

THE STAPLETON

SERVING
LOGAN & McPHERSON COUNTIES
FOR OVER 100 YEARS

ENTERPRISE

Since 1912 • creativeprintersonline.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

NO. 8

SCMD to observe 5th anniversary

MARCIA HORA

Sometimes it seems like yesterday. At other times it seems like eons ago. What started out with a call to Jim Crandall, cooperative business development specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (now retired) has culminated into the 5th anniversary of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been five years that we have opened our doors,” said Heather Harwager, SCMD board of directors vice president. “There has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears shed these past five plus years. There have been many unknowns and a lot of prayers for our community to help us pull this off. As Jim Crandall always told us, make sure you take time to “celebrate” even the little things. Five years in business is a time to celebrate and reflect what has been accomplished, but in the same breath our work is never done. We know we have lots to learn, more to accomplish, and are always finding better ways to accommodate the community.”

SCMD is a much acclaimed success story and the locally owned grocery store will observe its 5th anniversary in a big way with a customer appreciation celebration, along with the annual shareholders meeting, Saturday, March 12, the official reopening day of the grocery store in 2017.

After Main Street Market & Deli closed on Septem-

ber 30, 2015, residents in the Stapleton area banded together to purchase the building and some of the equipment at public auction. A steering committee was formed and by selling shares and forming a cooperative, and with the help of grants and donations, the store has continued providing groceries to the residents in the surrounding area.

Pam Schaeffer, manager, said the store continues to be a viable asset to the community and improvements continue being made. The building was eventually purchased by the cooperative, a new five-door cooler and energy-efficient lighting was installed, and equipment has been upgraded.

Schaeffer, who has been the store manager since October of 2018, and served on the board of directors prior to that, said SCMD continues to build inventory and add new products.

“We are continuing to sell shares and are grateful for the grants we have been awarded,” Schaeffer said. “I want to personally recognize the loyal shareholders and shoppers who have been with us since the beginning. It has been a group effort with our employees, the board, and patrons helping every step of the way.”

Schaeffer said she is unable to get some items due to supply chain issues, but she is pleased the store is well stocked and has everything a customer needs. SCMD also serves deli sandwiches, a lunch special on Thursdays, and specialty coffees and smoothies. Meat and



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will hold a 5th anniversary celebration, Saturday, March 12, with a 5% discount that day on groceries for shareholders, in-store specials, and activities for kids. A free chili and cinnamon roll meal will be served at noon at the Stapleton Community Center that is open to everyone. The annual shareholders annual meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.

cheese trays are available and a cooler in the store has flower arrangements made by local florist, Mary Munson of Munson’s Floral Designs.

“We had a great influx of shoppers during the COVID-19 shutdown and people stayed home and shopped here. Although we have been promoting local shopping, there has been a drop-off in the number coming through our doors.”

Harwager agreed.

“As a community owned business, the community has been very supportive, but we know it could be

better as we saw the number of people coming to the store increase during COVID-19 and people shopped locally. We want to be here to celebrate 10 and 20 year anniversaries. Stapleton has grown so much these last few years and the community has a lot going for it. I am so grateful to have been a part of the success and the community should be proud of themselves as well,” Harwager said. “The store’s slogan ‘Your Community. Your Store,’ is something that we hope to instill into each resident and know

each person has an impact on this community-owned business. Thank you for the ride. It’s been a great experience.”

Schaeffer added she hoped everyone would give the store a chance and the opportunity to serve them with their grocery needs.

The store will be observing this special anniversary with an all-day event during regular Saturday store hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shareholders will receive a 5% discount on their groceries that day, there will be in-store spe-

cials, activities for kids, and a free chili and cinnamon roll lunch served to everyone at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

The annual shareholders meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m. Items on the agenda will include election of three board of directors. The terms of Dan Beckius, Jason Trimble, and Heather Harwager are up for election. Other board of directors are Tom Johnson, president; Marcia Hora, secretary; Nathan Weems, treasurer; and Jack Brummet.

Incumbent Filing Deadline Over

The filing deadline date for incumbents for the upcoming May primary election has come and gone. County Clerks remind non-incumbents that the filing deadline of March 1 is rapidly approaching.

Filings received in Logan and McPherson counties include:

Logan County

County Clerk: Debbie Myers, Republican incumbent.

County Treasurer: Richard Gewecke, Republican incumbent.

Commissioner, District No. 1: Lee Wonch, Republican incumbent.

County Sheriff: Sean T. Carson, Republican incumbent.

County Attorney: Andrew J. Van Velson, Republican.

School District R-1

Board of Education (three seats open): Richard Burnside, Steven L. Schaeffer and Franklin J. Kramer, all incumbents.

McPherson County

County Clerk: Katherine E. Hoberg, Republican incumbent.

County Treasurer: No Filings

County Sheriff: No Filings

County Attorney: No Filings

County Commissioner: John E. Bryant, Democrat, and Brett W. Nason, Republican, both incumbents.

School District 90 Board of Education (three seats open): Chad W. Fisher, incumbent.

Toni Powers and Trent Neal did not file for reelection to their positions on the School District 90 Board of Education.

Schaeffer to be honored at conference

Mid-Plains Community College nursing instructor, Addie Schaeffer of Stapleton, has been selected to receive the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s Excellence in Teaching award for her outstanding commitment and contributions to higher education.

Addie is the wife of Todd Schaeffer and they have two daughters, Ansley, 4 and Macie Mae, 1.

The NISOD Excellence Awards were established in 1991 to provide NISOD member colleges with an opportunity to recognize individuals doing extraordinary work on their campuses. Since then, more than 30,000 recipients have been honored with the award by their colleges.

“Addie has been a great addition to our nursing department, and we are



Addie Schaeffer

so happy she is with us, said Dr. Jody Tomanek, vice president of academic affairs at NPCC. “She is very deserving of this recognition.”

Schaeffer is originally from Alma. She has been working in the field of nursing since she was a junior in high school.

“I started as a nurses

aide at the hospital in Alma, and I just fell in love with it,” Schaeffer said. “I knew right away that I wanted to get my RN.”

Schaeffer graduated from Alma High School in 2007, then obtained a bachelor’s degree from Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln in 2012.

Her first job out of college was working in the observation unit at Great Plains Health. She then moved to GPH’s intensive care unit, where she remained for five years.

Four years of that time, Schaeffer also provided clinical instruction as an adjunct instructor for MPCC’s nursing program. She became a full-time instructor in the summer of 2018.

“What I enjoy the most about being a nursing instructor is having the op-

portunity to share my passion for nursing with future nurses,” Schaeffer said. “I love being in the clinical setting and challenging them to enhance their nursing skills and their critical thinking ability. I still work PRN at the hospital, and to me, the best reward is seeing my past students in their nursing uniforms and having them as co-workers. It makes me proud of the quality of nurses the program produces. I am very honored to accept this award and still in a little disbelief because I work with so many great instructors that are deserving of this award as well.”

Schaeffer will be honored at a dinner and celebration during the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leading Excellence May 28-31 in Austin, Texas.

-- News Briefs --

Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala

Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala will take place Saturday, March 5, at the Stapleton Community Center. The social hour is at 5:00 p.m. and the steak and shrimp dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Harvey, SHS graduate and former principal will be the guest speaker.

There will be D.J. music, silent and live auction items, and door prizes.

Nebraska Press Association Foundation Scholarships

The Nebraska Press Association Foundation board has approved funding for up to six total high school/collegiate scholarships at \$2,000 each. Preference will be given to students pursuing a print journalism education at a Nebraska college or university. Applications must be postmarked by March 18, 2022.

For more information and application form go to www.nebpress.com

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
12	43	13	0
13	41	11	0
14	58	10	0
15	50	18	0
16	54	21	0
17	37	3	.04
18	35	-1	T

Observations:

Wind chill was recorded at -9 degrees at 7:37 a.m. on Thursday, February 17. A total of .9" of snow was also measured on that day.

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

McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Prairie Hills Senior Menu
- Weed Control

Notices

- School District R-1 Board Retreat Notice
- Village of Stapleton Board Proceedings
- McPherson County School District #90 Board Proceedings
- Logan County Commissioners Board Proceedings
- Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli Shareholders Meeting
- Logan & McPherson Democratic Conv.

Index

Legal Notices.....	2
Social Side	3
Opinion Page.....	4
Classified	5
McPherson Co. News.....	6
McPherson Co School News	7
Stapleton Public Schools News.....	8
SVM Sports	9
Obituaries	10
Church Page.....	11
Community Calendar	12
Proceedings	13
SCMD Anniversary.....	14