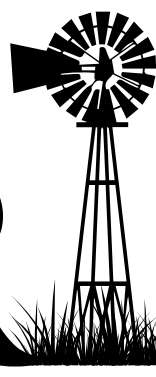


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First Day on the Job



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New Stapleton Postmaster, Judy Mulligan, is pictured on her first day on the job, Monday, March 20.

Postmaster Mulligan has been with the U.S. Postal Service for 23 years and she has been a postmaster at Kilgore, Thedford, and Hyannis.

She began her postal career in 1995 as a clerk in Valentine.

Judy and husband, Mark, are current residents of Thedford.

"We are planning to relocate closer to Stapleton in the future," Postmas-

ter Mulligan said. "I am looking forward to serving the community of Stapleton and meeting everyone."

Postmaster Mulligan believes the post office is a vital part of the lives of those in our communities

"I look forward to providing you the best service possible," she added.

Renee Trosper will continue as head postal clerk at Stapleton, and Jennifer Johnson will continue as postal clerk.

New superintendent hired

Howard Gaffney has been hired as the new superintendent at Stapleton Public Schools. The announcement came at the Monday, March 20, regular board meeting held in the school library. Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association aided the board in the search, pulling in community members, students, teachers, and certified staff, to help in the interview process.

Mr. Gaffney introduced himself at the beginning of the school board meeting. He was principal at Hyannis, has been an elementary and high school teacher, athletic director and coached all sports.

"I am looking forward to the challenges of being your superintendent and will give you one hundred and ten percent," Mr. Gaffney said. "This opportunity will allow my sons to operate the farm and ranch and my wife and I will be moving to Stapleton."

Other items acted on at the meeting included:

- Took action on the administrative contract for

Kris Walker, who will now assume the duties of preschool through 12th grade principal.

- Approved the purchase of a new accounting software package for the school.

Principal Kris Walker reported there was a possibility of 12 students in Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Five option students have enrolled. The school received AdvanceED accreditation and the preschool grant was discussed.

Lacy Kinderknecht, community liaison, stated Hannah Burnside had made it to the third round of the state spelling bee which is quite an accomplishment. A blood drive was scheduled for March 27 at the Stapleton Community Center. National Honor Society and the Stapleton Chamber of Commerce will be teaming up to conduct the Easter egg hunt and a clean-up day is being planned. A successful history walk-about and birthday party for Nebraska's 150th was enjoyed by stu-

dents.

Clint Felber, Stapleton activities director, and Kami Florea, McPherson County activities director, answered questions on the sports cooperative. A special meeting was set by Stapleton Public Schools for Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the library to discuss the cooperative.

Several Stapleton patrons spoke in favor of the cooperative and the need for a more competitive sports program.

Clint Felber also reported on spring sports. Kaylee Burnside will represent Stapleton at state speech, junior high and senior high quiz bowl teams, and volunteers will be needed for the Dave Blevins Memorial track meet on May 5 at North Platte High School.

Stapleton will be recognized at the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association for closing the achievement gap in science.

The next regular school board meeting was set for Monday, April 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the school library.

Farm Credit Services returns \$19.96 million

Dividends benefit farmers, ranchers, communities

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) announced today that eligible customer-owners in Arthur, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Thomas counties will receive checks this month totaling \$1,967,000.00— their share of the financial cooperative's \$160 million cash-back dividend for 2016.

FCSAmerica has distributed a portion of its net earnings to eligible customer-owners for each of the past 15 years, returning \$1.3 billion in cash-back dividends to farmers, ranchers and their rural communities.

The share of FCSAmerica's 2016 dividend returned to Nebraska customer-owners amounts to \$46.8 million. "While we're always proud to return a portion of our profits with our customer-owners, we are particularly pleased to share our financial strength with producers in a challenging agricultural environment," said Mitch Korf, Western Nebraska regional vice pres-

ident of FCSAmerica. "Our cash-back dividends are testament to our cooperative-business model and our commitment to supporting agriculture and rural communities through every economic cycle."

Each eligible customer's cash-back dividend is based on the average loan volume during the calendar year. The more eligible loan business customers have with the cooperative, the more they benefit financially through cash-back dividends.

The FCSAmerica Board of Directors approves each year's cash-back distribution in December based on a number of factors, including the cooperative's financial performance. During the 13 years that FCSAmerica has distributed cash-back

dividends, net income has grown to \$510 million from \$294 million and members' equity has increased to \$4.7 billion from \$1.5 billion.

For more information on the 2016 cash-back dividend, including county-by-county distributions, visit powerofownership.com.

Farm Credit Services of America is proud to finance the growth of rural America, including the special needs of young and beginning producers. With assets of more than \$26.4 billion, FCSAmerica is one of the region's leading providers of credit and insurance services to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness and rural residents in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. For more information, visit fcsamerica.com.

Boater Safety Course Offered By ULNRD

Boating Safety Courses teach students how to safely operate a motorized boat while following all rules and regulations. Topics covered include navigation and safe operation, Nebraska laws, and emergency preparedness. Anyone born after December 31, 1985 is required to successfully complete a Boating Safety Course and possess a course certificate while operating a boat or personal watercraft. You must be at least 14 years of age to operate a mo-

torboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska.

A homestudy option boater safety course will be offered Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CST at the ULNRD office. This course will require three hours of study prior to the 29th. Study materials are available online. The session on the 29th will then be a short review and test session. There is no fee to attend this training. Please preregister by April 21st by calling Kevin Bergstrom at 508-520-1031 or email kevin.j.bergstrom@nebraska.gov

Senator Brewer proposes two-year moratorium on wind turbines in Sandhills

Senator Tom Brewer's bill that would establish a two-year moratorium on development of industrial wind turbines within the Sandhills was heard in committee in the Nebraska state capitol on March 1.

LB 504 was introduced by Senator Brewer who represents the 43rd district, and not only would establish a two-year moratorium, but would put into place a study of wind turbines and their impact or influence on the area during this time period.

Senator Brewer opened the hearing and stated the moratorium would give people the opportunity to be heard about the turbine proposals, especially in Cherry County.

Numerous people from this area were in attendance at the hearing and urged the bill be moved out of committee for con-



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consideration by the entire legislature. It is a common belief by those in the Sandhills that the region is a unique place that deserves special protection. The Nebraska Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, and those people who are now dealing with wind turbine facilities testified.

Opponents against LB 504 included the Center for Rural Affairs, The Nature Conservancy, Cherry County Wind and

Bluestem Energy Solutions.

"LB 504 survived a kill motion and is now 'held in committee' and will very likely stay there without any action for the rest of the session," Senator Brewer said. "The Chairman of the Committee, Sen. Dan Hughes (LD44) opposes the bill, and as long as he does, it will never come out of the committee to the floor of the legislature for de-

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Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
Saturday, April 22

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Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
21	63	37	0
22	51	28	T
23	51	31	0
24	71	39	.91
25	47	26	.13
26	62	27	0
27	55	36	0

Observations: Wind, 24 MPH on March 21; 28 MPH on March 22 & 23; 43 MPH on March 24. Fog observed on March 23, 25, 26 & 27; Thunder on March 23.



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