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Facebook: Its Better To Be Safe Than Sorry!

By: Rachelle Preston, Sophomore

More and more of the population is joining networks on facebook. Facebook is a website that allows you to keep in touch with people, and keep up to date on new events of the person, see their pictures, and see who all their friends are. You can do more, like send bumper stickers, which are little pictures with sayings on them. So what is the actual reason for this craze of facebook?

"I love facebook," stated Christa Eastburn, junior. "It's a great way to be able to talk with friends close by or far away. It keeps you posted on love ones, and of course Bumper Stickers, which I'm addicted to."

Eamon Schwarz, 7th, said that "it's addicting when you first get it." You may be asking though, is my child safe on facebook?

Well parents, you should not be the only one worried about that. Kids should also be aware of what they are getting into. Know this, when colleges are checking on your transcripts, they also search you on facebook. Even if they don't see your profile, they can still see pictures you were tagged in by other friends, which are openly on the Internet.



"Be aware of what you put on the internet in general."

Also, facebook users, be careful of what you say on facebook or the pictures you put on there. In Arnold especially, there are many adults that have facebook. And if you get a reputation of dirty language and bad pictures, people will remember that years from now. If you're a seventh grader or a junior in high school, be aware of the things you put on the internet in general. People are very aware of cussing going on profiles, especially of kids in the younger group, and also alluring pictures, also very common on the profiles of younger kids.

Another thing that can get you in trouble, add people in your age group. High schoolers don't mind younger kids on facebook, but they may not want you to add them.. High schoolers don't really want to be bullies, but they may not want to have you as a friend on facebook.

Don't add people that you don't know. Even if they look safe. You don't know them, so don't add them.

So, parents, you should also be aware of what your child is doing on facebook and other sites on the internet as well. Look for signs in your child, such as: staying up late, closing out of things when you come into the room, and talking to people that you don't recognize.

Use facebook for what it was originally created for: keeping in touch with friends.. Safely.

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Twilight: Book Vs. Movie

By: Alexis Schwarz, Senior

The *Twilight* series by Stephanie Meyer is a lot of things. The new phenomenon... A pseudo-cult that involves girls from the age of 12 to 89, a hobby, or an obsession... call it what you like. But no one can argue that it's taking the world by storm. These highly publicized, very popular series of four vampire books have become a household name from California to New Jersey, so what better idea than to make the first book a Blockbuster movie?

The first *Twilight* movie came out on November 21st and made \$70 million dollars in the first week. Thousands, even millions maybe, of loyal *Twilight* fans ordered their tickets early, braved the hour-long lines, and sat down with their oversized buckets of popcorn to watch the show. "The movie was magical!" said Kelsey Hauser, senior. "We went to the midnight movie and it was better than I expected. The only thing I was close to disappointed with would be the events that I felt were major, but the movie skipped or lightly skimmed over."

For example, the infamous "meadow scene". It was such a monumental part of the book because that is when Bella

sees Edward out in the sun for the first time and it's really a seal on their developing relationship. In the movie, they're not even in a meadow when this happens and it's about a 7 second clip, while in the book it's about a whole chapter.

It's a well-known fact that no matter how spectacular a movie is, 99% of the time it won't equal the book, although it might not have matched the book, the expectations about the movie were more than exceeded. "The movie did a good job of following most of the storyline in the book. It jumped around some, but I'm sure it's hard to squeeze everything together in a two hour movie," said Amanda Winfield, senior.

Mr. Cole, With a Rolling Pin, In The Library

By: Amanda Winfield, Senior

Victims, weapons, suspects, and possible rooms, all of these made for a great Saturday night at Arnold Public Schools!

On Saturday December 6th, the Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol (TADA) hosted a real life game of clue, in the school, where students divided up in to teams of 5-6, to search the school, going from room to room, asking the adult in the room questions that would lead them to the answer to a life size game of clue.

"It was really fun, it was a good thing for students, so that they could have fun without getting in trouble," said Derrick Bowers, Senior.

After the question was asked, the students then rolled the dice to decide which room to go to next. Though there was no actual victim it still made for a very fun-filled night.

The students had quite a few possibilities on who, what and where the crime was. Suspects committed for the crime included: Mrs. Ayres, Shar Peterson and Peggy Beatty, Mrs. Badgley, Mr. Cole, Mr. Jag, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Schwarz, and Mrs. Lanham.



The weapons include: pushed into a File Cabinet, beat with a rolling pin.

Brady Weinman, Charlie Blowers, and Eamon Schwarz.

strangled with a mouse cord, stoned by basketballs, ran over with an AV cart, smothered with an unabridged dictionary, jabbed with a compass, or crushed by a book case.

The possible rooms were: Counselors Office, Home Ec. Kitchen, Mrs. Badgley's, Mr. Cole's, Mr. Jag's, Mrs. Mills Room, the Science room, and the Library.

In the end though, the criminal was Mr. Cole with a rolling pin, in the library!

The students also enjoyed a movie, *Get Smart*, which was played in the old gym. Students were able to bring pillows, blankets, drinks, popcorn, and anything else they wanted to bring in order to watch the movie.

"We got the ideas from the youth congress trip that we took to Kearney, and we thought that it would be something good that the students would enjoy," said Jana Cool.

Jana Cool and April Mills were two of the TADA members that took a big part in helping set this up. Mrs. Badgley, Mrs. Ayres, and Mrs. Moninger were the teachers that helped put this event together.

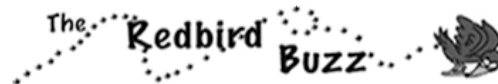
"I had a great time, I would definitely go to another event like this," said Brady Weinman, 7th grader.

There will, in fact, be other events that the TADA will be hosting, including a dance in January, and turning the football field in to a giant pool table sometime later this spring. But there will be



Jon Magill, Allison Rosentrater, and Christa Eastburn in the Kitchen.

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Senior Page

By: Amanda Winfield, Senior

Due Dates

LAST WARNING!!

Pictures for Senior Slide Show

Due: January 6th

Class Wills

Due: January 6th

Class Prophecies

Due: January 6th

Class History

Due: January 6th

All of these need to be given to Mr. Harvey

ACT Dates

Code for online registration

280-085

Test Dates

February 7, 2009

April 4, 2009

June 13, 2009



Jessica Preston

Where do you plan on going to college?
Nebraska College of Wesleyan
What do you plan on majoring in?
Communication
What's one of your best memories with our class?
The bonfire that we had our sophomore year.



Casey Edelman

Where do you plan on going to college?
UNK or UNL
What do you want to major in?
History
What's one of your best memories with our class?
All of our Junior year, and our senior year so far.



Allison Rosentrater

Where do you plan on going to college?
UNK, University of Sioux Falls, or Doane
What do you plan on majoring in?
Athletic Training
What's are some of your best memories with our class?
The class party that we had at the end of our sophomore year.



Amanda Winfield

Where do you plan on going to college?
Hastings Community College
What do you want to major in?
Journalism and photo journalism
What's one of your best memories with our class?
All of the times that we got together to take some kind of pictures as a class.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Norma Ross Walter Scholarship Program of the Willa Cather Foundation

Applicants must be perspective first year college women students who have been or plan to be graduated fro Nebraska high school and who plan to continue their educations as English majors in accredited colleges or universities. Selection is based on intellectual promise, creativity and character of the applicant.

\$1000 Deadline January 31, 2009

See Mrs. Ayres for application.

FRED Scholarship Fund – The FRED Scholarship Fund provides educational opportunities for individuals with a rural background who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade/vocational school and have demonstrated a commitment to rural life. Scholarship amounts range from \$1000 to \$2500 with up to \$5000 being awarded to the top applicant.

Since this application requires a sponsorship form from the telephone company, please mail the application and the requested documents by January 30, 2009 to: Great Plains Communications, Inc., Attention: Jacque Wilkins, P.O. Box 500, Blair, NE 68008. They will enclose a sponsorship letter and forward the packet to the FRED scholarship committee prior to the February 16 deadline. <http://www.fred.org>.

Peter Kiewit Foundation Legacy Scholarship

Funds may be used to attend any public or private regionally accredited four-year college or university within Nebraska

www.peterkiewitfoundation.org

Mrs. Ayres has copies of the application. Due January 7, 2009 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Due January 9

Elks Vocational Scholarship - Due January 9

Elks National Foundation Legacy Award - Due January 2. For Elk Families. www.elks.org/enf/scholars for contest information.

Get applications from Mrs. Ayres for all Elks scholarships

Six Conclave Broadcasting & Music Industry Scholarships for 2009 available.

Learn more visit: www.radioscholarships.com or www.theconclave.com
The Conclave is a non-profit radio education organization based in Minneapolis.

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Mrs Lynn Ayres website <http://apserver.arnold.k12.ne.us/~layres/Site/Welcome.html>

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The Real Meaning of Christmas

By: Amanda Winfield, Senior

People sitting in a line all night long just to get a good deal on a store item? People tackling each other in stores. A man getting killed as people swarmed in just to buy gifts? Does any of this sound like what Christmas is supposed to be about? If you answered yes, then this article won't mean much to you, but I hope that you read it, and try to remember what Christmas is supposed to be about. If you answered no, then we think along the same lines.

I'll admit that I still see things that I really want for Christmas, gifts and material objects. But mostly when I think about Christmas I think about my family coming, normally with a new baby cousin or two, and all of us sitting around, playing cards, chess, and just talking. We do get each other gifts, but that is not the only thing that we do.

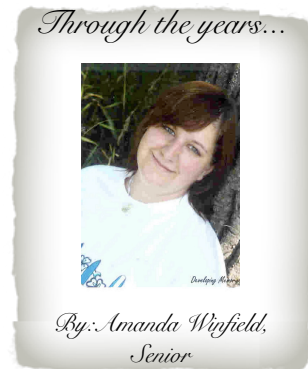
Any more, people just think about what they want: A new Wii, a new cell phone, or some other kind of new gadget. What happened to the time when people would make their gifts? They were the kind of gifts that had meaning in them; they were ones that a person took the time to think about getting the person.

The true meaning of Christmas is supposed to be about giving to others less fortunate than yourself, ones that can not afford

to buy the Wii's and cell phones, and have a hard time even having enough money to buy food for their families. People will pay \$300-\$400 for something that will be out-dated in a few months anyways, and they may not donate money to the homeless, or the people in need.

I'm not meaning to criticize everyone for not donating money, or for buying the big flashy things, because I'm sure that there are people all over that are helping and donating, I just want people to realize that there is more to the holidays than just getting expensive things. There is sitting with your grandmother, baking cookies, and holiday treats, while she tells you stories from her past. There is playing out in the snow with your cousins, sledding, building snow forts while pelting each other with snowballs. There are even the simple things, like watching your new puppy run for the first time in the snow. There are so many little things in the world that people are missing because they are getting so caught up in the world where you can buy happiness. There are so many things that have nothing to do with money that could bring joy to you. Have you ever asked a small child where Santa's Reindeer live? You should try it sometime.

If we start now getting each other the things for Christmas that are from the heart, then we will go back to the real meaning of Christmas. The Christmas where you spend more time talking to your family, enjoying their company, and helping out others.



Dear Patrons,



Next month will mark the end of two school board members' tenure on the Arnold Board of Education and the seating of two new members on the board. Allen Conner and Stephanie Jacobson will conclude their service while Diana Coleman and Al Bishop will begin theirs. The impending change on the board of education got me to thinking about the individuals who represent the people of the district in this important position. In the time of social, economic, technological, and political turbulence, the local school board

remains the best governance mechanism for delivering excellence and fairness in public education for all of our children. As a vital part of the American institution of representative governance, boards are crucial in preserving our democracy, preparing our young people to be productive citizens, and enriching the lives of our communities. That is a big responsibility. But we have been fortunate in this school to have a history of dedicated individuals willing to invest themselves with their time and efforts to meet those responsibilities. It is not an easy task. In fact, at times, it can be down right frustrating. But with dedicated board members showing courage in facing difficult decisions our school is a better place for the students it serves. For that we should be most thankful and appreciative.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Brown, Superintendent

Student Hosts Open House



On December 23, Eugene Walker, Sophomore, held an open house for the Special Education room. All parents, teachers and student were all invited to enjoy punch, coffee, and cookies, which were made by Eugene and Mrs. Barton

Walker decorated the SPED room with help from Mrs. Julie Barton, SPED teacher.

Lifestyle of a teenage....?

By: Rachelle Preston, Sophomore

I'm in high school. I take Biology, World History, Speech and Geometry. I have a curfew, and I spend most of my time with my friends. I get grounded occasionally, and sometimes I get mouthy. I have little spats with my 5-year-old brother. I'm a cheerleader, a volleyball player, a speechie, a mock trial nerd, and I sometimes wonder if I'm the only one who thinks about the things that I think are important. These are all things of a normal teenager. . . But how many of you in high school actually feel like you're a teenager?

We are expected to balance things out... like our school work, with our sports and activity schedule. Our school life, with our social life. Our home time, with our-out-of-the-house time. And on top of all that, we are expected to be in every extracurricular activity our school offers, all though our teachers hate it when we are gone.

Once you hit high school, people want to know: where do you want to go to college? What do you want to do with your life? How do you plan to pay for college? How many scholarships have you filled out? What are you going to do for a summer job? Blah, blah, blah. Let

me ask you something high schoolers. . . . Do you feel like a teenager? Do you feel like your living your teenage years, which are supposed to be carefree and fun. . . Do you feel like you are living your teenage years, or do you feel like your living them, in the perspective of an adult?

So, you tell me. Am I a teenager? Are we teenagers? While you're at it, answer me this. You encourage us to use our minds for a good cause, but when we do, you tell us we are wrong?

So, here we are stuck in this lifestyle of a teenage. . . ? A teenager? I don't feel like a teenager. . . Sleep on it. . .



Student Messages

Due to the volume of phone message requests received by the office, we ask that you only call when it is absolutely necessary. Also, it should be noted that there is no certainty the voicemail messages will be received that day. You are welcome to bring notes and put them on the student bulletin board or on the student's lockers.

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Congratulations to the Football and Volleyball Players!

- Casey Ross received Honorable Mention All State Defensive End.
- Cameron Myer received All State Center.
- Kade Lehmkuhler received All State Lineback.
- Derrick Bowers received Second Team Defensive End.
- Thomas Derr received Second Team All State Running Back.

Congratulations to Allison Rosentrater





In volleyball, Allison Rosentrater received first team

LVC, and Honorable Mention All-State Honor.


★ 2008 Year ★

By: Alexis

Top 10 Songs of 2008

- 1.) Lollipop by Lil Wayne ft. Static Major
- 2.) Love In This Club by Usher ft. Young Jeezy
- 3.) It's Not My Time by 3 Doors Down
- 4.) All Summer Long by Kid Rock





Top 10 Movies of 2008




- 1.) The Dark Knight
- 2.) Wall-E
- 3.) Iron Man
- 4.) Indiana Jones 4
- 5.) Kung Fu Panda
- 6.) Sex and the City
- 7.) Quantum of Solace
- 8.) Twilight
- 9.) Hancock
- 10.) Madagascar 2

Top 10 Books Of 2008

- 1.) The Twilight Series by Stephanie Meyer
- 2.) Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K. Rowling
- 3.) The Shack by William P. Young
- 4.) The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
- 5.) Brisingsr by Christopher Paolini
- 6.) The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

Top 5 Cars of 2008



- 1.) Audi R8
- 2.) BMW 1 Series
- 3.) Dodge Viper S
- 4.) Honda Accord
- 5.) Volvo C 30

Top 10 T.V. Shows of 2008






- 1.) House
- 2.) Prison Break
- 3.) Gossip Girl
- 4.) NCIS
- 5.) Fringe
- 6.) Grey's Anatomy
- 7.) Family Guy
- 8.) Bones

By: Katie Vincent, Senior



Morgan Eggleston, Sadie Christensen, Bobbi Jo Barnes Kailey Sawyer, BR: Michael Larreau, Justin Mousel, Stone Phillips



Skylar Justice and Whitney Weinman sang a duet; A Soft Wind Blew by Donnelly and Strid



Silent Night; Leah Smith Mariah Strasburg, Susan Medina



Ryan Moninger, Leah Smith, Haley Jacobson, Baily Mach, Dayna Larreau



Whitney Weinman sang a solo; Child of Tomorrow by Mark Patterson



Michael Larreau, Wyatt Eggleston, Eamon Schwarz, Emilee Franssen, Susan Medina, Leah Smith



Claire Beshaler, Bailey Mach



7th graders; Twelve Days of Christmas - Hunters' edition



Cody Berndt, Brandon Moninger, Kailey Sawyer



Kindergarten Class sang: Snowflake Collage, and All Bundled Up



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Chas Justice dancing to one of the songs
Brandon Peterson, Ian Beshaler, Mariah Strasburg



1st and 2nd Grade: Dancing at the Snowball, and I Love The Snow

Snow Biz

EITHER WAY... YOU'RE GOING TO WIN

There's two ways to look at life. One, as if the glass is half empty, and two, as if the glass is half full. Either way you look, the glass is never going to be completely filled. It's more about whether you're happy with the amount in the cup that counts anyway.

You could have the perfect house, greatest kids, and a wonderful spouse and still stress out about your car not being the newest one on the block. Or, you could take a step back, catch your breathe and thank your lucky stars for all that you do have.

There will always be room for improvement. There will always be a feeling of want to get more, to have more... That you need more to be a little bit happier. In this case it's exactly when we need to separate the needs from the wants, weight the pros and cons... And decide what things will make us happier in the end.

Sure the wardrobe upgrade would be nice... But if that means skimping out on other things like that Husker game you promised your kids you would all go to, it's not worth it.

Another thing that gets me...

Some peoples problems with space. Whether its too 'stuffy' or 'crammed' or 'cluttered.' It would be one thing if these areas were filled with junk mail and old pop cans that were abandoned after movie night the other day... but when you have 40 year old family pictures sitting

furniture and walls bare and blank just to impress your visitors with how well you manage your space. (They don't give out awards for that anyway.)

... And while were on the subject of awards I've come to another realization... life is one big competition, and it's up to you, and you alone, to decide how you're going to play. The leader who everyone follows? Wouldn't you rather be the one who leads their own path to their own place?

... Oh yes, and just like in life, whether it's work, a group, or just a circle of friends, ever team has at least one diva. Whether you're a girl or guy, every team has one, and it's up to you and the choice you decide to make to determine what role you play and whose team you're on.

Sometimes it will feel like you're on your own team, not competing against anyone but yourself... but keep in mind these are the matches that make you the strongest. These challenges are the ones that force you to overcome and reach within and find something inside yourself that you never knew was even there... Think of it this way, either way you're going to win.

Q&A



ASKING
MY
OWN
QUESTIONS...

FINDING
THE
RIGHT
ANSWERS.

BY: ALEXIS SCHWARZ, SENIOR

on the vanity, and books that have helped keep you sane after all these years piled up on your desk, that space is well used to me. It's better to put these to good used rather than have all of your

Congratulations to Honor the One Act Team

By: Katie Vincent, Senior

- Sarah Magill got Honorable Mention at LVC One Act. Actors at District One Act that received Outstanding awards were...
- Jessie Preston
- Jon Magill
- Cole Jacobson
- Sarah Magill
- The One Act Play received first place at LVC in Merna, and took second place at Districts in North Platte. It was a tie between Arnold and Pleasanton, Pleasanton got first because they got two first places and Arnold got one first place.

There is 60 points all together, 50 points in acting, including; characterization, mood of the play, creative, miscues or not, dramatic affects, voices, then 10 points includes; the costumes, make up, light and sound, and weather or not the play is appropriate or not. Honorable Mention is a citation to one who has performed well in a competition but has not been awarded a prize. There have been many Arnold High School students that have received honorable mention.

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