

SCMD to observe 6th anniversary

A lot has transpired over the past six years and Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will be observing its 6th anniversary and annual meeting Saturday, April 1. Lunch will be served at noon at the Stapleton Community Center and the annual shareholders meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

What started out as a call to Jim Crandall, cooperative business development specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (now retired) has brought Logan County residents to this point, a time to celebrate six years of providing groceries to area residents.

The locally owned grocery store will offer their 5% shareholder discount on Saturday and will have in-store specials to commemorate the anniversary of the store that officially opened March 12, 2017.

SCMD is a well-documented success story. During the past six years the store has continued to prove to be a valuable asset to the community. The building was purchased by the cooperative, a new five-door cooler has been installed and energy efficient lighting that is saving on electrical costs.

Pam Schaeffer has been the store manager since October of 2018 and served on the board of directors before taking over managerial duties.

The store was greatly helped during COVID-19 as people stayed home

and shopped locally. The store's slogan "Your Community, Your Store," instills in residents that everyone has an impact on this business.

Cindy Houlden, Cooperative Development Specialist, Nebraska Cooperative Development Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been working with individuals who have signed up for various committees to aid in the success of the store and add possible income stream sources.

The store has added helium balloons and these are now available for events and celebrations. New products have been added and there is always something ready for quick meals in the cooler section.

SCMD offers advertised and in-store specials, subsandwiches, a Thursday noon meal special, and specialty coffees and smoothies. Flowers by Munson's Floral Design are always available.

Items on the agenda for the shareholders meeting will be election of two board of directors. The terms of Tom Johnson, president, and Marcia Hora, secretary, are up for election. Other board of directors are Nathan Weems, treasurer, Jason Trimble, Dan Beckius, Janet Boeser, and Jack Brummet.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the meal and shareholders to stay for the annual meeting.

Community Fish Fry



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The Knights of Columbus held a community fish fry, Friday, March 17, at the Stapleton Community Center. A good crowd was in attendance to enjoy the hand-breaded fish, homemade french fries, au gratin potatoes, homemade salads and desserts and dinner rolls. Those pictured serving are l-r: Cody Sierks, John Beshaler, Todd Walz, Ivan Schacher and Jim Opela. Proceeds from the fish fry will be used for Knights charities.



These "leprechauns" turned up for the annual community fish fry which fell on St. Patrick's Day this year, Friday, March 17. Ann Wells seated and Karen Brosius were among the many people on hand in the community center.



Pictured above, Jayce Doyle, Rex Walz, Nick Klosen, and Bob Doyle cook up the fish in windy and chilly weather conditions.

Others assisting were Jason Johnston, Toby Kinderknecht, Charles Foran and Dan Eastburn. Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families. The next community fish fry will be held March 24 at St. Agnes Parish Hall, Arnold.

Stapleton Speech Team Finishes Season

The Stapleton High School speech team concluded a very successful 2023 season with five members competing at the NSAA state speech meet.

Cayson Johnston brought home a state medal for Stapleton. He received sixth place in Extemporaneous Speaking. This was Cayson's first trip to state speech. Extemporaneous is a tough event and competitors are required to write a 5-7 minute argumentative speech on a drawn topic, usually political in nature. Cayson had to write and perform four speeches to earn his sixth place medal.

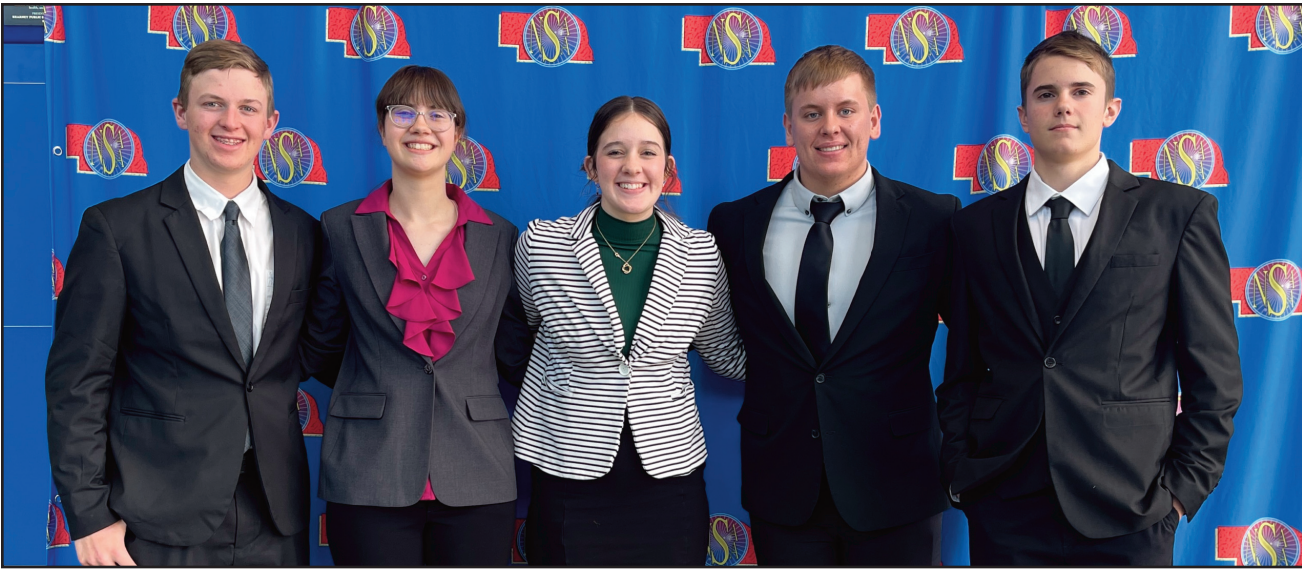
The other students per-

formed very well against some very tough competition in their three preliminary rounds.

Tessa Hansen nearly made finals in POI and this was decided by a tie breaker. She received seventh place overall.

Tad Dimmitt was also very close to making finals in Persuasive Speaking. He received eighth place overall. This was Tessa and Tad's second year at State Speech, but they were competing in different events.

Also competing for their first year at state were Emmalee Nicholson in Poetry and Cameron Berliner in Serious Prose.



COURTESY

Stapleton's speech team concluded their season at state, pictured l-r: Cayson Johnston, Tessa Hansen, Emmalee Nicholson, Tad Dimmitt and Cameron Berliner.

Chili Cook-Off Contest

Stapleton's annual chili cook-off contest will take place Saturday, March 25, at the Vet's Club. Entries need to be in by 6:00 p.m. and judging is at 6:30 p.m. There are two divisions – hot and mild.

The cook-off will be open to the public for tasting at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 cover charge. Join in on the fun of karaoke and card games.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten round-up has been set for Friday, March 24 at Stapleton Public Schools.

Meet and greet in the Kindergarten classroom from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. Students will have fun activities in the classroom and play time. Parents will be able to take a tour of the school and have time to fill out paperwork outside of the classroom. Lynnsey Williams will be available to answer questions about forms. A picture will be taken for the newspaper. See last week's issue for complete schedule.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
11	32	11	.10
12	51	19	0
13	35	14	0
14	40	14	0
15	61	25	0
16	71	25	.22
17	38	21	.01

Observations: .10" of moisture on March 11; 0.22" of moisture in 0.7" of snow on March 16; and 0.01" of moisture in 0.1" of snow on March 17.

Wind chill of 6 degrees at 8:53 a.m. on March 12 with 29 mph wind at 11:37 a.m. Wind chill of 10 degrees at 4:30 a.m. on March 13.

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Event Calendar

March 24 - Kindergarten Round-up @ Stapleton Public Schools, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; Poker, 7:00 Vet's Club
March 27 - Poker, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
March 28 - Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, noon, Stapleton Community Center
March 31 - Poker, 7:00 p.m. Vet's Club

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