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Logan Co. landowners see rise in irrigated land values

The Logan County Assessor has sent out notice of valuation changes for the 2021 valuation of real estate, improvements and improvements on leased lands in Logan County.

Counties are mandated by Nebraska Statutes to be within a specified range of value for each class of property. Residential and commercial property must be within 92% to 100% level of market value and agricultural land must be within the range of 69% to 75% of market value.

Logan County had an outstanding active market for residential property in 2020. Market studies are completed on all Logan County residential properties, including mobile homes and acreages, for a period of three years starting October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020. There were 12 sales in the residential sales file for 2020. The current level of

residential property value approved by the Tax Equalization Review Commission is 100%. A county-wide reappraisal of all improvements has been completed. New residential improvements, as well as any upgrades or remodeling, were added to the real estate cards for 2021.

Logan County commercial property remained the same unless new improvements were added. There was only one commercial sale. The current Logan County commercial property, approved by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission is 100%. A reappraisal for the 2022 tax year will be conducted.

There were nine qualified sales of unimproved agricultural land in the 3-year study period beginning October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020. Grassland values raised from \$525 per acre to

\$575 per acre for all classes.

Dryland acres remained the same as last year.

Irrigated had some classes of land values that raised due to sales in those areas, and included:

- 1A1 - \$3,100 to \$3,675 per acre
- 1A - \$3,100 to \$3,675
- 2A1 - \$3,100 to \$3,500
- 2A - \$3,100 to \$3,500
- 4A - \$2,485 to \$2,600

All other classes remained the same.

With the current agricultural valuation adjustments in place, Logan County agricultural land has been approved at 75% by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

A reappraisal of agricultural improvements for the 2022 tax year will be conducted.

The Logan County Commissioners will meet as Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, July 7 and July 21, 2021.

Siegels hang up cleaning supplies after 32 years



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Louie and Polly Siegel have hung up their cleaning supplies and equipment after a 32-year stint at Stapleton Public Schools as custodial and maintenance. The Siegels were hired by the school in January of 1989 and eventually formed Spiffy Cleaners and took on other custodial jobs in the area. The Siegels have taken great pride in keeping the school building clean and running efficiently over the years.

Recalling names of students, administration, and teachers, who have come and gone, was part of the conversation as Louie and Polly Siegel sat down for an interview, May 27 before heading out the door of Stapleton Public Schools as custodian and maintenance for the last time.

The day signaled the end of their tenure at the school that began in January of 1989.

"We were hired and worked for the school as janitor and maintenance," Louie said.

The stint eventually evolved into Spiffy Cleaners and they later contracted with the school for their services.

"There was always a lot to do and in the beginning there were two boilers, in addition to lawn care, watering, mowing, trimming trees, moving snow, electrical, plumbing, refinishing the gymnasium floors, and of course keeping the school clean. You name it and we tried to do it," Louie said.

In addition to refinishing the school gym floors, Louie also hired out and refinished the floors at the Stapleton Community Center, Vet's Club, surrounding school gymnasium floors, and even a couple of Stapleton residences.

The Siegels recalled they started under Superintendent Rogers and went through the names of at

least nine superintendents that followed, sometimes pausing to remember if they had them in the correct order.

"I've learned more people skills in this job than I could ever imagine and realized I could work alongside anybody. I have become a lot more organized and also learned to pick priorities," Louie added. "We've had several really good workers who have helped us over the years, and we're really thankful for that."

Along with maintaining Stapleton Public Schools, they also cleaned at Hall School, the Logan County Courthouse, and Louie will continue to clean Community First Bank in Stapleton one day a week.

Louie and Polly agreed they have enjoyed living in Stapleton and working at the school. There have been ups and downs, but they have gotten to know many students and have now been able to see three generations pass through the halls of SHS.

Their daughter, Roxanna (Siegel) Early is a 1992 SHS graduate and is now a teacher in Florida. Daughter, Lucinda (Siegel) Easter is a 1987 graduate of McPherson County High School, and their grandson Austin Jones graduated from Stapleton in 2011.

Students come back and enjoy talking to the Siegels and reminiscing about the time they were

in school. The staff even threw a 50th anniversary party in the Bronco Room for the Siegels, complete with a cake and gifts.

Louie served four years in the U.S. Navy (1968-1972) in Vietnam and the couple worked at the Johnny Walker Boys Ranch in Trenton, for Bob Long and Don Hatch in McPherson County, and they were working for Kenneth Brosius when they started at the school.

Retirement will see them continuing to live in Stapleton. Their first trip was to Florida to see their son, Cori and two grandchildren, and their daughter, Roxanna.

Louie hopes to be able to pick and choose jobs and do them at his own pace.

He probably wouldn't have retired had it not been for a broken ankle he sustained August 10, 2020.

"I broke my ankle in three places and it really set me back and helped hurry my decision to retire," Louie said.

Although the Siegels didn't want a lot of fanfare after 32 years, they received recognition from the school and lots of well wishes on their last day.

As they walked out the back door of the school, due to remodeling that is now underway at the main entrance door, the Siegels were talking about their trip to Florida and beginning to enjoy a slower pace of life.

Logan County man arrested for burglary

The Logan County Sheriff's office has arrested a Logan County man for burglary and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person after being advised on an incident within the Stapleton village limits.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson received a call at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, May 29, from Daniel Kanirie, 402 G Street, Stapleton. Kanirie reported the locks on his residence had been changed and he could not get in. He had rented the house for several months from Austin Schell of Stapleton.

Kanirie was advised of the landlord-tenant law in Nebraska and that he had the right to enter the house. Kanirie was able to find another way in.

Sheriff Carson received another call at 11:30 p.m. from Kanirie and was told an ammo box can with a 9 mm pistol had been stolen from the house.

Security cameras on the roof of the Logan County Courthouse were reviewed and camera number eight, which has a view of 402 G Street, showed a black Dodge Dakota pickup pull up to the residence and back into the driveway at 4:45 p.m. Both vehicle doors opened and the tape showed the garage door opened and a person or persons gaining entrance into the house. At 5:22 p.m. the pickup left. It was ascertained that Austin Schell is the owner

of a black Dodge Dakota pickup.

A search warrant was obtained and Sheriff Carson, Logan County Deputies Dalen Wood and Hansel, and Thomas County Sheriff Joseph Smith went to the Schell residence located at 102 County Road 50 to serve the warrant and conduct a search.

An ammo can was discovered in the hayloft of the red barn. The pistol was not recovered. It was verified by Kanirie the ammo can belonged to him.

Austin Schell was arrested for burglary and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (first offense) and taken to the Lincoln County jail where bond was set at 10% of \$50,000.00.

It was later learned the regulator had been taken off the propane tank at the house located at 402 G Street and 100 gallons of propane emptied from the tank. The water had been shut off to the residence and inside doors had been barricaded.

Kanirie said his employment with Schell had been terminated Friday, May 28, over an incident when Schell would not allow him to take his wife to the doctor.

A court date for Schell

has been set for August 10.

Accidental Shooting

Logan County Deputy Wood also reported he was notified by Great Plains Health, North Platte, of an apparent accidental shooting. The accident took place Sunday, May 27, when Shad Streit, 41, 14 Avenue 70, Stapleton shot himself in the foot. Deputy Wood conducted an investigation to make sure it was accidental, seized the firearm, and the investigation continues.

Drug Bust On Hwy 92

Another drug bust on Highway 92 took place Sunday, May 27. At approximately 1:00 p.m. Deputy Wood stopped a Minnesota plated mini van at mile marker 237 for speeding and he noted marijuana on the floorboard of the vehicle.

Deputy Wood was assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol and searched the vehicle where 5.92 ounces of marijuana, methamphetamine, and prescription medication was found.

Julia Franco, 22, of Minnesota was arrested and taken to the Lincoln County jail where she was held on 10% of \$50,000 bond. The driver and another passenger were released.

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34th Annual Stapleton Junior Rodeo

The 34th annual Stapleton Junior Rodeo will be held Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Western attire is required. Hats are optional, no caps or visors.

Entries close Saturday, July 3 or when the 175th entry is received. Please mail your completed form to Stapleton Junior Rodeo, P.O. Box 274, Stapleton, NE 69163. Each contestant will be able to purchase a Stapleton Jr. Rodeo T-shirt designed by Sublime Boutique. These may be picked up at the office the day of the rodeo. Please indicate your size on your entry blank.

Summer Reading Program At Logan Co. Library

The summer reading program continues at the Logan County Library.

The next two dates are June 15 and 22. The program runs from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be held June 12 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Free will donations for books.

Thank you to everyone who brought plants to swap and to those who took them. It was great fun!

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
21	76	58	0
22	82	61	0
23	78	55	.19
24	76	51	1.00
25	70	51	.02
26	78	49	0
27	72	52	.45
28	62	41	0
29	59	41	.09
30	56	44	.19
31	64	42	0
1	73	43	0
2	70	45	0
3	77	48	0
4	86	51	0

Total May Moisture: 3.54"
Total May Normal Average Moisture: 3.29"
Total Moisture To Date: 8.97"

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