

Donations to outfit new grass rig



Senator Mike and wife Julie Jacobson are supporters of the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department and make an annual stop at the barbecue.

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The 2023 Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department's barbecue showcased the new Ford F550 cab and chassis recently purchased by the Stapleton Rural Fire Protection District. Donations from this year's barbecue will go towards the purchase of a bed, 400 gallon water tank, hose and hose reels and other fire fighting equipment to complete the grass fire rig.

Rich Burnside, who serves on the Stapleton

Rural Fire Protection board, said the District has been looking for two years for a truck to replace the grass rig that was not running well.

"We needed something a lot more dependable and this one was affordable and what we were looking for," Burnside said. "The new bed will be much safer for fire fighters and includes a walk-way."

The cab and chassis came at a cost of \$66,000 and it will take an additional \$60,000 for the needed equipment. The



Bob and Karen Hough of Arnold, go through the serving line at the annual Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department's barbecue on July 29. Servers were, l-r: Citori Kramer, Chelsey Myers, Amber Tatman, and Briley Kramer.

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation has pledged \$20,000.

Money raised to date at the barbecue stands at \$11,500 and there were 175 people in attendance. Donations are still coming in and you may send your check to the Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 44, Stapleton, NE 69163.

Stapleton Fire & Rescue extends a thank you to everyone for their attendance and support of their annual barbecue fund-raiser.

Donors Making A Splash

The "Let's Make A Splash For Our Kids" committee met Wednesday, August 9, to begin work on funding to install a splash pad in the Stapleton Park. The account now has \$2,100.00 to jump start plans by the group to hold fund raisers, apply for grants, and solicit donations.

Those attending were Lacy Kinderknecht, Bethany Deardoff, Lisa Kinderknecht, Veronica Neal, Jill Schaeffer, Morgan Hecox, and Stacey Anderson.

One bid of \$158,000 was received from Crouch Recreation and additional bids are being sought. Bids are needed to apply for grants and committee members discussed features they would like to see in the splash pad. Suggestions were a bucket drop, arches, and fountains.

Coin jars will be placed in businesses and selling engraved bricks around the splash pad was another fund raising possibility.

A pop-up thrift shop and bake sale in September, Bingo in October, and a "glow" dance in November are in the works. Be watching for more information on these upcoming activities and events.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Splash Pad Project please make your check out to the Village of Stapleton. Write splash pad on the memo line and drop it off at the Village Hall located in the Stapleton Community Center. You may also mail it to Village of Stapleton, P.O. Box 133, Stapleton, NE 69163.

\$158,000

GOAL

\$140,000

\$120,000

\$100,000

\$80,000

\$60,000

\$40,000

\$20,000



The cab and chassis for the new Stapleton Volunteer Fire Department grass rig was on display at both the annual barbecue and in the Logan County Fair parade.

Duran sentenced to 12 years

A September 13, 2021 arrest of Joseph L. Duran, 38, of Stapleton, has resulted in a 12-year sentence for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of firearms.

Duran was arrested near his home west of Stapleton in rural Logan County. U.S. District Judge John M. Gerrard handed down the sentence. Upon his release from prison he will begin a five-year term of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system. Duran pled guilty to both offenses on March 30.

The high-speed pursuit and drug bust began in

Lincoln County and ended in Logan County. Lincoln County Deputy Tiffany Wood attempted a traffic stop of a Washington state plated white Impala in September, 2021 on U.S. Highway 83, but the car did not stop. It continued northbound reaching speeds of over 100 miles per hour. The vehicle passed three to four vehicles at a time which nearly resulted in head-on accidents. The vehicle turned onto Hodges Road, entered Logan County and the pursuit continued on Avenue 80. The suspect could be seen throwing out bags of property. Duran was eventually stopped one half mile

south of Highway 92 on Avenue 70 where he was taken into custody.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff, Derek Hanna spotted a person in a gray mini-van with Washington state plates picking up one of the bags and taking off with it.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson stopped the mini-van and requested to search the vehicle. Alissa Duran revealed a black bag containing 15.5 ounces of marijuana. Two additional bags containing four ounces of methamphetamine were found.

Evidence was used to se-

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Informal Question & Answer Session in Stapleton Park

Everyone in the community is invited to join an informal question and answer session presented by Stapleton Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Are there any questions you have always wanted to ask concerning Christianity?

Such as:

- Are tatoos all right?
- Can I be a believer and not join a church?
- Do I have to give up smoking and drinking to be a believer?
- Is baptism necessary for salvation?
- Which Bible version is correct?
- How do we know the Bible is God's word?

Or any other question. Refreshments will be served and ask that question you've always wanted to ask.

All are welcome!

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
5	84	61	.33
6	82	60	0
7	77	55	0
8	73	53	.05
9	78	56	.29
10	79	59	0
11	86	59	T
12	90	59	0

Fog was recorded on August 7 and 8. Thunder was observed on August 9 and 10.

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Every Thursday
Afternoon
In Stapleton

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