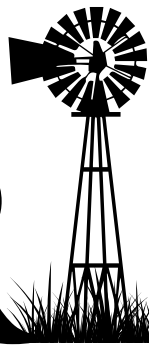


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Stapleton Golf Association Steak Dinner & Raffle



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Jayce Doyle auctions off a meat bundle during the Stapleton Golf Association's steak dinner event at the Stapleton Community Center. Justin Leth of Leth's Gun Care assisted with the gun raffle and also pictured is board member, Scott Gaites.

MARCIA HORA

The Stapleton Golf Association's steak dinner and raffle was held Saturday, February 8, in the Stapleton Community Center. Proceeds go to golf course improvements and the highlight of the evening was the gun raffle drawing. Steve Dawkins of Hershey was the winner of the Ruger .17 HMR. Jim Amos of Stapleton won the Ruger 9 mm FXR.

There were numerous silent auction items and a complete rundown of the amount made for the course will appear in an upcoming issue. A slide show featured the new hole sponsors and signage:

- Practice Range: Ridder Hereford
- Hole 1: Community First Bank
- Hole 2: Day Spring Bank
- Hole 3: MJK CPA
- Hole 4: A L Silencer
- Hole 5: Creative Print-

- ers/Herbie's Speakeasy
- Hole 6: Rich and Polly Burnside
- Hole 7: Diamond Bar Ranch
- Hole 8: Wells Enterprises
- Hole 9: Milldale Ranch

Thank you to our hole sponsors, all those attending the steak dinner, for your purchase of silent auction items and gun raffle tickets, and to all who donated with cash donations and auction items. You are all appreciated.

Logan County Commissioners reorganize

Logan County Commissioners met in January for their reorganizational meeting. It was the first meeting for two newly sworn-in board members, Jon Hill and Nathan Kramer. Lee Wonch was appointed chairman and Nathan Kramer will be the vice chairman.

Appointments for 2025 included:

Petty Cash Officer: Rick Gewecke

Noxious Weed Superintendent: Richard Cook

Highway Superintendent: Richard Cook

Budget Authority: Caleb Johnson

Emergency Manager: Sean Carson

County Physician: Dr. Loper

County Health Board: Dr. Loper, county physician; Sean Carson, Sheriff; and Debbie Myers, County Clerk.

Region II Human Services Governing Board Member & West Central District on Aging Board: Cecil Wonch

Lexington Landfill Board: Lee Wonch; Nathan Kramer, alternate.

West Central Health Department: Jon Hill

RC & D Board: Jon Hill

Sandhill Weed Manage-

ment Board: Richard Cook

The *Stapleton Enterprise* was designated the official newspaper and the Logan County Website as the official website.

Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Road maintenance men wages were increased from \$21.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour.

Cloudfire Services presented an estimate for a water cooler for the courthouse at an installed price of \$2,986.00 and the estimate was accepted.

The Logan County Personnel Policy for Law Enforcement was amended for the purposes of the Sheriff's Department overtime hours computed at a monthly rate.

The 2025 annual salary for county clerk, county treasurer and county sheriff was set at \$53,459. The annual salary of county commissioners was set at \$9,095.00.

Rates and salaries for appointed officers was set as follows:

Minimum Wage: \$17.00 per hour for occasional employment for equipment operators.

Emergency Manager: \$16.00 per hour.

Highway Superintendent: \$16.00 per hour.

Noxious Weed: \$16.00 per hour.

Highway Superintendent: \$16.00 per hour.

County Surveyor: \$1.00 per annum.

Machine Hire & Operator: \$200.00 per hour.

Copies: .25 per copy, emailed copies \$1.00 per copy and faxed copies \$2.50 for first page and \$1.00 for each additional page.

Mileage Rates: .70 per mile.

Commissioners voted to allow Sheriff Sean Carson's request to purchase the 2023 Yamaha Wolverine RMAX4 that he was using from Budke Power Sports on the Law Enforcement Loaner Program. The program is no longer available. The Sheriff's office received a \$20,000 grant from the Hanich Trust and \$4,595 from the Stop Diversion Fund will be used to purchase the Wolverine.

The Logan County Commissioners meet the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Logan County Courthouse.

Fire destroys Hansen Ranch shop



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The machine shop on the Hansen Ranch, located four miles west of Stapleton, was a total loss in a Thursday morning, February 20 fire. Melody Hansen said she called the fire in at 10:32 a.m. after being alerted by her husband, Travis, that he had spotted smoke and asked if the shop was on fire. Hansen was using a space heater to get a Bobcat started and had gone to start a tractor at another location. Nathan Weems of Stapleton was the first one on scene as he was passing by on Highway 92 and saw the smoke. He was able to use Hansen's loader tractor, attached to a bale processor, to pile snow on the gas and diesel tanks located near the east side of the building. Weems was credited for his quick thinking and possibly saved the tanks from exploding. Travis Hansen tried to retrieve items from the building, but the heat was too intense. Other neighbors also arrived to offer assistance.

Stapleton Fire Chief Frank Kramer said six trucks responded and mutual aid came from Arnold and Tryon. Kramer said the fire was advanced upon arrival and firemen worked to contain the fire to the structure in sub-zero temperatures.

Melody Hansen said they were fortunate to have snow cover that kept the fire from spreading to grass and firemen worked to keep the flames from a cedar tree shelter belt located on the north side of the building.

"We are also thankful for the wind that pushed the smoke away from our house," she said. "Neighbors have already been offering to help us and to donate items."

The Hansens lost side-by-sides, four wheelers, tractors, a bulk oil system, pallet of net wrap, spare tires, branding irons, tools, and as Melody said, "everything we need to run the ranch. We are grateful to the fire departments, neighbors, friends and anyone who helped in any way. You are appreciated."

School working on day-care dilemma

Reorganization of the new year, committee appointments, and approving an administrative contract were on the agendas of the January and February Stapleton Public Schools board of education meetings.

Frank Kramer will continue to serve as board president. Rich Burnside is vice president, Kim Kramer, secretary, and Kristy Opela, treasurer.

Board committees are as follows:

Negotiations: Chance Connell, Frank Kramer and Rex Walz.

Building & Grounds: Rich Burnside, Kristy Opela and Kim Kramer.

Safety Team: Frank Kramer.

Transportation: Frank Kramer, Rex Walz and Kim Kramer.

American Civics Committee: Frank Kramer, Kristy Opela and Chance Connell.

School Improvement, Curriculum, Tech: Rich Burnside, Kim Kramer, and Chance Connell.

Wellness Committee:

Kristy Opela.

Foundation Representative: Kristy Opela.

Sports Cooperative: Rich Burnside, Frank Kramer, and Chance Connell.

The contract with Bobbi Isom for elementary principal, curriculum director and media specialist for the 2025-26 school year was approved.

Kami Florea will serve the remainder of this year as the Sports Cooperative Activities Director. Board members approved an extra duty stipend for the Sports Cooperative Assistant Activities Director for the remaining 2024-25 activities.

Applications are being taken for a secondary principal and activities director for the 2025-26 school year and interviews will be conducted.

The second and third floor restrooms are having drainage pipes replaced and it is hoped they will soon be operational. A new furnace has been installed in the

weight room.

The day-care dilemma in Stapleton is being addressed and a short-term solution will include devoting a classroom to day care for school employees and if room allows will be open to the public for the 2025-26 school year. Superintendent Redinger said there will be 8-10 spots depending on the age of the children. The school continues to look at a long-term solution and the contract with Community For Kids should be accepted next month. Community For Kids will be assisting the school with their short-term solution as they seek a long-term solution for the entire community of Stapleton.

The repair of Bus # 5 was tabled and renewing the board's membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for 2025-26 was approved.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Public Schools library.

Splash Pad Phase 2 Approved

The Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees met for their regular meeting on February 12 at which time they heard a report from Lacy Kinderknecht on the goal being reached for the Stapleton Splash Pad. She presented the Phase 2 quote from Commercial Recreation Specialists for water features and the board unanimously approved the quote in the amount of \$43,381. The board thanked Kinderknecht and her committee for their hard work and dedication in seeing this project through. Others serving on the committee were Veronica Neal, Lisa Kinderknecht, Bethany Deardoff, Matthew Powell, Morgan Hecox, Julia Ramirez, and Jill Schaeffer. The board discussed how to best install the engraved bricks purchased by donors. Several ideas were talked about and will be brought back to the next meeting. What to do about the drainage ditch on the east side of the park and how to get the cement truck in to pour concrete will also be decided at a future meeting. Kinderknecht said it will take 35 yards of concrete for the splash pad and it is estimated that work will begin in late spring.

Mark Frey gave an update on the VFD, including the cost and wiring for the completed project in his maintenance report.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
15	34	10	0
16	16	-7	T
17	21	-7	.07
18	3	-13	.09
19	-2	-17	.13
20	2	-26	0
21	10	-27	0

Observations

Snow: Feb. 16, trace; Feb. 17, .09"; Feb. 18, 1.3"; Feb. 19, 2.7" Wind Chill - Feb. 16, -16 degrees, 8:30 a.m.; Feb. 17, -21 degrees, 9:30 p.m.; Feb. 18, -28 degrees, 6:30 a.m.; Feb. 19, -22 degrees, 8:50 pm.; Feb. 20, -27 degrees, 7:00 a.m.; Feb. 21, -21 degrees, 8:20 a.m. Wind - 23 MPH on Feb 21 at 12:00 a.m. Observations - Feb. 15 few intermittent snowflakes; Feb. 17 snow like measuring feathers

McPherson Co. News



- *Over The Hills*
- *Graphic Files*
- *Prepare Now In Case Of Drought*
- *Blood Mobile*

April 4, 2025

Public Notices

- Village Of Gandy Notice
- Johnson Estate
- Dist #90 Proceedings
- Logan Co. Proceedings
- Village Of Stapleton Proceedings & Surplus Property

Save The Date!

Stapleton Public Schools will hold their speech night and dessert and pie fundraiser on Monday, March 3. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. and it is a free will donation. Bingo for Books will be conducted that day from 5-6 p.m.

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