

Stapleton One-Act team continues State tradition



MELODY HANSEN

Stapleton High School's one-act team with their D1-6 championship plaque. Pictured in back with certificate is Cameron Berliner. Back row, l-r: Lily Sheets, Kamryn Kramer, Avery Weems, JP Zuniga, Allie Trimble, Noah Anderson, Mariah Duran, Danny Zuniga, Marianne Zuniga, Colin Rooney, Tessa Hansen, Cayson Johnston, Trinity Cassell, Ethan Weems, Peyton Moore, Elizabeth Fetty, Sheek Bruns, Kelsey Amos, and Kempfen Florea. Front row, l-r: Luella Joedeman, Danielle Burd, Lexi Hagan, Ani Trimble, Praylee Moore, and Hope Correll. In front, Cooper Layher.

Marcia Hora

Stapleton High School's one-act team will compete at state for the fourth consecutive year. Director Deanna Klosen said the cast and crew of "Went With The Wind" consists of a very talented group and they have been phenomenal in the way they have made improvements to make this production outstanding.

"They have natural ability and I am incredibly proud of each one of them. It's been a long season, but they just keep getting better and better. They used feedback to keep improving and we were ready for districts."

"Went With The Wind" by Richard Hawkins, is taken from a Carol Burnett show skit. Director Klosen contacted Hawkins and he agreed to have it made into a one-act play.

"After seeing the skit, I thought it would be perfect for our actors and actresses and it has proved to be a great hit and so successful," she added.

Melody Hansen helped co-direct again this year and set loading and unloading assistant was Robin Davis.

The team brought home the championship plaque from District D1-6 one acts in Ogallala. Second place went to South Platte; third to Callaway; fourth to Anselmo-Merna; fifth to Brady; and sixth to Overton.

Tessa Hansen won a gold medal for overall best actress. Outstanding acting awards went to

Tessa Hansen, Mariah Duran, Kelsey Amos, Cayson Johnston, Cameron Berliner and Sheek Bruns.

They also received second place in tech.

Director Klosen credited junior high students for stepping up and assisting with setting up the stage and Danielle Burd who is their one and only sound crew member as having done an exceptional job.

"All of our tech crew knows what to do and I couldn't be prouder of them. We had an issue at districts and our computer needed to be rebooted, but we made it in time and everything went smoothly after that."

The cast and crew of "Went With the Wind" is hoping to bring back first place this year. SHS one-act was runner-up in 2020 with "The Silence On Barbour Street." They finished in fifth place in 2021 with "Dinner & A Swashbuckling." Last year they received fourth place for "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas."

A complete run-down of this year's play productions:

November 3 - Cozad One Acts Workshop. Outstanding acting awards to Tessa Hansen, Mariah Duran, Cayson Johnston, Kelsey Amos, Cameron Berliner and Praylee Moore.

November 9 - Cozad One Acts Festival - Second place tech award. Outstanding acting awards to Tessa Hansen, Mariah Duran, Cayson Johnston, Kelsey Amos

and Cameron Berliner.

November 11 - Gothenburg One Acts Festival - Outstanding Comedy. Outstanding performance awards to Tessa Hansen, Mariah Duran, Daniel Zuniga, Cameron Berliner, and Allie Trimble. All Star Cast to Tessa Hansen and Mariah Duran (gold medal).

November 14 - MNAC Conference One Acts: MNAC Runner-Up. First to Arthur; second to Stapleton; third to Mullen. Best supporting actress award to Tessa Hansen. Outstanding performances to Tessa Hansen, Mariah Duran, Allie Trimble, Cayson Johnston, and Cameron Berliner.

Cast members are Starlet O'Hara, Tessa Hansen; Sissy, Mariah Duran; Brashley, Cayson Johnston; Melody, Kelsey Amos; Melody (sub), Allie Trimble; Ratt Butler, Cameron Berliner; Soldier/Minister, Daniel Zuniga; Beauregard, Kempfen Florea; Cotton, Noah Anderson; Billie Joe; Rhoshykee Bruns; Sign Holders, Elizabeth Fetty and Ellixis Hagan; dancers, Marianne Zuniga, Rhyoshykee Bruns, Peyton Moore, Noah Anderson, Daniel Zuniga, Rhayana Bruns, Ellixis Hagan, Ani Trimble, Kamryn Kramer, and Elizabeth Fetty; and Belle at the Ball 2, Praylee Moore.

Crew members are Danielle Burd, sound; Trinity Cassell, lights; Luella Joedeman and Juan Pablo Zuniga, spotlight; and Cooper Layher,

Ethan Weems, Colin Rooney, Luella Joedeman, Avery Weems, Hope Correll, Abilene Torez, and Lily Sheets, stage crew.

Whiley is new Postmaster

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Photo & Story

Duane Whiley is the new Stapleton, Arnold and Tryon Postmaster. He began his duties in the Stapleton Post Office on November 20 and replaces Judy Mulligan who is now the Mullen Postmaster.

Whiley is a native of Lyman, Iowa, having grown up on a farm there. He was a livestock trucker and hauled many cows in this area. He began his career with the United States Postal Service in Phoenix, Arizona in 1996 and also worked in the North Platte plant in 2006-2007. When the opportunity opened up for the postmaster position at Stapleton he applied to be closer to his family here.

Whiley has three sons, Ryan and wife, Sami, and their children Cecil, 3 and Creed, 7 months, and Trey live in North Platte and Wyatt lives in Hershey.

"We wanted to get closer to our family and this was the perfect opportunity for me," Postmaster Whiley said. "I am temporarily living with my son in North Platte and as soon as my wife, Robin can join me in May, we will be looking to purchase a home in the

A special thank you to the Stapleton Booster Club for helping with the annual soup and dessert show and to the parents

who have provided food for the fundraiser and

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Robin is currently a fifth and sixth grade math instructor in Phoenix and remains there to finish out the school year.

Whiley enjoys traveling, NASCAR, fishing and hunting. Along with his sons living in the North Platte area, his mother's family lives throughout the Sandhills. He will enjoy being able to spend time with them as well.

Judy Mulligan began her duties as Mullen Post-

master on September 27. She recently celebrated 30 years with the USPS and has been postmaster in Kilgore, Thedford, Hyannis and Stapleton.

Mulligan said the commute to Mullen is shorter than her drive to Stapleton. In addition to her duties as Mullen Postmaster, she is an Orientation Instructor at the post office in North Platte as needed for new hires. She is also a member of the United Postmasters and Managers of America.

Chamber Meets

A recap of Be Merry & Bright, the Halloween dance, and the upcoming annual meeting were topics of discussion at the regular Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held Monday, November 27, at the Stapleton Community Center.

The Halloween dance, coordinated by Junior Chamber members brought in \$228.00 to the Chamber treasury.

Junior Chamber members will be coordinating Santa's visit Thursday, December 7 at Stapleton Public Schools. This will be held during the annual music programs and Community First will be providing candy canes.

Chamber will not be meeting in December. The annual Chamber Bucks Blitz drawing will be held Monday, December 18 at Frey's General Store.

Chamber's annual meeting was set for Monday, January 29 at the Stapleton Community Center. The potato bar meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment to follow. Dues for 2024 will be \$50.00. Be watching for your annual Chamber membership letter.

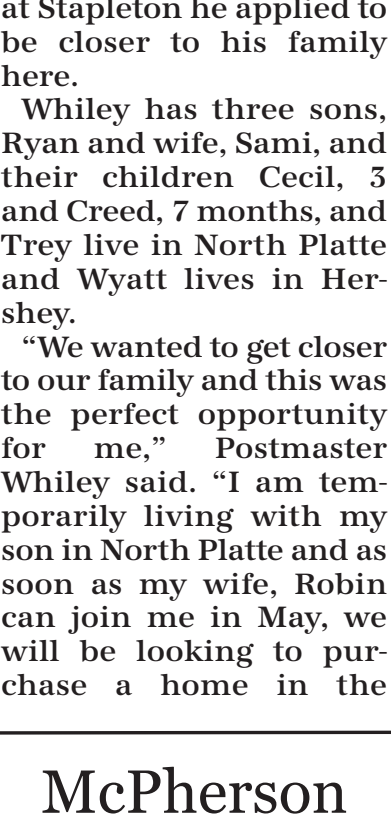
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23	70	27	0
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25	18	14	.45

OBSERVATIONS

Snow was measured in the amount of 1.0" on November 24 and 4.5" on November 25. Wind chill was recorded at 16 degrees at 9:30 p.m. on November 23, 5 degrees at 5:05 a.m. on November 24 and 9 degrees at 2:11 a.m. on November 25.

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