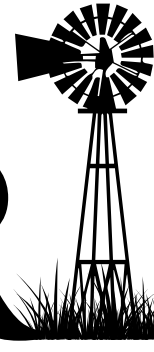


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## “Brewer’s Army” Repeats Freedom Ride



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Senator Tom Brewer with riders who joined him on the 2020 Freedom Ride as he made his way across the 43rd district to visit with constituents and listen to their concerns.

Senator Tom Brewer of the 43rd district says, “I personally do not care much for politicians who tell the people what they plan to do. To me a “representative” doesn’t tell the people anything. The people tell the representative what to do, and my constituents aren’t bashful about doing that.”

Brewer did a repeat of his first campaign trek by once again organizing a “Freedom Ride” across the 43rd district and was able to visit with hundreds of constituents along the way.

Brewer and his “Brewer’s Army,” corps of 18 staff, friends and mostly other veterans he served with in combat, went from a kick-off “meet and greet” at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Johnstown on September 6, and concluded the over two week ride at the Thomas County Fairgrounds at Thedford.

Riding a mule, Rhino, the senator rode six to eight hours a day, and

then prepared for a meet and greet at stops.

“It was a great ride, but going from 100 degrees to 28 degrees with snow in two days was a shocker,” Senator Brewer said.

The 43rd district is vast and there’s plenty of area to ride 20-25 miles a day.

Senator Brewer said the town hall meeting stops allowed people to talk about their major concerns and issues including medical emergencies, but no emergency medical technicians, a lack of firefighters, the Nebraska Brand Committee, the R-line project and wind turbines that are being proposed in the Sandhills. They also spoke a lot about property taxes, economic development and voting by mail.

Senator Brewer said the mule ride was well received in 2016 and again in 2020.

“It was enjoyable to have people come and let me know what they were thinking and we tried to hit small towns along the

way.” Freedom Ride 2020 hit the communities of Johnstown, Wood Lake, Valentine, Cody, Merriman, Gordon, Hay Springs, Chadron, Ft. Robinson State Park, Alliance, and Thedford.

“I am grateful for the direction I receive from my bosses, the people of the 43rd District, and I am honored that they have selected me to carry them out,” Senator Brewer said. He added his constituents have been able to interact with a dedicated and persistent staff he is blessed to have.

“They do the hard work of addressing the issues and helping me resolve problems for people. We don’t manage to fix everything, but few in the capitol building work harder at it.”

Senator Brewer will be facing Tanya Storer of Whitman, a Cherry County commissioner. In the May primary election, Brewer received 61% of the vote and Storer, 39%.

## New DHM goal is to keep students in school

The West Central District Health Department risk dial continues to drop and moves from a 2.12 to a 2.0 this week. The dial remains within the elevated risk level and there were changes in the following variables that contributed to movement in the dial.

There were decreases in the following:

- Measure ID R4: Average Daily Hospitalization
- Measure ID R7: Community Spread
- Measure ID R11: Individuals Affected

There was an increase in the following:

- Measure ID R12: Medical and Surgical Beds

The risk dial is updated every Thursday after information is reviewed by the Public Health Command Center.

Governor Pete Ricketts, the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, and education officials held a press conference September 21 at which time they discussed Medicaid health care services, the Nebraska Accommodation Project, and a new DHM for children exposed to COVID-19 in the classroom.

The newest branch of the Nebraska Accommodation project (NAPS) has been created to give teachers a safe way to quarantine. Any Nebraska resident, employed by any school in Nebraska, physically working on campus and directly with children every day, may apply by going to DHHS.ne.gov. They will be placed at a local hotel within 40 min-

utes and their stay will last 14 days or until conditions change at no charge.

Additionally, one member of the household must have a high-risk condition and you must have a documented exposure to COVID-19, Angie Ling, Commander for Department of Health and Human Services said.

Gina Uhing, Health Director for the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public District and Matt Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education, announced a new DHM for school children. The new DHM allows more children to stay in the classroom after exposure as long as correct safety measures were followed.

See DHM Goal Page 12

## Blood drive exceeds goal



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Members of the Stapleton Junior class are represented at the blood drive held Wednesday, September 23, at the Stapleton Community Center. Pictured giving blood is Isabelle Zuniga. She was one of the seven first time Stapleton High School student donors. Also pictured working at the bloodmobile are L-r: Chloe Bassett and Megan Amos.

The goal was exceeded at the Stapleton Public Schools scholarship blood drive held Wednesday, September 23, at the Stapleton Community Center. The scholarship level to date stands at 72 and the \$500 scholarship level has been achieved.

There were 36 units collected in July and 36 at the September blood drive. This blood drive potentially saved 108 lives.

“I would like to express my thanks to you and everyone at Stapleton Public Schools for your commitment to the American Red Cross Blood Services,” said Amanda Koubek-Wehnes. “On be-

half of the patients we serve, we thank you for holding your blood drive. Your gifts of time, effort, and support are much appreciated and we look forward to partnering with you again at your next blood drive.”

On any given day, 14,000 pints of blood may be required to meet the needs of patients in our local hospitals. The Red Cross thanks you for the strong relationship we have in working together to ensure blood is available for patients in need across the nation.

“We hope that your role with the Red Cross is as

important to you as you are to the Red Cross. We encourage you to continue your work to provide opportunities for generous blood donors to share their gift of life with patients in need. The stability of our nation’s blood supply is in the hands of thoughtful, dedicated volunteers like you, who understand that healthy people should give blood for patients in need,” said Koubek-Wehnes, Midwest Region donor recruitment account manager. “Again, thank you for your efforts in coordinating a successful blood drive.”

## Chamber sets Murder Mystery date

Plans are proceeding for a money-making Chamber project as the organization met Thursday, September 24, for a regular meeting.

Representatives from Condon Signs, LLC, met with Chamber president, Cindy Frey, earlier in the month and options are being looked at for a digital sign at the Logan County Fairgrounds.

This year’s Chamber barbecue netted a profit of \$2,755.42. The Chamber thanks everyone for their donations and continued support. Proceeds go to fund improvements in the Stapleton community.

Chamber membership now stands at 51.

Members voted not to have “Tricked Out Trunks” this year due to Halloween falling on a Saturday. It will be looked at again next year as this was a very successful promotion by the businesses and fun for area kids.

A murder mystery and dinner will be held Saturday evening, October 24, at the Stapleton Community Center. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and plan to have fun at the “Deadwood Saloon” and be prepared to enjoy some great food and entertainment. More information will be coming out via posters and advertising.

Members voted on junior Chamber members

and they will be Kelsey Amos, Scarlett Weitzel, and Kyle Kramer, junior high; and Megan Amos, Marianne Zuniga, and Caleb Burnside, senior high.

Chamber commends these students for submitting outstanding applications and their desire to volunteer their time and expertise to the community. The “Junior Chamber Member” program has been very successful and the help received from students since the program’s inception has been much appreciated.

The next Chamber meeting was set for Thursday, October 22 at noon, at the Stapleton Community Center.

### -- News Briefs --

#### SHS Believers & Achievers Award Winners

U.S. Bank and the Nebraska School Activities Association are proud to announce the 2020-21 local school winners of the Believers & Achievers award.

Each NSAA member school is able to submit four senior students for recognition in this award program.

Stapleton High School seniors receiving the award were Trinity Hansen, Hope Gustason, Hannah Burnside, and Camrin Coco.

#### Flu Shots Available in Callaway/Arnold Medical Clinics

Flu shots are now available for patients ages 6 months to adult at the Callaway and Arnold Medical Clinics. Walk in - no waiting!

The Callaway Clinic is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and the Arnold Clinic is open Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

See their ad on page 13 inside this issue.

### Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
18	77	45	0
19	75	48	0
20	83	52	0
21	82	56	0
22	82	52	.03
23	88	50	0
24	91	49	0
25	88	54	0
26	81	51	0

Weather Observations: Thunder on September 21. Fiery red sunset on September 25.

Moisture: 0.03 was recorded on September 22. Haze was recorded every day due to smoke.

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