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Schwarz Honored for Outstanding Coaching

By: Rachelle Preston, Senior

Mr. Andy Schwarz, the South Loup Bobcats head football coach and the Arnold High School math teacher, has had many honors for his outstanding coaching done this previous football season.

Mr. Schwarz was asked to be the head coach for the Western Team in the upcoming 8-man All Star game. He would coach players from Elgin all the way to the western border of the state. Mr. Schwarz was picked

from a pool of 20 or 30 coaches after being assistant coach for the game in 2006.

On November 21st, Schwarz spoke at a coach's clinic at the state football finals. Coaches that have had a good season from around the state are asked to speak. Mr. Schwarz spoke about the cooperation between the Arnold and Callaway football teams. Since

then, he has been asked to speak at another coach's clinic in Elgin.

Schwarz was also awarded the Mike Behrens award on December 10th. He was nominated by other coaches for outstanding

recognize. The willingness of our players to sacrifice for the team's success and their hard work were also vital."



coaching outside of the championship.

"Our overall attitude and love of the game were the main reasons for our success. In the first year of our co-op, we were able to set a tone for the program and its future, and our players took that to heart. They want this to become a traditionally powerful football program, one that has a name you



Congratulations to Sarah Magill for being asked to go attend the 2010 Auto Zone Liberty Bowl Game and events.

Magill was selected out of the entire collection of Nebraska's homecoming queens. The selection was based on academic achievements, community activities and the individual's all-around states as an outstanding individual.

Precious Play Pops

By: Racheal Smith and Brooke Blowers

Inspector Detector and the Precious Treasure were preformed on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 to the Arnold Elementary and High School and again Friday, for the community and one last time on Monday, Nov. 22 in Callaway before District competition. The play provided a good laugh, and continues to work toward perfection.

The play involved four evil characters, the baroness and her three minions who are trying to find the treasure that was in Pauline's house, but some difficulties occurred. Along the way there were less-than-intelligent minions, an undercover secret agent, an inspector who really knew his stuff, and some document inspectors who had a talent for tickling your funny bone. What happens is Pauline inherited a mansion and the deed that goes along with it, but the baroness claims that she owns the mansion because the baroness believes there is treasure within it. An inspector comes along to determine which deed is correct and he realizes that there are some phonies in their mitts. In the end, the only treasure that was left to Pauline was the abilities to go to school and become successful.



Ian Beshaler searching for clues.

The costumes were simply amazing. For example, Ian Beshaler looked just like Sherlock Homes in his double-billed cap and jacket. Kali Blevins has the thick glasses, old gray wig, and maid outfit that explained her character bumping into things, dusting peoples faces, and opening the wrong doors. They fit the characters perfect and their hair and makeup did too. The set fit the characters needs. In fact, there was a part in the play where there was a revolving door needed and the set made it so that it revolved like a bookcase. You would have

never guessed that it was a door. Another interesting part of the "set" is when you see the powder explode to accentuate that someone had fallen through the trap door, little does the audience know Michael Larreau hid behind the couch the entire play just to puff the "smoke" up.

As for the lights and sound effects they are okay. After the first performance, the set crew had to adjust the spotlight and the sound effects level. The lights would keep your attention on what was going on, but would kind of leave out what the supporting characters were doing in the dark. With the sound effects they were kind of off, but if the characters and sounds had been on que, it would have been better. Overall student directors, Dayna Larreau and Haley Jacobson did a great job with preparation for their public appearances, with help from co-sponsors, Mrs. Debby Moninger and Mrs. Darlene Rimpley. The drama class helped a lot with the play performance. Some of the many ways they helped was they designed the set they also helped choose the sound effects, they also helped with the costumes and with the hair and make-up, they found the props, painted the set, and built the set.

Attention:

Please call the school when your kids are being kept home sick. (848-2226)

Brightening Young Smiles

On December 6, the students of Kindergarten through Sixth grade received a fluoride treatment in the morning. They were also overjoyed to receive a free toothbrush that sticks to surfaces when wet because of the small suction cup attached to the bottom.

Second Place at Districts

By: Dayna Larreau, Senior

In the past four years, the Arnold High School thespians have placed in the top three at the district competitions held each year. This year was no different. The competition was held on November 29, 2010 in Bassett. Arnold provided one of its best performances and placed second out of seven teams, right behind Keya Paha.

Arnold was scheduled to perform last, which tends to be one of the harder times to be judged, because the judges are tired by the end of the day. Going last is also hard for the actors because it is easy to become distracted and bored during the day. The team prevailed though, and impressed Haley Jacobson. She said, "I was very proud of the cast because they worked really hard and put in hours of practice, morning and night; even after late sports practices. They were really focused and it was nice to see their hard work pay off. It was inspiring to do so well this year, and I feel confident as head director next year."

There were many honorable mentions for the cast, including Sarah Magill, Hannah Magill, Cindy Nisolle, and Kali Blevins. Brandon Peterson received the Best Actor award from the entire district. He was surprised to receive best actor, but also thought, "All the hard work that I put into my part paid off and it was awesome to win an honor that notable."

Sarah Magill thought that the experience was bittersweet. "I felt very fulfilled because we did such a good job and ended on such a good note. I was sad to be done with One Act forever, but getting second made it all worthwhile."

Another senior, Casandra King, thought that the team did really well, and was glad to place at least second in her final performance.

Cindy Nisolle, a foreign exchange student from Belgium, had an important part in the play. She described her feelings on the performance by saying, "I am of course glad that I got honorable mention, but above all, I am glad that people understood me. It was my main goal."

The cast received an Ensemble Recognition, which means that they received a superior rating, the highest rating possible, overall.

Thanks to the parents and everyone who helped make this year's success possible. The judges really enjoyed the props and set as a whole.



LVC Conference

Honors

Honorable Mention

Ian Beshaler

Best Actress Award

Sarah Magill

District Honors

Honorable Mention

Sarah Magill

Hannah Magill

Cindy Nisolle

Kali Blevins

Best Actor Award

Brandon Peterson

Girls and Boys Junior High Basketball Schedule



January 6 - Sandhills/Thedford Game, 1:00 p.m. at **Arnold**

January 13 - Anselmo/Merna Game, 1:00 p.m. - **Away**

January 17 - Ansley Game, 1:00 p.m. at **Callaway**

January 31 - Stapleton/McPherson County Game, 1:00 p.m. at **Arnold**

February 9 - Maxwell Game, 1:00 p.m. at **Callaway**

February 12 - SMC Tournament, 8:30 a.m. - **Away**



Coming Full Circle

By: Mrs. Melva Geiser, 6th Grade Teacher

Having begun my eighth year of teaching in Arnold Public Schools, I tell friends and family that I have “come full circle” in my teaching career. Allow me to explain. My first teaching experience began in a classroom with 29 bustling, busy, curious, excited second graders in Sutherland, NE. This year, I am again in a bustling, busy second grade classroom with 19 curious, kind, caring, unique, and wonderful children.

After teaching in Sutherland, I married and made the decision to leave teaching to raise a family and someday return to teaching. When my daughter graduated high school and made plans to attend UNK, I too decided to return to college and renew my teaching certificate. Returning to college as a non-traditional student was so exciting, I continued with my post graduate studies and obtained a Masters of Arts in Elementary Education with an emphasis on the primary grades (K-3).

In 1991, I was hired by Thedford Elementary School as a half time Kindergarten and half time Fourth grade teacher. Two years later I was teaching in a combination First and Second grade classroom. Then twelve years later, I was teaching Sixth grade in Arnold Public Schools. As I reflect on my different experiences, I think that the “more things change, the more they stay the same.”

Looking back at my first year of teaching, I recall great children with curious minds and supportive parents – today, I smile as I think that a lot has changed in our world since 1965, however, I still teach great kids with curious minds and supportive parents! I recall a boy in my first class whose rural family’s car broke down and the father brought the boy to school in a manure spreader pulled behind a tractor because, “he has to get a good education.” Has that commitment to education changed over the years? Not really, I praise and thank all of you parents that commit to getting assignments when your child is absent and helping with the homework because, “he/she has to get a good education.”

I wouldn’t be completely honest if I left you to think that nothing has changed since my first teaching experience. However, my philosophy of education still remains a constant, that is, we make education a top priority for ALL children, seek parental and community support of education, and believe that learning is a lifelong experience. My first 29 students were lined up in rows, placed their hands on their desks with a clean handkerchief every morning and nodded “yes” to “did you eat breakfast and brush your teeth this morning?”

This year, my 19 students, rush around getting their attendance and lunch count recorded, check with their peers

about the morning math meeting, and prepare for the day ahead. They record the morning temperature, read tally marks to discover a ‘secret number,’ graph temperature, solve a word problem, head to their cluster of desks to finish the lesson worksheet. During all of this hustle and bustle, I see caring children helping others to finish the tasks at hand. We are a community of learners. Much of our day centers around reading, learning to read better, writing and spelling, and mathematics. We have 19 students in our second grade classroom and we also have 19 student/teachers in our classroom.

At any given time during our daily lessons, an outsider will notice students helping each other when the need arises. These 19 little dynamos stick together like Crazy Glue – they look after each other and believe me – nobody messes with this group! They bring smiles and tears of joy to this seasoned teacher every day! Their innocent humor, their never ending curiosity, their momentous moments, their crazy challenges, and compassion beyond comparison send me home every day with a smile and a commitment on my part that if there’s still children... I’ll still be teaching because that’s what I love in life! And I hope I’m still in second grade as that is where my “circle” began and that’s where it should end.

From the Principal's Desk

By: Dawn Lewis, Principal
Happy New Year! When I was a child it seemed like time passed so slowly, and now it seems to simply fly. We are finished with the first semester of school already, and are looking forward to the second. Most people start a new year with some sort of resolution, so I think I might, too.



I resolve to make the best decisions possible regarding the education of these children. We are looking ahead to selecting a new reading program for the K-6 children, and there are some big decisions

involved in that. We are starting with some training in January, and hope to have a new program selected soon. We are also working on transitioning the children into Middle School as effortlessly as possible, which is the main focus of our 6-12 professional development this year.

I resolve to keep the atmosphere positive in our school. I hope that children are looking forward to returning after break not only because they miss their friends and love to learn, but also because they are happy when they are here. When we approach tasks with a positive attitude and reward children for a job well done, we can all believe that we are doing our part. Granted, not everything we do in school is fun, but we try our hardest to make it so.

I resolve to protect the rights of every child in our school. There are so many outlets and methods for bullying and mistreating others. We protect the children as best as we can electronically by blocking websites on the school server. Please watch what your children are doing on the computers at home. Make sure what your child is viewing or posting on the Internet would make you proud. We also protect the children by truly listening to them, and modeling how we would expect them to treat others. The fifth and sixth grade classes will be starting the DARE program, and we hope that programs like this will have a great influence on the type of person they become.

I resolve to maintain Arnold

Public School as one of the best small schools in the state, with all of the opportunities for children they could get in a bigger school. I want this building and it's programs to be a source of pride for the community, something worth fighting for. And I want the children who graduate from here to believe that there can be no better place to raise their families, and one day return to us.



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Conduct is Critical To Success



By: Isaak Cole, 8th Grade
Good sportsmanship is becoming a thing of the past. Kids are becoming more competitive and forgetting important values. There

is more trash-talk, swearing, and violence in sports now than ever.

Sportsmanship is like a reputation, it will either give you a good or bad name. Over time your school develops a reputation, and you will want it to be a good one.

Good sportsmanship is a sign of respect. You may not like someone, but everybody has the right to be respected. Same in sportsmanship, you may have problems with someone or may be upset about how you or your team is doing, but you don't let it show. You keep it in your head and work harder to achieve your goal. Sue Wicks said, "I think sportsmanship is knowing that it is a game, that we are only as good as our opponents, and whether you win or lose, to always give 100

percent.

Good sportsmanship doesn't only apply to kids. It applies to their parents and the officials also. Parents shouldn't yell negative remarks at the officials or at the other team. Officials should make their calls fairly, not favoring one team or the other.

It is easy to practice good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is helping somebody up after you tackle them in football, or a hard foul in basketball. It is shaking their hand after the game and telling them that they did a good job even if they beat you. Good sportsmanship is important.

Weather Closings

School weather cancellation information will be available on the following stations: Television- KHAS, KOLN/ KGIN, NTV and Radio-KX104, KRVN, KODY, KCNI-KBBN. The closing information will also be posted on the Announcement page of the school website, <http://blog.arnold.k12.ne.us/>. Please refer to these sources when inclement weather is upon us. When possible, the decision made to cancel school will be made by 6:00 am.

Box Tops for Education and Capri Sun Juice Bags Collection

Arnold Schools will again be collecting box tops for education and Capri Sun juice bags with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for classrooms. In the past a smartboard, speakers, playground equipment and some other things have been purchased.

You can support our school by saving box tops and sending them with your student to the school, take them to Finch Memorial Library, or Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.



Sarah recommends milk to keep people healthy;
Sarah drinks milk to keep herself healthy!

French Lessons in Arnold Schools



Third Graders and I are looking at a French book for kids that my grandparents sent to me especially for my lessons

By: Cindy Nisolle, Senior

One day, I asked Mrs. Lewis if I could teach some French to students that might be interested in it.

I am glad to be in this school and I wanted to share what I know with other students. Mrs. Meyer and the Third Graders seemed interested in learning some words in French. So, we tried it at the beginning of the second quarter. They enjoyed it and we decided to meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:45 AM to have a lesson of fifteen minutes.

I teach them how to count, how to say the alphabet, and how to say the basic sentences such as "Hi, how are you?" But above all, we practice the pronunciation that is quite difficult.

Salut!

Comment ça va?

Nous sommes les troisièmes
années
Nous vivons à Arnold Nebraska.
Au revoir!

Written by Jace Connell, Third Grade

They are now already able to write a small letter about themselves. For each lesson, I try to show them on my computer a picture of famous places, people or food from Belgium.

After some other kids heard that I was teaching French, the Kindergarten and First Graders also seemed interested to listen to me speaking in my own language.

So, on November 3rd, I read "Clifford's Thanks-

giving visit" to them in French and then, I translated the story into English so they could understand it. I really enjoyed doing it and I love teaching French to the Arnold students. When I meet them in the hall of the school, they like to say to me some words that they learned in French.

I also really like it when I arrive their in class and that they have bunch of words to ask me to translate such as deer (biche), Bobcats

(lynx), clock (horloge), and so on.

SOME FRENCH WORDS

Hello = Bonjour (Bohn Szure)

Yes = Oui (We)

No = Non (Noh)

Why? = Pourquoi? (Pooh-qwah)

How? = Comment? (Co-mo)

What? = Quoi? (Qwah)

Who? = Qui? (Key)

Merry Christmas = Joyeux

Noël (Szwah-yuh No-el)

Happy New Year = Bonne année (Bun ah-nay)

Hi = Salut (sah-lu)

How are you? = Comment ça va? (Co-mo sah vah)

We are the Third Graders = Nous sommes les troisièmes années (Noo some lay twah-zee-em ah-nay)

We live in Anorld, Nebraska = Nous vivons à Arnold, Nebraska (Noo vee-von ah Arnold, Nebraska)

Goodbye = Au revoir (Oh reh-vwah)

Kindergarten and First Graders are listening to me carefully when I read "Clifford's Thanksgiving visit"





Christmas Is In the Air

By: Rachelle Preston, Senior

It was a Christmas Jubilation on Monday, December 13th, as the Kindergarten through 12th grade performed their annual Christmas concert.

The concert was kicked off by music from the high school and jr. high band, with songs like "The Huron Carol," and "Deck the Halls With Dazzling Drummers."

Following the band was the 7th grade with a refreshing "Jingle Bell Project," arranged by the members of the 7th grade.

Then came the chorus with several songs that were very well performed by the 5 members, including a duet of "In Midnight's Silence," sang by Casandra King and Sarah Magill.

The Elementary's part in the program was kicked off by the Kindergarten through 6th grade singing "Christmas Jubilation!"

After, the Kindergarten through 6th grade performed separate songs, many with very active dances that were also very well put together.

The director of the program was Chrysanne Bailey.



Speech Preview

By: Cindy Nisolle, Senior

The organization-al meeting for the upcoming Speech season was on December 14th during first hour. Speech will start in January. Therefore, it is time to get ready because the first meet will be in the last week of January in Broken Bow.

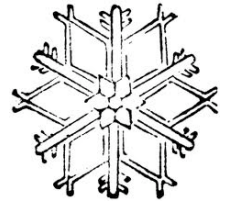
The team, this year, will be made up of: Ian Beshaler, Hannah Magill, Stone Phillips, Dillon Olson, Kali Blevins, Cassandra King, Korrie Miller, Sarah Magill, Rachelle Preston, Brandon Peterson and Cindy Nisolle.

The coach, Mrs. Moninger, said that "we have a lot of seniors this year who will help other members learn the fun side of speech competitions. We also have several novice members who will keep the meets light-hearted. I'm really looking forward to an entertaining season." The Speech students hope that too.

If they have success in it, they will learn a lot. Indeed, Mrs. Rimpley, the assistant coach, said that "Speech is a class that can help students in the future as it gives them ease in speaking to groups, organizing their thoughts, and being able to 'think' on their feet. We have some great speakers in this year's group so it should be a good year."



Weather Reports from the North Pole



Staff:

Santa and his elves will be sending you weather updates from the North Pole. Please feel free to share them with your students. We will start doing the weather updates December 1st until the 22nd of December, when school gets out for school break. Enjoy!



December 1, 2010

There are 23 days until Christmas, and Santa is extra busy! Sadly, he's not getting all of his toys made because it's minus 32 degrees at Santa's Workshop in the North Pole and all of his elves are very cold!!! Fortunately, it's sunny now and the wind isn't blowing too hard. Don't worry about not getting any presents, because today the temperature is suppose to rise to minus 13 degrees! This is just the perfect temperature for Santa's tough elves and reindeer to make all the presents you can open. You'd better hurry and get your Christmas list sent to Santa Claus

though, because time is running out! We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa and his reindeer
P.S. Santa's favorite cookies are chocolate chip. Please add carrots for the reindeer.



December 2, 2010

Today in the North Pole it is 28 below zero and the elves are inside working hard, Santa is supervising. The wind isn't blowing too hard and the reindeer like it that way! Later on it should get warmer when the sun stops hiding behind the clouds. It will get up to about 11 degrees below zero and the wind will almost stop blowing so the elves will be able to enjoy the great outdoors on their break. Tonight after Santa and his elves drink their cocoa and go to bed it will get cold again, down to about 17 degrees below zero and the wind will start blowing again but not too hard, just about 3 miles per hour. We all hope that you are being good kids so all

of Santa's hard work won't be for nothing! Merry Christmas, and Santa says he'll see you in 23 days!

December 3, 2010

Today in the North Pole it's only twenty below, rather than a freezing thirty-eight below from yesterday. The elves have a lot of work to do if they want to have some fun this weekend. The high of today is a ten, and that's not negative. For tonight, it's not going to get much lower. It's only going to go down to one degree. The wind is calm right now so the reindeer are outside playing games, with Rudolph. Well that's all for this week, we'll see you again Monday!

December 6, 2010

Today Santa's elves are busy working away on your toys and they can't wait for their recess after



lunch because it will be sunny with a temperature of -11° F. But tonight they will have to be bundled up nice and warm while they sleep because it will get down to -20° F.



December 8, 2010

Today Santa's elves are going to be inside working all day on all of the good little boys and girls toys because right now it is -12°F and it is going to be cold all day with a temperature high of -17°F. There is not going to be a chance of precipitation so Santa won't slip on any ice when he is walking from building to building to check on his elves. With that cold temperature, it will be even colder tonight with a temperature of -28°F so the elves and reindeer are going to have to be bundled up very well.



December 9, 2010

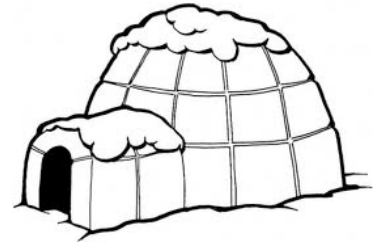
It's going to be a chilly day at Santa's workshop today! That's because right now it's a cloudy, minus 27 degrees in the North Pole! Luckily the wind isn't that strong today, but it's been so cold lately that Rudolph has caught a cold and his nose is so stuffy it can't shine properly! Don't worry though, Mrs. Claus is taking excellent care of Rudolph along with her trusty elves. So tonight when it's mostly cloudy and minus 38 degrees, Rudolph will be tucked away in his warm barn with a warm cup of cocoa trying to get over his cold. We from the North Pole, including Santa Claus, all wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you've all sent in your Christmas letters by now! Merry Christmas, and try not to catch cold!



December 14, 2010

It's going to be a cold and cloudy day in the North Pole! Right now, it's 17 degrees below zero and a little windy! But since it's so cold outside today, the elves decided that they'd be staying inside all day working on your toys. Later, they plan on having a slumber party together. They really need a break after making all those toys! We hope they're all bundled up in their sleeping bags though, because tonight it's going to be minus 38 de-

grees! We all hope that you've been good for Santa Claus this year, because he hasn't had to make as many toys this year because of how many little boys and girls are on his naughty list. He loves making toys for you and looks forward to visiting you all very soon. Wishing you a very merry Christmas, Santa's weather elves.



December 15th, 2010

Hello children right now it is a breezing -38°F, which means Santa's elves, are in working on your toys. It looks like they are going to be able to work on your toys all day because today the high is only suppose to be -27°F. There is only ten days till Christmas so Santa hopes that he gets some cold days so that the elves will want to stay inside and work. This afternoon it will be perfect for the reindeer to take some test runs with their sleigh because there is a 0% chance of precipitation so they can see for miles. I hope that you kids are ready for Christmas because it is going to be here before you now it.

Sincerely, Santa's weather Elves

Talk Back If Life Could Talk...

I know that people will always know me as "Gert." My mom will still call me Gert, just like she always does, even when she's mad. My big brother will always say, "Hey, Gert, come here," when he has a plan that we will most likely get in trouble for. Colbi will always say "GERT!" when he's excited to see me, even if he wants to hide it. My sister will always say "Hey, Gertie," when she answers the phone, as will my dad. I'll never lose the nickname, but what if I lose myself?

My sister tells me very frequently about how different college is. What she may or may not know is how different *she* is.

I want to grow and change and stretch myself and my mind to its boundaries until there is nothing that I can't do. Then I want to do it all over again. But one thing holds me back, and that is who I am today. I don't want to lose myself. I always want to be Gert. Who would I be without being me?

Who will I be when Friday nights don't consist of dirt roads with my friends and the radio too loud?

Who will I be when I can't wear tennis shoes and mismatched socks?

Who will I be when school doesn't consist of my class; my odd, out of step, brilliant, tiny class, that just happen to be the masters of getting teachers off track.

Who will I be when jeans and a T-shirt are not proper apparel?

Who will I be when my lifeguard tan actually does fade?

Who will I be when I don't always have lemon chapstick and peppermint gum with me?

Who will I be when I don't

I know who I am now. But who will I be when I get done with college. If my sister can be this different after a year and a half of college, how different will I be?

Will I still want to listen to music so loud that I blow my car speakers?

Will I still like making tie blankets for anyone who needs one for the joy of giving them something that I made with my own hands?

Will I still be mouthy and stubborn?

Will I still try everything once, even though it has led me astray before?

Will playing the "don't laugh" game with Colbi still be the best therapy?

Will I still have a love for Dr. Pepper and Nerds?

Will I still wear a thumb ring and remind myself everyday that it's there simply because I want it to be?

Will I always look over and see my mom crying at the same part of the movie that I am?

I don't regret my decision. I am actually quite excited about my decision. I just hope that who I am now, agrees with who I'll be then.

It's funny, isn't it? That who you are today, doesn't know the person you will be tomorrow.



drive an old Contour that has more of an attitude than I do?

Recently, I committed to a college. I was telling my guidance counselor that I felt like I was watching a movie of someone who I have quite a lot in common with. They even were interested in the same colleges that I was, and then she actually said "I'm going to this college..."

Who Am I?

Guess who the teacher is from the clues.

“ As a little girl, my sister and I had a playhouse that was a soddy. When I was in high school, I had to pick dandelions for sticking my tongue out at my trigonometry teacher. That same year, I was the fourth one in my family to become High School Athletic Queen. Before I became a teacher, I decorated dozens of wedding and birthday cakes. I rode my bicycle 1400 miles the summer before I turned 50. *Who Am I?* ”

“ I worked in a vegetarian restaurant for ten years. We served nothing that had a face. I once had a tarantula and a python as pets. The tarantula was fine, but talk to me first if you are considering getting a python. I once had one point left on my drivers license because of speeding tickets. I finally figured out how to avoid them..duh! I am afraid of horses.*Who Am I?* ”

“ I am someone who was a synchronized swimmer all through elementary, middle, and high school. I was a waiter for several restaurants so I could put myself through college without loans or scholarship money. I have scored a 278 out of 300 in an archery target tournament. *Who am I?* ”

“ I worked in a bakery when I was in high school. Most class periods, my friends got me in trouble for talking. First place winner in a spelling bee on television when I was in the 8th grade. Two of my favorite books: Anna Karenina by Tolstoy and The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale. *Who am I?* ”

“ I was on two state championship teams, although not in basketball, where I darn near wore out the bench by sitting on it. I married the Valentines Day Queen of my high school. I lived in another school district than I went to because I wanted to go to a larger district with more competition. I would have probably not have went to college if not for my ACT score. *Who Am I?* ”

“ Allergic to cats
Bananas make me gag
Mom works at a Dairy Queen
Who am I? ”

Classroom Decor

By: Claire Beshaler and Grace Magill

Did you ever wonder what a classroom could say about your teacher? Ever think about the differences in your classrooms? A classroom can show what a teacher's personality is like. We will also suggest some things that could make their classroom better for the students.

And yes, we are well aware that classroom décor may not exactly be the first thing you would choose to read about, but hear us out. We just might decorate your face with a smile.

First off, let's start with the Jr. Higher's English room, Mrs. Margaret Ann Mills. It's a quaint room in our belief. It's very informative. It's filled with a lot of posters that come in handy during tests. There is also a Smart Board in the room, which makes it seem very technological. Though when it comes to running it, we must admit that there are some technical difficulties involved. There are also flowers in here. Yes, flowers! They are lined up along the window in three large pots. Mrs. Mills usually waters them everyday. I use to think she was filling her pitcher up with water so that she could offer her poor students, who slave away, day after day after day, working on all the assignments she gives us. But now I know the flowers are more important than us. I resent those flowers.

Ah yes, our second period class, Science run by Mr. Gerry Swingle.

If I were to describe Mr. Swingle's room in three words, I would choose coffee, books, and dry-erase boards, but mostly coffee. Mr. Swingle keeps his room very clean, especially his lab. Regrettably, he has not yet allowed the eighth grade class to blow something up during an experiment. Which is really quite a shame, because what if I want to be a demolition expert when I grow up? What will I do then? Life just isn't fair.

Math. Mr. Schwarz runs the Math room. All I have to say about Math is that it's a wonderful room and I always enjoy being in the presence of Mr. Schwarz. His Nebraska Husker boarders are very entertaining when you don't want to do you math. The end.

Because I have a small feeling that lunch would not interest you very much, we're going to skip to Art, which, as you have probably deduced, is fifth period. This is Mrs. Julie Mohr's domain. There really isn't any other way to describe that room except for artistic. We'd say the room paints a story of the long journey we students take on trying to graduate High School. (That's probably the best metaphor I'll ever come up with in my life.) All in all, we give the décor a thumbs up.

Now for sixth period, let's travel back in time and visit Mr. Peterson in his enthusiastic History class. We understand, you may not be thinking that History can



be all that enthusiastic. But with Mr. Peterson and his decorating skills, you'll feel like you're right in the middle of the Boston Tea Party, or crossing the Delaware River. His décor is simple, yet elegant, plain, yet fashionable. It's also a given that Mr. Peterson not only likes his dead presidents, but also his track stars.

A suggestion to make this room better than it already is would be to add an Xbox 360. Yes, we do believe that would be rather educational. Quite the benefit if we do say so myself.

Mrs. Badgley is the queen of our seventh period. She teaches the eighth graders Current Events. That's probably why we're typing about classroom décor. It's just about as current as it gets, right? All that really comes to mind when we think of Mrs. Badgley is the color pink. A piggly-wiggly kind of pink. She really does like her pinks. There are pink shelves, pink chairs, pink letters, pink lamps, pink posters, pink pens, pink desks, pink clothes, pink books, pink bulletin boards, pink cups, pink personality, pink everything! Because, "Pink is a happy color," said Mrs. Badgley. You might "pink" it could get boring it here, but it's really quite the groovy get-up.

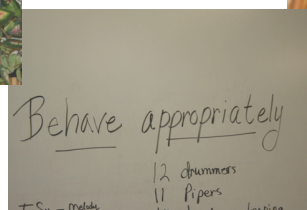
Here's a room the eighth grade doesn't have to endure. The library. Mrs. Moninger looks after the library. We for one believe that this room consists mostly of books.

It also smells like books. I like that smell... Her décor consists of drawings created by the elementary, nick-nacks, sculptures by the high school, and an over-all sense of being in a library. Sadly, it's quiet, like a library. After taking a vote, the eighth grade decided that they didn't like the quietness of the library. You might want to work on that. Is like an onion. You have to peel it back, layer by layer. First when you walk in you smell lemon lime. Then you see all of her wonderful décor. Then you notice her not so wonderfully decorated desk (messy).

Obviously you can tell she cares about the well-being of her students, and her room shows it. Her bubbly personality also helps create a fun learning environment for the students.

Lastly, are Mr. Cole and Mr. Jageler. The reason we have grouped these two together is that their rooms are side-by-side and almost always locked. Why? We're not sure, perhaps an evil plan to take over the school in secret? It's only a suspicion... But what we do know is that Mr. Jag likes his music and his Febreeze, and Mr. Cole likes his thermostat to be set at either 100 degrees or 0 degrees.

Now before we go, Grace and I would like to play a game with you, we would like to have you try and guess whose classroom is whose from these pictures. Good luck!



Wrestlers Start Great Season



Brandon Moninger gets 2 points for getting on top of the Coyote competitor

By: Trevor Halstead, Eighth Grade

Junior High has just started our wrestling season. The Junior High did a good job so far this year. At first we had to go through a lot of learning to learn how to wrestle in the right way. After about 2 weeks though we knew all of the basics and we were coming along all right. We have three high school students named Brandon Peterson, Justin Mousel, and Garret Dockweiler, along with Clint Lewis and Jerry Brown helped us with our wrestling skills. The high school boys have helped us by sharing their experiences and telling us how to get out of the moves that we might get in to.

When we went to the first wrestling meet at Sutherland on November 5th everyone was kind of nervous. We did not know what other schools were going to be there and how good competitors were. At the end of the day 11 out of 15 wrestlers won at least one of their matches. Chase Forester won

all of his matches with ease. Isaak Cpole says that we did good considering that the 7th graders didn't know what to expect.

On the second meet in Arnold on November 12 we were all ready and it turned out that we all did a good job. There 9 out of 15 wrestlers had one at least one of their matches. Leighton Dockweiler won all of his matches. Brandon Moninger did a good job. He threw the competitors across the mat and won every match too. Overall the Bobcats did a good job at the Arnold Invite.

At the third meet in Medicine Valley on November 19th 12 out of the 15 wrestlers that went to the meet won at least one of their matches. 15 other schools were there and we did not know most of the schools that were there. We were worried that we would face some big challenges at the meet. All in all Brandon Moninger remained undefeated. He said that he faced more challenges at this meet and liked the competition.

HONOR STUDENTS

D1-10 All District Football First Team South Loup

Zane Ellis – Jr.
Robert Pierce – Sr.
Dylan Chesley – Sr.
Ty Pearson – Sr.
Garret Dockweiler – So.
Logan Glendy – Sr.

D1-10 All District Football Second Team South Loup

Aaron Stryker – Jr.
Drew Bowers – Jr.

Volleyball South Loup Honorable Mention

Michala Dockweiler - Jr.
Trisha Hendricks - Sr.
Brittni Patterson - Sr.

Music Honors Doane College

Haley Jacobsen - Jr.
Dayna Larreau - Sr.
Ian Beshaler - So.

UNK Festival Choir Casandra King

UNK Women's Choir Hannah Magill - So.

Essay Contest Winner

Rachael Smith, Eighth Grader, who won our local competition for Patriot's Pen Essays, which were read during the Veteran's Day program, has been selected as our District Winner. She will read her essay in Broken Bow sometime in January, and her essay will advance to State competition.

**Congratulations to each of
you!**

Spirit of the Season

By: Korrie Miller, Senior



Friday December 3rd Winners:
Taylor Rimpley for cleaning the bus after one-act. Jasmine Nelson for helping people get organized. Jake Halstead for helping Mikey with his shoes.



Friday December 10th Winners:
Landyn Cole for helping Sierra Chase Connell for reminding Dylan about Phonics. Grace Magill for helping Bobbi with Civics. Ashton Weinman (not pictured due to illness) for helping Sky with her homework. Chase Schwarz for helping in Weight Lifting Ian Beshaler for lending Stone a CD.



Winners from December 17th and 22nd will be shown in next month's issue since the paper was to run before they were announced.

Thank you to the following businesses that donated prizes to Spirit of the Season:

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- Logan County Coop
- Linegar Tree Farm
- Atkins Auction
- Classic Coyote
- Cutting Crew
- Farmhouse Antiques
- Cardinal Inn
- Wes Block Central Service
- Jake's Trucking

Art Club!!

If you are a member of the Art Club and would like to revote for a president, it will take place during the first week of January. Date's will be announced a few days before it happens. Make sure if you want to become Art Club President you give a strong reason why and what activities you would like to acomplish in the next half year (that includes the summer).

Seniors 2011



Casandra King

Parents: Jennifer Wilkie and Shawn King

What are your future plans? **My future plans are to go to Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska. I want to major in Baking and Pastry in the Culinary Management Program. After I graduate I want to open up my own bakery and sell wedding cakes and other specialty desserts.**

What is your favorite memory from school? **My favorite memory from school would probably be from the Out Door Education trip I went on in eighth grade. We were camping on the first night and got flooded out of our tents. I had to get my blanket and go outside in the dark trying to find our bus, which ended up being across the street that was then covered in inches of water. I finally got in the van and went to sleep. It was really fun the next day to hear everybody's stories about that night.**

If there were no restrictions on money, what would you do after high school? **I would travel the world. I would love to go to India, Italy, and Japan. I would like to live as they do in their countries for a while, try all kinds of crazy food from these places, and shop at the flea markets.**



Korrie Miller

Parents: Isabel and Troy Miller

What are your future plans? **I will be going to Milford Community College for 18 months to get my business degree, then continue in MCC in Omaha to get my Photography and Art degrees. After that I plan on getting a job at a magazine, preferably a statewide or nationwide one, to travel the world capturing photos for the stories. After awhile being there I want to open my own business.**

What is your favorite memory from school? **My fondest memory of school is going to State at one act in 2009. It was so fun being able to hang out with friends while watching amazing plays.**

If there were no restrictions on money, what would you do after high school? **First I would take a tour to a lot of countries around the world and take my time to relax. I would attend MCAD (Minneapolis College Of Art and Design) to learn many things like Art, Music, and Film because that school is amazing. Then after college I would build my own house and start a business.**

New Years Resolutions

In the Kindergarten and First grade's very own words.

"I want to git betr at dribleng. I want to git betr at kucen." - Silas Cool

"I need to prakctis sweming. I need to prakctis football. I need to prakctis voleball. I will be good. I will be nis." - Natalie Nelson

"I will read books evrey day. I will be nise. I will be good in the car. I will be nise to my brother. I will not talk when my mom is on the phone." - Shayla Tickle

"I need to klen moms rom. I will fold the londre." - Chester Oberg

"I will shoot baskets evry day. I will clean mi room evry day. I will clean mi pupys mesis. I hope to mak mi bruthr eat drt. I want to go to Mexico." - Jake Halstead

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"I need to cleen my room up. I will lisin to my parins. I help my family. I need to be nis to my sister. I hope to macke a pie." - Raylee Downing



"I need to pratis on tiing the dume. I need to feed my dog and cat mor. I will pickup sentrs. I will olwes do my hoem work. I will help my mom do the lo-dree." - Zane Kreikemeier

"I will clen my room. I like to read more books. I need to help my family. I hope to not tok win my moms on the fone. I will lisen to my mom." - Zane Paulick

I will be nice to my sister. I hope to go to Las Vegas. I want to be nice for santa.

Years

I will obay my mom. I will try to be patient" - Colbi Smith

"I need to be nise to my sister and bruthers. I hope to clime a mow-ten! I want to pray. I will cleen my room. I will prackis socrbal every day." - Stella Lewis

"I will clean my room. I need to be nisir to my bruther. I need to pracdis berols on my horse. I need a new baby sistr. I will help my mom tacke care uf my dog.." - Carly Gracey

"I hope that I can cepe my room clene. I need to do my home wrck. I will nevr liye to my mom. I want to mack piye like my Grama. Mm-mmmmm. I love it. I will hug my mom evrey nite." - Faith Bierman

Write Creatively

By: Korrie Miller

Creative writing has been a class for years before most people can remember. So why is it so important now? Because it's dual credit. That means you can take it as a college class. If you love writing books and short stories then why not take it for college?

"To encourage people to take Creative Writing it would have to do with their schedule. Talk to me about your schedules. Other than that it's a very intrinsically based class. Meaning if they like the class they will take it no matter what.



We've had about as many as 6 students in the class and the smallest is 2 so it really just depends on the class size;" Said Debby Moninger, Creative Writing teacher.

The only students in it this year is two students from a different school. It was made dual credit so that it would count as college credit.

So do you like to write? Do you want to take a dual credit that doesn't cost 200 dollars? Go talk to Mrs. Moninger about Creative Writing.

Your Passion or Your Money?

College is one of the most important aspects of your life. Did you go for your passion? Many people don't go to college for their passion because they don't think they will get much money from it, but why do something you don't really enjoy? If everyone would have followed their dreams and passions think of how many jobs would really be filled up?

For example I love photography but I don't think that will get much money so I'm going to go to school for business for a 'fall back' job. I might not enjoy business that much, but I figured that if I pushed myself through it then maybe I'd be better off. I have no interest in business. I originally wanted to go for art. So do I go out of state for an art college or do I suffer through business and create my own photography business?

I think anyone with a passion should go to college for that passion. If you love art, go to an art school. If you love math go to a college has a good math program. It's really important to make yourself happy, money in the long run won't matter as much as your family and your happiness.

Through My Eyes

By: Korrie Miller, Senior



I might be going into business to know how to run a small business, but I'm still going after my passion by majoring in Photography after I get my business.

If a passion lies in your heart then that is where your life should be. The old saying "follow your heart, it knows where it's going" is true. No matter how far you have to travel to get to your destination, it will all be worth it when you lay down at night knowing you did your best in your passion. A passion is like your true love. You must embrace it and show it love or it will fall and fade away from you.

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By: Korrie Miller, Senior

Each month we like to share an interesting, yet rarely noticed aspect of the school with our readers.

Can you guess what this is and where it's at?

Last month's picture was the Library Door, it was the lock on the top of the door.

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