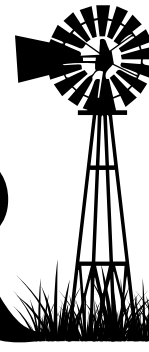


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## Newly crowned



COURTESY PHOTO

Molly Paxton, 15, of Tryon, waves to the crowd after being named Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2017. Paxton was crowned Wednesday morning, June 14, at the North Platte Community Playhouse.

A Tryon teen has been named Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2017.

Molly Paxton was crowned Wednesday morning, June 14, at the North Platte Community Playhouse in North Platte. Paxton, 15, won the horsemanship, appearance and photogenic categories of the pageant.

Rebel Sjeklocha, 16, of Hayes Center, was named first-runner up and will fulfill the duties of queen if Paxton is unable to do so. Sjeklocha won the speech portion of the pageant.

Danielle Forster, 17, of Smithfield, had the highest score on the written test, and Halee Kohmetscher, 17, of Lawrence, won the personality and congeniality awards.

"My life mission is to always honor and value the opportunity of being raised in an environment that promotes the western way of living," said Paxton. "I hope to always bring

and promote kindness, positivity and living life to the fullest by making every day better than the day before."

Paxton currently attends Mullen High School. After graduation, she plans to join the U.S. Navy and eventually go into the medical field.

Until then, she is an active member of her school's FCCLA chapter. She competes in volleyball, basketball, track, rodeo and speech and is a member of both the All 'A' Honor Club and the High Ability Learner's Club.

Paxton is the president of the Country Clover 4-H Club, serves as a junior leader for horse 4-H, and plays several instruments, including the guitar, piano, flute, alto saxophone and banjo. One of her favorite pastimes is singing in talent shows.

Her parents are Dusty and Mindy Paxton, of Tryon.

## Stapleton Junior Rodeo to celebrate 30th anniversary

The Stapleton Junior Rodeo committee is proud to announce they will be observing the 30th anniversary of the annual event.

The rodeo will be held Saturday, July 8, at the Logan County Fairgrounds near Stapleton. Each participant will receive a 30th anniversary T-shirt.

Entries are due Saturday, July 1. Entries will close the day the 175th entry is received.

All around buckles and reserve through fourth all-around prizes will be awarded.

The three divisions (0-6), (7-10), and (11-14), will include sheep riding, steer riding, pole bending, barrel racing, goat tail untie and goat tying, breakaway and team roping.

You may contact Jenny Johnston at 308-645-9432 for more information.

## Shop Stapleton Saturday

*It's where Santa shops in June*

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their annual Stapleton Junk Stop - Where Santa Shops in June. At least 15 garage sales have signed up for the Saturday, June 24 event.

Listings may be found on the back page of this issue. Along with garage sales, the 2017 Total Eclipse on the Range committee is sponsoring a main street barbecue. Donated garage sale items will be sold in front of Creative

Printers. These "good, used" items will be offered for a free will donation.

The Friends of the Library will be conducting their annual book sale and the volleyball girls will hold a garage and bake sale in front of Sublime Boutique.

Merchants will be offering special "deals."

Be sure to shop Stapleton this Saturday. That's where Santa does!

## Erosion control funding available

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has funding available to help Nebraska's farmers control erosion on their cropland. This funding is available through a special Ephemeral Gully Control Initiative under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Eligible producers have until July 21 to apply.

According to NRCS, recipients of USDA program benefits - like federal crop insurance subsidies and conservation program payments - are required to control erosion on all cropland determined to be highly erodible.

The funding available through this special initiative can help farmers meet that requirement.

Nebraska State Conservationist Craig Derickson said, "Conservation practices such as cover crops and grassed waterways

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## Custer Public Power To Conduct Customer Satisfaction Survey

Custer Public Power District will be participating in a Nebraska Rural Electric Association Customer Satisfaction Survey.

This survey will be directed by Research Services in Pittsburg, Kansas. The survey will be conducted through random calls to our customers.

Research Services will start June 26th and continue for approximately 3 weeks.

The results of the survey will help Custer Public Power District make sure we are providing reliable, affordable, and quality services for our customers/owners.

## Ready to roll



KENDRA CUTLER PHOTO

A 2018 Western Star 4700 truck and packer have been put into service for trash collection by the Village of Stapleton. The truck was purchased from Nebraska Truck in North Platte at a cost of \$183,091.00.

Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting Wednesday, June 14. A 2018 Western Star 4700 truck and packer is now serving village and rural patrons, along with McPherson County, in solid waste collection.

The board discussed several options for raising the solid waste rates for local and rural customers. The item was tabled until the July 12 meeting

and more information and input will be obtained.

Trustee Bob Denny submitted his resignation from the board. His resignation will be acted on at the July meeting.

Gary Johnsen requested closing main street on August 21 for the Eclipse events and the board unanimously agreed to allow the street closure.

## Cornerstone EPC schedules VBS

Cornerstone EPC has scheduled Vacation Bible School for July 10-14. VBS will run from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and is for children, 3 years of age through completion of 6th grade.

The Bethel EF Church team of North Platte, will again be leading music, Bible stories, games, crafts and missionary stories.

To pre-register children

you may call Sandy Lanka at 308-636-8440 or Deanna Brummet at 308-636-8497.

The VBS site is at First Presbyterian Church, 501 Main Street, Stapleton.

## Eclipse volunteers sought

Volunteers are being sought for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse in Stapleton. People are needed at the ticket booths, water stations, and helping set up.

If you cannot help out that day, there's still plenty to do.

• Start freezing milk jugs with water for ice.

• Coolers, tents, canopies and two catle tanks are needed.

• Ticket takers are needed for the Saturday night street dance.

• Help is needed with Main Street activities on Monday, August 21.

Contact Gary and Liz Johnsen at 308-636-8900 or 308-636-8374.



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• Rhett Alan Knieval

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### Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
13	86	67	0
14	86	51	0
15	85	50	0
16	88	50	0
17	95	53	0
18	78	45	T
19	80	47	0

Observations: Wind, 29 MPH on June 13; 24 MPH on June 14; 18 MPH on June 15; 30 MPH on June 16

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### Logan County Fair Parade Theme

The 2017 Logan County Fair parade theme has been announced. Entries will go down the route under the theme "Once in a Lifetime Experience." Grand marshal suggestions are needed.