

New Librarian Begins Duties

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The retirement of long-time librarian Kathy Trimble was celebrated with a reception and a final game of Scrabble with the group last week. Trimble, who has served at the Logan County Library for nine years said she has enjoyed her time working in the community and at the library. Improvements have been made at the library in the way of new furniture, equipment, and computers thanks to grant funding. The library was recently designated as a silver status accredited public library.

“I have never been a librarian before and previously worked in a Bible book store,” Trimble said. “I don’t have a clue what I’m going to do in retirement, but I’m sure I will find something.”

Trimble and her husband, Dave, sold their home in Stapleton and moved to North Platte three years ago.

Julia Ramirez has now taken over the librarian position and said the job opportunity worked well with her growing family. Ramirez and her husband, Ash, purchased a home in Stapleton four years ago. They have two daughters, Lily, 8, and Brooklyn, 4. Ash is employed by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

“My official start date was July 6, but I have been working the past month under the guidance of Kathy,” Ramirez said. “I wasn’t planning on working outside the home, but this is a good fit for me. Our family is growing with our third baby on the way.”

Ramirez said she loves to read books and wants to introduce reading to her girls. She is also hoping to have at least one or possibly two more kid events this summer to promote the library and reading.

She is currently going through books and putting all books in the new system. Used books are offered at the annual book sale.

“We have a great selection of books, a computer, laptop and Cricut for personal use. I encourage everyone to stop in and see what the library has to offer and introduce themselves. I look forward to meeting you.”

The Logan County Library, located in the courthouse, is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



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Julia Ramirez, left, is the new Logan County librarian. Kathy Trimble was honored with a retirement reception on her last day and patrons were served refreshments in the library.



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Carol Burgess, Kathy Trimble, Ann Wells and Wanda Osnes have played Scrabble together every Thursday afternoon at the library since the group organized in April of 2022 in observance of National Scrabble Day.

Village Clean-Up Continues

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Clean-up of nuisance properties continues in the Village of Stapleton and the Velazquez/Rivas house has been demolished on E Street. The house had been damaged by fire and had been abandoned. Demolition and clean-up was completed by the village.

The board moved forward with condemnation on the Vicki Allen property. This was in place prior to renters moving in and the health board viewed the property and reported back to the board that the house is not liveable as there is no water or sewer. There is a back lien against the property due to the Village of Stapleton in the amount of \$1,630.35. Two liens have also been placed against the property at the Logan County Courthouse. The condemnation process was also

started on the Russell Lockwood property at the south end of C Street.

The village board held a second reading of the emergency snow route and the peddler ordinance was approved at the regular June meeting.

Sheriff Sean Carson reported a street sign had been stolen, there was a dog incident, a patron was using trash and sewer without payment, a scam was reported, the health board met to discuss condemnation of property, there was a warrant for an individual’s arrest, and a dog was reported running down the street unattended.

Velda Cassell requested three Special Designated Licenses for the Vet’s Club for street dances on July 7, August 4, and August 19. All three were approved.

Livestock applications for chickens were approved for Bryan

Higgins, Chayton Crow, and Steve and Cindy Frey.

The contract with the Logan County Sheriff was approved with one dissenting vote and there were no changes from last year’s contract that runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

A request for more sound proofing in the large room of the Stapleton Community Center was addressed. It was agreed that there would be no way to add sound proofing except by carpeting the room that would cover up the bowling lane wood which makes the room unique.

Board trustees Steve Kramer and Anita Harwager volunteered to help review and work on updating current ordinances.

The yearly review of the clerk was conducted and the board voted unanimously to increase her wage by \$2.00 per hour effective July 1, 2023.

Arnold stop on July 6 ‘Fly-Around’ tour



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Governor Pille addresses those in attendance at the Arnold Community Center and answered questions about the lack of broadband in the area.

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Arnold was one of the stops on the July 6 ‘Fly-Around’ tour as Governor Jim Pille provided the public an opportunity to learn about broadband programs and build out and provide input into digital access, affordability, and need for technical skills resources to create equitable distribution of broadband in the state. Governor Pille re-

cently announced the appointment of Patrick Haggerty as the state’s first broadband director. Haggerty will lead the Nebraska Broadband Office established by Executive Order No. 23-02 and LB 683, which will coordinate broadband deployment across Nebraska.

Governor Pille established the Office of the Director of Broadband as part of his executive Cabinet.

K.C. Belitz, Department of Economic Development (DED), and Vicki Kramer, Director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (DOT) accompanied Governor Pille and Haggerty.

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Blood Drive

The Stapleton High School Scholarship Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 17. The drive will be held at the Stapleton Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call or text Ethan at 308-636-6952 to make an appointment.

Give July 17 through 31 for an exclusive Shark Week shirt from Discovery, while supplies last.

Logan County Queen Contest

The Logan County queen contest will be held biannually due to low numbers and date changes in the fair. The contest will be held in 2024 and the committee will resume planning and fundraising after the first of the year. For more information you may contact Ellen Kenner at 308-636-2328.

Lone Valley Club Meeting

Lone Valley Club will meet Sunday, July 16, 2023 at the Stapleton Community Center Senior Friendship Room with Harry and Connie Russell as hosts. Noon carry-in lunch followed by meeting.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
July 1	78	55	.05
2	77	55	.07
3	88	59	0
4	89	61	0
5	82	56	.05
6	62	52	.19
7	68	54	.75
8	79	52	0
Observations: Fog was observed on July 1. Thunder was recorded on July 7. Dense Fog was observed on July 8.			

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