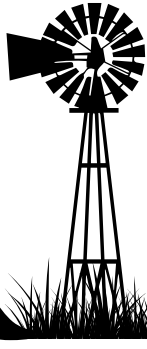


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FINAL EDITION. That's the front page headline of the August 17, 2023 edition of the Norfolk Daily News. The headline was used to attract reader attention. It was NOT the final edition of the newspaper, but all across our country our freedom as citizens is at risk.

Freedom of the press is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, but it will be greatly diminished if there is no local, community newspaper for citizens to rely upon, said Kent Warneke in the front page article.

Since 2005, more than 25% of U.S. newspapers have ceased publication. That has contributed to an estimated 70 million Americans living in what is known as a "news desert," where there is no or just one local news source in a community or county.

The American Journalism Project recently spoke with about 5,000 Americans located across the U.S. about their journalism preferences, and several themes emerged:

- People want more local news, with the emphasis on local.
- People want a shared, trusted source of facts.
- People want the full story of their communities to be told.
- People want to know about decisions before they're made, and they want decision-makers to be accountable for outcomes.
- People want to see themselves in the news.

Those five tenets are what the Daily News strives to provide, but here at our local newspaper office just like at the Norfolk newspaper, it's proving more challenging in a changing world and the proliferation of social media.

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Or is it?

COURTESY PHOTO

This attention grabbing headline was featured on the front page of the Norfolk Daily News on the issue dated August 17, 2023. It was not their final edition, but for many hometown community newspapers in America this is a cold hard reality.

quality, local journalism, not only will communities suffer, but so will democracy in the U.S. as a whole.

Free press is known as the "Fourth Pillar" of

democracy along with the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

While the August 17, 2023 edition was not

their last at the Norfolk Daily News, it is the headline being written on newspapers throughout the country.

As the events continue

to unfold at the Marion County Record in Kansas the entire country is watching to see how the first amendment will be upheld.

J.D. Gator Raffle

Stapleton V.F.W. Post 8258 and American Legion Post 324 are sponsoring a raffle with proceeds going towards Veteran's Memorial Building projects.

The John Deere four wheel drive honor edition crossover utility vehicle features a three person cockpit with full doors and windows, power steering with sport steering wheel, air conditioning and heating, cargo box powerlift, brush guard and black alloy wheels, and up to

4,000 lbs. towing capacity.

The drawing will be held Pearl Harbor Day - December 7, 2023.

For tickets you may contact Rich Cook, Dan Kramer, Justin Rahn, or David Olson, North Platte by calling 308-520-3870. Tickets are also on sale at the Vet's Club in Stapleton.

Veterans thank you in advance for your support of this raffle and all donations that go towards building remodeling projects.

Pop-Up Thrift Shop

The "Let's Make A Splash For Our Kids" committee will be sponsoring a "Pop Up Thrift Shop" inside the Stapleton Community Center. The shop will be set up Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24.

The committee is asking for donated items from community members

and also invite everyone in the area to stop in and shop.

You may drop off items at the Stapleton Community Center on September 21 so they can be organized for the sale the next day.

The committee thanks you for your support in donating items and for shopping.

23rd running of the SORC

Two life number holders who have been in every race since its inception, were back in competition at the 23rd annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge in Arnold.

The SORC, one mile shoot out and Loup 2 Loup open road race were held August 10, 11 and 12.

Joe Shown, driving car #1 and Wayne Hora, driving car #5, both of Stapleton, were on the starting line as usual. Shown's navigator was Bob Mann and Hora's navigator was Megan Evenson.

Hora clocked in passes of 166.9, 166.2 and 166.6 in the one mile shoot-out with his 1990 ZR1 Corvette. The car has been in the competition for 22 years.

Hora and Evenson finished sixth in the 100 mile per hour class in the

SORC with -00.03.358 from perfect.

Shown and Mann competed in the 110 mile per hour class and were -00.38.797 from perfect.

Shown and Brent Anderson teamed up to run in the 95 mile per hour class in the Loup 2 Loup and were +00:21.339 from perfect.

The first SORC was held in Arnold in August 2001. Thirty-four drivers came from 17 states to participate in the first event of its kind ever held in Nebraska. The event now sells out its grid of 120 each year on the first day of registration. Entry fees and sponsorship revenue is donated to improve the community and provide scholarships. In 2017, SORC donations exceeded \$1 million to such projects.

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The Stapleton Enterprise

Stapleton Public Schools hosted an open house Thursday evening, August 17. School tours were given, students and parents were invited to meet with teachers and view classrooms, and a meal was served by the Stapleton Booster Club.

In addition to the new teachers and two new principals this year, there will be a new face in the school office. Klara Dailley has taken over as office manager. Cherie Kramer is a new para-educator and will assist with junior high volleyball. School is officially underway and a new sports season set to begin.



The Stapleton Booster Club welcomed back students, faculty, staff, and parents by serving a meal at the Stapleton Public Schools open house held Thursday, August 17. Pictured, l-r: Patrick Hynes, Superintendent Redinger, Missy Kramer, Tim Karn, Makadyn Knievel, and Diane Knievel.



Ms. Gentry Barner is the new Kindergarten teacher.



Mr. Josh Deines is the new physical education and junior high football coach.



Mrs. Megan Jones is the new sixth grade teacher.



Mrs. Bobbi Isom, left, is the new Stapleton elementary principal and Mr. Jeremiah Johnson is the secondary principal and athletic director. They were on hand to individually greet parents and students at the open house. They said the first day of school went very well and are excited to begin their new duties at SPS.

CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY

Maverick games will be streamed on a new page from Hudl. The page offers fans even more features. Click on the link at the top of the school website. Grades 10 thru 12 will be converting from Chromebooks to Macbooks.

Lone Valley Club To Meet In September

The Lone Valley Club will meet for a no-host lunch and meeting at noon on Sunday, September 10, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Stapleton Senior Friendship room in the Stapleton Community Center.

Special Splash Pad 101

A Splash Pad 101 meeting with Commercial Recreation Specialists has been set for Monday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. This is an informational meeting about splash pads. You are welcome to come down to the Stapleton Community Center for the video call and learn more about splash pads.

Weather

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Persistent haze has been observed daily.



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