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Hecox is new Logan County Republican Chairman, delegate to convention



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A March 8 town hall meeting in the Stapleton Community Center drew a large crowd of constituents who were able to ask questions of State Senator Tom Brewer, Tanya Storer, who is running against Brewer for the 43rd Legislative seat, and Matt Innis, who is running against Republican U.S. Senator Ben Sasse. Brewer and Storer will both advance to the November General Election since they are only two candidates on the May Primary Election ballot.

Logan County might be the last face-to-face meeting in a large group with District 43 Legislative candidates, Tom Brewer and Tanya Storer, and Matt Innis, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. The town hall was held prior to concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, and Governor Pete Rickett's call to limit gatherings to 10. There were approximately 75 people in attendance.

Logan County Republican chairman, Karen Hough, organized the town hall and delegate meeting, Sunday, March 8, at the Stapleton Community Center. Logan, McPherson, and Thomas County residents were in attendance and the three candidates had 10 minutes to introduce themselves.

Also in attendance was Dillon Kuehn of Team Sasse, representing Republican U.S. Senate incumbent, Ben Sasse, and Caitlin Holman, Political Director for the Nebraska Republican Party.

Incumbent District 43 representative Tom Brewer grew up on the family farm near Gordon and after graduating from Gordon High School he

enlisted in the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1977. He later graduated from Doane College and in 1990 he was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm. He was shot six times in an ambush near Kabul in 2003 and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Brewer said he has been blessed with a great staff that assists him in his legislative duties and if the voters have liked what he has done the last four years, he would appreciate their vote. He has been adamant in serving Nebraska taxpayers, supporting farmers and ranchers, stopping government overreach, defending constitutional rights, protecting life, and enforcing immigration laws. He believes the second amendment is in jeopardy in Nebraska and said he has a deep appreciation for men and women who wear a uniform and put their lives on the line every day for public safety.

Tanya Storer is seeking election to the Nebraska State Legislature and said she has a vested interest in the future of the 43rd district. She and her husband live north of Whit-

man and raise beef in the Sandhills. Storer believes we need to be vigilant on tax relief and remove the property-tax structure that is hindering economic growth. She said we need to build up our infrastructure and expand broadband connectivity.

Storer said she was a strong supporter of the second amendment and an advocate of life.

She was elected Cherry County Commissioner in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. She was honored as the 2019 Nebraska Republican Party Volunteer of the Year and currently serves on the Blueprint Nebraska board, the Nebraska DOT Innovation Task Force, the UNMC Advisory Board, the Region 4 Behavioral Health Board, and the Niobrara Council Executive Board.

The Nebraska Legislative District 43 is comprised of Blaine, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Sheridan, and Thomas counties, and the eastern portion of Box Butte County. It is home to more than 37,500 Nebraskans.

Matt Innis is running

against current Senator Ben Sasse for the U.S. Senate. He said his top priority as a Nebraska representative is supporting farmers and ranchers. He will push to challenge the World Trade Organization's threats and give America the authority to control food safety and security by supporting Country of Origin Labeling for U.S. meat products

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SCMD implements food-bank pre-pay account

The Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli has implemented the food bank pre-pay account. This account was set up in January through a generous donation and winners in the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce receipt drawing designated their winnings to go into the account.

Stop in at the store and get the details from Pam Schaeffer, manager, to apply for the \$25.00 that will go towards the purchase of necessary items of milk, eggs, bread, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and cereal.

Schaeffer said anyone wishing to put money on the account to help those in need in our community are asked to visit with her.

"We have had this account set up for awhile and we felt this was a good time to put it to use to help people right here in our community," Schaeffer said. "Thank you for your support of the store and helping those in need."

Tryon woman killed in two-vehicle accident

A 37-year-old Tryon woman has died as the result of a two-vehicle accident that blocked traffic on Nebraska Highway 97 about one and a half miles north of the Lincoln-McPherson County line. The accident occurred at approximately 9:45 a.m., Monday morning, March 23.

Sheila Viter died after her northbound 2004 Acura crossed the center line and collided with an empty southbound fuel tanker truck.

Viter was pronounced dead at the scene according to McPherson County

Sheriff Thomas Burch. Tim Schmidt, 40, driver of the tanker truck owned by Neal Oil of Tryon, sustained minor injuries and was treated and released from Great Plains Health. McPherson County Fire & Rescue directed traffic and transported Schmidt to the hospital.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation directed traffic and assisted at the scene.

The Nebraska State Patrol is in charge of the accident investigation.

Extremely foggy conditions were reported that morning.

Prairie Hills Cafe up and running



COURTESY PHOTO

Shareen and Stanley Munson have opened Prairie Hills Cafe in Tryon. The couple said in spite of trying times they felt the cafe would be a ray of hope and positivity for the community.

Prairie Hills Cafe officially opened for business, Monday, March 23, in Tryon.

New owners, Stanley and Shareen Munson said although now is a trying time to open a business of this kind, the couple hopes the cafe will be a ray of hope and positivity for the community.

"Area residents have certainly helped us get this business up and running and they are supporting us," Shareen said. "Everyone has gotten involved to help in some way."

No senior meals will be served at this time, but the cafe is open for breakfast, specials at noon, and evening meals.

Prairie Hills is observing the 10 people rule and take-outs are available.

The Munsons purchased the former Aunt Bea's Cafe building from Peggy Neal, who had operated

the business with her husband, the late Sandy Neal, for many years.

You won't just find burgers and fries, there will be a varied menu.

"We'll have a variety of food items, including homemade chicken fried steak and shrimp dinners," Shareen added. "Stop in and see what's on our menu."

The cafe will be stocking a few grocery items to help out with reducing travel for the community.

Prairie Hills may be reached by calling 308-587-2201 and check out their Facebook page. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Shareen said it has been a very busy time as they juggle other obligations with opening the cafe, but they are ready, willing, and up to the challenge.

Logan County voters will receive ballot application by USPS

Logan County Clerk, Debbie Myers is advising Logan County residents that due to recent concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Secretary of State's office realizes there may be voters who will not want to vote at a polling location on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Early voting ballot applications are being sent to

all Logan County residents via the United States Postal Service. If you would like your ballot mailed to you, complete the application and return it to the Logan County Clerk as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery.

Applications must be physically signed. You can take a picture or scan your request and email it

to the Logan County Clerk. You can also mail or fax your application.

Completed application is to be sent to Logan County Election Office, P.O. Box 8, Stapleton, NE 69163. Email: clerk@logan.nacone.org. Fax: 308-636-2678.

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SPS Foundation Board announces final gala total

The Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Board has announced \$16,400.00 was netted for the annual gala held Friday, March 6, at the Stapleton Community Center.

The sold-out crowd purchased items by silent and live auction, raffles, and received door prizes donated by generous area individuals and businesses.

"We were very pleased with the total amount we took in after all of our expenses were

paid," said Dick Gewecke, treasurer of the SPS Foundation Board.

The board thanks everyone in the community for their attendance, purchasing items, and those who donated in any way.

This money will be used to purchase items for the school and tax dollars will not have to be used. Scholarships for students will also be given. Be watching *The Enterprise* and see how this money was put to use.

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- Village Of Stapleton Public Notice
- Estate Of Rusty J. Moore
- Estate Of Kurtis A. Tunnell

Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
17	41	31	T
18	40	31	0
19	51	35	.11
20	41	10	.23
21	30	9	0
22	50	17	0
23	62	29	0

Fog was observed on March 17 and 18; Snow was measured at .3" on March 20.

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