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DMV launches new system in all 93 counties



The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles will debut a new vehicle registration and titling system in all 93 counties in the state on Tuesday, October 15.

State DMV officials have completed installation of the VicToRy software package in treasurer's offices, including Logan and McPherson counties.

The new software will replace computer programs that state and county motor vehicle employees have used since the early 1990's said DMV Director Rhonda Linn. The upgrade will increase

the types of services available on the state DMV online services page which now allows vehicle owners to renew registrations and order specialty plates.

Extensive training and testing was carried out by hundreds of users, including Logan County treasurer, Dick Gewecke and McPherson County treasurer, Jodi Dudley. Amanda Weems, Logan County deputy treasurer, and Shareen Munson and Karen Licking, who work in the McPherson County treasurers office, attended training sessions. "The new system has

been a learning curve for us and we ask people to have patience as we implement this new system," Gewecke said. "I have a better feeling about it after receiving the training and we'll get through it."

Dudley said it will take some time to become familiar with the system, but it will be great once it gets up and running.

VicToRy will handle more than 2.5 million vehicle registrations and nearly \$720 million in titling and registration fees, whether online or in county treasurer offices.

NPPD meets with Village of Stapleton board

MARCIA HORA

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) has received the final permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the district is moving forward with construction of the R-Project.

Senior Project Manager, Paul Brune, met with Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees at their October 9 meeting to visit with the board about the next step in the process.

"We are proceeding with construction activities and preparing material and fly yards, stockpiling matting and rock, and developing engineering designs for various structure and foundation types," Brune said.

He shared a transmission line review booklet with board members and stated 28 miles of Custer Public Power line would need to be moved after January 1. Relocation of

existing water and irrigation wells will also take place.

A material yard has now been located near Stapleton and material is being received.

Tree and brush clearing is being processed and access work for gates and fences will be started in April of next year.

Others attending with Brune were David Kezer, Power Engineers Construction Manager; Emma Barnet, NPPD restoration specialist, and Lindsey Stecy, Right-of-Way and Environmental Coordinator with Forbes Bros. Timberline Construction, Inc. Representing Custer Public Power District were Cindy Lindner, Jerry Spanel, Johanna Nutt, and Jason Chaplin.

Forbes Bros. Timberline Construction, Inc. of Rapid City, South Dakota, was chosen as the contractor for the R-Project.

In other village business

at the regular meeting:

- Newly hired Village Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Anderson's name was added to the bank signature card.

- There was nothing new to report from FEMA on the B Street project. New culverts will need to be installed on "slaughter house" road.

- Board members voted to purchase a new computer, phone, and office chair for the Village hall.

- Trees will be trimmed in the alleys and areas within the Village and some meters will be replaced.

- Preparations are being made for snow removal and new dumpsters are needed.

- Maintenance person, Mark Frey, attended a water conference in Gering for schooling hours.

The next regular Village board meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

Counties receive dividends

Logan and McPherson Counties have received membership dividends.

Logan County received \$2,984, and McPherson County received \$2,080 from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), the county's property, liability and workers' compensation coverage and risk management services provider.

The dividends were part of a \$1 million distribution shared with 80 Nebraska counties and seven county-associated agencies during NIRMA's annual membership conference Oct. 3-4 in York.

With this latest distribution, Logan County has now received a total of \$60,146 in dividends since becoming a member of NIRMA in 1989. McPherson County has now received a total of \$29,473 in dividends since becoming a NIRMA member in 1992.

NIRMA is able to issue these dividends, in part, due to favorable claims development, investment income earned on behalf of its membership, as well as the members' ongoing loss prevention efforts.

NIRMA is owned and governed by the 82 member counties and 20 county-associated public

entities it serves. This marks the 32nd time since 1991 and the 24th consecutive year the program has been able to return funds, now totaling \$22 million, to its members and ultimately their local property taxpayers.

NIRMA was created by 32 counties in 1988 as the state's first governmental risk management and self-insurance program, and for 31 years has provided affordable insurance coverages and comprehensive risk management and loss prevention services to Nebraska counties and related public agencies.

History revisited at cemetery

The Thomas County Historical Society held their first cemetery tour several years ago at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Thedford.

Members have decided to do another tour and the date of Sunday, October 20 has been set.

The public is invited to come to the Hillcrest Chapel at 1:00 p.m. CT. Some of the histories revisited at grave sites will

include lives of three young residents - taken way too soon.

There will be a golf cart for those who have trouble walking. Chairs at each of the sites will allow one to rest during the narrative.

Refreshments will be served after the cemetery tour at the Thomas County Historical Society Museum. Prizes will be

awarded those who participate in a scavenger hunt.

All are invited to learn more of the history of the Sandhills area. Lifetime membership into the Thomas County Historical Society is only \$50. We look forward to taking a stroll down memory lane with you on Sunday, October 20 at the Hillcrest Cemetery, Thedford.

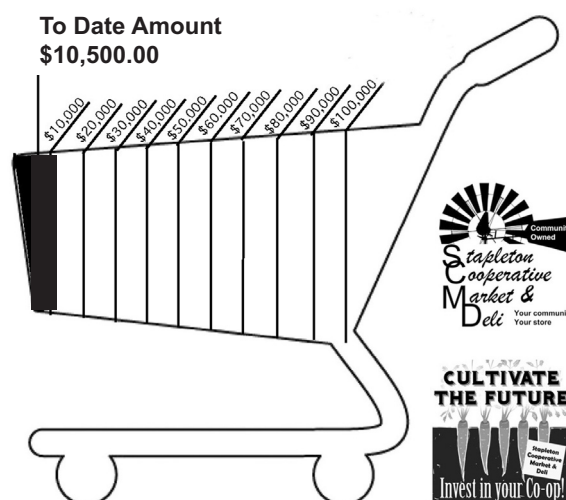
Don't fall for Amazon scam

The Logan County Sheriff's office is advising residents of another scam. A resident reported she was contacted by Amazon. The prospective thief stated the resident had updated her account to Amazon Prime and needed to pay for the service. The person requested payment in the amount of \$34.99. The resident unfortunately gave bank account information to the person, in good faith, that a debt was owed. The thief called a few minutes later and told the resident she had overpaid by \$3,000+/- and to rectify the matter they needed to send the thief gift cards to cover the difference. Our resident knew at that time they had fallen prey to a scam and reported the matter to the Sheriff's office and their financial institution. No known money was lost, but the hassle of shutting down accounts and moving funds is not what this res-

ident wanted to do this morning. Amazon is in no way connected to this prospective thief. As al-

ways be very careful to whom you give financial and personal information.

SCMD Capital Campaign stands at \$10,500.00



The Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli capital campaign has reached \$10,500. For more information on how you can become a shareholder or if you would like to donate, contact Heather Harwager, 308-636-8708; Robin Garlett, 308-636-8273 or Jason Trimble, 308-650-1003.

-- News Briefs --

New Vendors On Board For Craft Show

New vendors have signed up for the annual craft show held in conjunction with Stapleton's "Christmas Around Town" event set for Saturday, November 23. The craft show will be held at the Stapleton Community Center.

Organizer Gwen Gill said two new booths will feature purses, wallets, bling wall art and pictures, and Pampered Chef. If you would like to register your booth you may contact Gill at 308-636-8304. The Stapleton Chamber will be making plans for the event at their Thursday, October 24 meeting at noon at the community center.

Register Your Trunk

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their "Tricked out Trunk" event on Halloween evening, Thursday, October 31.

Call Frey's General Store at 308-636-2636 to register your trunk. Voting for the \$25.00 in Chamber bucks will be by "People's Choice," in buckets located in the back of Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli.

The market will also be holding a free will donation meal that evening.

Tricked out Trunks will run from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. and business places will also be giving out treats on Main Street.

McPherson Co. News



- *McPherson County*
- *Oldsters' Party*
- *Over The Hills*
- *American Legion Post 189 Pancake Supper*

Notices



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- NE DOT Statewide Storage Buildings
- School District R-1 Meeting Notice
- Logan County Commissioners Proceedings
- Corrected McPherson Co. Exempt Property
- Village of Gandy Proceedings
- McPherson County Comm. Proceedings
- School Land Lease Sale

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
1	74	45	.12
2	46	42	.08
3	50	34	.02
4	62	35	0
5	53	43	.09
6	62	36	0
7	63	33	0
8	73	34	0
9	76	38	0
10	68	31	.07
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September total moisture was 1.71". The normal September moisture is 2.25". Total moisture to date is 31.50". 30 year average moisture - 22.97"

Observations: Fog and frosty windshields on October 3; Killing frost, wind chill 16 degrees on October 10 at 10:00 p.m.

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