

They’ve built a future that’s worth the wait

The One-Hundred Fourth graduation Exercises at McPherson County High School were held Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Tryon.

Four members of the class of 2024 were honored at the ceremony in the McPherson County High School Gymnasium.

Opening remarks were given by Kaden Blake, followed by the Salutatory address by Braden Powell. Renee Connell, McPherson County High School Counselor presented the following scholarships to the class:

Katherine Anderson Concordia Academic Scholarship - \$19,000
Music Scholarship - \$5,000
Lutheran Heritage Award - \$2,500
LCMS Church Work Scholarship - \$2,500
Congregations for Concordia - \$1,150
Paul & Carlene Wightman Family Scholarship

Haven & Virginia Smith Scholarship - \$3,000

Kaden Blake We Are Commitment Res - \$4,000
Husker Power Scholarship - \$2,000
UNL Opportunity Grant - \$3,791
Peru State RHOP Scholarship - \$27,000
Sap Family Scholarship - \$2,000
Inez M. Warren Fr Scholarship - \$1,000
Federal College Work Study - \$4,000
UNK Grant Fr - \$8,000
UNK Loper Achievement - \$3,000
UNK RHOP Alternate Package - \$43,000

Braden Powell Leu Foundation Scholarship
McPherson Co. High School Alumni Scholarship
Custer Public Power Full Tuition Scholarship
Braden plans on attending Western Nebraska Community College.



MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Members of the McPherson County High School Class of 2024, l-r: Kaden Blake, Tara Phelps, Katherine Anderson and Braden Powell.

Katherine Anderson gave the Valedictory address. The class flower, a

white rose, was presented to special people by the Class of 2024 and a slide show presentation was given.

Kami Florea, McPherson County Schools Principal, presented the Class of 2024 with members: Katherine Ann Anderson, Kaden Glen Blake, Tara Katerina Phelps and Braden Donald Powell. Superintendent Tim

Vanderheiden and Jana Gragg and Andrea Blake, board members, presented the diplomas to the class.

Kaden Blake gave the closing remarks.

The Class of 2024 class motto was “It’s been real, it’s been great, we’ve built a future that’s worth the wait.”

The class colors were

burgundy and silver and the Class Song was Good Riddance (Time of Your Life) by Green Day.

Future plans for class members are:

Katherine plans on attending Concordia.

Kaden plans on attending Peru State College.

Braden plans on attending Western Nebraska Community College.

From 1 to 91: All Walked For Life



MARCIA HORA-STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

2024 Walk for Life participants were, l-r: Xavier Bruns, Asher Trimble, Rhay Bruns and Elijah; Terri and John Parsons, Sadie Trimble with Ace; Sandy Lanka, Bridget Weems, Nathan Weems, Diane Lovitt, LaVerne Schroder, Teresa Schroder, and Kathy Connell. Not pictured Pam Schaeffer, Mary Shimmin and Clara Ewoldt.

“It takes courage to Walk for Life.” From a one-year-old to a 91-year-old - all walked together Saturday, May 4, to raise funds for the Women’s Resource Center in North Platte. The group gathered at the Stapleton High School football field for registration and to take an annual picture.

Sandy Lanka stopped in the newspaper office later to report Clara Ewoldt, 91, had called out as they went by her house on H Street. She wanted to join them on the walk.

“I had planned to get to the football field and didn’t make it. When they went by I said ‘wait for me’ because I wanted to walk too,” Clara said.

Sandy and Clara walked one mile together. Rhay Bruns pushed Elijah, 1, and Xavier, 8, were the youngest walkers.



SELFIE BY SANDY LANKA

Sandy Lanka, right, snapped this selfie with Clara Ewoldt on the 23rd annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 4 in Stapleton. The theme this year was “It takes courage to Walk for Life.” Funds help provide services at the Women’s Resource Center in North Platte.

Autographed Copies

Alan Bartels took time out of his busy schedule to stop by Saturday, May 4, to sign copies of “100 Things To Do in the Nebraska Sandhills Before You Die” books now available at Creative Printers in Stapleton.

Bartels said he has been traveling to many locations in the Sandhills to promote his book that has been well received.

One of the best comments he has heard was “somebody is paying attention to what’s going on out here.”

Bartels is a former editor of Nebraska Life magazine and author of What’s Going Down In Prairie Dog Town? He said his life took a fortunate turn when his family moved to the edge of the Sandhills in the mid-1980’s.

Some destinations claim colorful monikers like Big Sky Country, Sportsman’s Paradise, the Sunshine State, Land of Enchantment, or the Last Frontier. The Nebraska Sandhills, which makes up about a quarter of the state of Nebraska, can honestly claim all of that - and a whole lot more.

Page by page, Bartels takes readers on a tour of the region he’s loved since childhood and points out well-known events and attractions, and off-the-beaten path curiosities and small-town celebrations.

The autographed books make great gifts for everyone on your list. Stop in at Creative Printers and pick one up today.



MARCIA HORA-STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

‘Three Community’ Garage Sale Day

Sometimes it takes a village and sometimes it takes three villages working together to promote the area. When it was discovered Stapleton, Callaway and Arnold had all set their annual community garage sale day on the same date of Saturday, June 8, community promoters put their heads together and said ‘why not make it a “Three Hop Shop” day.’

If you have a garage sale to advertise in Stapleton you may contact Creative Printers at 308-636-2444. Registration forms are available at Callaway True Value and the sign-up contact in Arnold is Deb Hall. You may call her at 308-390-6396. By joining forces advertising and promotion will be “three times” greater.

Material Donations

The Stapleton Splash Pad committee is pleased to announce they have received two donations for materials. Croell is donating 10 yards of concrete to the splash pad project and Frank Kramer of Stapleton is donating 90 ton of crushed concrete.

The committee is in need of rebar #4 and one inch PVC pipe standard 80, which is black and rated for a higher psi. Contact Lacy Kinderknecht if you would like to contribute these items.

A “Water Wednesday” event will be held Wednesday, June 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Park. See page 13 of this issue for information.

Mav Golf Tournament

The Sandhills Valley Maverick boys basketball team will be hosting their first annual Maverick Backwards Golf Tournament, Saturday, June 8 at the Augusta Wind Golf Course. See the poster inside this issue on page 16 for all the details.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
4	65	39	0
5	62	31	.30
6	63	42	0
7	76	40	.01
8	69	39	0
9	64	38	0
10	68	39	0

Observations:

Thunder on May 6. 44 mph wind @ 9:32 a.m. on May 7. Total April Moisture: 2.90” Total April Normal Moisture: 2.47”

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Mavs Qualify
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