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New Bus Delivered



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Superintendent Howard Gaffney, Steve Frey of Frey's Propane, and Tyler Cox of Nebraska/Central Equipment, are pictured in front of the 2019 Micro Bird G5 propane bus when it was delivered last week to Stapleton Public Schools.

A 2019 propane Micro Bird G5 28-passenger bus will be put into service at Stapleton Public Schools.

The school applied for a grant through the Nebraska Diesel Emission Mitigation Program and received \$47,819.00 to go towards the purchase price of \$77,099.00. The new bus will replace the 1999 No. 5 bus.

Forty grants were issued last year through the mit-

igation program and 32 grants are available in 2019.

Nebraska's Volkswagen Environmental Trust Beneficiary Mitigation Plan proposes to utilize \$3,062,087 (25% of the available funds) for the replacement of diesel school buses by new diesel or alternative-fueled buses.

Tyler Cox, general manager of Nebraska/Central

Equipment, Inc. said there is no extra warm-up time with the propane bus and they start-up in the dead of winter.

Stapleton Public Schools Superintendent Howard Gaffney said the school will be applying again for a grant to replace the bus currently going to North Platte with a diesel bus.

"Thank you to Steve and Cindy Frey for providing me with the information

from the Nebraska Propane Gas Association and letting me know this grant was available, and to Tyler Cox for his help in providing the school district with a bus that will well serve the district," Superintendent Gaffney said.

The new propane bus will be used on a route, and also for activity trips with a limited number of students.

Two vehicle accident sends two to hospital

Stapleton Fire & Rescue was called Monday, June 10, to a two-vehicle accident approximately 16 miles south of Stapleton on U.S. Highway 85.

Ronald M. Rimpley, 67, of Arnold, was southbound in a 2007 Dodge Caravan and was struck by a northbound 1994 Kenworth T600 semi that was turning left onto Cattlegrowers Road. The semi, owned by Steven M. Scholz, was driven by 28-year-old Johannes M. Van Huyssteen of Stapleton.

Rimpley and his mother, Darlene Rimpley, 86, of Arnold, were transported by the North Platte Fire Department, who were called to assist at the

scene, to Great Plains Regional Health for treatment.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office report states Johannes said he was northbound in a line of traffic that was slowed by a crew painting lines. He said there were several semi's in front of him and he did not see the car until he was turning. Johannes tried to swerve and miss the vehicle, but could not avoid the crash with the southbound car.

The van was estimated as a total loss and \$2,000.00 in damage was reported to the truck.

The accident was investigated by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Village board begins work on auditor's recommendations

The Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting Wednesday, June 12, to begin the job of rectifying the list of recommendations in the attestation report completed by the Nebraska State Auditor.

Ordinances for water, sewer, and trash need to be revised and discussion was held on how best to update the current ordinance book.

A fixed asset policy will be drawn up and a policy book created.

State statute requires the chairperson of the village board and clerk/treasurer sign all village checks. A resolution will need to be drawn up designating the vice-chairman as the person signing checks, as the chairman advised he would not provide his Social Security number to the bank.

The current village clerk is issuing cash receipts for all cash received by the village as advised in the report.

Village employees are receiving water, sewer, and trash as a fringe benefit. These benefits were not being properly taxed. Board members moved to give a compensation of \$75.00 per month to the maintenance person and village clerk for their utilities. The maintenance person will keep a mileage log and provide his own cell phone.

It was suggested the board look into having legal counsel at all meetings. The League of Municipalities will be contacted for assistance with legalities.

Members voted to

change Resolution #2-2018 to correct the clerical error on the village clerk's salary from \$14,305.20 to \$10,500.00.

The village is now keeping personnel files up to date and have changed fringe benefit policies to comply with the state auditor's recommendations.

Village employee job descriptions were tabled until the next meeting.

The amount of money to be transferred to the Village's water tank savings account was tabled until the July meeting, along with recoding of motor vehicle tax receipts from the state that are marked to the general fund to the street fund.

The lift station pumps need to be replaced at a cost of \$5,500 each. The village is looking into having FEMA help with the cost of repairing "B" Street.

Filing the bond insurance claim to collect on former clerk Amy Allen's performance bond was tabled.

Recently hired Village Clerk, Viviana Martinez told the board that she would be seeking fulltime employment with benefits due to the possibility of her husband being laid off from the railroad.

The treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of \$185,084.56, water tank savings of \$1,091.57, and general CD of \$7,087.27 with income for May at \$32,629.89 and expenses of \$19,777.65 and the report was approved.

The next board meeting will be July 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

Planning commission approves comprehensive plan

The Logan County Planning Commission approved changes to the zoning regulations along with amendments made to the comprehensive plan at a public hearing held Monday, June 10, in the Logan County Courthouse.

Orval Stahr of Stahr & Associates, Inc. of York, has been working on updating the future land use plan in Logan County, and his revised proposal was up for approval.

The future land use plan

envisioned two primary land use categories for the expansion of future development of various land uses in Logan County.

The environmentally sensitive land designation in the northern part of the county was retained, with the addition of less restrictions in that part of the county.

Delineation of land near Highway 83 between the intersections with Highway 92. Most of this land is now in agricultural production, and by allowing commercial and/or industrial use it would offer the best possible siting opportunities.

Stahr is also working on Logan County's energy sustainability plan and updating wind and solar regulations.

Board members voted unanimously to request Logan County Commissioners look into making Logan County a Nebraska Livestock Friendly County. The LFC program is a voluntary program that recognizes counties that are actively supporting the livestock industry. This gives businesses the confidence to make long-

term decisions about investing in and expanding operations.

Currently there are 49 Livestock Friendly Counties in Nebraska.

The recommendations of the planning commission will now be heard at the July 17 regular meeting of the Logan County Commissioners.

Serving on the Logan County Planning Commission are Richard Burnside, Max Lovitt, and James Main. Eldon Christensen and Adam Wonch are members and were absent at the meeting.

Stahr & Associates was also hired to provide an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Logan County that would include a seven person board of directors to oversee economic development, a for-profit board to help possible business ideas become a reality, the implementation of a cent and a half county-wide sales tax, and a \$10.00 per month per household non-mandatory contribution that would go to improve Logan County for future generations.

Stapleton's On Sale Saturday

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting annual citywide garage sales, Saturday, June 22. Most sales will begin at 8:00 a.m.

A Maverick scavenger hunt is being planned and you may pick up your scavenger hunt card and rules, along with sale listings at Creative Printers in Stapleton. The winner will receive \$100.00 in Chamber bucks.

Sales this year include surplus items at Stapleton Public Schools, downtown sidewalk sales, and the complete close-out of Sherri's Unique Creations. See full page of listings on the back page of this issue.

-- News Briefs --

Early Deadline For July 11 Issue

Creative Printers in Stapleton will be closed July 4-7 for the 4th of July holiday weekend.

All legal notices and ad and news copy must be in by noon on Wednesday, July 3.

Village Dog Owners Must License Dogs

All dogs in the Village of Stapleton must be licensed prior to July 1.

Small Animal Vaccination Clinic

A small animal vaccination clinic will be held Friday, June 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Stapleton Park Shelter.

The Arnold Animal Clinic will be offering vaccinations for your pets.

Remember, you need current rabies vaccinations to have your dogs licensed.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Village of Stapleton. For more information you may call the clinic at 308-848-3334.

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Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
4	82	55	0
5	86	55	.01
6	84	52	0
7	84	52	0
8	85	60	0
9	83	48	.76
10	67	41	0

Thunder was observed on June 8

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