

Newest Stapleton Business: ‘Out of the Grain Woodworking’

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Area residents will have another unique shopping experience in Stapleton as “Out of the Grain Woodworking” will be opening soon.

Matthew Powell comes to the village with a wide array of business, retail and managerial experience. His new business venture is the fulfillment of a dream to own his own business.

Originally from North Platte, Matthew has lived in half of the United States and is a self proclaimed “workaholic,” beginning with a multitude of jobs starting at the age of 14.

The last four years he has been the manager of Tractor Supply in North Platte and he worked for Sapp Brothers in North Platte for six years. Prior to that he worked with his family in North Platte in the restaurant business and as a bartender. He has an EMT background/dispatcher, worked as a CNA, and his resume also includes working as a hospitality manager at a hotel, grocery store experience, Cabela’s call center and Menard’s employee and he was a package sorter at UPS.

Matthew credits graduating from Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University and becoming debt free in helping him get to the point where he could

do something better with his life than work 90 hours a week.

At 31, Matthew said he needed to take a healthier approach to life, cut back on the number of hours he was working and eliminate stress. That’s when he decided looking for property that would work for his woodworking business.

“The last few years I have been seeking a place and actually was looking for property with an acreage. Nothing was ever available,” Matthew said. “I feel very fortunate I was able to purchase this home on B Street in Stapleton and renovate and revamp it to make it into my home and store front.”

Matthew immediately saw the potential in the house and updated the entire main floor. He worked on cleaning up the yard and is looking forward to landscaping this spring. Construction is finishing up on the retail store located in the garage.

The eCommerce business has been up and running for some time and his online business has been doing moderately well. He is now working on expanding into other lines for his online and physical store.

Items you will find at Out of the Grain Woodworking are cutting boards, charcuterie boards, butcher blocks, coasters, signs, engrav-



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Matthew Powell is the owner of “Out of the Grain Woodworking.” He has renovated the house at 407 B Street and will open his new store there the first week of March. Along with a complete line of cutting and charcuterie boards, he will have everything you to put on them along with his own line of coffee and specialty items.

ing, wood-burning, tumblers, cutting board care products, and cutting board restoration.

Matthew has his own line of coffee that is available in K-cups, whole bean and ground. He also has his own line of hot sauce and seasoning

and salsa mixes and will carry specialty jerkies, candles and wax melts.

Everything you need for your charcuterie board, from bread dip oils, canned pickle products, olives, meats, and cheeses will be coming soon. You will also be able to purchase

jams and non-alcoholic cocktail mixers. Gluten free shoppers will find a variety of food products that will fit their needs.

Be watching for a soon-to-be-announced grand opening at 407 B Street. You can find some items

on out-of-the-grain-woodworking.square.site or phone Matthew at 406-591-1979.

“I am very excited about this new business venture, getting to know everyone and working together for community betterment.”

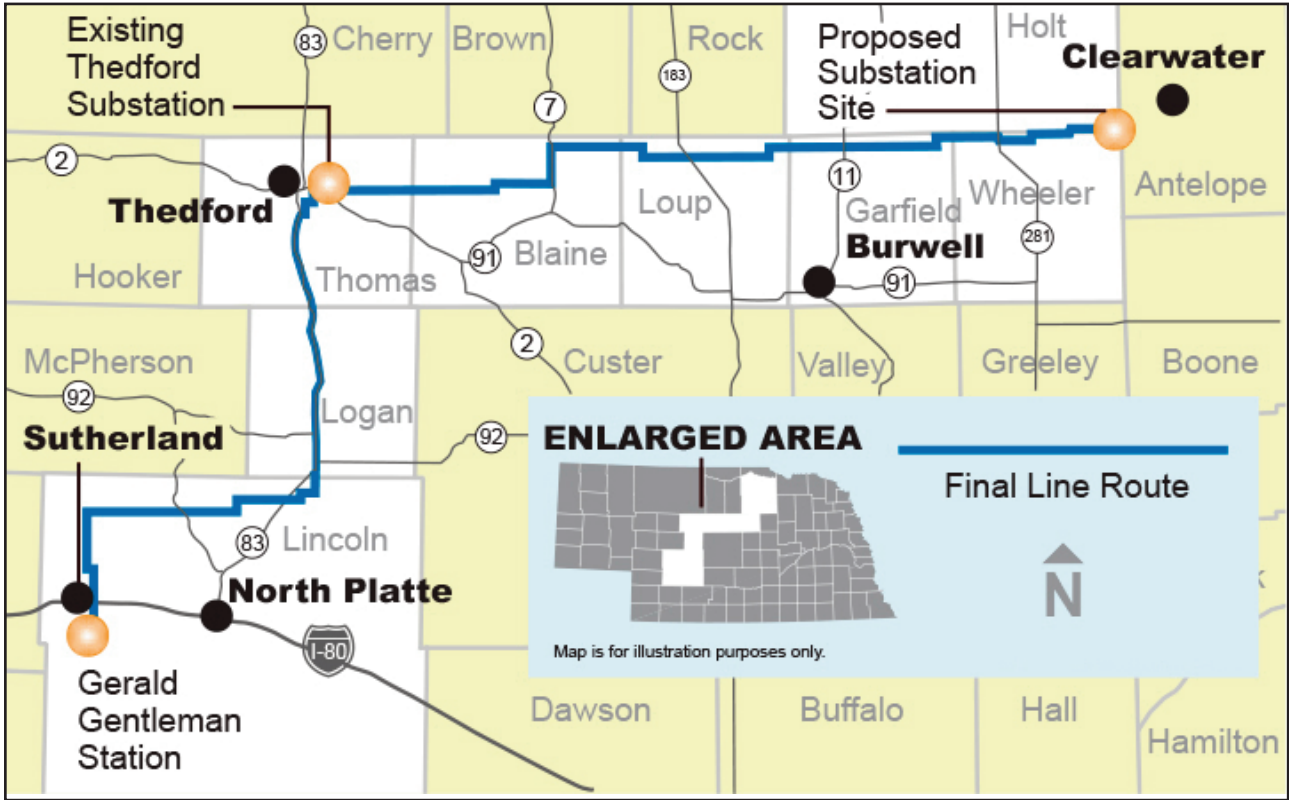
U.S. Fish & Wildlife announces R-Project related comment period

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is publishing a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register and opening a 60-day public comment period on the revised Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the R-Project Transmission Line (R-Project) in Nebraska. The public comment period began on February 9, 2024, and ends on April 9, 2024.

The R-Project is a proposed 226-mile transmission line that would start at NPPD’s Gerald Gentleman Substation near Sutherland; go north to a 345-kV substation located in Thomas County near Thedford; and then extend eastward to another 345-kV substation sited in Holt County, and interconnect with Western Area Power Administration’s existing Fort

Thompson-to-Grand Island 345-kV line that is located on the eastern border of Holt County, Nebraska.

FWS states that the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is applying for a permit associated with incidental take of the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*; ABB). NPPD has submitted a new application for a 50-year ITP, including a revised proposed habitat conservation plan (revised HCP) and associated documents. The US Fish and Wildlife Service states that the organization previously issued an ITP for the R-Project and the applicant’s earlier HCP to NPPD in 2019. However, that ITP was remanded by a Court. In response to the Court remand, NPPD has prepared the revised



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Final line route for the proposed R-Project Line.

“Copper & Lead” Survey Being Sent To Village Residents

Village of Stapleton residents will be receiving surveys in their February water bills requesting information on water lines in their homes.

The Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy is conducting the survey in villages throughout the state.

To determine if you have a lead service, you can inspect the service line where the line enters your home through the wall facing the street on the lowest level. Each setup can be unique to each home. If you do not own your home contact the homeowner for the information.

Start with a magnet or scratch test to determine if the line is copper or lead. Gently scratch the surface of the

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Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
10	47	21	0
11	34	17	.02
12	43	16	0
13	52	22	0
14	54	22	0
15	52	23	0
16	31	14	.10

OBSERVATIONS

Snow: 0.2” on February 11 and 0.8” on February 16.
Wind chill: 15 degrees at 7:00 p.m. on February 14; 11 degrees at 10:30 p.m. on February 15; and -5 degrees at 9:55 p.m. on February 16.
Wind: 28 mph at 2:36 p.m. on February 14.

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