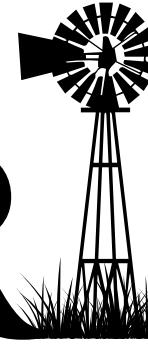


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

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Stapleton One-Act Statebound



MELODY HANSEN

Silenced on Barbour Street wins D1-5 Districts

Stapleton High School's one-act team brought home first place from the D1-5 district competition at Callaway. Cast and crew members are back row, l-r: Cooper Layher, Zackary Lee, Will Sisson, Megan Amos, Trinity Hansen, Trisha Bernt, Jaxton Starr, Kimbal Sanchez, Marianne Zuniga, Jon Gaites, Sadie Dimmitt and Brooklynn Rooney. Middle row, l-r: Ethan Nicholson, Caleb Burnside, Ethan Weems, Jared Trimble and Tad Dimmitt. Front row, l-r: Keali Florea, Hannah Burnside, Kaci Wheeler, Abigale Nicholson, Jaylen Fowler, Arena Fett, Tessa Hansen, Hope Gustafson, Kylee Lee, Isabelle Zuniga and Elizabeth Fett. Deanna Klosen and Polly Burnside, coaches with special help from Melody Hansen and Amy Wheeler.

MARIA HORA

On July 6, 1944, a fire roared across the top of the 48-foot high tent during the matinee performance of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. The fire claimed the lives of 144 spectators.

The one-act play, "Silenced on Barbour Street" by William Prenetta, is an ensemble driven drama featuring 15 victims of this tragedy who must face their guilt and deepest fears in order to escape from a sadistic ringmaster who has trapped them in a mysterious circus purgatory.

Part historical drama, part mystery, and part psychological thriller, those trapped must work together to find the key to their escape.

Although COVID-19 prevented Stapleton High School from competition

at conference, the team aced the play and brought home first place from the District D1-5 play production contest held Wednesday, December 2, at Callaway.

The one-act received 175 points and was ranked first by two of the judges. Second place went to Callaway High School performing "The Last Illusion."

Brady placed third, Wallace, fourth, Hitchcock County, fifth, Southwest, seventh, Waukon-Palaisade, sixth, and Garden County, eighth.

Stapleton will now present their one-act in state competition, Wednesday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the 2020 NSAA state play production championships at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk.

Other Class D1 schools competing will be Paxton performing "Belmont Papers," Bertrand, "That's

Not How I Remember It," Pawnee City, "Gathering Blue," Osceola, "Silenced on Barbour Street," and Wynot, "Oz."

Stapleton High School cast members include:

Ringmaster - Trinity Hansen

Mae - Hope Gustason

Mildred - Hannah Burnside

Nathan - Kimbal Sanchez

Margaret - Kylee Lee

Stuart - Caleb Burnside

Betty - Jaylen Fowler

Eleanor - Keali Florea

Donald - Jared Trimble

Bally Girl 1 - Megan Amos

Bally Girl 2 - Trisha Bernt

Sally - Kaci Wheeler

Robert - Tad Dimmitt

Whitey - Cooper Layher

Estelle - Isabelle Zuniga

Mary - Arena Fett

Hickey - William Sisson

Strong Man - Ethan

Nicholson

Clown - Ethan Weems

Bearded Lady - Jon

Gaites

Snake Charmer - Tessa Hansen

Hula Hoop Performer -

Brooklynn Rooney

Hula Hoop Performer -

Marianne Zuniga

Abigale Nicholson -

Tight Rope Walker

Crew: Sadie Dimmitt,

Elizabeth Fett, Jon

Gaites, Zackary Lee and

Jaxton Starr.

Coaches are Deanna Klosen and Polly Burnside with special help from Melody Hansen and Amy Wheeler.

Receiving outstanding performance awards at districts were Trinity Hansen, Hannah Burnside, Hope Gustason, Trisha Bernt, Megan Amos, Tad Dimmitt, and Kylee Lee.

The last time Stapleton High School has competed in the state one-acts was in 1996. That year they were runners-up with "Softy," directed by

Jeff Grinvalds. Stapleton, Coleridge and South

Platte tied for first and the judges awarded Stapleton second place. Suzanne Osnes was named the state's best actress for her role. Richard Hasenauer and Joel Rockford were mentioned for best actors.

Ray Howard coached several teams to state in the late 1980's and early 1990's. The first year he came to Stapleton he took the team to state in 1986

with "The Potman Spoke Sooth." They were runners-up in 1988 with "On Hearing the Moon Rise" and Steve Sorensen was named best actor.

SHS claimed state champion honors in 1991 and 1992. "There Are No Sacher Tortes In Our Society," topped the 12-team 1991 Class D competition and Lana Kramer, the only female performer in the cast of three, was named best actress in the

state. The other actors were J.C. Calhoun and D.L. Bay.

The 1992 one-act, "Hope Is A Thing With Feathers," brought home the Class D trophy and J.C. Calhoun won best state actor honors.

Before coming to Stapleton, Howard directed Thedford High School to runners-up at state for five years in a row.

Congratulations to the 2020 Stapleton High School one-act team for qualifying for state in unprecedented times.

This year's awards ceremonies will be presented online due to the pandemic. Medals will be awarded to the outstanding male and female performer in each class and trophies for the champion and runner-up play in each class will be given.

The awards ceremony will be streamed live online.

-- News Briefs --

Photo Scavenger Hunt Winners

Noah Anderson and Davian Hoit were the first team in and won \$100.00 in the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce's "Kids Holidaze Hoopla Photo Scavenger Hunt," held Saturday, November 21.

Teams of two to five kids were able to participate and take pictures on the scavenger hunt list.

Boys Basketball Raffle Winner

The Sandhills Valley Mavericks conducted a boys basketball raffle with the drawing held at the first basketball game held Friday, December 4, at Stapleton.

Winning the Henry Golden Boy .22 lever-action rifle was Wayne Claar. The next game is set for Friday, December 11, at Stapleton. Sutherland will be coming to play.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
28	49	20	0
29	61	18	0
30	39	6	0
1	51	10	0
2	47	24	0
3	31	13	T
4	46	14	0

Total moisture for November was 0.23". Total November snow was 0.5".

Total moisture to date: 20.76" Total yearly average moisture: 22.97".

Obituaries

- Donald D. Dailey
- Joy Steel

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Risk Dial

The risk dial moved from a 3.77 up to a 3.88 which remains in the severe risk level. See story on page 10 of this issue.

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NOTICE
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COURT OF MCPHERSON
COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of GARY LEE
JOHNSON, Deceased.

Estate No. PR20-7

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of November, 2020, in the County Court of McPherson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and Sarah Johnson, 1325 West Highway 30, Brule, NE 69001, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 3rd day of February, 2021, or be forever barred.

Brenda Cochran (SEAL)
Registrar of the County
Court of McPherson
County, Nebraska
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**School District
R-1 Retreat
Proceedings**

Board of Education
Meeting
Stapleton Public
Schools
District 57-0501
December 2, 2020

President Kristy Opela
called a special meeting
of the Stapleton Public
Schools Board of Education
to order at 7:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, December
2, 2020, at the Stapleton
School Library in Stapleton.

Burnside: Present, F.
Kramer: Present, K.
Kramer: Present, Opela:
Present, Schaeffer: Pres-
ent, Walz: Present.

The Pledge of Allegiance
was recited.

President Opela ob-
served Open Meeting Law
requirements.

Moved by Walz, sec-
onded by Schaeffer, to ap-
prove the board meeting
agenda as presented. Mo-
tion carried.

Burnside: Aye, Kramer:
Aye, Kramer: Aye, Opela:
Aye, Schaeffer: Aye, Walz:
Aye

Notice of the meeting
was published in the Sta-
pleton Enterprise on
Thursday, November 19,
2020, and posted at five
local business along with
notice to the president of
the board and all mem-
bers prior to the meeting

date.

The board discussed fi-
nalization of building
plans

The Superintendent
Evaluation will be held on
Monday, December 21,
2020 at 7:00 p.m., with
the regular meeting at
7:30 p.m. in the library at
Stapleton Public Schools.

President Opela ad-
journed the meeting at
8:18 p.m.

Kim Kramer, Secretary
Publish: December 10,
2020

**Logan County
Commissioners
Public Notice**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
MEETING OF LOGAN
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the regular
meeting of the Logan
County Board of Commis-
sioners will be held at
9:00 A.M. on Wednesday,
December 16, 2020 in the
Commissioner's meeting
Room in the Courthouse
in Stapleton, Logan
County, Nebraska, which
meeting will be open to
the public. The agenda for
such meeting is kept con-
tinuously current and is
available at the office of
the County Clerk at the
courthouse, but the
agenda may be modified
at such meeting. PLEASE
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COUNTY CLERK BY THE
FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE
COMMISSIONER'S
MEETING.

Debbie Myers
Logan County Clerk
Publish: December 10,
2020

**Card
of
Thanks**

I wanted to thank the
Live Fit Gym for the free
6-month membership
that I won from their
November 21 drawing. Also
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for providing a place
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Teresa Schroder

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**CDC updates quarantine
guidelines; new DHM**

Governor Pete Ricketts

held a press conference at
the State Capitol on Fri-
day, December 4, to pro-
vide an update on the

State's coronavirus pan-
demic response. The Gov-
ernor announced that the

State of Nebraska has is-
sued new Directed Health
Measures (DHMs) to align

with CDC recom-
mendations to shorten the
length of quarantine re-
quired for persons who've

had close contact expo-
sure to the coronavirus.

The updated DHMs took

effect December 3, 2020
at 5:00 PM.

Gov. Ricketts also an-
nounced new guidance
for long-term care (LTC)
facilities to designate "es-
sential caregivers" for their
residents. These care-
givers may be family mem-
bers, friends, or vol-
unteers who provided reg-
ular support to the
resident before the pan-
demic. By recognizing them
as essential care-

givers, LTC facilities can
allow these folks to have
more regular interactions
assisting residents during
this time of enhanced re-
strictions.

Jim Engelbart, President

of the Nebraska Craft
Brewers Guild, took part

in the press conference to
talk about the challenges

facing Nebraska's brew-
eries during the pan-
demic. He shared ways

Nebraskans can continue to

support the restau-
rants, bars, and breweries

in their community.

The CDC has updated

its quarantine guidelines,

and Nebraska has revised

DHMs to reflect these

changes.

The new DHMs took ef-
fect statewide at 5:00 PM

on December 3, 2020.

Quarantine may discon-
tinue without testing under

the following condi-
tions:

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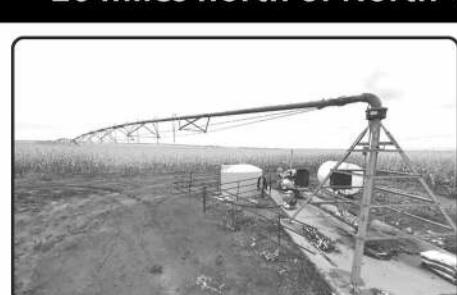
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From The Past.....

Enterprise files dating back to July, 1912

TEN YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 9, 2010
Presenting the Voices of Democracy contest winners with their checks were Mary Weems and Lucy Johnson. Winners were: Alex Frey, first place; Trystan Schaeffer, second and Zach Kramer, third.

Santa made his annual stop in Stapleton at Sara's Place during Christmas Around Town activities.

Winners of the November Box Top winners at Stapleton Public Schools were: Halie Recoy, kindergarten; Sadie Dimmitt, first grade; Hope Brosius, second grade; Grant Jones, third grade; Makenzie Dahlgren, fourth grade; Kaylee Burnside, fifth grade; and Shyanne Honeywell, sixth grade.

Engagement: Danielle Melvin and Joshua Bode, December 31, 2010.

Death: Barbara J. Garrett, 82, Arvada, Colorado, December 2, 2010.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 7, 2000
Traci Witthuhn won first place and Chancey Sazama won second in the Voice of Democracy Contest.

Theo and Mary Weems will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Playing at Kat's Piano Studio's annual Christmas recital will be Abbie and Charlie Opela, Amy Salisbury, Dессie Uphoff, Willow Kovanda and Missy Croghan.

In opening season action, the Lady Broncos beat Maxwell, 49-24 and lost to Thedford, 44-55. Sondi Frey and Nicole Barnum led scoring.

The boys' basketball team lost their opening games, 57-49 against Maxwell and 40-46 against Thedford. Amos Laska, Brian Blevins and Tyler Schacher were leading scorers.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Korean conflict, Deb Frey received a Korean Service Medal.

The "Senior Spotlight" featured Sondi Frey.

Deaths: Mabel Lee Reed, 89, November 28.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 6, 1990
Snowfall measured 18.5 inches during the month of November.

Cinch Munson received

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Friday, December 18 - Choice of chicken fried pork or fish, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit mixture, dinner roll, salad bar

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Tuesday, December 22 -

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Pioneer Memorial Rest Home News

-- Happenings on the Hill at Mullen --

Greetings. We hope all is going well for you. This past week we have enjoyed watching Darrell Leibhart and Willard Boyer put up the outside Christmas decorations. It looks nice, thank you guys. We have enjoyed our daily activities and visitors as well.

The Stapleton basketball team lost to Arnold, 16-48, and Tryon, 35-45. Coach Leonard Peters has but three veterans, Larry Wiley, Darold and Darwin Nielsen, as the nucleus for his cage squad.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 5, 1940
Fire completely destroyed the house occupied by the Alva Main family.

Rev. and Mrs. Brewer attended the 50th anniversary of the organization of the United Brethren Church.

In order to determine the value of Crested Wheatgrass and to give farmers an opportunity to observe its worth, the Union Pacific railroad has distributed seed for test plantings.

R.R. Brown was elected Noble Grand at the I.O.O.F. lodge.

Twenty-five Christmas cards are on sale for \$1.00 at *The Stapleton Enterprise*.

Weddings: Miss Margaret Anne Truscott and Everett Kellogg, December 4.

Deaths: Mrs. Hannah Menzie, 91, December 4.

NINETY YEARS AGO

See From the Past
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COURTESY

L-r: Marlene Dykes, Minnie Mary Hamilton, Bob Osterman and Nadene Andersen playing kickball with Gini Corbin.

Tammy Dancer and her kitchen crew made a fantastic meal with all the fixings and it was enjoyed by all.

Friday we spent the morning exercising. That afternoon the residents had 1:1 visiting and coffee.

Here are some things the residents are thankful for:

Richard is thankful for good friends.

Nadene is thankful for a good place to stay.

Deb is thankful for everything and good friends.

Bob and Jerry are thankful for being alive.

Kathleen is thankful for family.

Florence is thankful for family and friends.

Last week's visitors:

Sami and Duane McNutt and Patty Kemp were here to visit Mary Kemp.

Sherry Forbes enjoyed her visits with her daughters Missy Holt and Libby Forbes.

Richard Broyles enjoyed his visit with his daughter Marilyn Wright.

Gary Cooper was here to visit his mom Florence Cooper.

Nadene Andersen received a visit from her son Dean Andersen.

Ann Connell enjoyed her visit with her daughter Pat Schwaderer.

Steve Springer was here to visit his wife Twila Springer.

Doris Griffith enjoyed her visit with her daughter Linda Penny.

We hope you all have a great week.

Logan County Tales

Larry Hardesty



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

Women Settlers

The writer next named a series of women who planned to settle in the area. This may surprise the reader but the Homestead Act of 1862 was surprisingly gender neutral. It allowed settlement by any single person over the age of 21. Previously, the Preemption Act of 1841 had required the applicant to be "a single man over 21 or a widow." Various scholars have found women represented between 10 to 12 percent of homesteaders in the areas these scholars studied, with increases in the percentage after 1900. Many, particularly widows, stayed on the land long after they had patented it. Earlier I described several young women who had their "claims jumped." The women the writer of the article listed appear to fall into the category of widows.

Mrs. (Betsy or Betsey Ann) Spafford (1836-1932) was born in Vermont and in 1857, she married Henry Bushnell, who died in 1859. On September 15, 1891, she patented a 160-acre Homestead at SE1/4 31-17N-26W. Then on February 4, 1895, she patented a 160-acre tree claim at SW1/4 32-17N-26W. These parcels are in adjoining sections on the Garfield Table. As the reader may recall, in 1885 her 11-year-old son, Charles Edward Spafford (1873-1944), worked for Peter Nelson as a "laborer." Sometime around 1900 Charles Spafford became sheriff of Logan County for a short time. In the 1885 census, she had 15 acres of tilled land and valued her improvements at \$300 and her farm at \$1,600. She had paid \$50 in the previous year for four weeks of labor. She did not report owning any horses or mules, and often single women paid others for the heavier work, such as plowing.

On August 8, 1895, Betsy married George Robert Golvin (or Galvin) (1843-1900). She may have married again between Henry and George, because her son, Charles, was born in 1873, in Omaha. Charles married Rosa Mae Campbell, daughter of Wesley Fee Campbell on August 27, 1902. In 1910, the census reported him in Minden, but in 1914 his daughter was born in Arnold. Eventually, by 1920 Charles had moved to Omaha, where in 1930 he worked as "truck driver." In the 1940 census, 66-year-old Charles gave his occupation as "laborer" for the "WPA." He had made \$672 the previous year. His 22-year-old daughter, Majorie, who was living with Charles and Rosa May, earned \$720 the previous year as a "public school teacher." Charles died in Omaha in 1944.

George Golvin had homesteaded land in between Hershey and Sutherland before he died in 1900. In the 1900 census 63-year-old Betsy still lived in Logan County with her 26-year-old son, Charles. She listed her occupation as "dress making when able to work," and he listed his occupation as "Sheriff of Logan Co." She listed her status as "widowed," since George had died in April of that year. Charles listed his status as "single." On December 7, 1911, Betsy patented an additional 480 acres under the Kinkaid Act further south into Lincoln County under her married name of Betsy Ann Golvin. Betsy lived until 1932 when she died in Santa Paula, California. She probably moved to California to live with her oldest daughter, Anna Miriam Spafford (1857-1949). Betsy left behind in the area her daughter, Mary Almina Spafford Ryerson (1860-1890), buried in the Garfield Cemetery. Betsy not only stayed in the area for more than twenty-five years, she expanded her holdings.

Mrs. (Mary) Kyle (1826-?)

in 1856 in Ohio, in the 1885 census, at age 56, she listed no one else in her household and listed her occupation as "conducts farming." The census specified she had 5 acres of tilled land. She indicated she had spent \$55 on improvements and valued her land at \$600. She had not paid for any labor in the preceding year, but also indicated she did not own any horses or mules, which would have been needed to work an extensive amount of land. She may have had, essentially, had a very large garden. She also, did not specify if she was married or widowed, but I assume she was a widow.

By 1900 Mary had left Logan County and lived in Hastings, Nebraska. She listed herself as a "widow" and "landlord," at age 74, being born in 1826 in Ohio. She had living with her a 14-year-old granddaughter, Linden, and a 9-year-old grandson, George M., both born in Illinois. There is no indication as to what happened to their parents or to Mary Kyle's husband.

Mrs. (Emily S.) Cook patented a 160-acre tree claim on May 11, 1894, at SE1/4 5-17N-26W, which is south of the original Logan townsite. A Frank E. Cook patented land two miles to the east. Neither are in the 1885 census, however, and I could not make any further connections.

Mrs. (Rose E.) Kendall (1858-1930) patented several parcels of land in Logan County. She began on April 6, 1889, when she patented a 40-acre purchase at SW1/4SE1/4 7-17N-26W. This would be about four to five miles southeast of the original townsite of Logan. She then on May 21, 1889, patented a 160-acre purchase at SE1/4 9-17N-26W in the same area. Then with James Owings, she patented on June 18, 1889, another 120 acres through a soldier's scrip at N1/2SE1/4 and SE1/4SE1/4 17-17N-26W. She may well have purchased the scrip from a war veteran or from a broker, and it allowed her to

purchase the land for a lower price than purchasing it directly from the government at the usual \$1.25 per acre. On August 8, 1893, she patented her final parcel with a 160-acre tree claim at NW1/4 15-17N-26W. In total she patented 480 acres of land. In 1885, she tilled about 15 acres and valued her farm at \$2,000. In the past year she had paid \$75 for 12 weeks of labor. She reported owning only one horse.

Perhaps Rose did well—or maybe not. By 1900 she had left Logan County and lived in Lincoln, alone, as a 41-year-old "widow" "sewing in a shirt factory." In the census, Rose indicated that she had one child and that child was still living. In 1920, she remained in Lincoln as a 60-year-old widowed "seamstress" working in an "overall factory." She died in 1930 at age 72 in Lincoln.

There are several mysteries regarding Rose. Who was her husband and when did he die? In the 1885 census, she had living with her a 6-year-old son "Earl," who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Not only this begs the question of what happened to Earl, but how did it happen for him to be born in Scotland? How did Rose, who was born in Illinois, meet up with her husband born in Scotland and have a child there?

And, of course, how did 27-year-old Rose end up in Logan County "conducting farming" with a 6-year-old child, and how did she manage? The answers are probably lost to the ages.

Miss (Ernestine) Lyons (1855-1948) patented a 160-acre on April 6, 1889, at SW1/4 17-17N-26W. This is south of the original Logan township near present-day highway 92. In the 1885 census, she had 10 acres tilled. She valued her improvements at \$150 and the entire farm at \$500. She did not pay for any additional labor during the past year, and she did not report owning a horse or mule. One wonders how she tilled even that amount of land. She had come from Tioga County, New York with her parents to Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1870 her father, Francis Lyons, while in Tioga, had listed his occupation as "landlord" and valued his property at \$10,000. So, it appears the family had some means.

Continued next week

Odds & Ends

Marcia R. Hora, Publisher

Memories are sweet

We have said good-bye to several longtime friends and residents these past few weeks. The list is long, but the memories sweet.

Here at the newspaper office we will miss John Santo. A longtime subscriber and supporter of the newspaper, John was always quick to give us a call if there was something he found wrong or a compliment on what we did right.

"I went to look for the continuation of From the Past on page nine and it wasn't there," John would say. "I had to look through the whole paper to find the continued part."

Then he would laugh and we would too.

"We'll work on a perfect paper next week," would be our response. To this day we have never put out a perfect paper, but we're working on it.

He was always the first to bring in a picture for the Veterans salute pages



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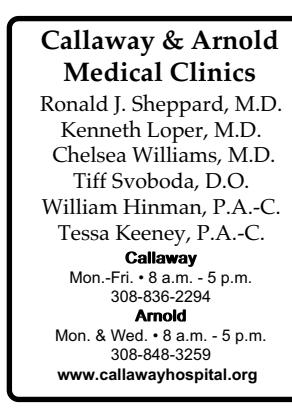
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TEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 16, 2010

Erin Russ of Ringgold was injured in a one-vehicle accident at approximately 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30. She was texting and driving and lost control of her vehicle. The Tryon Fire & Rescue was called and the Jaws of Life was used to open the roof and extract her. She sustained a fractured vertebra in her neck, cuts and bruises and a cracked wrist.

Adam and Megan Nelson of Ringgold were the parents of a son, Timothy Joel, born Monday, December 29, 2010.

TWENTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 21, 2000

The Tryon Longhorns lost their basketball game by one point to Wallace here Friday, December 15. The Wildcats defeated the Longhorns 48 to 47. Eric Mumm led the Tryon team with 11 points and seven rebounds followed by Levi Arensdorf with eight points and five steals.

McPherson County Commissioner, Robert L. Long, was honored December 13 with a surprise farewell party at the McPherson County Courthouse. Among the forty people attending was his wife, Jo, and their four daughters, Becky Dailey, Carmen Eimers, Bridget Long, and Kelly Ward.

Todd Gragg was among students who graduated from the National American University November 20th. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Financial Management. Todd is the son of Art and Barbara Gragg who live at Tryon Route, North Platte.

THIRTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 20, 1990

Deb Correll has been offered the position of secretary and bookkeeper at McPherson County High School, and will replace Mrs. Elaine Miller, who announced her retire-

ment at the end of January.

An open house celebration for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Nettie Ripple of North Platte, will be held Friday, January 4, at the Northwestern Public Service Building in North Platte. Mrs. Ripple, well known to the Tryon community, requests no gifts.

Linda and Jack Tucker went to Stillwater, Oklahoma last week to attend the graduation of their son, John, from Oklahoma State University.

Visitors at the home of Rev. John and Olive Neal the past week were Vince Hora, Susie Bond, Richard and Carolyn Kemp, Milan Kugler, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kugler and her father, Mr. Chadwick, Melvin and Sharon Smith and Lois Connell.

Births included a baby daughter born December 12, 1990, to Crystal and John Streit. She was named Chelsea Delight. Her proud grandparents are Dale and Colleen Pettit of Tryon and Melvin and Marilyn Streit of Lexington; A baby boy, Shawn David, Jr. was born December 14 to Shawn and Tish Bellew. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Licking of Tryon, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Enfield of Arthur, and Charles Bellew of Alliance.

FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 18, 1980

In hard fought basketball game at Tryon, the Longhorn boys lost to Brule 59 to 50, Saturday night. Leading scorers for Tryon were Mike Miller with 25 points and Lynn Pyzer with 16.

The Tryon girls team lost to both Thedford and Brule. However, every Tryon girl scored in the game against Thedford. Hannah Doyle made five points; Dee Arensdorf and Kerry Kramer each had 4; LaRae Daly, Nadean Daigler and Deb Waits made three each and Kristy Power had two.

The Helping Hand Club

met at Esther Arensdorf's festive-decorated home for their December meeting. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by 14 members, two guests and several men and children.

A birthday dinner in honor of Jack and Clara Daly was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Correll. Those attending besides the honored guests, were Joe and Ida Daly, Mike and Alice Hanna, Harold and Vera Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Correll, Allen and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Correll, Ora Winters, Matilda Haney and Eva Haddy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 24, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson went to Denver Thursday to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Nicholson who flew into Denver that afternoon. They were overnight guests in the C.W. McNeal home. Pauline's mother, Opal French, and their son, Monte Nicholson, ran the cafe while they were gone.

Danny Nicholson, Darwin Munson and Gerald Correll all arrived home last Saturday to spend the Christmas holiday with home folks.

Mrs. Veva Munson, Mrs. Susie Bond, Mrs. Esther Smith, Minnie Bond and Mrs. Noma Munson were North Platte shoppers Wednesday. They took Mrs. Flossie Pfeiffer out for a drive which she enjoyed very much.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 22, 1960

The Christmas school program at District 4 School in Tryon, sponsored by the teachers, Mrs. Audrey McClintock and Mrs. Alida Fisher, was very well attended. The children all knew their parts very well.

Robert B. Cotton of the USS Menhaden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cotton of Tryon, was honorably discharged from the U.S. Submarines and arrived home Saturday morning. He and his cousin, Gary Gordon, also in the service, flew to Denver and then to Ogallala where Lois Miller met them and brought them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shimmin of Hooker County, are the parents of a baby



Quote: "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

unknown
I found the following story online. It fits the REAL meaning of the Christmas so I decided to share it.

The Humble Servant

When God calls on us to do something we shouldn't have any expectations that He explain Himself. Our calling may seem absurd, our work seem pointless or without merit. But God's plan is greater than ours. Serve Him humbly, with no expectations that you will be rewarded in this life for your toils, for your reward will come...

One night at a small church in Atlanta, Georgia, a man shared how he had become a Christian while in Sydney, Australia. "I was at the street corner in Kings Cross," the man began, "when I felt a tug on my sleeve. Turning, I found myself face to face with a street bum. Before I could say anything, the man simply asked me, "Mister, if you were to die tonight, where would you spend eternity?" That question troubled me over the next three weeks," the man continued. "I had to find an answer, and I ended up giving my life to Christ."

The pastor of the Atlanta church was amazed that a man on a street corner could have such an impact. But imagine his amazement when, three years later, another man came to his church and gave an almost identical testimony. He, too, had been at Kings Cross in Sydney when a derelict had pulled on his sleeve and then asked him, "If you were to die tonight, where would you spend eternity?" This second man, also haunted by the street bum's question, eventually sought and

found an answer in Jesus.

Shortly after hearing the second testimony, the pastor of that small church in Atlanta had to be in Sydney for a missions conference. On one of his nights off, he went to Kings Cross to see if he could find the man who had been mentioned at his church by two different people. Pausing on a street corner to look for someone like the street bum he'd heard about, he felt a tug at his jacket. He turned, and before the poor old man could say anything, the pastor blurted out, "I know what you're going to ask me! You're going to ask me if I were to die tonight, where would I spend eternity?"

The man was stunned. "How did you know that?" he inquired. The pastor told him the whole story. When he finished, the man started to cry. "Mister," he said, "10 years ago I gave my life to Jesus, and I wanted to do something for Him. But a man like me can't do much of anything. So I decided I would just hang out on this corner and ask people that simple question. I've been doing that for years, mister, but tonight is the first time ever that I knew it did anybody any good."

God calls us not to be

J.R. Trumbull

successful, but to be faithful. We need to obey God even though we can't see whether it does any good. When you share Christ with someone, for instance, or when you help a person in need, you aren't responsible for the outcome. It's God's job to form us into what we can be in Christ.

On the other side of things, be careful not to judge others for what they are doing in the Kingdom of God, even when it seems foolish or unproductive. God uses all kinds of ministry in many different ways in order to fulfill his purposes. Just because you don't get the point of a particular ministry doesn't mean it's wrong or worthless. - Author Unknown

"Be thankful for..."

Those who didn't like us, they made us better persons;

Those who love us, they made our hearts glow;

Those who cared, they made us feel important;

Those who came into our life, they made us who we are today;

Those who left, they showed us that nothing lasts forever;

And those who stayed, they showed us the meaning of true friendship!"

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It's CHRISTmas

Take Christ out of Christmas?
What do you mean?
Every time I see X-mas,
I just want to scream!

For Christmas without Christ
Loses all meaning for me
As Christmas is far more
Than presents under a tree.

God gave His Son
One glorious night
That by His life and death
We might see the light.

The light of redemption,
Of purpose and love
With Holy Spirit guidance
Sent from above.

Christmas is far more
Than mythical Santa and such –
It celebrates Christ's birth
Who loves us so much!

Yes, Jesus was born
One long ago Christmas Eve
Offering life everlasting
If we would only believe.

So leave Christ in Christmas
And center your day
Around the risen Savior
And trust and obey.

Just celebrate Christmas
Remembering His love
And all He's done for us
With blessings sent from above.

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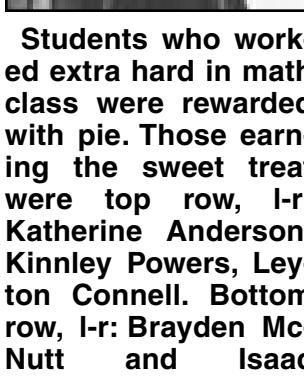
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Students earning pie in McPherson County math classes pictured above are, l-r: Saige Phelps, Brayden McNutt and Brooklyn Fisher.



Students who worked extra hard in math class were rewarded with pie. Those earning the sweet treat were top row, l-r: Katherine Anderson, Kinnley Powers, Leyton Connell. Bottom row, l-r: Brayden McNutt and Isaac Goosey.

Running Off Energy



McPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Archie Fisher, Hudsyn Gragg, Ashlyn McNutt, KayCee Connell and Scarlet Waddell playing soccer tag during physical education class to run off some excess energy.

Sandhills Valley football team members on D2-9 All-Dist. Team

The 2020 D2-9 All-District football team has been announced. Those included on the list, their school and year are:

Offense First Team

Quarterback - Conner Phillips, Sandhills Valley, senior

Running Back - Dane Pokorny, Sandhills-Thedford, junior; Quade Young, Twin Loup, senior

Offensive Line - Brayton Branic, Sandhills-Thedford, senior; Wyatt Reese, Pleasanton, senior; Parker Ballenger, Sandhills-Thedford, junior

Tight End - Tyce Westland, Pleasanton, senior; Tyceen Bailey, Ansley-Litchfield, junior

ATH - Treven Wendt, Pleasanton, sophomore

Kick Return - Jaxon Fancher, Twin Loup, freshman

Punter - Kray Kingston, Pleasanton, Junior

Offense Second Team

Quarterback - Grant Ahlstrom, Sandhills-Thedford, senior

Running Back - Cooper Slingsby, Ansley-Litchfield, junior; Hunter Arehardt, Ansley-Litchfield, senior

Offensive Line - Carter Klein, Pleasanton, junior; Garrison Fernau, Ansley-Litchfield, senior; Weston Reineke, Twin Loup, senior

Tight End - Cole Kramer, Sandhills Valley, sophomore; Jackson Henry, Ansley-Litchfield, senior

Defense First Team

Defensive Line - Drew

McIntosh, Sandhills-Thedford, junior; Lane Watson, Sandhills Valley, senior; Lan Wilde, Sandhills-Thedford, senior

Line Backer - Reed McFadden, Sandhills-Thedford, senior; Reece Zutavern, Sandhills-Thedford, junior; Coy Johnston, Sandhills Valley, sophomore

Defensive Back - Seth Scranton, Sandhills-Thedford, junior; Matt Dailey, Sandhills-Thedford, senior

Kicker - Brayden Guggenmos, Sandhills-Thedford, junior; Punt Return - Trae Hickman, Sandhills-Thedford, junior

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McPherson County One-Act Team Ends Season



McPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

The McPherson County One-Act team competed in the District D2-6 competition in Hyannis on Wednesday, December 2. The team placed fifth on the day with their play "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves of the Old Republic."

Pictured at left is part of the team, l-r: Camron White, Malaky Johnston, Alyssa Magana, Katherine Anderson, Kinnley Powers, Braden Sellers, Holli Gipe, Josiah McBeain, Isaac Goosey, Nastacia Waddell, Katie Ascherl, Dayton Gipe, Leyton Connell, Tabitha Viter.

Pictured at right is the McPherson County One-Act team cast, l-r: Dayton Gipe, Camron White, Kaden Blake, Braden Sellers, Kinnley Powers, Malaky Johnston, Josiah McBeain, Nastacia Waddell, Alyssa Magana, Holli Gipe, Katherine Anderson. Not pictured: Tabitha Viter, Katie Ascherl, Ethan Schmidt, Leyton Connell, and Isaac Goosey.



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Mr. Funk, left, Stapleton High School Industrial Arts & Ag Teacher receives a welder and welding equipment from Dave Olson. Olson recently donated the new multi-functional 110 v. welder to Stapleton Public Schools.

Dave Olson of North Platte has donated a new multi-functional 110 v. welder, helmet, shield, coat, and gloves to the Stapleton Public Schools industrial arts program for the welding department.

The presentation was made recently at the school and the welder was given to Bryce Funk, instructor. Olson said he donated the items in memory of his father and mother, Carl Olson and Clarice (Olson) Arnold, and his oldest sister, LaDonna (Olson) Cook.

Olson said he donated

Student Advisory Committee Spotlight Trinity Hansen, Senior at Stapleton High School

DECEMBER 2020
NSAA NEWSLETTER

I've spent my entire 12 years of education with Stapleton Public Schools, a small, Class D school in central Nebraska. During my last two years of high school, we formed a sports activities co-op. This was a huge adjustment for the student athletes and both communities. At that time, I was also nominated and selected to be a member of the NSAA Student Advisory Committee. Being a member of the SAC has not only

taught me many valuable skills and lessons that I will use for life, but really came at a perfect time for my school and community. The main priority of the NSAA SAC during my tenure is sportsmanship, so I felt it was important to make it a mission to enhance school spirit that had been lacking for a few years, and bring these once separate teams together as one.

I never missed a time out, initiating cheers or chants for our team, whether we were up or down on the scoreboard. It encouraged others to cheer along. Most of the time it even prompted the opposing team crowd to cheer for their players as well, spreading school spirit to the other team. Because my attendance goals are limited, I am presently working to create a School Spirit Club to help create themes and cheers for future games and to make sure the tradition continues after I graduate.

Being a part of the SAC opened my eyes to how different Class A and D schools are when it comes to issues they encounter. Members shared many examples that helped expand my awareness and some of the scenarios I provided equally amazed those students from larger schools, like the fact some Class D schools don't have a spirit club or cheer team available. I have always felt I am a leader by example, but the NSAA SAC has pushed me to be a more well-rounded leader that isn't afraid to voice, address, and fix problems within my school.

In the beginning, it was a bit nerve wracking to attend meetings or summits with people I didn't know. Being involved helped me realize we are all simply working towards the same goal, even though we may be working on different problems. Through this opportunity, I have learned and accomplished things I might have never initiated on my own. My time as a senior member seems to be flying by and COVID-19 seems to keep rearing its ugly head, but I hope I am able to learn and grow more, continue building the sportsmanship in our schools and communities, and enjoy the remainder of my time as part of the NSAA SAC.

Lady Mavericks Hit The Court In Season Opener



The 2020-2021 Sandhill Valley Mavericks girl's basketball team members are back row, l-r: Trinity Hansen, senior; Peyton Moore, Tessa Hansen, Kaci Wheeler, senior; Trisha Bernt, senior; Sadie Dimmitt and Arena Fatty. Front row, l-r: Megan Amos, Hannah Burnside, senior; Jaylen Dimmitt, Abigale Nicholson, Keali Florea and Citori Kramer.

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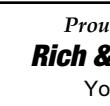


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SVM Basketball Scores

COACH TIM KARN

The opening weekend for high school basketball is now in the books. Your Maverick boys team took the floor against the Franklin Flyers, Friday, December 4. After a slow start the boys settled in and eventually stretched the lead to a comfortable margin and finished with a 54-59 victory. The team displayed very good effort and good teamwork. Everyone was able to get some varsity experience as all ten players saw some game action.

While happy with the victory and proud of the boys, there is still a lot of work to be done. The Mavericks will see action again on Friday, December 11 at Stapleton High School. Due to NSAA and State recommendations

attendance will be limited but the game can be seen on Striv TV.

The boys also held a drawing for the Henry Golden Boy. We appreciate everyone's support and participation in this endeavor. The winner of the rifle was Wayne Claar. Congratulations to Wayne and we hope you enjoy your new .22 caliber.

Lady Mavs, 22-38

The Lady Mavericks

opened their season on

Friday, December 4, in

Stapleton against the

Franklin Lady Flyers. The

Lady Mavericks had a

tough time getting shots

to fall and lost the game,

22 to 38.

They will be in action on

Friday, December 11

when they host Sutherland in Stapleton. Games

are set to begin at 4:00

p.m.

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COACH GARY HALSTEAD

The guys finished our season strong at a very tough class C meet this last Tuesday at Perkins County.

We faced a lot of class C schools like Ogallala, Kimball, Bridgeport, and Chase Co.

I was very pleased with our success considering the limited amount of practice time we had because of Covid.

We won 12 matches, and

only lost nine on the day. We placed five, including 1st - Corbin Miller, Kyle Kramer, B J Goforth, 2nd - Sajie Phelps, 3rd - Cayson Johnston.

I was really pleased with the effort and attitude the crew maintained throughout the season. This has been an unusual year for sports, and these guys are adapting well, and competing hard in the midst of it all.

The five who placed at this meet were our five 8th graders.

Odds & Ends

(Continued from page 4) getting awards for Stapleton in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program (N.C.I.P.) and helped put together the scrapbooks. Janice cared about Stapleton and was always working hard to improve the community when she lived here. She was a top-notch cook and she and her mom, Edwina Layher, fed countless school children at Stapleton Public Schools. They made homemade bread every morning and served good home-cooked meals.

I first became acquainted with Gary Johnson, McPherson County Schools instructor, at the Ringgold Free Methodist Church. Gary always greeted me with a big smile and it was followed with a compliment or something positive. In later years as he was the driver's education instructor at Stapleton Public Schools, he would stop by as I was working on the corner garden and give me a kind word. We would talk about Bible devotions he was reading or how things were going in his world. Don't we need more people like that? Those who take the time to give you an uplift for the day. His final words were a letter to the editor he wrote about how great the driver's education students were at Stapleton and how much he enjoyed instructing them.

Leo and Charlene Walz became our neighbors across the alley and although we knew them before, we came to appreciate them more as they kept up their residence and we would visit back and forth. Leo was always out there with his riding mower, giving me a friendly wave, and now that he is gone, it won't be the same. My last memory of him was when he stopped in about a month ago to pay for his card of thanks and he was his same upbeat self.

There have been so many others and each one holds special memories... Lewellyn Frey, Eloise Kramer, Ray Howard, Bob Forrester, Rose Wonch. People we have known for so many years and have been a big part of our community.

They have left big holes to fill and we will miss them.

MNAC Announces All-Conference Volleyball Team

The Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference announced the 2020 All-Conference Volleyball team. Those included on the list are:

First team

Jadeyn Bubak, South Loup, senior
Samantha Moore, Mullen, senior
Emma Hart, Twin Loup, senior
Elle Ravenscroft, Cody-Kilgore, senior
Alli Loughran, Mullen, junior
Mya Weverka, South Loup, junior
Hadlee Safranek, Anselmo-Merna, junior
Tera Horky, Twin Loup, sophomore

Second Team

Shaylee Oxford, Twin

Loup, senior
Calyn Laible, South Loup, senior
Andrea Maldonado, Twin Loup, senior
Gracie Wenzel, Arthur County, senior
Elsie Ottun, Twin Loup, sophomore

Trinity Christopherson, Brady, senior
Jaide Chandler, Anselmo-Merna, junior
Kirsten Myers, Anselmo-Merna, junior

Honorable Mention

Shaylyn Safranek, Anselmo-Merna, sophomore
Kylie Licking, Mullen, senior
Madison Marten, Sandhills/Theford, senior
Brea Branick, Sandhills Valley, junior

Thedford, junior
Ashlyn Henderson, Hyannis, junior
Colby Cady, Cody-Kilgore, junior
Tenley Rasmussen, Sandhills/Theford, sophomore
Cassidy Grint, Twin Loup, freshman
Hanna Marshall, Mullen, senior
Shayla Tickle, South Loup, junior
Faith Storer, Arthur County, sophomore
Whitley Rut, Arthur County, sophomore
Lindey Coble, Mullen, senior
Abby Jurjens, Brady, senior
Keali Florea, Sandhills Valley, junior

JH Wrestlers End Season In Perkins County

COACH GARY HALSTEAD

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I was very pleased with our success considering the limited amount of practice time we had because of Covid.

The five who placed at this meet were our five 8th graders.

We will miss them greatly next year. They were all good leaders, and great kids. Between the five of them, and considering four of them missed three of our meets due to COVID-19, they racked up some nice stats.

32 wins
20 pins
13 medal finishes

10 of those were for 1st or 2nd

It was my pleasure to guide them through this season!!!

Maverick Wrestlers Hit The Mat In Mullen

The Sandhill Valley Maverick wrestlers opened their season on Saturday, December 5, in Mullen. The team scored eight points and placed 19th. Mullen won their meet with 127 points and Gordon-Rushville was second with 124 points.

Results for Maverick wrestlers includes:

120 - Braden Powell (1-4) placed fifth and scored five team points. Round 1 - Corbin Swanson, Ainsworth, won by fall over Powell, (Fall 4:00); Round 2 - Chase McGrath, Bridgeport, won by fall over Powell, (Fall 3:07); Round 3 - Kaleb Christoferson, Hitchcock County, won by major decision over Powell, (MD 1:10);

132 - Connor Weekly (0-2). Champ. Round 1 - Weekly received a bye; Quarterfinal - Gavin Prewitt, No. Central, won by fall over Weekly (Fall 4:50); Cons. Round 2 - Landon Holloway, Ainsworth, won by fall over Weekly, (Fall 3:50)

145 - Camron White (1-2) scored three team points. Champ. Round 1 - Damien Bell, Bridgeport, won by fall over White, (Fall :58); Cons. Round 1 - White won by fall over Caden Coufal, Anselmo-Merna, (Fall 1:40); Cons.

Round 4 - Powell won by decision over Zach Parker, Ainsworth, (Dec 14:8); Round 5 - Brock Burry, Bayard, won by fall over Powell (Fall 1:57).

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Round 2 - Tyce Porter, Anselmo, won by fall over White, (Fall 3:37).

285 - Kaden Blake (0-2). Champ. Round 1 - Isaac Welch, Mullen, won by fall over Blake, (Fall :20); Cons. Round 1 - Blake received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Michael Rotherham, Bayard, won by fall over Blake, (Fall 1:15)

The Sandhill Valley Maverick wrestlers will be back in action on Friday, December 11 at the St. Pat's Invite in North Platte. They are set to hit the mat at 3:00 p.m.

They will be in Sutherland on Saturday, December 19 in action with the meet set to begin at 10:00 a.m.

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From the Past

DECEMBER 11, 1930

Ben Fledderman was re-elected president of the Logan County Fair Assoc. Cecile Beam, Maggie Hanna, Rachel Wooters, Tillie Gillett, Ella Gillett, Olive Jenkins and Lorena Wells was elected to offices in the Royal Neighbors of Alma Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hess received a letter from their son, Gus, who is now located at Sioux City, Iowa. The letter contains sad news of the illness of their son and an accident which befell their daughter a few days ago.

Harry E. Callender was

(Continued from page 5) elected Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Albert Catterson, mechanic at the Karm garage, attended a one-day service school at the Brotherson Chevrolet Co.

ONE-HUNDRED
YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 9, 1920

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Mrs. J.W. Barbee is reported being very ill at her home.

(Continued from page 6) on Sunday afternoon and night, was drifted badly by a medium high wind. The snow came on the heels of a severe cold wave which sent the mercury down to eight below zero Saturday morning.

The snow plow which bucks the snow from the oiled road between here and North Platte, went

into the ditch near the Stack farm Saturday afternoon and the men were several hours getting it out. C.E. Daly, trucker, came along and by using his truck aided in getting the road machine back on the highway.

The North Platte mail made several trips this week up the highway from North Platte, rather than around the east road, due to impassable roads.

NINETY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 18, 1930

A quiet wedding took place at the Lutheran parsonage in North Platte Sunday at which time Miss Grace Allen became the wife of Mr. Clinton Burwood, both of Tryon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen and a student in the local high school. The groom is a teacher in the local grade school, having come here this fall from his home near Sheldon.

Mrs. A.L. Fuller has been ill. Mrs. Bryan Heldenbrand helped with the work at the local cafe.

The people in the west end of the county certainly enjoyed the Tryon broadcast over the Great Plains Station at North Platte.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 19, 1940

From eight to ten inches of snow fell last week and

Cutting Edge

(Continued from page 4) shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were - ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

May you always have LOVE to share,

HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS that care...

And may you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus!

All-District Football

(Continued from page 7) or

Defense Second Team

Defensive Line - Andrew Furrow, Sandhills-Thedford, sophomore; JySeann Pugh, Pleasanton, junior; Kade Bottorf, Twin Loup, junior

Line Backer - Dalton Kunkee, South Loup, senior; Kolby Larson, Ansley-Litchfield, senior; Brodrick Paitz, Pleasanton, senior; Kooper Barnum, Sandhills Valley, junior

Defensive Back - Caleb Burnside, Sandhills Valley, sophomore; Slate Micheel, Twin Loup, sophomore

Honorable Mention

Ethan Nicholson, Sandhills Valley, junior; Will Sisson, Sandhills Valley, senior; Tad Dimmitt, Sandhills Valley, sophomore; Cinch Hiekel, Pleasanton, senior; Blake Wilson, Pleasanton, sophomore; Kobe Martenson, Pleasanton, junior; Sam Cool, South Loup, senior; Jake Halstead, South Loup, junior; Shawn Quandt, Twin Loup, senior; Nekoda Essman, Twin Loup, sophomore; Tyson Stengel, Sandhills-Thedford, senior; Kaden Haake, Sandhills-Thedford, sophomore; Leyton Rhode, Ansley-Litchfield, sophomore; Karter Moore, Ansley-Litchfield, sophomore; Sam Loy, Ansley-Litchfield, junior; Kaden Holm, Ansley-Litchfield, junior

Back Our Maverick Sports Teams!**Stakeholders Need To Help Make Drought Mitigation Plan**

The Upper Loup Natural Resources District is undertaking an effort to develop a Drought Mitigation Plan and would like to invite any interested parties to participate as a stakeholder. This plan will: refine a collective understanding of drought risk and vulnerabilities, identify and prioritize mitigation efforts, and define drought response measures that will be utilized during future drought events. The overarching goal is to develop a sound operational drought response frame-

-19, we are planning to wait to conduct meetings until 2021. If you are interested in joining this planning effort or have questions, please contact me at abbaum@upperloup-nrd.org or 308-645-2250.

As a part of this planning process, the NRD is creating a stakeholder group that will help guide this effort. Stakeholders will be asked to review materials periodically and attend a couple project meetings. Your commitment in fulfilling this important role will be greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful plan.

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Local & Regional**Obituaries****Donald Dale Dailey**

1933 - 2020

Donald Dale Dailey age 87 of Arnold, died December 1, 2020 at Great Plains Health in North Platte.

Donald Dale Dailey was born on March 2, 1933 to Clayton L. and Mabel P. (Lewis) Dailey at his Grandpa and Grandma Lewis's home south of Arnold in Lincoln County.

Don attended school at Loyal Table and Powell Canyon. He then graduated from Arnold High School in 1951. Don served in the US Army 1953-1955. He was married to Beverly Jean Kramer on August 20, 1953 at Fort Riley, KS, where Don was serving in the Army. They were married 64 years, before Beverly passed away in 2018.

The family lived on ranches until 1976, when they moved east of Gandy on the Kramer Farm where Beverly was raised.

They semi-retired in 1996 and moved to Arnold in 2002. Don and Beverly enjoyed camping with family and many trips to visit extended family.

Joy Marie Steel

1933 - 2020

Joy Marie Steel of North Platte, Nebraska, passed away Friday, November 27, 2020 in North Platte. She was born December 20, 1933, in Sutherland, Nebraska to Simon & Wilda (Chase) Binegar.

She attended school in Sutherland for nine and a half years. The family then moved to North Platte where she attended North Platte Senior High and graduated in 1951. On February 17, 1951, she married Wesley E. Steel in Ogallala, Nebraska. They lived on the Steel Ranch, northeast of North Platte, for 59 years until Wesley's passing, where they raised their five children.

Joy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She loved to dance and play cards. She also enjoyed gardening, canning, and baking. She was a member of the Hall School Mothers' Club, a 4-H Club leader, a timer for the Lake Maloney saddle club, a member of a bowling league and active in the DAR and Christian Women's Club.

She is survived by her children, Karen (Mark) McVey of Haigler, Patricia Correll of Des Moines, Iowa, Ty (Kelly) Correll of Torrington, Wyoming, Brandi Tillman of North Platte, Charles (Lori) Steel of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Patricia Steel of Lincoln, Jennifer VanderWey, Kelly (Justin) Loeffler of Cheyenne, Wyoming; great-grandchildren, Jack and Grant McVey, Paislee and Charlee McVey, Drew and Lyndee McVey, Connor Correll, Jayden and Carlee Tillman, Bradley

Arnold. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, thirty-one and a half great grandchildren, a brother Earl Dailey of Arnold, a sister Ester Webster of North Platte, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Beverly, a son Alan, a brother Kenneth, a sister Kathryn, brothers-in-law Clark Armstrong and Earl Webster, and sister-in-law Ila Dailey.

Graveside services, along with military honors were held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Loup Valley Cemetery west of Stapleton, with Pastor Irv Jennings officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Arnold Community Foundation, Arnold Fire Department, or the Arnold Baptist Church.

Govier Brothers Mortuary-Arnold Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Words of encouragement and remembrance can be left at www.govier-brothers.com

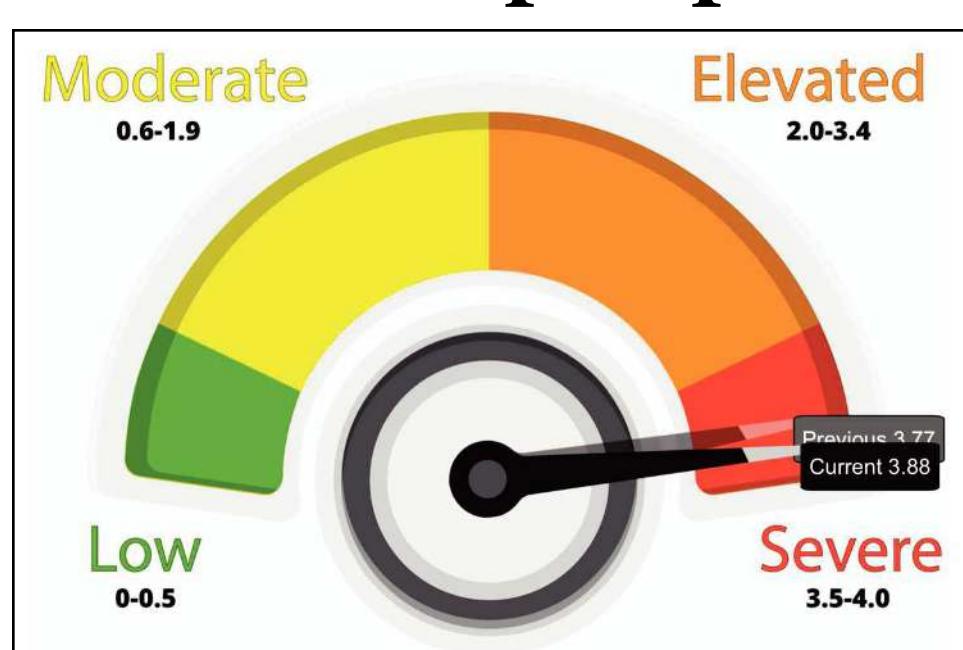
and Aubrey Steel, Shyla Stearns, Isabelle and Hayden Loeffler; sisters, Dona Samuelson of Chester, Oklahoma and Lois Burch of Riverton, Wyoming; brothers, Marvin Binegar of Oregon City, Oregon and Bill Binegar of North Platte; sister-in-law, Marie Grasz of North Platte, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wesley; son, Mike Steel; parents-in-law, Edd & Janie (Powell) Steel; grandson, Clint VanderWey; great-grandsons, James and Jed VanderWey; sister, Lola Wurl; brothers-in-law, Bill Burch, Kenneth Wurl, Harvey Grasz, Richard Samuelson; and sister-in-law, Shirley Binegar.

Graveside services were held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at North Platte Cemetery.

Adams & Swanson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The service was live streamed on Adams & Swanson Facebook page for those not able to attend.

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