

Honoring those who served



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Dan Kramer, V.F.W. Post #8258 Sergeant of Arms, directs the posting of the colors by Nathan Weems, David Halstead, Scott Leach, and Stephanie (Frey) Miller at the 2018 Stapleton Public Schools Veterans Day program.



Gracie Johns presents Captain Stephanie (Frey) Miller with a special card at the conclusion of the Veterans Day program.



The tradition of handing out flags to the Kindergarten class at Stapleton Public Schools was continued this year by Katrina Frey, representing American Legion Auxiliary Unit #324. Watching the presentation are Stapleton veterans, Alfred Ewoldt, John Santo, and Veda Charlene Walz.

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Veterans were honored at the annual Veterans Day program, Monday, November 12, at Stapleton Public Schools. Superintendent Howard Gaffney welcomed those in attendance.

American Legion and VFW members posted the colors and K-12 music students sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Kindergartners and fifth graders gave a flag presentation showing the proper way to fold and unfold the flag.

Pastor Eric Mockaitis gave the invocation and benediction.

Katrina Frey, American Legion Auxiliary member, continued the long-time tradition of presenting flags to the Kindergarten class.

Students had prepared cards to be presented to veterans prior to the program. Cards were handed out to students as "Armed Forces Medley," by the Presidents Own, U.S. Marine Band and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir,

was played. Cards were given to veterans at the conclusion of the program.

Maxon Frey, boy's state representative for American Legion Post 324 gave a report on his week in Lincoln. Maxon said this was very worthwhile week and he thanked the local American Legion Post for allowing him this opportunity.

"I would encourage all juniors to apply next year," he added.

Lifelong Logan County resident and Korean War Veteran, Darwin Frey, was the guest speaker. Frey said it was 68 years ago, in 1950, when he walked across the stage in what is now the Bronco Room of Stapleton High School to receive his diploma. It happened to also be the same year North Korea invaded South Korea and the Korean War began.

Frey was 18 years old when he registered for the selective service draft, and classified 1-A. This meant he would soon be drafted and he elected to enlist in the Air Force and

spent time in Korea as an aerial gunner on a B-29 bomber.

For his service he was given two medals by the government of South Korea.

"No heroics, I just did what I volunteered and was trained to do," Frey said.

Frey went on to share a brief history of the Korean War and one memory that stood out. On the night of September 12, 1952, 60 B-29's left their respective bases and bombed the power plant located on the North Korean side of the Yalu River. Three B-29's were shot down and two B-29's made emergency landings with battle damage and wounded on board. Another hit a mountain top trying to make it to an air base.

Strike photos showed the mission was a success and totally demolished the power plant and the raid was the deepest penetration of North Korea and was the largest of the

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Mr. Gary Halstead, fifth grade teacher, led a very impressive flag unfolding and folding ceremony during the program with fifth grade and kindergarten students participating. Pictured, l-r: Tallia Clouse, Killian Rooney, Kelsey Amos, and Mya Ross. Also pictured on the auditorium stage are, l-r: Darwin Frey, guest speaker; Maxon Frey, Cornhusker Boys State representative from American Legion Post #324; Pastor Eric Mockaitis, Dan Kramer, V.F.W. Post #8258 Sergeant of Arms; and Superintendent Howard Gaffney.

Community members hash out possible sports co-op

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The success of the Stapleton-McPherson County Thunder football season has again brought up the possibility of a sports cooperative between Stapleton and McPherson County Schools.

Community members addressed the board during the regular School District R-1 Board of Education meeting held October 15, in the Stapleton School library. Kaman

Dailey, Troy Barnum and son, Kooper, Renae Eastman, Jason and Jennifer Johnston, Heather and Hannah Harwager, Milissa Kramer, and Rich Burnside were visitors at the meeting.

"The board said they were frustrated with the time invested and lack of progress with the sports coop," Kaman Dailey said. "We asked if we could create a committee and pursue the possibility and write our own proposal to

submit to the boards."

With the board approving such an endeavor, Kaman Dailey and Troy Barnum and Kooper, traveled to McPherson County to speak at the November 12 meeting of the McPherson County school board.

Dailey spoke in Tryon and said he was working on forming a committee from both communities

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Thanksgiving For Those Alone

If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving, Pastor Eric and Dawn Mockaitis would like to invite you to join them for Thanksgiving at their home, Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day) at 2:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

"We are so thankful for God bringing us to this community and want to celebrate this day with you. Please join us at 501 H Street and come hungry," Pastor Eric and Dawn said.

Stapleton Chamber Meeting, Nov. 29

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will be meeting for their regular November meeting one week later, Thursday, November 29, at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

Items of discussion will include voting on new junior Chamber member applications submitted by junior and senior high students at Stapleton Public Schools. Junior Chamber members is being implemented to gain insight and help from our young people.

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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
Oct 30	76	38	0
31	57	33	0
Nov 1	58	24	0
2	58	27	T
3	46	30	.08
4	48	33	0
5	51	29	.04
6	55	25	0
7	52	20	0
8	40	20	0
9	40	12	0
10	23	10	0
11	45	15	0
12	40	13	0
13	31	9	0
14	33	14	0
15	63	25	0

Total October moisture: 2.46" with 3" of snow. Total 2018 moisture to date, 30.94". Wind at 25 MPH was recorded on November 5.

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