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## Chamber embraces new year with new projects

MARCIA HORA

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce members met Monday, January 29, at the Stapleton Community Center for a baked potato free will donation meal and annual meeting to reorganize for the 2024 year.

Elected to serve as officers were Lori Streit, president; Kyle Kramer, vice-president, Lauren Leetch, secretary, and Cindy Frey, treasurer.

Board of directors are Marcia Hora, Kelsey Amos and Natalie Sheets.

Chamber contributed \$6,404.72 last year to the following: Stapleton Public Schools Foundation - \$250.00; SHS Booster Club - \$125.00; Stapleton Splash Pad - \$5,139.72; Halloween costume contest - \$90.00; Chamber Blitz - \$460.00 (\$40.00 unused); and Logan County Ag Society - \$300.00.

A new 'Welcome to Stapleton' sign was erected at the intersection of Highway 83 and 92 near Kimber's. Stapleton continues to update the Stapleton, Nebraska website and advertises and promotes community events.

They sponsor the annual Easter egg hunt, garage sale day in June, annual Logan County Fair barbecue, and coordinate "Tricked Out Trunks" downtown in October. They advertise and promote Christmas Around Town and a craft fair the Saturday before Thanksgiving to support local shopping and give



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting Monday, January 29 at the Stapleton Community Center and elected new officers, front row, l-r: Kyle Kramer, vice president; Lori Streit, president. Back row, Cindy Frey, treasurer and Lauren Leetch, secretary.

out \$500.00 in Chamber bucks during their annual Chamber Bucks Blitz. The main objective and goal of the organization is to boost and promote the Stapleton area community.

Junior Chamber members held a Halloween dance and proceeds of

\$263.00 went into the Chamber account. Students also coordinated the Easter egg hunt and Santa's visit at the school last year.

In new business at the meeting, Stapleton Public Schools high school principal, Jeremiah Johnson reported on a downtown

shopping day idea he would like to implement on Saturday, December 14, when Stapleton hosts the girls wrestling tournament at the school. He said between 300-500 people have been attending and he would like to get businesses to host special events that day to at-

tract people to shop Stapleton.

Morgan Hecox brought the idea of a special shopping day with some proceeds going to help the Stapleton Splash Pad project.

Lisa Kinderknecht will coordinate the annual Easter egg hunt that will

be held Saturday, March 30 in the Stapleton Park at 11:00 a.m. There will be four age groups, 0-4, 5-8 and 9-11. In addition to hunting eggs, a raffle will be held for each age group. You will be able to sign-up at Frey's General Store, Creative Printers, and Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli. You need to be present to win a bike given away in each age division. Be watching for more details and there will be special shopping opportunities that day.

Dan and Joni Morash of Dan's Propane were welcomed as a new business and Chamber member.

It was reported \$1,625.00 in Chamber bucks were sold in the month of December. This is money going back into our community. Please remember - Chamber bucks are available all year long and make great gifts.

In addition to the annual Christmas Around Town the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Chamber will be looking at an evening shopping night and hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus at the community center. Several suggestions were made on making this a fun family night.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be February 27 at noon at the Stapleton Community Center. Your ideas and input are appreciated and volunteers are welcome and needed for all Chamber projects to better the community.

## Spirited Community Members: We Need You

Logan County Clerk Debbie Myers is putting a call out for two 'Spirited Community' members to serve on the West Central Health District and Sandhills RC & D boards. One person is needed for each of the boards.

The Sandhills RC & D is made up of volunteers and community leaders coming together to create opportunities intended to benefit their communities. The continual need for stewardship of our natural resources, the aging infrastructure in our communities, and the constant need for economic development in our communities are issues Sandhills RC&D pledges to respond to through partnerships and collaboration with communities, service providers and private sector. Your local RC&D offers many opportunities for local members to get involved and make things happen.

Sandhills RC&D council members are Sheila Neal, Dale Schroeder, Mitch Glidden, Kent Weems,

Cliff Welsh, Thad Emerson, Jeff Arensdorf, Robert Doyle, John Kraye, David Hardin and Micaela Wuehler.

The mission statement of the Sandhills RC&D is to create an environment where all citizens of the region work together to revitalize the rural economy, enhance and protect the natural resources, improve community infrastructure, and improve and increase tourism opportunities.

Some of the benefits include:

- Housing rehab projects completed or in progress in counties throughout the council area.

- Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition annual summer grazing tour at locations across the state, including the council area, with over 100 in attendance, including legislative representatives.

- Eastern Red Cedar control assistance, with one grant targeting specifically the Sandhills region.

- Monthly meetings of

the Sandhills Journey National Scenic Byway held at locations along NE Hwy 2.

- Byway Facebook promotions with over 14,000 followers that promote events or activities in counties along the Byway.

- Annual Sandhills Journey National Scenic Byway Polar Bear Tank Race held in Hooker and Thomas Counties.

- Nearly \$1,000,000 in grant funding has been secured for the SJNSB over the past 20 years - promotion of this byway benefits all communities along the byway.

- The Sandhills RC & D is the fiscal manager for the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, promoting sustainable grazing practices statewide and with five major state and national ongoing grants totaling nearly \$4,000,000 for cedar control, educational opportunities including grazing tours and grazing

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## Stolen Vehicle Recovered

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson received a call from dispatch at 6:30 a.m. January 29. A 2014 Nissan Rogue was reported stolen from Frank and Sue Hauser's farm residence located at 231 Highway 92 west of Arnold in Logan County. The Nissan was parked in front of their garage with

the keys in it.

A South Dakota plated vehicle with a flat tire was noticed 250 yards from the Hauser driveway. The owner was contacted and he reported another person had been driving the vehicle. The driver is a person of interest.

The Huron, South

Dakota police department was contacted and the Logan County Sheriff partnered with them in the investigation.

The Hauser vehicle was found and recovered after it was left in a snow bank in Parkston, South Dakota. The suspect was in the vicinity.

## Prizes at Easter Egg Hunt

Community First Bank is helping host the annual Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg hunt to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Stapleton Park. There will be three age groups this year, 0-4, 5-8 and 9-11. New this year will be

drawings for a girl's and boy's bike in each age division.

Sign up at Frey's General Store, Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, Community First Bank, The Feed Bunk, Creative Printers, Sublime, and Country Envy. You will

also be able to sign up the day of the Easter Egg Hunt at the park. You must be present to win. Bikes have been donated by The Feed Bunk, Arnold Insurance, Shawna Frey, Kimber's LLC and Busy Bee Day-care.

## Senior meals begin at Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli

Senior meals will now be served by the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli due to the closure of the Hen House Cafe.

Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00

p.m. at a suggested price of \$6.00. You may eat in the store, take your meal to the Senior Center located in the Stapleton Community Center, or take your meal to go. De-

livery to home-bound seniors will be available.

Meals began Thursday, February 1. See complete menu for the month of February inside this issue.

### Village receives \$2,000 in support of recycling program

The Village of Stapleton has received a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 in support of the village's recycling program. The American Charitable Foundation of Omaha sent the check December 31, 2023. The Village of Stapleton is appreciative of donations to help with recycling efforts within the village.

### Lone Valley Club Meeting

Lone Valley Club plans to meet on February 18, 2024 at the home of Julie Pettit, 821 S Oak St, North Platte for a noon meal, visiting, and a club meeting. Don't forget to bring a white elephant for the Valentine's exchange. It's always fun to see what everyone brings for the exchange.

### Weather

| DATE   | HI | LO | MT |
|--------|----|----|----|
| 27     | 50 | 22 | 0  |
| 28     | 51 | 21 | 0  |
| 29     | 58 | 24 | 0  |
| 30     | 63 | 31 | 0  |
| 31     | 62 | 31 | 0  |
| Feb. 1 | 66 | 31 | 0  |
| Feb. 2 | 63 | 32 | 0  |

Observations  
Fog was observed on February 2. Total January moisture was .28". Total snow measured in January was 3". Logan County annual average moisture is 23.52".

### Babies of 2023

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