

## New Salem Fire Department responds to fire Monday evening

**NEW SALEM FD-** On Monday evening, April 20th, New Salem Fire Department was paged just before 5:30 pm for a report of a structure fire northwest of New Salem off of 25th Street Southwest in Oliver County. The fire was in New Salem's primary response area, and based on initial reports from the scene, the department sent multi-

ple pages to gain a full and fast response to the incident. The department responded with over 20 firefighters and "emptied the hall" by bringing every fire truck to the scene (9 units in total from New Salem). Oliver County Fire was also paged for mutual aid response while New Salem FD was enroute. First-responding crews in Engine 1

and Tanker 1 arrived to find heavy fire in a large quonset building, a fully engulfed structure beside it, and grass fire spreading to the south-southeast into tree rows and out of the farmyard. These crews began a fire attack of the structure fire, while quickly-following wild-land fire units stopped forward progress of the grass fire. Glen Ullin

Fire Department was requested for mutual aid in the form of a tanker to provide additional water at the scene given the amount of active fire. New Salem's Tanker 1 also traveled back to town to refill and return to the scene with another 3,000 gallons of water to help extinguish the fire, which involved several large farm implements that were in the structures. Crews spent time ensuring the fire was completely out before departing the scene around 8:45 pm.

## Mandan Public Schools appoints new principals

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The new school year will see plenty of changes for Mandan Public Schools- including the closure of Custer Elementary- and the same is true for its staff members. Starting with the Fall 2026 semester, new faces will become the principals of two local elementary schools.

According to a press release from MPS, the school board has already decided who will be asked to occupy these seats. Jamie Entzi, the current principal of Custer Elementary, will be the new principal of Red Trail Elementary.

He will replace Dave Steckler, who is retiring after 20 years of service.

Roosevelt Elementary, meanwhile, will receive Nikki Schaff as its new principal. Schaff is currently the assistant principal of Lincoln Elementary, and is a Mandan native. She will be replacing current principal Wade Meschke, who is in the process of transitioning to a new role as Mandan's Assistant Superintendent of Schools under Dr. Carly Retterath.

More information on Red Trail and Roosevelt elementaries, as well as their new principals, can be found on the MPS website.



**JAMIE ENTZI**, new principal of Red Trail Elementary.



**NIKKI SCHAFF** will become principal of Roosevelt Elementary. photos | Mandan Public Schools

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