

Picture work begins



KRISTY OPELA PHOTO

Todd Walz, Jon Walz, and Adam Kramer, work on taking down the class picture composites in the 1936 addition of Stapleton Schools. The pictures will be placed in swing files and made accessible for viewing on the school's lower level. School board members hope to begin digitalizing pictures along with displaying them in the swing files.

Class picture composites, located in the hallways of the 1936 portion of the Stapleton School building, are being taken down. School board members recently voted to purchase swing files to place the pictures in. This will make them accessible for public viewing on the lower level of the building. The ceilings in the 1936 are being lowered for the new heating and air conditioning project now underway.

Todd Walz, Adam Kramer, and Jon Walz, have been taking down the composites and they are being stored in the former home economics room until the swing files arrive. School board members of the building and grounds committee have been assisting with the project.

"Our school history is so important and we want to maintain and preserve our pictures," said Kristy Opela, building and grounds committee member. "We are also looking into digitalizing the class pictures in the future."

The school in Stapleton dates back to 1912. A school board was organized that year with members Wallace M. Baskin, Dr. E.F. Carr and F.E. Peterson, treasurer, and school was held in an old frame building known as the Legion Hall. In January of 1913, a school building of two rooms was provided, but the enrollment increased and it was necessary to rent a space in the Free Methodist Church building. In 1914, a bond issue was voted for \$9,275 and a

brick building was erected.

Stapleton Consolidated District was formed in 1918 and there were 11 grades offered in the school until the 12th grade was added. Charles Neale was the only graduate in the spring of 1917 and he had completed the eleven grades of work. The school board said if he went back to school and took the 12th grade the following year he would be allowed to graduate with the Class of 1918. He did and graduated with the Class of 1918. There were three graduates that year: Charles Lesley Neale, Mable Luella Lindsay and Helen Josephine Kemp.

The earliest class pictures were attached to a board spelling out Stapleton High School with each class as a letter. These classes will be the most difficult to remove from the boards and will need to be identified and placed in composites for the swing files. The first class pictures are of the Class of 1927.

It is hoped pictures of the classes prior to that year can be found and composite boards made.

Contributions for the project are being taken at this time. If you would like to donate, you may do so through the Stapleton School Foundation, c/o Stapleton Public Schools, P.O. Box 128, Stapleton, NE 69163, or the Stapleton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 201, Stapleton, NE 69163. Please designate school picture project on your check.

Eclipse exercise training planned in June



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Sean Carson, Logan County Sheriff; Brent Deibler, parttime Logan County Deputy Sheriff; Tim McConnell, McPherson County Sheriff; Wynn Wiens, Hooker County Sheriff; Dalen Wood, fulltime Logan County Deputy Sheriff; and Roger Conrad, Exercise Training Officer with Nebraska Emergency Management, recently met at the Logan County Courthouse to discuss and organize security for the upcoming 2017 Total Solar Eclipse event in Stapleton.

Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson, has been organizing security for the upcoming 2017 Total Solar Eclipse event in Stapleton. Roger Conrad, exercise training officer with Nebraska Emergency Management met with area law enforcement people recently at the Logan County Courthouse.

A table top exercise will be conducted May 25 and a mock drill has been scheduled for Friday, June 30, with a debriefing at 9:30 p.m. and the training exercise set for 10:00 p.m. at the Logan County Fairgrounds.

The exercise will simulate the 2:34 of totality that will occur on August 21, 2017, during the total solar eclipse.

Sheriff Carson said there will be at least 20 patrolmen on Highways 92 and 83 to help with the possibility of traffic problems due to darkness. The exercise will also show what could happen if

there was a possible terrorist attack or crowd control problems.

"We are getting a good handle on the upcoming event and we have at least five law enforcement officers who will be here," Sheriff Carson said. "I will also be contacting other agencies."

Over two minutes of darkness in the middle of the day would give a person or persons ample time to cause havoc in the area.

"We want to be prepared and knowledgeable about what could take place," Sheriff Carson added.

The Department of Roads will be contacted to see if there is a possibility of halting traffic on Highway 83 during totality.

Area fire departments and medi vacs will be on hand at the mock drill to see what will need to be done in case of medical emergencies.

"On the day of the eclipse, everyone will be manning their own com-

munities. We will be going out of our area to bring in extra law enforcement help," Sheriff Carson said.

In addition to the table top exercise and mock training drill, Sheriff Carson states people should be prepared in case of inclement weather.

As Logan County Emergency Management Director, Sheriff Carson said residents should know where to go in case of a tornado or threatening weather condition.

Tornadoes can occur at any time of day, any day of the year.

"Have a plan of action before severe weather threatens. You need to respond quickly when a warning is issued or a tornado is spotted," Sheriff Carson adds. "Know your community warnings. Pick a tornado safe room in your room such as a basement, cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Make sure all members of (Continued on page 12)

Post #189 announces Boys' Stater

American Legion Post #189 of Tryon is pleased to announce Caleb Goosey of Tryon has been selected to represent them at 2017 Cornhusker Boys' State.

Goosey will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the event that will take place June 4-10, 2017, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state government and draft bills.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's program. Nationally acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hunt eggs in Stapleton April 8

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce and SHS National Honor Society are teaming up to sponsor the annual Easter egg hunt in the Stapleton Park on Saturday, April 8. The hunt will get underway at 11:15 a.m. and

area children, preschool through 4th grade are invited to attend. There will be a special appearance by the Easter bunny and each child will receive a treat, along with hunting eggs.

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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
28	64	34	0
29	44	40	.57
30	47	36	0
31	48	34	T
Apr 1	43	37	0
2	56	36	0
3	65	36	.04
Observations: Wind, 29 MPH on March 29; 21 MPH on March 30; 20 MPH on April 1. Fog observed on April 2. Total March moisture was 1.64" with .1" of snow.			



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