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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

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The Rialto Theatre Will Be
Closed April 13, 14 & 15

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By: Larry Hardesty
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Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
3	49	19	T
4	36	13	0
5	61	16	0
6	59	25	.08
7	25	7	.12
8	39	7	0
9	61	29	0

Snowfall measured .5" on April 6 and 0.9" on April 7.

The windchill was 10 degrees at 9:00 a.m. on April 4 and 19 degrees at 6:00 a.m. on April 9.

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Dreaming of a ...“white” Easter



Residents woke up Easter morning, April 1, to approximately 6" of snow in and around Stapleton. While most agreed they weren't dreaming of a “white” Easter, road conditions allowed travel later that morning and no accidents were reported in Logan County. The Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is pictured blanketed with snow Sunday morning.

There wasn't any snow in the Stapleton Park, Saturday afternoon, March 31, as the annual Easter egg hunt went off without a hitch. Rokker Sierks, pictured below right, searches for eggs in the preschool area and quickly had his basket filled. A good number of children braved the cold to search for candy-filled plastic eggs under the sponsorship of the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of the Stapleton High School National Honor Society and student council members. Rokker is the son of Cody and Charlie Sierks of Stapleton.

Winners in the Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli coloring contest and receiving large Easter baskets for their efforts were:

Pre-Kindergarten: Paige Morash; First Grade: Hunter Schaeffer; Second Grade: Abilene Torrez; Third Grade: Dually Schell; Fourth Grade: Kempton Florea.

Don't be the dealer



Keep them safe. Clean them out.
Take them back.

SAT., APRIL 28 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Logan County Sheriff's Office

The Logan County Sheriff's office will be a collection site for the Drug Enforcement Agency's National RX Take-Back Day. The event will be held nationwide, Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

DEA began hosting National Prescription Drug Take-Back events in 2010. Millions of pounds of unwanted, unneeded or expired medications were surrendered for safe and proper disposal.

At the Take-Back Day in April 2017, over 5,400 sites spread across the nation, collected unwanted medications totaling over 900,000 pounds. The disposal service is free and anonymous for consumers, with no questions asked.

Keep in mind that needles, sharps, asthma inhalers, and illicit drugs are not accepted at the drop box.

Opioid abuse is at epidemic levels in the U.S., and a top public health concern.

The DEA's “Take-Back” initiative is one of several strategies under the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010 to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion in the nation. Additional strategies include education of health care providers, patients, parents and youth; establishing prescription drug monitoring programs in all 50 states; and increased enforcement to

address illicit methods of prescription drug diversion.

Veterinary drugs will also be accepted.

Prescription medications play an important role in the health of millions of Americans.

However, expired medications or unused drugs often stay in the back of cabinets for months or even years. These expired drugs can pose significant health hazards to toddlers, teens, and even family pets who may inadvertently consume medications.

Some medications are so potent that even one dose could be fatal if accidentally ingested.

Misuse of prescription narcotic drugs is increasingly a major public health concern. Over 46,000 Americans die each year from drug-related deaths, with more than half being from heroin and prescription opioids. The abuse of prescription narcotics is second only to the use of marijuana.

A U.S. government report shows that more than 70 percent of people who first misuse prescription drugs get them from their friends, relatives or simply take them without asking.

A 2017 report in *Pediatrics* revealed that a child's risk of a potentially fatal drug overdose more than doubles if a parent brings home a prescription opioid pain-

killer like oxycodone, codeine or morphine. Researchers have found that nearly 70 percent of prescription opioids in homes with children are not stored safely.

The Logan County Sheriff's office is pleased to be a part of this nationwide effort in helping area residents dispose of unwanted medications in a safe manner. Contact Sheriff Carson or Deputy Wood for more information.



George Kramer, son of Frank and Kayla Kramer of Stapleton, poses for a picture with the Easter bunny at the Stapleton Park. Area children bundled up and were prepared for cold weather conditions as they hunted eggs in the park. As one mother said, “these are Nebraska kids, they're used to it.”



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Work continues at fairgrounds



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Work continues at the Logan County Fairgrounds in preparation for the new concession stand. The former concession stand has been sold and removed from the fairgrounds, the storage shed demolished, and the cottonwood tree that has stood as a “sentinel” for as long as anyone can remember, has been taken down. The tree was estimated to be over 100 years old.

Falling limbs, including a huge branch that crashed down during the Logan County Fair barbecue a few years back and almost hitting a fair-goer necessitated the removal.

“We really hated to take the tree down, but we felt for safety reasons, and potential damage to our new concession stand, it had to be done,” Russ Barnum, president of the Logan County Ag Society said.

Ag Society members will be conducting a tree planting event at the fairgrounds on Arbor Day, Friday, April 27. The Ag Society has received \$2,500 in Monsanto grant funds that will be used to plant trees at the fairgrounds.

Dirt work has been completed by volunteers. Walz Construction has started work on the septic system and concrete for the new concession stand.