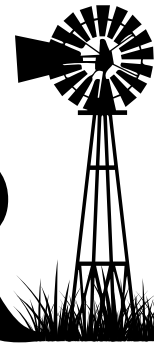


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Hole in one!



COURTESY PHOTO

Wendy Kostman of Hyannis, celebrates her hole-in-one at the Bill Burgess Memorial Tournament, Sunday, May 28. The hole-in-one was on #6, a par 3, and was witnessed by Kevin Kostman and John and Terria Hampton.

The annual Bill Burgess Memorial golf tournament drew a good number of participants to the Augusta Wind Golf Course near Stapleton, Sunday, May 28.

In the championship flight, the Bargell team took first place honors. Second went to the Kuenly team and third to the Whitehill team.

First flight team winners were Ron Uphoff team, first; second to the Charles Stoeger team; and third to the John Hampton team.

Second flight team winners were Kent Weems team, first; Derek Schaeffer team, second; and Dave Kelly team, third.

Senator Brewer begins digging through thousands of emails

"The Interim" has begun, (that time between when the legislature adjourns and when we're back in session next January). I'm getting caught up on all kinds of appointments and chores you have to put off while the legislature is in session. While Senators are out for the summer, we are back to being "normal citizens" and run/work our private businesses, but we are still available to assist and serve the people in our districts, and I am happy to do so.

Close to the end of the session we passed a law (LB 127) that created the "Nebraska Justice System Special Oversight Committee." Along with the Chair of the Judiciary Committee (Sen. Laura Ebke) five other senators and I make up this committee. We will visit Nebraska's ten different correctional institutions this summer in an on-going effort to study the various problems in Nebraska's Correctional System. I have a lot of faith in Director Scott Frakes. He has an incredibly tough job to do, but there clearly have been some problems in the recent past that I think the legislature can help with. Maybe we can move past the finger-pointing and actually work on helping fix some things. I look forward to being part of the solution.

My staff is busy digging through thousands of emails and researching all kinds of ideas that came to me over the session from so many people across the district. We're trying to follow up on so many calls, such as:

"I was pardoned by the Governor. How come my criminal conviction still shows up on my police background check?"

"Why do fishing licenses cost \$43? When you add the \$30 park permit, I'm out nearly \$100 just to go fishing. What is going on!"

"I need to sell 80 steer calves just to pay the property tax on my 16,000 acre

ranch. Why is it so high?"

"Why does the State have to put in this gigantic traffic circle on the highway when they could just put up a traffic light?"

These issues and many more are important to me and my staff. We are here to help, and we appreciate all your patience while we work through these together.

I finally had a chance to catch my breath and reflect on some things. For example, I wonder how Texas does it. They have 25.5 million more people than Nebraska does, 1,500 miles of international border, nearly 400 miles of seacoast, no income tax and yet their legislature only meets once every two years for about four months. Would the good people of the State of Nebraska be better off if the legislature was only in session every other year?

I wonder how is it that ranchers in my district with land in both South Dakota and Nebraska tell me their property taxes on their SD ground have gone down, while their property taxes on their NE ground have gone up. What is South Dakota doing that we aren't?

I wonder what is going to happen in 2021 when we re-district the State after the 2020 census. The population in the Western end of the State will continue to shrink while it steadily grows in the Lincoln and Omaha area. Right now only six senators represent all the people living west of Kearney. Lincoln has nine senators today, for example. How will our one-house unicameral system serve Western Nebraskans then? Will Western Nebraska have more or less of a voice in the Legislature? The tyranny of simple math tells me Western Nebraska needs to get set for a disappointment.

I think of everything that has hap-

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Local Athletes Qualify For National Junior High Rodeo

The Nebraska Junior High State Rodeo Finals were held at the Custer County Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19. Cowgirls and cowboys from around the state participated in eleven events and the top four finishers qualified for the National Junior High Rodeo that will be held June 18-24 in Lebanon, Tennessee. Area participants who competed and those qualifying for the national event are:



SANDALL PHOTOGRAPHY PHOTO

Dane Pokorny of Stapleton qualified for the National Junior High finals in team roping with his partner Clay Holz of Niobrara.

- Boy's Tie Down**
Thursday, Round 1 - 7. Cooper Bass, Brewster.
Friday, Round 2 - 8. Cooper Bass, Brewster.
Average - 5. Cooper Bass, Brewster.
- Boy's Break Away**
Thursday, Round 1 - 4. Zack Bradley, Brewster; 7. Coy Johnston, Stapleton.
Friday, Round 2 - 1. Zack Bradley, Brewster; 5. Coy Johnston, Stapleton.
Average - 5. Zack Bradley, Brewster; 5. Coy Johnston, Stapleton.
National Qualifier - Zack Bradley, Brewster.
- Ribbon Roping**
Thursday, Round 1 - 5. Dane Pokorny, Stapleton & Angie Davis, Bingham.
- Team Roping**
Thursday, Round 1 - 7. Dane Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara.
Friday, Round 2 - 9. Cooper Bass & Zack Bradley, Brewster.
Average - 6. Dane Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara.
National Qualifiers - Dane Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara; Cooper Bass & Zack Bradley, Brewster.
- Chute Dogging**
Thursday, Round 1 - 6. Zack Bradley, Brewster; 8. Dane Pokorny, Stapleton.
- Friday, Round 2 - 5.** Dane Pokorny, Stapleton.
Average - 5. Dane Pokorny, Stapleton.
- Girl's Breakaway**
Thursday, Round 1 - 4. Lillian Fletcher, Arnold; 6. Kylie Hewett, Dunning.
Friday, Round 2 - 3. Emma Warren, Thedford.
Average - 8. Emma Warren, Thedford.
- Boy's Goat Tying**
Friday, Round 2 - 6. Hayden Jennings, Seneca.
Average - 9. Cooper Bass, Brewster.

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Chamber sponsoring "citywide" garage sale day

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring "citywide" garage sales. This year's event will take place Saturday, June 24. Contact *The Stapleton Enterprise* office at 308-636-2444 or via email @ creativeprinters@gpcom.net if you would like to be included in advertising.

The cost is just \$8.50 and your ad will be included in print, online and on Facebook. The deadline for submitting your ad is Friday, June 16.

The Stapleton Eclipse on the Range committee is planning a money-making project and will be

servicing lunch on Main Street beginning at 11:00 a.m. on garage sale day.

Donations are also being taken for good, sellable items, with proceeds going into the Eclipse fund. No clothing, please.

Items may be left at Frey's General Store or Creative Printers.

Homestead exemption applications due on or before June 30

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (Department), reminds property owners that the Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application or Certification, Form 458, must be filed with their county assessor on or before June 30, 2017.

The homestead exemption provides relief from property taxes by exempting all or a portion of the taxable value of the residence. The State of Nebraska reimburses counties and other gov-

ernmental subdivisions for the property taxes lost due to homestead exemptions.

In Nebraska, a homestead exemption is available to the following groups:

- Persons over the age of 65;
- Qualified disabled individuals; and
- Qualified disabled veterans and their widow(er)s.

Some categories are subject to household income limitations and residence valuation requirements.

The income limitations are on a sliding scale.

For more information on the homestead exemption program, please contact your county assessor's office, or the Department at 888-475-5101.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, June 18

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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
23	68	39	.03
24	59	32	0
25	69	33	0
26	75	48	T
27	71	50	.19
28	64	44	.01
29	76	45	T
30	71	39	0
31	76	43	T
June 1	74	49	.02
2	81	49	0
3	86	57	0
4	76	53	0
5	85	55	0

Observations: Wind, 33 MPH on May 23; 31 MPH on May

24; 13 MPH on May 25; 21 MPH on May 26; 23 MPH on May 27; 28 MPH on May 28; 20 MPH on May 29; 24 MPH on May 30; 18 MPH on May 31; 21 MPH on June 1; 28 MPH on June 2; 15 MPH on June 3. Thunder was recorded on May 25. Total May moisture was 2.77". Total May snow was .8". The highest wind in May was 54 MPH with pea size hail. Total moisture for 2017 is 9.28"

Obituaries

- William Thomas Sierks
- Bernard M. Sheets