



Western NE Senators sponsor bills to help this part of the state

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Western Nebraska state senators are working hard for this part of the state and are sponsoring bills to help rebuild the Nebraska 4-H Camp in the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, move the headquarters for the Game and Parks Commission to Sidney, and level the playing field to open the door to interests for proposed racinos in North Platte, Ogallala and Gering after Nebraska voters amended the state constitution in 2020 to allow casinos at horse tracks.

State Senators Mike Jacobson of North Platte and Tom Brewer of Gordon have co-sponsored a bill to steer \$30 million in state help toward rebuilding the Nebraska 4-H Camp near Halsey.

LB 281 would set aside \$50 million for “any qualifying nonprofit organization for building or renovating youth outdoor education camp facilities.”

District 42 now includes

Thomas County and is in Senator Jacobson’s district. District 43 Senator Tom Brewer’s district included all of the forest before the redistricting and includes Blaine County.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development would process the grant funding.

Senator Brewer and Senator Jacobson recently attended a meeting between the University of Nebraska, the 4-H Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service. These three organizations share overlapping jurisdiction of the camp. Discussion at the meeting included a number of innovative ideas brought up by the group and included a public-private partnership to help ease the burden on taxpayers.

Senator Steve Erdman will introduce a bill to move the headquarters for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to Sidney.

Senator Erdman said moving the headquarters

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County Officials Sworn In



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Clerk Magistrate Brenda Cochran conducted the swearing in ceremony for Logan County officials in the courtroom of the courthouse, Thursday, January 5. Officials receiving their oath of office were, l-r: Lee Wonch, county commissioner; Sean Carson, sheriff; Richard Gewecke, treasurer; Andrew VanVelson, attorney; and Debbie Myers, clerk.

Logan Co. Library achieves accreditation status



COURTESY

Nebraska Library Commission Library Development Director Christa Porter recently announced the accreditation of twenty-nine public libraries across Nebraska.

The Logan County Library was among those accredited through December 31, 2022.

Porter said, “We are dedicated to helping Nebraska libraries meet Nebraska’s information needs, opening up the world of information for citizens of all ages. The Library Commission continues to work in partnership with Nebraska libraries and the regional library systems, using the Public Library Accreditation program to

help public libraries grow and develop.”

The Public Library Accreditation process was put on hiatus for two years, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was restarted in 2022.

The Nebraska Library Commission congratulates accredited public libraries as they move forward toward the realization of this vision for the future: “All Nebraskans will have improved access to enhanced library and information services, provided and facilitated by qualified library personnel, boards, and supporters with the knowledge, skills, abilities and atti-

tudes necessary to provide excellent library and information services.”

The Nebraska Library Commission also congratulated the Logan County Library at Stapleton and Sterling Public Library on earning accreditation for the very first time.

As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, “bringing together people and information.”



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Clerk Magistrate Brenda Cochran, right, swears in McPherson County officials in the courtroom of the courthouse in Tryon, Thursday morning, January 5. Kerri Kramer was sworn in as the newly elected McPherson County treasurer and John Bryant was sworn in as the re-elected commissioner. Katherine E. Hoberg, clerk, was unable to attend the ceremony due to road conditions. Tom Burch is serving as interim McPherson County Sheriff and the board of commissioners is accepting applications for the position. An appointment will be made to fill the vacancy. Applications may be requested from the McPherson County Clerk.

There are also two vacancies on the McPherson County School Board of Education. The vacancies occurred due to insufficient individuals being elected to serve on the board during the last election. The term of these positions will expire on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January 2027. Individuals wishing to apply may contact Tim Vanderheiden, Superintendent of Schools, McPherson County Schools, 525 Highway 92, P.O. Box 38, Tryon, NE 69167. The office phone is 308-587-2262. Applicants must be a registered voter in McPherson County.

Chamber Membership Meeting

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding an annual meeting and membership drive Monday, January 30, 2023 at the Hen House Cafe in Stapleton.

The pork chop meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will follow.

Please call meal reservations to Hen House Cafe at 308-656-2614 by January 21.

Membership dues of \$40.00 are now payable to Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 232, Stapleton, NE 69163.

Join Chamber for a fun evening and help promote Stapleton in 2023.

Calling All 2022 Babies

Creative Printers is working on its special Valentine’s Day section featuring babies born in 2022 that will run in The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News and Thomas County Herald. Please email your pictures and information to creativeprinters@gpcom.net. The deadline to submit pictures is January 31.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
7	32	8	0
8	31	15	0
9	33	15	0
10	40	20	0
11	38	19	0
12	36	19	0
13	38	8	0

Observations: January 7 - wind chill - 11 degrees at 8:11 p.m., fog; January 8 - wind chill -12 degrees at 9:00 p.m.; January 9 - wind chill - 8 at 6:24 a.m.; January 11 - wind chill - 7 at 10:54 p.m.; January 12 - wind chill - 8 at 12:00 a.m.

Event Calendar

Fri., Jan. 20: Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet’s Club
Mon., Jan. 23: Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet’s Club

McPherson Co. News



- *Over The Hills*
- *Graphic Files*
- *Does It Make Sense? Poem*
- *Makes Trip To Birthplace*

Notices

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- Notice Of Renewal Of Retail Liquor License Ranold & Kathy A. Fisher
- Notice Of Renewal Of Retail Liquor License Kimberley S. Kramer
- McPherson County Commissioners Proceedings
- Village Of Gandy Board Proceedings
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