



Grant funding for recycling trailers

The Village of Stapleton has received notification of the approval of a \$20,000.00 grant from the Nebraska Recycling Council for the purchase of two recycling trailers.

The Recycling Equipment Grant from the Nebraska Recycling Council, is one of 71 grant projects in 2022 distributing \$17,196,327.00 in grant awards by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$328 million in grants to over 2,300 projects across the state. The Nebraska Recycling Council is a nonprofit, membership organization of public and private organizations, as well as individu-

als, and has been a recycling advocate for Nebraska since 1980.

Equipment eligible for grant funds includes forklifts, skid loaders, balers, recycling trailers, recycling carts, indoor and outdoor recycling bins, cargo trailers, semi-trailers, lift-gates, can crushers, dumpsters, trucks, portable loading ramps, approved recycling labels, equipment for compost operations and more.

Equipment may be new, used, or in need of refurbishing. In some cases, applicant's existing equipment can be refurbished or rebuilt with grant funds.

A cash match is required from all grantees and for populations of 5,000 or under, a 20% match is required.



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The newly constructed recycling facility was made possible by a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant in the amount of \$293,500. Stacey Anderson, Village of Stapleton clerk said the \$20,000.00 grant the village recently was awarded will go towards the purchase of two additional recycling trailers at the facility. The Recycling Equipment Grant from the Nebraska Recycling Council is one of 71 grant projects in 2022 distributing \$17,196,327.00 in grant awards by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The Village of Stapleton has made it a priority to promote recycling and clean-up of the village.

Governor Pillen Announces Historic Tax Relief Bills

MARCIA HORA

Governor Jim Pillen stressed Nebraska's greatest asset - our people - in his 2023 State of the State Address. "Sometimes we forget to acknowledge the amazing work done by Nebraska's caregivers every single day. That care comes from doctors, nurses, other healthcare professionals, pastors, teachers, counselors, first responders, and many others, and they do a great job. They are examples of perseverance, strength, and grace, and they're the essence of Nebraska, a place where we treasure family, care about one another, and value each and every life. That's the strength of Nebraska, and that is my focus everyday - people, not politics. Because of our people, the state of our State has never been stronger. Like many of our neighboring states, we have more money in our coffers than anyone can believe or comprehend. What we do with people's money this session is critical for my grandbabies, and yours, and the generations to come. We must have the courage to say "no" to overspending and maintain a focus on investing in our kids and giving this money back to Nebraskans via historic property and income tax cuts."

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COURTESY

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"Our current tax system fails to make Nebraska competitive," Governor Pillen said. "If we are going to attract and retain people, we need to modernize our tax code and provide Nebraskans with the tax relief they need.

My proposals will reduce our property, income, and business taxes to spur economic growth so Nebraska can remain, for future generations, the best place in the country to work and raise a family."

Two of the bills aim to accelerate tax cuts passed by lawmakers during the last legislative session.

The first bill, introduced by Senator R. Brad von Gillern, aligns the personal income and business income tax rates, and lowers them to 5.84 percent. Once passed, it would translate to \$78.5

million in immediate and additional tax relief for tax year 2024.

Legislation, proposed by Senator Kathleen Kauth, also expedites tax relief by moving up the state exemption on Social Security benefits. Currently at 60 percent, her bill would increase the exemption to a full 10 percent, producing immediate and additional tax relief savings of nearly \$17 million in tax year 2024. The move would also bring Nebraska in

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Logan Co. Sheriff Assists With Medical Emergency

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson received a call from Thomas County Sheriff Joseph Smith at approximately 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, requesting assistance due to a critical medical emergency. At the time of the call the area was engulfed in a blizzard and extreme driving conditions existed. An individual from the Seneca area was being driven down in a two and a half ton truck on Highway 83 to Great Plains Health in North Platte.

A call also came in from the State of Nebraska Department of Roads advising Sheriff Carson that a northbound State Department of Roads vehicle was in the west ditch at mile marker 120 on Highway 83. A southbound

semi and flatbed was in the east ditch at the same location and was blocking the road.

Sheriff Carson responded and headed to the scene on Highway 83. When he came upon the location, he found the driver of the two and a half ton truck pulling the semi and flatbed out of the ditch so they could continue to North Platte.

Sheriff Carson cited Oleksii Vitiuk, 29, of Iowa, the driver of the semi and flatbed for careless driving. The critical medical emergency passenger and driver were able to make it to the hospital in North Platte. The Nebraska Department of Roads vehicle was pulled out of the ditch the next morning.

Grant Awarded To Purchase New Dumpsters

The Village of Stapleton has been awarded a Betterment Grant from the Bob & Susan Childers Fund - Logan County in the amount of \$6,000.00 that will enable the village to purchase 10 new dumpsters.

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation has provided funding of the grant application and the new dumpsters have been ordered. Village of Stapleton clerk, Stacey Anderson said the board is now purchasing dumpsters by color to designate the year they were purchased. The new dumpsters will be blue in color to designate they were purchased in 2023.

Valentine's Day Babies of 2022 Special Section Coming Next Week

Stapleton Golf Dinner & Raffle

The Stapleton Golf Association will hold their annual dinner and raffle, Saturday, February 18, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Herbie's Speakeasy will provide the cash bar.

This year's raffle will be for a Sig Sauer P365 pistol and a Ruger 556 AR. There will be silent auction items to bid on.

The steak dinner will be \$40.00 and this will include a chance to win a box of beef donated by Diamond Bar Ranch of Stapleton.

Proceeds will go towards improvements at the Augusta Wind Golf Course.

For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Chayton Crow at 308-530-8667, Scott Gaites at 308-636-8308 or Skip Hecox at 308-529-1861.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
21	28	12	0
22	33	10	0
23	27	8	0
24	37	14	0
25	37	11	0
26	29	21	.04
27	36	24	0

Observations: .6" of snow fell on January 26. Windchill was 5 degrees at 4:33 a.m. on January 25. Winds were measured at 34 MPH on January 26 at 6:28 p.m and 35 MPH on January 27 at 1:43 a.m.

Thunder was recorded on January 26. Winter driving conditions exist. Be prepared and check 511 before traveling.

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