



SPS Student Council Hosts Final Blood Drive of School Year

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Giving blood is a selfless act. The hour it takes to give the gift of life can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical need. At the Stapleton Public Schools blood drive on March 21, a total of 41 people presented to donate blood. Of those, five were deferred. The goal for the day was 33 units of blood. A grand total of 38 units of blood (34 whole blood and 4 power reds) were collected, each making a significant impact on the lives of others.

This drive was also special because it was a community service project for student council, helping them earn scholarship funds.

Donors reaching milestones include:

- Polly Burnside, seven gallons
- Jay Peterson, one gallon
- Will Sisson, one gallon
- Conner Weekly, first-time donor
- Brent Charlton, first-time donor
- Megan Licking, first-time donor



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Megan Amos, left, was one of the SHS student council members assisting with the blood drive on March 21. Natalie Newman is pictured giving blood for the first time.

- Karol Redinger, first-time donor
- Natalie Newman, first-time donor
- Peggy Peterson, first-time donor
- Mickie Florea, first-time donor
- Kaitlyn Goodrich, first-time donor

- Kylee Lee, first-time donor
 - Elizabeth Fetty, first-time donor
- Every day, patients throughout our community and across the country rely on volunteer blood donors when receiving medical care. Cancer patients, trauma victims, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, sickle cell disease patients and others may need blood products.

The next blood drive in Stapleton will be on July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the community center.

Sheriff's Office Investigates Two Accidents

The Logan County Sheriff's office recently investigated two one-vehicle accidents. The sheriff's office was notified at 8:00 p.m. Saturday night, March 26, that mail boxes and a State of Nebraska speed limit sign had been run over west of Gandy on the 57A spur. There was no vehicle at the scene, but there were black marks left on the highway. The next morning a gentleman notified one person that he had run over their mailbox the night before, but did

not notify law enforcement of a property damage accident. Logan County Deputy Dalen Wood met with John Myers of Gandy, at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning, March 27, and issued a citation for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Myers will appear in Logan County Court on June 14.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson investigated an accident March 30 at

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Golf Fundraiser Deemed A Success

The Stapleton Golf Association's annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 26, was a great success with a good turnout in attendance and more items than last year to bid on. A total of approximately \$10,000 was taken in and after expenses the association netted \$8,000. This will be used on the loan

payment to repair the well and to purchase a new lawn mower, along with course operating expenses.

Donna Whitehill was the raffle winner of the Tristar Viper G2 12 gauge shotgun. Rex Hanna won

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Two houses on "Wheeler Row" come down



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Art Kramer and Village of Stapleton maintenance person, Mark Frey, work on demolition of the two houses on C Street. The Kramers plan to use the lots to possibly construct a shop building on the property.

Marcia Hora

Two houses on C Street in Stapleton came down last week as the Village of Stapleton assisted Art and Becky Kramer with getting the unsightly houses leveled and disposed of. The village board is working to get nuisance properties cleaned up with the hope vacant lots can be improved upon. Stapleton is facing a housing crunch, much like villages, towns, and cities all across the state

At the recent Nebraska Frame Work Continuous

Improvement Process meeting conducted at Stapleton Public Schools the need for housing and daycare to attract teachers to rural communities was brought out. Without these two components, it's nearly impossible to attract teachers and workers to Nebraska's small towns, and the problem is only going to get worse. "There are some communities in rural Nebraska that haven't built new houses in 15 or 20 years," said Shannon Harner, executive director of the Nebraska Invest-

ment Finance Authority. "Many communities are faced with aged property in need of repair."

When houses do go on the market they don't last long. Such has been the case in Stapleton. Rental property is scarce and not suitable for young families.

Some progress is being made in the village in the way of cleaning up properties and in addition to the Art Kramer houses, the trailer house of Bonnie James will be removed with board approval expected at the

April 13 meeting.

The houses on what was once known as "Wheeler Row" were built on lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 owned by George Washington Wheeler. He purchased lots from Loup Valley Land Company between 1913-1915. According to Debbie Myers, Logan County Clerk, who lived in the houses is unknown, as only the lots are recorded in her office.

The lots were sold to Minnie (Wheeler) and Otto Hartley in 1934. Minnie was one of George and Sarah Wheeler's daughters who lived in Logan County.

Other lot three and four owners were Harry Wells, Guy Magnuson, Emil Uphoff (purchased Lot 4 at a sheriff's sale), Gerald Barnum, R.G. Zickefoose, Wm. M. Black, Billy V. Black, Vera Johnson, Sara and Ora Barnum, Robert Kramer, Bertha Evelyn Kramer, Jon Broadbent, Eric Broadbent, Paul Clemmons, Lindsay D. Fleschman, Erma Geary-Mast, and finally both properties ended up owned by Art and Becky Kramer.

Not much is known about the person who first purchased the lots. Larry Hardesty provided some information.

George W. Wheeler was born January 18, 1841 in

Fairview, Fulton County, Illinois He served in the 16th Illinois Infantry Regiment. According to the Department of Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic, he enlisted May 24, 1861 and was discharged June 30, 1865. He is listed as a farmer and served as a private. He was near the end of the Civil War veterans to die in Logan County. He married Sarah Catharine Yocum and they first

moved to Missouri and then to Kansas. He proved up a Kinkaid Homestead of 480 acres just east of Highway 83 about halfway between Stapleton and the Logan-Thomas County line - S 1/2 and NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 19N, Range 27W. It is assumed the Kinkaid Act brought him

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Alan Kramer and Becky Kramer look over old newspapers from the early 1940's, along with a Gurney's catalog, found in the houses that Becky and her husband, Art Kramer are tearing down on C Street. It appears the newspapers were used as insulation when the houses were plastered. The date the houses were built on "Wheeler Row" is unknown. Lots 3, 4, 5, & 6 were purchased in 1913 from Loup Valley Land Company by George Wheeler and the houses on Lots 3 and 4 had numerous owners over the course of the ensuing years.

-- Upcoming Events --

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 16 at the Stapleton Park. Note this year's hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be for ages pre-school through fourth grade.

Coffee will be available and a bake sale conducted in the park pavilion as a money-making project for the Logan County Queen Committee.

The Easter bunny will be on hand and you will be able to take advantage of a photo op.

Chamber has scheduled a plant and garden tool/decor swap on Saturday, May 14.

Clean-Up Day '22

Clean-up day in the Village of Stapleton has been set for Wednesday, April 27.

Please note paper shredding will not be available at Community First Bank due to scheduling problems.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Village recycling services offered on J Street. Open to all for one day only. Branches and yard waste may be taken to the Village landfill east of Stapleton.

Please do your part in helping clean-up our village!

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
2	52	29	0
3	64	29	0
4	60	20	0
5	68	20	.01
6	57	33	0
7	46	35	T
8	51	28	T

Observations:
A trace of snow was received on April 8. Snowflakes were observed at 7:30 a.m. on April 7. Winds were recorded at 46 MPH on April 4; 44 MPH on April 5 @ 5:00 p.m.; 48 MPH on April 6 @ 10:00 a.m.; 56 MPH on April 7 @ 10:00 a.m. Data is recorded at 7:00 a.m. daily for the previous 24 hour period.

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