

Splash Pad Fundraisers



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Morgan Hecox helped coordinate bake sale items for the Splash Pad For Stapleton committee. The sale brought in \$622.50 at the Easter egg hunt in Stapleton, Saturday, March 30. Thank you to everyone who donated items to make this a very successful money-making project. The raffle sponsored by Out of the Grain Woodworking brought in \$384.00 for the splash pad fund. Donna Whitehill was the winner. Sublime Boutique donated 30% of sales to the splash pad fund and this brought in \$235.00. Local businesses offered specials throughout the day. Frey's General Store gave away a Zum basket and this was won by Bobbi Opela of Stapleton. Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli served hamburgers and hot dogs. Thank you to everyone for supporting Stapleton with your attendance at the Easter egg hunt and shopping at local businesses.

Blake Selected For Fall 2024 Peru State College RHOP

Peru State College is excited to announce that they have accepted nine students into the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP). The RHOP Program is offered to students who come from a rural background and have a strong desire to pursue a career in the field of healthcare.

RHOP is a cooperative program between Peru State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The program's purpose is to recruit and educate students from rural communities who plan to return to rural areas to practice. Students accepted into the highly selective program will receive a full tuition waiver from Peru State. Those who meet all RHOP program requirements and complete their pre-professional curriculum will be accepted to the UNMC to continue their studies.

"Peru State College is committed to preparing the rural health workforce in Nebraska," said Dr. Paul Hinrichs, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "With programs like the RHOP guaranteed admission pathway programs for rural resi-



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dents, Peru State is playing a vital role in developing healthcare providers who will improve access to quality healthcare in rural communities throughout the state."

Dr. Richard Clopton, the RHOP Coordinator, shared the following statement: "I conducted interviews with all of these candidates in collaboration with our partner programs at UNMC. I can assure you that this group of students is highly talented, committed, and capable - as much as any in the nation. They represent the future of healthcare in Nebraska, and the future looks bright."

Peru State has been allocated seats in the following programs at UNMC: three seats in the Pharmacy program, four in Nursing, three in Physician Assistant, three in Medical Laboratory Science, two in Occupational Therapy, two in Physical Therapy, two in Radiography, two in Dental Hygiene, and two in Dentistry.

The 2024 RHOP Program recipients include:

- Kaden Blake of Tryon (McPherson High School) - Physician Assistant
- Ava Bolli of Beatrice (Beatrice High School) - Nursing
- Leila Frederick of Falls City (Sacred Heart High School) - Nursing
- Kamryn Jaeger of Columbus (Columbus Senior High School) - Nursing
- Abigail Mathis of West Holt (West Holt High School) - Nursing
- Hailey Matthews of North Platte (North Platte High School) - Nursing
- Dax Powell of Alliance (Alliance High School) - Physical Therapy
- Kellen Shepard of Hastings (Hastings High School) - Dental

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Even more questions after USPS meeting

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There were numerous questions and concerns, but very few answers as about 200 citizens, employees and customers of the United States Postal Service gathered March 28 for a public comment meeting at the Sandhills Convention Center in the Ramada at Wyndham in North Platte.

Kathy Hand, senior division director for the USPS, gave a presentation prior to the comment period. She shared the transition from moving North Platte from a processing and delivery center for the region to a local processing center. Mark Inglett, strategic communications specialist for USPS, was also present and held the microphone as concerns were voiced about the change and impact the move would have on the region.

The USPS said the initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the North Platte P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center (LPC) with simplified processes and standardized layouts. The facility would maintain destination operations

once converted to the LPC and include destination letters and flats, packages, bundles; manual letters and flats; express; and Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU).

What that actually means for customers and reliable delivery remains vague.

Hand said the two-day shipping standard for first class mail would remain. That was met by an outcry from those in attendance. During the comment period there were numerous people who said they were not currently receiving two day delivery service on first class mail.

Questions were not specifically answered as whether or not 691 mail in North Platte would be sorted there or sent to Denver and then back to North Platte.

Hand continued to reiterate that the changes would make delivery more efficient and dependable as most mail does not stay in the local area and goes to other regions.

It was also brought out the Denver processing center would process mail from Wyoming, Kansas, South Dakota, New Mexico and Grand Junction, Colorado, in addition to Nebraska. The

only full processing center in Nebraska would be in Omaha and the only one in Kansas would be in Kansas City.

USPS said moving the processing from North Platte to Denver would translate into a savings of about \$1 million a year in transportation costs. A banker at the meeting who had analyzed the proposal said no money would be saved and in fact costs would increase and service decline.

Former postal employees expressed their dealings with Denver and the move would not work. They described Denver as a "black hole" for mail.

Gary Person, president of the North Platte Area Chamber of Commerce said Denver is one of the most inefficient processing centers in the U.S. and he said there has been a lack of transparency in the review process. If it had not been for a brave postal worker who came forward about the proposal nothing about it would have been known.

Numerous requests for factual information about the proposed downgrade of North Platte have gone unanswered.

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Pitch in and help out

Stapleton community clean-up week has been set for April 22-25. Stapleton Public Schools classes will be taking on projects Wednesday, April 24.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to pitch in and help make our village clean and tidy. Please use the Village of Stapleton recycling facility located at the west edge of town to assist you in your clean-up.

- Roll-offs are available for furniture, appliances and other items.

- Paper recycling bins are available
- Used oil tote
- No tires and no hazardous materials
- Dried paint cans may be placed in dumpsters.

Branches and yard waste may be taken to the village landfill east of Stapleton. Remember no tires or painted lumber may be placed there.

Contact Stacey Anderson, Village Clerk at 308-636-2960 if you need anything picked up, hauled off, or an extra set of hands.

Community clean-up week is brought to you by the Village of Stapleton, Stapleton Public Schools and Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
30	54	30	0
31	52	31	0
Apr. 1	53	34	.05
2	40	24	.02
3	58	23	0
4	61	25	0
5	67	24	0

Observations:
A trace of snow was recorded on April 2. Wind chill was 22 degrees at 8:23 p.m. on April 1. Winds were recorded at 25 MPH at 5:35 p.m. on April 1. Total March moisture was 1.3". Normal March moisture is 1.17".

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