

SPS board issues statement in support of Supt.

An exchange between Stapleton Public Schools Superintendent Brian T. Redinger and Austin Schell of Stapleton, has resulted in charges being filed March 10 by Logan County Attorney Andrew Van Velson.

Superintendent Redinger was cited for third degree assault, threatening in a menacing manner, after a January 31, 2023 incident between the two at approximately 12:55 p.m. in the school. An investigation by the Logan County Sheriff's office led to the charges. Van Velson said there was no physical injury and Schell was threatened in a menacing manner. The Class I misdemeanor charge carries a possible sentence of up to one year in jail, a fine of \$1,000 or both.

At the regular Stapleton Public Schools Board of Education meeting Monday, March 20, the board went into executive session to discuss action on the litigation with the school's attorney, Jason Johnson of KSB School Law of Lincoln.

School board president Frank Kramer told those in attendance after the executive session the school board attorney would read a statement and

Jason Johnson read the following statement to those present at the meeting: "The Board of Education is aware of the misdemeanor citation against Superintendent Redinger. Superintendent Redinger immediately reported this matter to the Board of Education, and the Board of Education worked with legal counsel to investigate the incident. After a thorough investigation, the Board of Education has determined that Superintendent Redinger acted lawfully and within the scope of his authority on January 31, 2023 when he requested that a disruptive patron leave the school building and sought assistance from law enforcement when the disruptive patron refused to do so. In light of the facts of the incident, the Board of Education is confident that Superintendent Redinger will be exonerated through the legal process and intends to support him throughout the process."

Board members voted unanimously to indemnify Mr. Redinger, including defense costs, and direct school district attorneys to assist with that defense.

Quota Met At Blood Drive



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

The Stapleton High School scholarship sponsored blood drive met the goal of 32 and students said they were very pleased with the turnout. They thank everyone for donating their life-saving blood.

Students assisting with the drive pictured above, l-r: Abigale Nicholson, Caleb Burnside, Cooper Layher, Ethan Weems, Tad Dimmitt, and Arena Fetty.

Blood donors at this drive were Amanda Weems, Tad Dimmitt, Abigale Nicholson, Kyle Kramer, Caleb Burnside, Peyton Moore, Rex Walz, Polly Burnside, Joseph Salisbury, Brent Charlton, Cooper Layher, Will Sisson, Jenni Joedeman, Kristie Walz, Jon Walz, Rich Burnside, Jeana Hanna, Vera Jividen, William Jividen, Alex Honeywell, Patty Stewart, Justin Rahn, Elizabeth Fetty, Missy Kramer, Sandy Lanka, Steven Cain, Conner Weekly, Kaden Allen, Eric Kioke, Don Burton, Aline Burton, Dasie Nichols, and Tracey Dimmitt.

The American Red Cross needs your blood donation. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This life-saving care starts with one person making a generous donation. The need for blood is constant, but only 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. You can help the American Red Cross make sure that supply meets demand. Be watching for the next blood drive in Stapleton and be a donor.

Seized cattle sold at North Platte sale barn

The cattle of Larry Mikoloyck and Matthew Mikoloyck were sold Tuesday, March 21, at the North Platte Stockyards. Lincoln County District Judge Michael Piccolo issued the order on Wednesday, March 15.

The cattle were seized March 2 by the Lincoln County Sheriff's office after an investigation of abuse of livestock in different areas in rural Lincoln County. Information had been obtained that numerous cattle, horses and other livestock were not being cared for in Logan County and Lincoln County deputies were helped by the Nebraska Brand Inspectors Office and Nebraska State Patrol Aircraft to complete an investigative search warrant to inspect the livestock under the control of the two Lincoln County men.

Cost of feed and care of the cattle as of March 15 was about \$76,500 and another \$13,500 was estimated in trucking and veterinary fees. Proceeds from the sale were to be used to pay North Platte

Stockyards, truckers and for veterinary services.

Both men are each facing 10 counts of abandon/cruel neglect of livestock leading to injury or death (a class 4 felony) in Lincoln County and six counts in Logan County, along with misdemeanor charges.

An independent review of the condition of the cattle was requested by the defendants and will be conducted. All reference to Mikoloyck's sheep were redacted and the sheep remained in the care of an agent of the defendants.

The defendants both posted 10% of their \$100,000 bond and were ordered to have no contact with a sale barn or veterinarian or to purchase any livestock. They waived their pre-hearing and were heard in Logan County District Court on March 17. They entered pleas of not guilty. Logan County Attorney Andrew Van Velson said if an agreement is not reached in District Court the case will go to either a jury or bench trial.

Two new principals at SPS

MARCIA HORA

Contracts with two new principals were approved at the regular Stapleton Public Schools board meeting held Monday, March 20 in the school library.

Bobbi Isom, who has been substitute teaching at the school, was hired as elementary principal for the 2023-24 school year. Jeremiah Johnson will be the secondary principal and activities director for the 2023-24 school year.

Mrs. Isom has been substituting for Mr. Hynes, who was deployed in January and will finish out this school year. She was the middle school principal at Madison for two years and has been in education for 33 years. She taught history for 25 years in North Platte middle schools and elementary special education in Southern California.

"I came out of retirement because I missed teaching and I am excited and looking forward to this new position at Stapleton Public Schools," Mrs. Isom said.

Jeremiah Johnson has



Jeremiah Johnson
Secondary Principal &
Activities Director

served as an English Language Arts teacher for the last eight years prior to becoming an Administrator for Stapleton Public Schools. He has been at Cedar Bluffs Public Schools the last four years and before arriving at Cedar Bluffs he taught English at Elba Public Schools and Princeton High School in Princeton, California.

He has also coached a variety of sports at multiple levels (youth, middle school and varsity) and he has spent the last two years as the head middle school football coach and



Brenda Isom
Elementary
Principal

assistant middle school track coach at Cedar Bluffs. Mr. Johnson has coached football, basketball, volleyball, track, and softball over the last 20 plus years.

Before obtaining his first teaching job in 2015, he spent six and a half years serving in the U.S. Air Force and has also worked four years for the National Park Service.

Mr. Johnson has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from California State University Chico, a Master of Science Degree in Advanced Teaching Practices with a focus on

Instructional and Digital Literacy from National University in California and will complete his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in July 2023.

Mr. Johnson strongly believes in the opportunity that a strong educational experience provides. He always encourages students to pursue their individual passions with enthusiasm and purpose and he strives to do all he can to ensure that all his students are well cared for, supported, and encouraged in whatever interests they hold.

"I am beyond grateful and excited for the opportunity to join the Stapleton community," Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson also has a 14-year-old daughter Kasi who will be a freshman at Papillion LaVista South High School this upcoming fall.

Duane McClain addressed the board and re-

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Easter Egg Hunt

Stapleton's annual Easter egg hunt will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 3:15 p.m. at Stapleton Public Schools. Please note the location change. All pre-school through 4th grade students are welcome to participate. The Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce Junior Chamber members are coordinating this year's hunt.

Clean-Up Day Scheduled

The Village of Stapleton, Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce and Stapleton Public Schools are teaming up this year for Stapleton Community Clean-Up Day set for Thursday, April 20. Please pitch in and help make our Village clean and tidy. Recycling services will be available to all one day only and you may take items to the Village recycling facility located at the west edge of town. Branches and yard waste may be taken to the Village landfill east of Stapleton. Contact Stacey Anderson at 308-636-2960 if you would like assistance.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
18	40	10	T
19	33	10	O
20	57	15	O
21	53	23	O
22	51	24	O
23	46	21	T
24	52	21	O
25	35	27	O

Observations: Wind chill -3 degrees at 7:00 a.m. March 18; wind chill 4 degrees @ 3:15 a.m.; fog on March 21; 3+\" snow in northern Logan County and eastern McPherson County on March 23; brief fog west on March 25.

Easter Sunday
April 9

McPherson Co. News



- Over The Hills
- Graphic Files
- New Focus On 4-H Podcast At Extension

Notices

- Village Of Gandy Notice
- Loup Valley Cemetery Meeting Notice
- McCain Cemetery Meeting Notice
- School District R-1 Board Proceedings

Event Calendar

April 1 - Stapleton Coop Market & Deli
Shareholder's Meeting & Anniversary Celebration
April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt, Stapleton Public Schools, 3:15 p.m.; V.F.W. Auxiliary Meeting, Vet's Club, 1:00 p.m.
April 7, 10 & 11 - Easter break - no school.

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