



New playground equipment unveiled at LMHS Rodeo

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STORY

New playground equipment was unveiled and ready to play on at the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo held Sunday, May 21, at the Logan County Fairgrounds near Stapleton.

The playground equipment was assembled and installed this spring by the concession stand area by Coy Johnston, 2022 World Champion High School steer wrestler. This was a community service project for Coy as he is on the Quanta Services Rodeo Team. Each member is required to give a presentation of their proposed project and receive approval by the rodeo team board.

Equipment was made possible by donations from the Stapleton Junior Rodeo, Stapleton Area

Chamber of Commerce, and Logan County Ag Society. The project was also funded in part by a \$4,600.00 grant from the Bob & Susan Childers Fund - Logan County through the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation based in North Platte. The 2023 Betterment Grant was awarded to the Logan County Agricultural Society.

There were 191 contestants and 428 entries at this year's LMHS Rodeo. Many favorable comments were heard about the new playground equipment and it was put to good use on a beautiful day.

Ryan Shepherd was awarded a \$250.00 scholarship from the LMHS Rodeo Club. Coy Johnston, Brent Charlton and Lillian Fletcher will each receive scholarships after they complete a semester of college.



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The new playground equipment recently installed by Coy Johnston of Stapleton was put to good use at the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo held Sunday, May 21, at the Logan County Fairgrounds. The equipment was made possible by donations from the Stapleton Junior Rodeo, Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Logan County Ag Society and a grant from the Bob & Susan Childers Fund - Logan County through the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation based in North Platte.

Tryon Volunteer Firemen Raising Money For New Ambulance

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department will hold a firemen's barbecue Saturday, June 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the McPherson County Fire Hall in Tryon. Proceeds from the barbecue, live auction and raffle will be used to purchase a new ambulance and equipment. The auction will get underway at 6:30 p.m.

A new ambulance will come at a cost of \$280,000.00 and a \$150,000.00 grant has been received from the State of Nebraska. The fire department has also submitted other grants and they are waiting on responses. The McPherson County Commissioners have pledged \$75,000.00.

Auction and raffle items include:



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- Savage Axis 243 w/3x9x40 scope
- Heritage 22 revolver
- 2 halves of a hog (processing not included)
- 4 quarters of beef (processing not included)

- Green Mountain grill package
- 1 ton Pasture Mix feed
- 90 minute massage
- Saddle & head stall
- Ted Long painting
- Afghan
- Quilted wall hanging

If you would like to make a monetary contribution you may make your checks payable to the Tryon Volunteer Fire Department and send it to P.O. Box 65, Tryon, NE 69167.

First local Farmer's Market deemed a success

The first ever Farmer's Market in the Village of Stapleton drew vendors and shoppers and has been deemed a success by Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce organizers.

The Farmer's Market will continue every Thursday with a start time of 3:30 p.m. Some feedback was given to extend hours past 5:30 p.m. This was noted.

Flea market and craft vendors are welcome as well as those selling produce and baked goods. There is no table fee and you can set up anywhere on the sidewalks.

Stapleton's On Sale annual garage sale event will take place Saturday, June 10, and there are several garage sales listed. See the back page of this issue for advertised listings.

Food will be available at the Vet's Club and Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli.

V.F.W. Post 8258 and American Legion Post 324 hung flags on light poles for Memorial Day weekend. Veterans are in the process of obtaining additional poles and flags to line the highway as has been done in past years.

Successful ribbon cuttings for Sandhills Equine - Morgan Hecox, The Guest House and the Village of Stapleton Recycling Center were conducted.

Roy Licking of Thedford is currently designing and constructing a new 'Welcome to Stapleton' sign at the intersection of Highway 92 and 83 east of Stapleton. This will feature the same color logo that is featured on the Chamber banners.

Victory Underground will be playing for a Friday, July 7 street dance. It was suggested Chamber contact food truck vendors this year and the Vet's Club will provide the beer garden. Be watching for more information on the street dance.

Plans will continue to be made at the Tuesday, June 27 regular Chamber meeting at noon at the Stapleton Community Center.

Chamber needs your help in promoting businesses and our community and your attendance is appreciated at meetings.

Traffic stop leads to high-speed chase

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A traffic stop by Logan County Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood resulted in a high-speed chase in excess of 100 miles per hour on U.S. Highway through North Platte and ended with the suspect being arrested at his residence in Lexington.

Deputy Wood attempted to stop a southbound Chevrolet Silverado with a red tailgate and 18 county Nebraska plates at the junction of Highway 83 and 92 at approxi-

mately 9:15 a.m. Friday, June 2. The driver of the vehicle turned into Country Partners and traveled southbound through the Country Partners and Custer Public Power driveways spinning rocks and breaking out the windshield and damaging the patrol vehicle.

The pickup continued southbound on U.S. Highway 83 at accelerated speeds and at times drove left of center and into oncoming traffic. At mile marker 102 in Lincoln County, the driver trav-

eled into the lane of traffic in front of a semi truck and forced the semi driver to take the shoulder of the highway. Deputy Wood stated at that time he called off pursuit due to safety concerns.

The pickup continued into Lincoln County where Lincoln County Sheriff's deputies and North Platte Police officers picked up the pursuit, but broke off the chase due to public safety concern after the vehicle entered North Platte at high

speeds.

The Nebraska State Patrol spotted the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop at mile marker 220 on Interstate 80. The driver fled with the trooper and Dawson County Sheriff in pursuit. The vehicle exited I-80 at mile marker 231 and turned east onto U.S. Highway 30 into Lexington, subsequently stopping at a residence in Lexington. A perimeter was set up and the suspect attempted to exit his house and flee before

being tackled by a Nebraska State Patrol officer.

Jesus Torres, 42, of Lexington was taken into custody and taken to the Dawson County jail where he is being charged in Logan, Lincoln and Dawson counties. Torres will appear in Logan County Court on June 13.

Torres faces charges of suspicion of felony flight to avoid arrest, possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor willful reckless driving, resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
26	74	56	.02
27	67	55	.51
28	75	56	.22
29	73	57	.06
30	83	56	.11
31	82	54	.05
June 1	79	56	.15
2	73	61	.01

Winds were recorded at 37 MPH on May 26; 31 MPH on May 28; 51 MPH on May 30 & 36 MPH on May 31.

Fog was recorded on May 27. Thunder was recorded on May 28 and June 1.

Smokey haze was observed on May 31 and clouds on June 2.

Total May moisture was 6.91" and total moisture to date is

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- *Over The Hills*
- *Graphic Files*
- *Annual Firemen's BBQ is June 10*

Public Notices

- Stapleton Rural Fire Dist. Public Meeting Notice
- Village of Stapleton Public Meeting Notice
- McPherson Co. School District #90 Public Meeting Notice
- Stapleton Public Schools Surplus Property Sealed Bids
- McPherson County Tire Clean Up Dates
- Noxious Weed Aerial Surveying

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Farmer's Market every Thursday in Stapleton beginning @ 3:30 p.m.

Local bowling team places fourth at state

Stapleton's bowling team, "Country Swingers," placed fourth at the Nebraska State Bowling Tournament held recently at Mocking Bird Lanes in Omaha.

Gwen Gill, Candy Salisbury, Erin Frey, and Cynthia Atkins of Arnold won \$87.50 each for their placing in Division 4 (480 average or below). The team bowled a 1444 and with their 1287 handicap had a total of 2731.

Gwen Gill placed 62nd in singles by rolling a 145, 106 and 139 with a 111 average. She received \$52.50 for her efforts.

Wilma Salisbury of Stapleton, also bowled in the doubles and singles competitions.