

O’er the land of the free & home of the brave

Marcia Hora

If you feel your patriotism waning you need to take a drive down U.S. Highway 83 and take note of the flag flying 10 miles south of Stapleton at mile marker 100.

“I’m very patriotic and wanted to do something that would cause people to think about our country, put your chin up, and encourage you to make a difference and vote,” John Childears said after the flag raising ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2022.

Childears felt the need to re-establish pride in our country and to recognize military service veterans, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders and medical personnel for all they have done and are doing for our country.

He constructed a flagpole in his pasture where a 20’ x 38’ illuminated flag will fly day and night.

It is fitting the flag is located on the highway that was designated the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway 83 after dedicated work by the late Monica Harvey.

Two other flags fly proudly nearby on 83 on property owned by Steve Scholz and Dennis and Trudy Brosius.

Childears addressed the crowd in attendance at the ceremony by saying “we are here to dedicate this flagpole to all who serve. This is your flagpole and your flag.”

He went on to speak on the things that have influenced his life to stimulate

memories and experiences.

After graduation he joined the Army and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri in 1963. He was the last person from his hometown to see Tony Abeyta alive as Tony’s name is listed on Panel 2E Line 74 on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC.

“There are several ladies here today that are members of the Quilts of Valor, honoring our Veterans. There is a man in this crowd that served as a Marine in Vietnam, but had to wait to enter the country until one of his three brothers returned stateside and his sister also served in the Army and his father in WW II. There is a man who served two tours in Vietnam and remained in the Guard for 20 years. A neighbor farmer who spent 20 years in the Army and National Guard. An officer graduate of West Point, wounded in Vietnam and carrying a bullet in his liver to this day. A gentleman that served 20 years in the Navy. A man that was badly wounded in Vietnam, and his son served five tours in Afghanistan piloting a Long Bow helicopter. And a man who served four years in the Air Force providing weather information.”

And with that Childears proclaimed, ‘let’s raise old Glory.’

Veterans of American Legion Post 324 and



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Veterans from American Legion Post 324 and V.F.W. Post 8258 of Stapleton were among those assisting John Childears at the flag raising ceremony held on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at mile marker 100 on U.S. Highway 83. A good sized crowd was in attendance to see the 20’ x 38’ illuminated flag go up for the first time.

V.F.W. Post 8258, both of Stapleton, and other area posts were represented and assisted with the flag raising.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the

National Anthem.

“I just hope this will remind travelers of the blessings we have here in our country. To pause and remember those who have given the ultimate

sacrifice and to support our country,” Childears said.

The general consensus of those in attendance was it was a glorious sight to see the flag rise to the

top of the flagpole, to note the Veterans, law enforcement, and fire and rescue personnel in attendance and an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to those who served and continue to serve.

Class of ‘72 reconnects at reunion

Stapleton High School’s Class of 1972 gathered for their 50th alumni reunion, Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the home of Monica Kramer near Stapleton.

Members enjoyed a wonderful potluck meal and the evening was spent reminiscing about old times, sharing highlights of their lives, including some medical challenges, and enjoying guitar music provided by Kenny Jividen.

The prophesy written in the yearbook was read by Jeanelle (Hubbell) Cross.

Several spouses were able to attend and Terri (Sturtz) Licking from the Class of 1973 was also in attendance.

At the end of their time together they were able to give thanks for the education they received at Stapleton Public Schools and were able to recognize how each classmate had

left an imprint on the world.

Butch Lehmkuhler kept everyone laughing as he impersonated some of the teachers.

Graduates of the Class of 1972 were William Barner, Nikki Black, Loretta Doyle, Judy French, Deborah Haines, Jeanelle Hubbell, Kenneth Jividen, Shirley Jividen, Patrick Keslar, Monica Kramer, Dawn Lanka, Vanessa Lanka, Mike Layher, Alan “Butch” Lehmkuhler, James Long, Wanda Main, William Sautter, and Debra Schwarzrock.

The only deceased member is James Long.

Class sponsors were Robert Harvey and James Wiberg.

It was a great time of reconnecting and sharing what has transpired during the 50 years since the class walked the halls of SHS.



COURTESY

Members of the Stapleton High School Class of 1972 got together at the home of Monica Kramer, Saturday evening, June 11 for a 50-year class reunion. Those attending were front row, l-r: Nikki (Black) Haythorne, Shirley (Jividen) Frey, Deb (Haines) Ford, Loretta (Doyle) Hamilton, and Kenny Jividen. Middle row, l-r: Monica (Kramer) Kramer, Dawn (Lanka) Jacobson, and Butch Lehmkuhler. Back row, l-r: Mike Layher, Wanda (Main) Osnes, and Jeanelle (Hubbell) Cross.

Stapleton’s On Sale Saturday

Stapleton will be on sale Saturday, June 25, as the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce hosts city-wide garage sale day.

Twenty-one sales have been listed and several of these are multi-family.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual book sale.

Mane Ol Horse & Beef 4-H Club will be holding a bake sale and there will be mini horse wagon rides in front of the Stapleton Community Center. They will also be having a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department.

Gandy Youth Group will be conducting a fund-raising car wash at the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department East Side Station. See full page ad on page 9.

Event Calendar

June 24 - Poker Night, 7:00 p.m., Vet’s Club;
Sr. Friendship Club, 1:30 p.m. Stapleton Community Center
June 25 - Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Garage Sale Day. Full page ad inside this issue
June 27 - Poker Night, 7:00 p.m., Vet’s Club
June 28 - Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, noon, Stapleton Community Center

Pass It On Camp

Coach Ron Brown is coming to Arnold, Wednesday, June 29.
A football camp will be held from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This is a parent figure and son football clinic for 3rd to 8th grade students and will be held at Old Mill Park. Free water and snacks for participants. RSVP by June 27 to josh magill@hotmail.com
A community forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. that evening at the Arnold Community Center for families with all ages welcome.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
11	83	56	0
12	89	62	0
13	91	67	.13
14	99	63	T
15	81	53	.29
16	99	52	0
17	85	54	0
Observations: Thunder, a.m. haze on June 13; Red sunrise, 58 mph winds at 8:17 p.m. on June 14; and thunder on June 15.			

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