



Voter ID, minimum wage initiatives up for vote

Secretary of State Evnen is reminding voters that Nebraska's general election for 2022 is November 8.

"My message to Nebraskans is that we will maintain the integrity of our vote," Evnen said. "Every legally cast vote will count."

The polls will open on November 8 at 8:00 a.m. CT and close at 8:00 p.m. CT. Voters are reminded that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6.

"Elections matter and your vote counts," Evnen said.

Logan County Clerk Debbie Myers reminds voters the registration site in Logan County is the County Clerk's office located in the Courthouse. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The final day for in-person voter registration is October 28, 2022. The County Clerk's Office will be open until 6:00 p.m. Postmark deadline for mailed in registrations is October 21, 2022. Last day to mail an Early Voting Ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote is October 21, 2022. More information about voter registration may be obtained by contacting the Logan County Clerk's office at 308-636-2511.

This week we look at the two initiatives on the General Election ballot.

Initiative Measure 432

This initiative will amend the Nebraska Constitution to require that,



before casting a ballot in any election, a qualified voter shall present valid photographic identification in a manner specified by the Legislature to ensure the preservation of an individual's rights under the United States Constitution.

Supporters contend:

Nebraska voters deserve to have confidence in our election process because it ensures our entire system of democracy, which protects our freedoms. Nebraska is one of only 16 states where no documentation is required to vote, and it is time to increase election security measures. Requiring an ID is a common sense move which is already required to do everyday activities like purchase alcohol, board a plane, set up a bank account, apply for government benefits like SNAP or Medicaid, pick up a prescription, and rent or buy a house or car. Requiring IDs to cast a vote will ensure election integrity and increase voter confidence in the process.

Opponents contend:

This constitutional amendment imposes severe restrictions on your right and ability to vote. It is unnecessary; no cases of voter impersonation

have ever been found in Nebraska's elections. This amendment does not specify the type of ID required and tasks the Legislature to decide. Nebraska voters already are required to provide verification of their identity when registering to vote. In other voter ID states, seniors, low-income, and highly mobile workers are often prevented from voting. At least 54,500 to 70,000 Nebraskans will be immediately affected, plus thousands who carry ID's with out-of-date information. It is a costly fix for a nonexistent problem: a similar bill in 2018 estimated \$2.9 million in first-year taxpayer costs and an annual cost of over \$570,000.

Initiative Measure 433

The object of this petition is to amend Nebraska's minimum wage law to increase the state minimum wage from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.50 per hour on January 1, 2023, to \$12.00 per hour on January 1, 2024, to \$13.50 per hour on January 1, 2025, and to \$15.00 per hour on January 1, 2026, to be adjusted annu-

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In the end, Bovee Fire consumes 18,930 acres

"Sandhills Fire Relief" set for November 11

The Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 1 has submitted a final report on the Bovee Fire that started in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, destroyed Eppeley Lodge, cabins, and the Scott Lookout Tower.

Management of the fire transferred to a local Type 4 Incident Management Team on Friday, October 7.

"The Rocky Mountain team would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to assist us during our tenure here," said Dan Dallas, Incident Commander. "This will be the last written update for the Bovee Fire, but updates may be posted on the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands Facebook page as the situation warrants."

The Bovee Fire consumed 18,930 acres and one small area of heat re-

mained inside the fireline on the south end of the division when the press release was sent out.

Area closure encompassing the entire Bessey Ranger District was in place on the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands. Fire restrictions were also imposed in various parts of the Forests and Grasslands.

Steven and Shalee Morrison have been added to the list of landowners who lost winter pasture, feed, and shelterbelts. The Morrison reported 4,600 acres were lost.

The process of cleaning up the burned 4-H camp will take many months.

Of the 18,930 acres burned, 5,130 acres are forest service, 13,217 acres are privately owned and 583 are state owned. Of the 30,000 original forest acres, about half burned in 1965. The Bovee Fire and a fire ear-

lier this year burned a total of 9,310 acres. Half of the forest left has been lost.

A Sandhills Fire Relief fundraiser will be held Friday, November 11, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds near Thedford.

Slow Poke BBQ of Oconto will be cooking the meal. A live and silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Borderline will play following the auction.

Items for online or the live auction may be made by contacting Dr. Scott Reynolds or Dr. McKenzie Beals at Broken Bow Animal Hospital by calling 308-872-5281 or going to the Sandhills Fire Relief Facebook page.

Financial donations may be sent to Custer County Foundation, 403 South 9th Street, Broken Bow, NE 68822. Include "Sandhills Fire Relief Fund," on your contribution.

Honoring Our Own



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Fire, rescue and law enforcement units accompanied Purdum #21 from Broken Bow to Dunning to pay final respects to Purdum Assistant Fire Chief, Michael "Mike" Moody who died October 2 while fighting the Bovee Fire near Halsey.

Area fire departments joined together to honor one of their own last week.

Services were held Friday, October 7, for Purdum Assistant Fire Chief Michael "Mike" Moody who died October 2 while fighting the Bovee Fire near Halsey. Purdum #21 was Moody's unit.

A procession began at Broken Bow and other units joined along High-

way 2 on the way to Sandhills High School at Dunning where the services were conducted.

Among the numerous fire departments paying tribute were Brewster, Dunning, Thedford, Tryon, Stapleton, Broken Bow, Ansley, Callaway, Arnold, Wood River, Anselmo, Sargent, and 10 units from the National Forest Service.

Moody served for over

40 years in the Purdum Rural Fire Department and covered many different roles. His home served as the "home base" and dispatch for the department.

The Purdum Volunteer Fire Department covers southeastern Cherry County, northeastern Thomas County, and northwestern Blaine County.

Sewer & solid waste rates to increase

The Village of Stapleton Board of Trustees has voted to increase sewer and solid waste rates. The decision came after discussion at the regular Wednesday, October 12 meeting of the board. Rising costs have necessitated the board to look at what area villages are charging for their services.

Stapleton remains far below what the majority of villages their size are charging.

Water prices will remain the same. Sewer will increase from \$12.00 to \$17.00 per month and solid waste will increase \$2.00 per month. The cost to McPherson County and

Gandy will be increased 10% and rural residents will also pay \$2.00 more per month. All increases will take effect January 1, 2023.

In other business, nuisance property was discussed and clean-up and disposal work will begin on two properties.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson gave his report to the board.

Two special designated licenses were approved for Creative Printers. A tasting will be held at Brush Fire Studio on October 21 and a tasting at Creative Printers on October 27.

Board members walked

through the new recycling building prior to the building. Fire hydrants and the propane tank in the park have been painted. The floor is being sealed in the new building and it was suggested work be done on street signs and stop signs this winter.

The board will meet November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center for their next regular meeting.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Village of Stapleton recycling center is being planned in cooperation with the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
8	44	33	0
9	66	33	0
10	74	38	0
11	78	39	0
12	81	35	0
13	57	34	0
14	61	33	0

A killing frost for lower elevations was recorded on Oct. 8. On Oct. 13 winds were recorded at 41 MPH at 12:23 p.m.

Event Calendar

Friday, October 21 - Poker, 7:00 p.m. Vet's Club
Monday, October 24 - Poker, 7:00 p.m. Vet's Club
Tuesday, October 25 - Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, noon
Thursday, October 27 - Herbie Tasting, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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- McPherson County Board Of Commissioners Proceedings
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Music, the Spice of Life

Everyone in the area is invited to come and join the Nebraska Pride Chorus presentation, "Music, the Spice of Life." That is the theme for their musical show on October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mid Plains Community College Theater at North Platte.

A variety of songs from Broadway to Gospel, Country to Pop, and Jazz to Patriotic will be featured. Singer/song writer Ginger ten Benschel from Cambridge is the special guest. A free will donation is appreciated.

Tricked Out Trunks

The Stapleton Area Chamber of will be sponsoring their annual "Tricked Out Trunk" event on Main Street, Monday, October 31. Enjoy safe Halloween fun for the entire family from 4:15-6:15 p.m. that evening.

The best "Tricked Out Trunk" will receive \$25.00 in Chamber bucks. To register your trunk call Frey's Store at 308-636-2636.

Chamber is also sponsoring the annual costume contest at Stapleton Public Schools for Pre-K through 6th grade. First place winner in each class wins \$5.00 in Chamber bucks. Junior Chamber members will be the judges.

Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli will be serving hot dog and chili dog meals.