



Community outpouring for splash pad



KENDRA CUTLER - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

At left, Stapleton High School senior, Marianne Zuniga finds herself in a sea of clothes to sort through. She was one of the many students assisting with the three-day pop-up thrift shop. Above, shoppers peruse the big room in the Stapleton Community Center in search of just the right item priced right - \$1.00 each.

There's no doubt the Stapleton community is behind the splash pad project and they showed it by bringing in hundreds of items for the 'Pop-Up Thrift Shop' sponsored by the splash pad committee. The three day shopping extravaganza took place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 22, 23 and 24. If you were looking for a bargain you didn't go away disappointed as there were rock bottom prices. Students from Stapleton Public Schools assisted with sorting and organizing in the days leading up to the sale. The splash pad committee thanks everyone for donating items, shopping and donating money to the splash pad project. A total of \$5,139.00 was taken it at the fundraiser and the committee is expecting more money to come in with items to be picked up by buyers. Thank you to everyone who pitched in with setting up, working the sale, and cleaning up. Be watching for future events and updates on the amount in the fund. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the splash pad project, make your check out to the Village of Stapleton. Write splash pad on the memo line. You can either drop it off at the Village Hall in the Community Center or mail it to Village of Stapleton, P.O. Box 133, Stapleton, NE 69163.

Hail: Piles Up In September



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Hailstones form when rain drops are carried repeatedly upward and downward by thunderstorm updrafts into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere and freeze. Hail falls when the thunderstorm's updraft can no longer support the weight of the hailstone. The winds inside a thunderstorm aren't simply up and down, but also horizontal. Hailstones grow by colliding with liquid water drops that freeze onto the hailstone's surface. Hailstones can be cloudy due to air bubbles trapped in the ice. If the water freezes slowly, the air bubbles can escape and the new ice will be clear. Hailstones an inch in diameter, fall between 9 and 25 mph. The expected fall speed for a 1" - 1.75" hailstone is between 25 and 40 mph in a severe thunderstorm. In the strongest supercells that produce hail 2" - 4" the expected speed is between 44 and 72 mph. These estimates vary due to the hailstone's shape, degree of melting, fall orientation and the environmental conditions. However, it is possible for very large hailstones over 4" to fall at over 100

Chad Coleman stands on a hail drift at his parents' house, Greg and LeAnn Coleman, 11 miles west of Merna on Saturday, September 9. "This is the most I've ever seen and I'm 67 years old," Greg Coleman said. At 2:52 p.m., Coleman had heard neighbors had received baseball sized hail and started out on a ranger. It started to hail at his location so he returned home. By 3:00 p.m. the ground was white. "When we'd open a door to take a picture there was a loud roar and it didn't matter which door, east or west, hail stones bounced into the house," Coleman said. He estimated that at least four feet of the original six foot pile of ice remained Monday. The roof was totaled, but no windows were broken at the Coleman place. Vehicle windshields were cracked and equipment had dents and lights were broken.

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MPCC finishes first in three events at Stampede

The Mid-Plains Community College Rodeo Team used a home arena advantage to snag three first-place finishes recently. The team hosted the MPCC Stampede, Sep-

tember 14-16 at the Wild West Arena in North Platte. After the dust cleared, Mid-Plains' men's and women's teams were both sitting third in terms of overall points

earned in the first rodeo of the doubleheader. The men's team was fifth after the second rodeo. "It was a long weekend,

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Vet's Club Fundraiser



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The Husker party fundraiser held Saturday, September 16, at the Vet's Club was a great success as area residents met at the club to enjoy the food prepared by Brian Blagdon, Greg Weigel, Dale Florea, and Chet Brown. Lots of plates were delivered in and around Stapleton and all of the ribs were sold after the event. A special thanks to Steele's Roofing & Construction for the use of their grill. Manager Velda Cassell gave a shout out and thank you to those who cooked and attended to make this a fun and enjoyable party. The Husker win was an added bonus.

KJLT/KJFT Annual Sharathon

The KJLT/KJTF radio family will hold its annual Sharathon October 10, 11 and 12. This broadcast will be hosted by Gary Hofer, Glenn Littrell, Deb Dishman, Roger Olson and special guest Keith Becker of the Todd Becker Foundation. Sharathon 2023 will begin Tuesday, October 10 and conclude Thursday, October 12. KJLT/KJTF is a non-commercial non-denominational ministry depending on listener support. The Sharathon goal this year is \$355,875. Listeners may phone in their faith promise by calling 308-532-1659 or 1-800-532-1659. Everyone is welcome to stop in for food and refreshments. The studios are located at the corner of B and Bailey in North Platte. KJLT is found at 970 AM and 94.9 FM. Find KJTF at 89.3 FM. You can also listen on line and make your faith promise at kjlt.org.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
24	74	46	0
25	77	46	0
26	76	45	0
27	75	43	0
28	78	41	0
29	85	53	0



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