



Community comes together to support SPS



Guest speaker this year was Dr. Justin Welsh, a 1987 graduate of Stapleton Public Schools, who spoke about leadership and how the mentoring from Coach Harvey played a large part in his life. Pictured, l-r, at the gala are Gene Welsh, Sally Welsh, Dr. Justin Welsh, Ann Welsh, and Julie Welsh.

The annual Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala was held March 4th and was a huge success thanks to the ongoing support of the community.

A steak and shrimp supper, served by the FFA students, was followed by guest speaker, Dr. Justin Welsh, a 1987 graduate of Stapleton Public Schools.

Welsh and his wife, Julie, live in DeSoto, Kansas. They have two children, Curtis who is a commodities broker and risk manager for Futures One, and Sally who is a customer specialist in animal health.

Also present for the gala were Justin's parents, Gene and Ann Welsh, former Logan County residents.

Welsh spoke about leadership and how mentoring from Coach Harvey played a large part in his life. Justin is Executive Director of the U.S. Livestock Technical Services

Merck Animal Health and a member of a successful veterinary practice.

Welsh shared stories about his youth and high school education and his progression into UN-L and then moving on to veterinary school at Kansas State University.

Welsh used the concept of leadership as a theme on how leaders have had an impact on him throughout his career. He said there are four qualities of positive leadership, the ability to identify talent and strengths, the capability to equip these people to maximize these talents and strengths, mastery of the art of timely and appropriate course correction for individuals and teams, and belief and trust in these individuals and teams.

The Foundation is grateful to all of the donors for their auction items. Without them, this event would not take place. The

live auction was held with active bidding from a supportive crowd. A few highlights of the live auction were volleyball tickets donated by Community First Bank, a joyride flight of the Sandhills, donated by Aviation Needs, LLC and seed corn donated by Rich Burnside Seed, Dekalb/Asgrow.

The silent auction allowed many to get involved in the fundraising effort as jewelry, art, beef, gift cards and certificates and many additional items were available to bid on. Several Stapleton students also played a large role in the fundraising effort with their donations of handcrafted items for both the live and silent auction. A complete list of donors and volunteers may be found in this issue of the Enterprise.

Door prize drawings were given to attendees



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Duane McClain auctions off an item made and donated by Mrs. Burnside's food class. Also pictured are Lacy Kinderknecht and Kadee Cutler.

and these items included gas cards donated by Kember's, Stapleton Chamber bucks, and items from area businesses.

Music was provided by Party on Productions and cocktails were available thanks to Herbie's Speakeasy.

Preliminary numbers indicate the Gala raised more than \$18,000. The funds will benefit students through grants awarded to the faculty for items needed in the classroom and annual scholarships for seniors to further their education.

The Foundation Board

would like to extend a huge thanks to all who were in attendance. Your support made a successful event and we look forward to future celebrations for the Stapleton Public Schools Foundation.

Stapleton FFA members serving the meal were Kelsey Amos, Natalie Sheets, Natalie Newman, Caleb Burnside, Cameron Berliner, Haylee Dimmitt, Roper Schell and Kempton Florea. Dasie Nichols is their adviser.

Stapleton Public Schools Foundation was formed in 2014 and has awarded

grants totaling over \$37,000 since 2018 and awards two \$1,000 scholarships annually to Stapleton graduates.

Annually the gala raises \$12,000 to \$15,000. Foundation board members are Duane McClain, Jennifer Frey, Kristy Opela, Kadee McVay, Brenda Monson, Dick Gewecke, Brian Redinger, and Lacy Kinderknecht.

If you would like to make a donation to the Stapleton Public Schools Foundation you may send it to P.O. Box 128, Stapleton, NE 69163 and designate it for the foundation.

Two men facing animal cruelty charges to appear in Logan Co. Court

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office investigated the abuse of livestock in several different areas of rural Lincoln County over the last several weeks. Information was learned that numerous cattle, horses and other livestock were not being cared for in Logan County. Lincoln County Deputies were aided by the Nebraska Brand Inspectors Office and Nebraska State Patrol Aircraft to complete an investigative search warrant to inspect livestock on at least five sections of property under the control and operated by Larry Mikoloyck and Matthew Mikoloyck of rural Lin-

coln County.

The deputies and brand inspectors found over 150 dead cattle on the property March 1, 2023. They also observed sick and dying cattle including bulls, cows and calves, with limited food sources and no water to sustain the herd.

Larry Mikoloyck, 75, and Matthew Mikoloyck, 41, of 4908 N. Homestead Road were arrested Wednesday, March 1, and are each facing 10 counts of abandon/cruel neglect of livestock leading to injury or death (a class 4 felony) in Lincoln County and six counts in Logan County, as well as misde-

meanor charges. They were incarcerated in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

A warrant was served March 2 to seize all cattle on property under control of the Mikoloycks. The Logan and Thomas County Sheriff's Office, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse assisted Lincoln County Deputies. Other individuals from Lincoln and Logan counties helped with the work and Lincoln County Sheriff Jerome Kramer said on his Facebook page he was grateful for their hard work.

Over 1,000 bulls, cows and calves were seized

and transported to the North Platte Stockyards for inspection by a licensed veterinarian. Numerous cattle had to be put down on the scene as they were sick, injured, or dying.

Bond of 10% of \$100,000 for both men was posted and they were ordered to have no contact with a sale barn or veterinarian, or to purchase any livestock.

The Mikoloycks were scheduled to appear in Logan County Court on Tuesday, March 14, on animal abuse and neglect charges, stemming from the January and February investigation.

Village working on emergency snow route

This winter has been especially difficult for snow removal on Village of Stapleton streets. Since there has not been this amount of snow for quite some time, it has become complacent for people to park unlicensed and non-working vehicles on the street. This has complicated the situation of getting snow moved around and streets and alleys opened up.

The village board is looking at snow emergency routes and designating streets that need to be cleared of vehicles so streets can be plowed. Of special concern is G Street that is a bus route to the school, the street east of the Stapleton Fire Hall and Main Street. Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson was at the regular village board meeting Wednesday, March 8, and said the village could declare an emergency snow route, pass an ordinance, set up signs, and vehicles would need to be removed prior to an impending snowstorm. The village will continue working on this and looking at which streets should be designated. Unlicensed and vehicles that have not moved were discussed. The village reminds residents that they are available to assist in taking old vehicles to North Platte and encourage

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Scholarship Blood Drive

A Stapleton community scholarship blood drive is planned for Wednesday, March 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

The blood supply in the U.S. is now at its lowest level in over a decade. Many of the nation's blood centers currently have only a one-day supply of some blood types in inventory. This is dangerous because blood transfusions are needed for many surgeries.

Blood donors are lifesaving heroes and at this special blood drive, they also have the opportunity to help high school seniors earn scholarships through the American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are awarded students who demonstrate leadership in the coordination of blood drives for their high school's blood program.

You may call the school at 308-636-2252 to make an appointment.

Donate in March and get a \$10.00 Visa Prepaid Card by email, plus the chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses. You could be one of five lucky winners. Lend an arm; we'll lend a hand.

Remember hope begins with you.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
4	51	28	0
5	43	28	0
6	56	31	0
7	32	25	0
8	28	24	0
9	28	23	.07
10	32	10	.29

Observations: .5" of snow fell on March 9 and 2.4" on March 10. Fog was recorded on March 7 from 8:30 to 9:30.

Kindergarten Round-up

Kindergarten Round-up will be held at SPS on Friday, March 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. See ad inside this issue for complete schedule.

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Event Calendar

March 17 - No School; Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
March 20 - Stapleton Public School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
March 22 - Blood Drive at Stapleton Community Center

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