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## St. John's receives fresh new look



COURTESY

St. John the Evangelist Church in Stapleton received a fresh new look in 2020. The church, built in 1913, has seen renovations and changes over the years. The latest was a new flooring renovation that resulted in a transformation of the beautiful building.

ROBIN GARLETT

St. John the Evangelist Church in Stapleton recently underwent a flooring renovation project.

St. John's was built in 1913 by German Catholic families who settled in the community.

Over the years it has seen renovations and many carpet changes. In October of 2019 the Parish Council voted to update the flooring. With the help of Catholic Extension through a grant, the project was completed in October of this year. This small project made a "big impact" on the beautiful church building. The result is a space that is modern, yet warm and

inviting for worship.

The main goal of the project was to focus one's eye to the altar as parishioners and visitors enter for worship or quiet contemplation. As you enter the vestibule with a beautiful tile design, your eye follows the tile up the center of the church straight to the tiled sanctuary where your eyes rest on Jesus. The grayish/white tile works well with the blue/gray carpet to pull in the warmth of the original wood pews, and opens the space and brings out the beautiful colors in the stained-glass windows.

The results were stunning and the effect immediate. Parishioners were very pleased with the end

result. Wow, awesome, beautiful, incredible, amazing, stunning. It makes the church look so much brighter. The sound is better. We can hear Father better. It looks like a whole new church. It brings your eyes right to the altar. It's just beautiful and is still our country church. These were just some of the comments heard by parishioners when they saw the completed project for the first time.

The parishioners are truly moved when they enter the 107-year-old church and thankful that their place of worship has a modern new look, but remains their beloved "country church."

## Treasured pictures being distributed through Lincoln County Museum

The Lincoln County Historical Museum is seeking your help. The museum has in its possession nearly 80,000 envelopes of personal pictures/negatives from the Brown-Harano Photography donation to the museum from 1959 to most all communities in west-central Nebraska.

These are graduation pictures, baby pictures, engagement and wedding pictures, WWII Military, family group pictures, wonderful pictures that most families would cherish. They are pictures ranging from 1959 to 2018. If you do genealogy you might even find

great-grandparents in the stacks.

The museum is in a situation where they must eventually destroy these pictures as they do not have an area large enough to store them indefinitely.

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## Keeping it local



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Megan Amos, junior Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce member, looks over all the receipts from the 2020 Chamber Bucks Blitz held November 21 through December 21. The receipts were taken to Frey's General Store and drawn until \$500.00 was reached. There were 18 winners this year.

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off the holiday shopping season by sponsoring 2020 Holidayze Hoopla and their annual cash receipt drawing at Chamber businesses, Sat-

urday, November 21. Receipts were drawn up to \$500.00 and this year there were 18 winners, including Karen Main, \$70.00; Velda Cassell, \$5.00; Chelsey Myers, \$5.00; Jeff Decker, \$40.00;

Veronica Neal, \$20.00; Rachel Leetch, \$10.00; Mary Joedeman, \$80.00; Patty Wilson, \$15.00; Cindy Frey, \$10.00; Joni

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## Multiple slide-offs



COURTESY

Sixty mile per hour wind and snow caused total white-out conditions south of Stapleton, Wednesday, December 23. Logan County Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood said he was called out at 3:45 a.m. to assist the driver of a Chevrolet pickup who had slid off the road at mile marker 107. There were three males in the pickup. Deputy Wood said he advised the driver he could not assist due to zero visibility. This was the first of several calls in the same location and by 1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, there had been eight slide-offs within 100 to 150 yards of the 107 mile marker. Deputy Wood said at this section of Highway 83 he could not see the hood of his pickup. No injuries or property damage were reported. Several semi drivers chose to get off the road at Kimber's and stayed there until the wind subsided. Tony Cutler and Kennard Lovitt, pictured above, work to get Cutler's Jeep back on the highway. Cutler was on his way to work early Wednesday morning when he slid off into the ditch due to white-out conditions. Logan County fared better than Lincoln County, as there were numerous accidents, including a fatality wreck that killed three people on Interstate 80 near Hershey.

## -- News Briefs --

### Free Farm & Ranch Clinics

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free clinic. The clinics are one-on-one, not group sessions, and are confidential. The legal and financial clinic gives you a chance to meet with an experienced Ag law attorney and farm financial counselor. These clinic staff specialize in legal and economic issues related to farming and ranching, including business planning, estate and transition planning, farm loan programs, debtor/creditor law, and other relevant matters.

Farm finance clinic dates in January are Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 and 27. For the time being the clinics are being conducted as conference calls or as Zoom meetings. To sign up for a clinic or for more information, call Michelle at the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline at 1-800-464-0258.

### Classes To Resume

Classes will resume following the Christmas Holiday Break on Tuesday, January 5 at Stapleton Public Schools.

The McPherson County Schools will resume classes on Monday, January 4 in Tryon.

The SVM will be in action on Saturday, January 2 in Stapleton when they host SEM in basketball action with games set to begin at 1:30 p.m.

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