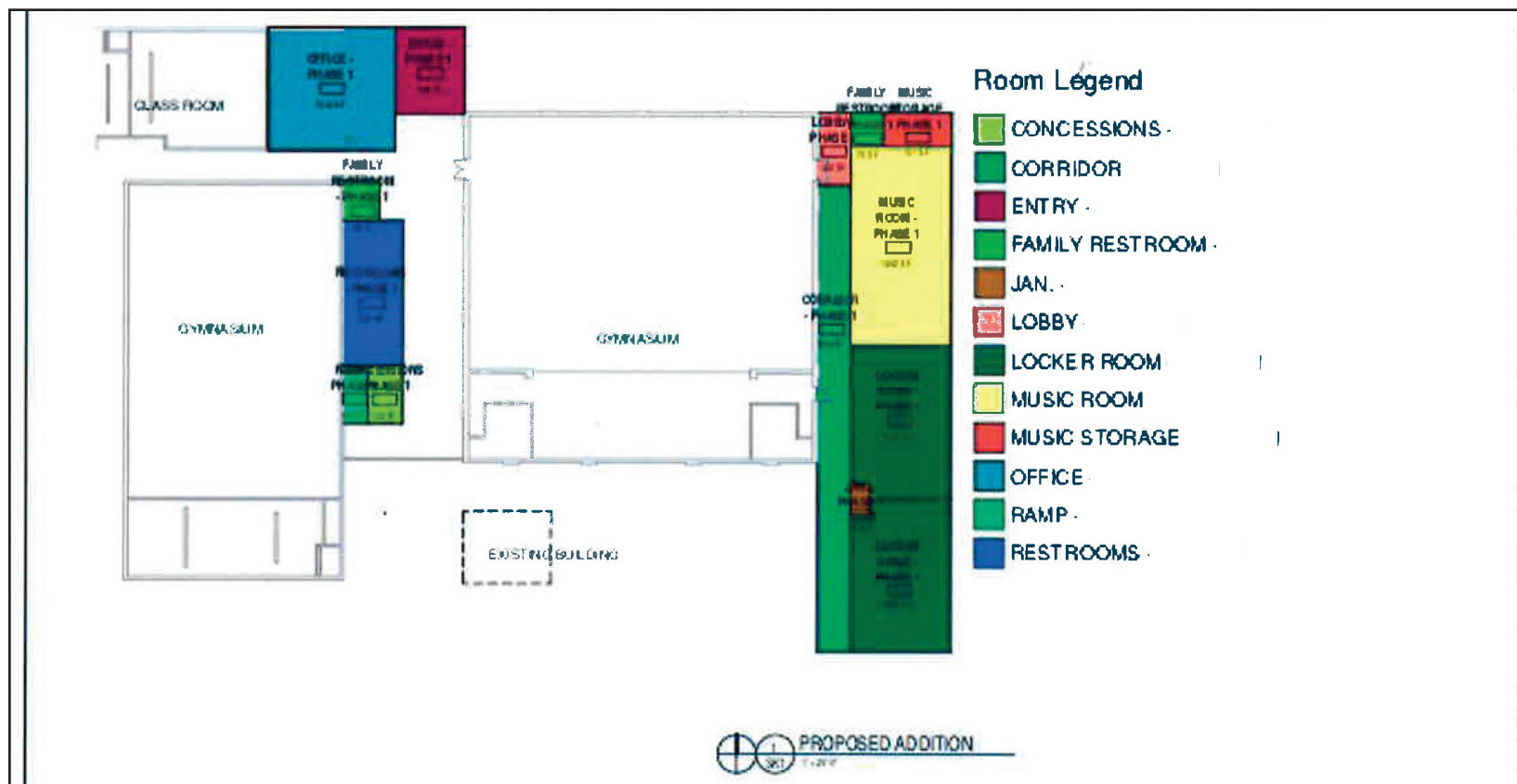


## School building project moves forward

Stapleton Public Schools board of education have voted unanimously to move forward with a school building project. At their regular board meeting Monday, May 18, discussion centered on a plan and financing for the project. The interior remodel would include a new office and entry area, concessions, ADA restrooms, and family restroom. A new music room, locker rooms, music storage room, and corridor would be added to the east of the gymnasium.

Nebraska Rural Schools Association representatives conducted a needs assessment last year with school board members, faculty, teachers, and community members. The assessment showed building improvement, along with teacher retention, as two of the top priorities. Rich Burnside, school board member, served as chairman of the group looking at the building and grounds. Needs were pinpointed and included an enlarged commons area, safety issues in regards to the location of the school office, the need for handicap accessible and family restrooms, new locker rooms and concession space.

Bradley E. Brandenburg + Associates has been working with the board to come up with a plan that would address the concerns and needs and do it in a financially conserva-



Bradley E. Brandenburg + Associates of Lexington has been working with the Stapleton Public Schools board of education and has drawn up a preliminary plan that would address the needs pinpointed last year during an assessment of the school district with Nebraska Rural Schools Association representatives. The building and grounds committee felt priorities should include an enlarged commons area, safety issues with the school office, the need for new locker rooms, and handicap accessible restrooms.

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Tobin Buchanan, First National Financial was present at the board meeting to speak on securing financial dollars for the building project.

A lease purchase with a low rate of interest over seven years could be secured for an approximate 2.25 million dollar project without elevating our

present mill levy.

The monies from the present special building fund would be used to help with this overall cost.

"We will be making sure that enough money is left in the special building fund should we need it if unforeseen problems should arise with the present building," Superintendent Howard Gaff-

ney said. "We are contemplating hiring a project coordinator to assist with the building project."

The board will be providing public information in the days and weeks ahead.

Other action taken at the meeting included:

- Thirty chrome books have been purchased as recommended by the

Technology Committee.

- The board voted to increase FTE of guidance counselor, Margaret Ann Neal, to full time.

- Approved an employment contract with Bryce Funk for the 2020-2021 school year as the ag education instructor and FFA advisor.

- The board tabled 2020-

2021 extra-duty assignments, 2020-2021 classified wages, moving the board meeting from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month, and the west handicap lift repairs.

- Roof repair with Weathercraft Roofing in the amount of \$4,040 was approved.

## Back to business as usual at Logan County Courthouse

It's business as usual at the Logan County Courthouse as commissioners voted unanimously to reopen the building at their regular meeting, Wednesday, May 20.

Logan County will go back to Phase I of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response plan and the doors will be open to the public with access to county offices.

Phase I is when there are no confirmed cases in Logan County and the county is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) low or no risk level.

West Central Health District continues to report there are no COVID-19 confirmed cases in the county. Nineteen people have been tested.

Logan County reminds residents the following measures should be taken across the county during this time regardless of phase.

Limiting Travel: Travel within and outside of the United States may pose a risk of exposure/infection. Should citizens

choose to travel for personal reasons in these types of situations they may find themselves subject to certain restrictions upon their return, as recommended by the CDC, WHO and/or state and local public health officials.

Personal Hygiene and Good Health Practices: To maximize health, citizens should cover their cough by coughing into the elbow or into a tissue, wash hands regularly with soap or hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, and follow local medical providers' instructions.

Stay Home When Ill: During a pandemic or widespread infectious disease outbreak, it is critical that employees do not report to work while experiencing symptoms that may be associated with infectious disease outbreak. Employees are expected to abide by healthcare provider recommendations and or local health department recommen-

dations/orders. Employees who report to work contrary to recommendations and/or orders will be sent home immediately. If employees violate these recommendations and/or order they may be subject to discipline and/or law enforcement action.

Leave Policies: Logan County will adhere to state and federal guidelines with respect to paid sick leave as laws and guidelines are enacted. Logan County moved to Phase II after the number of cases rose in neighboring Lincoln County. Patrons were limited to access and visitors wishing to enter the building were required to phone ahead and granted access via appointment only.

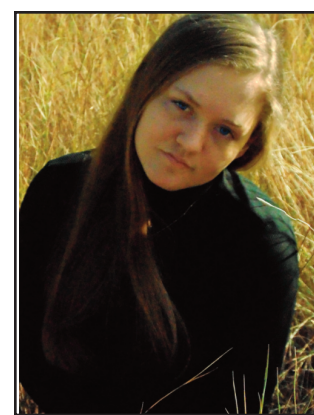
Logan County Clerk, Debbie Myers said commissioners voted to go back to Phase I after no confirmed cases have been reported in the county and she said officials are looking forward to serving patrons again as they walk through the door.

## Cary & Carlson Top 2020 Stapleton Seniors

A virtual awards ceremony honored Stapleton Public Schools students and it was announced Renee Cary was valedictorian and Logan Carlson, salutatorian of the Class of 2020. Seniors receiving scholarships were:

Alyson Nicholson - Caryl Jones, \$500; Leu Foundation, \$1,000; James & Marie Chapman Memorial, \$2,500; Haven and Virginia Smith, \$3,000; Community First Bank, \$500; Stapleton School Foundation, \$1,000; NebraskaLand University Scholarship, \$250; American Red Cross Scholarship, \$375; Dave Blevins/Kinsman-Oldfield Foundation, \$500; Ben Baumgartner - Ag Valley, \$500; Community First Bank, \$500; Mid-Plains Freshman Academic Scholarship, \$1,500

Hope Wade - Stapleton Public School Foundation, \$1,000; Robert Harvey Scholarship, \$400; Stapleton Ed. Association/Kinman-Oldfield Foundation, \$400; Ne-



Renee Cary  
Valedictorian



Logan Carlson  
Salutatorian

braskaLand University Scholarship, \$250; American Red Cross Scholarship, \$375; Pres. Freshman Tuition Scholarship, MPCC, \$2,880; MPCC cord for 12 college credits

Kylee Goodrich - Herb and Bunny Hoover Scholarship, \$3,000; Nebraska Opportunity Grant, \$500; Ed. Quest Scholarship, \$1,200; Fed. Pell Grant, \$6,345

Renee Cary - Stapleton School Foundation, \$1,000; Pepsi-Bronco/Kinman-Oldfield Foundation,

\$1,000; World Herald All Academic Honorable Mention

Logan Carlson - Pres. Freshman Tuition Scholarship, MPCC, \$2,880; World Herald All-Academic Honorable Mention

American Red Cross Leadership Program - Renee Cary, Kylee Goodrich, Alyson Nicholson, Hope Wade and Veronica Irish

Total scholarships awarded to the Class of 2020 was \$30,675.00.

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#### Blood Drive At Tryon June 5

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, June 5, 2020 at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For appointment, please contact Elaine Miller at 308-587-2446. Walk-ins are welcome and needed.

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please give today!

#### Vet's Club To Open Up June 1

Governor Pete Ricketts has announced Phase 2 of the plan to reopen the state will go into effect June 1 and includes the entire state except for two health districts, one in the Grand Island area and the other includes South Sioux City.

In response to the announcement the Vet's Club will reopen with business as usual following COVID-19 guidelines on Mon., June 1.



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#### NHSRA finals to be held at Burwell

The Nebraska High School Rodeo Association has announced the 2020 Nebraska State finals will be held at the Garfield County Fairgrounds at Burwell. Be watching the date and more information.

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