

Kid Scoop News Delivered To Local Schools

The importance of reading is well-known. Students who read have improved vocabulary and critical thinking skills, better grades and confidence, enhanced writing skills and readers develop into leaders.

Knowing the benefits reading can make in a young student and to foster a love of newspapers, the Nebraska Press Association, Nebraska Press Advertising Service - One Press and the Nebraska Press Association Foundation launched Kid Scoop News in the fall of 2021.

Students in grades third, fourth and fifth in the northeastern part of the state were the first to receive the well-known children's feature service at no charge to schools.

The Nebraska Association was one of the pilot programs to partner with Vicki Whiting to promote community newspapers and reading.

Whiting taught her third-grade class during the 1990 school year and realized there was no social studies curriculum to teach children about their local community. When she asked students how to learn about their community - they answered, "Newspapers."



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Third graders at Stapleton Public Schools were excited to receive the May issue of Kid Scoop News. Pictured front row, l-r: Ofelia Tello, Lilly Kleist, Liam Barnhill, Raymond Webster and Izzy Cosler. Back row, l-r: Duke Joedeman, Leo Walz, Joei Stewart, Brandon Frey, Luke Frey, and Mrs. Lacy Kinderknecht. Not pictured: Zoey Shottenkirk.

Students in every school in Nebraska were able to receive a copy of the May, 2023 edition, including Stapleton, Thedford, and McPherson County schools. It included a special Homestead National Historical Park Section

telling important stories about how the Homestead Act of 1862 changed the world by offering people around the world a chance to get free land.

The 28-page color newspaper is also packed with information about Memo-

rial Day, a keepsake flower to make for mom, puzzles, and an activity calendar.

Marcia Hora, publisher of *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County*

News and *Thomas County Herald* said she was thrilled students in our local schools were able to receive a copy.

"The purpose of Kid Scoop News is to give

schools quality educational material at no cost to school districts. Nebraska Press started the program in the north central part of the state through charitable donations and the Nebraska Press Association Foundation. It is our goal to make the publication available statewide beginning in the fall of 2023."

Students at Stapleton Public Schools were very excited to receive their very own copy and Lacy Kinderknecht, third grade teacher, said it would be a useful tool in her classroom.

Violet Spader, Nebraska Press Association Marketing Director said third grade is when students make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn and it is important to bring resources to encourage children to develop a love for reading.

"Community newspapers have always been Nebraskans' most trusted source of local news and our member newspapers are proud to continue that tradition of trust through Kid Scoop News to the next generation of readers," Spader said.

Amos awarded \$2,000 NPA Foundation Scholarship

Megan Amos, a freshman at the University of Wyoming and the daughter of Jim and Kennetha Amos of Stapleton, has been awarded a \$2,000.00 scholarship from the Nebraska Press Association Foundation. In addition to one collegiate scholarship, three high school students were selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Scholarship recipients were announced at the 2023 Nebraska Press Association Convention Awards Luncheon in Lincoln on Saturday, April 15.

Under the established Foundation guidelines, scholarship applicants must be Nebraska high school graduates who will be enrolled, either as incoming freshmen or upper classmen, at a Nebraska-based or out-of-state college or university, with a specific interest or major in community journalism or agricultural communications.

The three high school scholarship recipients were Emma Bullerman, Aurora, Claire Coulter, Ravenna, and Madalynn Graham, Laurel.

Member newspapers of the Nebraska Press Asso-



ciation join in sponsoring the competition by promoting the scholarship opportunities in their communities.

Amos is majoring in journalism at the University of Wyoming. She has also accepted an internship with the Oral Communications Center at the University, consulting and tutoring students in speech presentation and will begin in the fall of 2023 working for High Point CPA, Laramie, as an administrative intern.

Megan is enrolled in media writing classes and is majoring in agricultural communications with an ag business minor.

She was a valued em-

ployee at Creative Printers for four years while attending Stapleton High School and in a letter of recommendation, Marcia Hora, publisher said "Megan is a dedicated, self motivated individual with a very strong work ethic. She maintained a 4.0 GPA during high school and continues to be on the college honor roll."

Emma Bullerman will graduate from Aurora High School in May 2023. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying journalism. She is the daughter of Michelle and Mike Bullerman of Aurora.

Claire Coulter will graduate from Ravenna High School in May 2023. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha, studying journalism. She is the daughter of Liz and Jeff Coulter of Ravenna.

Madalynn Graham will graduate from Laurel-Concord-Coleridge High School in May 2023. She plans to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, studying agricultural communications. She is the daughter of Melissa and Jonathan Graham of Laurel.

MCHS Class Of 2023 Ventures Into The Future

The McPherson County High School Class of 2023 took one last walk across the stage at McPherson County High School in Tryon on Saturday, May 6.

Four students received their diplomas in front of a packed house.

Kinnley Powers gave the opening remarks, which was followed by Stephanie Kincaid giving the salutatorian address.

Presentation of scholarships was by Renee Connell, MCS guidance counselor and Nastacia Waddell gave the valedictorian address.

A flower presentation of the class flowers, red and white roses, was given by the Class of 2023 and the class shared their slide presentation.

Guest speaker was Luke Connell and Kami Florea, principal, presented the Class of 2023.

Diplomas were handed out by Tim Vanderheiden, Superintendent and Lana Watson, McPherson County School Board President.

Closing remarks were given by Nastacia Waddell.

"The Class Motto was 'What lies behind us and what lies before are small matters compared to what lies within.'" -Ralph Emerson



The McPherson County High School Class of 2023 pictured above, back row, l-r: Nastacia Tage Waddell, valedictorian; and Kinnley Nadine Powers. Front row, l-r: Ethan Cade Schmidt and Stephanie Lynn Kincaid, salutatorian.

Class song was Five More Minutes by Scotty McCreery and the class colors were red and white.

Future plans of each student and what scholar-

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Chamber Ribbon Cuttings

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate three new businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies Saturday, May 20. The ribbon will be cut at the Guest House, 308 G Street, at 10:00 a.m. Steve Benell will also have an open house that day so you can see his airbnb. The Village of Stapleton Recycling Center's cutting will take place at 10:30 a.m. and Sandhills Equine - Morgan Hecox at 11:00 a.m. at the South Loup Seed, LLC location on the north edge of town.

Women's Retreat At Gandy

Gandy Bible Church will host a women's retreat featuring three sessions of teaching and dramas from Di Mathis and Courtney Lee, a mother/daughter speaking duo from Lincoln.

The retreat will be held Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and lunch and babysitting provided.

Discover the character traits of Godly Gals and engage with three women from the early church - Sapphira, Priscilla, and Lydia. RSVP to Norna Scott at 308-636-6034.

Weather

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7	73	46	.01
8	75	45	.10
9	77	50	T
10	70	50	.99
11	57	53	.31
12	65	51	.68
Observations: Thunder on May 7th, May 9th, May 10th, May 11th and May 12. Pea size hail on May 9.			
Wind: 52 mph at 9:08 p.m., May 10th, and 32 mph at 12:13 p.m. on May 12th.			

Stapleton's On Sale
Saturday, June 10
Call 308-636-2444
if you are having a sale

McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Save The Date For The Annual Firemen's BBQ
- Prairie Hills Senior Menu

Notices

- Notice Of Organization T&K Powell Services LLC
- McPherson County Commissioners Proceedings
- Village Of Gandy Board Proceedings
- McPherson Co. School District #90 Notice Of Non-Public Consultation Meeting
- School District R-1 Notice Of Non-Public Consultation Meeting
- Logan County Clerk Help Wanted
- Logan Co. Library Help Wanted
- Know What's Going On In Your Community

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