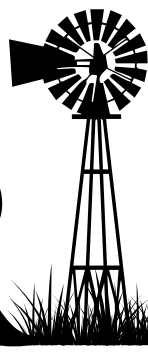


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A simple message



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A man carrying a cross down Highway 83 last week made for quite a few calls to the newspaper office. Walter Masters carries a cross to relay a simple message - Jesus loves you.

Walter Master's message is simple. "Jesus loves you." He's been saying it to people in a profound way since 1996. That's when Masters felt God calling him and his wife, Tammie, to share the good news.

"I wasn't sure at first how we were to minister, but I knew it wouldn't be in a traditional way," Masters said. "It wasn't until 1999 that I picked up the cross and started carrying it."

The Masters and their two daughters, then 4 and 5, started on a journey that would take them through 30 states, mainly in the southwest United States.

Walter carries the cross, and Tammie serves as support person with a camper and truck.

"Our family discouraged us. They felt we should serve the Lord in a church. But we felt God called us to the streets," Walter said.

The Masters took a leap of faith and struck out to share the gospel. The couple ministered in parking lots or wherever they could. They felt strongly called to minister to youth during spring break. They continue to go to South Padre Island where they spend two to four weeks each year. There is no preaching or condemnation.

"We just share the love of Christ with them, and this year there were kids lining up for me to pray for them," Walter said.

This is the third year the Masters have traveled on Highway 83. They began at Brownsville, Texas, and stayed the night in Stapleton with Pastor Eric and Dawn Mockaitis.

"Joe Salisbury called me to tell me about this man carrying the cross on the highway and I just had to find out more," Pastor Eric said.

The Masters shared the night in the Mockaitis home and enjoyed fellowship before heading out on the highway again Tuesday morning, September 12. Their final destination will be the Canadian border.

"Carrying the cross opens a lot of doors," Walter said. "It's exciting how God works. Some people wave and others stop. Our prayer is that in some way we touch their lives.

We rarely get to hear the rest of the story."

The Masters have seen amazing things happen, not only in the lives of others, but in theirs as well.

"One thing I asked the Lord was if I should have full coverage on our vehicles," Walter said. "Four years ago our truck and trailer were completely destroyed due to a generator catching fire. We lost everything. Within six days a couple blessed us with the trailer we have now. With insurance and donations we were able to purchase a truck."

There are many other stories about their years on the road.

"When we were in Los Angeles, our daughter's bikes were stolen. We told the girls we would pray for the people who stole them. There were two new bicycles for the girls," Tammie said. "God has always provided. Every time we lost something we gained something better than before."

Cookies were baked and sold to finance a trip.

"The girls ended up selling \$1,000 worth of cookies for several weeks," Tammie said. "It's amazing what you can earn by selling home-baked cookies."

The Masters do not have a home. Everything they own is with them on the road.

Averaging 10-15 miles a day, Walter says he keeps his head down and pushes through the steep grades.

"The image of the cross is powerful. I pray they see Jesus and not me," Walter adds. "Christ is the only one who gave it all, and our prayer is the Lord touches their hearts in some way."

The Masters agree they have been truly blessed. We are in a position where we have to trust the Lord, and that's a good place to be.

You can follow Walter and Tammie Masters and their "Carrying the Cross" ministry on Facebook at Master's Ministry.

"Thank you for praying for us," the Masters said.

Their T-shirt sums it up. Why? Because Jesus loves you! Taking the cross to the lost.

Way cooler at the school



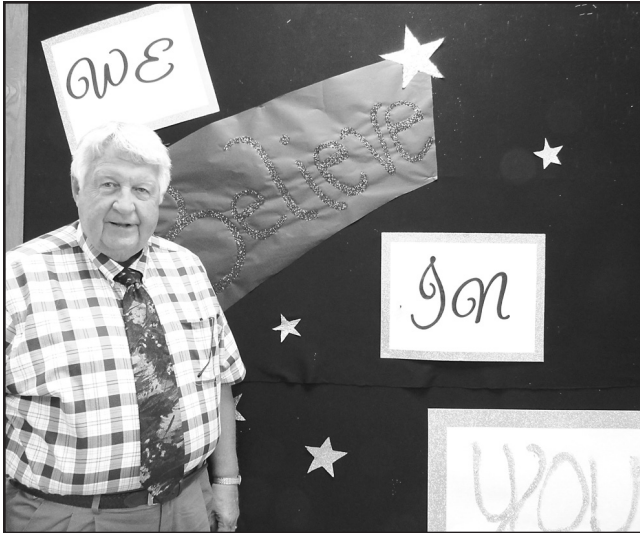
MARCIA HORA PHOTOS

Work is almost complete on the new climate controlled building at Stapleton Public Schools. The building houses the new heating and air conditioning system.

It's a lot cooler this year at Stapleton Public Schools - literally. The building has undergone extensive work this summer in the way of a new HVAC system. AJ's Heating & Air continued to work last week completing the new climate controlled building that now houses the heating and air equipment. The new HVAC includes eight heat pumps and seven systems, and includes two roof top units on the gymnasium and one on the Bronco Room.

The Daikin System is remarkably quiet, efficient and economical. The upgraded heating system, along with newly installed air conditioning, means clean energy and dollar savings for the district. The new HVAC eliminates the coal and back-up propane units.

Other improvements this summer include the installation of a new sprinkler system throughout the facility. An October completion date is anticipated. The school will be replacing doors on the main facility this fall, and the former principal and counselor's room will be the new su-



Howard Gaffney is the new superintendent at Stapleton Public Schools. Superintendent Gaffney says he is ready for the challenges as the school continues to build on its "Blue Ribbon" designation.

perintendent's office. The move to the main floor will allow constituents easy access to visit the superintendent. The former school heating unit area is being bricked in and will make room for a storage area near the stage.

New Superintendent
Howard Gaffney has taken over the helm as new superintendent at Stapleton Public Schools. Superintendent Gaffney has a history-political science degree and elemen-

tary and middle school endorsements from Kearney State College. At the age of 20, he took over the Anselmo area farm when his father's health failed. He and his wife, Linda purchased the farm from the family and added acres to it. In the fall of 1970 he began his teaching career at Halsey-Dunning and when Brewster came into play. He was an elementary and head teacher, coach and history (Continued on page 12)

Student numbers up

The numbers are in and it looks good in terms of enrollment at Stapleton Public Schools. There are 19 pre-schoolers attending Little Broncos Preschool. This compares to 13 at this time last year.

Those enrolled in K-12 is up six from last year. There are 184 attending classes compared to 178 last year. That translates to 12 more students than the 2016-17 school year.

A breakdown of students, pre-school through

12 shows:
Preschool: 9 boys and 10 girls. Total 19.
Kindergarten: 4 boys and 7 girls. Total 11.
First Grade: 4 boys and 4 girls. Total 8.
Second Grade: 3 boys and 6 girls. Total 9.
Third Grade: 7 boys and 7 girls. Total 14.
Fourth Grade: 6 boys and 7 girls. Total 13.
Fifth Grade: 10 boys and 8 girls. Total 18.
Sixth Grade: 3 boys and 16 girls. Total 19.

Seventh Grade: 19 boys and 6 girls. Total 25.
Eighth Grade: 5 boys and 9 girls. Total 14.
Freshmen: 7 boys and 10 girls. Total 17.
Sophomores: 3 boys and 9 girls. Total 12.
Juniors: 13 boys and 4 girls. Total 17.
Seniors: 1 boy and 6 girls. Total 7.
Total K-12 Enrollment: 85 boys and 99 girls. Total 184.
Preschool - 12 Enrollment: 203

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Wind was recorded at 21 MPH, Sept. 12; 35 MPH, Sept. 15; 23 MPH, Sept. 17. Fog was observed on Sept. 17 in the valley. Thunder was recorded on Sept. 12 & 13; Sept. 15 & Sept. 18.