



Logan County High School alumni members vote to carry on

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With one remaining member of the last graduating class of Logan County High School at Gandy, it seemed inevitable that the 2022 alumni banquet held June 25 at the Gandy Community Bible Church would be the last. Those in attendance however said they wanted to see the reunion continue and carry on with a get-together in 2023.

Lila Mitchell Engleman, Class of 1954, will remain president and Luella Mitchell Joedeman, Class of 1956, will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer.

There are 40 alumni members still living of the 343 who graduated from L.C.H.S. established in 1918 at Gandy. In 1957 it was consolidated with School District R-1, Baker Rural High School, Stapleton.

History of the LCHS was given at ceremonies for the laying of the corner stone of the new gymnasium on August 30, 1930. "The history of the LCHS naturally divides itself in the minds of its friends in two periods or epochs. The first being the establishment of the school in 1918 to the big fire of 1923. The second epoch extends from 1923 to the present time.

Parents who wished to



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Four completed their senior year at Baker Rural High school in Stapleton and they would have been the L.C.H.S. Class of 1958. Three were in attendance at the LCHS alumni banquet and are pictured, l-r: Judy (Henry) Christofferson, Stapleton; Nellie (Kemplin) Anderson, Minden; and Regina (Smith) Duffy, Clinton, Utah. The other class member was Karen Conley.

give their children a complete high school education had to send them outside the county. There were at the time two three-year approved high schools in the county, but no four year high school, either accredited or non-accredited. As the law provides for the establishment of a county high school in such cases, D.L. Hopkins and several other men interested in

the proposition, set the machinery in motion which resulted in the formation of the Logan County High School in the summer of 1918 and the new white frame school building was erected. This building burned in the spring of 1923. The fire occurred on a Saturday night and school opened again on Tuesday morning in the courthouse. The Gandy

district voted bonds to build two schoolhouses, one of which, since its completion, was used by the county high school.

In the spring of 1922 an alumni association was formed which proved to be great help to the life of

the school and a new gymnasium was constructed in 1930.

The schoolhouse was sold at auction and torn down during the winter of 1960-61 and the gymnasium was sold and has since fallen into disrepair.

The first graduating class in 1919 had one member, Jessie Hughes and the last graduating class in 1957 had three members, Marvin Beatty, James Henry, and Mary (Halouska) Joedeman.

Four students completed their senior year at Baker Rural High School in Stapleton and they would have been the Class of 1958. They were Regina Smith, Karen Conley, Judy Henry, and Nellie Kemplin.

Five and 10-year honor classes were honored at this year's banquet:

1942: 7 members (1 living). Tom Evans, Charles (Ray) Moore, Edgar Hubbell, Betty Welch, Donald Nielsen, Tom Beeken, and Lenora Nielsen. Motto: "Tonight we launch, Where shall we anchor."

1952: 10 members (4 living): Buford Rockwell, Leslie Snow, James Foster, Larry Preston, Darrell Weber, Willa Joedeman, Mary Millen, Mariam

Fowler, Gayle Henry, Shirley Eastwood. Motto: "Always rowing, never drifting."

1957: 3 members (1 living): Marvin Beatty, James Henry, and Mary (Halouska) Joedeman. Motto: "Finished now beginning."

Those deceased since last year's banquet:

Class of 1948: Robert (Billy) Bailey, February 11, 2022.

Class of 1950: Winfred Fowler, August 15, 2021.

Class of 1951: Mary Ann Morton Blackledge, January 1, 2022.

Class of 1952: Shirley Eastwood McIntyre, November 10, 2021.

Class of 1953: Jeannette Landrey Jacobs, February 2022.

Class of 1955: Leo Dailley, January 11, 2022.

Arleta Hodges Engleman, Class of 1955, provided decorations. Judy (Henry) Christofferson made the programs.

Lila Mitchell Engleman, Class of 1954, gave the welcome and the invocation was by Harold Joedeman, Class of 1956.

Keith Sheets, Class of 1955, conducted memorial services.

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Main Street Dance

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Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce members met Tuesday, June 28, to finalize plans for the street dance to be held Friday, July 8 on Main Street.

Victory Underground will be playing from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and prices were set at \$10.00 per person and those 15 and under, \$2.00 each. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. Corn hole will be available. Please bring lawn chairs.

The Vet's Club will be providing a beer garden and barbecue, and conducting a raffle to benefit the club.

Discussion was held on obtaining a flat bed trailer and providing the necessary power source.

Donation letters for the Logan County fair barbecue will be sent out to additional people this year and include a list of what Chamber sponsors during the year.

The barbecue will be served Saturday, August 20, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Stapleton Park.

It was reported Sherri Pipal was the winner of

the wheelbarrow raffle and Chamber made a profit of \$340.00. Jen Hill won the small wheelbarrow filled with plants. Thank you to those who donated items. It was greatly appreciated.

It was brought up that a miscellaneous shower will be conducted for the Logan County Fair Building and area residents may donate items for the building. Be watching for more information on how you can help.

A thank you was read from the Village of Stapleton for the \$500.00 park donation and from the Logan County Queen committee.

Chamber meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at noon at the Stapleton Community Center. Please attend and support our town as we work to make Stapleton a great place to work, play and live. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, July 26.

Entries Open For Logan County Queen Contest

Logan County is eagerly anticipating the 2022 Rodeo Queen contest to be held August 19 and 20 during the Logan County Fair & Rodeo. The contest is open to single cowgirls who reside in Logan, Lincoln, Thomas, McPherson or Custer counties, and who will be between 14 and 19 years old on August 19, 2022. Entries will open July 5 and close August 1.

The contest has been opened up for eight contestants this year. All contestants must be available on Friday, August 19, for

the horsemanship competition starting at 10:00 a.m. and immediately following that the queen contest luncheon will be held.

At the luncheon, contestants will be introduced and they will each give a short speech about themselves and answer questions from the community.

Contestants must ride in the parade, Saturday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m. and that evening they must

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Morash Has Winning Guess



COURTESY

Kellie Morash is pictured with Rate Peterson, driver of the mini horse team. Kellie won the 50/50 raffle to benefit Stapleton Volunteer Fire and Rescue. The winning guess was 300 pounds for the black mini, Danger. She generously donated her winnings back to benefit the local department. The raffle was conducted by the Mane Ol Horse & Beef 4-H Club.

Event Calendar

July 8 - Poker Night, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Chamber of Commerce Street Dance with music by Victory Underground, beer garden, barbecue, raffle at Vet's Club.
July 11 - Poker Night, 7:00 p.m., Vet's Club; Village of Gandy meeting, 8:00 p.m. Gandy Community Bible Church; American Legion & VFW meeting, 7:00 p.m. Vet's Club
July 13 - Banner Mother's Club, 1:30 p.m.

Logan County 4-H Events

Logan County 4-H events have been announced as follows:
August 7: 4-H Shooting Sports @ 2:00 p.m.
August 8: Horse Show @ 8:00 a.m.
August 9: 4-H Static Check In @ 9:00 a.m. and Small Animal Show @ 9:00 a.m.
August 13: Weigh-In @ 7:30 a.m. and Livestock Show at 9:00 a.m.
August 20: Fashion Show, Bake Sale & 4-H Livestock Sale before rodeo.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
25	90	58	0
26	77	46	0
27	76	50	0
28	85	51	0
29	93	51	0
30	99	51	0
July 1	96	59	.44
Observations: Thunder was recorded on July 1			
Total June moisture was 1.22"			
Normal June moisture is 4.05"			
Moisture to date for 2022 is 8.81"			

Main Street Dance

Friday, July 8
Victory Underground
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

McPherson Co. News



• Over The Hills
• Graphic Files
• Blood Drive In August

Notices



• Upper Loup NRD Public Hearing Notice
• Village Of Gandy Meeting Notice
• Upper Loup NRD Meeting Notice
• Village of Stapleton Meeting Notice
• Stapleton Rural Fire Meeting Notice

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