



Counties a better place thanks to Childers Fund

The legacy left by Bob and Susan Childers was celebrated when over 100 residents of Hooker, Logan, McPherson and Thomas counties came together Wednesday, April 26 at the Seneca Auditorium.

Bob and Susan married in 1968 and lived and worked in the Nebraska Sandhills raising cattle and hogs. Their house was in Thomas County, their barn in Hooker County, and their land was in the four counties of Thomas, Hooker, Logan and McPherson.

The couple worked hard all their lives and Susan inherited some assets from her family that added to their holdings. During their lives they were generous contributors to worthy causes. Having no children they began visiting with Eric Seacrest, executive director of Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation to leave a legacy to the Sandhills area and provide assistance to people living here.

Susan died in June of 2019 and Bob a few months later in 2020.

Eric Seacrest gave a history of the foundation which is celebrating 45 years of charitable impact.

"There are 300 grants we oversee providing scholarships and funding projects for non-profits," Seacrest said. "Bob and



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A large crowd was on hand to celebrate the legacy of Bob and Susan Childers in Seneca on April 26.

Susan bequeathed \$16 million to our foundation and it is the largest single amount to date. They had stipulations it would go to benefit projects within the four counties and they wanted to permanently preserve principal that would generate funding for projects now and in the future. Gifting began in 2020 with \$5,500 for two awarded projects. In the first three months of 2023 we awarded \$73,000. To date \$200,000 has been gifted." Organizations with

501c3 status may go on-line and apply for funding. Seacrest was assisted in answering questions about the foundation by MNCF staff and board members including board president, Joe Staroksa. Board member, Dan O'Neill closed out the day with a tribute in song to the legacy left by Bob and Susan to the tune of Glen Campbell's 'Rhinestone Cowboy.' Recent betterment grants from the Bob & Susan Childers Funds include:

2020
Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, COVID Safety for Visitors - \$1,500
Village of Stapleton, Recycling Building - \$4,000
2021
Thedford Golf Association - Greens Mower - \$7,000
Thomas County Fair Board, Event Building Flooring - \$12,000
Logan County Agricultural Society - Finish large room at Logan County Fairgrounds - \$4,000

Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department - Chassis for fire truck for grass fires - \$20,000
Thomas County Airport - Aviation fuel service expansion - \$10,000
Village of Stapleton - Sidewalks with handicap ramps - \$4,000
2022
Mullen Hospital District - Replace roof on nursing home - \$35,000
United Methodist Church - Repair Seneca Auditorium entrance - \$8,600

Thedford Golf Association - Upgrade fairway irrigation system - \$5,000
Great Plains Health - Improve Mullen Clinic facility - \$3,600
Thomas County Fair Board - New bleacher & shade renovation - \$22,500
West Central District Health Department - First Aid/CPR/AED Community Training - \$4,600
Thedford Rural Fire Protection District - Fire & tornado siren - \$11,000
Thedford Volunteer Rescue Squad - Stryker ambulance cot - \$5,000
Village of Stapleton - New dumpsters - \$6,000
2023 (through March)
Hooker County Community Foundation - Cedarview Cemetery street repairs - \$20,000
Sandhills Resource Conservation & Development - Computers and software upgrade - \$3,000
Village of Stapleton - Sewer lift station control panel - \$30,000
Village of Thedford - Replace three fire hydrants - \$20,000
Lunch was catered by Gregg and Dawn Mallory, owners of Chuck Wagon 'n Jug of Mullen and was paid for through the administrative funds of the MNCF.
For more information on how to apply for a betterment grant go to mid-nebraskafoundation.org and look for the "Grants" tab.

Farmer's Market a reality beginning June 1

MARCIA HORA

An update on the Farmer's Market, garage sale day, and Welcome to Stapleton banners being put up were on the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce's agenda for the April 25 meeting.

Membership to date stands at 57 and those in attendance heard a report

on the Easter egg hunt and clean-up day.

Stapleton will have a Farmer's Market on Thursday afternoons beginning June 1. Everyone is welcome to set up with their garden produce, flowers, baked goods, crafts, and flea market items at 5:30 p.m. and the market will be open until 5:30 p.m. or later if there are enough customers. If

you are interested in participating you may fill out forms at Frey's General Store, Community First Bank and Creative Printers or call or text Cindy Frey at 308-636-6055 or email freycindy59@yahoo.com.

Stapleton will be on sale Saturday, June 10, and if you are planning on having a sale this year you may contact Creative

Printers at 308-636-2444 to get on the list for advertising.

Welcome to Stapleton banners will be put back up on poles. Veterans have been contacted to see if they could assist with putting up the flags on the lighted poles as has been done in the past. The avenue of flags began in 1996 when the Stapleton Chamber purchased

24 flags and holders and flags were up and flying in July of that year. It is hoped that this project can be coordinated again.

Ribbon cuttings will be held Saturday, May 20 for The Guest House, the Village of Stapleton recycling center, and Sandhills Equine - Morgan Hecox. Steve Benell of The Guest House will be the first ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m.

followed by the recycling center and Sandhills Equine. Steve is also planning a come-and-go open house that day so that people can view the airbnb rental property located in Stapleton.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be Thursday, May 23 at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

Veterans host spaghetti feed to raise funds

American Legion Post 324 and V.F.W. Post 8258 hosted a spaghetti feed Friday, April 25 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Stapleton to raise funds for the building.

The event also showcased the kitchen that was recently remodeled and gave people in the community an opportunity to see the work that has been completed.

Veterans are continuing to raise funds to make further improvements to the building and thanked everyone for their attendance and support at the recent fund-raising event.

They are sponsoring a "Veteran's Tribute" gator raffle and proceeds will go towards additional improvements. Tickets are \$50.00 each and may be purchased by contacting Dan Kramer, Richard Cook, or any post member. You do not need to be present to win and the drawing will take place on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2023. Donations will go towards tuck-pointing and work on the south side of the building.

Dave Decker provided entertainment that was enjoyed by those in attendance. See picture inside this issue on page 18.

Pictured at right, Dave Olson and Dan Kramer serve up spaghetti, sauce and salad at the fund raiser. Madge Kovanda cooks up pasta in the newly renovated kitchen.



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Dog License Renewal Time

Village of Stapleton dog licenses are due June 1. A license for all dogs is required within the village limits. Please provide a copy of your dogs rabies vaccination records when you license your pets.

Bierman Vet Services will be at the Stapleton Park Shelter June 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. offering a small animal shot clinic. Stacey Anderson, Village Clerk, will be on hand to issue licenses.

Cornerstone Bible Study

Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Stapleton will begin a Wednesday evening Bible study on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Come join and learn about encountering the greatness of God in Worship.

The group will be studying the book "Worship Matters, Leading Others to Encounter the Greatness of God" by Bob Kauflin.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
29	57	32	0
30	69	31	0
1	60	28	0
2	67	27	0
3	69	28	0
4	79	36	0
5	84	49	1.15
6	75	46	1.22

Observations: Thunder on May 5th and 6th.
Total Moisture For April: 0.21" Snow: 02"
Total Moisture To Date: 5.41"
Average Annual Moisture 2004-2022: 23.60"

Stapleton's On Sale
Saturday, June 10

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