



Logan County reorganizational meeting

Scott Gaites was appointed chairman at the reorganizational meeting of the Logan County Commissioners, Wednesday, January 18. Lee Wonch was appointed vice-chairman.

The following appointments were made:

Petty Cash Officer: Richard Gewecke

Noxious Weed Superintendent: Richard Cook

Highway Superintendent: Richard Cook

County Surveyor: Bonita Edwards

Emergency Manager: Sean Carson

County Physician: Dr. Loper

County Health Board: Dr. Loper, county physician; Sean Carson, sheriff; and Debbie Myers, county clerk.

The *Stapleton Enterprise* was designated the official newspaper of Logan County, and the regular meeting date will be the third Wednesday of the month.

The board voted to raise the road maintenance

men's wages from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour. Discussion was held on requiring roadmen to have a CDL and to make changes to the handbook.

Courtroom upgrades were approved and will include installation of outlets and data ports.

The 2023 annual salary for county clerk, county treasurer and county sheriff was set at \$50,883 and county commissioners at \$8,657.

Minimum wage of \$17.00 per hour for occasional employment for equipment operators was approved.

Other rates and salaries was set at \$16.00 per hour for emergency manager, highway superintendent and noxious weed superintendent. Rates for machine hire and operator will be \$200.00 per hour and mileage rates as set by the state at .655 cents per mile.

The hearing date for the one and six-year road plan was set for February 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Rolling up his sleeve for the 100th time



BEA GAITES

Bill Jividen is pictured donating his 100th unit at the recent American Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Stapleton Community Center. There were 20 donors with 18 units collected. Donors were Amanda Weems, Richard Burnside, Anita Harwager, Bryan Kenner, Vera Jividen, Bill Jividen, Will Sisson, Jon Walz, Heather Johnson, Jeana Hanna, Sandy Lanka, Justin Rahn, Erin Frey, John Victory, Ellen Salisbury, Bruce Huffman, John Lanka, Scott Salisbury, Bea Gaites and Jay Brummet.

"Thank you to everyone who donated to make this blood drive a success," said Bea Gaites, coordinator. Mark your calendars for the next drive that will be March 22, 2023 and sponsored by the Stapleton High School Student Council.

Tryon's blood drive was held Friday, January 13 with 17 present and 13 units collected. Because of technology problems they were unable to start until 9:00 a.m. A special thanks to Tom Burch for helping set up tables and Pam Schmidt for helping check people in. The next bloodmobile will be Friday, April 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Karen Licking @ 308-650-2728 for appointments

New SPS board member sworn in; officers elected for 2023 calendar year

The Board of Education of Stapleton Public Schools met for a reorganizational meeting Monday, January 16, and newly elected school board member, Chance Connell, was sworn into office.

Board officers for the 2023 calendar year will be Frank Kramer, president; Rich Burnside, vice-president; Kim Kramer, secretary; and Kristy Opela, treasurer.

Appointed committees for 2023 will be:

Negotiations: Chance Connell, Frank Kramer, and Rex Walz.

Buildings, Grounds & Safety: Rich Burnside, Kristy Opela, and Rex Walz.

Transportation: Frank Kramer, Kim Kramer, and

Rex Walz.

American Civics: Chance Connell, Frank Kramer, and Kristy Opela.

Technology: Rich Burnside, Chance Connell, and Kristy Opela.

School Improvement and Curriculum: Rich Burnside, Chance Connell, Kim Kramer.

Wellness Committee: Kristy Opela.

PLC Committee: Frank Kramer.

Foundation Representative: Kristy Opela.

Coop Committee: Rich Burnside, Frank Kramer and Kim Kramer.

Community First Bank of Stapleton was designated the official depository for school district funds and *The Stapleton Enterprise* as the official news publication for the

district. KSB Law Firm was designated as the official legal counsel.

Ladybug Crossing Early Learning Center represented by Shantel Tonkinson and employee Lori Streit addressed the board regarding the lease of a classroom for the purpose of a community daycare. The current kindergarten room was toured to give Ladybug representatives an idea of the space that could be leased. After their presentation at the January meeting a list of questions will be answered at the February school board meeting. If approved, the daycare would be operational in the fall of 2023.

The heating system has been operating well since repairs to the system were

made. A system assessment will be conducted to see if it is operating at adequate levels.

The coop committee met and highlights were presented with fall coaches discussed for next year and future junior high football may have to go to 6-man.

Coaching assignments for 2023 fall sports was approved and coaches Janet Victory, Eric Kloke and Luke Connell were retained.

Discussion was held regarding the district's administrative needs for 2023-24 with a possibility of an additional administrator/AD role and the dis-

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Foundation Board Finalizes Plans For 2023 Gala

The Stapleton Public Schools Foundation board met January 11 with the addition of two new community members selected to be on the board. Kadee McVay and Jennifer Frey have been added to the board. The election of officers was completed and include Duane McClain, president; Kadee McVay, vice-president; Lacy Kinderknecht, secretary and Richard Gewecke, treasurer.

At the SPS Board of Education meeting on January 16, Kristy Opela was selected to be the School Board representative on the SPS Foundation. According to the SPS Foundation by-laws, a representative from the School Board shall sit on the Foundation Board.

The Foundation is now focusing on the annual Gala that will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023. The Gala is the Foundation's annual event to raise funds for the Foundation. This year the program will be very similar with a steak meal, speaker, live

and silent auction. The social hour will begin at 5:00 and the meal at 6:00 p.m.

This year's speaker is 1987 SPS graduate Justin Welsh, Executive Director of U.S. Livestock Technical Services for Merck Animal Health.

The ticket prices are the same as last year and will be \$40.00 per person or \$350.00 to reserve a table of eight. Tickets will go on sale February 6 and must be paid for at the time of making a reservation. Seating is limited to the capacity of 144 for the Stapleton Community Center. To make a reservation you may call Stapleton Schools at 308-636-2252 or contact a member of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$37,000 since 2018 and awards two \$1,000 scholarships annually to Stapleton graduates. The Gala raises \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually. The Foundation Board would like you to consider attending this fun and entertaining evening.

Snowfall Reports

- 23.7" - Merna
- 22" - Anselmo
- 19" - Broken Bow
- 13.9" - North Platte
- 18.3" - Stapleton
- 13" - Halsey
- 12" - Ogallala/Grant
- 8" - Valentine/Thedford

Stapleton Golf Dinner & Raffle

The Stapleton Golf Association will hold their dinner and raffle, Saturday, February 18, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Herbie's Speakeasy will provide the cash bar.

This year's raffle will be for a Sig Sauer P365 pistol and a Ruger 556 AR. There will be silent auction items to bid on.

Proceeds will go towards improvements at the Augusta Wind Golf Course. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets contact Chayton Crow at 308-530-8667, Scott Gaites at 308-636-8308 or Skip Hecox at 308-529-1861.

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.
14	32	10	0
15	38	22	0
16	38	20	.01
17	41	33	0
18	37	23	.27
19	27	19	0
20	31	10	0

Observations: Rain was recorded on January 16. Snow in the amount of 2.8" fell on January 18 and 15.5" on January 19 for a two day total of 18.1".

Chamber Dinner

Don't forget the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and membership drive Monday, January 30, at the Hen House Cafe. Membership dues of \$40.00 are now payable to Chamber at P.O. Box 232 Stapleton, NE 69163.

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