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Countdown to General Election



Just a few days remain until the 2020 General Election will take place Tuesday, November 3.

Logan and McPherson County Clerks have published their sample ballots, the constitutional amendments have appeared in the last three issues of newspapers, and countless ads, mailers, and information has been sent out to voters.

The Nebraska Secretary of State's office said Wednesday, October 14, nearly 200,000 Nebraskans have returned an early ballot or voted in person at a county election office. The 200,000 votes represents nearly a quarter of all those who voted in the 2016 presidential election. That year, 860,573 people cast ballots.

Nationally, more than 5.6 million people cast ballots a month before Election Day.

That compares with about 75,000 people who had voted by this point in 2016.

Voters going to the polls locally should take note

that COVID-19 precautions will be in place.

Patrons of School District R-1, Stapleton Public Schools, will be voting on a school bond issue not to exceed \$2,900,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing an addition and improvements to the existing school building.

The plan includes a new addition to the east that will house new entrance doors that will have access to the current gymnasium, a music room, ADA compliant restrooms, and locker rooms.

The current entrance of the school building will be enlarged to the north to make a secure and safe entrance to the school building. The present concession stand and restrooms will be converted into a new office area that will also include a student/health space.

The present office and music room will be converted to make way for an enlarged lobby, new concession stand, and ADA compliant restrooms.

The bond issue will have

no net tax impact on taxpayers as the school board has currently been taxing around nine cents in the special building fund to address facility needs.

The annual bond payment would require around six cents to be taxed each year. The board will adjust the special building fund down each year to offset what is required for the bond payment.

For more information view the Stapleton School Improvement Committee Facebook page.

There is only one polling place in Logan and McPherson counties. The local courthouses are open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Local races in McPherson County include:

McPherson County School District 90 Board of Education. Vote for three - Lana K. Albrecht-Watson, Christena R. Schultis, Josh O. Streiff and Chad W. Fisher.

McPherson County Board of Commissioner: Vote for one - Kim R. Blake, Republican and Jeffrey J. Arensdorf, Democrat.

Local races in Logan County include:

Logan County Commissioner, District 2. Vote for one - Robert J. Doyle, Republican.

Logan County Commissioner, District 3. Vote for one - Jeffrey Scott Gaites, Republican and Kenneth D. Kramer, Democrat.

School District R-1 Board of Education. Vote for three - Kimberley Kramer, Kristy Opela and

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Stapleton Chamber makes plans for 'Holidaze Hoopla'

2020 Holidaze Hoopla in Stapleton and the approaching murder mystery were on the agenda at the Thursday, October 22 meeting of the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce.

The annual holiday shopping extravaganza has been set for Saturday, November 21, and will include a craft fair, local shops will be open, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand this year for the event.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving and set up at 1:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center for pictures. Community First Bank will donate candy canes that will be given out to children.

If the chaos of 2020 has left you dazed and confused, you are invited to help check off your Christmas list by shopping safe and local in Stapleton. Many local businesses also offer gift cards for anyone who prefers to holiday shop



from home.

Be sure to be watching for the poster that will be advertising what's going on in Stapleton that day. There will be something for everyone on your shopping list.

Condon Sign met with Chamber members and discussion continues on a marquis sign to be located on Highway 83 at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Preliminary work is being done at this time as to what would be needed in getting this project started.

Information was presented about the upcoming Stapleton Public Schools bond issue that voters will be voting on at the November 3 General Election.

Plans were finalized for the October 24 murder mystery at the Stapleton Community Center.

The next regular meeting was set for November 19 at noon at the Stapleton Community Center. Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving on November 26.

If your candidate doesn't win, all is not lost

TAMMY DAY
Civic Nebraska Writers Group

Next week, people across this country will participate in one of our most cherished democratic traditions, voting. And while election season is always ripe with debate and differences of opinion, this year somehow feels different.

Maybe that's because it seems this election is no longer just a case of different ways of approaching the same issues, but rather it is about what

will happen if "the other side" wins. People on both sides of the proverbial political aisle are mired in division and swimming in the idea that if things don't go their way, all will be lost.

After the election, about half of the people will be unhappy about the outcome. And while this is an important election and will have real consequences, all is not lost, no matter which candidates are elected.

Most real change is not dependent on a singular event. Whether your fa-

vorite candidate wins or loses, communities will still have needs, issues, and problems that need your attention. By working to address those needs, not only does your community benefit, but you also help bridge the perceived dissonance of these times.

There are many ways that a focus on community-building can overcome divisiveness and create real, lasting change.

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Tractor lost in fire

The Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department was called out Sunday morning, October 18, to a tractor fire at the Kennard Lovitt Ranch west of Stapleton.

A 1990 Duetz Allis tractor with loader caught fire in the Tony and Kendra Cutler yard at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The tractor had been plugged into a heater and caused an electrical fire.

The fire was reported by Bruce and Virginia Huffman who saw it from Highway 92. The tractor was already engulfed when it was reported and estimated as a total loss.

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal conducted the investigation.



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Logan County Sheriff investigating stolen pickup

The Logan County Sheriff's office is investigating a stolen pickup in Logan County on Saturday, October 17. V.J. Brosius of Stapleton reported his 2003 Ford F250 pickup was stolen while parked in a field on Highway 92 near mile marker 235. The field location is approximately two and a half miles east of the Highway 83 and 92 junction near Country Partners south of Stapleton.

The pickup was connected to a seed tender and the tongue was removed so the vehicle could be taken.

Investigation showed the pickup went through

the pasture and back onto Highway 92. The theft has been reported to the national computer system and people are to be on the lookout for the vehicle that is plated 87-575R.

A stolen vehicle has been recovered by the Logan County Sheriff's office. A call was received Monday, October 19, that a silver SUV was parked at the grain bins owned by Nathan Kramer on U.S. Highway 83 south of Stapleton near the Logan-Lincoln County line.

There were no plates on the vehicle and the sheriff's office ran the VIN and it was learned the SUV had been stolen from

Manhattan, Kansas. The owner was notified that the vehicle had sustained minor damage, it was out of gas and had a flat tire. The keys had been left in the ignition and the SUV was driven back to Stapleton and will be released to the owner.

The Logan County Sheriff's office also reports Tracy Housman received a citation for possession of marijuana under one ounce on September 29, while attending a junior high football game at the Stapleton High School football field. She was given a court date of November 10.

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Renee Trospers Is New Arnold NTFT

Renee Trospers of Stapleton is the new NTFT Clerk at the Arnold Post office effective September 12, 2020. She replaces Ann Griebel who is now enjoying retirement. Trospers began working for the United States Postal Service in January 2015 at Stapleton and has been the NTFT at Tryon for the last three years.

Stapleton Postmaster Judy Mulligan said Holly Georgius remains as NTFT Clerk at Stapleton. Darcie Krauter is the new NTFT Clerk at Tryon.

Another NTFT Clerk is being sought for the Stapleton Post Office.

Coffee & Cookies On Election Day

The Logan County Library will be offering coffee and cookies on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Come in and enjoy refreshments after voting. The library will be open 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are on sale for the quilt to be drawn at the December meeting. Tickets are available at the library and the quilt is on display there.

The book challenge is still going on so stop in and pick up your list.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT
17	63	29	0
18	63	29	.19
19	34	27	.04
20	51	30	0
21	62	32	0
22	55	35	.02
23	40	26	.01

Snow was recorded - 1.5", Oct. 18, .5", Oct. 18 and .3" Oct. 23. It was smoky on October 21, 22 & 23.

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