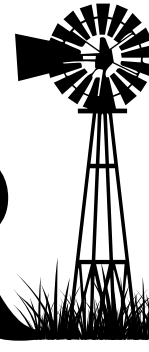


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A family affair



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Polly Burnside and daughter, Hannah, pictured above, were among those donating blood at the March 24 Stapleton High School blood drive in the Stapleton Community Center. Rich Burnside reached a milestone and has given five gallons. Caleb Burnside was also among those donating at this drive.

Amanda Wehnes

Giving blood is a selfless act. The hour it takes to give the gift of life can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical need. At the Stapleton High School blood drive on March 24, 2021, a total of 46 people donated blood, each making a significant impact on the lives of others. A grand total of 42 units of blood were collected, exceeding the goal by four units.

Donors hitting milestones this drive were:
Missy Kramer - 6 gallons
Rich Burnside - 5 gallons
Dakota Meyers - 3 gal-

lons
First time donors were Tad Dimmitt, Amanda Weems, Malakai Walker, Chloe Bassett, Conner Phillips and Bryce Funk.

This was the final blood drive of the school year for the Student Council at Stapleton High School. Through three blood drives this year, they collected 115 units of blood and earned a \$750 scholarship.

Every day, patients throughout our community and across the country rely on volunteer blood donors when receiving medical care. Cancer patients, trauma

victims, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, sickle cell disease patients and others may need blood products.

The next blood drive in Stapleton will be July 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

All blood donations will be screened for COVID-19 antibodies, helping donors determine if they have been exposed to the virus and have developed antibodies. The results are available within 7-10 days in the online portal at redcrossblood.org through the Blood Donor App on smart devices.

Governor Ricketts designates Nebraska second amendment "Sanctuary State"

McPherson, Logan & Thomas Counties pass resolutions

Marcia Hora

Governor Pete Ricketts has signed a symbolic proclamation Wednesday, April 14, designating Nebraska as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary State."

A growing number of Nebraska counties have adopted similar "sanctuary" resolutions, including McPherson, Logan and Thomas.

A bill is also now pending in the Nebraska Legislature to allow counties to opt out of the state requirement that gun owners register and take a gun safety course to carry concealed weapons.

Governor Ricketts said the White House and U.S. Congress have announced their intention to pursue measures that would infringe on the right to keep and bear arms.

"Nebraska will stand up against federal overreach and attempts to regulate gun ownership and use in the 'Good Life.'"

Second Amendment sanctuary refers to a declaration that a state, county, or city will not en-

force federal gun laws they consider are too restrictive. Kansas and Wyoming have declared themselves "sanctuary states."

At least 50 counties have passed sanctuary resolutions in recent months, and similar measures are being considered in at least seven other counties.

Governor Ricketts has opposed steps to impose stricter gun laws and said better mental health care and improved law enforcement are key to preventing mass shootings.

Legislative Bill 236 has been introduced by State Senator Tom Brewer of Gordon and prioritized by Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood. This would give counties the power to allow "permitless" carry of concealed firearms. Gun owners currently have to obtain a state permit and pass a firearm course before allowing to carry a concealed gun.

Resolutions passed by local counties state support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and provides that it is the

right of the people to keep and bear arms, and that right shall not be infringed. Section I-1 of the Nebraska Constitution also provides the right to keep and bear arms, specifically "for security or defense of self, family, home and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes" and all provide that such right shall not be infringed. The United States Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed an individual's rights to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the board of commissioners declare that they support the rights and liberties of all county citizens guaranteed by the United States and Nebraska Constitutions.

A complete look at the resolution signed by the Logan and McPherson County Commissioners may be found inside this issue on page 2.

Local auxiliary sends two to Girls State

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #324 of Stapleton has selected Keali Florea and Megan Amos to attend Cornhusker Girls State through a virtual format.

Both girls will study local, county and state government processes in this nonpartisan political learning experience. Every spring, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides approximately 25,000 young women with a hands-on educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.

Delegates receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mythical political parties. They then campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and

perform their prescribed duties. Citizens not elected to office are given appointments and will attend virtual meetings with the offices of their elected or appointed counterparts in actual state, county and city government.

Megan Amos is a junior at Stapleton Public Schools and she is the daughter of Jim and Kenneth Amos of Stapleton. She participates in volleyball, basketball, track, One-Acts, speech, quiz bowl, band, is Student Council secretary, class president, treasurer of Tri-M Music National Honor Society and is a National Honor Society member.

Megan is also a member of the Nebraska Junior Charolais Association, Nebraska Junior Limousin Association, a member of St. John's Catholic Church, AYC program in the Cattlemen's Classic, the Sandhillers 4-H Club,



Keali Florea

the Rebels 4-H Club, 4-H, is a 4-H Junior Leader, and the co-treasurer and vice-president of the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in FFA, the National Society of High School Scholars, and pre-admitted to UN-L through the Next Chapter Program.

She enjoys all of these activities while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and being on the High Honor Roll.

Megan is employed at



Megan Amos

Creative Printers in Stapleton and plans on pursuing a career in the field of business.

Keali Florea is the daughter of Kami and Dale Florea of Stapleton. She is a junior and attends Stapleton Public Schools where she participates in volleyball, basketball, track, One Acts, speech, quiz bowl, is class vice president, secretary of Tri-M, and the reporter for NHS and band.

During the spring and

summer, Keali plays softball with the Sensations and travels all over the state and a few neighboring states.

Keali maintains a 3.9 GPA even with her active lifestyle and plans on going to college and is hoping to pursue a career as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative.

Megan and Keali are both granddaughters of Kennard and Donna Lovitt of Stapleton. Megan is the granddaughter of George and Dee Bayer of North Platte, and Keali is the granddaughter of Vic and Mickie Florea of Stapleton.

The virtual session of Cornhusker Girls State will be held June 13-19.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 850,000, local Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide. The Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, their families, and their communities is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and National Headquarters.

Village receives \$293,500 grant

The Village of Stapleton has received an Environmental Trust grant in the amount of \$293,500.00 for the new recycling building to be constructed on the village's

property on the west side of town. Village Clerk, Stacey Anderson, made the announcement at the

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-- News Briefs --

S.D. man arrested for drugs

Logan County Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood has arrested a South Dakota man for possession of THC concentrate and a firearm in Logan County.

The arrest took place Wednesday, April 14, following a traffic stop for speeding on Highway 92 near the Gandy turnoff.

The driver of the vehicle was warned for speeding

and a passenger in the vehicle, Davis King, Sr., 40, of Lake Andes, South Dakota, was taken to the Lincoln County Jail in North Platte and charged for the violations. Another passenger in the vehicle, Samantha Dion, 45, of Lake Andes, South Dakota, was cited for possession of marijuana less than one ounce.

SHS National Honor Society Induction
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Weather

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Observations: a trace of snow on April 15 and 3.6" of snow on April 16.

Free Clinics in May

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free clinic for a chance to meet with an experienced ag law attorney and farm financial counselor. Zoom meeting dates are Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Call 1-800-464-0258 for information.

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Sutherland Track Meet

The Sutherland track meet was not held Saturday, April 17, due to weather.

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