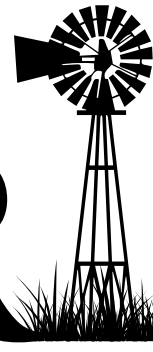


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New deputy & police service dog now on duty



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Dalen Wood is the new fulltime Logan County deputy. He is pictured with his police service dog, Buddy.

A new fulltime Logan County deputy began his duties May 22. Dalen Wood, who grew up in Litchfield, and now lives south of Stapleton, brings with him a police service dog. Buddy is a Dutch Shepherd.

Wood was recently with the Broken Bow police department, and his wife, Tiffany, is a North Platte police officer. They have two children, Mackenzie, who will be a senior this fall at Stapleton High School, and Lee, who will be a fourth grader at Stapleton Public Schools.

Wood has 17 years in law enforcement and has served as a police officer, as well as a deputy sheriff.

Brent Deibler, Mike Rath, Scott Decoste, and Spencer Rowley, continue as parttime Logan County deputies.

"I like small towns and since I grew

up in Litchfield - I get it," Deputy Wood said. "My kids can finally go to a small school."

Wood with the help of Buddy, has already issued narcotic citations. Three on July 9, two on July 8, along with the Nebraska State Patrol, and one on July 9.

In his spare time, Wood enjoys hunting, fishing, raising milk goats, and training dogs.

Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson said he has known Dalen for 12 years. The sheriff's pickup has been revamped to facilitate Buddy.

"In my opinion Dalen is one of the best canine handlers in the area," Sheriff Carson said.

Deputy Wood said he is pleased to be serving Logan County residents.

Accident shuts down 83

A multiple vehicle accident shut down U.S. Highway 83 for approximately four hours last week while the wreckage and chemical was removed.

Lincoln County deputies were advised of a multi-vehicle injury accident on U.S. Highway 83 near mile marker 101 at approximately 4:25 p.m., Monday, July 10.

The Logan County Sheriff's office, Stapleton Fire & Rescue, Arnold Fire & Rescue, North Platte Rescue, and Lincoln County deputies all responded to the scene.

A southbound Ford van, driven by 39-year-old North Platte resident, Koby Cooper, crossed the center line and struck a northbound Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by 73-

year-old Stapleton resident, Marie Lemmer. James Chapman, 88, of Stapleton was a passenger in the Lemmer pickup.

A northbound semi truck, hauling several large plastic containers of Hydrochloric Acid, swerved to avoid the accident and dropped a container on the roadway. The contents spilled.

Todd Stapleton, 35, of Cheyenne, WY, was the driver of the semi and he was not injured in the accident.

Lemmer, Chapman, and Cooper were all taken to Great Plains Health for treatment.

Two deputies were exposed to fumes from the truck, but remained on scene to work the incident. Hazmat Response

was called and cleaned up the spill.

Deputies suspected Cooper was under the influence of an unknown narcotic. Cooper submitted to chemical testing and charges are possible pending test results.

The investigation continues.

Marie Lemmer will be taken to Linden Court for therapy and rehabilitation for injuries sustained to her feet in the accident.

Jim Chapman said Marie was able to save a head-on collision by swerving the pickup prior to impact.

The S10 pickup was a total loss.

Jim said he did not receive any injuries in the accident.

31st annual Firemen's BBQ

Stapleton Volunteer Firemen will hold their 31st annual Firemen's Barbecue, Saturday, July 29, in the Stapleton Park. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

They invite everyone in the community to come out and join them for a pulled pork sandwich and thank everyone for their support for the past 31 years.

Because of your donations, firemen have been able to renovate the inside

of the former East Side Service station. This building now houses the ambulances and allows the fire department to spread out their fire trucks and other equipment.

The fire department also purchased Ped-a-Mate restraints for transporting infants and children up to 40 pounds in the ambulance. They will also be upgrading the fire trucks with heavier duty bumpers, tow ropes, and clevises.

Advance rodeo tickets on sale July 28

The Logan County Ag Society has announced parking spaces will be available this year for Nebraska's Biggest Little Rodeo. Fifteen spots will be sold on the south side of the arena at silent auction.

All bids must be in writing and sent to Stacy Layher, P.O. Box 312, Stapleton, NE 69163. Bids must be postmarked by July 28. The minimum bid for a space will be

\$50.00. The person with the highest bid will receive first choice, and so on. Please be sure to include your name, phone number, and bid amount.

Parking spots will be yours for Wednesday through Monday.

Rodeo tickets will go on sale July 28 and run through August 11. See the ad inside this issue for locations and a complete 2017 fair and rodeo poster. No advance pork

breakfast tickets will be sold

Advance rodeo tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. At the gate prices for adults will be \$15.00 and for children it will be \$5.00. Entrance to the Sunday Ranch Rodeo will be \$3.00 per person.

Viewing of the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21, will be \$10.00 per person.

Scholarship blood drive coming soon

A Stapleton High School scholarship blood drive will be held Friday, July 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

You may contact Kaylee Burnside at 308-636-6297 or Nikki Boyer at 308-636-6652, to make an appointment.

In honor of the 100th Birthday of the American Red Cross, you will receive a stadium cushion or insulated travel mug.

To get ready for your blood donation:

- Hydrate. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids on the day of your donation.

- Wear something comfortable. Wear clothing with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow.

- Maintain a healthy level of iron in your diet before donating. If possible, include iron-rich foods in your diet, especially in the weeks before your donation.

- Bring a list of medications you are taking. Any prescription and/or over

the counter medications that may be in your system will need to be made known.

- Bring an ID. Please bring either your donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of identification.

- Bring a friend. Bring along a friend, so that you may both enjoy the benefits of giving blood.

- Relax! Blood donation is a simple and very safe procedure so there is nothing to worry about.

Church service set for Eclipse Sunday

Local churches have announced a Cowboy church service on Sunday, August 20, prior to the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range. A free will donation breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. at the Logan County Fair Building kitchen.

The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the fairgrounds arena. Pastor Frank Scott of the Gandy Community Bible Church will be the speaker.

McPherson Co. Eclipse committee needs you

The McPherson County Sandhills Eclipse committee needs you to participate in a rotating panel of local people to answer questions about our way of life, ranching, history, diversity, etc.

It seems our "western way of life" holds a great fascination for a lot of people who will be traveling here.

"We see this as a great

tool to educate our visitors about our heritage and where our great Nebraska beef comes from," said Linda Kemp, coordinator. "Each rotation would last about an hour and you could do more than one if you are interested."

The current plan is to have three panelists at a time. This will take place

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Dimmitt qualifies for USATF Junior Olympics

Tad Dimmitt and Jaylen Fowler recently competed in the Nebraska USA Track & Field State meet.

Jaylen competed in the high jump and 800 meter, finishing in 9th place. She also competed in shot put where she finished 8th and qualified for the Region 8 Regionals meet in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Tad also competed in the state meet and finished in fifth place in the state and also qualified for the regionals meet in LaCrosse.

The two competed in the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics Region 8 Regional meet in shot put on July 8. Jaylen made finals, but finished just short of qualifying for Nationals. She received 7th place with a throw of 7.65 m and a new personal

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COURTESY PHOTO

Tad Dimmitt, third place, left, is pictured with Aiden Betz, Elkhorn, first place; and J'Dyn Bullion, North Omaha, second place, at the Regional Meet in La Crosse, WI. Nebraska took a first, second and third place sweep.

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Weather

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Observations: Wind, 21 MPH on July 4; 22 MPH on July 6, 7 & 8. Thunder was recorded on July 4 & 5. Fog was observed on July 5 and valley fog July 9.