



Pilot Issued Community Service Award

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On Sunday, June 26, long time pilot, veteran, and dedicated community member Dennis Brosius, in light of his retirement, was presented an award of appreciation from Stapleton Fire Department Chief Frank Kramer. Representing a number of departments and volunteer brigades across a five county area, Chief Kramer and colleagues personally delivered the award to the Brosius Airfield (south of Stapleton) with the family of Dennis and wife Trudy surrounding. Accompanying Chief Kramer were Robbi Smith from the Arnold Fire Department, Desarae Porter from the Thedford Fire Department, Chief Ed Black from the McPherson County Fire Department, Karen Main, James Main and Rich Burnside from the Stapleton Rural Fire Board, and Mike Hoeft from the State Fire Marshal's office. The above mentioned award was due to the extensive history and service of Dennis Brosius to his community. In 1980, Brosius flew his first fire south of North Platte in the canyons. Since that premiere journey, Brosius has volunteered to fly countless fires in the last forty years - at no cost to anyone but himself.

"Ever since I've been on the department - over twenty years - I've never once seen a bill from the man," said Chief Kramer, during the award ceremony. "We appreciate his

service and everything he's done."

The history of Mr. Brosius's aviatonal success began almost fifty years ago. Brosius purchased his first airplane, a Cessna 150 passenger plane for \$3,500 in 1970, with intent to earn his pilot's license. After his honorable discharge from the Nebraska National Guard that same year, Brosius connected with experienced flight instructing brothers John and Pat Clinch who gave him advice to last a career of flying.

"Do what your mother taught you," they'd remark. "Don't go out in the rain and always come home before dark."

Brosius exclusively held his Private Pilot's license for 10 years until the opportunity arose to purchase his first Agriculture plane in 1979 - a Pawnee 150 crop duster. The FAA contacted him, informing him he needed a Commercial License for his new plane, but Brosius rebutted that he would exclusively use it for private land. That conversation earned Brosius the first and only of its time, a Private Aerial Applicator license from the FAA. Brosius officially earned his Commercial Pilot's license in 1984 in Norman, Oklahoma, and still holds it today. With bountiful stories, anecdotes, and lessons learned, Brosius's career has helped countless people and aided many a harvest. The presented award is well deserved and our community thanks him for all of his hard work and may



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Those present to honor Dennis Brosius on his retirement were l-r: Scott Salisbury, Frank Kramer, Ed Black, Dennis Brosius, Desarae Porter, Mike Hoeft, Karen Main, Leo Harwager, Amanda Harwager, John Main, Robbi Smith, James Main and Rich Burnside.

it not go unrecognized.

Dennis often recounts the old pilots' saying, "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots - there are no old-bold pilots."

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Dennis Brosius is pictured with Mike Hoeft from the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office. They are standing with the tail number of the Pawnee that Dennis first flew. Dennis donated the cockpit for training purposes for rescue personnel to extricate people in plane crashes. Dennis crash landed the plane in a field south of his house on Highway 83.

Lone Valley Club Donates Bench



COURTESY

Lone Valley Club recently donated a bench to the Logan County Ag Society for use at the fairgrounds during sanctioned events. The bench is to be stored inside between events to protect it from livestock and weather damage. The bench was built by Russell Barnum of Black Hat Welding.

Most of the members of the club have ties to the Logan County Fair and Rodeo. Three daughters of charter members belong to the club along with two sons of an almost charter member. Phyllis Kramer Churchill, Janell Kramer Woracek, Jacque Trumbull, Daryl Starr, and Eldon Starr were also 4-Hers in the 4-H Clubs led by Milton Starr and Alice Kramer. These clubs met on the same day that Lone Valley Club met. Lone Valley has always been unique in the fact it was a full family club.

Over the years the club has raised money by selling lunch at the Pfeiffer and Wayne Kramer auction, at a team penning, and at various other activities. Money has also been donated in memory of many of the past member families of the club. The plaque which will be attached to the bench attests to honor and to the memory of all past and present members.

Lone Valley Club will meet on July 17, 2022 in the Senior Friendship Room of the Stapleton Community Center with Connie and Harry Russell as hosts. Noonish meal followed by meeting and visiting.

Veterans Evaluation Mobile unit coming to Stapleton

The Veterans Evaluation mobile unit is coming to Stapleton. The unit will be located in front of the Stapleton Community Center and hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

Veterans Evaluation Services is available for veterans seeking disability or pension claims.

"We are trying to bring medical personnel to veterans, rather than having veterans travel to Cheyenne or Omaha," said Richard Cook, Logan County Veterans Service Office. "This is a great way for area veterans to be able to obtain a hearing test and medical assistance and reduce travel time."

Everyone in the area needing assistance is encouraged to set up an appointment. For more information you may contact Richard Cook at 308-636-6157.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
2	87	60	.47
3	84	61	0
4	91	66	.15
5	96	66	0
6	97	64	.72
7	81	64	.02
8	79	63	.19

Observations: Thunder on July 2, 5, and 7. Fog on July 3, 7 and 8.

Event Calendar

July 15 - Poker night, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club
July 18 - Stapleton Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Poker Night, Vet's Club.
July 20 - Logan County Commissioners meeting, 9:00 a.m.

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