



‘Gates in the Sandhills’ inspires book



The gate leading to the Matt and Kim Kramer ranch north of Stapleton where Monica grew up with her parents, Wayne and Eloise Kramer, and her siblings, Chris, Katie, Jerome, and Matt. In her book she writes, “When I look at this gate I see a sign that alerts travelers leaving Highway 83 that some dangers lie ahead. The road ahead may be winding and there may be cattle on the dirt road. The speed ahead may need to be slower for safety’s sake. If all the signs are observed, the chance of arriving at one’s destination is increased. This gate graces the cover of her book, “Not All Who Wander Are Lost,” a book about Salvation and the gates to heaven.

MARCIA HORA

Fences and gates mark pastures in the Sandhills and the miles between sections of land and homesteads. These gates not only led Monica Kramer back home, but she has found stability and purpose in her life again.

After struggling with the

loss of her husband, mother and sister, Monica said she drew closer to God and began thinking deeply about Salvation.

It took a trip deep into the Sandhills to visit her first cousin, Budine Pucylowski, that gave her inspiration for her book, “Not All Who Wander Are Lost.” Budine is working and living in the house of her late grandparents,

Lewis and Alice Kramer, north and west of Stapleton.

Monica grew up on the ranch near her grandparents and it was there she learned many valuable lessons that helped her through life. The daughter of Wayne and Eloise (Karn) Kramer, Monica said what she learned on the ranch gave her what she needed to get her



COURTESY

Monica Kramer was the keynote speaker at the Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on September 9 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in North Platte. Monica’s presentation featured her life in the Sandhills and three chapters of her book. She is pictured with her sister, cousin, and aunts, front row, l-r: Janell Woracek, Chris Harvey and Sharon Kyne. Back row, l-r: Budine Pucylowski, Monica Kramer, and Phyllis Churchill.

through some rough times. Some of the lessons were difficult to learn, but in her efforts to find Salvation she has made peace and it is for this reason she was able to complete her book.

“This is a story of a journey that began on a ranch in the Sandhills of Ne-

braska. God is a God of surprises, and I can see His plan for my life when I reflect, as if in a rearview mirror, the ways He was forming me from the very beginning. The Sandhills, although rough and sometimes unforgiving, are dear to my heart. I have found a profound

connection between my beginning days in the Sandhills and my quest for Salvation. I began to make connections between the beginning of life and the end of life. I

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Junior Chamber members selected

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The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the selection of eight Junior Chamber members who will be assisting with projects and helping making decisions for the 2022-2023 year. Junior Chamber members are Lillyan Sheets, Madilynn McEntee, Kelsey Amos, Cameron Berliner, Kyle Kramer, Natalie Sheets, Marianne Zuniga, and Caleb Burnside. Their sponsor is Mr. Bryan Regier. All were in attendance at the meeting held Tuesday, September 27, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Chamber membership now stands at 53.

Chamber will be sponsoring prizes for the Halloween costume contest at Stapleton Public Schools. Pre-school through sixth grade first place winners will each receive \$5.00 in Chamber bucks. Junior Chamber members will be the judges.

Safe Halloween fun for the entire family will be available as Chamber will

once again sponsor the “Tricked Out Trunk” event on Main Street from 4:15-6:15 p.m. Monday, October 31.

To register your trunk call Frey’s Store at 308-636-2636. The best tricked out trunk will receive \$25.00 in Chamber bucks.

The Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will be serving a hot dog and chili dog meal at the store.

Chamber is hoping to implement a Farmer’s Market next year and Anita Harwager volunteered to ask vendors who might be interested in coming to Stapleton and report back to the group.

There are several items that need to be donated or sold in the Chamber storage unit.

Chamber president, Lori Streit, provided information on a day care possibility in Stapleton through Lincoln County Community for Kids. There would need to be a minimum of 12 full-time students. She will visit with Superintendent Redinger at Stapleton Public Schools and see if there is a way the day care could become a reality in



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed new Junior Chamber members. Pictured, front row, l-r: Cindy Frey, treasurer; Stacey Anderson, secretary; and Lori Streit, president. Back row, l-r: Kelsey Amos, Marianne Zuniga, Cameron Berliner, Lillyan Sheets, Kyle Kramer, Natalie Sheets, Caleb Burnside, and Madilynn McEntee, and Mr. Regier, sponsor.

Stapleton. Chamber will be hosting ribbon cuttings for The

Guest House, the Village of Stapleton recycling building, and Sandhills

Equine, LLC. The next regular Chamber meeting will be Tues-

day, October 25, at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

One Vehicle Accident

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson investigated a one-vehicle accident Tuesday morning, September 20, at approximately 6:50 a.m.

Kelsey Amos, 14, was driving to school on a school permit when a deer ran out in front of her vehicle on U.S. Highway 83 at mile marker 111. The 2022 Chevrolet Equinox sustained extensive damage and the airbag curtains deployed.

Amos was not injured and attended school that day.

Nebraska Voter Guide

This is one of the most important elections of your lifetime. The outcome of state and local races will determine the public policies that are imposed on your family, church, community, and children’s school over the next several years. The Nebraska Family Alliance has surveyed candidates and created a user-friendly, nonpartisan candidate comparison, personalized to your ballot. Visit NebraskaVoterGuide.com before you cast your vote.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
24	82	46	0
25	83	42	0
26	77	40	0
27	80	40	0
28	76	47	0
29	76	46	0
30	82	50	0
Total September moisture was 1.22”			
Total moisture to date is 13.08”			

Event Calendar

Friday, Sept. 30: Poker, 7:00 pm, Vet’s Club.
Monday, October 3 - Village of Gandy Board Meeting, 8:00 pm; Poker, 7:00 pm, Vet’s Club
Wednesday, October 5 - VFW Auxiliary, 1:30 pm, Vet’s Club
Friday, October 7: Poker, 7:00 pm, Vet’s Club.

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• *Graphic Files*
• *Upcoming Blood Drive - Nov. 11*

Notices

• Estate Of A. Maxine Lovitt
• Notice Of Organization
Kosee Fire Family Properties, L.L.C.
• Logan & McPherson Early Voting Ballot Applications
• Village Of Stapleton Budget Hearing & Tax Resolution Proceedings
• School Dist. #90 Budget Hearing & Tax Ask Proceedings
• Village Of Stapleton, Stapleton Fire District, Upper Loup NRD, McPherson Co. Comm., McPherson Co. Comm. Public Notices

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