

Filling up those shelves



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Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson delivered food items, generously donated by Logan County residents, to the Arnold Food Pantry last week. Sheriff Carson is pictured with Lori Stutzman, Arnold Food Pantry director in their newly relocated site at Country Partners on the east edge of Arnold.

Shelves in the Arnold Food Pantry are better stocked, thanks to the generosity of Logan County residents. Creative Printers in Stapleton was the gathering site for non-perishable items. Beginning in November, subscribers received \$1.00 off for each donated item (maximum of \$5.00) on their subscriptions to *The Stapleton Enterprise*/McPherson County News or *Thomas County Herald*. Residents graciously responded as they have for the past three years, and several people brought in cases of canned goods.

This year specific items were requested. Eleven food boxes were prepared by volunteers at Creative Printers and distributed by local pastors. A turkey and ham filled each box, along with homegrown potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and cranberry sauce.

Lori Stutzman, Arnold Food Pantry director said the relocation to the Country Partners office building on

the east edge of town has been a good move.

"Arnold Rotary, in conjunction with the Arnold Ministerial Alliance, has worked out this arrangement. Country Partners is donating the use of the building for a very minimal fee. This has allowed us to have better access for the pantry and expand items," Stutzman said.

Laundry detergent and paper products are always needed.

"We just can't seem to keep those items on our shelves," she added.

The food pantry services Arnold and Logan County residents and is open the first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon or by appointment by contacting Stutzman at 308-636-6353.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson transported the food items to Arnold on Tuesday, January 10. Sheriff Carson also took excess food items donated by Stapleton Public Schools earlier this month.

Finalizing Paperwork



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Gary Johnsen, committee member, Heather Harwager, president, and Pam Schaffer, treasurer of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, hand out stock certificates and complete paperwork at an informational meeting held Sunday afternoon, January 8 at the Stapleton Community Center. Work continues on the re-opening of the grocery store as a cooperative-owned store. Volunteers have removed the old coolers in preparation for the new energy efficient coolers and freezers that will be paid in part, by a grant procured by the committee. The interview process for a new store manager is now underway and at least nine applications were received. Shareholders are being asked to contact a board officer if they have not signed all of the necessary paperwork. A new store layout and repainting is now underway.

Elementary Teachers Recognized



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The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Stapleton Public Schools elementary teachers for their work in bringing Stapleton elementary up to National Blue Ribbon School status in 2016. Pictured back row, l-r: Cindy Frey, treasurer of Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce; Brenda Monson, Special Education and Title 1; Molli Miller, sixth grade; Kris Walker, elementary principal; Tiffany Rice, second grade; Gina Jespersen, kindergarten; and Syd Rundback, preschool. Front row, l-r: Danielle King, media specialist; Deanna Klosen, first grade; Lacy Kinderknecht, fourth grade; Jeff Paben, fifth grade; and Nita McGreer, representing Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce. Not pictured, Amy Jorgensen, third grade.

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Stapleton elementary teachers for their hard work and dedication in achieving National Blue Ribbon School status in 2016.

Elementary principal, Kris Walker, and first grade teacher, Deanna Klosen, traveled to Washington D.C. and attended an awards ceremony in November, at which time Stapleton was formally recognized. They brought home a plaque and a

"Blue Ribbon Flag" to be flown at the school.

Stapleton elementary was only one of four outstanding schools in Nebraska designated as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Elementary principal, Kris Walker said Stapleton elementary is a great place to learn and achieve. Six years ago the school was labeled as a persistently lowest achieving school, ranking in the bottom ten percent of schools in Nebraska.

"This is not a place where we wanted to stay," she said.

Stapleton Schools went to work and staff met and decided they would not only improve the school, but it would also earn the Blue Ribbon award.

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce members said achieving this goal was commendable and the organization wanted to show their appreciation to our teachers for their helping make our

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Blood drive draws donors



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Another successful blood drive was conducted in Stapleton, Tuesday, January 10. Bea Gaites, coordinator, said there were 23 presenting donors, with three giving double red cells, for a total of 21 viable units. Donors were Polly Burnside, Robin Dimmitt, Scott Gaites, Kenneth Joedeman, Bryan Rooney, Tracey Dimmitt, Rae Johnson, Jon Walz, Charlene Walz, Leo Walz, Scott Leach, Missy Kramer, Vera Jividen, Bill Jividen, Rich Burnside, Dale Bierma, Patty Harvey, Kari Joedeman, Renee Tropper, Brenda Monson, Bea Gaites and Craig Leth. Several donors used the new RapidPass tool recently launched by the American Red Cross that allows you to help save lives in less time. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.

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Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
10	41	18	0
11	42	8	0
12	36	-7	.21
13	21	-7	0
14	20	8	0
15	38	8	0
16	35	22	.16

Observations: Wind, 21 MPH on Jan. 10; 44 MPH on Jan. 11. Wind Chill was minus 14 on Jan. 11, minus 12 on Jan. 12. 2.3" of snow fell on Jan. 12 and ice was recorded on Jan. 16.

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