



Your Local Newspapers Bring Home Awards

Two full days of learning, connecting and discussion made up the 2024 Nebraska Press Association convention held April 26 and 27 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Newspaper people from across the state gathered for the 151st time to participate in sessions, honor journalists, and recognize winners in the Better Newspaper Contest. This year's contest drew 2,569 entries and was judged by the South Carolina Press Association.

NPAS president Marcia Hora, owner and publisher of The Stapleton Enterprise, McPherson County News and Thomas County Herald, passed the gavel to newly elected president Dee Klein of North Platte. Klein, who joined The Telegraph in 1990, is Lee Enterprises' regional business development director for western Nebraska.

Hora addressed her colleagues and said it had been an honor and privilege to serve as NPAS/One Press president.

"I enjoyed establishing relationships with newspaper people across the state and to represent you in Washington, D.C. at the National Newspaper Association convention. Newspapers remain strong because of the dedication and commitment each one of you have and the role you play in communities across the state. From the smallest villages to the largest cities, newspapers continue to be the trusted source of local news and are reaching readers in more ways than ever before. My fellow board members and the staff at Nebraska Press Association have worked hard this past year to look at problems our industry faces. This included a strategic planning meeting in Kearney. Rest assured, we care about every newspaper and the challenges ahead."

Other NPAS officers are Lynell Morgan, The Elgin Review, vice president; Marcia Hora, immediate past president; Tim Linscott, Fairbury Journal News; Carrie Pitzer, Antelope Co. News, Orchard/Neligh; Paul Swanson, The Enterprise Group, Blair; and newly elected Barbara Perez, Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

Nebraska Press Association officers are Rob Dump, Hartington Cedar Co. News, president; John Erickson, Bridgeport News-Blade, vice president; Cody Gerlach, Cambridge Valley Voice News, treasurer; Kevin Peterson, Wayne Herald, immediate past president; Randy Sadd, Doniphan Herald; Michael Happ, St. Paul Phonograph-Herald; and Donnis Hueftler-Bullock, Custer County Chief, Broken Bow.

The Friday night reception and banquet featured the Master Editor-Publisher award, Harpst Leadership Nebraska award, and Nebraska State College Systems award to NPA. Live auctions and raffles followed each banquet. Amy Johnson, Springfield Herald and Gerri Peterson, Hooker County Tribune, Mullen, emceed the Friday noon "Fun Lunch" featuring a tailgate/grill-out buffet, games and prizes.

The Nebraska Press Association Foundation sponsored a cornhole tournament Thursday evening, April 25. The fundraiser raised money for journalism scholarships.



TODD VON KAMPEN, THE NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH

Marcia Hora of Stapleton, outgoing 2023-24 president of the Nebraska Press Advertising Service/One-Press, passes on her gavel Saturday to Dee Klein of North Platte at the annual Nebraska Press Association convention in Lincoln. Klein, who joined The Telegraph in 1990, is Lee Enterprises' regional business development director for western Nebraska. Hora is owner and publisher of the Stapleton Enterprise, McPherson County News and Thomas County Herald.

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Sessions included "AI in the Newsroom," an editorial and photography panel by publishers, and Joey & Lindsey Young speaking on "How We Doubled Our Subscription Price & Lived To Tell the Tale." Teri Finneman, journalism professor at the University of Kansas spoke on "Reviving Rural News." Finneman is leading a project to test a new business model based on research with publishers and readers to help rural newspapers adapt, survive and thrive.

Honored With Six Awards

The Stapleton Enterprise and Thomas County Herald brought home the following Certificate of Awards:

Division B Stapleton Enterprise

Second Place: Community Promotion Advertisement - Stapleton's Annual Christmas Event. Judge's Comments - Fun design choices add a lot of pizzazz to this ad!

Third Place: Advertising Campaign - Community

First Bank - Putting Community First. Judge's Comments - Appreciate the consistency of design in the ads as a campaign for the bank. Really puts forward the community message they were trying to convey.

Third Place: Breaking News Photography - Two Vehicle Accident at Intersection. Judge's Comments - Strong photo that gives a clear view of the accident scene.

Third Place: Personal Column - Odds & Ends by Marcia Hora - It Could Happen To Any of Us. Judge's Comments - This column is an act of soli-

arity with small town newspapers that needed to be said.

Third Place: Public Notice and Its Promotion - We Play A Role In Local Government - Read Public Notices.

Division A Thomas County Herald

Third Place: Advertising Campaign - Sandhills Family Dental. Very creative tag lines to match advertisers message. Able to get message across without the use of color. Very well done.

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 14

Early in-person voting for the 2024 May 14 Nebraska Primary Election began April 15 at Nebraska county election offices.

"Our 93 county election offices are open and ready to help Nebraskans vote in the May Primary Election," Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "This will be the first time in Nebraska's history that voters will be presenting a photo ID before casting a ballot. Our diligent election workers have been preparing for months, and they are committed to helping Nebraska voters while adhering to the new voter ID law."

Nebraskans can vote early in person at their county election office through May 13, 2024. Voting in person at the

county election offices is not available on Election Day, May 14.

Voting in Logan County is at the Logan County Courthouse and in McPherson County it is in the McPherson County Courthouse. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Voters are reminded to be prepared to vote with an acceptable form of photo ID that they must bring with them. The ID must have the voter's name and photo. IDs can be expired. The new law does not require Nebraska voters to re-register to vote if their information is up to date.

May 14 is election day and the last day county election offices will accept early voting ballots via mail, agent, or secure drop box.

The Secretary of State's office reminds voters to use trusted sources for election information and should contact the Logan or McPherson County Clerks if they have voting questions.

"We anticipate that misinformation about elections will increase in 2024," Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "It's important to verify claims that come up in election-related articles and social media posts."

Sample ballots for Logan and McPherson counties were published in last week's issue of The Enterprise.

The only local contested race will be in Logan County.

Incumbent Jeffrey Scott Gaites is seeking re-election of his County Commissioner District #3 seat

on the Republican ticket. He is facing Nathan Kramer in the primary.

The winner will advance to run against Kenneth Dean Kramer on the Democratic ticket. Kramer auto advanced.

Republican Jon D. Hill is running for Logan County Commissioner District 2 and auto advanced to the General Election.

Robert Doyle, Republi-

can incumbent did not seek re-election.

All other local races including village and school boards will be voted on in the November General Election.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID

- Nebraska driver's license
- Nebraska state ID
- Nebraska college ID
- Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, public school, etc.)
- Hospital, assisted-living or nursing home record
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- U.S. Passport

Splash Pad Update

The Splash Pad for Stapleton Committee is planning summer fundraisers. Stacey Anderson is accepting donations for a garage sale to be held Saturday, June 8 at the Stapleton Community Center. This is the annual community garage sale day. Leave donations in the foyer of the Stapleton Community Center if the village office is closed. Baked goods will also be available at the sale.

A "Water Wednesday" event has been set for Wednesday, June 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Park. There will be many fun water attractions, bubbles, and water toys to enjoy. Kona Ice will be setting up their snow cone stand and donating 20% of their profits to the splash pad project. A concession stand will be available and you can enjoy a pulled pork sandwich meal deal.

The committee will also be selling items in the concession stand at one of the baseball games in Stapleton in June. Other ideas are a movie night in conjunction with the library and an 'open mic night' in the park. Watch for details.

Brick donations stand at 20 and the goal is to reach 100 to save on shipping costs. Watch next week's paper for ways you can help grow the fund.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
28	52	40	.50
29	53	33	.04
30	70	33	0
1	69	41	.02
2	63	44	.05
3	63	38	0

Observations:

24 mph wind at 2:15 p.m. on May 1 and 32 mph wind at 10:18 a.m. on May 2.

2024 McPherson County H.S. Prom Pictures & MNAC Art Show Results Inside This Issue

McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Poem - Can People Tell
- McPherson County School Renovations

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