

Murder at Deadwood Solved



COURTESY

Murder at Deadwood characters, front row, l-r: Velda Cassell, bartender; Marcia Hora, saloon girl; Lori Streit, Henrietta High-Stakes; Shad Streit, Mitch Maverick; Rex Hanna, Marshal Dalton; and Cindy Frey, murder mystery coordinator. Middle row, l-r: Kendra Cutler, saloon girl; Connie O'Brien, Elizabeth Money; Klara Daly Minnie Money; Polly Burnside, Anna Belle; Amber Rooney, Sally Starr; Lauren Leetch, Taffy Garrette; Robin Garlett, Holly Hickok; Abby Sabel, Banker Bonnie; Jeana Hanna, Poker Alice; Candy Salisbury, Black Barbara; and Kourtney Cutler, saloon girl. Back row, l-r: Ash Ramirez, Banker Bob; Toby Kinderknecht, Montgomery Money; Rich Burnside, Harry High-Stakes; Kaman Dailey, Clay Coldwell; Art Leetch, Gambling Jack; Bryce Funk, Sheriff Sam; Tim Karn, Jesse Wales; and Scott Salisbury, Billy-The-Bartender.

The Stapleton Community Center was transformed into Deadwood for the first annual poker tournament, Saturday, October 24.

Members of the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, spearheaded by President Cindy Frey, presented Murder at the Deadwood Saloon and guests enjoyed an evening of solving the murder, special drinks, and a steak dinner. All proceeds went towards community improvements.

The murder mystery

centered around the small western town of Deadwood as people had been pouring into town for the biggest poker tournament this side of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals and saloon girls to southern belles, everyone made Deadwood the place to be.

As the festivities of the poker tournament concluded, a celebration party was planned at the Deadwood Saloon to award the prize money for the tournament and to celebrate what was hoped

to be a very financially successful venture for the saloon.

As the evening unfolded Mitch Maverick (Shad Streit) was murdered. After a lot of undercover work it was determined Montgomery Money (Toby Kinderknecht) was the murderer.

The cast of characters included:

Harry High-Stakes - Rich Burnside, saloon owner.

Henrietta High-Stakes - Lori Streit, wife of Harry High-Stakes.

Gambling Jack - Art

Leetch, gambler.

Anna Belle - Polly Burnside, wife of Gambling Jack.

Mitch Maverick - Shad Streit, traveling businessman.

Holly Hickok - Robin Garlett, gambler.

Clay Coldwell - Kaman Dailey, gambler.

Montgomery Money - Toby Kinderknecht, land investor.

Elizabeth Money - Connie O'Brien, wife to Montgomery Money.

Minnie Money - Klara Dailey, debutante.

Banker Bob - Ash Ramirez, bank owner.

Banker Bonnie - Abby Sabel, wife to Banker Bob.

Jesse Wales - Tim Karn, outlaw.

Poker Alice - Jeana Hanna, poker dealer.

Sheriff Sam - Bryce Funk, Deadwood sheriff.

Marshal Dalton - Rex Hanna, Federal marshal.

Sally Starr - Amber Rooney, saloon girl.

Taffy Garrette - Lauren Leetch, saloon girl.

Black Barbara - Candy Salisbury, outlaw.

Billy-The-Bartender -

Scott Salisbury, Saloon bartender and bookkeeper.

Overall coordinator - Cindy Frey.

Deadwood Saloon - Herbie's Speakeasy crew of Velda Cassell, Marcia Hora, Kendra Cutler and Kourtney Cutler.

Winning Chamber bucks for top awards at the end of the evening were:

Best Dressed: Tim Karn

Money Bags and Drama Queen: Robin Garlett

Most Cunning: Bryce Funk.



Bryce Funk, Sheriff Sam, received the most cunning award. Also pictured, Abby Sabel, Banker Bonnie, wife of Banker Bob.



Tim Karn, Jesse Wales, received the best dressed award. He is pictured with Amber Rooney, Sally Starr, saloon girl, left; and Lauren Leetch, Taffy Garrette, saloon girl.



Robin Garlett, a/k/a Holly Hickok, the gambler, received the money bags and drama queen awards.

-- News Briefs --

SPS Vet's Program

The Veteran's Day program at Stapleton Public Schools will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The program will include:

- Singing of the National Anthem and musical numbers
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Address by Superintendent Howard Gaffney
- Presentation of flags to Kindergartners by American Legion Auxiliary

Students will watch the program in their classroom and video will be shared on the 11th day of the 11th month on the 11th hour on the school's website and Facebook page.

MCS Vet's Program

The McPherson County Schools Veteran's Day program will be held November 11 at 10:00 a.m.

It is scheduled to be open to the public, but will follow the DHM mandates and the gymnasium will be allowed at 50% capacity.

Veterans Day Salute Pages Inside This Issue Thank You Veterans!

Weather

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29	57	19	0
30	65	29	0
31	69	34	0

Observations: Wind chill 10 degrees on October 24, 7 degrees on October 25, 3 degrees on October 26, and 2 degrees on October 27.

Snow: 2.1" on October 25 and 4.7" on October 26.

Note: Data is taken at 7:00 a.m. daily for the previous 24 hour period.

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It's your right to know

Village of Stapleton Board Proceedings

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2020
Location of Meeting: Community Center, Stapleton, NE.

Notice: Posted at three local businesses as provided by law

Called to Order: 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Dan Beckius

Present at Meeting: Chairman Dan Beckius with Trustees Wayne Hora, Bryan Rooney, Larry Vasquez, and Amber Tatman. Also, present clerk Stacey Anderson.

Open Meetings Law: Chairman Beckius stated to all persons in attendance that a copy of the Open Meetings Law was posted on the wall of Village hall for all to see.

New Business:
• Hora made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Tatman seconded. 5-0. Motion carried.

• Tatman made a motion to take funds from the general fund to do the Slaughterhouse Road Project. Hora seconded. 4-1. Motion carried.

Adjourn meeting: 7:50 P.M.

Next regular meeting: November 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Dan Beckius, Chairman Stacey Anderson, Village Clerk
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Stapleton Rural Fire Protection Dt. Notice Of Meeting

The Stapleton Rural Fire Protection District Board will meet Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Side Fire Hall.

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Village Of Stapleton Notice Of Meeting

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Stapleton, Nebraska, will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The current agenda is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk.

Stacey Anderson
Village Clerk
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Logan County Library Meeting Notice

The Logan County Library Board will meet Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. in the library located in the Logan County Courthouse.

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McPherson County School District #90 Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that McPherson County School District #90 Board of Education will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at the high school in Tryon, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. The regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting.

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McPherson Co. Commissioners Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2020, in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and is available at the office of the County Clerk at the courthouse, but the agenda may be modified at such meeting. PLEASE HAVE ALL CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO THE McPHERSON COUNTY CLERK BY THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

Katherine E Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk
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McPherson Co. Board Of Equalization Proceedings

McPherson County Board of Equalization Proceedings
Special Meeting
October 30, 2020

The McPherson County Board of Equalization met as per adjournment of October 14, 2020, for a Special Meeting to examine and approve Amended Resolution 2020-20. Notice of this meeting having been posted at three public places in Tryon, Nebraska, five days prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Bryant who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Board Members Carl Rundback, John Bryant and Brett Nason were present. Also present was the County Clerk, Kathy Hoberg. Member of the public, Kendra Nason was also present.

Nason made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as presented. Rundback seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Rundback and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

After review, Rundback made a motion to approve Amended Resolution 2020-20, which had a different levy amount for Arthur High School, than was previously approved. This difference was due to clerical error. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Rundback, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The board will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, for their next regular Commissioner's meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk
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School District R-1 Notice Of Special Meeting

Notice of Special Meeting Stapleton Public Schools - Logan District #57-0501
Thursday, November 12, 2020

Stapleton Public Schools, Logan County School District #0501, Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 6:00 PM in the library at the school in Stapleton. The special meeting is held for superintendent interview.

All meetings and board work sessions are open to the public. The current agenda is available in the Superintendent's office and may be viewed any time during regular school business hours.

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Legislative News

District 43 - Tom Brewer
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America is unique and special

This Election Day, I am reminded how incredibly unique and special the United States of America really is. We are the oldest country on Earth originally organized around the principle that the individual citizen is sovereign, not the Government. This means the ultimate authority in our country is supposed to be the people - not the government. This is why we refer to people in our government as "public servants" because this is exactly what they are meant to be in America. Try calling some official in the communist party of China a "servant" and see how that works out.

We have a constitutional republic in the United States. We are not like most countries on Earth that are actually an oligarchy ruled by a select group of people. That rule by the few is the oldest and most common form of government on Earth. The founders knew that without the rule of law there could be no freedom for the people.

In the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress expressed a firm determination to try a new form of government. In the Spring of 1787 in Philadelphia, that determination finally led to the creation of a new country

based on the principle of individual sovereignty and the consent of the governed. Its first and most important role was the protection of individual rights that are guaranteed and preserved in the Constitution. A king or strong-man oligarch was not going to be sovereign - the individual citizens were. They spread the power of the federal government across three branches, and built a power-sharing system with the state and local governments in a distinctly American system called federalism.

This new form of government was a radical development in human history. The various monarchies around the world referred to the United States of America as "the great experiment" until as recently as the end of the first world war. The results speak for themselves. We created the freest, most just, most prosperous country on Earth, where everyone had "equality before the law" (Nebraska's state motto). We won numerous wars and lifted the yoke of tyranny off the necks of millions. We invented the airplane and the internet, and we cured and even exterminated scores of diseases. We are the most generous country there is. We even



played golf on the moon. The events of 2020 have rattled a lot of Americans, but our spirit and our will remain strong. I think it is important to recall our history and understand where we came from. Our country has been through a lot this past year, but we are a tough and courageous people.

As you cast your ballot remember President Reagan's warning: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Please contact my office with any comments, questions, or concerns. Email me at tbrewer@leg.ne.gov, mail a letter to Sen. Tom Brewer, Room #1101, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509, or call us at (402) 471-2628.

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Save the date!

2020 HOLIDAZE HOOPLA

Craft fair & local shops OPEN!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

If the chaos of 2020 has left you dazed and confused, Stapleton Chamber would like to send you a "save the date" invite to help check off your Christmas list by shopping safe & local on November 21 at our Holiday Hoopla around town!

Many local businesses also offer gift cards for anyone who prefers to holiday shop from home!

From The Past.....

Enterprise files dating back to July, 1912

TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 4, 2010

The Bank of Stapleton presented a check to the Stapleton Community Center Board in the amount of \$5,000 that put the Hunt Fund grant goal over the needed \$37,500.

House of Horror, Sleepy Hollow and Dungeon of Death took in over \$2,000.

Deaths: Betty Jane Winder, 84, North Platte, October 30; Ryan Patrick Depp, 16, September 22, in Hidden Valley Lake, CA.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 2, 2000

Clarence and Judy Lanka watched their granddaughter, Hillary Jacobson, play soccer on the William Jewell College team.

Births: Maggie Mary Keslar, October 26; Jared Rafe Shaw, October 21; Lindee Lue Wentworth, October 19.

Installation was recently completed on the new and safe elementary playground.

Stapleton ended on a winning note over Twin Valley, 28-8. Tyler Schacher scored on 12 and 16 yard passes from Brian Blevins.

The Lady Broncos concluded their season with a win over Twin Valley, 15-3 and 15-3.

Wedding: Tracy Michelle O'Grady and Robert Allen Ryland, August 5

Deaths: Donald "Don" R. Christensen, 54, October 25.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 1, 1990

The Lady Broncos concluded their season in subdistricts against Thedford, 8-15, 17-15, 3-15.

In an effort to make days more bearable for the 200,000 U.S. Troops stationed in the Persian Gulf, boxes for items to be sent overseas have been placed in Denny's Store and Ewoldt's IGA in Stapleton.

Chad Rittgarn received first place in the Junior Division of the 1990 Fall Barb Wire Show.

Births: Rebecca Morgan French, October 24; Tara Lynn Dailey, October 26; Amanda Marie Reppert,

October 27.
FORTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 6, 1980

Stapleton beat undefeated Maxwell, 27-18, to end their season 8-1. Tom Smith, Mark Kramer, Kyle Barner and Devin Empfield led tacklers.

Approximately 220 guests were on hand to help Mr. and Mrs. George Kramer celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

Private Earl L. Deterding has arrived for duty at Fort Hood, Texas.

Births: Jenny Lea Weems, November 2.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 5, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner Kramer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

A total of 368 Logan County voters turned out for the 1970 general election. Four were voted in for Education Service Unit No. 16, Helen J. Dymond (209), Wayne Fitzgerald (196), Gene R. Mitchell (194) and 149 write-in votes for Joe Klosen of Stapleton.

Denise Ann Abrams has been awarded a Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben scholarship. Airman Jerrome D. Pedersen has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 2, 1950

The Junior Class will present the play, "Hillbilly Courtship."

The six-man football team, under the direction of Coach Leonard Peters will face Sumner to conclude their season. They have lost but one game this season.

The Official census population for the United States is 150,697,361.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
OCTOBER 31, 1940

Cy Fox celebrated his 95th birthday.

Up to the time this is written, the first three in the Logan County roll for conscription are No. 1 Edward John Kramer; No. 2 William Sidney Tappen; No. 3 Theodore Henry Ridder.

Births: Virgil Lamoyne Lehmkuhler, October 30; Nadonna Louise Coleman, October 26.

NINETY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 6, 1930

Stapleton town team defeated Arnold, 19-0. Dr. Carr did a good job of refereeing the game.

Miss Jessie Viehmeyer has been awarded a tuition scholarship to the University of Nebraska.

Eight hundred ninety-nine voters took the opportunity to express themselves politically in the general election.

Weddings: Wilton Brinson and Miss Ruth McCarter, October 16; Luther Wing and Miss Wilmetta Vida Hyslop, October 22; Wesley L. Hogeboom and Miss Flora P. Perkins, November 3.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 4, 1920

As was predicted, the election was a landslide for the Republican party from president down to the precinct officers. The next President and Vice President will be Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Rogers were pleasantly surprised when 80 friends and neighbors gathered to play games and reading Rogers' Biography, along with neighborhood prophecies.

Pioneer Memorial Rest Home News

-- Happenings on the Hill at Mullen --



COURTESY

L-r: Wanda Mackley, Vicky Earl, Sharon Carson, Gini Corbin and Nadene Andersen making crafts.

We hope everyone has had a great week. Wow time is definitely flying by. It is time to think of another calendar month already. We have had a great week. We have kept busy with our activities and our visitors.

We are so excited to have Barb McCully back doing hair. Belinda Coble, Vicky Earl, Kelsey Pettit, Amanda Vinton and I all stepped in to fix the ladies' hair but we are not able to do the haircuts and perms, etc. so the residents were excited to see her.

We also hope to see all of



Sharon Carson with the Halloween windsocks that we made.

the trick or treaters Saturday. We will have a bowl of candy, bagged separately of course, on the

patio for you to help yourself. We usually eat supper. See Happenings Page 10

Logan County Tales

Larry Hardesty



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The Founding of Logan County, Nebraska: The Soldiers' Nebraska Colony Town Site Association

According to the 1900 census, Wesley and Sarah remained at their Homestead with their two daughters, Susan E. Campbell (1878-?), age 22, and Rosa Mae (or Mae R.) Campbell (Spafford, 1880-?), age 20. Their siblings, Minnie Gertrude (Siver) (1867-1940), John Frederick Campbell (1869-1929), and Ida E. Campbell (1871-?) had already left home by that time. John had married and worked as a traveling salesman in Lincoln.

The census of 1910 found 64-year-old Wesley Campbell in San Francisco. He indicated he was married and had been married for 43 years and he gave his occupation as "farmer." Perhaps he was there on business because he was a "lodger" at a place of business with a half a dozen employee, perhaps a hotel or rooming house. His wife, Sarah Ellen, died May 28, 1910, in Shelton, Nebraska, and she is buried in Garfield Cemetery. Then on January 31, 1913, he married Margaret C. Churchill, age 50, in Orange County, California.

In the 1920 census, the 74-year-old Wesley lived in Los Angeles with his 57-year-old wife, Margaret C., and their 41-year-old daughter Susie L., who taught in a public school. He died December 25, 1924, in Los Angeles but is buried in the Garfield Cemetery, along with his first wife, Sarah Ellen Campbell (1847-1910) and their son, Samuel A. Campbell (1873-1892). Margaret C. Campbell remained in Los Angeles was still living in 1930 at age 68, but without her daughter. It appears the Campbell family did not leave a lasting legacy in Logan County.

Wesley Fee Campbell had served as a private in Company B of the 149th Indiana Infantry. He came from Bowling Green, Indiana to served in this regiment. It was organized in Indianapolis late in the war and active from March 1, 1865, to September 27, 1865. It largely served guard and garrison duty. Nevertheless, it had 38 fatalities, with another 27 men deserting. Many of those

who died, did so at Indianapolis, probably from disease. None of Wesley's company deserted, and he served his full term. To add to the confusion, there is a Silas D. Campbell (1865-1944) who is recorded in the 1885 Logan County census. He is listed as "single," 22-year-old "farmer," living alone. He appears not to be close relation to Wesley Fee Campbell, and Silas did not patent any land in Logan County. Silas had come from Indiana with his parents, who settled near Palmer in Merrick County, Nebraska. His father had served in the Civil War but in a different Indiana unit than did Wesley.

The Gill to which Charles Shrader referred is Thomas Collier Gill (1849-1941). The 1885 Logan County census recorded him as a 36-year-old "farmer" born in England, having immigrated in 1851. He lived with his wife, Annie or Anna (Annie Eveline Walker, 1856-1926, married 1874), daughter Etta (Etta Ellen Gill Reep Derryberry, 1877-1947), son Alonzo (Coral "Lon" Alonzo Gill; 1874-1963), daughter Cora (Cora Myrtle Gill Abern, 1883-1945), and daughter Stella (Stella Harriet Gill Meyers, 1881-1980). They would later add to the family sons: Frederick James Gill (1887-1918), Raymond Harry Gill (1891-1979), and Earl R. Gill (1895-1972).

Thomas C. Gill would first patent on April 4, 1891, a 160-acre Homestead at SE1/4, 25-17N-27W. This is about seven miles east of the present intersection of highways 92 and 83. Then on August 8, 1892, he patented a tree claim at SW1/4 of the same section. Several years later (1906), his daughter, Stella, would purchase land nearby. In the 1885 census he reported tilling 40 acres of 160 acres. He owned two mules, and valued his land at \$800. The previous year he had paid \$10 for one week of outside labor, which appears is about the going rate at the time.

The 1900 census found the Gill household still living there with the addi-

tion of several children: "J. Frederick," age 13, listed as both "at school" and "farm laborer"; "H. Raymond," age 8, and "at school"; and "Earl R." age 6, and "at school." Daughters "Stella H.," age 19, and "C. Myrtle," age 17, remained at home but "at school." By that time 26-year-old Coral Alonzo, and 23-year old Etta Ellen appeared to have left home.

By the 1910 census the Thomas Gill household had moved to Delight township, southwest of Callaway, where 61-year-old Thomas reported his profession or occupation as "own income." I assume that he was somehow self-employed. Anna, age 53, remained with him, along with 18-year-old Harry R. and 16-year-old Earl R.

I could not find any record of Thomas Gill in the 1920 census. In 1930, 81-year-old Thomas Gill was living alone as a "widow" in Arnold, Nebraska. Anna died in 1926. He lived until July 2, 1941, when died at age 92. Both Thomas and Anna are buried in the Arnold Cemetery.

For the 1900 census, Coral, or "Lon" as he was known (1874-1963), may have been working nearby. He did not marry Delorus Applegate (1881-1957) until November 20, 1901. He remained in the area all his life, except for a short time in Wyoming, working as farmer and later was a well driller until he died at age 88 in 1963. His son, Harold (1902-1968) followed his profession as a well driller. The Gill family name remains one of the few names from the 1885 Logan County census for whom descendants remain in Logan County today.

Returning again to the newspaper article by Charles Shrader in *The Nebraska State Journal* (April 10, 1884), the Unangst to which Charles Shrader referred is Jacob S. Unangst (1856-1903) and the Hartzell is Benjamin Franklin Hartzell (1851-1923). Jacob's brother-in-law. I have introduced both of whom previously to the reader.

Charles Shrader contin-

ued, "Just an hour after my arrive R. [Robert] E. Doane [sic] [son her of future sheriff Jesse Doan] and company drove up and camped for the first time on the site of the to-be-famous Logan." Shrader then added, "A. P. Tarbox, sister and brother also arrived the day before and are on the lookout for claims." This would be Alonzo Pinzon Tarbox (1845-1926). There is an A.M. Tarbox listed in the Logan County census of 1885, which would match the initials of Alonzo's sister, Alphine M. Tarbox (1859-?). This A. M. Tarbox is listed born in Maine but, however, in 1861 and, more importantly, clearly marked in the census (by Alonzo) as "male." Did Alphine come out to Nebraska and file on land and hold it for her brother, Manfred R. Tarbox (1861-?), who patented land in Logan County, while Alphine did not? I will write more about Alonzo Tarbox in separate article about him.

Always the promoter, Shrader added, "The B&M surveyors are nearing us from two directions. From below they are within two miles and will probably reach us today. Another party surveying from Broken Bow are within ten miles and headed down the North Fork directly for us. We are having such a boom as no spot in Nebraska perhaps ever saw, and the boom is destined to grow. . . . All are busy, and time for writing is stolen from pressing work. In haste, C. D. S. [Charles Shrader]."

Two days later (April 16, 1884), W. F. Severance and Gay P. Callahan advertised in *The Nebraska State Journal*, under the headline "To Land Seekers." They promoted the area with the following, "The undersigned will be prepared to show lands and locate parties on timber, homestead, and preemption claims, in the vicinity of Logan, the town site of the Nebraska Soldiers' Colony, from and after this date. Parties will be met at the train at Gothenberg [sic] or North Platte on the U. P. R. R., if we are notified a few days in advance. We can be found at any time at Logan on the South Loup river. Claims bought and sold. Address us at Arnold, Custer County, Nebraska. W. F. Severance, Gay P. Callahan." This advertisement was repeated several times.

Continued next week

Senior Lunch Menu At DeJoWa's Diner

For Pickup, Delivery & Dine In.
Call 508-636-2526 by 11:00 A.M. for delivery.

Thursday, November 5 - Cabbage roll, rice, carrots, strawberry/bananas, salad bar

Friday, November 6 - Choice of chicken fried pork or fish, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit mixture, dinner roll, salad bar

Monday, November 9 - Chili soup, baked potato, carrots, pears, cinnamon roll, salad bar

Tuesday, November 10 - Barbecue pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw,

peaches, salad bar
Wednesday, November 11 - Boneless chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, pears, dinner rolls, salad bar

Thursday, November 12 - Tator tot casserole, green beans, baked apples, bread pudding, salad bar

Friday, November 13 - Choice of chicken fried pork or fish, mashed potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, fruit mixture, dinner roll, salad bar

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Odds & Ends

Marcia R. Hora, Publisher

Checking our thankfulness

Squeezed in between Halloween and Christmas is a holiday that one can enjoy with family and friends - good food, and in years past, a really exciting Oklahoma vs. Nebraska football game.

This year, Thanksgiving and the holidays, may be quite different as we deal with regulations due to COVID-19. If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we should look into our own heart and examine our thankfulness to God for everything we've been given.

William Law said, "Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world: It is not he who prays most or fasts most. It is not he who gives most alms or is most eminent for temperance, chastity or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness and has a heart always ready to praise God for it."

With chaos and turmoil all around us, we need to reflect, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but each and every day, what we have to be thankful for.

Rather than getting up



in the morning and lamenting what we feel is lacking, we can begin each day by developing an attitude of gratitude for what we have.

Focus on positive aspects. Be grateful for everything, not upset over what you feel is missing.

As I write this week's column, the November 3 election has not yet taken place. No matter the outcome, there will be those who are disappointed and angry at the results. We cannot let this keep us from working to improve our communities, schools, and to continue to build one another up.

We cannot control what's going on in our world, nation, or state, but we can control our attitude toward one another and ourselves. May this November and every day be one of thankfulness for the many blessings we have here in our rural Sandhill communities.

The Cutting Edge

Kendra L. Cutler, Editor

A Matter Of Life & Death

People from the outside looking in can sometimes think that those of us in rural America are hard on our kids, that we are too strict, and discipline too hard.

But what those outside of the agricultural sector don't understand is we HAVE to be hard on our children for them to survive.

It's not because we enjoy it.

We aren't over here ruling with an iron fist and dictatorship level authority for funsies. It doesn't make us feel warm and fuzzy.

Its because we want our kids to stay alive.

If your child, who lives in town, doesn't listen to the word no we all know that for the most part your child will be fine inside your home.

If OUR children don't listen to the word no, their life would be in a constant danger even at their own house.

Don't go near that horse....

Don't get behind the tractor....

Don't go in that corral with that cow.....

Don't play near the water tank.....

Don't, no, and stop aren't options we have when raising children in an agricultural setting.

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And yeah it seems silly to expect that level of a response over something like an iPad.

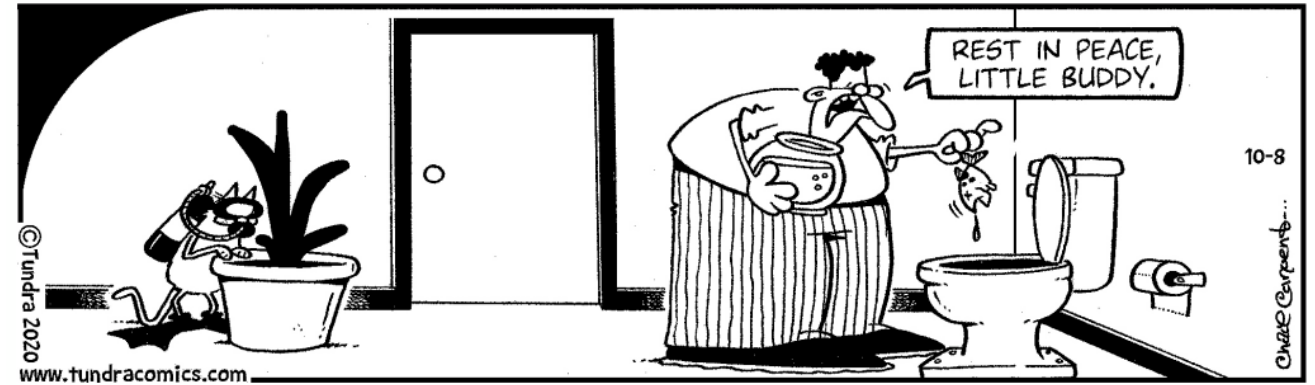
But if our kids don't acknowledge the word no over an iPad or anything else, they sure won't acknowledge it when asked not to walk behind a horse that can kill them with one kick.

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Life's Outtakes Dave Says

Daris Howard

Dave Ramsey

A Privy Halloween Operation

The five friends gathered for lunch at their regular spot in the old high school. They always ate together, but Halloween was only a few days away, and they were meeting to plan their activities. Matthew spoke first.

"You know, with so many of the young men away for the war, we really need to step up our game. Anyone have any ideas?"

"What would they do if they were here?" Susan asked.

"My older brother who's fighting the Nazis in Europe used to always tip over outhouses," Elizabeth replied.

"Then we should do it for him," Matthew said.

"What if we get caught?" Alice asked.

Matthew laughed. "We're too good. We never get caught."

"Doing the same thing others have done is no fun," Clarence said. "Maybe we need to do something more."

"Like what?" Susan asked.

"If we just tip over the outhouse," Clarence replied, "then the person can just lift it back up. But if we carried it a distance away, they would have to get help to carry it back. That would mean they would probably have to use the uncovered latrine for a while."

Everyone laughed at the thought of someone sitting in an open privy. They all agreed that Clarence's idea was the thing to do. And for the next couple of days, they talked about it.

On Halloween night, they met at Matthew's house. It was the perfect evening, with the clouds ominously covering the moon, with only slightly shadowy light breaking through. The group tipped over a few outhouses around town, but they couldn't carry them very far in the small yards. They almost got caught once when a dog sounded the alarm, but they all ran fast and got away.

They then decided to move out into the country, so they piled into Matthew's Studebaker. After tipping over the first country outhouse, they took positions along the sides and carried it a distance away like a coffin. They hit a few more, and then it was Clarence's turn to choose.

"I know just the outhouse," Clarence said. "The old guy that lives close to us is the grouchiest man alive."

Clarence gave them directions, and they were

soon pulling up to a long lane that led to the farmhouse. They decided they had better park the car on the road and walk from there. They made their way to the house, with Clarence leading the way. There was barely enough moonlight to avoid obstacles. They circled wide around the house to the back yard, tipped over the outhouse, and stealthily carried it around to the side of the barn.

They were laughing quietly about their misdeed as they circled around the house toward the car. They were just passing the house when the front door burst open, and the farmer came flying out with a baseball bat in his hand. He ran straight toward them, and there was nothing they could do but head back toward the barn.

With Clarence leading the way at breakneck speed, they ran around the back of the house and out into the pasture. When they were quite a distance from the farmhouse, they turned toward the road. It was then that they realized someone was missing. It was Alice.

"I know she was close to us up to when we ran past the hole where the outhouse had been," Elizabeth said.

No one had seen her past that point, and it quickly dawned on them what had probably happened to her. They hurried back, and by the time they got to the scene of the crime, the farmer was already fishing Alice out of the outhouse pit. Soon, Alice was standing, shivering, by the rest of them. They knew they were caught. The farmer took them to his house, and his wife had Alice wash and gave her some dry clothes. The farmer summoned their parents. As punishment, the group had to set up the outhouse of anyone who had theirs tipped over, even the ones their group hadn't hit. It took them two full evenings, with the people smirking as they watched. Matthew said he thought some people tipped over their own outhouse just so they could laugh while the group set it back up.

Alice didn't say too much as they went around and did their assignment. The odor of her ordeal still lingered with her. But when they finished the last outhouse, she finally spoke.

"Guys, I think if you decide to tip over outhouses next year, I might just stay home and read a book."

Dear Dave, I recently received my master's degree in finance, and for the last four years I've had a job as a social worker. I love my job and have a decent income, but I know I could make more money and come closer to reaching my full potential in the finance industry. I'm on Baby Step 2, and I have lots of debt. On top of this, my dad lives with me and needs transplant surgery. I'll have to take six weeks off work when he has this done, and my current job has always been very supportive of his healthcare needs. Should I wait until after the procedure to look for a job in the finance field? Will the fact that I won't be a brand new graduate at that point make finding something difficult?

Rachel

Dear Rachel, Not at all. You can seek employment in anything you want anytime you want. But I think you're putting the cart before the horse a little bit here. It sounds like you're assuming you won't be able to find an employer in the finance world that will understand your situation and work with you where you dad is concerned.

If you were interviewing at my company, and we determined you were an amazing person and a perfect fit for the job, we'd take a look at things and do what we could to work things out to where we could bring you on and help you through the situation. So, in my mind,



it doesn't reflect badly on you at all to be seeking a better job now.

Now, if you found yourself in an interview where the company reeked of that hardcore, corporate, no-days-off-no-matter-what crap, well, you obviously wouldn't take the job. Always remember that in a job interview you're interviewing them just as much as they're interviewing you. You have to decide if they're a good fit for you as much as they need to see if you're the right person for them.

Honestly? It sounds to me a little like you're just trying to stay in your comfort zone, kiddo. I think you need to go swimming. Jump in! The water's fine.

Dave

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TEN YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 11, 2010
2010 McPherson County Fair Horse Show contestants pictured in this issue were: Candace Ward, Dawson Doggett, Mason Ward, Montana Harper, Klaire Ward, Tabatha Viter, Allyssa Magana, Kristina Miller, Kindra Smith and Kate Seifer.

Colt Lewis was pictured exhibiting his chicken during the McPherson County Fair and Jency Starr was pictured looking at her 4-H entry with a judge.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 15, 1990
Gail Nason and Harold E. Arensdorf were elected to the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. Rusty Kemp, Berva G. Arensdorf and Bob Ryland were elected to the McPherson County School District #90 Board of Education. Clerk Dailey said the turnout was very good for the General Election with 248 out of 387 registered voters casting ballots for a 64.08 percent age.

A large group of excited Tryon elementary students and teachers enjoyed this year's Halloween party. Winners of the pumpkin guessing contest at Tryon elementary were Parker Aten and Arika Starr. The pumpkin grown by the Todd and Marsha Lewis family of Tryon weighed in at 118 lbs.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 16, 2000
Three MCHS football players at Tryon were named to the All Conference or Honorable Mention of the 2000 Sandhills Conference. Joe Cochran and Dru Melvin were both named to the All Conference team and Chad McNutt received Honorable Mention.

During the Veterans Day program held at the local high school, Megan McNutt told about her trip to Girl's State and thanked the American Legion Auxiliary for sponsoring the

trip. Boys State Representatives Corey Neal, talked about boys state and thanked the American Legion for his trip there.

Almost 80% of the voters from McPherson County cast their ballots at the General Election on November 7, 2000. County residents overwhelmingly supported George W. Bush for U.S. President and gave Don Stenberg the nod for U.S. Senator. Tom Osborne will be the new District Three Representative in Congress.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 15, 1990
Pvt. Daniel Trumbull, son of Charles and Elsie Trumbull and the grandson of Grace Trumbull and the late Ray Trumbull, recently completed basic training and graduated from advanced individual Training with honors at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Trumbull is a member of the North Platte National Guard.

The McPherson County High School Speech and Music Departments, under the direction of Mr. Jim Krohn, were hosts for the Veterans Day Program at the high school Monday, November 12. Members of the American Legion Art Gray Post No. 189 were in charge of posting the colors, with veterans William Griffith, Larry Trumbull, Chart Nicholson, Allen Shimm and Wm. Masters participating.

FORTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 13, 1980
Pastor and Mrs. Truman Bauer spent last week holding revival meetings at Alma, Nebraska. They also attended an area ministerial meeting at Ansley, Monday evening. A three-act mystery-comedy, "Murder in the Library," will be presented November 14 and 15 by the senior class of McPherson County High School.

The McPherson County

Extension Council met November 10th at the courthouse in Tryon with ten regular members and several new members present. Area Agent Jerri Jetter was present and talked about having the meetings on the same day as Logan County as this would be more convenient for her. Chairman Elvora Neal presided over the meeting. Betty Schroeder discussed having a work day on the new edition of the McPherson County History Book.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 19, 1970

The most valuable football player named in the Hi-Line statistics was Bud Hanna of Stapleton. Tryon had four boys considered which was more than any other school. The Tryon boys considered were Bruce Huffman, Dwight Pinkerton, Ron Munson and Steve Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Huck Kemp of Tryon, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deena Jo, to Bob Rodewald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodewald of Stapleton. Both are graduates of McPherson County High School. A spring wedding is planned.

Births included a baby son, James Neal Allen, born November 4, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of Colorado. A baby boy, Martin Eugene, born November 12, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Neal of Big Springs.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 17, 1960

S2-C Claudie Gressley, son of Claude and Martha Gressley of Sweetwater, Nebraska, is home on leave from the U.S. Navy after having been transferred from San Diego, California to San Francisco when his leave is up. The Gressleys were former residents of McPherson.

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J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "You must be willing to consider evidence that contradicts your beliefs, and admit the possibility you may be wrong. Intelligence isn't knowing everything, it's the ability to challenge everything you know"

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OPINION - We all have an opinion. You might not agree with my opinion and I may not agree with your opinion but we each have a right to our own opinion. You notice I said "Your OWN opinion." I have no right to try to force my opinion down your throat and vice versa. It's alright to discuss your opinions but there is no need to get upset or be a bully just because we don't agree. Opinion is a matter of personal choice.

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Third and fourth grades are using Seesaw to help them study about the political parties. They watched a video and listed three things about each party. We are learning about our right to vote, how to use a ballot, and what it takes to be the president. Pictured above l-r: Ashlynn Waddell and Journey Brannan.



McPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Third and fourth graders, l-r: Alexander Anderson and Bella McConville working with Seesaw to learn about politics.

Signs of Depression During the Pandemic

Kids who seem to be stuck in a negative mood may need help to bounce back

Caroline Miller

As the pandemic continues to limit our lives, one thing we need to be alert for is depression, in our children as well as ourselves.

Feeling down in this time of cancelled activities and social distancing is unavoidable, and most of us are struggling to stay positive. But depression is more than just feeling sad or having bad days. A child who seems to be stuck in a negative mood — feeling hopeless and not able to enjoy anything — may have depression and may need help to bounce back.

Depression is a disorder that most often begins in adolescence, but it can occur in children as young as preschool age. Kids who have a history of depression are particularly at risk during this stressful time, but upsetting events like the pandemic can also trigger depression in children who haven't shown any signs of it previously.

Mark Reinecke, PhD, a clinical psychologist, outlines three steps parents should take to guard against depression.

Be aware of the signs of depression

Depression can be easy to miss, especially in teenagers, since adolescents are often moody. But with sadness and irritability widespread during this crisis, the signs can be even easier for family members to overlook. Likewise, kids and teens who are struggling may not recognize their own symptoms for what they are.

Symptoms of depression include:

Unusual sadness or irritability, persisting even when circumstances change

Loss of interest in activities they once enjoyed

Reduced feelings of anticipation

Changes in weight

Shifts in sleep patterns

Sluggishness

Harsh self-assessment ("I'm ugly. I'm no good. I'll never make friends.")

Feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness

Thoughts of or attempts at suicide

If several of these symptoms are present for at least two weeks, they can suggest depression. "If you see them, take note," advises Dr. Reinecke. "If they last, take action."

With everyone struggling, it can be hard know how to tell the difference between a child who's just feeling irritable or frustrated and a kid who's slipping into depression.

The watchwords, says Rachel Busman, PsyD, a clinical psychologist at the Child Mind Institute, are persistence and severity. "If it's here today but they're okay tomorrow, that to me is not a cause

for concern," she explains. "What's more of a concern is when it persists. You want to be on the lookout for changes in sleep, mood, appetite, and general engagement."

Help kids feel comfortable talking about feelings

The second thing parents can do, Dr. Reinecke advises, is foster a family environment in which children feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Make time to sit down and explore how the kids are doing. They may need a little prompting. With so much going on in the world, older kids might worry that their feelings aren't important, and younger kids might not have the words to explain what they're feeling. Find a time, and if possible, a place where you aren't likely to be interrupted. If you get in the habit of checking in with your children, and they know they'll be listened to without judgment, they're more likely to let you know what's going on.

If a child is experiencing feelings of sadness or depression, take some time to talk about why. It's easy for them to say "the virus," and stop there. But encouraging your child to be specific can give both of you more insight into what's happening, and how you can help. For example: Is your child struggling with boredom or from the loss of their regular activities? From disappointment over cancelled events? From feeling isolated from friends? From worries about the future, or fears that they or someone they love might get sick, or even die?

"Very often, depressed children and teens, like adults, have negative thoughts about themselves, their lives, their relationships and their future," notes Dr. Reinecke. "They feel hopeless, helpless, and discouraged. Listen for these thoughts. Help them to clarify what's on their mind and how they're feeling."

When kids do share, validate their feelings by listening to them without judgment, and without trying to "fix" them. Let them know that you hear them (without agreeing with what they're saying) and you're there for them. For example, "I hear that. That sounds really hard. I love you, and I'm sorry you're feeling so sad."

Take steps to engage your depressed child

If you're worried your child is sliding into depression, don't panic. There are things you can do to help. Encouraging them to make changes in how they're thinking and how they manage their feelings can help head off serious depression before

it gets worse. Start by helping your child:

Stay active. Encourage kids to engage in activities that will give them a sense of accomplishment, pleasure, fun, or social connection every day. Doing something for others can lift spirits. Activity itself helps protect against (and sometimes treat) depression.

Keep a sense of perspective. People experiencing depression often magnify problems or screen out positive events and experiences. Help your child avoid exaggerating or obsessing on how bad things are right now. As parents it helps if you model this for your children, by avoiding what clinicians call "catastrophizing" — obsessing over the worst possible outcomes.

Tolerate uncertainty and ambiguity. These are uncertain times. There are no guarantees about when the pandemic will end, so we can only live with it. Mindfulness practices can help your child accept the uncertainty of the moment. You can help by expressing confidence that they can manage it.

Challenge negative thoughts. Getting stuck in negative thinking patterns that are distorted or unrealistic can contribute to depression and make painful feelings seem overwhelming. For example, your child may be thinking this will go on forever and they'll never see their friends again. Help them think through the facts: Realistically, this will not go on forever. So, what are some things they could do to feel more connected with friends in the meantime?

Make plans. Work together to come up with a plan or activities that will help them feel more engaged. For example: If taking an online dance class would help them get some much-needed exercise, get started by looking up cool classes online and make a project of creating a practice space. Or if they just miss being social, encourage them to start a FaceTime book group, or make Zoom dates to watch a miniseries with friends. The act of making plans, completing fun tasks, and coming up with strategies, can make them feel less helpless and hopeless.

Make new goals. When you've lost something valued in your life, as we all have lately, it helps to find something to replace it. Help your kids make new goals. If holiday trips aren't looking realistic, what can they focus on for next summer? What new skill can they learn that will be beneficial when this situation is over? What can they do to benefit others?

Focus on gratitude. En-

---See Depression Page 11



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Red Ribbon Week Celebrated

Red Ribbon Week was observed October 26-30 at Stapleton Public Schools. This year's theme was "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free." Themes were: Monday: Wear Red to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Tuesday: Be Happy (Emoji Day). Wednesday: Be Brave (Super Hero). Thursday: Be Free (America-Patriotic Day). Friday: Say Boo to Drugs (Dress up in Halloween Costume).



STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Monday - Red Day. Pictured l-r: Arlyanah Stumpf, Hayden McClain, Jace Williams and Rate Peterson



The Stapleton first graders are pictured above celebrating Emoji Day during Red Ribbon Week.



Wednesday was Superhero Day. Pictured l-r: Makadyn Knievel, Rokker Sierks, Tye Schaeffer, Jhett Peterson and George Kramer



Tuesday - Emoji Day. Pictured l-r: Gabriella McEntee, Kolt Myers, Micah Weems, Sean Weems, Baily Weems, KwynLee Kramer, Rikie Schaeffer and Avery Boeser.

Gustason is finalist

U.S. Bank and the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) are proud to announce the 2020-2021 Believers and Achievers.

Believers & Achievers is a statewide program designed by U.S. Bank and the NSAA to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

Stapleton High School had four nominees this year. They were Trinity Hansen, Hope Gustason, Hannah Burnside, and Camrin Coco.

Hope Gustason has been selected as a finalist and beginning in October and continuing through April, she will be among 48 Nebraska High School seniors honored as Believers & Achievers.

From these 48 finalists, eight will receive \$500 scholarships from U.S. Bank to the college or university of their choice at a scholarship banquet to be



STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

held April 25, 2021.

All of the students nominated for the Believers & Achievers awards pro-

gram represent the very best of Nebraska's high schools.

First Grade Halloween Stories



The first grade class recently wrote Halloween themed stories. "The Best Part Of Halloween is..."

Josephine Stewart

The best part of Halloween is carving Jack-O-Lanterns. You have to scoop the slimy stuff. You have a tool or a knife. You can carve your pumpkin with your Mom. Why do you carve your pumpkin?

Brandon Frey

The best part of Halloween is going to the haunted house. There was a dragon. It was very, very, very, very, very fun! I saw an evil scientist.

Liam Barnhill

Carving Jack-O-Lanterns. You can use a machine to carve pumpkins or Jack-O-Lanterns.

Duke Joedeman

The best part of Halloween is costumes. I am going to be Spiderman. It is cool. I wish I was a real Spiderman. I wish the feet were smaller. I wish Halloween could last forever.

RyAnne Clouse

The best part of Halloween is tricker-or-treating. I wish I would be Snow White. I will knock on the door and say trick or treat.

Leo Walz

The best part of Halloween is trunk or treating. I went trunk or treating. I saw Cord and Rachel. I love Trunk or Treating and love Halloween.

Gemma Weitzel

The best part of Halloween is haunted houses. They have ghosts, vampires, snakes, and bats. Cora would be frightened.

Raymond Weber

Candy. I like candy. I really like candy corn. I can have a lot of the candy. My mom and dad can walk with us.

Lillian Kleist

The best part of Halloween is trunk or treating. You can look in other people's trunks. The people give you candy. We play games in the trunk.

Luke Frey

The best part of Halloween is getting thousands of pieces of candy. My favorite candy is the tootsie roll. I also like chocolate eye balls! I love candy!

Upcoming Activities

Tuesday, November 10 - JH Wrestling @ Hershey, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12 - JH Wrestling @ Arnold, 2:00 p.m.; One-Acts @ Cozad

Friday, November 13 - Livestock Judging Contest (Districts) @ Curtis; Semi-Final Round FB Playoffs

Monday, November 16 - Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m.; JH Wrestling @ North Platte St. Pat's, 4:00 p.m.; No School - Teacher In-Service; Start of Winter Sports Season

Tuesday, November 17 - MNAC One-Act @ Merna

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Obituary

Paul "Duane" Munson, 89, of Columbus, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in Columbus.

Duane Munson was born Sept. 19, 1928, in North Platte to Clarence and Veva Munson. He attended grade school at Prairie Dell School and graduated from Baker Rural High School in Stapleton with the Class of 1947. He lived in Columbus for the past 50 years.

Duane was an educational book salesman for years and travelled through this area on his route. He enjoyed class and family reunions, golf and spending time with friends.

Paul "Duane" Munson



1928 - 2017

Duane is survived by his son Tom (Lisa) Munson;

son-in-law Joe Starzec; grandchildren Jeremy (Wendy) Starzec, Megan Starzec, Olivia Kem Munson and Ian (Kendall) Olson; and great-grandchildren Macy, Emma, and Jilian Collins, Nicholas Cieloha and Teagan Olson.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Kem Starzec and son Tim Munson.

Cards of Thanks

The outpouring of love shown by this community at the time of our loss was overwhelming. Each card, prayer, memorial, food brought to our home, and other acts of kindness helped us during this difficult time. We appreciated each and every one. May God bless you as you have blessed us.

*Derb Frey
Steve & Cindy Frey
and Shauna
Steph & Greg Miller
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Thank you for all the cards and calls on my 99th birthday. It really made my day special.

*Love to all,
Maxine Lovitt*

Fall Fertilization On Corn Stalks Before Grazing

Brad Schick

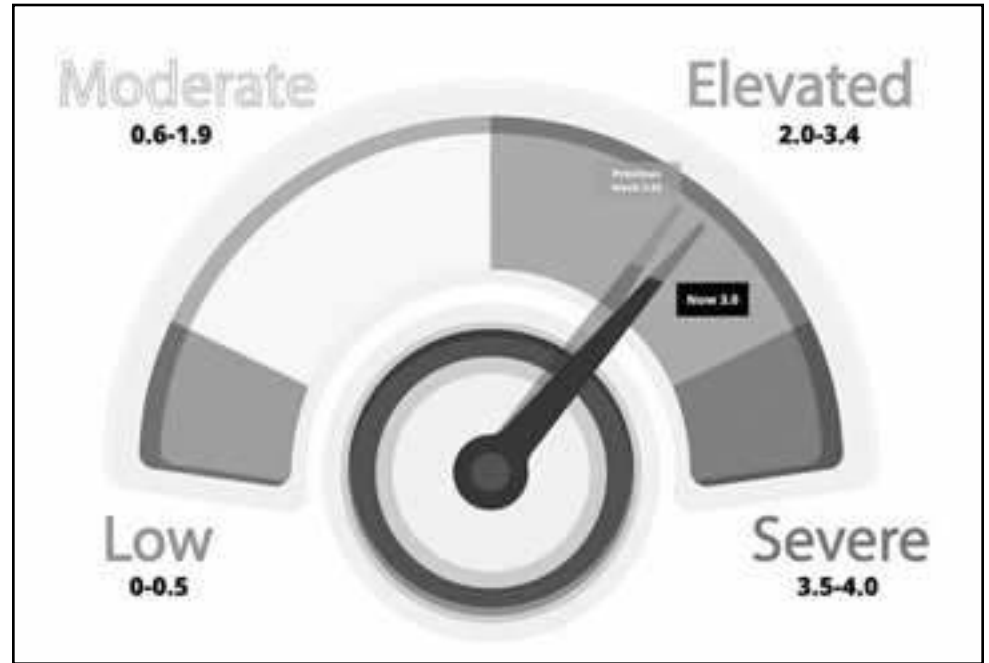
Grid sampling and application of dry fertilizer is common in the fall, but is it safe to graze corn residue fields that have had the fertilizer applied?

The answer comes down to how much risk in animal wellbeing we are willing to take. The risk potential is different for different fertilizer components. Potassium, zinc, nitrogen, and sulfur could all be toxic, but that risk is all about consumption rate and the amount animals can physically consume. To reduce risk, wait to graze until after precipitation whether that be rain or snow melt. Waiting for rain is more important if the application stuck to damp or wet residue.

Calculations can tell if what was applied would pose a risk.

Nitrogen fertilizers can cause toxicity in different ways and differing amounts so any spill available for consumption is a higher risk. There are other fertilizer components in a grid sampled applications that may or may not be a problem due

Changes On Risk Dial Keep Us In The Orange



COURTESY PHOTO

There were 45 new cases in the WCDHD jurisdiction. One case in Hooker County, two cases in Thomas County; and 42 cases in Lincoln County.

The risk dial moved from a 2.92 up to a 3.0 this week, which remains within the elevated risk level. There were changes in the following variables that contributed to movement in the dial:

We had an increase in the following:

- Measure ID R11: Individuals Affected

Considering feedback from the community, WCDHD has updated the look of the community

risk dial. The new appearance more clearly displays the range of numbers expressed in each category. Please note that the change is in appearance only. There has been no change to the data used to formulate the level we are in on the dial.

With community partnership, wearing a mask in public, social distancing, avoiding crowded places, avoiding close contact, and avoiding confined spaces, we can flatten the curve of COVID-19 in our area.

#WearAMaskForMe
COVID-19 Risk Dial page: <https://wcdhd.org/what-we-do/health-services/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus/risk-dial.html>

For COVID-19 case number updates within the West Central District Health Department Jurisdiction, check the WCDHD Dashboard here:

https://public.tableau.com/views/WestCentralDistrictHealthDepartment-COVID-19Dashboard/CasInformation?:language=en&:display_count=y&:origin=viz_share_link

Happenings

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per around 5:30 so if you can make it to the nursing home between 4:30 and 6:00ish, the residents can see you before it gets dark. We also have a fun surprise again this year.

This week we have enjoyed various activities such as exercises, reminiscing, reading, hands alive, Bingo, current events, coffee and visiting, TV, kickball, crafts and trivia.

This week's visitors included:

Marilyn Wright was here to visit her dad Richard Broyles.

Kathleen Miles enjoyed her visits with Marian Nutter, Kyra Miles and Sarah Miles.

Mary Kemp enjoyed seeing her daughter Patty Kemp.

Wanda Mackley enjoyed her visit with her daughter Connie Moser.

Marcus and Melody Suarez, Rourke Springer and Steve Springer were here to see their favorite person, Twila Springer.

Ann Connell enjoyed her visit with her daughter Pat Schwaderer.

Becky Carson was here

to visit with her parents, Jerry and Sharon Carson.

Florence Cooper enjoyed visiting with her son Gary Cooper.

Please remember to call to set up your appointments for the indoor visits.

We hope you have a great week. Until next week...

Cutting Edge

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To the Deadwood Murder Mystery characters for their hard work in coming up with great costumes and their participation, the Herbie's Speakeasy barmaids, Stapleton Junior Chamber of Commerce members and their families for the great kitchen help and for serving, Steve Frey and Dale Florea for cooking the steaks, to members for providing desserts, and to the set-up and clean-up crews. And most of all thank you for your attendance. It was a successful event and proceeds will go to benefit the Stapleton community.

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Cattle Compaction In Cropland: Fact Or Fiction?

Daren Redfearn

Are you looking for additional income from your corn acres? Grazing corn residue is a low-cost winter feed source for cattle and a source of additional income for farmers without negative effects on the cropland.

Many crop producers are concerned that trampling from cattle grazing corn residue negatively affects crop yields. But when grazed at proper stocking rates, small but positive effects on crop production after grazing have been observed.

Research conducted at the University of Nebraska has shown that grazing corn residue at the recommended stocking rate does not reduce corn or soybean yields in irrigated fields the following growing season.

In fact, a long-term study in eastern Nebraska at the Eastern Research and Extension Center showed 2 to 3 bushel per acre improvements for soybean production following grazed corn residue in a corn-soybean rotation. This result was the same whether cattle grazed in the fall from November

through January or spring from February through April.

A five-year study in western Nebraska measured corn yields from continuous corn after cattle grazing in the fall and found no negative effects on corn yields the following year.

It must be noted that minor surface compaction can result from grazing during wet weather. However, this compaction often disappears through the natural wetting and drying and freezing and thawing processes. And the compaction level for restricting root growth and does not carry over into the following growing season.

Grazing corn residue benefits both cattle and crop producers. Corn residue should be viewed as an economical source of winter roughage for cattle that can provide an extra source of income from corn production that does not affect next year's crop production.

If you are interested in listing crop residue fields available for winter grazing and connecting with livestock producers, sign up at cropresidueexchange.unl.edu

Black Nightshade In Corn Residue

Jerry Volesky

Have you noticed any black nightshade in your corn stalks that you are grazing or plan to graze? If these fields have too much black nightshade, be careful, it might be toxic.

Black nightshade is common in many corn fields in the fall, especially those that had hail damage in the summer or any situation where the corn canopy became thin or open. It usually isn't a problem, but if the density of nightshade is very high, there is the potential that it could poison livestock that graze many of the plants. Almost all livestock, including cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and poultry are susceptible.

Black nightshade plants average about 2 feet in height and have simple alternating leaves. In the fall, berries are green and become black as the plant matures. All plant parts contain some of the toxin and the concentration increases as plants mature, except in the berries. Drying as hay or after a freeze will not reduce the

toxicity.

It is very difficult to determine exactly how much black nightshade is risky. Guidelines say that a cow would need to consume 3 to 4 pounds of fresh black nightshade to be at risk of being poisoned. These guidelines, though, are considered conservative since there is little data on the actual toxicity of nightshade plants. Also encouraging is that reports of nightshade poisoning have been very scarce in the past.

Fortunately, even though nightshade plants remain green fairly late into the fall, cattle usually don't appear to seek out nightshade plants to graze. However, green plants of nightshade might become tempting toward the end of a field's grazing period, when there is less grain, husks, or leaves to select.

So common sense and good observation must be your guide. Scouting fields to estimate the general density of nightshade plants will help you determine any potential risk. Secondly, and particularly near the end of a field's grazing period, closely observe what the cattle are eating to see if animals might be selecting nightshade plants.

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son County. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Trumbull and their daughter, Nancy; also Mr. and Mrs. Buford Schmidt and their daughter, Meretta, were supper guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Winkelmann, Monday.

A surprise birthday party was given for Kenny Bassett, age 14, in the Tryon Graphic building by his mother, Alice Bassett, Friday. Twenty boys and girls came to help Kenny celebrate as well as his sister, Sandra, some cousins, his grandmother, Mrs. Louelva Priest and two aunts, Mrs. LaVerne Neal and Mrs. Arthur French.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 16, 1950

Pictured on the front page of this issue was Mrs. Ralph Allen, wife of owner and manager of the Tryon Telephone Company. The company, bought in 1921, was first operated by Mr. and Mrs. Florence Allen. The switch board being operated by Mrs. Ralph Allen served 140 phone users in the Tryon area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen of Stapleton, were the parents of a son, Stephen Lee, born Nov. 11, 1950.

A birthday party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis for Connie Jo Davis, age 2, on November 10. The guests besides Connie Jo were Jerry Black, Darlene Cook, Rosie Cook, Tommy Ellis, Linelle Ellis, Danny Nicholson, Jimmy Allen, Roger Neal, Jeroldine Harvey, Shirley Hunn, Marshia Edwards and Charles Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson, Mrs. Tom Ellis, Mrs. Edward and a friend.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 14, 1940

The first storm of winter swept across the nation from Montana to New England over the weekend. In this area, the

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storm struck Saturday night. Fog turned to rain and rain turned to snow which was piled up by high winds. The storm was felt as far south as north Texas.

George Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Lenoard Bassett passed through here Monday after making the trip down from Whitewater Ranch. They made fair time, but found the going bad in places.

On October 22, at the office of County Judge, Oscar Sandall, North Platte, Miss Henrietta Zickefoose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zickefoose, became the bride of Douglas Trumbull, son of Morris Trumbull, all of Stapleton.

NINETY YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 13, 1930

The high school basketball boys will play their first game this season with the Alumni team at the hall Friday. The Alumni have no organized team but hope to be able to make the game interesting. Mr. Nicholas is expecting much from his team this season as he has his full 1929 team with some new extras.

Mrs. John Dahlin Sr. had the misfortune of running the tine of a pitchfork into her foot Monday. She was alone at home, but was able to walk to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Roberts, who summoned Dr. McGraw. Mrs. Dahlin lost much blood, but unless infections set in, will not be laid up for long.

Art (Grandpa) French pulled his threshing machine to the Joe Mahaney place southwest of town the first of the week where he threshed out some very fine alfalfa seed.

The Heldenbrand-Lange threshing machine threshed at the Tone Hatch farm in southern Hooker County the first of last week.

Depression (Continued from page 7)

courage kids to list and reflect each day on things they feel grateful for and individuals they owe thanks. How can they express that gratitude?

How to seek treatment

If your child continues to show symptoms of depression, it's important to get professional help. Speak with your child's pediatrician or primary care physician to get a referral for a mental health professional, or contact a mental health professional directly.

Getting teenagers into treatment for depression can take persistence, because they often feel hopeless, and they may have a hard time believing that they can get better. But treatment can really help. There are several different kinds of therapy and medication that have all been proven to be effective for children and adolescents. (Get more information about treatment for depression here.)

Many clinicians have begun seeing patients through telehealth — on-

line or by text or phone — during the pandemic, and therapy through telehealth has been shown to be effective, too. (Get more information about telehealth here.)

And if your child is experiencing suicidal thoughts, it's important to seek emergency care immediately. If you think your child or adolescent is suicidal, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or 911 if there is an emergency. Don't hesitate—the risk of suicide in children and adolescents is all too real.

In this stressful time, monitoring your own mental well-being is as important as being alert to your children's needs. With all the competing demands on your time, self-care can seem like a luxury, but it's not. Your mood affects your whole family, so giving yourself the attention you need — and professional help if you need it, too — is critical to the resilience you need to get through this crisis.

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This week's "Blast From The Past" comes to us from Terri Belz Mabon. Terri writes, "I can see the school as I remember it, in the picture you printed in a recent issue. It is still there, only hidden. I have wonderful memories of my school years in Stapleton. My teachers, classmates (including Kendra's father), school activities, going to the basketball games, and other school activities are cherished memories. I also remember going to school with my dad, Paul Belz on cold, snowy days and having to sit in the janitor/boiler room until the bell rang letting me know I could go to my classroom. Another memory is the time I got chicken pox and was sent to the Superintendent's office where I waited for my dad to get me after school. My mother was home with a new baby, so my dad took me to Grace Ambler's home. Superintendent Hart caught chicken pox from me and had a very unpleasant time with them."

If you have something to contribute to "Blast From The Past," please send it to Creative Printers, P.O. Box 98, Stapleton, NE 69163, stop in with it at our office in Stapleton, email us at creativeprinters@gpcom.net, or call us with your information to 308-636-2444.

Our readers make "Blast From The Past" possible.

Logan County Court Report

MARCIA HORA

Seven cases were on the Logan County Court docket on October 5.

Frontier Station, Inc. v. Austin Schell, a collection on judgment civil case was continued.

State v. Melissa Nienaber Nienaber was charged with speeding and driving under revocation, second offense. The speeding charge was dropped and amended charge to no operator's license. Fine of \$150.00 plus court costs of \$49.00.

State v. Kylee Martinez. Martinez was charged with possession of controlled substance, concen-

trated cannabis, a Class IV felony and child abuse, a Class I misdemeanor. Case was continued.

State v. Angelica Dole. Dole was charged with possession of controlled substance, concentrated cannabis, a Class IV felony; possession of controlled substance, LSD, a Class IV felony; possession of money while in possession of controlled substance, a Class IV felony; no drug stamp tax, a Class IV felony; and child abuse, Class I misdemeanor. Case was continued.

State v. Austin Schell. Schell was charged with third degree assault, a

Class I misdemeanor. He pled not guilty.

State v. Bick Gilliland. Gilliland was charged with DUI, over .15, a Class W misdemeanor, driving left of center, infraction; and possession of open container, infraction. Case was continued.

State v. Andrea Trujillo. Trujillo was charged with speeding; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana less than one ounce, infraction; possession of controlled substance, cannabis concentrate, a Class IV felony; and driving under revocation, a Class II misdemeanor. Case was continued.



Choose Respect, Not Fear

By Andrew Ellsworth, M.D.

My son is a cub scout, and I am den leader. Recently our den met outside and practiced putting up tents and learned how to build a fire. With efforts to stay distanced, every scout made his own s'more, and we had such a fun time.

One highlight of the evening was letting each scout try to light the fire. We went through a series of mistakes with the matches and thankfully no one got hurt. They were so proud to learn how to light a match and start a fire. However, it was also daunting for them. One scout specifically commented on how excited he was and how scared he was. I tried to teach safe techniques and explained how you do not need to fear fire, but you do need to respect it.

Approaching something

with respect rather than fear is helpful in so many things in life. Whether it be a wild animal, fire, or a weapon, cautious respect is usually more helpful than fear. Education and experience, without losing that caution and respect, may be lifesaving.

Those principles could be helpful as we cope with COVID-19. Depending on your situation, you may not be afraid, or you could be overcome with fear. On the one hand, fear could paralyze us and cripple our response. On the other hand, a complete disregard for measures to help decrease the spread of the virus is like being careless with fire. We all want to return to a normalcy and way of life that is healthy physically, mentally, socially, and economically. However, cases are on the rise and denial of reality and a disregard for others is fuel

for the fire.

The efforts of so many people to decrease the spread such as social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and being careful is helping to give scientists more time to research treatments and vaccinations. Progress is being made, and so many people are united in the same goal of getting through this pandemic, safely, together.

Recently I was visiting with a 98-year-old man. I asked him about this pandemic and what he experienced in the Great Depression and World War II. He was confident we would get through this. We will succeed if we do not let ourselves become divided, but work together, treating the virus with caution, and supporting those around us.

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Stolen Pickup Recovered

The Logan County Sheriff's office reports the pickup stolen in Logan County on Saturday, October 17, has been recovered in Lincoln.

Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood said a convenience store owner in Lincoln reported the pickup had been left in his parking lot.

The Sheriff's office is working with Manhattan, Kansas, and Lincoln police departments since the theft and recovery of a stolen SUV that was found parked at the grain bins owned by Nathan Kramer on U.S. Highway 85 south of Stapleton near the Logan-Lincoln County line.

The 2003 Ford F250 pickup, owned by Brosius, was a total loss. The back window had been broken out, the fan had been put through the radiator, and the rear tires had been taken off and replaced with used ones. The pickup was left in Lincoln.

The SUV has been released to the owner in Manhattan, Kansas. The vehicle had sustained minor damage. It was out of gas and had a flat tire. The keys had been left in the ignition.

Did You Know?

Famed magician Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926.

The radio broadcast "Ward of the Worlds" caused mass hysteria on Halloween Eve in 1938.

Seneca Women's Fellowship "Fall Bazaar" set for November 6

The Seneca Women's Fellowship plans to host a Fall Bazaar on Friday, November 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. MT at the Mullen Senior Center.

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Comments on Content

Publisher's Note: Without a doubt our editor's mask column brought more comments on content than we have ever received. We are printing two this week. We thank you for your input and appreciate the fact that you, our loyal subscribers, are reading and enjoying our publications. Our columns are published to share our opinions on a variety of topics. This will be the only two comments published on this subject.

Just wanted to take the time to say I ABSOLUTELY LOVED YOUR COLUMN titled Just Say No to Masks! You put in words EXACTLY how I and some of my friends feel. GREAT JOB ON THE COLUMN!

And as to the lady in the restroom with the two daughters, what she did made no sense. On a side note, I've read how detrimental these masks are to people wearing them all day at work. The manager at a store where I live ended up in the emergency room for carbon dioxide poisoning and the reason: wearing a mask 8 or more hours a day.

I'll just keep my good Nebraska sense on instead of a mask.

Barb Micek,
Editor-Nance County Journal, Fullerton, NE

There are two features in your paper that I always look forward to - the columns by Daris Howard and Kendra Cutler. I almost always find Kendra's column to be entertaining and often funny. On those rare occasions when she disappoints, I shake my head and move on to the column by Daris. However, I really had to respond to her Oc-

tober 8th column. In her very first paragraph, Kendra makes the claim that she's not sick so she has no need to wear a mask. She may not feel sick, but one of the biggest problems in this pandemic is the spread of the virus by asymptomatic people who simply have no idea they're sick. One of the major things the experts got wrong at the beginning was the risk of spread by asymptomatic people. They've now recognized that it's very serious and that's the main reason nearly every expert recommends the wearing of masks.

Japan has had a long history of mask wearing that dates back to the Spanish Flu of 1918 so when this pandemic started they immediately began wearing masks again, nearly universally. As a result, they've held their death rate to about .8 per 100,000 population compared to 38.6 in the US!

In Kansas, the governor mandated masks in public for the entire state. However, the legislature overruled her and said counties could opt out. All but the mostly urban counties opted out. Subsequently those more urban counties, which otherwise would be expected to do worse due to their congested areas, have seen mostly a flat growth in their virus spread while the more rural counties have seen much higher increases.

I could go on and on, but I doubt I'll change Kendra's mind. I just hope I change the minds of at least a few of your readers.

Errol Waits



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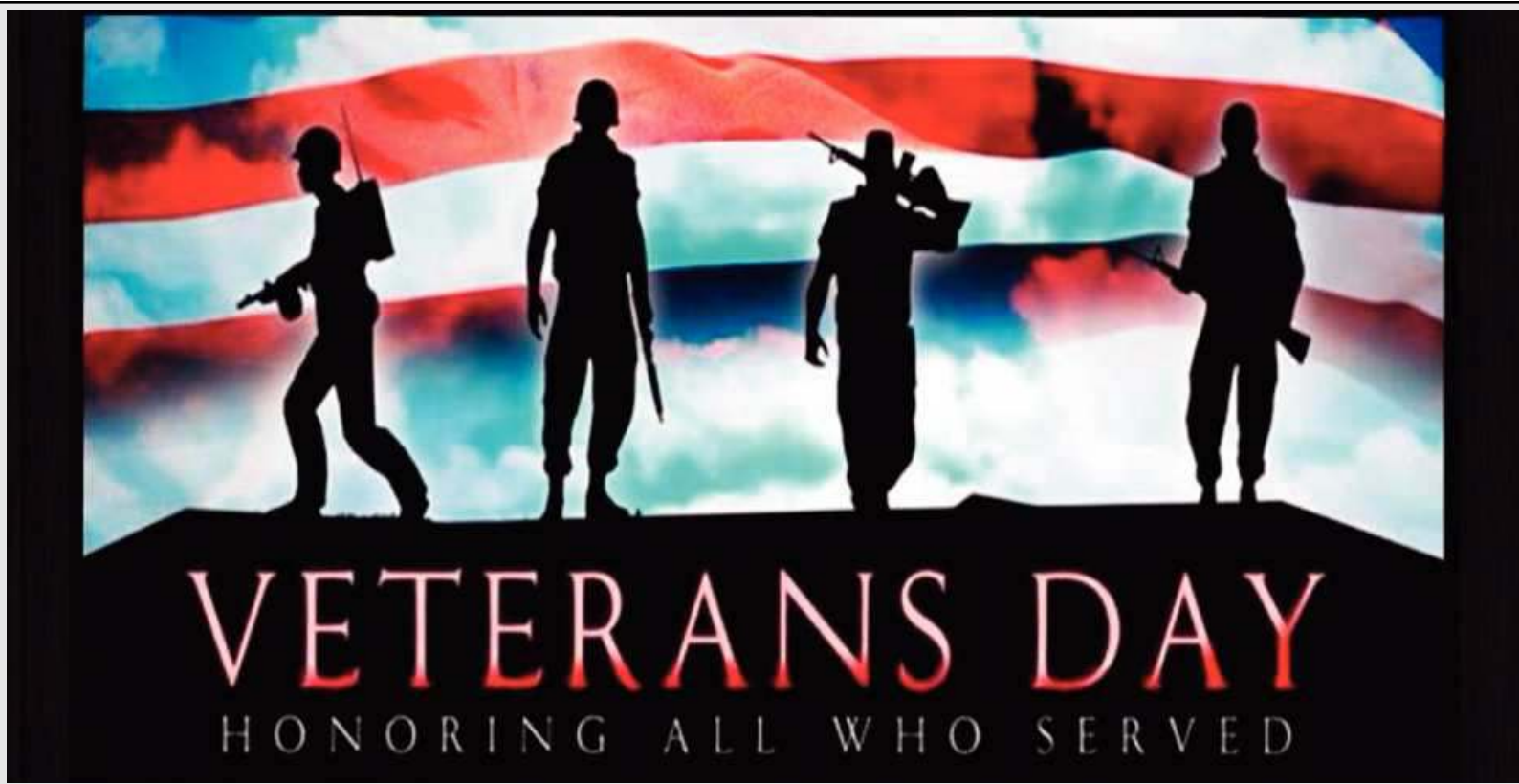
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Captain Steph Miller says make good choices

Publisher's Note: Captain Miller was the guest speaker at last year's Veterans Day program at Stapleton Public Schools. Due to microphone difficulties during the program, many were not able to hear her speech and it is being printed in this week's special salute to Veterans Section. Captain Miller's grandmother, Lewellyn Frey, passed away in October, and her grandfather, Darwin "Derb" Frey is now residing in the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney.

I am Captain Miller. Most of you know me as Steph Frey, daughter of Steve and Cindy Frey, sister to Shawna and Sony Frey, and granddaughter of Bill and Zola Karn and Derb and Lewellyn Frey. Because of the young age of the audience I cannot share all of my stories from Iraq, but I will share my military experience as I have almost 19 years of service.

I joined the 1015th Army Reserves in 1998. I was a senior here at Stapleton High School. I graduated and walked across this very stage and got on a bus the next day for boot camp at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. The difference between National Guard and Reserves, is to think Guard-State and Reserves-Federal. So if you're in the guard the Governor is your boss, and if you are in the reserves, your Commander in Chief or President is your boss. Reserves and guard drill one weekend a month and conduct two weeks of annual training each year. Reserves and guard are part-time. As a reservist and guard member even though I will have my 20 years in pretty soon, I will not collect any benefits for retirement until I'm age 60 and financially it won't be very much because I was only part-time.

My full-time job is with USCIS (United States Citizenship & Immigration Services) under DHS (Department of Homeland Security) adjudicating Asylum cases. My first job with the 1015th quarter-master unit was providing field services. Basically anything you need to operate and live in the field during a time of war or exercise or operation - we provide. We would provide shower & laundry units, generators and transportation. We



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE
Captain Steph Miller visits with her grandfather, Derb Frey, at last year's Veteran's Day program at Stapleton Public Schools.

provided force protection and maintenance. My first deployment with the 1015th quarter master unit was in 1999 to El Salvador after hurricane Mitch devastated most of central America. We provided humanitarian relief in trying to rebuild the country.

Then the 9/11 terrorist attacks occurred. I was not deployed to Iraq until January 2003. I was attached to a unit out of South Bend, Indiana, and I was deployed to Iraq for 16 months. I lived in a tent with males and females providing laundry and shower services and force protection where we would stand in a guard tower. If we saw anybody or anything suspicious we would use our radio and call QRF (the quick reaction force) and they would come and deal with the individuals. We were not able to call home for about the first month to let our family know that we were OK. We did not have showers or toilets until the army civil engineers received some plywood and they were able to make us Porta Johns. I did bring my bathroom here with me today, it's a small shovel. Once our equipment arrived we could set up our laundry/shower units. When I returned home after 16 months I was home for three months and then my home unit was activated. I decided to go back a second time with my home unit. I then deployed a 2nd time for another 14 months back to Iraq up in Mosul, the northern part of Iraq. My first deployment we

were located in central to southern Iraq, which looks like a desert. Northern Iraq was different. There were mountains and trees and lots of vegetation, lots of rain and it even snowed. The temperatures in Iraq were roughly 120 degrees, but got up to over 140 at times. Running convoys in Mosul was very dangerous. We had 10 gun trucks that would escort about 90 civilian semi-trucks. If our convoys were tight they would be from here to Gandy about two miles long. However, these vehicles were very outdated. We would have huge gaps in our convoys and sometimes our convoys could be 20 miles long. The civilian trucks we were escorting carried supplies such as water, fuel, food and the insurgents and terrorists knew this. Our mission was to protect the civilian drivers and get

the convoys safely to and from their locations. We would convoy from Mosul to the Turkey border. We would run convoys anywhere from midnight to 5-6 in the morning during hours of darkness and during Iraq's curfew.

One instance we had a vehicle that was approaching our convoy. We had huge signs in Arabic writing saying 'stay back.' Our Rear M2 .50 Caliber gunner had to use his rules of engagement. Which, if you're thinking about this - you're driving 50-60 mph, you don't have a lot of time to do all seven steps of our rules of engagement. The rules of engagement consisted of shining a spotlight at the vehicle. If the vehicle keeps approaching you aim your .50 Cal at them. If the vehicle keeps approaching, you shoot a warning shot into the ground. If the vehicle continues, you shoot at the tires. If it keeps coming you shoot at the engine block and finally if the vehicle keeps approaching you shoot to kill. Meanwhile, your TC (truck commander a/k/a passenger) is trying to radio into the command post getting the OK from our higher commanding officials to fire our weapon, when in fact there is a vehicle born IED (an improvised explosive device) a fancy way to say bomb, which is in fact trying to blow up your convoy.

I forgot to mention our first day that we arrived in Mosul, after a four-day convoy from Kuwait all the way to Northern Iraq without ballistic windshields, without armor, and some of our Humvees only had a soft top or even

a tarp as the top. So, we were not equipped to be making this four-day convoy from Kuwait. By the grace of God we made it safely to Mosul. I seriously thought that was going to be our toughest obstacle. I was wrong. We arrived in Mosul early morning. We found where we would be staying for the year. This time instead of tents, we had a little metal can. Two people per can. We had electricity, air conditioning and heat for the night. We found the chow hall. We had breakfast and then went and found the showers. All of a sudden we heard boom boom boom and we all ran to the bunkers. We just assumed we were getting mortared, but in fact a suicide bomber had gone into our chow hall and detonated himself and I believe he killed over 24 individuals. At this point I realized my second deployment was going to be a little bit different than my first.

If your platoon was not running convoys your platoon would be inspecting vehicles at the inspection yard. Basically any individual (TCN - Third Country National) and vehicle that comes onto base we pat down and search looking for bombs and any type of contraband. We confiscated a lot of weapons, cell phones, cameras. Most individuals coming onto base were workers for the chow halls or cleaning the Porta Johns and things like that. Again I was blessed to make it home from Iraq. My eight years was then up in the Army reserves so I got out. I was working at Ogallala with the state of Nebraska probation office & wanted to go to grad school.

I met my husband Greg, who is a Lieutenant with the Nebraska State Patrol, and moved to Lincoln to take a job with immigration. I finished grad school and yet I missed the military.

I joined the Air National Guard in Lincoln Nebraska as an Intel analyst. Our mission with the 155th Air National Guard was refueling Aircraft in the air (it's like a gas station up in the air). My job as an Intel analyst was basically to let our pilots know what possible threats they have in whatever region they were going to refuel. I was with the Air National Guard for about nine years in

Lincoln and then I transferred to the Air Force reserves at OFFUTT Air Force Base with JRISE (joint reserve Intel support element with Air Force, Army, and Navy) again doing analytical work. I'm a branch Team lead for China. We assess China and their possible threats to our country. This is a non-deployable position and so I have one more year left and I will hit my 20 years. I was enlisted for about 13 years as a staff sergeant and then I decided to try the officer side. I was almost the oldest person in my class trying to become an officer, Lieutenant (LT) during officer basic training at age 54. I've been a captain a couple years now and I will retire a captain.

If there's anybody here you know interested in joining the military please talk to me. Every job you can possibly imagine - there's a job in the military. There's non-deployable positions, so parents if you're worried your son or daughter would have to be deployed there are positions that you stay stateside. Talk to me, do your research. Recruiters will tell you what you want to hear. I have traveled the world, I had my bachelor's degree almost paid for by the military. It's not easy and not everybody can put on this uniform, it's called the Service for a reason. It's challenging, yet a true blessing.

It's an honor to serve and coming from this community with all the support and love and prayers I can't imagine where I'd be. We are service members - but we don't serve alone. Our community and our families - they make sacrifices for us every day. This community sent me so many care packages and letters and books and prayers while I was deployed, and they continue to do so.

I am forever grateful - I would not be standing here today without the support of this community. One thing I forgot to mention is - as an intelligence officer and an intelligence analyst I hold a top-secret security clearance. So every year sometimes every five years my clearance has to be re-vestigated.

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COURTESY
Captain Miller's grandmother, the late Lewellyn Frey, welcoming Steph home from her first OIF tour in 2004.

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A Soldier's Prayer - Solace To Millions

Editor's Note: The following article was brought in by Enterprise reader, Marie Lemmer of Stapleton, to share in our special Veteran's edition.

It was June 6, 1944 - D-Day in Normandy. A Catholic chaplain crawled along the beachhead, administering to the dead, the dying and the wounded. On thirty of these boys, as he searched their clothing for identification papers, the chaplain found copies of the same short simple poem. Some of the dead clutched the poem in their hands. Dozens of copies of this same poem, blew about on the debris-strewn sands.

The story of that poem has become one of the most remarkable side-lights of America at war. It is called "Conversion" and it tells of a soldier in a foxhole under fire, saying his first prayer.

Miss Frances Angermayer, receptionist in a Kansas City physician's office, wrote "Conversion"



COURTESY PHOTO

Miss Frances Angermayer... "I knew how desperately lonely they would be in battle."

June 3, 1945. It first was published in Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publication edited in Huntington, Indiana.

Not long afterward a copy was found on the body of a dead American soldier in Italy - and from then on "Conversion" has spread to every corner of the earth. Tabulation of

Miss Angermayer's correspondence indicates that at least six million copies have been printed and distributed.

A widely circulated report of the Italian incident led to reprinting of the poem in magazines and newspapers, including "Yank" and "Stars and Stripes." It has been broadcast by Ginny Sims, Joe E. Brown and Shirley Temple. It was read in Congress.

But more important to Miss Angermayer is the reception of the poem by the boys for whom she wrote it.

On Jungle Trails
One service man reports that a whole battalion in New Guinea carries copies of the poem. Several tell of seeing it tacked on trees along jungle trails. One reports it is surrounded by pin-up girls in many a tent on a lonely isle.

Miss Angermayer entered her office one day to find a corsage on her desk. With it was a note:

"In appreciation of what your poem has meant to us. A company of soldiers somewhere in Italy."

To the shy little poetess, this tremendous response has been overwhelming. It has meant much hard work, answering the unending flow of letters. There has been an emotional strain, also, because of the heartaches expressed in many of the letters. While her poem is definitely serious in nature, she is cheerful and bright in personality. "For a little girl who can write such serious things, she displays at times a remarkable, and lovable, sense of humor," a friend remarked.

After the battle of Metz, Miss Angermayer learned that the poem had been found in German translation on a dead Nazi. Since then an American college which trains missionaries has translated it into Polish, Italian, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

Requiem at Massacre

Perhaps one of the most unusual stories of "Conversion" concerns a soldier from Miss Angermayer's hometown. Corp. John A. O'Connell, 25-year-old Kansas Citian, who was one of the American boys shot down by German machine gun fire in the massacre at Malmedy following the Nazi breakthrough of last December.

Corporal O'Connell, one of the few to survive, was shot in the face. A man next to him was badly shot, too, he wrote later, "and the only thing I could do was pray for him so I said the poem "Conversion" over and over as he lay there in the snow

dying.

"Something made me go along. I was weak from losing blood. I just wanted to stay there. I began to pray again and repeat the poem over and over. Then 15 of us made a dash for the woods."

Later Corporal O'Connell and three of his buddies reached Allied lines. "The poem gave me strength as I lay there in the snow," he wrote his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Connell.

Miss Angermayer's only explanation for the poem's appeal is to tell what she had in mind when she wrote it:

"Lying awake one night, I thought of all the very young boys in service, how little thought they had given to spiritual affairs before the war. I knew how desperately lonely they would be in battle without the comforting hand of God."

The Thought Lasts

The feeling of the service man about "Conversion" is summed up in a recent letter from Lt. Harry C. Slawson of the One Hundred Second Signal Corps:

"I write this letter by candlelight, feeling probably as closely as you do, the very words which you have so ably set down. I myself, the men under me and men far removed have known literal moments of hell and the presence of God that you shared with us.

"I came across your poem just today. By tonight it had found its way to every man within the company - and left its mark

"Men have died near me, men will die in the future, perhaps myself - but I know this, the thought you have left with us will last beyond whatever may come in the future."

Miller (Continued from page B2)

Investigators look at your entire life - school, work, relationships, mental and medical records, criminal and financial records - so for those of you here in junior high and high school (this actually pertains to everyone) the decisions you make today could affect the rest of your lives. I got into a lot of trouble here in this school and the investigators still come back and want to talk to my teachers. Make good choices!

I never thought I'd be 41 years old still discussing things I did in high school -so just think about that. Anyway - again thank you to Stapleton Public Schools for allowing the

school to continue to have Veterans Day programs - it's important to teach our young kids why we have the freedom - how we got our freedom and how we maintain our freedom, so thank you to the administration and students for putting on this program. I know it's a lot of work coordinating it and practicing with the music and I just want to say thank you. I want to thank my volunteers for coming up and wearing the different military uniforms please give them a round of applause. God Bless.

Capt Miller
Stapleton Public School
Veteran's Day Program
November 2019

Conversion

Look, God, I have never spoken to You -
But now - I want to say "How do You do."
You see, God, they told me You didn't exist -
And like a fool - I believed all of this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky -
I figured right then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see the things You made,
I'd known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand,
Somehow - I feel that You will understand.
Funny - I had to come to this hellish place,
Before I had the time to see Your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today.
I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know You're near.
The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go.
I like You lots - this I want You to know -
Look, now - this will be a horrible fight -
Who knows - I may come to Your house tonight -
Though I wasn't friendly with You before,
I wonder, God - if You'd wait at Your door -
Look - I'm crying! Me! - shedding tears! -
I wish I'd known You these many years -
Well, I will have to go now, God - good-bye.
Strange - since I met you - I'm not afraid to die.

- Frances Angermayer

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Nicholson Honored With "Quilt Of Valor"



COURTESY

Don Nicholson was joined by family at the recent "Quilt of Valor" ceremony at the 20th Century Veterans Memorial in North Platte. Pictured, l-r: granddaughter, Kolter Smith; son, Rocky Nicholson; daughter-in-law, Pat Nicholson; and granddaughter, Koral Osborn.

Don Nicholson, former McPherson County resident and sheriff, was one of three veterans receiving "Quilts of Valor" during a short ceremony held Thursday, October 22, at the 20th Century Veterans Memorial in North Platte. The afternoon event was attended by friends and family, and American Legion Riders Post 163 members who provided the flag line.

Others honored were Troy Merritt and Keith Williams. The three are the latest of 30 individuals who have been honored by the Heartland of Nebraska Quilt of Valor Group and among more than 750 veterans who have received quilts from organizations across the state.

Nicholson was drafted

into the United States Marine Corp in July of 1943. After eight weeks of basic training and eight weeks of cooking school, he was assigned to the Rifle Range as cook for one year. He participated in Operations against enemy forces in Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands from April to June 1945 and Occupations of Tianjin, China from October 1945 to March 1946. He was honorable discharged in April of 1946.

Merritt served in the Navy from September 1988 to May 1997. He was part of the Naval Construction Battalion 40 that was deployed during the Persian Gulf War. He received Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, Good Con-

duct medals and two Bronze Stars during his years in the service.

Williams enlisted in the Army in 1967 and was assigned to B Troop 11th Armored Cavalry during Vietnam. His base camp was in Xuan Loc and he was part of the defense of the Saigon airport and the U.S. Embassy during the Tet Offensive. He served in Vietnam until 1969, when he left as body escort for fallen comrades on the trip to Fort Riley, Kansas.

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Area Veterans Day Programs

McPherson County Schools - Tryon

A Veterans Day program is being planned for November 11 at 10:00 a.m. and is open to the public. The school will be observing COVID-19 DHM mandates and the gymnasium will be allowed at 50% capacity.

Stapleton Public Schools

The Veterans Day program will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The program will include singing of the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, address by Superintendent Howard Gaffney, presentation of flags to Kindergartners by the American Legion Auxiliary, musical numbers by the band and choir, and TAPS. Students will watch the program in their classroom and video will be shared with the public on the 11th day of the 11th month on the 11th hour. It will be available on the school's website and Facebook page.

Sandhills Public Schools - Dunning

There will be no Veterans Day program this year due to COVID-19. Classes will be doing presentations or skits and these will be posted to the school's Facebook page on November 11.

Theford Public Schools

A Veterans Day program will be held Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Theford High School. Joseph Smith will be the speaker.

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