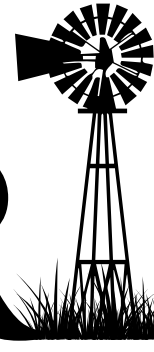


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## McPherson County residents turn out at the polls, early vote



COURTESY

Poll workers for the November 3 2020 General Election held in McPherson County were l-r: Berva Arensdorf, Pam Schmidt, Pauline Waits and Linda Paxton.

McPherson County reported an 86% turnout for the November 3 General Election. Out of the total 552 registered voters in the county, there were 161 voting at the polls, 145 returning mail-in ballots, and one provisional. The county went soundly for Donald Trump for president, Ben Sasse for senate, and Adrian Smith, Congress, District 3. Tom Brewer received 175 votes to Tanya Storer's 121 for Member of the Legislature, District 43.

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf was elected County Commissioner. He won by four votes over Kim R. Blake.

Lana K. Albrecht-Watson, Christena R. Schultis, and Josh O. Streiff were elected to the McPherson County School District #90 Board of Education.

Official McPherson County results:

Registered Voters (Total).....552  
Registered Voters (Republican).....302  
Registered Voters (Democratic).....28  
Registered Voters (Libertarian).....5  
Registered Voters (Non Partisan).....17  
Ballots Cast (Total).....307  
President  
Donald J. Trump.....275  
Joseph R. Biden.....17  
Jo Jorgenson.....10  
Senate  
Ben Sasse .....260  
Chris Janicek .....12  
Gene Siadek.....19  
Write In .....4

Congress District 3  
Adrian Smith.....271  
Mark Elworth, Jr. ....19  
Dustin C. Hobbs .....9

County Commissioner  
Kim R. Blake.....145  
Jeffrey R. Arensdorf ...149

County Surveyor Question  
Yes .....196  
No .....67

Member of Legislature District 43  
Tom Brewer.....176  
Tanya Storer .....121

Worker's Compensation Court Judge Thomas E. Stine  
Yes .....158  
No .....56

Judge Dirk V. Block  
Yes .....157  
No .....58

District Court District 11  
Judge Richard A. Birch  
Yes .....165  
No .....65

County Court District 11  
Judge Kent D. Turnbull  
Yes .....210  
No .....47

Judge Edward D. Steenburg  
Yes .....167  
No .....52

Mid Plains Community College District 4  
Kent O. Miller.....204  
Write-In.....3

Mid Plains Community College At Large  
Ted A. Klug Jr. ....213  
Write-In.....2

Twin Platte NRD  
Shane Storer.....144  
Write-In.....2

Upper Loup NRD  
Tom Johnson.....94  
Custer Public Power District  
Bradley Bartak.....149  
Wayne V. Licking .....203  
ESU 16 Dist. 8  
Sooky Marks .....181

Write-In.....2  
McPherson County School Dt. #90  
Lana K. Albrecht-Watson .....220  
Christena R. Schultis.....186  
Josh O. Streiff.....202  
Chad W. Fisher.....97  
Arthur County School #500  
Jared Storer.....7  
Jason Ohm.....8  
Andrew Bures.....8  
Stapleton Public Schools R-1  
Kimberley Kramer .....14  
Kristy Opela.....13  
Rex A. Walz .....9  
Logan County School Bond  
For .....10  
Against.....7

Proposed Amendment 1  
For .....106  
Against.....169

Proposed Amendment 2  
For .....114  
Against.....147

Initiative Measure 428  
For .....176  
Against.....85

Initiative Measure 429  
For .....126  
Against.....162

Initiative Measure 430  
For .....125  
Against.....164

Initiative Measure 431  
For .....134  
Against.....152

## Fire Departments called to grass fire

The Stapleton and Thedford Volunteer Fire Departments were called to a grass fire on U.S. Highway 83 at mile marker 126 approximately fourteen miles north of Stapleton, Tuesday, November 3.

About 40 acres of grassland on the Paxton Ranch burned after a truck tire apparently came off the rim and sparks ignited a fire.

Logan and Thomas County Sheriffs assisted at the scene.

## Stapleton School District patrons vote to improve building



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A total of 309 out of the registered 558 voters in Logan County went to the polls and voted at the Logan County Courthouse at the November 3 General Election. There were 143 casting early ballots for a total of an 81% voter turnout. Poll workers pictured are Karen Main, Sharon Dailey, Pam Schaeffer, Janice Buker, and Janet Barnum.

Stapleton Public School District R-1 patrons have voted to improve the school building at the November 3 General Election.

Results show the \$2,900,000 bond issue passing 298-175, as voters in Logan, McPherson, and Lincoln counties went to the polls or mailed in votes.

The plan will include a new addition to the east that will house new entrance doors and access to the current gymnasium, a music room, ADA compliant restrooms, and locker rooms.

The current entrance will be enlarged to the north to make a more secure and safe entrance to the school building. The present concession stand and restrooms will be converted into a new of-

face area that will also include student/health space.

The present office and music room will be converted to make way for an enlarged lobby, new concession stand, and ADA compliant restrooms.

Land has been acquired east of the building to expand school parking.

The bond issue will have no net tax impact on taxpayers as the school board has currently been taxing around nine cents in the special building fund to address facility needs.

The annual bond payment would require around six cents to be taxed each year. The board will adjust the special building fund down each year to offset what is required for the bond payment.

Stapleton School Board

members worked together to proceed with a plan that would meet needs outlined in an assessment conducted last year by Nebraska Rural Schools Association representatives and a committee consisting of faculty, teachers, and community members.

Bradley E. Brandenburg + Associates was hired as the architect for the project and the board voted 6-0 to put the issue up for a vote of district patrons after looking at options to fund the project and a plan was decided on.

A Stapleton School Improvement Committee was formed to help get information about the project out to district patrons. "It is with great pride

See Election Page 11

## Bullington Injured In One Vehicle Accident

The McPherson County Sheriff was notified of an accident 10 minutes after midnight, Sunday morning, October 25, at mile marker 25, two miles south of the junction of Highway 97 and 92, south of Tryon. The time of the accident was estimated to be prior to midnight on Saturday night, October 24.

Garth Bullington, 55, of Mullen, was northbound and alone in a 2002 Ford F350 pickup when he lost control of the vehicle on snow and ice covered roads on Rommell Hill. The pickup rolled down an embankment and came to rest on the west side of Highway 97.

Bullington was partially ejected and transported by McPherson County Fire & Rescue to Great Plains Region Health. He was flown on to Denver.

McPherson County Sheriff Tom Burch investigated the accident.

## Motorist arrested for DUID

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson responded to a call from dispatch on Friday, October 30, at approximately 10:00 a.m. A motorist had called in erratic driving of a black SUV on Highway 83. The caller stated the vehicle was traveling all over the roadway and believed the driver of the SUV could cause an accident.

Sheriff Carson stopped the SUV at the south junction of Highways 83 and 92 near Country Partners, south of Stapleton.

Tara L. Myers, 35, of Arnold, appeared to be sleepy and drowsy and alcohol and drugs were ruled out. Myers stated she was on prescription medication and failed a sobriety test.

Sheriff Carson called for assistance and Lt. Dan Newton and another deputy from the Lincoln County Sheriff's office responded to the scene.

The suspect made comments about her mental state and it was decided to transport Myers to the hospital. While being advised she was being charged with being under the influence of drugs, the suspect reached into her pocket and grabbed a switch blade. Sheriff Carson was able to grab the suspect's wrist and Lt. Newton tased Myers and she dropped the knife.

Myers was taken to Great Plains Regional Health and placed into emergency protective custody. She was later transported by Sheriff Carson to Richard Young Behavioral Health Center in Kearney.

Myers was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and criminal attempt use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony.

### -- News Briefs --

#### Stapleton Blood Drive

Stapleton will host a blood drive, Thursday, November 19, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center. Please call Bea Gaites at 308-636-2241 to make an appointment.

The American Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to band together to give blood and help ensure a stable blood supply for patients this holiday season.

Blood can only be given by those who are feeling well, and a severe flu season could create additional challenges to maintaining blood supplies.

#### November Is National Family Caregivers Month

"Caregiving Around the Clock" is the theme for this year's National Family Caregivers Association, recognizing family caregivers. Nearly 60% of these caregivers work outside of the home. Some caregivers may feel overwhelmed at times because of their "double duty."

Stress can be at the top of the list of caregiver issues. See tips on coping on page 12 of this issue.

### Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
Nov 1	62	21	0
2	55	21	0
3	75	31	0
4	81	38	0
5	81	38	0
6	76	39	0

October total moisture was .94". Total moisture for year to date is 20.53". Total normal yearly average is 22.97"

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• Over The Hills  
• Graphic Files  
• "Do and Don't Do" Poem

### Notices

- Logan County Commissioners Notice
- School District R-1 Public Notice

#### 2020 Holiday Hoopla Sat., Nov. 21

- Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Craft Show
- Chamber Bucks Blitz
- Kids Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Mavericks Boys Basketball Raffle
- Business Open Houses
- Hayrack Rides

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