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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

NO.

Village taking action on junk, nuisance properties

The Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees began the process on junk and nuisance properties within the village of Stapleton at their regular January meeting. Properties of concern are the former Stapleton Meat Market building owned by Bob Burns, a junk vehicle at the Velazques-Rivas property on E Street, and the house owned by Vicky Allen on C Street. Letters will be sent by the village attorney, Jon Schroeder.

A maintenance assistant job description for Harry Russell, who was recently hired by the board, was reviewed.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson reported on an arrest made within the village limits and illegal dumping in road ditches.

Special designated licenses were approved for Creative Printers, LLC for the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on January 31, a Valentine's Day dinner on February 12, and the Stapleton Volunteer Firemen's appreciation dinner on February 26, all to be held at the Hen House Café, and for the Stapleton Public Schools Foundation annual gala to be held Friday, March 4 and a contingency date of Saturday, March 5.

Dan Beckius and Wayne Hora will be attending the Logan County Commissioners meeting on January 19 in regards to back taxes on property recently purchased by Nathan and Bridget Weems at a foreclosure sale.

Additional playground equipment for the Stapleton park was discussed and this will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

The village clerk will be attending a training session to be held March 13-18 in Kearney and a \$100.00 scholarship has been received to go towards the cost.

Employee health insurance was discussed.

The board approved the purchase of a new baler from Nebraska Surplus and tools are being purchased for the new shop.

The Village of Stapleton received a tire grant for 2022.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Blood Drive Goal Met



BEA GAITES PHOTO

Dale and Marrietta Bierma were among those donating at the recent Red Cross blood drive. Dale has donated 43 units, and Marietta, 53.

There were 19 donors as the American Red Cross blood drive came to Stapleton in January and set up at the Stapleton Community Center. There were two Power Reds and one first time donor. Eighteen units were collected and the goal was met. "Thank you to everyone who came out to do-

nate," said Bea Gaites, coordinator. "Every unit is vital as supplies are extremely low.

Donors were Dale and Marrietta Bierma, Richard Burnside, Janet Barnum, Jay Peterson, Colby Streit, Amanda Weems, Jon Walz, Vera Jividen, Jeana Hanna, Ronald Up-

hoff, Bea Gaites, John Lanka, Janice Buker, Kaci Wheeler, Amy Wheeler, Milissa Kramer, Erin Frey and Lois Cotton.

The next American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for March 21 and this will be sponsored by the Stapleton High School student council.

Chohon retires after 37 years of service

Tom Chohon, County Executive Director of the Ainsworth District Farm Service Agency Office and Valentine FSA Office is retiring after serving 37 1/2 years with the USDA agency.

Chohon began his career in what was called the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service in June of 1984, and served in the Holt County, Stapleton District, and Stanton County Offices, before transferring to the Ainsworth District FSA Office in May of 1999, where he served the farmers and ranchers of Brown, Rock and Keya Paha Counties for over 22 1/2 years.

In August of 2020, he was also assigned the duties of managing the Valentine FSA Office, which includes the counties of Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas and Blaine counties, in addition to the counties of Brown, Rock and Keya Paha.

Chohon said he enjoyed



his career immensely and what he enjoyed the most was being an ambassador for the FSA programs and explaining to farmers and ranchers how the FSA programs could benefit their operation. He said it was an honor and privilege to serve the farmers and ranchers in the Ainsworth and Valentine Offices and other locations throughout the years.

As for the future, Chohon said if the opportunity arose, he would

still like to work with area farmers and ranchers.

His final thought was, "If you are not willing to change, you will grow stagnant."

Chohon also acknowledged all of the county committee members who were great to work with throughout his career.

Tom and his wife, Lisa, are looking forward to visiting their two sons more, traveling, and enjoying the company of the hundreds of local partners in ag that he's come to know so well.

He said they would be staying in the area and he plans to continue to help farmers and ranchers by providing a service that helps them add value to their operations through a litany of USDA and non-USDA programs, enjoy traveling more, and helping their parents more.

The Ainsworth County Committee hosted a Retirement Open House for Tom on Friday, January 14th in Ainsworth.

West is new Mortgage Lender at Community First Bank

Marcia Hora

Community First Bank in Stapleton is now offering home financing. Katie West is the new mortgage lender and started in the position in November of 2021. She is now available to complete mortgages, home, construction, and investment loans.

West is working out of the North Platte office, but is traveling to all bank locations.

She grew up on a ranch outside of Wallace and has been in banking for a number of years.

"Rates are still low, so if you are able to get property purchased, come in and see me," West said. "There is a lack of housing right now and it is definitely a seller's market. I'm really enjoying coming up to Stapleton and everyone has been so welcoming. I look forward to getting to know everyone at the various locations. If you or someone you know is in the market for a new



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

home or have a renovation project, schedule an

appointment with me today."

Logan County Ag Society Sets 2022 Stapleton Rodeo Dates

The Logan County Ag Society met and elected officers and set rodeo dates at their annual meeting in January.

Officers for 2022 will be Kris Norem, president; Toby Kinderknecht, vice president; Stacey Anderson, secretary; and Chelsey Myers, treasurer. Other members are Erin Frey, Scott Salisbury, Sean Carson, Ellen Salisbury and Justin Rahn.

The Stapleton rodeo will be held Saturday, August 20, with slack at 8:00 a.m., trippin' to follow slack,

and the rodeo performance at 7:30 p.m.

The ranch rodeo will be held Friday, August 19.

The next meeting of the Logan County Ag Society will be February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Logan

County Fairbuilding. If you would like to help out in any way with this year's fair and rodeo plan to attend the meeting or contact a fairboard member.

Blind Date With A Book

The Logan County Library's February challenge for reading is "Blind Date with a Book." Come check out one of the wrapped books and read it. Tell us if you "Loved It" or "Not." You will receive a prize. Read more than one and receive a prize each time.

"Get Mugged" at the library will be February 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Make your "Sweetheart a Mug." The cost is \$5.00.

-- News Briefs --

We Need Your Baby Pictures

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's* special Valentine's Day section.

A lot of really cute photos have been sent in, but we need everyone to participate.

Just tell your mom, dad, grandparents, or any relative, to get your picture and information emailed to us at creativeprinters@gpcom.net. Pictures can be mailed to Creative Printers, P.O. Box 98, Stapleton, NE 69163. Hurry! The deadline is February 4.

Gandy Community Church Sets Winter Banquet

Gandy Community Church will hold their winter banquet Friday, February 11, at the Logan County Fairbuilding. The youth group will serve dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Stangl family will provide fun and engaging entertainment. This Nebraska family has their own twist on bluegrass gospel music.

R.S.V.P. to Virginia Huffman at 308-764-7226 or Amanda Fletcher at 308-636-6024.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
22	35	0	.02
23	47	16	0
24	52	24	0
25	46	17	.01
26	21	14	T
27	40	17	0
28	40	14	T

Observations

Snow in the amount of .1" was recorded on January 22 and .2" on January 25. A trace of snow was recorded on January 26 and 28. Snow pellets were also observed on January 28

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