

Experienced Harvest Crew

Marcia Hora

They say age is just a number. It's certainly true of the Wells Enterprise harvest crew.

Owner, Ann Wells, 98, still enjoys harvest time and riding in the combine. After the death of her husband, Richard in 1999, Ann vowed to keep the farm and ranch operation going and as harvest winds down in 2023, she reports it is still going really well. Although she sold the State Bank of Bartley, Ann has taken an active roll in the farm and ranch operation. She adds she is very happy with her decision.

"I'm very content to live in my home on the ranch and go out and see what's going on at the farm."

Farm manager, Wayne Hora, started at Wells Enterprise on October 17, 1981. He moved up to manager and continues in that capacity today. Approaching his 70th birthday next month, Wayne said he will continue to farm as long as possible. He is passionate about farming, making improvements and moving the operation forward.

Then there's the grain cart driver, Bill Jividen. Bill has been driving

the grain cart for 25 years. He went skydiving last year at 89. He celebrated his 90th birthday in October and shows up every day right on time to hop in the tractor.

Dick Pipal, 77, drives the truck and hauls grain to the Logan and North Platte facilities.

The "newbies" at Wells Enterprise are Eric Garrelts, 32, and Jayce Doyle, 24. These two young guys have stepped up and are learning the farm and ranch operation.

Wells Enterprise is seeing very good yields as they did not have any hail on their fields.

Skip Hecox of Pioneer Seed said there was a lot of hail in the area and with the heat in August, yields have been variable.

"Farmers had a lot to contend with this season in the way of hail, wind and heat."

Many of the factors that pushed prices of agricultural commodities to record or near-record levels in 2022 have reversed, or at least moderated, in 2023. Based on November 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2023 corn crop is forecast at 1.66 billion bushels, up 14% from last year's production.



FAITH LEETCH

Faith Leetch captured this beautiful harvest photo on the Wells Enterprise farm last year. The same crew is back at it in 2023 as corn harvest winds down.

Quota Exceeded



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Jenni Joedeman, guidance counselor at Stapleton Public Schools, was one of those rolling up her sleeve at the November blood drive.

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The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was set up in the Stapleton Community Center for the November 15 blood drive and 29 units were collected. This exceeded the goal of 20 units and Bea Gaites, blood drive coordinator said she was very pleased with the turnout and thanked each one for giving the

gift of life during a very busy time of year.

There were 26 donors, including four "Power Red" donations and one first time donor. Will Sisson reached the two gallon milestone.

The next blood drive will be January 10, 2024 at the Stapleton Community Center. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you then.



BEA GAITES

Conner Weekly donates at the November 15 blood drive and was one of the four "Power Red" donors. Conner is a Stapleton High School graduate and now is serving in the National Guard Army.

Only Six Months Until May 2024 Statewide Primary

Six months from today, Nebraskans will head to the polls to cast their ballots in the statewide primary, however, with a new voter ID law, Nebraskans should start preparing for the primary now. The Secretary of State's office reminds voters that voter ID will take effect for the May 14, 2024, statewide primary and will be in effect for every election in Nebraska after that.

"Nebraska's elections will look a little different for the 2024 statewide primary and going forward," Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "Nebraskans should take some time now to prepare a voting plan ahead of the statewide primary. Our election officials are working diligently to implement the state's new voter ID law. Having prepared voters will help ensure a smooth and successful start."

Under Nebraska's new voter ID law, registered voters must present a valid photo ID for their vote to county. Nebraskans can use any of the IDs listed below for voting:

- Nebraska driver's license or state ID
- Nebraska college or university ID (public or private)
- Nebraska political subdivision ID (state/county/city/public school ID)
- Passport
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Hospital, assisted living facility, nursing home or any other skilled care facility record

According to research conducted by the Secretary of State's office, more than 97% of Nebraskans have either a

Nebraska driver's license or a Nebraska state ID. Either can be used to vote under the voter ID law.

People can get a free state ID for voting purposes from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If the person was born in Nebraska and needs a free certified copy of their Nebraska birth certificate to get a free state ID, they can contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). A birth certificate is not a valid form of voter ID.

There is no special "Voter ID card" issued by

the Secretary of State's office. Some states have specific Voter ID cards for their voter ID law; Nebraska does not.

There is preliminary voter ID educational material on the sos.nebraska.gov website. There will be more educational resources and events published and advertised in 2024.

The Secretary of State's office reminds voters to use trusted sources for election information, such as information distributed from the Secretary of State's office or a

Nebraska county election office. We anticipate that misinformation about elections will increase in 2024. It's important to verify claims that come up in election-related articles and social media posts. Reach out to your county election office or the Secretary of State's office for your questions and concerns.

Nebraskans are encouraged to serve as poll workers. You may contact your local county clerk's office for more information on how you can help Nebraskans vote in 2024.

Countdown To Election

- January 5 - Candidate filing begins
- January 15 - First day county election offices can accept early voting ballot requests
- April 8 - County election offices begin mailing out early voting ballots
- April 15 - First day to vote in-person at the county election office
- April 29 - Last day to register to vote online, at the DMV, at the Department of Education, at DHHS, by deputy registrar or by mail (postmark)
- May 3 - Last day to register to vote in-person at the county election office
- May 13 - Last day to vote early in-person at the county election office
- May 14 - Primary election day (Polls are open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. CT and 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. MT)
- May 14 - Last day to return an early voting ballot to the county election office (by 8 p.m. CT/7 p.m. MT)

New this year: May 21 - Last day for a voter to present their valid ID to their county election office if they didn't have their ID at the polls.

Under Nebraska's new voter ID law, registered voters must present a valid photo ID for their vote to count.



Lone Valley Club Christmas Meeting

Lone Valley Club will hold a Christmas meeting December 3 at "noonish" at Eldon and Kathy Starr's. Don't forget secret pal gifts, goody bag stuff and men's gift exchange.

Calling All Pets

You know how cute and adoreable you are and you could win this contest. Get your human to send us your best photo and you will be featured in a January special section of our newspapers. Remind your human to send us your name, breed (if known), any other pertinent information about yourself, and who you take care of. Winner will receive \$100.00 in bucks to be spent in Stapleton or Thedford. Deadline to submit pictures and information is December 15, 2023.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
4	67	42	.05
5	64	39	0
6	68	36	0
7	69	36	0
8	65	37	0
9	59	26	0
10	55	17	0
11	58	22	0
12	62	29	0

Fog was observed at mid-morning on November 7

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