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## 2020 Fair & Rodeo plans underway

The Logan County Ag Society met for a meeting to discuss the 2020 edition of the Logan County Fair & Rodeo.

Russ Barnum, Ag Society president, said the board voted to go ahead with plans for this year's event that will be held Thursday, August 13 through Sunday, August 16.

Logan County 4-H fair activities would begin August 10.

Barnum said plans will be outlined and given to West Central Health Department. The Ag Society will continue with this year's fair and rodeo planning after approval has been received.

"We may see some changes this year, but we



are going ahead with Nebraska's Biggest Little Rodeo that has been a

continuous tradition since 1912," Barnum said. Watch the newspaper

for more information on the fair and rodeo, including dates and events.

COURTESY

Logan County  
Fair & Rodeo Dates  
August 10 - 16, 2020

## Stapleton's on sale is a go

"Stapleton's On Sale" is a go this year as members of the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce met Thursday, May 28, for a regular meeting.

Members voted to hold the annual city-wide garage sales and set the date of Saturday, June 27. Other plans are in the works for that day so be watching for more information.

Contact Creative Printers if you would like to advertise your sale by calling 308-636-2444. The cost is \$8.50 and you will be included in the newspaper, on posters, and Facebook.

It was reported the 2020 Easter egg hunt was cancelled due to COVID-19. Family clean-up week ran from May 10-16 and some work was done by individ-

uals. The website is currently being updated and moved to a new platform.

A grant is available that could be used to obtain a digital sign. Bids will be obtained and work will continue as to where the sign could be placed for visibility. This would be used to advertise activities and events in and around Stapleton.

There are currently 49 Chamber members. Donations were given to the Logan County Ag Society and Chamber bucks were donated to the Stapleton Public Schools foundation gala.

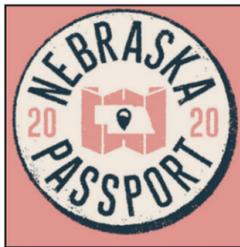
The next regular Chamber meeting will be Thursday, June 25, at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

## Area businesses on passport list

Nebraska Tourism's 2020 Nebraska Passport program officially began Monday, June 1. The Passport inspires Nebraskans and tourists to travel throughout the state collecting stamps to earn prizes, while also supporting Nebraska's tourism destinations. Travelers will have from June 1 through October 31 to visit attractions and receive stamps.

"We are looking forward to the start of the Nebraska Passport program. Not only is the Passport a great way to experience what the state has to offer, it's a great way to support the tourism destinations in our state when they need it most," said John Ricks, Nebraska Tourism Commission executive director. "We feel that the Nebraska Passport fits well into social distancing and desired group sizes and can be tailored by anyone to fit their comfort level as the recovery process begins."

Due to COVID-19, the original start date of the Nebraska Passport program was delayed. Governor Pete Ricketts is asking that all participants fol-



low directed health measures and recommendations on protecting yourself and others while traveling.

Some additional changes have been made to the program because of COVID-19. Lo Sole Mio Ristorante Italiano in Omaha will no longer be participating in the Nebraska Passport. All participants will be given a freebie stamp for that stop. Additionally, due to COVID-19 some stops have had to adjust their business hours and some will be reopening at a date later than June 1, so please check NebraskaPassport.com for updates before beginning your Passport travels.

Passports will be available at participating stops

starting June 1 or can be ordered at NebraskaPassport.com. Participants are also encouraged to download the Nebraska Passport App on their smartphone and get digital stamps, supplementing the physical Passport booklet for convenience. Program updates will be sent out regularly through the app.

Details on the Passport Program can be found at NebraskaPassport.com or for more information on Nebraska's other tourism opportunities go to Visit-Nebraska.com.

Area businesses on the list include:

- Arnold - BrewBakers Coffee House & Gifts
- Broken Bow - Bonfire Grill & Pub
- Burwell - Fort Hartsuff State Historical Park
- Gothenburg - Pony Express Station Museum
- Lewellen - The Most Unlikely Place
- North Platte - Pop Corner; Prairie Friends & Flowers; Double Dips Ice Creamery
- Ogallala - Driftwood
- Valentine - Bolo Beer Co.; Auntie D's Gift & Coffee Shop

## Community First putting "community first"

MARCIA HORA

Nebraska bankers worked hard to help hundreds of small businesses throughout the state by assisting them with payroll funding through the Paycheck Protection Program. The PPP loan implemented through the Small Business Administration and the United States Treasury, was part of the CARES Act that distributed \$342 billion in coronavirus-relief loans through April 16. Under the PPP, Congress authorized forgivable loans equal to two and a half times monthly payroll for businesses with fewer than 500 employees. In addition to payroll, 25% of the funds could be used for mortgage interest and utilities. The fund was rapidly depleted as SBA used thousands of banks across the nation to process applications and distribute the money.

Community First Bank of Stapleton was among Nebraska banks helping local businesses process paperwork to receive funding.

"Almost 80% of the businesses in the Stapleton community took advantage of the Payroll Protection Program that helped them with payroll and keep employees working," Lisa Kinderknecht said. "Community First was proud to assist our small business owners when they needed help during this uncertain time."

Nebraska banks pushed



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The lobby is now open to walk-in traffic at Community First Bank, Stapleton.

through more than 18,000 rescue loans valued at more than \$2.7 billion according to the state's bankers association. The PPP proved to be one of the most sought-after portions of the economic rescue package passed by Congress in March as closures from COVID-19 devastated the economy.

Bloomberg reported Nebraska ranked number one in the nation with 80.7% of eligible payroll covered by PPP. There were 23,477 loans approved amounting to nearly \$3 billion dollars.

The average PPP loan approved under the now maxed out program was \$206,000 and 74% of loan amounts were under \$150,000.

The SBA will forgive the portion of loan proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated operating expenses for up to eight weeks, provided at least 75% of loan proceeds

are used for payroll costs. Congress overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan bill Thursday, May 28, that would loosen some key rules regarding loan repayment and spending restrictions of the PPP.

The new changes would:

- Lower to 60% from 75% the minimum portion of the PPP loan that must be spent on payroll. The rest must be spent on rent, utilities and other business-related expenses.

- Extend from eight to 24 weeks the amount of time the loan can cover.

- Extend from two to five years the time new PPP loans must be paid back if the amount provided doesn't convert into a grant.

Congress said small businesses continue to have a tough road ahead and they need flexibility in how they use this emergency capital. The Chamber voted 417-1 to adopt the legislation that now goes to the Senate.

## School foundation grants over \$7,000

Stapleton Public School Foundation met recently to approve scholarships and grants. A total of \$4,202.61 was granted to Stapleton Public Schools and will be used for a printer, books, U.S. and

world maps, a microscope, flex seating, sinks with a clay trap, speech easel, portfolio, binders, file cabinet, and head phones.

Renee Cary, Alyson Nicholson and Hope

Wade each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Stapleton Public School Foundation board members thank everyone who donate to help make these scholarships and grants possible.

### -- News Briefs --

#### Dog Licenses Are Now Due

The Village of Stapleton reminds dog owners that licenses are now due. Current fees as of June 1, 2020 are:  
Male Dogs - \$10.00 each  
Female Dogs - \$15.00 ea.  
Spayed Female Dogs - \$10.00 each  
Fees are delinquent after July 1 and are:  
Male Dogs - \$20.00 each  
Female Dogs - \$30.00 each  
Spayed Female Dogs - \$20.00 each  
A copy of your dogs rabies vaccination records are needed when licensing your animals.

#### Courthouse Is Now Open

Logan County residents are reminded that the doors to the Logan County Courthouse are now open, as commissioners voted to return to Phase one of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan. There are no confirmed cases in Logan County, and the county is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) low or no risk level. West Central District Health reports there are only 48 positive cases out of a total of 2,187 tested in the six county district.

#### McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- Graphic Files Correction
- Blood Drive June 4

#### Notices

- McPherson County School Special Education Notice
- McPherson County Commissioners Notice
- Logan County Board Of Adjustments Proceedings
- Logan County Planning Commission Notice
- Village Of Stapleton Public Notice
- Stapleton Rural Fire Protection District Notice
- McPherson County Assessment Roll Notice

Read The Legal Notices & Stay Informed!

#### Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
19	71	41	0
20	74	45	0
21	75	50	.23
22	63	55	.05

Fog was observed on May 19, 20, 21 and 22. Thunder was recorded on May 12.

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