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Tower Gardens to Flourish In Our Halls

Hands-on learning is always the most fun way to learn about things in life. Especially when learning about growing things, plant life, and healthy lifestyles. That's why the new Tower Garden project at the school is so exciting for all involved.

The Arnold Community
Foundation recently funded a
grant prepared by Liz Brown,
with help from Abe Hinman in
Callaway who recently helped
to acquire Tower Gardens for
their school. "We are so excited to get the Towers ordered
so we can begin to use them
before the end of February.
Then students would be able
to see the 'fruits of their labors'
by the end of the school year
with larger plants and maybe
even from produce!"

Students in all grades will have the chance to participate in setting up the tower gardens, tending the plants, managing fertilizers, checking on production, and consuming their own produce. We also hope to educate them on the importance of sustainable practices.

"Up until about sophomore year, most grades have something in their science curriculum that corresponds with this Tower Garden project, so we can ensure that all students have access to the gardens throughout the school



year for study," said Gerry Swingle.

According to the Tower Garden web site, "Using aeroponics and our specially formulated Tower Garden Mineral Blend plant food, it grows almost any vegetable, herb, or flower—and many fruits—in less time than it takes in soil. And recent studies have shown Tower Garden to generate up to 30% more produce compared to traditional soil gardening during the same time period."

We will be ordering 3 towers, grow lights, tomato cages, enough PH testing equipment for each tower, timers, dollies, seeds, and more.

"Our ultimate goal is to help produce enough fruits and vegetables (during the winter) to be served during our school lunches," said Liz Brown. "This may end up being just an interest-building activity for future projects."

A small group of teachers at Arnold Public Schools got together with the hope of teaching students more about healthy choices of fruits and vegetables within the school day. The committee includes: Liz Brown (6th Science, 7-12 Resource), Gerry Swingle (7-12 Science), Debby Moninger (Librarian), Berni Crow (4th grade), Shar Peterson (Head cook), Nicole Badgley (6-10 English, Journalism), and Mr. Morgan (Principal).

From the Principal's Desk



As we hopefully head into Spring with warmer weather, I would encourage you to come out and watch our students participate in the many activities that will be going on this spring. As the winter season comes to an end, students

will be involved in track, golf, speech, quiz bowl, and music contests just to name a few. Please take a look at the activity calendar and see if you could make it to one of the many activities our students are involved in, and see the success they are experiencing just by participating.

As we completed the Nebraska writing assessment in grades 4th, 8th, and 11th, we are now preparing for more state assessments in reading, math, and science in March and April. Much like the writing assessment, it is important for students

to be well rested and have a healthy breakfast to start the day as they prepare these tests. Attendance is also an important part of completing these assessments. I want to thank you for making sure our students were in attendance during the writing assessments and also as we head toward spring testing.

As the weather warms, our daily schedules also become filled with more events. Please continue to check the school website for upcoming activities and any changes to the calendar.

Susan B. Anthony: Too Unappreciated?

When someone thinks of Susan B. Anthony, they usually don't know much about her. Many recognize her as a

feministic icon; helping with the women's suffrage movement in the 1850s. But...does anyone know much more than that? When you get to learn about her more, shes'

actually a very interesting person.

Born in Adams, Massachusetts in the 1820s, she had always been a little different. She was brought up in a Quaker family with long, activist traditions. Susan did not want to conform to the classic gender roles that her ancestors had set for her. She was a teacher for about fifteen years,

until she joined the temperance movement. When she was younger and a woman, she wasn't allowed to speak at



temperance meetings. Because of this, she was angry. She joined forces with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, another feminist icon, and together they joined the movement in 1852. She then dedicated her life to the women's suffrage movement.

Throughout her life, Anthony was faced with opposition and abuse. Despite this, she still traveled, lecturing across the nation for the vote. Anthony also campaigned for the abolition of slavery, the

right for women to own their own property, and keep their earnings. She advocated for women's labor organizations. In 1900, Anthony was even on the committee that allowed the University of Rochester to admit women into their col-

lege.

Looking back on Susan B. Anthony's life, she had done many great things. She is a constant reminder than women "can do it, too!" She dedicated her life to women's/minority's issues until her death in 1906. So, the next time you want to learn about feminism, she's your go-to gal.

Junior High Music Honors



Above: Landyn Cole, Kylee Lehmkuhler, and Jadeyn Bubak attend the Jan Wymore Memorial Honor Band in Kearney, Nebraska.







Above: Jadeyn Bubak, Kylee Lehmkuhler, and Landyn Cole at the North Platte Middle School Honor Band.



Above: Sing around Nebraska students Reagan Cool, Isabelle Zuniga, Jayden Hanna-Miles, Stella Lewis, and RayLee Downing



Senior Profiles



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans?

I plan on attending Midland University and majoring in Arts Management.

If you could eat dinner with anyone dead or living, who would it be? Paul Walker

Describe your high school experience in one word

Rewarding

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing? Gladiator Sandals

What is your go-to shower song? Roses- The Chainsmokers

What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen?

Study hard, respect your elders, and make the best out of your high school experience.

Where do you see yourself in 10 vears?

I see myself coming back close to here, finished with my bachelors in Arts Management and having my own dance studio, starting my own happy family.

Brandon Sultan John Juran Moninger Lewis



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans? Hastings Central Community College. Information Technology.

If you could eat dinner with anyone dead or living, who would it be? Kate Upton.

Describe your high school experience in one word.

Amusing.

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing? Socks with sandals.

What is your go-to shower song? Shower by Becky G.

What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen?

Don't take everything that happens in school all that seriously.

Where do you see yourself in 10 vears? Working.



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans?

If you could eat dinner with anyone dead or living, who would it be? My great Grandma.

Describe your high school experience in one word.

Chaotic

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing? The trend that is most embarrassing is when men wear skinny jeans.

What is your go-to shower song? Symphony of Destruction by Megadeth What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen?

Don't stress over things that people say about you and don't try to change yourself to fit in.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? In 10 years I hope to be a successful nurse in a small town.

What is your favorite memory from high

My favorite memory was watching a kid at a golf meet try and hit a ball into a 40 mile an hour wind and have it end up behind

Senior Profiles (Cont.)



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans?

I plan to attend Hastings Central Community College and major in health and human services and then transfer to the University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in family studies.

Describe your high school experience in one word.

Demanding

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing? Drawn on eyebrows

What is your go-to shower song? My choir music

What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen? Respect

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Graduated from college and married What is your favorite memory from elementary school, junior high, and high school?

My favorite memory was when I squished jelly down the sleeve of my jacket and shook my arm so hard that it flew out, across the table and hit Brandon in the



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans? Central Community College, Agribusiness If you could eat dinner with anyone dead or living, who would it be? My grandpa

Describe your high school experience in one word

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing? All of them

What is your go-to shower song? Whatever is on Pandora

What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen?

Respect

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Verv successful

What is your favorite memory from

Going to brandings with the crew

Merritt Morgan Lane Lee Eastman Eggleston



What college do you plan on attending, and what are your major plans? I plan to attend college at the University

of Nebraska Lincoln and study equine

management and psychology. Describe your high school experience in one word

Evocative

What is the trend this year that you find the most embarrassing?

The most embarrassing trend might have been the selfie-stick. Or maybe just the fact that my brother owned two of them. What is your go-to shower song?

"It's a great day to be alive" by Travis

What is the best advice you can give to the underclassmen?

The years fly by so make the most of them. Set a good example for your underclassmen and be courteous to others. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself working as an equine therapist living with my cat and dog.

2016 is "Like Never Before" ... and so is our yearbook.

Every page you turn in this magazine style annual will represent a day or week of the school year.

Take advantage of buying your yearbook now. Receive two free pages that are yours to personalize any way you like.

HOW TO BUY YOUR ARNOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS YEARBOOK

Instructions also found on the School Web Page and on Arnold Public Schools Yearbook FaceBook Page.



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Optional:

Claim Your Student

(For Parent Accounts Only)



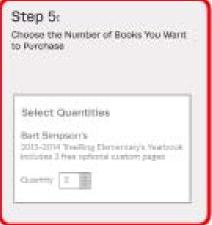
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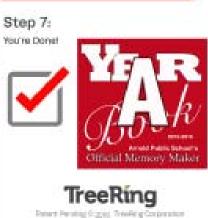
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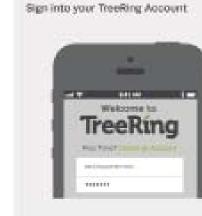
HOW TO ADD PHOTOS, BUY YOUR YEARBOOK, AND SHARE MEMORIES **USING YOUR PHONE!**

Use the FREE TreeRing App

Step 1:

Search for TreeRing in the App Store and install the App.





Create an Account if You Don't Have One-1. Click "Create an Account" 2. Enter your Group's Private Passcode:

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Optional:

Choose Your Student (For Parents With Multiple Students)





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Step 2:

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Buy Your Personal Copy! Purchase Current and Past Treating Yearbooks from the App.



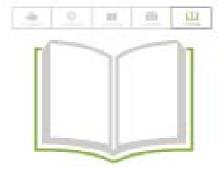
Step 6:

To Add Your Photos & Memories to Your Yearbook, Sign in to Your TreeRing Account from a Computer www.hashing.com/soprin-



Step 7:

Drag & Drog Your Memories Onto Your Personal Pages





Daylight Savings; Is It Too Good to Be True?

The first person to introduce daylight saving time was Benjamin Franklin when he realized that people were burning candles later into the night and sleeping later into the day. Daylight Saving time is something that many people know about, but many people are not very educated about it. For example, did you even know that it is "Daylight Saving" time not "Daylights Savings" time? The lost or gained hour from this tie change causes many problems for people.

In fact because of this,
Hawaii and Arizona have done
away with Daylight Saving
time. There is a spike in the
number in a heart attacks during the first week after daylight
saving time. The loss of an
hour of sleep can do this to
the people. Then when it ends,
heart attacks are briefly less
frequent than they were.

The transition at the

beginning and end of DST can create restlessness and problems sleeping at night. DST not only allows us to get more sunlight. It actually lowers the rate of outdoor crime. When DST was extended in 2007, there was a 7 percent drop in crime.

Farmers are not the only ones to hate DST, but TV networks also do not like it. In the first weeks of DST, ratings always go down for them because of people having to adjust to the time change.

Overall, whether
you like it or not, DST will
most likely be here for a
while. While it may make
you tired and groggy, be
sure to set your clocks an
hour forward on March 13,
2016.

School Calendar Subscription -NEW!

If you are interested in subscribing to the school calendar on your phone or computer, there is a new address to use. (Last year's calendar run's out very soon.)

Type in the following address, or copy and paste the address from the announcement tab on the school web.

As the calendar is udpated, your calendar should too!

webcal://ical.schedulestar.com/
iCal_NOW.cfm?i=E9D12603ED44-7F66-6F137F7809514F80

PowerSchool

Passwords

As in past years, the school will be using PowerSchool to share student grades with their parents. If you already have the ability to login and check your child's grades, then nothing has changed. Simply login to https://arnold.powerschool.com/public/. If you don't have a log in, forgot your password, or would like some help, please contact Nicole Badgley, nbadgley@esu10.org or Penny Allen pallen@esu10.org, or call either of them at the school 308-848-2226.

Twinderella...In Action!

We've all heard the story of Cinderella a thousand times, but we've never heard about Bob, her long lost twin brother! Living in the same kingdom with different wicked stepfamilies, Cinderella's cruel stepmother and evil stepsisters make her rotate tires and polish bowling trophies while Bob's evil stepfather and cruel stepbrothers force him to make dried herb wreaths and organize their sock drawers. When Lou the UPS Guy arrives with invitations from the Kingdom of Wychwood-under-Ooze, Cinderella and Bob are both thrilled but forbidden to attend the festivities. With the help of the Fairy Godmother, the Godfather (he ain't no fairy!), two enchanted gerbils and a lot of luck, they find a way!

A date has not been set as yet. As in the past, we plan to have a dinner theater. This is the 9th year for the Elementary Thespians.

Narrator #1 (runs the show) – Shayla Tickle

Cast

Billy (modern-day kid) - Johnathon Lampheaer Sally (modern-day kid) – Alexis Slavey Tammy (another kid) - Jayden Hanna Miles Susie (yet another kid) – Stella Lewis Cinderella (well you know) - Reagan Cool Stepmother (not so wicked) - RayLee Downing Esmerelda (Cindy's step sister) – Tahnna Nokes Ethel (just another step) - Grace Bierman Narrator #2 (runs a little late) – Delaney Rogers Stepfather (Twin Bob's Stepfather) - Cache Gracey Bob (Cinderella's lost twin) - Silas Cool Eggbert (Bob's Stepbrother) – Chester Oberg Mortimer (just another step) – Trey Lou (short for Louise - the UPS Gal) - Alivia Robbins Fairy Godmother (you know it) – Devin Peterson Godfather (Bob's you know...) - Charli Vickers Vinnie godfather's chauffeur) – Isaac Tickle Nick (godfather's tailor) - Clay Witthuhn Shirley (enchanted gerbil) - Gracie Neth Lola (Shirley's gerbil friend) – Carly Gracey Princess Petunia (of Wychwood-under-0oze) – Madison Smith Prince Percy (of Wychwood-under-0oze) - Rio Remund King Roger (of Wychwood-under-0oze) – Bryn Schwarz Queen Betty (of Wychwood-under-0oze) – Faith Bierman Duke of Earl/Earl of Duke (member of the court) - Brendan Streit Duchess of Earl (member of the court) - Marianne Zuniga Countess of Duke (member of the court) - Isabelle Zuniga Sportscaster (at a baseball game) – Johnathon Lamphear Old Matilda (has a secret, shhhhh) – Macy Atkins

Renaissance Home Connect

Watch Your Child's Progress in AR and

see their testing scores for STAR, Sign Up Now Dear Parents,

Your student uses Accelerated Reader, also known as Renaissance Place, at school. This program has a new feature called Renaissance Home connect, which the student and the parent can access outside of class with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, the parent and the student to share information about your student's progress in Accelerated Reader.

Be watching a letter to come home on the first day of school with instructions of how to login and how to use the program. You can also set up automatic emails when your student takes tests over books or takes the STAR test.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Nicole Badgley

Student Absences and Notes

In an effort to be sure every student is taken care of, please be sure that you talk voice-to-voice to someone when you really need the school to know important information about your student, or if you need important information passed on to your student.

E-mail has been slow lately and if someone is gone for a meeting, then may not get to their voice mail messages until the next day. We appreciate your help.

- The Office

Coke Cap Collection

You can help our the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps. Those you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places may all have the promotional codes on them. Cocacola is refreshing its commitment to supporting education by enabling schools to collect donated points and then redeem them for a variety of school rewards including play– ground equipment, supplies, classroom materials, cameras, sound equipment, and more.

You can send your Coke caps (and other Coke products) to the school office and they will redeem them. For more information, you can go to the http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops

Arnold Schools will again be collecting box tops for education with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for class- rooms. In the past, a Smartboard was purchased and some other equipment. The Box Tops campaign is a school fund- raising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has raised over \$200 million to help purchase school supplies, playground equipment, technol- ogy items, and so much more. 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 to Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.

Capri Sun Bags

Mrs. Crow is collecting Capri Sun bags again this year to help fund class-room projects. Please save those bags and send them to school with your student.

And then... the Grade! The State Writing Satire Deserves a Grade Too

By: a teacher from somewhere in the state

The student receives a **4 for Ideas and Content**. She conveys a clear opinion of he topic. She must have LOVED the test! She is also well-focused on the topic. However, she is using an emotion appeal for her argument, so it would not be considered logical, however it is compelling and funny. (Score of 3) She also ncludes many supporting examples - even if she is making fun of her friends and future test takers.

However, in the **Organization** section of the grading rubric, the student does not exhibit a strong structural development. It is good, but not really strong, so would give her a **3**. She is also lacking in transitions, so again, a 3.

In the **Voice and Word Choice** category, this student demonstrates a strong ommitment to the topic. Her use of capital letters to consistently create sarasm is well established. The voice is well-suited for the purpose and audience. The writer also consistently anticipates the reader's questions. I would give her 4.

The **Sentence Fluency and Conventions** category also receives high marks. I vould give a 3 for the variation of sentence length and structure. (However, she loesn't vary the structure for effect in her writing.) Also, her phrasing is a natual and conveys a sense of humor (score of 4). The grammar, usage, and puncuation, and spelling are correct and ARE manipulated for stylistic effect. 4!

Speech Meet Dates

Broken Bow, Saturday, January 23, 2016

Ord, Saturday, January 30, 2016 Gothenburg, Saturday, February 6, 2016

Burwell, Saturday, February 13, 2016 Loup City, Saturday, February 20 MNAC at Loup County, Monday, February 29, 2016

Best of the West, North Platte, Saturday, March 5, 2016

District Contest, Monday, March 12-16

Upcoming ACT

Test Dates:

- Test Date: April 9, 2016
- Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016
- Test Date: June 11, 2016
- Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016

Family Lunch Balances Online

Parents will now have online access to the balance of the family lunch and breakfast accounts! This new feature of Wordware just came out this year.

The first day of school, the oldest or the only student in the family will be given a letter explaining about the new lunch program. This feature will eventually be included in your PowerSchool Access.

Please be looking for this letter to come home on the first day of school.

From the Superintendent's Desk

I recently had the opportunity to visit with our rural schools association, NRCSA, and the NDE regarding the very pressing issue of a lack of Career and Tech Ed (CTE) teachers graduating from higher education institutions in Nebraska. The reality that our CTE have been working for many years and will be approaching retirement soon is becoming a huge concern for many schools, and so our conversations centered around how to attract students to the teaching profession in these critical areas.

There are avenues to certification that may fit man different teachers, but a lack of knowledge of school leaders may prevent schools from pursuing

these candidates, and the paycheck that teachers earn deters many from entering education when they can earn more applying their skills in the private sector. We hope to continue this conversation with university and college leaders, who are dropping their CTE programs for lack of interest, exacerbating the problem even further. Wayne State College currently has an Industrial Arts education program, and UNL is attempting to revitalize theirs. UNL has the only Ag Education program in the state.

I am also continuing to follow the legislation that I shared in my article last month. A public hearing of the Education Committee regarding LB 959 was held a couple of weeks ago, and lasted nearly 8 hours with



many school leaders testifying in opposition to this bill, which would eliminate lid exclusions from tax levies, and limit budget growth and access to unused budget authority even further.

If your child needs immunizations....

Immunizations will be given from 1 to 5 at the Broken Bow VFW. The dates are:

February 17, April 20 June 22, August 17

Flu shots will be given at the same location and times on:

October 19
December 21

Spellers Buzz To Broken Bow

On February 9th, Arnold Public Schools had its annual oral/written Spelling Bees. It consisted of every class in grades kindergarten through eighth grade taking a written and/or oral test. The winner or top two of each class then competes in a oral competition in the school gym. This year was no different. Twenty students in grades four-eighth grade stood and spelled their hearts out to the rest of the students and their families.

Through the grueling match. it winded down until Anthony Olson and Gracie Neth were neck and neck in the seventh round. They each spelled a word, with Anthony not spelling his word correctly, but that didn't mean he was out! It came down to if Gracie could spell her word; by golly, she did. To her dismay, it meant she won her round. She still had to spelling the championship round word correctly: autumn.

It was a tough few minutes, but Gracie eventually came out victorious over Anthony, granting her a spot to go to the Custer County Spelling Bee in Ansley on February 17th. It was just her luck; she had already qualified for the Custer County meet, as well as Anthony. To make it fair to other students, there was a spell off between a few students for the remaining two spots. The students competing

in that spell off were: Shayla Tickle, Madison Smith, and Brenden Streit. After SIX more rounds of spelling, Brendan Streit, and Stella Lewis eventually filled the other two spots. It was quite a busy day for Arnold students!

Then, after about a week of preparation, the students headed out for Ansley to prove their all. This was both a written and an oral test between students all across Custer County. Winners of that bee would be advancing to the State Omaha World Herald Spelling Bee, which is a written and oral test as well.

Mrs. Neth then took the students down for the first three rounds of ten words in the written test that every student took. None of the students from across the county spelled all the words correctly. surprisingly! But, everyone made it past the first round! Silas, Landyn, Max, Anthony and Brenden were out after round two, though. 19 kids were left after this round, and Gracie, Colbi, and Stella were out after this. After this, it was down to the final seven with the oral part. The winning word; catastrophe.

Over all, it was an incredible day for Arnold students everywhere, as the school has been working hard to focus on spelling in recent years. Everyone is proud of every contestant!

Classroom Winners:

8th grade:

1st place: Tatum Cool 2nd place (tie): Cole Gracey

2nd place (tie): Cole Gracey
2nd place (tie): Jarret Buchholz
4th place: Logan Coleman

7th grade

1st place: Jace Connell 2nd place: Anthony Olson

6th grade:

1st place: Jadeyn Bubak 2nd place: Landyn Cole 3rd place: Sam Cool 4th place: Drew Vickers

5th grade:

1st place: Reagan Cool 2nd place: Colbi Smith 3rd place (tie): - Faith Bierman 3rd place (tie): Stella Lewis

4th grade: Silas Cool

Johnathon Lamphear Chester Oberg

3rd grade:

Gracie Neth 1st Grace Bierman 2nd Arena Fetty 3rd Bryn Schwarz 4th

2nd grade:

Oral Spelling Bee: First: Stokely Lewis Second: Ella Cool

Written:

First: Ella Cool Second: Stokely Lewis

Third: Ethan Furne

1st grade:

Orai:

1st...Josiah Coleman 2nd...Paxton Bierman 3rd...Eli Hunt

Written:

1st...Josiah Coleman 2nd...Hayden Myers 3rd...Jamison Lamphear

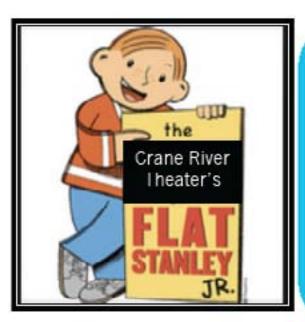
Kindergarten

Oral Winners: 1st-Sofie, 2nd-Josie C.,

3rd-Jade

Written Winners: 1st-Josie C., Tie for

2nd-Walter and Sofie



The Adventures of Flat Stanley

K-5th Grade 12:30-1:30

If you were flat as a pancake, where would you go? Get ready to go to an extraordinary adventure with Flat Stanley in this interactive workshop based on the popular children's books. Kids will create tlat replicas of themselves and travel in an envelope to all corners of the world. They will learn all about his adventures and save the day through games, song, and dance.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Friday, March 4

IN THE ARNOLD SCHOOL GYM

Calling All Minions!
Pre-School-Kindergarten
1:45-2:45

Go Behind the goggles and discover the world of your of your favorite characters from Despicable Me. Kids will transform into these likable minions as they play games, create minion characters, and serve some of the most despicable masters of all time.



Hosted as a joint presentation between the Finch Memorial and Arnold Public School Libraries. Workshops provided by Grane River Theater from Kearney, Nebraska.

Boys & Girls Basketball Takes The Cake

Every year, it just seems that the boys get better and better. With a record of 15-5, the boys have been dominating everyone they come into contact with. While their record proves they have what it takes to get to the top, their hard work and dedication to the game proves that anything is possible. Entering this year with records from years behind and the loss of great starters, they've come a long way in the 2015-2016 season.

"I really hope that we make it to state, I think we have what it takes," says Landon Furne, sophomore, with great enthusiasm. With that type of positive attitude, anything is possible! Many other players have felt this same enthusiasm across the season.

"Considering we are playing a lot of sophomores with our seniors, it's going really well for us. We at least have a shot of making it to state this year. We let four of our losses get away from us in really close games, so we've made up for it," says Cade Connell, sophomore.





Left: Madison Reed, sophomore, dribbles the ball to make a great shot. Right: Sully Lewis, senior, makes an awesome shot!

With a bumpy up and down road this year, the Bobcats have fought to earn their spot in the district finals game. Wining some and losing some motivated the Bobcats to keep trying harder. They have a 12-10 record. They have had a good, but challenging year.

"With losing three of the starters last year, we thought it was going to be a more difficult season trying to get everyone back into the groove of things. But we proved everyone wrong again," Haley Reed, senior commented.

This year has been a very good year for them. While their record may not show an astounding number of wins, they have developed well as a team and in their ability to work with each other.

A big challenge was the subdistrict finals game against Brady. Since they had lost to Brady twice already in the season, they were not expected to do well. Despite the pessimistic attitudes and the record, the girls went out and played their hardest. They ended up beating Brady 56-47, claiming their spots and district finalists.

They will play against Dundy County Stratton to attempt to battle their way to state. If they win against them they will be able to go to state and compete. The place that they will be competing is still being decided. The girls would definitely appreciate your cheering as they enter this game and fight for their spot at state.

It has been a great season for the lady bobcats and their fans couldn't be prouder.

Why Are YOU Lucky?



The kindergarten is beginning to think about being lucky. Maybe when Saint Patrick's Day comes, they will have a bit of the "luck of the Irish." We are sure that you will enjoy this unedited version of the kindergartener's writing. They are coming a long way with sounding out words.



Tre Fortune

I am lucky to be me because I git tw pa with mi buthru. We pa tag.

Anna Coleman

I am lucky to be me because I have a good family and they tack me to cherch.

Rae Hagler

I am lucky to be me because I now haw to red. In scol I lic don redden.

Delanie Weinman

I am lucky to be me because I hav a hors. Mi hors nam is froste.

Alexsis Stutzman

I am lucky to be me because I hav fris. We pla tag.

JuanPablo Zuniga

I am lucky to be me because mie mom and dad plae munople with me.

Brody Green

I am lucky to be me because I kan kawt tw wunhbrib.

Austin Davenport

I am lucky to be me because I hav a sisr. She pas micaf with me.

Adalei Tullis

I am lucky to be me because I hav a famle and famle pla with me.

Shane Gibson

I am lucky to be me because I fowd a pene awtsid. I lost mie pene.

Callan Witthuhn

I am lucky to be me because I hav frins. We play hid in sec.

Maryah Lamphear

I am lucky to be me because I have gob fes. I pla tag with mi fes.

Dwayne Barraza

I am lucky to be me because I hav a famile. My mom and dad kis me.

TyLee Smith

I am lucky to be me because my sisr paws me. We paws pisus.

Tysen Schacher

I am lucky to be me because I hav mi rabit. Mi rabits nam is Wole.

Unstoppable JH Girls Go Undefeated



By: Tristan Johnson, Senior

This year, the junior high girls had an amazing, undefeated season. The girls breezed through the competition and only had one truly tough game.

Winning every game except one by at least 15 points, they worked very well as a team.

"They had a great game against Maxwell," Jarod Rush, head coach, said, "It was a really big point where we came together against a little adversity."

With the team's unity and skill, they can go far next year and the years to come in high school. They will do well and grow.

Snow Ice Cream!

Snow Day Shenanigans (With Tristan and Jasmine)

The two words "Snow" and "day" may possibly be a high schoolers favorite two words when put together. Snow days. The things we never have enough of.

People choose to spend their free days in many ways. They end up not being so free a lot of times. If you are like Jasmine or I, you will spend the day mainly watching Netflix and drinking hot chocolate. Some may choose to be adventurous and brave the elements. I, sometimes, do this. One time I spent a whole 5 minutes outside and I was quite proud of myself.

Mrs. Badgley uses her "free days" as work days. There's nothing like catching up on some grading and not having to assign more homework to grade!

The best part about snow days is just simply not being in school.

This snow day, hoever, I did something that
I never have done before.
Did I make hot chocolate?
No. I made the exact opposite. Snow ice cream.
Jasmine and I got together
and we decided we would
make it because she saw it
on Facebook.

Lacking vanilla and only having peppermint, we decided to use that instead. Needless to say, it was quite interesting. I'm not sure if peppermint is the right type of extract to use because it tasted awful.

After five minutes of pretending we liked it, we finally all admitted it tasted like gross snow.

Jasmine made her own at home with vanilla since she had some at home. It tasted good, but I'm not sure if I want to try it again or not.

If you are going to make snow ice cream over a snow day....Use vanilla!!

Food Pantry: A Helping Hand

Have you ever donated to the Food Pantry, or even visited your local site? If you have, then you've probably seen the impact it can have on people's lives. They're a worldwide phenomenon, and have been around since 1967.

If you're unsure of what exactly a food pantry does, it's when someone can get free/low cost food that has been donated. They became an item of importance during the Great Depression, when people could only afford low costing or free food to feed their families. Many people have contributed with either cash or food donation.

Speaking of donations, the
National Honor Society has been
working up to donate to the food pantry
and its needs. In order to do this, they
had a bake sale at a home basketball
game and donated the proceedings to
the Arnold chapter of the food pantry
in which they will buy non-perishable
items or food for the people who need
it most.

The food pantry has been



around for decades, helping people in need all over. Starting in the United States and Canada, they have greatly increased around European countries in recent years.

A major distinction between food banks is whether or not they operate on the "front line" model, or if they give out food directly to the hungry.

Some use the "warehouse" model, supplying food to intermediaries like food pantries, soup kitchens and other front-line organisations. In the US, Australia and in some parts of Canada, the standard model is for food banks to act as warehouses rather than as suppliers. In other countries, food banks usually do hand out food directly to hungry people.

Whether or not you need it, food pantries have been a crucial part of our society for quite a long time. If you or someone you know does need help, the Arnold food pantry is located in the basement of the library and is open every first and third saturday of the month.

Quiz Bowl Junior High Meets

- Wednesday, February 24th @ BB 9:00
- @ Merna 9:00
- Tuesday, March

8th @ UNK 8:30

High School Meets

- Wednesday, February 24th @ BB1:00
- @ Merna 9:00
- Tuesday, March1st @ UNK 8:30
- Monday, March7th Conference @Halsey
- @ Stapleton TBA
- Wednesday,March 23 @ Callaway 9:00

St. Patrick's Day: More Than Just Wearing Green

1) How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? An Irish legend says that the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when it was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.



- 4.) According to the Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick, but Maewyn Succat. He changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.
- 7.) To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 110 million people will celebrate the day by wearing green, making an Irishinspired meal, or going out to celebrate.

Every year, thousands of people across the world (mainly across Ireland and the United States) celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. We've come to know it as the time everyone wears green, and if you don't, you're pinched by everyone you know. Somehow, we messed up hundreds of years ago, and that's not how the holiday is supposed to be spent at all. Like a lot of things, it has been Americanized into something of less meaning, or taken on a completely different one. I'm here to give you some facts about the TRUE Saint Patrick's day.

- 3) Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a lighter shade. The color green only became a thing after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.
- 8.) St. Patrick is a hero in Ireland. There are about 60 churches and cathedrals named for him in Ireland alone. One of the most famous cathedrals is St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.



2) Although "Patrick" made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't even Irish himself. He had Roman parents in Scotland/ Wales in the late fourth century.



6) Don't be fooled by any holiday decorations showing lady leprechauns. In traditional Irish folk tales, there are only men guarding the pots of gold.



9.) The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York in 1766.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to someone deathly pale enough to be Irish.



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