



Recycling facility up & running

MARCIA HORA

The Village of Stapleton's recycling facility located on J Street is becoming a reality thanks to the work of Village of Stapleton Clerk Stacey Anderson, who obtained a \$293,500 grant from The Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Stapleton received the grant in 2021 to construct a 100' x 60' building to replace the former building that was in need of repair.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust was established in 1992 to conserve, enhance and restore the natural environments of Nebraska. It was created on the conviction that a prosperous future is dependent upon a sound natural environment and that Nebraskans could collectively achieve real progress on real environmental issues if seed money were provided. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the trust has provided more than \$328 million in grants to more than 2,300 projects across the state to improve water quality, protect habitat, and establish recycling programs in the state.

The Trust especially seeks projects that bring public and private partners together collaboratively to implement high-quality, cost effective projects. Spending on approved projects is not to be a replacement for tax-funded projects or mandates and operations of government; it is used solely to carry out innovative ideas making Nebraska's good life even better.



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The new Village of Stapleton recycling facility located on J Street is up and running. The building was made possible by a \$293,500 Environmental Trust grant and will house a cardboard and paper baler. The site also recycles plastic, tin and aluminum, and is a drop-off point for lumber, furniture, and appliances. It is available to paying rural customers and Village of Stapleton patrons. Please use appropriate areas and read all signs prior to depositing items.

Criteria for project eligibility includes a net gain for the environment and provides public benefit.

Other grants awarded in 2021 in this area include:

- Upper Loup NRD, \$49,200 for a no-till drill.
- Sandhills Task Force, \$348,000 for the Sandhills Working Ranch Conservation Partnership.

In the term of request, Clerk Anderson said "the Village of Stapleton is a small community of 300, however we serve 900 plus customers for their recycling needs. To promote waste reduction in our rural area, the village is in serious need of a recycling building. This facility would house the cardboard baler as well as vehicles required to maintain and gather and dispose of recycling materials. Only a small amount of bales can be completed before halting production to transport the bales to a separate



storage facility due to lack of space. A new facility would allow us to store bales on site until market end. The village is requesting funds in the amount of \$293,500 to expand current recycling efforts and assist in helping surrounding communities in their ability to properly dispose of their waste and meet recycling needs. The building would be constructed on village owned property."

A paper baler will also be housed in the new facility and the J Street site

is available for plastic, aluminum and tin recycling.

Jackson Concrete was general contractor for the building that also includes a work area and restroom. Richard's Electric, Aupperle Plumbing and Frey's Heating & Air were subcontractors.

Village residents and paying rural customers may also drop off lumber, furniture, appliances, and metal. Please use designated receptacles. The Village of Stapleton also has a site located east of town for garden and lawn refuse and tree limbs and branches.

The Village of Stapleton recycling facility is a great asset to not only Stapleton, but the surrounding area. If you would like to sign up to use the dumpsters located on J Street, please contact Village of Stapleton Clerk, Stacey Anderson, at 308-636-2960.



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The cardboard baler has been installed in the recycling facility. The building will also house a paper baler and has ample storage space for baled items. The building also will have storage, work areas and a restroom.

Sandhills Elixir now available locally

You've read about it in a feature article by Flatwater Press in newspapers all across Nebraska. It's soon to be featured in national publications and magazines.

There's been lots of publicity about this new "booze" without the "buzz" and it's now available locally at Herbie's Speakeasy, located in Creative Printers in Stapleton.

Andrew Wassinger, a food scientist, and Erica Wassinger, a venture capitalist investor, have combined their skills and their own desire for an alcohol alternative to conjure Sandhills Elixir, a "zero-proof spirit."

It's a liquor substitute made by blending ingre-



MEGAN AMOS - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Melody Hansen, right, was on hand to try out Sandhills Elixir at Herbie's Speakeasy in Stapleton. The "zero-proof spirit" made in Valentine using water from the Ogallala aquifer and prairie flavors, is being widely publicized nationwide and provides an alternative to those wanting "alcohol-free" spirits. Select from chokecherry, cranberry, elderberry, ginger lemon, and sage to create delicious "mocktails" for family and friends. Erica Wassinger of Omaha was on hand for the tasting event. She and her husband, Andrew, invented the product and are marketing it across the state in small shops and boutiques. Marcia Hora, left, Herbie's Speakeasy owner said she knew she had to offer this as soon as she read the Flatwater Press story.

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Hwy. 83 flag raising on June 14

A first-time raising of the U.S. flag will occur on Flag Day, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at mile marker 100 on U.S. Highway 83. This location is 15 miles north of North Platte or 10 miles south of Stapleton. The flag will fly from a lighted 70' pole.

Veterans of military service, veterans groups, police-sheriff-state patrol, fire fighters, first responders, and medical personnel will be invited.

Everyone in the area is invited to attend and support all those who have served.

Contact John Childears at 308-539-4450 for more information.

New features inside

You asked for it and we delivered. Savvy Senior by Jim Miller, contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book, answers questions on topics you are interested in. Crossword puzzles have been requested for quite some time and this week we will begin this feature sponsored by Hen House Cafe. Be sure to thank them for their sponsorship. Enjoy!

Event Calendar

June 3 - Poker Night, 7:00
Vet's Club; Ladies Night
Out at Brush Fire Studio,
6:00-10:00 p.m.
June 6 - Poker Night, 7:00
Vet's Club
June 8 - Banner Mother's
Club, 1:30 p.m.
June 9 - Cornerstone
Christian Women's
Salad Luncheon, noon,
Evangelical Presbyterian
Church, Stapleton
June 10 - Poker Night, 7:00
Vet's Club
June 13 - Poker Night, 7:00
Vet's Club

Small Animal Shot Clinic

Bierman Vet Services will be coming to Stapleton, Friday, June 10 for a small animal shot clinic. They will be set up in the Stapleton Park Shelter from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to assist you with shots for your pets.

Village of Stapleton Clerk Stacey Anderson will be on hand to license your dogs. A license for all dogs is required within the Village of Stapleton limits and you must provide a copy of your dogs rabies vaccination records. Please take advantage of the shot clinic.

Weather

DATE	HI	LOW	MT.
21	54	38	0
22	57	29	T
23	66	30	T
24	50	42	.63
25	56	42	.06
26	66	39	0
27	81	39	0

Fog was observed on May 24 and May 25. Winds at 35 MPH were recorded at 3:00 p.m. on May 25. Data is recorded @ 7:00 a.m. for the previous 24 hour period

Stapleton's On Sale
Saturday, June 25

McPherson Co. News



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- Graphic Files
- Barbed Wire Poem

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Public Notice

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