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Stapleton Speech Team Competes In Gothenburg

Stapleton High School's speech team continues to do well in competition. The team competed in the Gothenburg Speech Meet, Saturday, February 5. There were 28 schools at this meet with 383 students and 463 entries.

Medal winners included:

Novice Humorous: Peyton Moore, 5th place.

Novice Entertainment: Karol Redinger, 6th place.

Superiors (scores from 45-50 each round) were awarded to:

Varsity OID: Tad Dimmitt, Caleb Burnside, Jared Trimble, Megan

Amos, and Keali Forea (47, 46, 46).

Varsity Informative: Tad Dimmitt (45, 49, 48).

Varsity Humorous: Megan Amos (45, 47, 49).

Varsity Duet: Megan Amos and Keali Forea (46, 49, 45).

Varsity Poetry: Tessa Hansen (45, 45, 45).

Varsity Serious: Elizabeth Fetty (45, 45, 45).

The team competed in the Blue & Gold Speech meet at North Platte, Saturday, February 12, and will be at the Ogallala meet on Saturday, February 19.



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Back row, l-r Caleb Burnside, Jared Trimble, Ethan Weems, Arena Fetty, Emma Nicholson, Cayson Johnston, Kylee Lee, Sadie Dimmitt and Keith Morash. Middle row, l-r: Jaylen Dimmitt, Haylee Dimmitt, Elizabeth Fetty, Tessa Hansen, Karol Redinger, Peyton Moore and Tad Dimmitt. Front row, l-r: Megan Amos, Keali Florea and Cooper Layher.

Harvey to speak at 2022 Gala

Plans have been finalized for the Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala to be held Saturday, March 5, at the Stapleton Community Center. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the steak and shrimp dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

This year's special speaker is Mike Harvey, a 1963 graduate of Stapleton High School. Harvey has spent his entire career in education. He has been a guidance counselor, science teacher, athletic director, and many years as a principal, including 25 years in that capacity at Arnold High School.

After high school graduation, he started attending Kearney State College before being drafted in 1967 and serving his country for two years. He returned to school and earned his bachelor's in science degree in 1970, a master's degree in counseling in 1981 from Chadron State College, and an administrative principal's degree in 1986 from Kearney State College.

His first teaching duties were at Wheatland Schools at Madrid and then was principal at Wallace from 1980 to 1985. He served as principal at Arnold from 1985-2010.

Now retired, Harvey said he keeps busy with volunteer work and his agronomy business. He is active in American Legion Post #130 and V.F.W. Post #6157 in Arnold. Harvey said he will be telling first year teaching stories at the gala.

Attendees will be able to purchase a \$10.00 ticket for the "Gold Circle Table." The winner will have the opportunity to be first in line for the meal, drink tickets, and a table setting for eight.

Auction items already solicited include Dekalb



1963 Stapleton High School graduate, Mike Harvey, who has been in education for most of his life, will be this year's speaker at the Stapleton Public Schools Foundation gala to be held Saturday, March 5, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Seed, Yetti cooler, cowhide rug, Miranda Lambert tickets, Live Fit Gym membership, Nebraska Days Rodeo tickets, and a Fitbit fitness tracker. There will also be silent auction items and door prizes given throughout the night.

Advance tickets are \$40.00 per person or a table of eight for \$350.00. Tickets must be paid in advance. Tickets may be reserved by calling the school office at 308-636-2252 by Friday, February 18. Party On Productions will provide D.J. music.

Stapleton Public Schools Foundation was formed in 2014. Its purpose is to provide funds for education, including funds for scholarships.

If you would like to donate an auction item you may contact a board of director. They are Lacy Kinderknecht, Steve Schaeffer, Kennetha Amos, Richard Gewecke, Duane McClain, Brenda Monson, Amber Rooney, and Superintendent Brian Redinger.

Village Board Report

Property clean-up, a three month review of the maintenance assistant, and playground equipment was on the agenda at the regular Village of Stapleton board meeting, Wednesday, February 9.

It was reported that the former Stapleton Meat Market property owned by Bob Burns, has seen clean-up activity. The village attorney will take the second step to address the Velazquez/Rivas-Engleman property on E Street and clean-up work has started on the Vicky Allen property on C Street.

The board met with newly hired maintenance assistant, Harry Russell, for a three-month review.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson reported there had been vandalism at the Stapleton Park, a welfare check was conducted on an elderly person, there were break-ins reported at Tryon, Thedford, and Halsey, and NEMA funding for the village will be looked into.

The board is looking at purchasing additional playground equipment for the Stapleton Park that would be age appropriate for 2-5 year olds. Board member Amber Tatman will select three or four items and report back at the next board meeting of the cost.

Employee insurance for

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Area Businesses Burglarized

Story By:
Marcia Hora

Burglaries at three locations are under investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol and McPherson County Sheriff Tom Burch and Thomas County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Trent Neal, owner of Neal Oil in Tryon, said his business was burglarized early Monday morning. A person or persons used a wheel waiting to have a tire put on it to break out the window and door to gain entry.

Thomas County Sheriff Smith said Ewoldt's Grocery, Thedford, and the Double T Bar in Halsey were also hit. Ewoldt's Grocery had two doors broken out to gain entry

and the Double T had a door and window broken.

All three scenes were similar in the way entry was gained and each business had a minimal amount of cash taken.

"We are increasing patrol in the villages and counties," Sheriff Smith said. "The state patrol investigator is assisting with the cases and we are working on leads."

Valley County Sheriff Casey Hurlburt reported in the January 26 issue of *The Ord Quiz* his county was experiencing a marked increase in local cases of burglary and theft in the area, usually in rural locations, which are directly related to the drug activity which has been escalating. Many of these criminals are not

only coming into our county from elsewhere, they are actually living here, he said.

"As sheriff, I want these criminals to know that if you come into our county, or if you live in our area and are associated with these illegal activities, we are going to catch you."

The Valley County Sheriff's Office recently hired Deputy Shaun Muncy, who has also had K9 training and is well known for recognizing drug activity due to previous experience on the I-80 drug corridor.

Among busts in Valley County made by K9 Deputy Brendan Molden included Joseph L. Duran, 36, a transient on January 22. He was booked into Valley County Jail for felony possession of a controlled substance, both meth and cocaine, possession with intent to distribute, tampering with physical evidence, possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person, escape, and resisting arrest, and Toni S. Hopkins, 30, of North Platte, booked into Valley County Jail for felony possession of a controlled substance, criminal impersonation and obstructing a police officer.

Stapleton Golf Association elects new officers

Officers for 2022 were elected at the annual meeting of the Stapleton Golf Association. Chayton Crow will be president, Scott Gaites, treasurer, and Skip Hecox, secretary. New board members are John Main and Trevor Hanna. Other board members are Eric Garrelts, Jace Doyle, Kaman Dailey and Mark Baumgartner.

A fundraiser is being planned for Saturday, March 26, at the Stapleton Community Center. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the meal will follow. Be watching for more information on the fundraiser as it becomes available.

-- News Briefs --

Special Report On Campaign For Nebraska District 42

Three candidates are vying for the Nebraska Legislative District 42nd seat. Terri Licking, staff writer, is reporting this week on the views of the three candidates. This story can be found inside this issue on page 10.

Logan and McPherson County voters should take note that they are now in the 42nd District that is currently held by Senator Groene who is termed out. Senator Tom Brewer's 43rd District now encompasses all of Custer County.

Sasse: Inflation Is Killing Biden's Fantasy

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Ben Sasse, a member of the Senate Finance and Budget Committees, issued the following statement regarding the news today that inflation has just hit its highest level in 40 years.

"Inflation ought to put President Biden's 'Build Back Better' fantasy in the grave. Half the country's never experienced inflation this bad and the other half is getting Jimmy Carter flashbacks. This isn't sustainable."

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
4	23	-5	0
5	37	5	0
6	59	26	0
7	47	22	0
8	59	22	0
9	56	23	0
10	55	18	T
11	62	18	0

Observations:
34 mph wind at 2:22 p.m. on February 10 and wind chill 14 degrees at 7:37 a.m.

Reservations being taken for Brush Fire Studio's paint and sip Friday, February 25 See ad on page 11

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