

# McPherson County officials retiring

McPherson County officials, Judy Dailey, Shareen Munson, and Harold Arensdorf, were honored at the recent commissioner's meeting and thanked for their years of service to the county. Dailey and Munson will be retiring effective January 2, 2019, and Arensdorf will be replaced by commissioner-elect Brett Nason.

Dailey and board chairman Arensdorf were presented with engraved retirement clocks.

McPherson County Commissioner, John Bryant, expressed thanks to them for their dedication to their positions and work in the county. He added they would be missed.

Dailey has been McPherson County Clerk for 36 years. She started her tenure as clerk, county assessor, clerk of the district court, election commissioner, and register of deeds in 1983.

Dailey reflected back on her 36 years in office by saying there have been many changes over the years.

"I started with manual typewriters and no computers, but it was a lot simpler back then. The

state sent out someone to help us with assessing. Over the years the amount of paperwork has greatly increased," she said. Dailey has enjoyed serving the county, and it was a very difficult decision for her to retire.

"What makes it so hard to leave is the good people here in McPherson County. It has been a pleasure serving them, and I've made so many friends along the way all across the state."

Dailey said it has gotten harder for her to switch gears between her duties, and she decided it was time to slow down and enjoy life with her husband, Leo.

"We're going to finally get the camper out again and take life a little easier."

Dailey also worked at Maxwell as a teacher's aide for the special education/remedial reading program for seven years before moving to McPherson County.

"I worked one-on-one with those little kids all that time, and when we moved I felt like I got a divorce and left my kids behind," Dailey said. "I really loved my job at the school and I was pretty



COURTESY PHOTO

Judy Dailey, McPherson County Clerk, receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from Earl McNutt, president of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Dailey was one of three longtime NACO participants selected to receive the award for service to their communities and their involvement with NACO for over 25 years. Dailey has served as clerk since 1983. Others honored were Patricia Holtzman, Nemaha County Treasurer since 1981, and John Brehm, Scottsbluff County Veteran Service Officer since 1974.

nervous about taking on the county clerk's office since I had no prior experience in county government."

mother. She was grateful to be able to move back to the place where she was raised.

"It was neat being able to have my sons graduate from the same school I did," Dailey said. "As county clerk, I was also able to issue marriage licenses to both of them."

Dailey said it is easier leaving her duties in the courthouse because she knows she is leaving her office in capable hands.

"Katherine Hoberg will be replacing me on January 3, and she is a very nice person. Kathy will treat my people well. I know they will enjoy working with her too."

Billie Burch, who has been in the office since 1985, will also be staying on as Hoberg's office assistant.

"I know my office will be in good hands when I leave," Dailey added. "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in McPherson County. It has been a great learning experience and I am so grateful to the McPherson County voters for allowing me to serve them for the last 36 years. I have truly enjoyed working with all the people in our county, as well as all the

friends I have made in the state offices, other county officials, and everyone I have done business with in my county clerk position. This has been a wonderful job and I appreciate you allowing me to serve all these years. I will definitely miss all of you."

Shareen Munson will be retiring as county treasurer and her duties as bookkeeper at McPherson County Schools.

Munson started working in the courthouse in the treasurer's office in 1988 under Don Hatch. She was elected treasurer in 1995.

"I am ready to retire and who knows what I will do," Munson said. "I will help out here in the courthouse if needed, but I don't want to be tied down to the office."

Munson said she will be enjoying life and spending time with her grandchildren.

Jodi Dudley will be sworn in as the new McPherson County treasurer, along with Katherine Hoberg and newly elected commissioner Brett Nason on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse at Tryon.

## Sports co-op work continues

The committee made up of individuals from the communities of Stapleton and Tryon continue working on a sports cooperative between the two schools. Kaman Dailey addressed the McPherson County school board at their December 13 regular meeting, and the Stapleton school board at their December 16 regular meeting.

The committee has held two meetings and a rough draft has been prepared. The committee believes there are many positives to a sports cooperative between the two schools.

These include elevating the level of play, giving players a chance to be more competitive, and economic growth to the communities.

Stapleton and McPherson County have one more season of the football cooperative. Dailey said there is a March 15 deadline with the state to implement a sports coop.

The committee is encouraging everyone in both communities to contact their school board members and superintendents to express their opinion about the coop,

and to visit and share ideas with committee members who are Mark Lovitt, Renee Connell, Wayne McNutt, Jared Arensdorf, Troy Barnum, Justin Clouse, Brad Layher, Jess Harwager, and Kaman Dailey.

The next Stapleton School District R-1 Board of Education meeting is Monday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. McPherson County School District #90 will meet Thursday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school commons area.

## Callaway Hospital District CEO retires; Eggleston takes the helm



CALLAWAY COURIER

Brett Eggleston, left, is the incoming Callaway Hospital District CEO. He replaced Marvin Neth who retired December 20.

Callaway Hospital District CEO Marvin Neth has retired and his right-hand man, Oconto native, Brett Eggleston, has taken over the job. The hospital district will host a retirement party in Neth's honor, Monday, January 7, at Shotgun Annie's in Callaway from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Neth said he is looking forward to working on his car collection.

Neth began work on June 1, 1977, and at the time it was a stand-alone hospital with 12 beds. The hospital and clinic were

built, an addition built in 1987, and 10 years ago the latest renovation completed.

Eggleston was hired two years ago to be the Chief Financial Officer and worked with Neth, as running a hospital became more difficult with state and federal regulations, and insurance.

Caleb Poore has been hired to take the CFO position.

Callaway District Hospital has a great medical staff and is attracting new patients. Future goals in-

clude focusing on a preventative strategy. The district belongs to the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) with the goal of making patients healthier so they don't utilize as many health-care resources.

The district is pleased that two new doctors have joined the staff that now includes Dr. Ronald J. Sheppard, M.D., Dr. Kenneth Loper, M.D., Dr. Chelsea Williams, M.D., Dr. Tiff Svoboda, D.O., William Hinman, P.A.-C., and Tessa Keeney, P.A.-C.

## Quilt Winner

Amber Tatman of Stapleton won the puzzle quilt raffled off by Logan County Friends of the Library. She is pictured with the quilt made by Wanda Osnes. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

There will be a Lego Day in the library, Thursday, January 3, between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. to finish Christmas break.

The next monthly FOL meeting has been set for Thursday, January 3, at 4:00 p.m.



### -- News Briefs --

#### Self Defense Class Postponed Until March

A women's only self-defense class planned for Saturday, December 29, in the Stapleton Public Schools gymnasium has been postponed and will be rescheduled in late March.

For more information call 308-636-6037, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The class will be sponsored by the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

#### New Books at Library

Friends of the Library has purchased the Top 10 books from "The Great American Read," for the Logan County Library. They will be available to patrons soon. Go to the FOL Facebook page and see what else is new.

A monetary donation has been given to the library in memory of Wallace Allison to be used to purchase books. The donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who purchased quilt raffle tickets and for your support.

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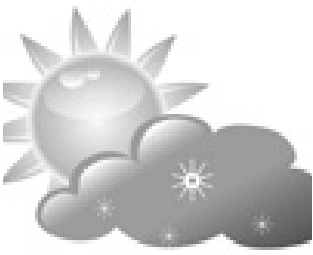
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