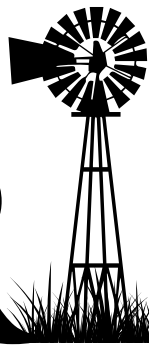


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Fire Danger High



BROKEN BOW FIRE

Pictured is an airplane dropping water on one of several fires volunteers were fighting in Custer County. Fires were enhanced by the dry conditions and driven by high winds. The fire danger remains high in much of Nebraska.

MARCIA HORA

Thedford Fire Chief Spencer Burk reported 1,000 acres burned southeast of Brownlee towards Eatinger Road in a fast moving fire Monday, February 24. The call came in at approximately 1:00 p.m. and in addition to the Thedford Fire Department, Brownlee, Seneca, Halsey, Purdum and Dunning, worked to contain the fire whipped by wind and fueled by dry conditions.

Wayne Eatinger re-

ported approximately 500 acres burned on the Eatinger Ranch and one house and barn were threatened.

Eatinger credited the work of area fire departments, neighbors and ranchers, in containing the fire.

Burk said the fire started from a brush pile with a burn permit that started back up when the wind picked up.

Custer County Fires
Also in the early afternoon on Monday, grass fire calls began coming in

from several locations in Custer County.

Many of the fire calls quickly included calls for mutual aid sending agencies criss-crossing the area to assist. All available personnel from Custer County as well as nearby fire departments, were engaged in the effort.

By 3:00 p.m. Monday, Custer County Emergency Manager Mark Rempe indicated they

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Over \$11,000 taken in at Golf Course dinner & auction

A final tally is now in on the amount of money taken in at the recent Stapleton Golf Association steak dinner and auction. The grand total of \$11,110.00 does not include expenses.

A total of \$3,655.00 was taken in at the silent and live auction, 54 meals were sold, and there was a total of \$5,180.00 in gun raffle ticket sales. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new greens mower.

Dues and fees to the golf course are now due and payable. Single memberships are \$325.00 per year and families are \$425.00 per year. There will be a \$25.00 late fee if dues are not paid by May 1. Payments may be sent to Stapleton Golf Association, P.O. Box 183, Stapleton, NE 69163.

Golf cart storage fees are \$400.00 (gas) and \$500.00

(electric). One year fees are \$100.00 (gas) and \$125.00 (electric).

New signage by Toxic Graphics and Guynan Machine & Steel has been installed. Thank you to our hole sponsors and for your continued support of the Augusta Wind Golf Course.

Be watching for tournament dates for the Bill Burgess and Joe Kramer Memorial tournaments and our annual Labor Day and couples tournament in the fall.

Augusta Wind was recently featured on Fried Egg Golf as one of four of the best courses to play off I-80 for under \$100.00. Other courses featured were Wild Horse at Gothenburg, Bayside at Ogallala and Awarii Dunes at Kearney. Go to the Augusta Wind Golf Course Facebook page to see the courses.



COURTESY

New signage is now up for the hole sponsors at the Augusta Wind Golf Course south of Stapleton. Be watching the Enterprise and all of the signs will be featured in an upcoming edition.

Stapleton Area Chamber elects officers; Plans 2025 events

MARCIA HORA

The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce met for a regular meeting and election of officers Tuesday, February 25, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Lori Streit will continue to serve as president and Cindy Frey, treasurer. Kelsey Amos was elected vice president and Matthew Powell, secretary. Serving on the Board of Directors will be Marcia Hora, Pam Schaeffer and Lisa Kinderknecht.

A list of memberships that need to be paid was reviewed. Chamber continued to donate to a variety of activities and the school in 2025. Contributions included \$250.00 to Stapleton Public Schools Foundation; \$125.00 to the Stapleton Booster Club; \$100.00 to the Stapleton After Prom party; \$65.00 to the Halloween costume contest; \$500.00 in the Chamber Blitz promotion; \$300.00 to the Logan County Ag Society and \$50.00 to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Work will begin to update the Chamber website. Paying your dues enables you to be included on the website business directory.

Chamber improved their account from a balance of \$93.59 at the end of 2024 to an ending balance of \$2,716.83 in 2025 in part with the barbecue, the decorated Christmas tree during Hometown Christmas, and membership dues. Thank you to everyone who supported Chamber last year.

Spring event dates were set as follows:

- Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. Kyle Kramer will be heading up the activity for his National Honor Society project. He will be working with Community First Bank and Creative Printers and the hunt will include donated bikes and business activities that day. This was very successful last year.

- Community clean-up day was set for April 28 and Stapleton Public School students will be assisting as they did last year.

- Citywide garage sale day was set for Saturday, June 14.

Chamber voted to donate \$100.00 in Chamber bucks to the Stapleton Schools after prom party and \$300.00 to the Logan County Ag Society.

Discussion was also held on coordinating an

Arbor Day program in the park on April 25 and a street dance Friday, August 1.

Caitlyn Jacobson, extension educator 4-H Youth Development was present to hand out information on the Lincoln, Logan & McPherson counties 4-H program. You may contact her at 308-532-2683 for more information about 4-H activities in these counties. You may stop by the office at 348 W. State Farm Road, North Platte, and find out how you can become more involved in 4-H. There are several 4-H Spin Clubs available including Robotics Stem, Geocache and Clover Kid.

An upcoming Fish of Nebraska Workshop will be held at the Logan County Fair Building on March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This is available for youth ages 5-16. You will be able to learn to identify common fish of Nebraska and how they differ due to their habitats. You can practice the art of gytaku fish printing on a tote bag to take home. Call 308-532-2683 to register.

Chamber thanked Caitlyn for attending and will help promote 4-H activities and events this year.

Colorful Addition



The senior room, located in the Stapleton Community Center, has been brightened with a quilt made by Doris Starr. The quilt is on loan from Doris and Lone Valley Club and serves as a hanging over the doors between the senior room and the big room in the community center. It symbolizes the many years the women of the Senior Friendship Club completed quilts to earn money for the club. Lone Valley Club hopes everyone enjoys the colorful addition.

Local Prescribed Burn Group Meeting

A meeting will be held Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center to determine if there is enough interest in forming a local prescribed burn group in the Stapleton area. A meal will be served followed by an informational meeting. Several areas within the state now have prescribed burn groups.

The Nebraska Prescribed Fire Council was formed by landowners for the purpose of promoting the common good and general welfare for the people in Nebraska by educating, training, and practicing safe prescribed burn techniques that reduce or eliminate invasive species and fuel load build-up in open spaces, providing fire protection and/or prevention from wild or unexpected fires in and near these open places.

The council originated from landowners, prescribed burn associations, conservation agencies and other individuals/organizations who want to increase the use of prescribed burning as a valuable land management practice and have the ability for state recognition. The NPFC also provides landowners and prescribed burn associations access to organizational technical assistance and advocacy in order to promote the safe and effective use of prescribed fire as a natural resources management tool.

For more information about the local meeting you may contact Jason Trimble at 308-650-1003.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
22	24	-3	0
23	50	19	0
24	61	29	0
25	66	29	0
26	72	27	0
27	57	25	0
28	63	26	0

Observations

Winds: 44 MPH at 3:41 p.m. on Feb. 25; 27 MPH at 1:50 p.m. on Feb. 27.
It was 41 degrees at 10:50 p.m. on Feb. 27

February Stats

Total February moisture was .58" and 8.3" of snow
Normal February moisture is .91"
Total moisture to date is 1.03"

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- High Quality Hay After Calving
- Blood Mobile April 4, 2025

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