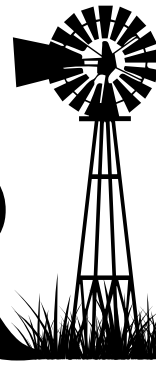


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Village Board reorganizes

The Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees met Wednesday, December 14, for a regular meeting. Bryan Rooney was appointed chairman. Dan Beckius was appointed vice chairman and administrator. Other appointments included Amy Allen, clerk/treasurer; Mike Borders, village attorney; Brent Burklund, street superintendent; T.C. Engineering, Inc., village engineer; and MJK CPA, P.C., village auditor.

Bryan Rooney, Bob Denny, and Mark Frey will serve on the park commission and Dan Beckius, Bryan Rooney and Wayne Hora on the street commission.

Discussion was held on the condition of the current solid waste transport truck. Board members voted unanimously to take bids on a 2018 370 h.p. Cabin Chassis truck with bids to be submitted by noon on January 11, 2017. Specifications may be obtained from the Village Hall.

The next regular village board meeting will be Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Puzzle making day at local library

The Logan County Library has received some new books and they are on the shelves. There is something for adults, teens, tweens and children.

Kathy Trimble, library director, would like to remind everyone there are overdue books out there. If you return books prior to January 17 there will

be no overdue charge. Any books brought in after that date will be charged. Please check your shelves.

The library will be having a puzzle making/coloring day on January 26. This will be for all ages.

You are invited to the library for this event that will run from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Spring tree orders

The Upper Loup NRD continues to sell and plant trees to property owners across the district as it has for the past 40 plus years. Upper Loup cost-shares on hand plant orders of at least 100 trees or shrubs and machine planted trees or shrubs of at least 200 trees.

Call Shane at the Upper Loup NRD and he will assist you in deciding which tree species will work best for you, draft planting plans, and assist in filling out the cost-share forms. The order deadline for trees and shrubs is February 1, 2017.

Groceries returning soon



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Groceries will be available again in town with the re-opening of the former Main Street Market & Deli.

Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will be opening soon at the 250 Main Street location in Stapleton.

An informational shareholders meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center. All shareholders are being asked to attend this meeting to complete paperwork and your transactions. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Volunteers have started working on the store. Plans are to paint and redesign the interior in the coming weeks.

Eight manager applications have been received for the position and are being reviewed.

Equipment that will not be used in the new store has been listed,

including some shopping carts, electronics and coolers.

The community-owned store will feature new energy efficient coolers and freezers.

"The Board of Directors and committee members have worked tremendously hard this past year and two months to make the grocery store a reality," Heather Harwager, Board of Directors president said. "We have been listening to what the public would like to see in their grocery store to bring back this vital service to Logan County and the surrounding area."

Harwager went on to say that it has been a huge learning curve for everyone who has been involved in the project.

Jim Crandall, Cooperative Business Development Specialist with the University of Nebraska Cooperative Development Cen-

ter, has been instrumental in guiding and helping the group from the first meeting.

Beginning with a town hall meeting in November of 2015, prior to the auction of Main Street Market, community members banded together and decided to form a cooperative store with shares being sold for \$500.00 each. Countless hours have been logged in by volunteers who conducted a survey, created a business and marketing plan, obtained a grant for updated coolers and freezers, and visited numerous grocery stores and with wholesale food companies.

"Our goal in serving the community with a store has become a reality and we are excited to be in the final stretch of bringing groceries back to Stapleton," Harwager said.



2016 was marked by progress in several businesses in Stapleton. Work on the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli has culminated in the opening and return of the grocery store in 2017; new ownership of the restaurant and Creative Printers and Country Envy and Sublime Boutique expanded their retail stores. The remodeling project of the Logan County Courthouse was completed. Plans for a new concession stand were revealed and residents began plans for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.

Stapleton elementary was named a "Blue Ribbon" school and improvements at Stapleton Public Schools included a new preschool playground, re-finishing of the gymna-

sium floor, a new welding shop and plans for new heating and air conditioning in the building.

There were deaths of many well-known and longtime residents.

Several births were reported in the pages of the newspaper and these will be featured in our annual "Valentine's Day" section on February 9.

A look back at 2016:

January
Survey responses were revealed as work continued on the cooperative grocery store in Stapleton. Main Street Market & Deli closed its doors in September of 2015 and a communitywide meeting was held in November to discuss the potential for community ownership of the store. Working with

Jim Crandall, Nebraska Cooperative Development Center Specialist, volunteers had already spent over 140 hours of their time since work began.

Another moose was on the loose. Sightings were reported in McPherson, Lincoln, and Logan counties. Diane Hill's photo captured him south of Stapleton in a tree strip.

Postal carrier Geri Webb officially retired after 21 years with the postal service.

Plans were being finalized for a Total Solar Eclipse dinner at the Stapleton Community Center. Funds from the dinner and silent auction would help build up the "2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range" fund.

Dan Beckius retired after 30 years of dedicated service with the Logan County Cooperative Oil Association and CPI.

Deaths: Darrell Duane Pinkston, January 2, 2016; Mildred Irene Maire, January 6, 2016; Vernon John Brosius, Sr., January 11, 2016; Shirley Walz, January 9, 2016; Cynthia Jo Dunker-Halstead, January 16, 2016; Billy Guilford Burgess, January 25, 2016; Helen Polzkill Miller, January 21, 2016.

February
Stapleton Public Schools selected a mission statement - "Learners Today. Responsible Citizens Tomorrow." Members of the community, school board,

teachers and staff, worked on setting a purpose and establishing shared values for the school.

A predicted blizzard shut down businesses, government offices and schools in the area on February 2.

Thirty-six babies adorned the pages of *The Enterprise/McPherson County News* in the special Valentine's Day baby feature.

New plans for the Logan County Fairgrounds concession stand were published and the Logan County Ag Society received \$2,500 from Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

Bob Blevins was the Stapleton Volunteer Firemen of the year and Josh Allen was the Stapleton EMT of the year.

Deaths: Ronald D. Empfield, February 4, 2016; Daniel Joseph Collins Spencer, February 2, 2016; Shirley Gerene Stewart Jenkins, February 8, 2016; Mary Farmer, February 16, 2016; Arthur "Art" Wayne Lockhart, February 19, 2016; Michelle Lynn Hunter, February 25, 2016; DeLores "Dee" Jane Steele Krebs, February 23, 2016; George Melvin Andre, February 29, 2016.

March
Stapleton Public Schools won the "Give-a-Note" music contest.

Almost \$2,000 was taken

in at the free will donation meal and silent auction for the Total Solar Eclipse on the Range fund.

Numerous political filings were coming in for School District R-1 Board of Education and Logan County Commissioner.

Michelle Lynn Hunter, 21, died from injuries after being hit by an SUV. The 63-year-old Lifeboat Mariners Club voted to disband at the end of last year and were featured in a special story.

Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli was the name selected by voters in a recent poll as plans proceeded with the new grocery store in Stapleton.

360 energy engineers were contracted to oversee remodeling of the Logan County Courthouse.

New Eclipse banners were being installed on the light poles in the Village of Stapleton.

Cherokee Campground was now open for business under the ownership of Larry and Cindy Vasquez.

Deaths: Charles "Chart" Nicholson, March 11, 2016; Connie Sue Bohnas, March 16, 2016; Richard E. Daly, March 19, 2016; Rose Eileen Dobbins, March 19, 2016; Vi Eva Frances Foran, March 30, 2016.

April
Payton Frey was selected as American Legion Post #324's candidate to Boys

State.

Two grants would help Stapleton Public School's music department. A grant of \$2,500 was given as Radio Disney came to town. A \$2,730.00 Applegate grant from Mid Nebraska Community Foundation had also been secured.

Kristy Opela would be Logan County's delegate to the Republican convention.

Stewart Magnuson was instrumental in procuring a Nebraska Historical Marker on U.S. Highway 83 north of Theford. The marker would stand as a testament to DeWitty - an African American settlement in the Sandhills.

An investigation into a complaint by property owners resulted in denial of private property access to Nebraska Public Power District. The court would decide the outcome of the confrontation.

Deaths: Iola Busing, April 7, 2016. Kenneth Nicholas Brosius, April 16, 2016; Ursulla "Sue" Perry Masters, April 15, 2016; Orval A. Miller, April 15, 2016; Viola Rae Kramer, April 19, 2016.

May
Foreign exchange student, Klaas Riemay, said "Stapleton is the best small town community."

"The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder: And Other True Stories from the Nebraska Pine Ridge Border Towns," by Stewart (Continued on page 12)

Railroad Story



By: Larry Hardesty
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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT	Jan 2	36	19	0
20	43	8	0	Observations: Wind, 27 MPH			
21	50	24	0	on Dec. 20, 23 & 29; 26 MPH on			
22	48	16	0	Dec. 21 & 30; 24 MPH on Dec.			
23	44	17	0	22; 61 on Dec. 25; 50 on Dec. 26;			
24	47	5	0	28 on Dec. 28. Fog, thunder and			
25	50	10	0	a wind chill of -3 was recorded on			
26	49	17	.44	Dec. 25; A trace of snow fell on			
27	38	15	0	Dec. 26. Fog was recorded on			
28	45	14	0	Jan. 2 and a wind chill of -1 was			
29	45	19	0	recorded on Dec. 26. A total of			
30	42	17	0	.46" of moisture fell in Dec and .3"			
31	57	19	0	of snow.			
Jan 1	41	18	0				

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