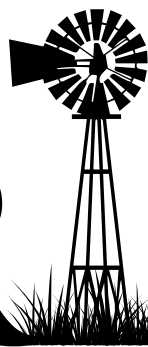


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Stapleton hosts District V.F.W. Meeting



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Richard Cook, left, and Alfred Ewoldt register people attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars district meeting, Sunday, September 17, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Stapleton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8258 hosted the VFW District meeting at the Stapleton Community Center, Sunday, September 17.

VFW and Auxiliary members from seven of the 16 posts in District 4 were represented at the meeting.

Posts with representatives present were Stapleton Post 8258, Imperial Post 4688, McCook Post 1652, Stratton Post 9155, Ogallala Post 3755, Palisade Post 7028, and North Platte Post 1504.

A delicious brisket meal was prepared and served by the Stapleton Post 8258 Auxiliary.

The Stapleton Auxiliary also presented two beautiful cakes with photos of Dan Kramer and Raymond Olson, to the two honorees.

Kramer's cake was to congratulate him for being elected Supreme Commander of the Cooties, a branch of the V.F.W., and Olson's cake was to congratulate him for being elected VFW District 4 Commander. Olson is also VFW Post 8258 Commander.

The VFW Auxiliary and the VFW met in separate rooms at the Com-



Raymond Olson, left, and Dan Kramer were honored at the VFW District meeting. Olson was elected VFW District 4 Commander and Kramer is the Supreme Commander of the Cooties, a branch of the VFW.

munity Center following the meal, to conduct business for their respective organizations,

Butterfly explosion



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Migrating painted lady butterflies are stealing some of the attention from the annual monarch butterfly migration, at least here in Nebraska. The state has seen an influx of hundreds upon hundreds of painted ladies fluttering around flowers and trees in our communities, as well as in nearby pastures and along roadsides.

Nebraska Extension is reporting a "butterfly boom," all across the state this fall. The orange and brown butterflies are usually seen this time of year, but the population is significantly greater this fall. The large number may be attributed to ample rains earlier this year in California, where painted ladies start their migration. The rain resulted in more flowering plants, providing enough nectar to boost the butterfly population. The butterflies spend the summer in cooler places like North Dakota and Canada, but they head south through Nebraska as fall approaches.

The painted ladies have been a great photo opportunity for many photographers and a good reminder that other insects, besides monarch butterflies, rely on long-distance migrations.

The two painted ladies, pictured above, are perched on zinnias growing along Highway 92 in Stapleton.

Citizens speak out against commercial wind energy

Citizens from counties across the State, many from Sen. Tom Brewer's 43rd District in the Sandhills, testified at the Natural Resources Committee hearing on the interim study concerning Public Power in Nebraska.

The study included a discussion on renewable energy, namely wind energy.

Over two dozen Nebraskans testified in fierce opposition to the continued development of commercial wind energy projects across the

State, especially in the Sandhills. Many urged Senators on the Committee to reconsider Sen. Brewer's bill, LB 504, which would put a two-year moratorium on the new construction of commercial wind energy projects while the Legislature studied the subject to form more comprehensive State policy on wind energy.

Many also voiced concern over the lack of government oversight of

public power in Nebraska with respect to the "R Line" high voltage transmission line which is routed through some of the most environmentally sensitive terrain in Nebraska.

The R Line is needed for future development of wind energy projects planned for the Sandhills. Citizen objection to the project will likely require imminent domain be used to secure access for much of the route.

Secretary Gale addresses voter fraud allegations

For the second time since 2015, Kimball County has appeared on a list prepared by a group that sues government officials over potential voter fraud. The county is one of seven in Nebraska, and 248 nationally, that have purportedly more registered voters than eligible adults living within them.

The other six Nebraska counties on the "bloated voter rolls" list include Loup, Keya Paha, Blaine, Logan, Sheridan and Thurston. The group also listed 28 Iowa counties that it says have more registered voters than eligible residents.

The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) has sent letters to election officials, warning them that they are in violation

of the National Voter Registration Act. Among other things, the federal law requires that registration lists be purged of voters who have died, moved or become ineligible.

The letter asks the counties comply with 13 requests for information or allow inspection of the requested records. Possible lawsuits will be faced if counties do not comply.

Secretary of State John Gale said in a press release sent out Wednesday, September 27, that his office is working with the counties named by the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) to see if there is any basis for the assertions that those counties are in violation of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

About two years ago, in 2015, PILF sent a similar letter to seven counties in Nebraska. At that time, we noted that there were inconsistencies in the voter data obtained by PILF, compared to census data. It is likely that is the case again. However, we will take this opportunity to check with each of those counties as to their voter registration data and current census numbers, to ensure that the voter registration rolls in those counties are current and up to date.

"We will know more once we complete our review," Gale said.

Loup County Clerk, Debbie Postany has sent a letter to PILF. Loup County appeared on this year's (Continued on page 12)

Empfield Selected To NSAA'S Believers & Achievers

Scottsbluff High School is proud to announce that senior, Dakota Empfield, has been selected to the NSAA's 2017-18 Believers and Achievers.

Empfield is the son of Devin and Barbara Empfield. He is the grandson of Karen Empfield of Stapleton, and the late Ike Empfield.

Beginning in October 2017 and continuing through March 2018, 48 Nebraska high school seniors will be honored as Believers & Achievers. From those 48 finalists, eight will receive \$500 scholarships from U.S. Bank to the college or university of their choice at a scholarship banquet to be held April 29, 2018.

These students will be recognized at NSAA State Championships throughout the 2017-18 activities year and on bi-monthly posters sent to all NSAA member schools and U.S. Banks branches throughout the state.



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26	50	43	.26
27	66	40	0
28	70	39	0
29	68	44	0
30	72	50	.02
Oct. 1	65	54	.16
2	77	43	.08

Wind was recorded at 20 MPH, Sept. 30; 30 MPH, Oct. 1. Thunder was heard on October 1. Total moisture for the month of September is 5.17".