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Republican gubernatorial candidate makes Stapleton stop

Marcia Hora

Logan County GOP hosted a “meet and greet” at the Hen House Café in Stapleton, Tuesday, January 11, as Jim Pillen, Republican candidate for governor made a local tour stop.

Pillen said he is a conservative Republican who grew up on a farm in Platte County, Nebraska, and raised hogs with his father. He went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science from UN-L and earned a doctor of veterinary science from Kansas State. In 1983 he and his wife returned to Nebraska and opened a small animal practice and swine consulting practice. He and his father continued raising hogs on a dirt lot on their home farm, before starting Pillen Family Farms and DNA Genetics. The multigenerational family-run business now has a team of over 1,100 members.

Pillen said he has basic core beliefs – do what is right, do the best you can, and treat others the way you want to be treated.

“I grew up under the guidance of my father who believed in hard work and the value of a dollar,” Pillen said. “Government spends too much money and it needs to shrink. Governor Ricketts has done a good job of being fiscally conservative, but we can do even better.”

He also said he decided to make a political run because he believes in the people of the state.

“My father instilled in me there are givers and takers. I believe in public service and I believe this is the right time for me to give back to the state.”

Pillen who was a defensive football star for the Huskers in the 1970’s said Coach Tom Osborne taught him there is no such thing as staying the same. You get better or you get worse.

“Working together we can make our state even better. I believe in this state and our hard-working people,” he said.

Pillen said there are four reasons he is running for governor – kids, taxes, agriculture and values.

“Cattle and corn are king in Nebraska and having spent my entire life in agriculture, we know ag needs a strong voice. We have to sell our products to the world.”

Pillen’s life is defined by faith and family.

He is fully committed to K-12 education in Nebraska and believes



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Jim Pillen, Republican candidate for governor, was in Stapleton last week for an informal meet and greet with local constituents. Pillen said Nebraska represents the best of America as he outlined his grass roots campaign. He is pictured visiting with Shaylee and Susanne Jones before making a stop later that morning in Thedford.

schools should continue to reflect commonsense Nebraska values. He believes the mission in education is to prepare children for the future and not introduce political ideology.

Serving on the Nebraska Board of Regents, Pillen is the only regent in the United States who brought a resolution to prevent the imposition of Critical Race Theory on NU campuses. He also stands with thousands of Nebraska parents in opposing the proposed State Board of Education “health standards,” which sexualize students and supplant parental values with a radical view.

He said he is proudly prolife, believes in limiting growth in government spending, and stands with law enforcement. He supports agriculture and the assault against it and overreach by the federal government. He also defends the right to keep and bear arms.

Pillen took questions from those in attendance and said he would continue to support veterans.

“Without them we would be a different country,” Pillen said. “I will always stand with our veterans.”

When asked about the increasing property taxes he said he believes the entire state now understands that property taxes are too high. Even those living in the eastern part of the state realize if rural Nebraska doesn’t do well the entire state has a problem.

“The school aid formula is so complicated that very few people understand it. There are 244 school districts in the state and 157 of those districts get no state aid. It is unfair and it makes no sense. That has got to change.”

When asked about the R-Project transmission line, Pillen said he believes Nebraskans need to continue to have reliable sources of power that includes coal, nuclear, natural gas, and continue looking at wind and solar. “We can’t abandon the practices we have that have given our state reliable power.”

Pillen said broad band access in rural areas, expanding technology, improving our highways, and completing four lane projects are a must as we move the state forward.

He is opposed to mask mandates and says he feels you should give information about the vaccine and let people make their own choice.

“The virus is not going away. People can think for themselves and make decisions that are best for them personally. We need to preserve our freedoms. We have to live, move on and keep educating our students. Shutting down schools is harming our youth.”

Pillen said we need to get bureaucratic government out of our local rural fire departments and EMS when asked about the burdensome hours of training and a data base being put together by the govern-

ment.

He concluded by saying, “I hope that today I have earned your trust and vote. My campaign is a grass roots one and my win will be because you tell others why you are voting for me. I am incredibly blessed to be living here and there truly is no place like Nebraska.”

The next stop on the day was at the Sandhills Corral in Thedford where approximately 20 people were in attendance.

Bruns files to run for legislature

Marcia Hora

Chris Bruns, Lincoln County Commissioner and conservative candidate for Nebraska Legislature in District 42, made his campaign official, Friday, January 7.

At a morning meeting with Secretary of State Bob Evnen, Bruns completed his paperwork and paid the fee to run for office. Chris was joined by his wife, Ashley, who he considers his biggest supporter.

“Ashley and I have been looking forward to officially filing for office today for months,” Bruns said. “As a Marine Corps veteran, I learned the true meaning of leadership and teamwork. As a rancher, I deeply care about the ag community and rural Nebraska. And as a father, I want to keep Nebraska the best place on earth to live, work, and

Chamber’s annual meeting to feature ‘Halftime with Billie J’ comedy



COURTESY

BJ Puttergill will be the featured entertainment at this year’s annual Chamber meeting set for January 31.

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce has finalized plans for the organization’s 2022 annual meeting and membership drive that will feature entertainment.

The meeting will be held Monday, January 31, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Hen House Café in Stapleton. The chicken fried steak meal and meeting will be followed by Halftime with Billie J

comedy. Adult refreshments will be served by Herbie’s Speakeasy and will be a cash bar.

Call meal reservations to Hen House Café at 308-636-2614 by January 19.

Join us for a fun evening and help promote Stapleton in 2022.

The \$40.00 membership dues are payable to Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 232, Stapleton, NE 69163.

Members needed on Ag Society Board

The Logan County Ag Society will hold its annual meeting Thursday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Logan County Fairbuilding.

Board members and volunteers are needed to help with fairground projects as the board works to improve the facilities.

Current officers and members are Kris Norem, president; Toby Kinder-

knecht, vice president; Stacey Anderson, secretary; and Chelsey Myers, treasurer. Board members are Ellen Salisbury, Scott Salisbury, Erin Frey, Sean Carson, and Pam Schaeffer.

The Ag Society will be working on finishing the large room in the fair building, installing additional water hydrants, new arena lighting and completing dirt work.

An open class superintendent is needed for the fair.

The Ag Society meets once a month, holds work days throughout the year and conducts the fair and rodeo.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

If you would like to help out you may contact any of the current officers or board members. Your attendance at the annual meeting is appreciated.

Queen committee established for 2022 contest

The Logan County Agricultural Society thanks Carol Clark and Bonnie James for their 10-plus years of service. Clark and James have graciously orchestrated and conducted the queen contest for the Logan County Fair during this time. They have done a tremendous job through some very trying times.

Clark and James have

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Calling All 2021 Babies

No matter where you live, if you were born in 2021, you can be featured in The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News and Thomas County Herald.

We are working on our special Valentine’s Day section. Have your mom or dad, grandparents, or any relative mail, email, or drop off their favorite picture of you to Creative Printers, P.O. Box 98, Stapleton, NE 69163 or email to creativeprinters@gp.com.net

Birthday & Anniversary Calendars Available

The 2022 community calendars are now available at the following locations:

Frey’s General Store, The Feed Bunk, Community First Bank, Hen House Cafe, Kimber’s, Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, Creative Printers, and Country Partners.

Stop in and pick up your free calendar made possible by area businesses who appreciate your support.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
31	49	12	0
Jan 1	19	-5	.22
2	8	-13	.01
3	36	-5	0
4	42	21	0
5	53	0	0
6	4	-8	.3
7	8	-9	1.5

Observations

Wind chill was recorded at -21 Jan. 1; -18 Jan. 2; -4 Jan 4; -14 Jan. 5; -23 Jan. 6; -14 Jan. 7. Winds were recorded at 46 mph on Jan.4. Snow was measured at 2.6” Jan.1; .2” Jan. 2; .3” Jan 6; 1.5” Jan. 7

Total December moisture was .23” with snow totaling 1.7”. Total moisture for 2021 was 18.98”. Average moisture is 22.97”.

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- *Graphic Files*
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- Logan Co. Ag Society Annual Meeting Notice
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- McPherson Co. RE Owners Notice

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