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Cook-off draws crowd



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The 2020 Vet's Club chili cook-off drew a large number of contestants and tasters. Winners were, l-r: Janet Barnum, second, and Darcy Krauter, first, in the hot division; and Wanda Pace, first, and Bea Gaites, second in the mild division. Joel Warren of Theford provided entertainment and card games were played. T-shirts were created and donated by Pulse Novelties Custom Shirts and Gifts. Velda Cassell said she was very pleased with the turnout and is making plans for new events.

SHS reunion set for June 6

Plans are coming together for the Baker Rural/Stapleton High School alumni reunion that will be held Saturday, June 6. Alumni are encouraged to get together with their classmates and families in the Stapleton Park, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be games available including corn hole, horseshoes, sand volleyball, and basketball. Tours of the town and school will be provided, and you are invited to play a round of golf at Augusta Wind Golf Course located south of Stapleton.

Food vendors are being solicited at this time. If you would like to be a vendor for alumni you may contact Cindy Frey at 508-656-2636. Address changes are needed. If you or any of your family members have moved, please call Cindy as she is working to update the list. Alumni are encouraged to view the digital picture board now located in the school lobby.

Stand-off ends with shooting near Arnold

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol were called to assist the Custer County Sheriff's Office with a standoff situation at 6:16 a.m. Monday, February 24 at a residence in northeast Custer County on Dunning Road, north of Arnold. The situation had begun with a report of a suicidal party.

NSP negotiators reported to the scene and began communicating with the subject, identified as Print Zutavern, 28. Earlier in the day, Zutavern threatened his father with a firearm, shot and killed multiple animals, and threatened law enforcement officers.

Throughout the day, communications continued and additional NSP resources responded. A warrant was issued for Zutavern's arrest on

charges of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, use of a weapon to commit a felony, two counts of terroristic threats, and two counts of intentional cruelty to an animal.

At approximately 6:11 p.m., Zutavern attempted to leave the property driving a UTV, but was blocked by multiple troopers who gave loud commands for Zutavern to put his hands up. Zutavern then exited his UTV, ignored repeated commands, and moved aggressively toward a trooper. As Zutavern approached the trooper, he refused to remove his hand from his pocket. The trooper then discharged his duty weapon, striking Zutavern.

Troopers and emer-

gency medical technicians began life-saving efforts immediately.

Zutavern was transported to Great Plains Health in North Platte where he succumbed to his injuries.

A shotgun was recovered from the UTV Zutavern had been driving. No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident.

In accordance with Nebraska State Patrol policy, the trooper has been placed on administrative leave pending an internal review. NSP Troop C is conducting the investigation at the direction of the Custer County Attorney. The incident took place in Troop D.

Nebraska law requires a grand jury to convene for any in-custody death.

Candidates slated to attend town hall meeting

A town hall meeting will be held Sunday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

Karen Hough, Logan County Republican Chairperson reports among those attending will be Matt Innis, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate,

State Senator Tom Brewer, incumbent for the Legislature in District 43, and Tanya Storer, who recently filed and announced her candidacy for the District 43 Legislature.

Logan, Thomas, and McPherson counties will

hold their respective local conventions to elect delegates following the town hall.

Hough said she is encouraging everyone to attend, listen to the candidates, and take part in an important election process.

D.A.R. awards \$100 scholarship; Virginia Jones honored for 60-year D.A.R. membership



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Pictured, l-r: Olive Nielsen, Broken Bow, D.A.R. chaplain; Ashley Nansel, Arnold guidance counselor; and Grant Jones, \$100.00 scholarship winner.

The General George A. Custer chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has awarded a \$100 scholarship to Grant Jones, son of Robert and Susanne Jones of Stapleton. Grant is a senior at Arnold High School, and his winning essay will advance to the state level. Winners go on

to the mid-states region, and finally reach the national level.

Regent Jackie Young of Callaway said essays are written every year on a specific topic. This year's topic was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility For Preserving It." Grant and Jessie Sallach of Callaway received pins

in recognition of community involvement and outstanding citizenship.

D.A.R. is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation education and patriotism.

Grant's grandmother, Virginia Jones of Stapleton, was honored last year for being a 60-year member of the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Virginia's ancestry can be traced back to Revolutionary War Patriot Robert Cummins. Cummins was born in 1751 in Londonderry Ireland; he died in 1837 in Bethany Brooke County, WV. His Revolutionary War service was as a Private in PA. Cummins enlisted in the Revolution January 30, 1776; then he served under Capt. Robert Adams Company, Pennsylvania Line.

Cummins served as a private in Captain Samuel Hays Company 7th Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Colonel

William Irvine (of the 6th PA Battalion Regiment). He also served under Colonels Watts and Irwin.

In May 1785, Robert filed for a Revolutionary War Pension/Land Warrant. On May 1787 he was approved to receive 427 & 3/4 acres in Washington County, PA. He was receiving a War Pension in 1832 in the amount of \$28.33 per half year issued in Wheeling WV. He received that pension until his death in 1837.

Robert and wife, Rebecca (Kilgore) Cummins had five daughters. Jane, born in 1761 in Sherman Valley, PA, is Virginia Jones' ancestor. Wallace Baskin, Virginia's grandfather was born in Scranton, PA in 1862. He died in Stapleton in 1953. Virginia's father, Robert Baskin was born in 1898 in North Platte. Her mother Thelma Harvey was born in 1905 in Republican City, NE. They helped originate the Diamond Bar Ranch near Stapleton.

Virginia said her grandmother, Mary Josephine Baskin, was a member of the D.A.R.

Special guests at the 60-year presentation were North Platte Police Chief, Daniel Hudson; Sioux Lookout D.A.R. Regent Molly O'Holleran; and

North Platte Mayor Dwight Livingston.

Hudson, who served in the U.S. Marines from 1986 to 1991, was the keynote speaker and shared a message of unity and appreciation for our freedoms.



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Pictured at the 60-year D.A.R. membership reception, l-r: Daniel Hudson, North Platte Police Chief; Sioux Lookout D.A.R. Regent, Molly O'Holleran; Virginia Jones, and North Platte mayor Dwight Livingston.

-- News Briefs --

Commissioner races shaping up

Incumbent Logan County commissioners will face opposition in the upcoming election.

Robert J. Doyle, Commissioner in District #2 has filed for his seat. Gary Faling has also filed for this position.

Incumbent Scott Gaites, Commissioner in District #3 is seeking re-election. Kenneth D. Kramer has also filed for this seat.

All three School District R-1 Board of Education incumbents are seeking re-election. They are Kimberley

Kramer, Kristy Opela and Rex A. Walz.

McPherson County Commissioner, Carl Rundback, incumbent, is seeking re-election to his at-large seat. Kim Blake and Jeffrey J. Arensdorf have also filed for the Commissioner at-large position.

Christena Schultis and Lana Albrecht-Watson filed for their seats on School District #90 Board of Education. Will Coffman did not file for re-election. John O. Streiff has filed for the school board.

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- Village Of Stapleton Board Of Trustees Position
- Village Of Stapleton Notice Of Meeting

Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT	T
18	44	16		
19	43	17	.04	
20	17	-10	.26	
21	33	-5	0	
22	51	10	0	
23	60	26	0	
24	53	23	0	

A trace of snow was recorded on Feb. 18, .5" was recorded on Feb. 19 and 5.6" on Feb. 20. Wind chill was -4 @ 11:16 p.m., Feb. 19, -12 @ 4:12 a.m., Feb 20 and -1 at 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 21.

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