

# Cardboard bales shipped out

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It's official! The first load of cardboard baled at the new Village of Stapleton Recycling Center was shipped to Oklahoma last week. The 46,000 pound load was sold for \$80.00 a ton. Each bale weighs 2,000 pounds.

Jack Brummet, 81, coordinates the cardboard recycling project for the Village. Jack came into his recycling role with plenty of experience. He was the conservation technician for the seven-county Upper Loup Natural Resource District at Thedford for over 20 years and also helped with recycling for the ULNRD.

Jack was recently honored as the 2023 Logan County Fair Parade grand marshal for his service to the community. He retired as the Logan County Courthouse HVAC system service person after being employed there since 1973. He was a school bus driver for 20 years, substitute mail carrier, farmer and rancher, volunteer fireman and now serves on the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli board of directors. Jack helps out the store by making deliveries, helping stock shelves, and just about anything else he is asked to do.

Jack takes his new position as cardboard baler very seriously. He loads up the cardboard from various locations in and around the village and runs the baler in the new recycling center.

The facility was made possible with a \$293,500 Nebraska Environmental Trust grant. Funds went

to upgrade the facility located on J Street on the west edge of town. The 60' x 100' x 16' steel building replaced the one that was in much need of repair.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust was established in 1992 to conserve, enhance and restore the natural environments of Nebraska. It was created on the conviction that a prosperous future is dependent upon a sound natural environment and that Nebraskans could collectively achieve real progress on real environmental issues if seed money were provided.

The trust is funded by proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery and has awarded more than \$349 million to conservation projects in Nebraska since 1994. The Village of Stapleton continues to promote recycling of cardboard and paper along with other recyclables. Please use the receptacles provided at the recycling facility appropriately.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Brummet stands by the first load of cardboard baled at the new Village of Stapleton Recycling Center. The 46,000 pound load was sold and picked up last week and taken to Oklahoma.

## Fatality accident near Arnold

The Custer County Sheriff's office has issued a press release regarding a fatal accident that occurred just west of Arnold on Wednesday morning, August 30.

The Custer County Sheriff's office responded to a semi-road construction broom sweeper accident .1 miles west of Arnold, on Nebraska Highway 92. The accident was reported at 6:02 a.m. Roadwork was being performed on the highway at the time of the accident.

Larry C. Vasquez, 67, of Stapleton was driving a 2014 Freightliner semi, pulling a livestock trailer and was eastbound on Highway 92. Mark F. Wells, 56, of Broken Bow, was in a road construction broom sweeper in front of the Freightliner semi. The semi impacted the road construction broom sweeper pushing it into the south ditch. The semi came to rest in the north ditch.

Wells was transported to Great Plains Health in North Platte and was pronounced

dead at the hospital. Vasquez was not transported and had minor injuries.

The driver of the semi was wearing a seatbelt. Seatbelt use by the driver of the road construction broom sweeper is unknown.

The Custer County Sheriff's office was assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln County Sheriff's office, Lincoln County Attorney's office, Arnold Fire & Rescue, and Trumbull Towing.

## Board Members & Superintendent attend NASB meeting

The Stapleton School Board of Education was represented at the NASB area membership meeting held August 29 in North Platte by board members Rich Burnside, Chance Connell, Kim Kramer and Kristy Opela and Superintendent Redinger.

Burnside received a level 3 award and Opela, a level 5 award.

The opening session included a preview of the 2023 Nebraska Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly, program review, and the open meetings law.

Six training sessions were available. A net-

working dinner and awards and recognition rounded out the meeting.

NASB is a private, non-profit organization that serves the needs of Nebraska's public schools. Since 1918, NASB has been committed to serving school boards across the state. Their mission is to enhance public education for the children of Nebraska. Statewide events like the one in North Platte offers extensive learning opportunities and networking for board members, superintendents, ESU administrators, and district/ESU administrative assistants.

## Marie Lemmer celebrates 80th



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Marie Lemmer observed her 80th birthday, Friday, August 25. One of her gifts was a nice surprise in her yard. Chris and Harold Matson had Marie's yard decorated and the giant card is pictured above. She also received lots of calls, cards and texts, and she enjoyed a trip to Estes Park with her family. Locals treated her with a special birthday supper, flowers and mini cakes, and gifts. Marie said she is truly blessed and thanks everyone for remembering her on her special day.

## Donated Items Needed For Pop Up Thrift Shop

The Stapleton Splash Pad committee is organizing several fund-raisers with proceeds going to the proposed splash pad in the Stapleton Park.

Items are needed for a "Pop Up Thrift Shop" and you may leave them at the Stapleton Community Center on September 21st.

Shoppers can make purchases Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 when the thrift shop will be set up inside the Stapleton Community Center.

This will be a great garage sale compiled of donated items from community members.

Please donate items and come and shop. Jars are now available to put in donations at local businesses. If you would like to donate, you may drop off your check made payable to the Village of Stapleton and write "Splash Pad" in the memo line. You may also mail your donations to the village at P.O. Box 133, Stapleton, NE 69163.

### State Park Permit Fees To Increase

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission approved fee increases for its state park entry permits at its meeting Aug. 4 in Valentine.

The fee for the annual permit for Nebraska-licensed vehicles will increase from \$30 to \$35 and a temporary (daily) permit from \$6 to \$7 beginning Jan. 1, 2024. That approval activated an increase in permit fees for vehicles licensed outside of Nebraska. Those annual permits increased from \$60 to \$70, with the daily permit increasing from \$12 to \$14.

The duplicate permit will go from \$15 to \$17.50 for Nebraska-licensed vehicles and \$30 to \$35 for vehicles licensed outside of Nebraska.

Of the 38 states that have resident annual state park entry permits, only six have fees lower than Nebraska's.

### Weather

| DATE | HI | LO | MT  |
|------|----|----|-----|
| 26   | 86 | 56 | .07 |
| 27   | 79 | 49 | 0   |
| 28   | 85 | 51 | 0   |
| 29   | 81 | 52 | T   |
| 30   | 87 | 52 | 0   |
| 31   | 88 | 52 | 0   |

Fog was observed on August 27. It was cloudy on August 28 and smokey and haze on August 30. Total August moisture was 2.07" with total moisture to date for 2023 at 21.45"

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