

Brightening Up Stapleton



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

If Stapleton had a “Yard of the Month” selection it would definitely have to go to Sharon Dailey. In spite of the extreme weather conditions this year including high winds, hot temperatures, and no precipitation, Sharon’s “petunia tree” turned out even better than last year. Sharon will tell you she didn’t dead-head her flowers this year like she normally does and one shouldn’t look too closely, but it sure is a “bright” spot in town for those passing by. Sharon said it has been extremely difficult this year to keep ahead of the weeds and it has meant constant watering. Her hard work has paid off and we salute Sharon for helping make Stapleton a more beautiful place to live.

Voter ID, minimum wage petitions qualify for general election ballots

Questions over raising Nebraska’s minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2026 and requiring photo identification to vote will be put to voters in the general election in November.

Nebraska’s Secretary of State Bob Evnen said that both petitions qualified under state law.

State law requires petitioners gather at least 7% of the state’s registered voters – or 86,776 signatures – and 5% of registered voters in 38 counties.

The minimum wage petition received 97,245 signatures and qualified in 44 counties.

The voter ID change is an amendment to the state constitution and it requires a higher threshold. In order to qualify, an amendment must garner 10% of voters – or 123,966 signatures – and also 5% in 38 counties. That petition received 136,458 signatures and qualified in 76 counties.

If voters pass it, Nebraska’s minimum wage would increase from

\$9.00 to \$10.50 per hour by 2023, \$12.00 by 2024, \$13.50 by 2025 and \$15.00 by 2026, followed by yearly cost of living adjustments.

‘The National Federation of Independent Businesses said some businesses can’t afford to add on extra pay given inflation.

“You’re on the heels of the severe impact of the pandemic and now you’re going into inflation, so certainly the costs of

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Nebraska youth survey results indicate preference for small communities

Greater Nebraska youth remain committed to small communities, but there is work to be done in showing them they can have the future they want in their hometowns, according to Nebraska Community Foundation’s new 2022 Youth Survey.

Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), in partnership with the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Center for Pub-

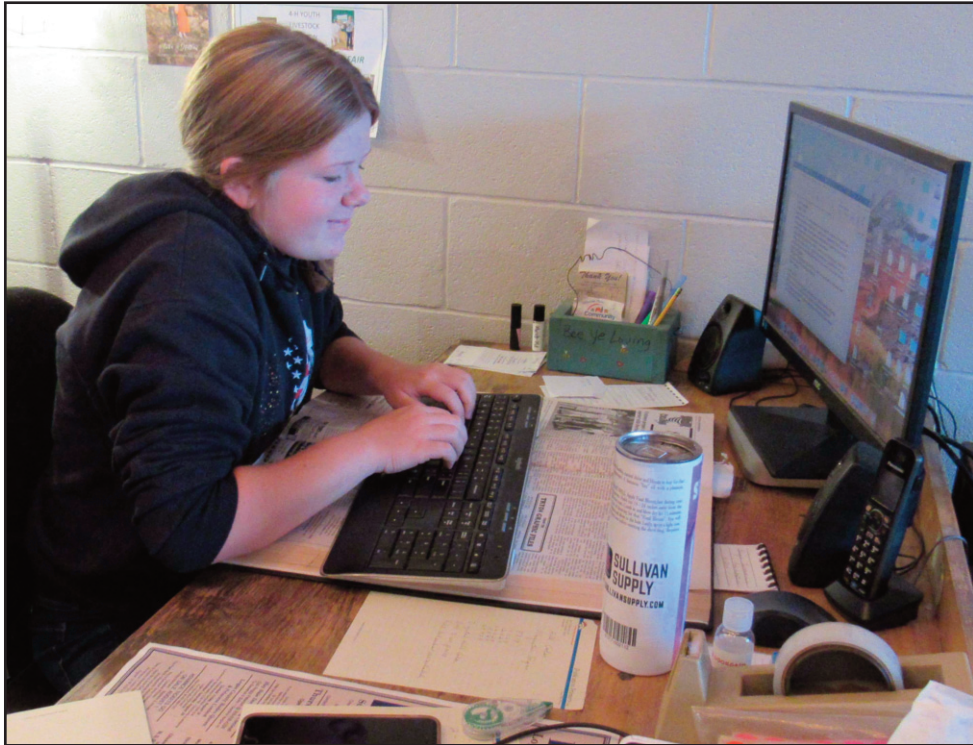
lic Affairs Research (CPAR) and local school districts, surveyed 715 middle and high school students between January and May of 2022. Participating communities included Bertrand, Butler County, Columbus, Howells and Stuart.

Building on a trend from previous surveys, respondents expressed a strong preference for small communities. Only

4% said they would like to live in a community larger than any in Nebraska. Safety, good schools and proximity to family continue to be the top characteristics of their ideal community, and the vast majority (71%) said there is no stigma associated with returning to your hometown as an

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Four more years



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Kelsey Amos is the new intern at Creative Printers after taking over duties previously held by her sister, Megan Amos. Since Kelsey is a freshman at SPS this year, the newspaper staff is pleased that she will be able to work four years and follow in her sister’s footsteps.

Kelsey Amos, a freshman at Stapleton Public Schools has been interning under her sister, Megan Amos, over the summer at Creative Printers.

Megan started classes this fall at the University of Wyoming, majoring in ag communications.

Kelsey will assist with circulation, work on sto-

ries and do general office work. She participates in volleyball and basketball and is a member of the Lincoln County 4-H program. Other extra-curricular activities include one-acts, choir, and speech. She is a member of St. John’s Catholic Church and is active in the youth group there.

Kelsey shows cattle for Lovitt-Amos Charolais and Amos Limousin and has been very successful in the show ring.

She is the daughter of Jim and Kennetha Amos of Stapleton, and the granddaughter of Kennard and Donna Lovitt of Stapleton and George and Dee Bayer of North Platte.

Fall Trees Available

Trees provide important benefits, including protecting homes and livestock from inclement weather, helping to reduce heating and cooling costs, preventing soil erosion, and providing wildlife habitat. Fall is a good time to reinforce windbreaks that may need updated with new trees. The soil is warmer now than in the spring, which will allow roots to become established before the snow starts to accumulate.

By planting in cooler weather, the root growth will be ready to take up water during the warm spring and summer temperatures. The ideal planting timeline is September through mid-October.

The Bessey Nursery has a variety of small potted trees and shrubs available to purchase for fall planting. The nursery has many species available, such as Colorado Blue Spruce, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Eastern Red Cedar, and a variety of different broad-leaf and shrub species as well. Container sizes available include: 2 7/8” for \$5.75, 3 5/8” for \$8.75, and 5” for \$12.75. For more information on the available species, please contact the Upper Loup NRD at 308-645-2250.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
2	91	52	0
3	94	52	0
4	84	47	0
5	88	47	0
6	93	51	0
7	97	60	0
8	98	53	0
9	101	51	T

Haze was observed on Sept. 6 & 8 and fog on Sept. 7.

Event Calendar

Monday, September 19 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; No School
Wednesday, September 21: Logan Co. Commissioners Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Friday, September 23: Sr. Friendship Club, Stapleton Community Center, 1:30 p.m.

McPherson Co. News



- *Over The Hills*
- *Graphic Files*
- *Senior Meals*
- *Be Still Poem*

Notices



- Logan Co. Board Of Commissioners & BOE Public Notices
- School Dist. R-1 Notice
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