

There's no place like local for the holidays



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Stapleton was the place to be Saturday, November 19, as this year's "There's no place like local for the holidays," lived up to its billing. There was something for everyone and the village was filled with shoppers as they attended open houses at business places, visited Santa and took in the craft fair in the Stapleton Community Center. Pictured above, left, Ava Rossouw, daughter of Gert and Sarah Rossouw of Stapleton, loved visiting with Santa. Above right, Torie and Travis Kester assist their daughter Teddie with her Christmas ornament at Brush Fire Studio. See page 14 for more photos.

New McPherson County Bloodmobile Coordinator

Elaine Miller has turned over the undertaking of the McPherson County Red Cross blood drive to Karen Licking after 13 plus years in her role is coordinator.

"I took over when Deb Hall moved and I am really not sure of the year," Elaine said. "It has been rewarding and worthwhile and I am thankful to have been able to serve the community."

There is quite a bit to being a Red Cross blood drive coordinator. There are tables to set up the day before, the truck has to be met at 6:30 a.m. the day of the blood drive, help is needed to unload and load the truck and people called to remind them and set up appointments.

Tables are then taken down and the building is cleaned. Prior to Covid, Elaine always brought goodies to eat and still makes coffee for the workers and brought orange juice and tea.

Elaine's husband, Russell, was always there to help set up tables, unload and load the truck, and take down and clean-up after the drives.

"I know the blood drive is in good hands with



COURTESY

Karen Licking, right, will be the new McPherson County Red Cross blood drive coordinator. Elaine Miller has coordinated the drive for 13 plus years.

Karen Licking. She has been a big help and there have been many others in the community who have assisted me. I have had so much good help. It takes a lot of people to make the blood drive possible. Thank you to all the faithful blood donors who took the time to donate. It

is very much appreciated."

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

SHS National Honor Society delivers food baskets

Stapleton High School's National Honor Society members coordinated a canned food drive and delivered 20 boxes to local residents in the community on Friday evening, November 18.

Students collected the canned goods and the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce donated

turkeys and hams.

SHS National Honor Society members are Caleb Burnside, Tad Dimmitt, Cayson Johnston, Elizabeth Fetty, Kyle Kramer, Cole Kramer, Ethan Weems, Elizabeth Fetty, Chloe Schaeffer, Citori Kramer, Abigale Nicholson, Jaylen Dimmitt and Marianne Zuniga.

NHS says thank you to those who donated to the canned food drive and the Stapleton Area Chamber for the hams and turkeys.

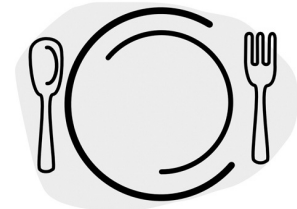
The National Honor Society also recently challenged elementary classrooms to a door decorating contest to kick-off Red Ribbon Week to "scare" drugs away.

Senior Meal Program Changing at Hen House Cafe

The Hen House Café is changing their senior meal program beginning Monday, December 5. No senior meals will be served Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2. Seniors will now be able to select meals off a selected menu including:

Meat or Meat Alternative (choice of one): Hamburger/cheeseburger; grilled ham and cheese; pork tenderloin; fish sandwich; grilled chicken breast; hamburger steak; chicken fried steak; chef salad (choice of chicken or ham).

Side Dish (choice of two): Baked beans; mashed po-



Senior Meals

tatoes w/gravy; green beans; French fries; macaroni w/cheese; side salad w/choice of dressing; coleslaw; V-8 juice; soup of the day.

Fruit (choice of one): Peaches; Pears; Mixed Fruit.

Milk (choice of one): Milk; cottage cheese.

Bread (choice of one): Sandwich bun; white bread; wheat bread; dinner roll.

The menus have been written and approved by WCNA's dietician to meet the required nutritional guidelines for the Stapleton senior meal program. All choices are subject to availability. For any additional items or larger portions there will be an additional charge to the customer.

Senior meals will be served Monday - Friday until 2:00 p.m. Please call 308-636-2614 if you would like to order ahead. Delivery is available.

SORC receives Group Philanthropy award

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund's 13th annual fundraiser proved to be one of the most successful. Approximately \$63,000.00 was taken in to build ACF's unrestricted endowment, an account that provides a steady stream of resources for the community. Two-hundred people were in attendance.

Don Olson was presented with the Individual Philanthropy trophy award. Don has been involved in many community services over the years and he has served 24 years as a Custer County Board of Supervisor. He is considered one of the founding fathers of the Sandhills Open Road Challenge.

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge Board received the Group Philanthropy award. The one-of-a-kind organization has put Arnold on the national map in the world of road racing.

SORC received the award for its generous donations through the years to area civic organizations, scholarships and fire departments. Around \$1.5 million has been donated over the last 22 years and it continues to grow. Recognized were Joe Shown, Della Dailey, Becky Dailey, Shelley Smith, Skip Hecox, Josh Cool, Brock Dailey, Aaron Olson, Don Olson, Shane Cool, Clay Mohr, Jason Jenkins, Brady Weinman, RT Green and Jeff Preston.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
19	28	2	0
20	36	7	0
21	56	13	0
22	59	19	0

Observations: Wind chill 3 degrees at 8:00 a.m. on November 19.

Event Calendar

Friday, December 2: Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Stapleton Public School Book Fair, School Library.

Monday, December 5: Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Village of Gandy Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8: Cornerstone Christian Women, 1:30 p.m., Cornerstone Church.

Friday, December 9: Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club. Monday, November 12: American Legion & VFW meeting.

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Special December Church Services

Ringgold Free Methodist Church soup supper and Christmas music program, Sunday, December 11 at the church. Eclipse Church candlelight service, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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