



Open For Business



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Kayla Kramer, Citori, George and Briley, check out the newly opened Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli during the store's "Sneak Preview," Sunday, March 12. The store was open for business Monday, March 13, and a grand opening is planned for Saturday, April 22.

Over 300 people were in attendance at the "Sneak Preview," of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, Sunday, March 12. Refreshments were served from 2:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon, and store manager, Amanda Weems, said the turnout was overwhelming.

"We sold a lot of groceries and the people just kept coming in," she said. "We were so excited to see the community support of the store."

Maxine Lovitt, former owner of Main Street Market & Deli was in attendance Sunday, and expressed appreciation for the re-opening of the store.

Jim Crandall, Associate Director of the UNL Nebraska Cooperative Development Center (NCDC) and cooperative business development specialist since 2000, was instrumental in assisting community members in the process of developing the cooperative market and was

on hand for the Sunday event.

Heather Harwager, president of the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, said she was in awe of the number attending.

"Some said they were hesitant about coming in, but said, 'wow, what a good job, after seeing the store'," Harwager said. "The streets of Stapleton were lined once again and it is what the town used to look like. It was a great thing to see."

Employees at the store are Teresa Schroder, Velda Cassell, Anita Harwager, Brenda Weekly, Kourtney Barnum, Megan Nelson, Aiden Trimble, Margaret Ann Neal, and Erin Frey.

The store will be gearing up for their grand opening and ribbon cutting to be held April 22. Until then, Amanda Weems said, "let us know what you would like to see in your hometown grocery store."



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Manager, Amanda Weems is pictured with Teresa Sweley of the Pop Corner in North Platte. Teresa was on hand for the "Sneak Preview." Pop Corner popcorn is now being stocked in the store. Other Nebraska made and gluten free products are also available.

Two vehicle accident sends one to hospital



LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PHOTO

A two vehicle accident sent Justin Mousel, 23, of Arnold, driver of the pickup, to Great Plains Health in North Platte.

Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson, investigated a two-vehicle accident, Tuesday, March 7, at Avenue 140 and Highway 92 in Logan County. The call came in at approximately 10:26 a.m.

Neil Springsteen, 40, of Marcellus, Michigan, was driving a semi and pulling a flatbed hay trailer, and was attempting to turn left on Avenue 140. The trailer was

struck on the rear passenger side by a westbound 2012 white Dodge pickup driven by Justin Mousel, 23, of Arnold. Mousel was pulling a 2015 gooseneck trailer with his pickup.

During the investigation, Mousel said he was attempting to adjust the trailer brakes because he could not feel them grabbing, when he struck the semi-trailer.

Mousel was not wearing

a seat belt. He was the only occupant in the pickup and was transported to Great Plains Health in North Platte, by Stapleton rescue personnel.

Springsteen was not injured.

Sheriff Carson was assisted at the scene by Stapleton Fire and Rescue and McPherson County Sheriff, Tim McConnell.

Barnun wins design contest

Kourtney Barnum, a senior at Stapleton High School, and an outstanding art student, has won the Eclipse glasses design contest for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.

The Eclipse on the Range committee met Tuesday, March 7, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Stapleton, and 10,000 glasses will be ordered for the upcoming August 21 event.

A horse pulling competition and pork breakfast were added to the schedule of events.

Gary and Liz Johnsen, overall Eclipse coordinators, attended the Village of Stapleton Board of Directors meeting to speak with them about events to be held inside the Village limits.

Tickets for events will be made available on the website through the North Platte Visitor's Center.

The next regular Eclipse meeting was set for Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Activities are being added to the line-up list and more housing is needed for people calling to confirm they will be coming to Stapleton.



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Kourtney Barnum wears the T-shirt she received for winning the design contest for the Eclipse. Kourtney's design will be printed on 10,000 glasses being ordered by the Eclipse on the Range group.

Road to "Property Tax Reform" comes to town



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Kevin Fiechtner and Eric Vickers, Farm Bureau Insurance agent in Gothenburg, man the sign-up table as the "Road to Property Tax Reform" came to Stapleton, Saturday afternoon, March 11. Organizers said a good turnout was on hand at the Community Center for the Farm Bureau sponsored event. See page 12 for story.

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Weather



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9	64	23	0

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Observations: Wind, 30 MPH on March 9. A trace of snow was received on March 7 & 10 and .01" of snow was measured on March 11. Total February moisture was .59" and snow measuring 9.2" fell in February.

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