

Splash Pad will be a reality in Stapleton Park



A rendition of the Stapleton Splash Pad by Commercial Recreation to be constructed in the Stapleton Park. The goal of \$159,831.00 has been reached and the committee is working on where to place the engraved bricks.

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We did it! The Stapleton community has come together to reach the goal of completing phase one and phase two of a splash pad that will be installed in the Stapleton Park. The fund now stands at \$160,920.96.

Commercial Recreation

submitted the bid of \$159,831 and work is estimated to begin June 1.

Additional donors since the last published thermometer will be publicized in next week's issue. There have been numerous donations

The committee is looking at how best to install the engraved bricks.

A sidewalk and bench

pads planned.

Donations have already come in for benches around the splash pad.

Serving on the Splash Pad Committee are Veronica Neal, Lisa Kinderknecht, Bethany Deardoff, Matthew Powell, Morgan Hecox, Julia Ramirez, and Jill Schaefer.

Thank you to everyone

who donated in any way to make the splash pad possible for the enjoyment of our kids and enhancement of the Stapleton Park.

Whether you gave an in-kind donation, donated metal, gave a cash donation, or helped advertise and promote this project, we say thanks. You are all appreciated.

Truck Thief Apprehended In Thomas County

The Thomas County Sheriff's Office received notification around 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, of a reported stolen vehicle headed north on HWY-83. Law enforcement officers with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska State Patrol were able to locate the truck near Thedford and make the arrest of Justice White Horse, 22, of Mission, South Dakota. The arrest was made in -19 degree temperatures.

Law enforcement also found a butcher knife with an 8-inch blade in

the truck. White Horse was charged with felony level retaining stolen property greater than \$5,000.00; possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony; and possession of a deadly weapon by a felon. He is currently in the Lincoln County jail with charges in both Thomas County and Lincoln County. Bond was set at \$125,000.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson said he had also been notified that the man was heading north on Highway 83 and passed by Stapleton.

White Horse was just out of the state penitentiary in Tecumseh and stole two trucks at the I-80 travel centers east of North Platte in frigid temperatures. Love's Travel Center called in at 6:00 a.m. to report a 2009 Ford F150 had been stolen as the owner had parked it in front of Subway. The pickup was gone when the owner came out. Police found the pickup across the street parked on the back side of the Flying J Travel Center between two semi-trailers and the keys were missing. A second truck,

a box truck was reported stolen by K & M Tires on the east side of Flying J. Officers used a GPS attached to the box to locate the truck and it was discovered to be northbound on Highway 83.

White Horse had been released from the Tecumseh State Correction Institute on February 17 and had been hitchhiking back to Mission, SD.

Personal items belonging to the first theft victim were recovered.

White Horse had served six months for a burglary in Cherry County.

Murder Trial Begins In Montana

The trial of Tyson David Kolar, 40, and Megan Michelle Fiechtner, 33, both residents of Hobson, Montana, is set to begin March 10, 2025. Kolar and Fiechtner have been charged with deliberate homicide with a firearm in the murder of her 35-year-old husband, Matthew Fiechtner of Hobson on October 2, 2023. The Fiechtners were in the process of a divorce.

In an October 2023 press release from the Montana Department of Justice, the investigation included the examination of video surveillance and interviews of both defendants and witnesses.

The Fiechtner's 2-year-old daughter was present

at the time of the shooting, and their 6-year-old son arrived at the scene shortly after the shooting.

If convicted Megan Fiechtner and Kolar could each be sentenced to life in prison along with a possible fine of up to \$50,000. A bond of \$5 million was issued for both defendants.

The prosecution of the case is led by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Guzynski, alongside Judith Basin County Attorney Joni Oja. The investigation was conducted by the Judith Basin Sheriff's Office and the Montana Department of Justice's Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science division.

Eighth Annual SCMD Shareholders Meeting

The eighth annual shareholders meeting of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli has been set for Monday, March 17, at the Stapleton Community Center. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the corn beef and cabbage meal that will be served at 6:30 p.m. The annual meeting will follow.

Serving on the grocery store board of directors are Tom Johnson, president; Jason Trimble, vice president; Marcia Hora, secretary; Joni Morash, treasurer; Dan Beckius, Jack Brummet and Janet Boeser.

The terms of Dan Beckius, Jason Trimble and Janet Boeser are up for election.

A treasurer's report and recap of the past year will be given at the meeting. Door prizes will be given away.

National Ag Day: March 18, 2025

National Ag Day's theme "Agriculture: Together We Grow," reminds all of us the role agriculture plays in not only our state, but in our local communities.

As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources produced in the United States.

That is why it is so important every American understands how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and to value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

Ag Day is one of the ways we can stop and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

A few generations ago, most Americans were directly involved in - or had relatives of friends - involved in agricultural-related endeavors.

Today, that is no longer the case. That is why it is

so important to join together at the community level and carry the message to promote American agriculture.

This week our publications salute those involved in not only production agriculture, but the numerous career opportunities involving agriculture in the villages, towns, and cities across our great state.

Included in this issue you will find our annual 'Salute To Agriculture' supplement, made possible by area advertisers. We thank them for making this edition possible each year and getting the word out about our number one industry.

The market value of agricultural products sold in 2024 totaled \$29.4 billion. The number of farms in Nebraska has decreased by 4% since 2017, however, there are still nearly 44 million acres of farm land in Nebraska, and the state's average farm size is 989 acres.

Immunization Clinics Coming Your Way

West Central District Health District's immunization team is coming to Logan and McPherson counties in March.

The team will be at the Logan County Courthouse in Stapleton, Tuesday, March 18, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. CT and at the McPherson Co. Court-

house in Tryon, Tuesday, March 25 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CT.

Appointments are preferred. You may call 308-221-6831 for more information.

Free radon kits are also available. Services available include:

• Influenza (Flu) Vac-

cines

• COVID-19 Vaccinations

• Pediatric Immunizations

• Adult Immunizations

• Travel Immunizations (available upon request)

• Blood Pressure Checks WCDHD participates in the Vaccines for Adults

Program (VFA) and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) programs for those uninsured or underinsured.

Parent/legal guardian must be present for children 18 and younger. Legal guardians must show proof of guardianship.

Fish Fry Fridays

The Knights of Columbus will again be hosting community fish fries in Arnold and Stapleton. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. at each location and the public is invited to attend.

The Arnold fish fry will be held March 28 at St. Agnes Parish Hall and Stapleton's will be held at the Stapleton Community Center on April 4.

The menu will consist of hand-breaded fish, French fries, au gratin potatoes, homemade salads and desserts, dinner roll and drink. The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids, 10 and under. All proceeds will go to Knights of Columbus charities.

Prescribed Burn Meeting

A Prescribed Burn Association meeting will be held Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center. A meal will be served followed by an informational meeting. Call Jason Trimble at 308-650-1003 for more information.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
Mar. 1	63	24	0
2	54	24	0
3	61	25	0
4	49	33	.14
5	33	20	.09
6	44	20	0
7	50	27	.08

Observations

Snow: .1" on March 4; 1" on March 5; .7" on March 7.
Wind: 22 MPH @ 2:14 p.m. on March 1; 23 MPH @ 11:30 a.m. on March 3; 46 MPH @ 11:30 a.m. on March 4; 37 MPH @ 2:00 a.m. on March 6; 22 MPH @ 1:45 p.m. on March 6; 22 MPH on March 7.
Wind Chill: 13 degrees @ 9:52 p.m. on March 4; 7 degrees @ 7:30 a.m. on March 5; 24 degrees @ 7:53 a.m. on March 6.

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