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Opportunities to help others this Christmas season

Live Fit Gym is all decked out for Christmas with decorations in their stock tanks in front of the business, located on Highway 92.

Residents can get in the giving spirit this Christmas season by donating in several ways to help others. There has never been a greater need in our community!

The "Giving Tree" has been moved from Community First Bank due to COVID-19 and has been put up in the foyer of the Stapleton Community Center. The foyer is always open.

Take a number from the tree and bring your gift wrapped with the number attached to the package by December 25. This will be for area children.

See Village Clerk, Stacey Anderson for a list of area residents who could use some Christmas cheer.

An account was set up last year at Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli. Contributions to this fund will help others with their grocery needs during this special time of year. You can place money on the account by contacting Pam Schaeffer, manager.

Chamber bucks make great gifts! They are available at Frey's General Store.

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging everyone to put up at least one strand of lights to help brighten up the town. A special thank you to the Stapleton Village Board of Trustees for the new snowflake lights that have really helped add to the Christmas spirit.



Judge Beam Retires

MARCIA HORA

A mother who was adamant her children attend college and a UN-L Regents Scholarship upon graduating from Stapleton Baker Rural High School in 1947, helped C. Arlen Beam on his way to becoming a lawyer and eventually Senior United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Now 90 and a half years old, Judge Beam retired the first of November and closed his office in Lincoln. As an inactive senior U.S. Judge, Beam said he will do on-call work and take life a little easier with his wife, Betty.

Judge Beam speaks highly about his hometown of Stapleton and life in Logan County.

"My father, C.W. Beam was a rural mail carrier out of Stapleton for 53 years, and my mother, Cecile M. (Harvey) Beam taught school at Stapleton and in country schools. She eventually went on to receive her master's degree and education was very important to her," Beam said.

Arlen grew up with two sisters, Mercedes and Donna Jean, and a younger brother, Chuck.

Beam said the Regents Scholarship and a scholarship he received for his state public speaking ability in 4-H sealed the deal and gave him the opportunity to attend UN-L as an agronomy major. He received an animal husbandry minor degree,



C. Arlen Beam is now an inactive senior U.S. Circuit judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit after retiring the first of November and closing his office

and an agricultural journalism certificate. He used his degree to write articles for the *Nebraska Farmer* after graduating from UN-L in the spring of 1951. That same year he received his ROTC commission in the U.S. Army and married Betty Fletcher. He left for Korea, leaving behind his wife and baby boy.

Beam found he liked legal work when he was in the Army, so when he returned home he enrolled in the NU College of Law in 1953 and worked full time to supplement a GI Bill's \$95 a month. He decided to fall back on his agronomy de-

gree and took a job with Steckley Hybrid Corn Co. and the family moved to Iowa and then Illinois.

The company consolidated and eventually became Cargill. Rather than move back to Iowa, the family decided to stay in Lincoln and Beam returned to law school.

He graduated in 1965 and spent 17 years litigating with law firms in Lincoln.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Beam to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska vacated by Judge Robert Vernon Denney. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on November 18, 1981, and received his commission the same day. He served as Chief Judge from 1986 to 1987. His service terminated on November 9, 1987, due to elevation to the Eighth Circuit.

President Reagan nominated Beam to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit vacated by Judge Donald Roe Ross and the Senate confirmed him on November 6, 1987. He was commissioned November 9, 1987, and he assumed senior status on February 1, 2001.

Charley Thone, former Nebraska governor, who recommended Beam for the federal bench said Beam was meant to be a judge. Thone said Beam has a "judge's disposition." Beam was known for being fair, listening to all sides, and deciding a case based on the facts presented and the law.

Beam credits Stapleton for grounding him and 4-

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Risk dial remains unchanged

The West Central District's risk dial stayed at 3.77 this week, which remains in the severe risk level.

The COVID-19 Risk Dial contains recommended guidance to help prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

While in the Severe Risk category, physical dis-

tance of 6 feet or greater, wearing face coverings when outside the home, frequent handwashing (or use of hand sanitizer), staying home if you are having flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, disinfecting high touch surfaces, and having at-risk and vulnerable people remain home are recommended

as the greatest tools in reducing the spread of COVID-19. For more information on recommendations for the various risk categories of the WCDHD Community Risk Dial, please visit the COVID-19 Risk Dial page on West Central Health District's web page.

Governor Ricketts says we are in critical phase of COVID-19

Governor Pete Ricketts held a press conference Monday, November 23, at which time he provided an update on the State's work to slow the spread of the coronavirus and protect hospitals.

The Governor reminded Nebraskans of the importance of practicing good health habits as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches. The State remains in the "orange" phase of its pandemic response which is the second most restrictive phase.

Coronavirus survivor Tyler Thompson, a teacher at Gering Public Schools, shared his experience recovering from the coronavirus. He urged young Nebraskans, in particular, to take the virus seriously and to take pre-

cautions against its spread.

Dr. Gary Anthonie, the State's Chief Medical Officer and Director of the DHHS Division of Public Health, observed "Public Health Thank You Day" by expressing appreciation to the State's public health workers and healthcare professionals. The State Capitol will be illuminated in blue as a display of gratitude for their work to help Nebraskans stay healthy during the pandemic.

Governor Ricketts said everything we have been doing has been to protect our hospital system to make sure people get the care they need and we are in a very serious chapter in the pandemic.

"As I've announced, if Nebraska reaches 25% of

staffed hospital beds with coronavirus patients in them, we'll move into the 'red' phase," Governor Ricketts said. "This means additional restrictions will take effect to help protect our hospital capacity. So far, we have been able to provide hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators to anyone who needs care. If trends continue, Nebraska will reach a point where that's no longer possible. Let's all do our part to slow the spread so we can protect our hospitals and help our healthcare workers."

Tyler Thompson, coronavirus survivor said within the last couple of weeks he joined the ranks of the thousands of Nebraskans who have tested positive for the coronavirus. His symptoms

began around Halloween.

"I was at school, and I felt like I was catching a head cold like I do every fall. I work with hundreds of teenagers each day, so I just thought that I had caught a bug. It became apparent that I had not just caught a cold when I lost my sense of smell. I immediately quarantined and scheduled a test. I found out that I was positive and did my part to stay home so that I didn't pass the virus to anyone else."

Thompson went on to say it has been almost three weeks since he was ill and he is back at work after being cleared by the local health department.

"Even though I've recovered, I still battle some fatigue, headaches, and a nagging cough that pops

up if I push myself too much. This virus requires our vigilance. Scotts Bluff County, where I live, is one of the hardest-hit places in our state."

He said it is important that we wear a mask, wash our hands, watch our distance, and avoid being in crowds with lots of people.

One of his very good friends from college, who is his age, has been in the hospital for two weeks in Southeastern Nebraska.

"It's incumbent on all of us to make sure our students continue to receive the education they need, along with the social component of education. It's more important than ever that we do what we can to protect one another here in the Good Life."

-- News Briefs --

Annual Quilt Raffle

The Friends of the Library began selling raffle tickets for the annual quilt drawing. Tickets are one for \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. The drawing for the quilt will be at the Friends of the Library meeting on December 3.

The Friends of the Library group is looking for anyone interested in joining. Please attend the December 3 meeting at 4:00 p.m. or contact Wanda Osnes or Sadie Trimble.

Boys Basketball Raffle

The Sandhills Valley Mavericks will conduct a boys basketball raffle with the drawing to be held December 4.

You could win a Henry Golden Boy .22 lever-action rifle.

Purchase tickets from Coach Tim Karn, any boys basketball player, and they are available at Frey's General Store.

You must be 18 years of age to purchase a ticket.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
21	58	30	0
22	50	18	0
23	50	20	0
24	43	33	T
25	39	17	T
26	53	18	0
27	49	20	0

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