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It takes a Village working together

Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli to host grand opening Saturday

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STORY & PICTURE

A community working together can achieve great things. Just ask the residents of Stapleton, population 305.

When they learned their grocery store was closing - they took action. A small group of people banded together and took the steps necessary to get the right people to help them, and showed what fortitude in the Sandhills really means.

Their work and long hours paid off with the re-opening of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli. The business will hold a grand opening all-day Saturday, April 22, with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

Maxine Lovitt, owner of

Main Street Market & Deli, was 94 when she closed the business she built and started in 2008. The final day for the store was September 30, 2015.

"I was too old for that much work anymore," Maxine said. "I just decided to close it and retire."

The building and contents were being advertised at auction on November 21 of that year. That's when concerned citizens made a call. An email reporting funds were available for rural grocery stores, sparked a telephone conversation with Jim Crandall, NE Cooperative Business Development Specialist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cooperative Development.

There was no funding for rural grocery stores, but funds were being made available to allow Crandall to help residents

in the state in pursuing cooperatives. He agreed to visit Stapleton to see if a cooperative grocery store would work here and if there were enough people who would invest the time and effort into making it happen.

The Stapleton Community Center was filled with community members at that first meeting in November, just days before the store and contents would go on the auction block. By the end of the night, there were 16 people signed up to be on a steering committee. Eight to 10 people were needed. The first steps had begun in bringing back groceries to Stapleton.

Don and Judy Christoferson were the winning bidders of the store building, and individuals invested money to purchase necessary contents, with the expectation that the



Rex and Jeana Hanna shop for Easter dinner on Friday, April 14, in the newly re-opened grocery store. Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will hold their grand opening Saturday, April 22. There will be all-day door prize drawings and in-store specials. A ribbon cutting is set for 10:00 a.m.

cooperative would work. Then the real work began. Committee members sent out a survey. The responses revealed an overwhelming majority said the store in Stapleton was important, with a 58% response rate. Encouraged by the results, the committee forged ahead. Countless hours were clocked in by that first

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Who was in the Class of 1919?

Research continues into the history of Baker Rural/Stapleton High School, as class composites are being completed to be placed in swing files. Information in *The Stapleton Enterprise* shows the first graduating class as the Class of 1916. Two students had completed the course of work through the 11th grade and were honored at graduation exercises at the Elite Theatre in May of that year. Eunice Brothers and Everett Bakewell were members of the first graduating class.

The article reported there was talk at that time that 12th grade would be added next year as it was thought that attendance would be considerably

larger. Quite a number who started to take the eighth grade work failed to complete the term.

Eleven grades of course work continued in 1917 and the two graduates were Clara Brosius and Ethel Willis.

The third annual commencement exercises of the Stapleton School was held at the Presbyterian Church with Charles Lesley Neale, Mable Luella Lindsay and Helen Josephine Klump awarded diplomas for completing the class work in 1918.

No record of the Class of 1919 can be found. That year the community accepted the Smith-Hughes Act and home economics

and agriculture were offered to students.

If anyone has a 1919 class roll, please contact *The Enterprise* office.

Work will continue to update the records of the classes of the 1920's. Contributions for the project of placing the class composites into swing files and working on digitalizing pictures are being taken at this time. Donations may be sent to the Stapleton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 201, Stapleton, NE 69163, or through the Stapleton School Foundation, c/o Stapleton Public Schools, P.O. Box 128, Stapleton, NE 69163. Please designate school picture project on your check.

Christensen honored as Teacher of the Month by Eagle Communications



KENDRA CUTLER PHOTO

Caleb Goosey nominated McPherson County High School science teacher, Melissa Christensen for Eagle Communications' "Teacher of the Month." Pictured with Miss Christensen and Caleb is Lewys Carlini, who presented certificates and gifts at the school Tuesday, April 11.

One of the most important individuals in a young person's life is a teacher. Teachers not only educate their students, but mentor them, give them the necessities to deal with life events and help introduce them to activities that may help them choose their careers.

Ten outstanding men and women from this area are being honored by Eagle Communications and their media outlets, *The North Platte Post*, Mix 97.1, Q Country 107.3 and ESPM Radio 1410 AM. Each month during the 2016-2017 school year teachers in the North Platte trade area have been nominated by students, other staff members, parents and community members. They received some very nice gifts from area merchants and were treated to a sub-sandwich lunch provided by North Platte SubWay.

High school science teacher, Melissa Christensen of McPherson County, was chosen as the April Teacher of the Month. Miss Christensen was nominated by several people, but the nomination submitted by student, Caleb Goosey, was chosen as the winning nomination.

Caleb's nomination read: My teacher is the best because she always makes our class interesting. No matter what she has us do, she makes it fun one way or another. She puts up with kids who are not very respectful, even if they are not trying to be. When she laughs it makes everyone else in the class laugh because she has the

funniest laugh. She has a fun personality and she wants everyone in the class to succeed. She is not only fun, but she is also very professional. When someone in the class does not behave she tells them to listen; she does not lose her cool. It is an enjoyable class and something to look forward to in the day. She is an overall awesome teacher and I could not ask for a better one. All in all, my teacher is the best because she always makes our class interesting.

On Tuesday, April 11, Lewys Carlini and staff, presented Miss Christensen with a certificate and her gifts. They also brought up two very large sub-sandwiches that were shared by the entire McPherson County High School student body and staff.

Stapleton resident is new Sutherland Postmaster

The Sutherland Post Office is announcing they have a new postmaster. Katrina Frey of Stapleton has accepted the position and has started her duties there.

Frey began her postal career in 2011 as a clerk in the Stapleton Post Office. She was a clerk in the Tryon Post Office before being named postmaster at Sutherland.

Katrina and her husband, Greg, live on a farm near Stapleton. They have two boys, Payton, 17, a senior, and Maxson, 16, a sophomore at Stapleton High School.

Katrina enjoys reading, cooking, and playing the piano. She started her own business, Heavenly Creations in 2004, marketing and selling her jams and jellies.



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Observations: Wind, 32 MPH on April 11; 20 MPH on April 12; 27 MPH on April 13; 30 MPH On April 15. Thunder was recorded on April 15. Fog was observed on April 13 & 14. A trace of snow and wind chill of 23 degrees was recorded on April 11.

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