

## A Lifetime of Memories



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

**Alfred and Clara Ewoldt sit down in their home to talk about 70 years of life together in Stapleton.**

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Eight hundred forty months, 25,567 days, two beautiful children, five dear grandchildren, nine sweet great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren to come. Alfred and Clara Ewoldt recently observed their 70th anniversary with an open house at the Stapleton Community Center. Family and friends gathered to celebrate and congratulate the couple.

The Ewoldts sat down to talk about their years together in the comfortable brick home built by Homer Koch on H Street.

“All the years have not been easy ones,” Clara said. “We lost a daughter-in-law and a son-in-law, but we know God has had his hand on our lives and

we are so thankful for our years together here in Stapleton. We wouldn’t want to live anywhere else.”

Alfred at 94 and Clara at 92, are still doing what they can in the community. Alfred is the oldest active Korean War veteran and is a 67-year member of the American Legion and V.F.W. posts in Stapleton. He recently received a quilt of valor.

The couple attends the Presbyterian Church in Stapleton where Clara has taught Sunday School for over 60 years. There have been years on the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department, Stapleton Chamber of Commerce, Sandhills for Regional Progress (S.H.A.R.P.) and preparing the pit barbecue at the Logan County

Fair.

Through it all the Ewoldts have raised two children, operated a business and Clara was a valued employee at the Bank of Stapleton.

Rev. Olson married the Ewoldts on December 5, 1954 at the Presbyterian Church in North Platte in a 3:00 p.m. Sunday ceremony. Clara’s brother, Carl Schlientz was the best man and the Keslar twins, Donna and Phyllis, were the bridal party.

Alfred and Clara were engaged exactly one year. “We went to ‘The Moon Is Blue’ movie in North Platte on December 5, 1953 and that’s when Alfred proposed to me right there in the movie the-

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## SPS Secondary Principal found deceased in Colorado

Logan County Attorney  
Andrew VanVelson  
Logan County Sheriff’s Office

A concerned parent of Stapleton Public Schools contacted the Logan County Sheriff’s Office on January 20, 2025. The parent advised Sheriff Sean Carson that Jeremiah Johnson, the school principal and athletic director, had inappropriately contacted a student while on school grounds. The contact was made in a secluded area and contained commentary leading law enforcement to believe Mr. Johnson was trying to make a sexual advance on the student.

Mr. Johnson made physical contact with the student and the student was able to get away from the area without further incident.

Further investigation led the County Attorney to file criminal charges against Mr. Johnson for Second Degree Sexual Abuse by a school employee. A warrant was quickly sought, as law enforcement in Nevada had located Mr. Johnson’s car. Once the warrant was issued, local law enforcement entered a hotel room listed under Mr. Johnson’s name, to secure his person under the warrant. Mr. Johnson was

found deceased upon arrival. The County Attorney recalled the state’s warrant and dismissed the proceedings, as there was no longer anyone to prosecute.

The County Attorney and Logan County Sheriff’s Office both want to remind parents to be vigilant of their children’s whereabouts and actions. Thought there is no immediate threat known to law enforcement, predatory conduct is happening more frequently than ever, especially among people who hold a posi-

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## Library Receives \$3,000 Grant

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Friends of the Library is announcing they have received a Mid Nebraska Community Foundation Betterment Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used to purchase new computers for the library. Two iMac computers have been ordered and should be here soon. One will be for the librarian’s

use and the other for public use.

The library has extended Thursday hours and will now be closing at 6:30 p.m. Hours at the library are Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The library is closed from noon to 1:00 p.m.

New shelving now fea-

tures “books of the month” and February has several books featuring Valentine’s Day and love.

The Logan County Library Board will meet February 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the library. Board members are Melody Hansen, Veronica Neal, Joni Morash, Lyndel Johnson and Marlena Kruger.

## Almost There

*Donor steps up to match donations now through Feb. 20*

The Splash Pad for Stapleton committee is announcing they are nearing the goal of \$164,860.00. An anonymous donor has stepped up to match any donations brought in between now and February 20, up to \$5,000.

Checks may be sent to Village of Stapleton, P.O. Box 133, Stapleton, NE 69163, or dropped off at Community First Bank.

The amount in the fund stands at \$150,749.52. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the way of monetary contributions and in-kind donations in helping us reach the goal.

Let's make a



for our kids!

Total Raised  
as of January 23, 2025

**\$150,749.52**

New donors include:

Faith Hanzal Memorial Donation  
(Addition): \$830.00  
David & Janet Barnum: \$100.00  
Ann Wells: \$2,000.00  
Howard & Linda Gaffney: \$200.00  
Dan's Propane: \$100.00  
Logan County Friends of the Library: \$100.00  
Katie West: \$100.00  
Lori Streit: \$100.00  
Creative Printers  
Wayne & Marcia Hora: \$400.00  
Walz Construction: \$2,000.00  
Vic & Mickie Florea: \$100.00  
Jim & Tiffany Rice: \$100.00  
Donation Jars: \$79.50

To donate to the

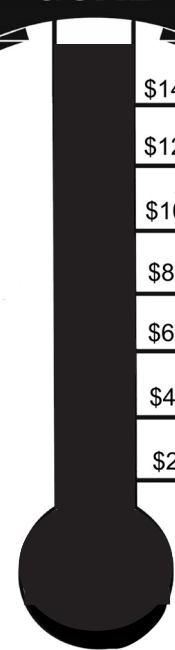
**SPLASH PAD PROJECT**

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

**\$164,860**

**GOAL**



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

### Sr. Friendship Club Disbands

The Senior Friendship Club met Friday, January 17 in the senior citizen’s room of the Stapleton Community Center to discuss dissolving the group and how to disperse remaining funds in the checking account. The club has not met for some time and the account has become dormant.

Members voted to purchase a \$500.00 share in the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli and to donate \$217.82 to the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department.

There has been some interest in starting up activities one day a week in the senior citizen’s room. Be watching for more information. The senior citizen’s room was constructed inside the Stapleton Community Center and the project was completed in 2012. Funds used from the sale of the Bank of Stapleton building on the corner of Highway 92 and Main Street, that was owned by the senior citizens, was given to the Village of Stapleton to go towards the room.

### Weather

| DATE | HI | LO  | MT |
|------|----|-----|----|
| 18   | 45 | 11  | 0  |
| 19   | 20 | -6  | 0  |
| 20   | 16 | -10 | 0  |
| 21   | 6  | -14 | 0  |
| 22   | 37 | -8  | 0  |
| 23   | 38 | 18  | T  |
| 24   | 28 | 11  | 0  |

#### Observations

Moisture: Trace on Jan. 23  
Snow: 0.01” on Jan. 23  
Wind: 28 MPH on January 18; 31 MPH on January 21; 36 MPH on January 22; 32 MPH on January 23; 22 MPH on January 24.  
Wind Chill: -9 degrees at 10:45 p.m.; -18 at 8:46 a.m.; -23 degrees on January 20; -24 degrees at 7:18 a.m. on January 21; 1 degree at 10:34 p.m. on January 23; -1 degree at 2:00 p.m. on January 24.

### McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Calling All Babies
- Poem
- “Community”
- Over The Hills

### Public Notices

- Village of Gandy Public Notice
- Local Working Group Public Notice
- Logan County Notice 1 & 6 Year Road Hearing

#### Golf Fundraiser

Don't forget. The Stapleton Golf Association's steak dinner and raffle will be held Saturday, February 8 at the Stapleton Community Center. Gun raffle tickets are now on sale for \$10.00 each or 12/\$100.00. Contact Chayton Crow, Scott Gaites or Skip Hecox for tickets or to donate auction items.

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