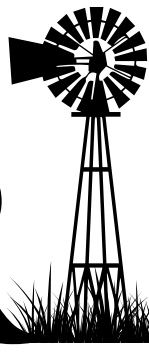


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Two cafes in unincorporated town

MARCIA HORA

Stanley and Shareen Munson are not like most people. While many dream of retirement and sitting on a beach somewhere, the Munsons have taken on not one, but two restaurant businesses to support their community and make it a better place. It's very much out of the norm, but their lives have been anything but traditional.

The 1974 McPherson County High School sweethearts married at 17 and left friends and family for Stanley's military assignment in New Jersey. They later moved to Oklahoma.

Shareen recalls she doesn't know how they got through those early years, but they did. They had four boys in five

years and she says she got along fine without google to look up how many times you need to feed a baby. We just did what we needed to do.

They returned home in 1977 to be closer to Shareen's parents, Chart and Wilma Nicholson and family members.

Stanley recently retired from the railroad after 39 years, four months and 18 days. Shareen began working parttime in the McPherson Co. Courthouse and was elected treasurer in 1995. She served in that capacity until retiring in 2019.

"We were planning to enjoy our retirement years," Shareen said. "Well I guess you could say that didn't last very long."

The couple purchased Aunt Bea's Café in March

of 2020, remodeled the building and changed the name to Prairie Hills Café.

The Munsons agree they did it because there was a need for a cafe to provide jobs and a gathering place in the community. Their thought was get it up and going, show that it could be profitable and have someone buy it. So far they have accomplished the first two feats and are still going.

"People kept asking us to serve alcohol with evening meals at Prairie Hills Cafe," Shareen said. "We checked into it and we were told by the Nebraska Liquor Commission it was too close to the school so we told people that it wasn't possible. We

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Stanley and Shareen Munson in their newly opened business, "The Lodge Bar" in Tryon. The former Rebekah Lodge Hall was used as a community center and purchased by the Munsons when they opened Munson's Market. It is once again serving McPherson County residents as a place to gather and enjoy conversation, good food and refreshments.

New McPherson County Sheriff Begins Duties



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Newly hired K.C. Bang brings a lot of experience to the McPherson County Sheriff's office as he recently began his duties serving residents of the county.

Sheriff Bang attended policy academy and graduated at the age of 19. At one time he was the youngest deputy sheriff in the state of Nebraska.

After starting his career in Wahoo in Saunders County he switched gears and became an arson investigator and K-9 handler.

"My dad was a career fire fighter and I became very interested in fire investigation," Sheriff Bang said. He continues to keep up continuing education for fire investigation and is an EMT.

Sheriff Bang has worked in law enforcement and as an arson investigator for 38 years. In addition to Saunders

County, he has been Chief of Police at Valley, worked arson at Bellevue for 11 years, was a Schuyler police officer and then chief for four years, was a Sheriff Sergeant in Ogallala for four years, and Hooker County Chief Deputy for one year.

Sheriff Bang said he officially retired on paper for four days as an arson investigator before returning to law enforcement.

Family concerns took him away from the Sandhills and to Tekamah in Burt County where he was a sergeant with the sheriff's office there.

"McPherson County Sheriff Birch had discussed this opportunity with me and my father's health improved so I was ready and on board to take the position. This is my first sheriff's title and Tom Birch will remain as my chief deputy."

Sheriff Bang went on to

say he loves the Sandhills. There are a lot of very nice people out here. I fell in love with it when I was a kid and I am very happy to be here serving this great county and great people. No changes will be made in the office. "It is functioning well and I am a firm believer that if it's not broke, don't fix it. I want to encourage everyone to stop in and my door is always open. That's what the sheriff's office is here for."

Sheriff Bang has two sons and one daughter and he has one grandson.

He is currently living in Tryon and said taking this position would not have been possible without the support of his family.

"This is something that I really wanted to do. I've worked in the fourth largest law enforcement agency in the state and now I'm at one of the smallest. But you know what? I like that."



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GOAL

\$140,000
\$120,000
\$100,000
\$80,000
\$60,000
\$40,000
\$20,000

TOTAL RAISED AS OF
APRIL 4, 2024

\$92,455.40

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- March Donation Jars - \$248.05

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SPLASH PAD PROJECT

please make your check out to the Village of Stapleton and write splash pad on the memo line.

Drop your check off at the Village Hall in the Stapleton Community Center or mail it to:

Village of Stapleton, P.O. Box 133
Stapleton, NE 69163

School To Assist With Clean-Up

Stapleton Public Schools will be assisting with clean-up week in the Village of Stapleton on Wednesday, April 24. Students have been assigned the school grounds, park and streets. Residents have requested assistance and these will be taken care of that day.

Monday, April 22 is Earth Day. Classes will be going down to the Village Recycling Center at 8:30 a.m. and observe Jack Brummet as he bales cardboard and receive information on recycling.

The Nebraska Recycling Council Board will be in Stapleton to view the new facility this month. Community Clean-Up Week is Monday, April 22 – Thursday, April 25. Tires will be taken at the recycling center on J Street on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 24 – 26. This is for Logan County residents only and tires only – no rims. For complete clean-up day information see the ad on page 12.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
6	63	39	0
7	43	38	.41
8	49	28	.06
9	54	28	0
10	65	29	0
11	66	26	0
12	59	26	0

Observations:
Thunder was observed on April 6. Winds were recorded at 45 MPH on April 6 @ 3:30 p.m.; 40 MPH on April 7 @ 2:18 p.m.; 39 MPH at 4:20 p.m. Wind chill was 27 degrees on April 7 at 8:00 a.m. and 21 degrees at 6:24 a.m. on April 8

McPherson County
High School
Graduation May 4 @
2:00 p.m.

McPherson Co. News



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- Graphic Files
- Poem - "Perspective"
- Master Gardener - "Welcome Spring!"

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