



Veterans unveil new kitchen

The Veterans Memorial Building in Stapleton has a new kitchen and serving area thanks to a \$90,000.00 grant from the Robert F. Hanich, Charitable Trust Fund.

The grant was submitted in October of 2021 and upon approval, local veterans of American Legion Post #324 and V.F.W. Post #8258 began demolition work in early 2022. Donations were also received from community members to complete the estimated \$94,872.00 project cost.

Creative Interiors of North Platte was the contractor and Richard's Electric completed the electrical work.

Renovation included upgrading cabinets, a new sink and counter tops, lighting and electrical, and flooring.

An insurance reimbursement was also used to repair the roof that sustained hail damage.

Stapleton veterans of both posts met for a regular joint meeting Monday, February 13, and looked over the kitchen improvements. Under counter lighting needs remains to be installed.

A grand opening of the facility will be announced in the near future and the community will be invited to attend.

Veterans will be holding fundraisers that will include meals and card nights to complete needed work on the building that includes tuck-pointing and renovation of the mural on the south side of the building.

Additional inside projects are also planned.

The Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust grant is available for use by political subdivisions, as well as charitable organizations in Keith, Lincoln, Logan, and McPherson Counties.



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Veterans pictured in the newly renovated kitchen at the Veterans Memorial Building prior to their regular meeting Monday, February 13, are l-r: Dave Olson, American Legion Post #324 Commander; Blake Barnum, American Legion member; Mark Leathers, V.F.W. Post #8258 Commander; Richard Cook, quartermaster/adjutant; Dan Kramer, Past V.F.W. State Commander, trustee and American Legion member; Madge Kovanda and Dave Decker, new American Legion members; and Justin Rahn, V.F.W. and American Legion member.

22nd Annual Heart City Bull Bash



JAMES DUCEY

Bulls weren't the only animals on display at the annual Heart City Bull Bash in Valentine. Tenbuck, an Old Foundation Quarterhorse from the Brush Creek Ranch, Brownlee, was a hit with the younger kids.

LINDA TEAHON

A bright sunny day with the temperature reaching near 50 degrees was a great opportunity for cattle producers from across Nebraska and South Dakota to attend the 22nd annual Heart City Bull Bash in Valentine on Saturday, February 11th.

Eighteen bull and heifer exhibitors, along with one quarter horse display, showed their livestock on three blocks of Valentine's Main Street.

Eleven commercial displays were among the penned cattle. A Riomax

Tent was set up for indoor exhibits from five businesses. Stores around town did very well with the many shoppers taking advantage of the nice weather.

Local rancher and chairman of the ten member Bull Bash committee, Shane Keller was pleased with the crowd and commented - "fabulous day and a great turnout" of ag producers.

Along with the cattle were seven other activities, including a quilt

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The sink area has been relocated and a new dishwasher installed. New shelving by the serving area and added counter space provides more functionality to the space. The V.F.W. Auxiliary Unit #8258 will be using the facility to prepare and serve their annual Veterans Day soup supper and will be taking over the Logan County Government Day lunch. Veterans will be holding fund-raising dinners and card nights to raise additional money to make improvements to the building which needs tuck-pointing and work on the mural on the south side. Insurance money will be used to repair the hail damaged roof.

SPS Foundation Gala Donations

The Stapleton Public Schools Foundation gala is set for Saturday, March 4, and local and area businesses and individuals have been donating items for the live and silent auction. Social hour is at 5:00 p.m. and the meal served at 6:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

Justin Welsh, 1987 Stapleton High School graduate, will be the guest speaker. Welsh is executive director of U.S. Livestock Technical Services Merck Animal Health.

In addition to the silent and live auction, there will be door prizes and D.J. music by Party on Productions.

The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$350.00 for a table for eight. Tickets must be paid in advance and you may call the school office at 308-636-2252 or send payment to Stapleton Public Schools, P.O. Box 128, Stapleton, NE 69163.

See the Stapleton Public Schools page inside this issue on page 8 for early gala donations.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
11	31	7	0
12	37	16	0
13	45	20	0
14	45	20	0
15	38	17	0
16	21	16	T
17	30	12	0
18	41	12	0

Observations: A trace of snow was recorded on February 16. Wind chill of 2 degrees at 7:00 a.m. on February 17 and at 6 degrees at 12:00 a.m. on February 18.

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Events

- February 24 - Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
- February 27 - Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
- March 1 - V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting, 1:00 p.m. Vet's Club

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