Staples All Veterans Park NEWSLETTER

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PARK RETAINING WALL NEARING COMPLETION

In September Northland Monument began installing the granite panels on the Park retaining wall. The handrails will need to be refitted and podium installed. Special lighting and flowers are planned for near the front of the wall.

TERESA SORENSON WILL SPEAK AT VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Program will take place November 8th 10 a.m. at the SHS auditorium. Teresa grew up in Shiprock, NM on the Navajo Reservation. She attended Navajo Comm. College majoring in Pre-law. Her grandmother's brother was a Navajo Code Talker. Her Family has served in all 6 branches of military service. Teresa enlisted in the Army in 1986. In 1990 she joined the Army National Guard. She was an Operations Specialist at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Her husband retired from Army as a Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal member. They live in Grey Eagle now. They have 4 boys, one is a Marine. Teresa is the Assistant County Veteran Service Officer for Todd County.

$2000 to PARK from ZIEGLER 5K WALK/RUN

August 4th the annual Ziegler Memorial Run/Walk event was held at Old Wadena Park. 25 participants took part along with over a dozen volunteers. In photo above Mel Daniels and Bob Hamann are accepting the donation from Jenna (Ziegler) Jobe.

Save the DATE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MARCH 14, 2019

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.

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Park Association Mission Statement - *Working together to provide a park to honor and remember those Veterans and individuals who served and defended their nation and community so well. To offer an educational opportunity for all members of the community to learn more about those that have defended and served their country and community.*

VIETNAM VETERAN EUGENE JOHNSON DONATES OVER $2,000

After graduation from SHS in 1967 he enlisted in the Army and became an MP (Specialist E4), escorting POW's. He was sent to Long Binh Veitnam and stayed there until the end of 1969. Gene is partially disabled due to agent orange. He has been a great supporter of the Park, giving over $2,000 in the last year and half.

CLASS OF 1967 BENCH DEDICATION

The bench with the names of 21 classmates who served in the Military, including a photo of Roger Jensen (KIA June 28, 1969). In the picture behind the bench are Veterans Terry Farber, Wayne Elliott, Stephen Goepferd, Eugene Johnson, Rich Peter, Denny Hoemberg1 Kevin Jenkins and John Hanson.

LUMINAIRE EVENT AT THE PARK NOV 30 - DEC 1

4TH OF JULY at the PARK

Commemorative granite pavers were dedicated for 19 Veterans. Huck Holst presided over the event. Retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Charlie Poulton made a presentation honoring all Veterans. The talk was entitled "Who Defends Freedom."

NEW US FLAG IN RAILROAD DAYS PARADE

Late August a new 30' x 60' US Parade Flag was carried by patriots in the Railroad Days parade. This flag has 30 handles for carrying..

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