Standards" at the

school. Standards include prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Stapleton Public Schools scored above the AE Network Average in teaching and learning impact and resource utilization. It scored slightly below average in leadership capacity.

"The IEQ results indicate that the institution is performing within acceptable ranges as compared to expected criteria, as well as other institutions in the AdvancEd network," the report stated.

The External Review Team recommended to the AdvancEd Accreditation Commission that Stapleton Public Schools earn the distinction of accreditation.

The team expressed appreciation for the hospitality, support, and professionalism they received at the school and congratulated Stapleton Schools and community on completing the requirements for AdvancEd School Accreditation.

Benefit helps with medical bills

The McPherson County High School auditorium was filled with auction items and bidders, Saturday, March 11, to help support Nick Musser and his family.

"We were overwhelmed by the turnout and those who donated items for the silent and live auction, and for the food that was served," said Kerri Kramer. "We had over 100

items and all of the proceeds will go to help Nick with his medical bills."

Items ranged from landscaping design, a stud fee to Greg Puttergill's buckskin, rifles, Thomas Kinkadee prints, Traeger grills, and hay and horse feed. There was definitely something for everyone, and that, along with some delicious food, made for a wonderful evening.

"You have proven once again what I have always said, how very lucky I am to live and work in a place like this where you can call everyone friend and everyone is always ready and willing to help out a neighbor," Nick Musser said. "May God bless you all."

An account has been established at the McPherson (Continued on page 10)

Local Auxiliary announces Girl Stater

Nikki Boyer, a junior at Stapleton High School, has been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Stapleton. She will study local, county and state government processes in this nonpartisan political learning experience.

Nikki is the daughter of Bud and Kim Boyer of Stapleton. She participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. Nikki is a member of Quiz Bowl, speech, National Honor Society, FBLA and student council, along with being an All A honor roll student. Nikki attends Cornerstone EPC in Stapleton. She is a former member of the 4-H Rebels in Logan County, and is employed by Healing Arts Spa & Retreat.

Sabrina Wade, also a junior at Stapleton High School, has been selected alternate. She is the daughter of Scott and Stephanie Leach of Ringgold.

Sabrina plays basketball,



Nikki Boyer
Girls' Stater

is a member of the student council, was a cheerleader, and is an honor roll student. She attends Ringgold Free Methodist Church youth group and is employed at CJ's Cafe. Sabrina enjoys running, horseback riding and being outside with her animals.

Every spring, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides approximately 25,000 young women with a hands-on educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.

Delegates receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mythical political parties. They then campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials.



Sabrina Wade
Alternate

Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and perform their prescribed duties. Citizens not elected to office are given appointments and visit the offices of their elected or appointed counterparts in actual state, county and city government.

New library signage

Logan County Commissioners approved the installation of new signage for the library at their regular March 15 meeting at the courthouse.

Melody Hansen, president of the Logan County Library Board, met with the Commissioners and requested putting up a library sign. Approval was given to place the sign on the front northwest corner of the courthouse by the current library drop box.

Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson, informed the board that he has hired a new full time certified deputy who will begin his duties in May.

Commissioners will be reviewing bids from Creative Landscapes of Nebraska for lawn and sidewalk work. Bids were tabled until a representative can attend a meeting and go over bids.

Robert Denny was appointed as the new Village representative for the

drug board. The one-year term will end in April of 2018.

Dan Kramer was appointed to fill out the term of the late Robert Kramer on the Veteran's Service Board and to fill the term from June 2017 to June 2022.

Commissioners also approved the request of \$1.00 per person to help with funding of the West Central District Health Department. This will be on a one-year basis.

Logan County Deputy Attorney sworn in

Colten Venteicher was appointed Logan County Deputy Attorney in January, and will serve with County Attorney Steve Vinton.

Venteicher joined the firm of Bacon & Vinton in September of 2016. He graduated from law school in May, passed the bar in July and was then hired by the firm.

Venteicher said he will be in monthly court in Logan County and he will be attending the Logan County Commissioner meetings.

He and his wife, Tabitha, have a 16-month-old daughter, June, and they live in Gothenburg.

"I come from a family in law enforcement. My father is a police officer in Omaha and I am very excited to serve in this capacity," Venteicher said.



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Judge Piccolo swears in the new Logan County Deputy Attorney prior to court. Colten Christian Venteicher was appointed in January, to serve with County Attorney, Steve Vinton, also pictured.

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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
14	31	9	T
15	42	19	T
16	62	22	0
17	81	29	0
18	63	31	0
19	69	31	0
20	87	37	0

Observations: Wind, 28 MPH on March 19; 31 MPH on March 20. A few snowflakes observed on March 14.



Bo Patrick Boyd



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