



Branding party showcases new bar



FAITH LEETCH PHOTOS

The Vet's Club in Stapleton is making improvements to the bar area. Matthew Powell of Out of the Grain Woodworking, installed a new bar and area residents were invited to bring in their brands Saturday, March 16, to have them burned in the wood top before it was sealed. At right, Eric Garrelts places a brand on the bar top. At left, those helping with the branding stove, l-r: Drew Schaeffer, Vic Florea, Dave Barnum, and Eric Garrelts. Manager, Velda Cassell said a new coat of paint is also being applied to walls and doors. The "branding party" was a great success and many people turned out for the event.

New Deputy Sheriff



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson is pleased to announce the hiring of Tiffany Wood as part-time Logan County Deputy. Wood began her duties March 4. She will work shifts and help out when needed. Wood joins Kirk Hansel and Bill Sellars, two additional part-time deputies. Wood comes to the position with over 19 years in law enforcement and served as a Lincoln County deputy for five years. Husband, Dalen Wood was Logan County Deputy Sheriff for seven years before taking a position as a Nebraska brand investigator. They live south of Stapleton. Daughter, Kenzie now lives in Gandy and works full-time as a special needs para in Arnold and assists part-time with Wood's new business, New 2 You in North Platte. Their son, Lee is a sophomore at Maxwell High School.

"I am looking forward to working as a part-time deputy and serving the residents of Logan County and the surrounding area," Wood said.

Logan County Emergency Management Preparedness Meeting

Logan County Emergency Management conducted a preparedness meeting March 14 at the Logan County Courthouse in Stapleton.

Logan County Emergency Manager Sean Carson said after the recent fires and the fast evacuation of Stapleton and Gandy it showed the need for better organization within the community.

Those attending were Stapleton Fire Chief Frank Kramer; Village of Stapleton Board of Trustee members, Wayne Hora and Anita Harwager; Stapleton Public Schools Superintendent Brian Redinger; Marcia Hora, representing *The Stapleton Enterprise*; and interested community members, Connie O'Brien and Dan Morash.

Carson said the February 26 wildfire showed all of us there was not a lot of time to plan and prepare. He said everyone should keep a bag of all necessities that can be accessed quickly in case of an evacuation. The bag should contain a few clothes, water, and medications.

"Keep yourself safe first and get out," Carson said.

A list of residents who would need help in case of an evacuation was drawn up.

The possibility of forming a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was discussed.

Fire Chief Frank Kramer said a local CERT team would be a good asset to aid Stapleton Fire & EMS in case of emergencies.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live.

CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, including:

- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Disaster medical operations

Everyone in attendance said this would be something the community should pursue.

It was suggested that in case of a tornado or other evacuation situation, residents who need help should be taken to a designated spot. These were identified as the Logan County Courthouse or Stapleton Public Schools.

"CERT is an awesome tool and resource for any community," Fire Chief Kramer said.

In addition to the main CERT program, CERT offers programs customized for teens, as well

as for the workplace.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs.

CERT became a national program in 1998. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories. Each is unique to its community and all are essential to building a Culture of Preparedness in the United States. If you are interested in becoming a member of the CERT team being planned in Logan County, you may contact Sean Carson or Marcia Hora. If there is enough interest the group will move forward with the program.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Code Red Warnings and you may do so by going to www.kc911.net. You may receive warnings on your cell phones or land lines. If you need help in signing up contact Emergency Manager Sean Carson at 308-636-6037,

Easter Egg Hunt Party

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from Community First Bank and Junior Chamber members, will host an Easter egg hunt party in the Stapleton Park, Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. Six new bikes will be given away to lucky winners. Thank you to our bike donors: The Feed Bunk, Arnold Insurance Agency, Kimber's, LLC, Shawna Frey and Busy Bee Daycare. You must register for the bike drawings and be present to win. Stapleton businesses are offering specials that day, the Splash Pad Committee is conducting a bake sale, and Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli is serving grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. See ad on page 2 of this issue for complete details and join in on the fun Saturday.

Sign Up For Code Red

Logan County residents need to sign up for Code Red Warnings to be advised of severe weather and to receive alerts. Go to www.kc911.net and click on the Code Red Button. Provide your location details and contact information. Verify and submit information. You will receive a call by phone if weather is severe in your area. If you need assistance in signing up for Code Red Warnings, contact Sean Carson, Emergency Management Director at 308-636-6037. A three minute solid blast on the Stapleton fire whistle designates a tornado. Seek shelter immediately. The Logan County Courthouse basement is a designated storm shelter. Access to basement is through northeast door.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
16	55	25	0
17	55	23	0
18	55	12	0
19	56	12	0
20	66	34	0
21	50	25	0
22	62	24	0

Observations:
Winds were recorded at 27 MPH on March 17 @ 2:49 p.m. Wind chill was 11 degrees at 7:35 a.m. on March 18 and 15 degrees on March 22 at 5:37 a.m.

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For The Bicycle Raffle
To Be Held During The
Easter Bunny Visit...
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