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Sandhills superintendent accepts position at Ainsworth

Sandhills Public Schools Superintendent, Dale Hafer, has been offered and accepted a contract by the Ainsworth Community Schools Board of Education. Four candidates were interviewed January 9 and 10 by the Ainsworth school board, staff, students, and community members. The superintendent opening came about due to the pending retirement of Darrell Peterson.

Peterson has served as superintendent for 18 years and announced his retirement in the fall, effective at the end of this school year to give board of education members time to find a replacement.

Hafer will be the new



SANDHILLS SCHOOL PHOTO

Ainsworth Community Schools superintendent effective for the 2019-20 school year.

Hafer has served as superintendent and principal at Sandhills Public Schools since 2010. He served as the K-12 principal

from 2007-10, and prior to that was a science teacher with stops at Topeka, Kansas, Burke, South Dakota, Monroe, Centennial and Broken Bow, before coming to the Sandhills school system in 2004. Hafer's first day as superintendent at Ainsworth will be July 1, 2019.

Ainsworth Community Schools board of education president said after interviewing the four candidates and looking at their experience, the board felt Hafer would be a great fit for the school and community. Hafer has lived in rural settings and understands the culture and he will be able to build partnerships in the Ainsworth community.

Cherry County Planning & Zoning Recommends two Wind Energy Regulation Amendments to County Commissioners

The Cherry County Planning and Zoning Board has recommended two citizen led amendments to regulations regarding industrial wind energy in Cherry County.

The first, sponsored by area rancher Wayne Eatinger that would essentially ban industrial wind from the county, was recommended for approval to the Cherry County Commissioners on a vote of 4 - 2 with Dwaine Kime and Gary Swanson voting not to recommend it.

The second amendment, sponsored by area businessman Billy Weller, would reclassify wind projects from a commercial designation to industrial which would require

industrial wind to have the same setbacks as a feedlot, something Commissioner Tanya Storer has said she would like to see. It was also approved for recommendation to the commissioners on a vote of 5-1 with only Gary Swanson voting against it.

About 50 members of the public attended the recent meeting, and when polled so that the Planning and Zoning board could see how many in attendance supported the amendments, every member of the public in the room stood in support.

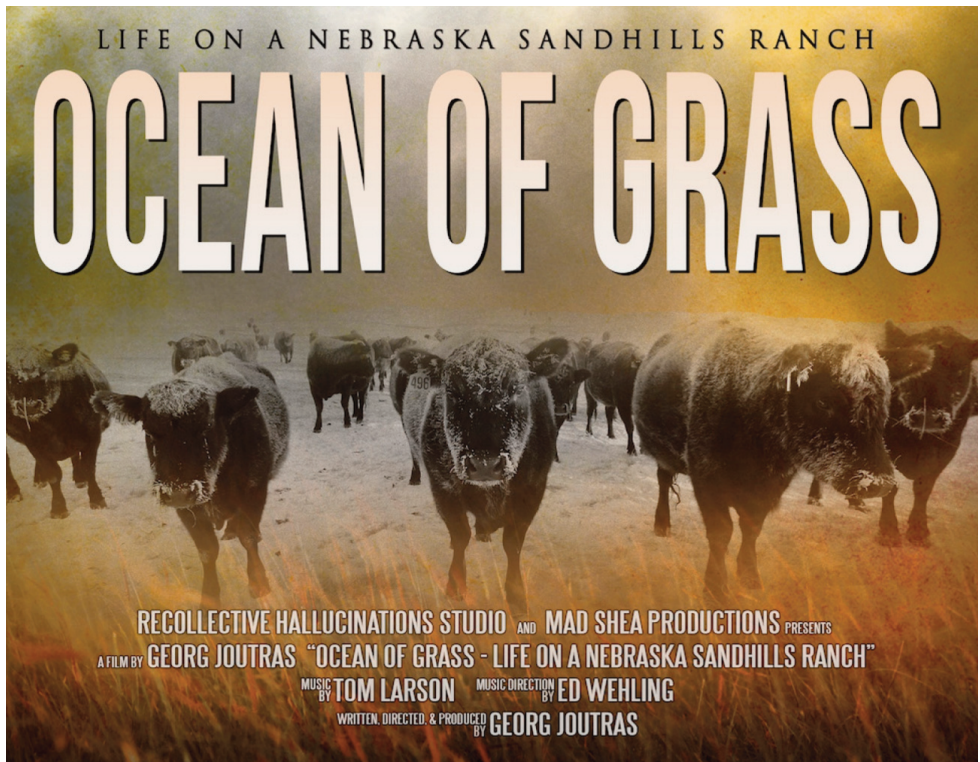
Recommendations from the Planning and Zoning

Board are only recommendations, which means it is up to the Cherry County Commissioners whether or not to adopt them.

Lately, the Cherry County Commissioners have been ignoring such recommendations from Planning and Zoning regarding industrial wind.

The next Cherry County Commissioners meeting is set for January 29, at 10:00 a.m. CT in the Cherry County Courthouse at which time the Commissioners will set a date for a public hearing regarding these industrial wind regulation amendments.

‘Ocean Of Grass’ Film to Be Shown



The acclaimed film, Ocean of Grass, is scheduled to appear on the big screen at the Grand Theater in Grand Island, Nebraska, January 25, 26 & 27th at 7:15 p.m. (CT) each evening. This film about the American cattle ranch, an icon of the United States, projects an enticing historical vision of hard working people living close to nature on the plains of the west. The McGinn Ranch, first settled in the 1880's, is such a place. Moving into its 5th generation, the ranch encompasses all that makes America great: an appreciation of heroic effort, the love of family, friends & country, and doing whatever it takes to survive. It is a landscape of individuals with unique personalities.

OCEAN OF GRASS is an organic journey about life rolled up into the ranch

experience. The conflicts and issues in the film are real but not overblown. In the end, the film is an honest and personal look at being who you are and treating all creatures and the land with respect.

Audiences have called the film 'masterful', 'zen-like & meditative', 'a genre of its own', and 'spectacularly filmed', and a 'real, true look at ranching'. It is also an experiential, immersive documentary capturing a year in the life of a 130 year old Nebraska Sandhills ranch. The cinematography submits to the lyrical and timeless feeling of the American Great Plains, and presents the intriguing personalities of those who choose this sparse, rugged lifestyle. The film narrative is provided by the ranchers who have called this area home for generations.

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The screening of this Nebraska Film is sponsored by the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway. The Byway is pleased to host this unique film and to welcome Georg Joutras. As part of the experience, Mr. Joutras will conduct a Q & A session on Saturday, January 26th, 2019 at 1:00 pm in Cairo, Nebraska during the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway Annual Meeting. The public is invited to register for lunch and participate in the Q&A session. Please visit <http://sandhillsjourney.com> for more information on attending the Q&A and ordering movie tickets. Movie admission is \$8/per person and tickets are on sale online at Eventbrite and the Grand Theater the day of the movie.

Mulligan Recognized For 25 Years Of Service

Stapleton Postmaster Judy Mulligan of Thedford, has been presented a service award pin and certificate in recognition of 25 years of federal employment. The presentation was made by Central Plains District Manager, Rick Pivovar.

"You are to be commended for your many contributions throughout the years toward improved postal service operations," Pivovar said.

Mulligan began work as a PTF clerk in the Valentine Post Office and continued in that position until she was promoted and named postmaster at Kilgore. She also served as postmaster at Thedford and Hyannis.

Mulligan was appointed Stapleton Postmaster on March 18, 2017.

"I counted it up one day and I've worked in 20 post offices in Nebraska and South Dakota during the past 25 years," Mulligan said. "I have been very fortunate to have good staff and have been able to serve great patrons during the past 25 years."

As Stapleton Postmaster, Mulligan also serves as administrative postmaster over the Tryon and Arnold Post Offices.



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Judy Mulligan, Stapleton Postmaster, is pictured with the certificate and pin she received for her 25 years of service.

CPPD Employees Recognized



Tom Knott and wife Karla, center, pictured with their family, daughter, Lisa and her husband Dan Neal and children, Colton, Jasper and Cooper and Knott's son, Andy, right.

Stories & Pictures
Terri Licking

Past and present Custer Public Power District employees gathered January 5 at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow for an evening of recognition, relaxation, fun, and good food.

Custer Public Power District is the largest public power district in the state and covers 8,000 square miles. CPPD supplies elec-

tric power through distribution lines in Custer, Blaine, Thomas, Logan, McPherson, Loup and Hooker counties, plus portions of Sherman, Dawson, Cherry, Lincoln, Brown, and Garfield counties. Hard work is celebrated one night every year.

Tom Knott, operations manager, who has worked at CPPD, was recognized on his retirement. Knott began working as a lineman August 13, 1979, in

Broken Bow. He and his family, wife Karla and children Andy, Lisa and Heather, moved to Thedford in 1987 when he became lead lineman and foreman for the area. He and Karla returned to Broken Bow in 2004 when he became Operations Manager, a position he has held until his retirement. On hand to help him celebrate were family

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Baby Section

Our newspaper's special Valentine's Day baby section will be published Feb. 14.

We are calling all babies! No matter where you live, if you were born in 2018, you can be featured in *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News* and *Thomas County Herald*.

Have your mom or dad grandparents, or any relative send us your picture and information. See more information on page 6 inside this issue.