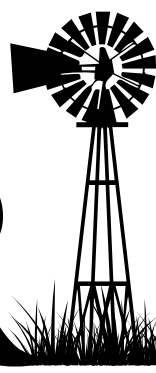


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Retiring postmaster honored



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Retiring Stapleton Postmaster, Mary Pedersen, along with her husband, Paul, hold up a beautifully decorated cake at the retirement party honoring Mary for her 28 years with the postal service. Postmaster Pedersen's cake featured her name and address - "2016 Retirement Way, Stapleton, NE 69163."

Longtime Stapleton Postmaster, Mary Pedersen, was honored by postal employees with an open house, Friday, January 20, in the Stapleton Community Center.

Postmaster Pedersen began her post office career when she became Sutherland's clerk in 1988 under Postmaster Jerry Deaver.

She was appointed Stapleton Postmaster in 2001 and has served in that capacity ever since.

Husband, Paul, is a 1969 Stapleton High School graduate. The former North Platte Fire Chief retired four years ago.

Mary said retirement is going to give her more time to spend with her four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren. She's also been saving up some retirement jobs she'll now be able to complete. Mary will continue as director for the Awana "Cubbies" at the Bethel

Church in North Platte.

"I will miss working with the people and postal employees the most," Mary commented at her party. "What I won't miss is the winter driving conditions."

Mary has assisted the postal inspection service in helping break up postal scams involving the elderly.

"It's really tragic when people take advantage of the elderly in this way," she said.

Retirement for both the Pedersens will mean time to travel, camping and fishing.

Mary said she is pleased Stapleton will remain a full service, eight hour post office, and a new postmaster will be named in the coming weeks.

Those attending the retirement open house signed a congratulatory framed picture for Mary as a keepsake.

Renovations underway



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Volunteers manned with paint brushes, tools, and ladders, arrived early Saturday morning, January 21, as renovations began in preparation of the opening of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli. Pictured above are Teresa Schroder, Jack Brummet and Dan Beckius. The building is being repainted and revamped. New energy efficient coolers should be arriving the end of this month and a tentative grand opening date of March 5 has been set by the Board of Directors. Amanda Weems has been hired as the store manager and applications are now being taken for an assistant manager/deli person. See the classified ad in this issue for more information on how to apply. The marketing committee is currently working on new signage and advertising. Be watching for information on prepaid grocery accounts.

Sworn into office



RAE JOHNSON PHOTO

Brenda Cochran, clerk magistrate, administers the oath of office to newly elected Logan County commissioners, Scott Gaites and Bob Doyle. They join Cecil "Lee" Wonch, who was elected chairman for 2017, on the board.

Logan County Commissioners met Wednesday, January 18, for their annual reorganizational and regular meeting.

Cecil Wonch was elected chairman for 2017 and Scott Gaites will be the vice-chairman.

The annual noxious weed report with proposals for 2017 was presented by Richard Cook.

Roads that should or may be put on the one and six year road plan were discussed. The one

and six year road plan meeting was set for February 15 at 11:00 a.m.

An auto gate policy, which includes auto gate maintenance, was put into place in December.

Rates and salaries for appointed officers were set and appointments made as follows:

Petty Cash Officer: Dick Gewecke

Noxious Weed Superintendent: Richard Cook

County Physician: Dr. Ronald Sheppard

County Survey: Bonnita Edwards

County Health Board: Dr. Sheppard, Sean Carson and Debbie Myers

Budget Authority: Dick Gewecke

Emergency Manager: Sean Carson

Lee Wonch was appointed to the Region II Human Services Govern-

ing Board, the Lexington Landfill Board, and the West Central Weed Management Area Board.

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Superintendent search begins

Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) has been hired to assist Stapleton Public Schools in the new superintendent search.

Students, community members, and faculty have been selected to help identify traits, characteristics, and leadership skills, the next Superintendent will need in order

to provide effective leadership for our district.

The first meeting of the student/community committee took place Tuesday, January 17, in the school library. Committee members met with NRCSA consultants, Cynthia Huff and Robin Stevens, and developed a school-community profile and a leadership profile

for the next Superintendent.

A pre-interview meeting for the committee will take place Wednesday, February 15. Candidates will be interviewed Saturday, February 25. NRCSA consultants will help the committee in developing interview questions and in planning the interview process.

Board of education reorganizes

Newly elected school board members, Kim Kramer, Rex Walz, and Kristy Opela, were sworn in at the regular School District R-1 Board of Education meeting held Monday, January 16, in the school library.

Steve Schaeffer was elected president; Rex Walz, vice president; Kristy Opela, secretary; and Kim Kramer, treasurer.

Committee members will be:

Negotiations: Frank Kramer, Josh Allen, and Rex Walz.

Buildings & Grounds-Safety: Kristy Opela, Rex Walz, and Kim Kramer.

Transportation: Rex

Walz, Frank Kramer, and Josh Allen.

Americanism: Kristy Opela and Frank Kramer. Technology: Josh Allen, Steve Schaeffer, and Kristy Opela.

School Improvement: Steve Schaeffer, Josh Allen, and Kim Kramer.

Wellness Committee: Kristy Opela.

PLC Committee: Frank Kramer.

Foundation Representative: Steve Schaeffer.

The 2017-18 school calendar was discussed and school for students will begin Tuesday, August 22, the day after the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.

Action items included

authorization of board officers to sign checks. Board members voted 5-1 to use the Nebraska Association of School Boards Code of Conduct as a guideline only.

Potential conflict of interest statement forms will be signed by board members.

Elementary Principal, Kris Walker, thanked the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce for their recognition of elementary teachers on their Blue Ribbon School designation. Parent-teacher conferences will be February 2 and a book fair will be held at that time. The sixth graders are making

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Railroad Story



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Weather

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19	47	20	0
20	37	30	0
21	39	28	.01
22	51	25	0
23	50	21	0

Observations: Wind, 16 MPH on January 17; 18 MPH on January 18; 20 MPH on January 19 and January 20. Fog was observed on January 18, January 19 and January 20.

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