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New business opens on Main Street



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The kitchen and dining room area of the “Bunk House,” located on Main Street, Stapleton. The one-bedroom apartment has already been rented, but will be available in a few months for rent on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

Business owner, Cindy Frey of Stapleton, has had a dream for a long, long time. That dream turned into reality as the “Bunk House” recently opened for business on Main Street.

Frey’s dream was to take all of the antique furniture and items she and her husband, Steve, have been purchasing and storing over the years, and use them to build an apartment that could be rented for family and friends during event overflows.

The Freys, who have owned and operated Frey’s General Store since 1979, and have added Stuff-it-Storage, The Sun Loft, and Mill Iron Campground to their list of ventures, owned the perfect building.

The back of the building next door to Frey’s General Store, which formerly housed the movie theater, had already been used to expand their hardware and paint business. The front of the building had been used as a beauty and craft shop. It would make the perfect place for a small apartment.

That’s when Cindy set out to not only create a warm and inviting space to rent, but incorporate much of the history of Stapleton into the one-bedroom rental. Charlie Dresel was hired to do the construction and it was completed in time to rent out to Leanne DeKay of Chambers, who is student teaching this semester at Stapleton Public Schools.

Here’s some of the history you will find in the Bunk House:

Kitchen - Cabinets out of Everett Chesley’s barber shop; kitchen sink from Wayne and Marcia Hora’s kitchen remodel; counter top is made out of oak and was found at the Village landfill; back splash is made from ceiling tin in the old theatre building; shelf holding dishes was purchased in an Oberlin, Kansas antique shop; dish towel holder is the foot pedal off of the cabinet from Everett Chesley’s Barber Shop; waste can is a nail keg from Greenslit’s Lumber Company; the table and bench belonged to Cindy’s grandmother, Leola Allen; and the insert on the front of the bench was covered with checkered wood made by Rolland Trumbull. Rolland was Steve’s grandmother Eva’s second husband. On the other side of the bench the back was covered with left over wainscoting

found in Steve’s sheep barn. A special frame was made out of wood from the barn at the Karn Homestead.

Living Room - Coffee table was made by Steve out of the bottom of an old pot bellied stove; lamp was made out of an old oil lamp by Steve’s great-grandmother Finnegan; and the coat hanger was a “Junk Jaunt” find.

Bedroom - Armoire purchased in an antique shop; a bale of cotton is from Steve’s mother, Lewellyn Frey; and a night stand made from an old trunk that the couple refinished after purchasing it at a storage unit sale.

Bathroom - Bathroom vanity was an old desk given to the couple from Donna Johnson and refinished; bathroom faucet created by Charlie and Steve out of brass nipples, couplers and hose bibs; shower curtain rod created out of steel pipe; vintage wooden post office boxes came from the Stapleton Post Office and is used for storage; toilet paper holder is the string holder used in Hanna’s Supply when dry goods were wrapped; towel hanger and crock that holds towels are “Junk Jaunt” finds.

A lot of these treasures were refinished by the Freys.

A burlap shower curtain and window treatments go with the bunk house theme.

“I’ve always wanted a bed and breakfast without the breakfast,” Cindy said as she gave out tours after the project was completed.

The Freys have had one busy summer. Not only did they complete the “Bunk House,” the couple was actively involved in helping with the renovation of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, coordinating the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce barbecue, and Cindy assisted with fund raising for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range. They are also active members of St. John’s Catholic Church in Stapleton, where they serve on committees.

“I’m going to try and give myself a year off, but we’re already started to think of ideas for “A Very Merry Market” in Stapleton in November,” Cindy said. “We’ve always got something in the works to boost and promote Stapleton.”

Top partner at Ohio law firm is stepping down



COURTESY PHOTO

Kurt Tunnell, top partner at Bricker & Eckler LLP is leaving the firm and will no longer practice. He is going to follow God’s calling in the second half of his life. Tunnell and his wife, Julie, are pictured here with their family, Kristine and her husband, Casey Helsper, and the twins, Jessica and Jordan.

The top partner at Bricker & Eckler LLP is leaving the firm after 30 years.

Kurt Tunnell, Managing Partner of the Columbus-based firm for the past eight years, recently announced he is stepping down on January 31, 2018 and will no longer be engaged in the full time practice of law.

Tunnell, 56, emphasized the decision was not hurried - he began talking with management about leaving in early 2016 - and his post-departure plans remain unclear.

“I will tell you that I don’t know what I’m going to be doing on February 1,” Tunnell said.

What he does know is he wants to spend his time better serving people, an aim influenced by Tunnell’s religious faith and by testimony from the late Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, for whom Tunnell served as chief legal counsel.

“It was a good time for transition institutionally, and it also aligned with my personal desires to refocus my time that God has left for me to do something that fulfills His calling,” Tunnell said.

Voinovich said once he left politics and public life he was much better able to spend time with and serve the people around him, Tunnell said.

“That’s what I’m really hoping to do,” Tunnell added. “I think that life is short, and I feel like I’ve made a contribution to the story here at Bricker & Eckler, and I’m very proud of the work that our team has accomplished together, but it is a unique opportunity to

find a new way to contribute.”

Tunnell said for the past 30 years, with the exception of his tenure at the Governor’s office, Bricker has been his work home and, more importantly, its people have been like family to him.

“It has been my high honor and true privilege to have served for 12 years in firm leadership,” Tunnell said.

Under Tunnell’s leadership, the firm has thrived, with growth in the number of offices from three to six, including a new office in Dayton, a move to downtown Cincinnati, and a strengthened presence in Southeast Ohio to support the development of the region and its involvement in the shale play. Kurt also spearheaded the implementation of the Bricker Leadership Program to grow the firm’s leadership capacity and provide opportunities for young partners and senior associates to make early contributions to the firm. He has been active and assumed leadership responsibilities in fostering diversity and inclusion among the legal profession locally and nationally.

In addition to his work with Voinovich, Tunnell represented George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and Karl Rove in the wake of the 2004 election.

Tunnell’s decision to pursue a second half was also greatly influenced by Bob Buford’s book “*Halftime: Moving from Success to Significance*.”

Tunnell said his church does mission work in Malawi, and he might be interested in working to improve the agricultural picture in that country - one of the

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Should have stayed put

Burt Saunders of Munda, New York, was one of the first people to arrive in Stapleton.

Saunders took a stroll around the village Wednesday evening, August 16, after getting settled in with his camper at Cherokee Campground.

Saunders, a retired imaging scientist, has spent his entire life doing contract research for the printing industry. He was also the designated “scout” for this eclipse excursion - his fourth attempt.

After much research he decided on Stapleton, Nebraska, for the 2017 Total

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MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Burt Saunders plots out a course to what he believes will be clearer skies early Sunday morning, August 20. Saunders was thankful to be able to use the computer and internet at Creative Printers.

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Weather

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30	86	54	0
31	88	54	T
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2	82	56	0
3	87	57	0
4	96	56	0
5	78	40	0
6	71	38	0
7	75	38	0
8	84	42	0
9	88	49	T
10	81	56	.32
11	86	55	0

Wind was recorded at 26 MPH, Sept. 3; 24 MPH, Sept. 4; 22 MPH, Sept. 5; 20 MPH, Sept. 6; 30 MPH, Sept. 9; 24 MPH, Sept. 10. Fog was observed on Aug. 29, 30, & Sept. 2. Smoke was recorded on Sept. 3 & 4. Thunder was observed on Sept. 9 & 10. Total August moisture was 2.46”. Fog was recorded on 14 days in August.