

Special Stapleton Visitors

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Two special visitors made their way to Creative Printers last week to gather some Stapleton memorabilia.

Rob Seamans and son, Robert of New York City, made a tour of the village and took pictures of various points of interest including St. John's Catholic Church.

Seamans is the great-grandson of Daniel Casey Stapleton for whom the village was named. His mother is Stella Mae Renchard Seamans.

Daniel Casey and Stella (Hamilton) Stapleton had one daughter, Stelita Stapleton who married George Renchard. Stella is George and Stelita's daughter.

Seamans said he is the oldest of five children and currently is a professor at New York University conducting research on artificial intelligence.

The Stapletons continue to have land holdings in western Nebraska and Seaman said he also visited the Hayes County area.

As readers of *The Enterprise* know the village

was named after Daniel Casey Stapleton more than 100 years ago. Harry E. O'Neill, secretary-treasurer of the Loup Valley Land Company decided to honor Mr. Stapleton by naming the town after his personal friend.

Daniel C. Stapleton never lived in the village, nor did he frequent it. He is well-known for being from the upper society of Omaha, living in the jungles of South America and Washington, D.C. and even the court of the King of England.

Seamans was given the manuscript copy of "Who Was Dan Stapleton?" written by Larry Hardesty, a St. John's Catholic Church history book, Centennial postcards, and 2017 Total Solar Eclipse memorabilia.

Creative Printers received the following email from Rob Seamans on August 1, "It was a pleasure to meet you yesterday. Thank you for sharing the PDF of the Dan Stapleton manuscript. It has been an interesting read - he is a bit of a mysterious character! I'll forward along the PDF to my family. Thanks also for showing us the speakeasy. It is very well



Rob Seamans and his son, Robert, pose in Herbie's Speakeasy located in Creative Printers. The two special Stapleton visitors enjoyed touring the village and picking up some memorabilia. Seamans is the great-grandson of Daniel Casey Stapleton, the person for whom the village was named.

stocked and I have been enjoyed the Dan Wiser

Ale that I purchased. All the best."

Seamans said he was enjoying his visit in the area

and coming back to see Stapleton again.

Improvements over summer at SPS

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The summer months have been busy ones at Stapleton Public Schools. Several rooms were renovated and the front steps were reconstructed to make them compliant. New flooring was installed in several rooms and distance learning was moved to the third floor. The sixth grade will now be on the second floor by the fourth and fifth grade rooms. A sidewalk was also poured on the south side of the school to the shop building.

The first day of school for students will be August 16. Teachers will be back in the building on August 11. An open house will be held Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. You may tour the school and meet with teachers. A coaches meeting will follow the open house. Stapleton Schools Booster Club will be providing a free meal in the school lobby to help welcome everyone back for the new school year.

Several new faces will be walking the halls this year and include:

Jeremiah Johnson will be the new secondary principal and athletic director. Mr. Johnson served as an English Language Arts teacher for the

last eight years prior to becoming an administrator. 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.

Mr. Johnson spent six and a half years serving in the U.S. Air Force and has also worked four years for the National Park Service.

He has moved into a house in Stapleton and has a 14-year-old daughter Kasi who will be a freshman at Papillion LaVista South High School this fall.

Bobbi Isom will be the new elementary principal and curriculum specialist for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Isom substituted for Mr. Hynes at Stapleton Public Schools while he was deployed. She was the middle school principal at Madison for two years and has been in education for 35 years. She taught history for 25 years in North Platte middle schools and elementary special education in Southern California.

Mrs. Isom came out of retirement because she missed teaching and is excited and looking forward to her new position at Stapleton Public



Schools.

Holdrege alumni, Mrs. Megan Jones will be the new sixth grade teacher. She taught five years at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School in Omaha and recently moved to an acreage north of North Platte.

Miss Gentry Barner, an alumni of McPherson County High School and a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, is a first year teacher.

She will be the new Kindergarten teacher.

The new physical education teacher is Mr. Josh Deines. He taught 10 years at Sandhills Public Schools and lives in Arnold.

Klara Dailey of Stapleton is the new officer manager and Cherie Kramer is a new para-educator and she will assist with junior high volleyball.

Logan County Fair & Rodeo

The 2023 edition of the Logan County Fair & Nebraska's Biggest Little Rodeo kicked off last Saturday, July 29, with a jam session at the fair building. See page 12 for picture and information. Complete results of all the fair and rodeo activities will be published in our special fair section.

Tractor-Suburban Accident Sends Two To Hospital

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office investigated an accident Thursday, July 20 at approximately 10:45 a.m. involving a tractor and Suburban.

The tractor was east-bound on Garfield and the Suburban was north-bound on Hodges road. The tractor rolled through the stop sign and was struck by the Suburban.

Emmalee Nicholson, 16

of Stapleton, driver of the Suburban and her passenger were taken to Great Plains Health where they were treated and released. The 14-year-old tractor driver was not injured. Stapleton and North Platte Fire & Rescue were on scene.

The Suburban was estimated as a total loss. The tractor sustained significant damage to the front tire and axle.

Informal Question & Answer Session in Stapleton Park

Everyone in the community is invited to join an informal question and answer session presented by Stapleton Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Are there any questions you have always wanted to ask concerning Christianity?

Such as:

- Are tatoos all right?
- Can I be a believer and not joint a church?
- Do I have to give up smoking and drinking to be a believer?
- Is baptism necessary for salvation?
- Which Bible version is correct?
- How do we know the Bible is God's word?

Or any other question. Refreshments will be served and ask that question you've always wanted to ask.

All are welcome!

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
29	94	60	1.12
30	84	63	0
31	89	65	.57
Aug. 1	84	66	.03
2	83	66	T
3	86	65	.70
4	82	63	.60

Thunder was recorded on July 29, 31, August 2, 3 and 4. Pea to quarter size hail was observed on July 29. There was fog on July 30 and August 1. It was cloudy on August 1, 2, 3, and 4. Total July moisture was 5.09" with a total year to date moisture total of 20.71"

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