

The Dark Zone

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The Legacy of Mrs. Lanham

By: Casey Ross

A teacher, an awesome cook, and a friend, these are just a few of the things everyone has come to know and love about Mrs. Carlene Lanham. As a Geography teacher she has provided years of knowledge and wisdom. As a government teacher she has force fed information to unwilling seniors since the day she began. Teachers and students alike, enjoy the company of Mrs. Lanham and the memories that they have made with her.

Some students enjoy her cooking the most, "Her scotcheroo's are magical!" said junior, Whitney Weinman, and I am certain that the whole Senior class would agree. Others students such as Chase Schwarz have gone as far as to say that the blue Jell-o she brings has had the biggest impact on their entire school career.

Everyone has a memorable moment with Mrs. Lanham. For the senior class it's "The Dark Zone" this has become a common phrase over the entire school associated with Mrs. Lanham and senior, Thomas Derr. "My funniest moment with Mrs. Lanham was when Ryan Urbanovsky scared her, she screamed and jumped really high," said junior Whitney Weinman. Sophomore Chase Schwarz said, "I found it amusing when her and Dustin Koubeck

would fight because she would totally dominate him and feel no remorse."

As a senior it makes me sad to leave this school after spending most of my life here, but I cannot imagine the grief that Mrs. Lanham is feeling after dedicating her life to teaching at this school.

It is easy to see why everyone enjoys Mrs. Lanham, she is an inspiration to all of us to be a better person and to work harder at the things we do. She will be missed by all and will be remembered for years to come, the legacy of Mrs. Lanham will live on.

Then



Now



Class of 2009

Mrs. Lanham Fun facts

- 1.) Her favorite color is blue.
- 2.) She has two children.
- 3.) Her grandkids are her biggest hobby, and scrap booking comes in at second.
- 4.) She doesn't have a birthday.
- 5.) When she gets mad she gathers her head in her hands and closes her eyes, with her fingers positioned at her temples.
- 6.) She has a very unique way of saying "tomorrow."
- 7.) She tries to hide her laughter, but she's not very good at it, which in turn makes it equally hilarious to everyone else.
- 8.) She LOVES quotes.
- 9.) She makes the best Scotcheroos known to man-kind.
- 10.) Arnold Public School's won't be near as fun without her next year.

Mrs. Lanham's Good Side

By: Thomas Derr

Mrs. Carlene Lanham has many different sides to her personality and she uses all of them regularly. "She was always in a good mood for us, but everyone has their days where they want to get something done," said 2006 graduate Casey Derr. There are many ways to get on Mrs. Lanham's good side, a few examples are to simply make her some cookies, do your homework, don't cause trouble, and be quiet when you're in her room (after all she is a librarian). But if you are one of the students who does not get their work done on time every time, do not worry because she has a cure; the Dark Zone.

The Dark Zone is a place in the back of the library where I was sent if I was causing trouble or if she simply didn't feel like putting up with me. The Dark Zone was introduced in 2006 in Geography class our freshman year. I, Thomas Derr, was sitting on the west side of the classroom with Kelsey Hauser in front of me and Jessica Preston behind me. Kelsey and Jessie decided to talk to each other with me in between them.

"Thomas! Go sit back there!" demanded Mrs. Lanham.

"What did I do?" I asked.

"You were talking now go!"

"That was Kelsey and Jessie! I was listening to you!"

"Go!"

I packed up my things and headed to the back of the room with the whole class laughing at me. I glared at Kelsey and Jessie who were laughing hysterically at the fact that they didn't get in trouble. Thus, the Dark Zone came into existence and from there on out whenever I got in trouble I was sent to the back of the room. Jana Cool helped me out one day when I had to spend a week in the Dark Zone. Being the thoughtful person she is, she decided to bring me a flashlight...yes a flashlight.

If the Dark Zone isn't on Mrs. Lanham's mind and you miss a due date on an assignment, be

prepared to bring brownies, cookies or another dish that she would like. "We always had her make us food but once in a while one of the girls would bring her food. I don't know if she would've eaten the food one of us guys would've cooked," commented Casey Derr. "She usually gave us an extra day to turn in the late assignment and didn't take off for it being late unless, of course, it was a week late." Mrs. Lanham has seen and heard every excuse for late homework so the best thing to do is just to tell her what you really did, or rather, did not do. She loves to discuss things and find out how you feel on different topics and will let you argue with your classmates if there is a debate, so another way to get on her good side is not only to turn in your work on time but to know what you are talking about on topics that you feel strongly about, like government or politics.

So with all these different options in order to get along with Mrs. Lanham you can make not only her life happier and easier, but it will make everyday in her class eventful and fun. And I'm sure in future years students will wonder what it would be like to have her as a teacher for one class period and witness her greatness. I would like to thank her for everything she's done, especially because she put up with me, and the rest of her first grade seniors. Thank you for everything Mrs. Lanham.



Best Day's with Mrs. Lanham

By: Katie Vincent, Senior

Mrs. Lanham is a great teacher, she keep us seniors intact. The most memorable moments I have had with her was geography when I was a freshman and our class would always try to get her to let us out before the bell rang so we could go to lunch early, but I guess whatever excuse we came up with was not good. When I was in elementary I would walk into the library where she was having class, so I could get a book, she would look at me and tell me to hurry it up because she was having class. Now that I am a senior, my class likes to make Mrs. Lanham smile every chance we get. We get her to smile when we ask the dumbest questions.

Sixth Period is My Favorite

By: Alexis Schwarz

Mrs. Lanham is like a good movie. She's funny at times, serious at others, but one thing always seems to remain the same, you learn a valuable lesson in the end.

Mrs. Carlene Lanham has been teaching children for over 26 years. Whether it's in Geography, Senior government, or English (20 years ago) she has touched a huge number of students.

Along with being a teacher, she has also sponsored many activities such as the National Honor Society, Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl, and Cheerleading. "I remember one time we were leaving Pizza Hut after a Quiz Bowl meet, Mrs. Lanham was driving and she got pulled over because she didn't have her headlights on. To top it off, her proof of insurance had expired too. It was hilarious!" said Jana Cool, senior.

When she was a child her favorite thing to do was to go to her grandma and grandpa's house every Sunday. "My grandma made the best Jello. She would put marshmallows and every type of fruit you could think of. To this day, I still haven't had anything like it," said Lanham.

Some people may think that Mrs. Lanham is mean, or even be intimidated by her rough and tough exterior- I used to be terrified of her in elementary... But don't let her demeanor fool you. After you get past that iron-like face, you will find a sweet and bubbling personality... She is hilarious!

Mrs. Lanham has put up with many obstacles and turmoil in her career as a teacher. She has been forced to send one of her pupils to the 'dark zone'... He has never quite been the same after that little incident. She has also had to suffer through the internal damage of having her car ransacked and vandalized with newspapers by three unruly seniors, not to mention the whole crime was caught on tape and broadcasted through the school and entire community.

"These are just little harmless pranks, you may be thinking... But you are wrong my friend. One student, just

this past year to be precise, almost sent Mrs. Lanham into cardiac arrest when she popped out from within the book shelving screaming, "I'm sorry! I'm sorry!" It was a good thing that Mrs. Lanham was agile and had a very good sense of humor. She shot to the other end of the room in the blink of an eye, and once she identified her 'pranker', began to laugh so hard the rest of the class didn't know if she would ever stop.

My last point I want to touch on is called, "6th Period With Mrs. Lanham." Most students aren't fortunate enough to be able to spend everyday sixth period with her, but I am. "Technically I'm her student aide. Code for "Lexi, put these couple of books away and then do whatever you want."

For both my Junior and Senior years, I have had the opportunity to be Mrs. Lanham's student aide. Although I am in her room day after day, the conversations that we strike up never cease to amaze me. We talk about nothing and everything, all in the same sentence. It's like therapy without having to pay... Plus, I constructed an interview with Mrs. Lanham for this article and she never even knew it.

There are several perks to being Mrs. Lanham's student aide... One, there really aren't very many rules. Two, I get to know things about her that I never would have learned from just being in a required class with her, and three, I don't know how she does it, but every year when we get back from Christmas break there is always a present sitting on her desk for me to open because, somehow, she remembered my birthday.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mrs. Carlene Lanham has touched hundreds of lives, but I can't imagine a student knowing her quiet like I do.

I know she loves quotes just as much as I do, and her grandchildren are her number one hobby. I also know that although she calls the Senior class, a bunch of first graders, that she enjoys us, and thinks that we're funny. One last thing I know... That when she reads this... She'll smile.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES... WITH MRS. LANHAM

By: Allison Rosentrater

GO TEAM GO! There are many things about Mrs. Carlene Lanham that people don't know about. For example, did you know that she was involved in Pep Club? No? I didn't really think so, but that's Okay. Don't worry about it; not many people do. Did you know Mrs. Lanham was in Latin Club? No again? That's still okay. I didn't know that either. There are so many interesting and fun things about Mrs. Lanham that people don't know and would be super- surprised if they found out. Mrs. Lanham is an amazing person and probably doesn't even have a single enemy. I mean come on! It's MRS. LANHAM! Who doesn't love her?

Mrs. Lanham was also a member of the 4-H club and even taught Sunday school as a high school student to younger kids, according to her sister Mary. Teaching has always been a part of Mrs. Lanham's life and has always been in her blood. According to her sister, Mrs. Lanham always wanted to be a teacher. Even as she was growing up, she knew in her heart that that was what she wanted to be. Some people are born to do things, like Micheal Jordan, for example, was born to play sports and destined to be a hero. Mrs. Lanham was born to be a teacher! As a little girl and growing up through elementary, junior high, and high school, Mrs. Lanham always loved politics and government.

On the weekends, Mrs. Lanham would hang out with her two best friends, Sharron Higgins and Mary Ann Holstein. According to Mary, Mrs. Lanham also spent most of her time working on Saturdays for the local vet and his wife, babysat a lot, helped her parents often- because she is the oldest of five kids-and, later, cleaned motel rooms. Mrs. Lanham LOVED listening to Elvis Presley and songs now played on the "oldies" channel.

One crazy moment in Mrs. Lanham's life that her sister Mary remembers is when "She and some friend's lifted a friends VW car up onto the sidewalk downtown in front of the local drug store; it was about three steps up...". Now really, come on! Can any of you picture the sweet, little ol' innocent Mrs. Lanham doing anything like that? I know! Me neither! But there are always secrets hidden behind enemylines. Her husband, Doug Lanham, said one of the craziest memories he has of Mrs. Lanham was "when she went down the stairs at the country club." (When interviewed, that is all he could say, because he said that when Mrs. Lanham were to read this, she would know what he was talking about.) Oh Mrs. Lanham, she just keeps surprising me.

After her "crazy" years as a high school student at Rushville High School she attended and graduated college at Chadron State. She started her first teaching job at Callaway, Nebraska, in 1968 until 1974, when she had her first child. Shortly after teaching at Callaway, she came to Arnold to teach. (Mrs. Lanham is an amazing teacher and person all around. Everyone in this school loves her and will miss her greatly.)

According to Natasha Dodge, her experience and time spent with Mrs. Lanham as a teacher and friend was like "a fuzzy bunny, unicorn, rainbows, and flowers wrapped up into a ball of pink sunshine." I asked some of the other students in school who have had Mrs. Lanham as a teacher what their favorite memory with Mrs. Lanham was, and here is what they said: "Sending Thomas Derr to the

"Dark Zone" his freshman year, because the first time he got sent to the "Dark Zone" was because he was bothering me," said Jessie Preston. "Going to State Mock Trial because I got to stay in the same hotel as her," stated Kelsey Hauser. "Mock Trial and geography class," said Josh Peterson. Derrick Bowers said, "Every day in government class." Drew Bowers claims that his favorite memory of Mrs. Lanham is "her scotcheroos." Kade Lehmkuhler said his favorite memory is "her yelling at us for doing dumb things like the whole class charging her desk because she always thought we were going to attack her." This is almost the exact same thing Cole Jacobson said: "Getting yelled at everyday in geography." Mrs. Lanham loves her students so much that when she goes home at night we are least thing she talks about with her husband, Doug, because she "likes to keep us confidential," as Doug says.

My greatest memory with Mrs. Lanham would be when I hid under her desk and stayed there for about five minutes, trying so hard not to laugh aloud so she wouldn't see me, before I jumped out and yelled, "MRS. LANHAM!" She was so scared but started laughing and got a little upset with me at the same time, though. She then left the room (leaving it wide open for me to hide again), but as she was walking

out, she said that I would never get her again because she would be expecting it. So when she was out of the room, I jumped into the cupboards that were behind her desk and closed the doors. She walked back into the room and started handing out papers. When she got to my desk she realized I wasn't sitting in it. She asked the class where I went. Luckily, they all said the same thing and told her I went into Mrs. Ayres room. Of course she knew better, and didn't believe them, so she went to Mrs. Ayer's room to check. As she was walking out, Kenzie Ferguson yelled, "She went to the bathroom!" When Mrs. Lanham was walking back into the room, she said, "Okay now Ali really isn't going to go to Lincoln with the class." So when she said that, I got scared that she was serious and

jumped out the cupboards saying, "Sorry!" But as I jumped out to say sorry, she about had a heart attack because I scared her so badly! I didn't mean to actually scare her. I was just saying sorry for hiding. When she saw me jump out of the cupboards, she jumped back, screamed a little bit, grabbed her heart, and told me I just about gave her a heart attack. The entire class was laughing, and so was Mrs. Lanham. You could by tell her face that she was flustered and possibly a little frightened still. The funny thing is that I did what she told me I wouldn't be able to do: Scare her, and I didn't even mean to do it.

I would just like to say thank you to Mrs. Lanham for everything she has ever done for me. She has taught me so much, and I respect her immensely! I look up to her and appreciate her. She has done great things in her time of teaching and will do nothing but continue to do great things after she retires. She will be greatly missed, and I will have to admit that she couldn't have picked a better class to go out with it! The class of 2009 votes Mrs. Lanham our favorite teacher and wouldn't have been able to do the things we have done, especially government-related, without her. We love you!



Mrs. Lanham forgave her after she almost gave her a heart attack!

RETIREMENT IDEAS FOR MRS. LANHAM

BY: KENZIE FERGUSON

I'm going to miss you Mrs. Lanham, but since we have to go our separate ways, I came up with some ideas you should try after you retire...

White House

I believe that Mrs. Lanham would love to go to Washington D.C. to see all the important buildings and historical sites. She could then experience what she has been teaching about for over 30 years. I also think that Mrs. Lanham should get to go inside the White House. Mrs. Lanham has been taking the senior class to Lincoln to learn about our state government, so she should be able to go to Washington to learn about our national government.



Become a criminal



Mrs. Lanham has had many students give her a hard time over the years, and I, Mackenzie Ferguson, am one of them. Mrs. Lanham and I get along very well, but I like to get her off track during class. Actually, I should say, I TRY to get her off track. This is why I think that Mrs. Lanham could be a criminal. I have discovered that Mrs. Lanham has many of the awesome qualities that it takes to be a professional criminal. First of all, she is very sneaky. Mrs. Lanham has caught me many times using her shape-cutting machine in the backroom without asking, and I never even see her coming. She is also very good at keeping secrets. I have asked Mrs. Lanham hundreds, or maybe even thousands of questions about her in the past years, and I barely know anything about her. Mrs. Lanham gives you the least amount of

information necessary, and nothing more. She also will not tell you anything that is obvious to see for yourself. One time a fellow classmate of mine asked Mrs. Lanham what her favorite pop was. Mrs. Lanham was drinking a Ruby Red Squirt at the time, and her reply was "What do you think it is?"

In conclusion, I believe that Mrs. Lanham has many of the right qualities to become a criminal when she retires, so watch out Arnold! Mrs. Lanham will probably be sneaking around, and if she happens to get caught, she will be able to remain silent to get herself out of trouble.

I hope these ideas were helpful Mrs. Lanham! If not though, just give me a call and I can come up with some more. And remember just try to take it easy, and relax as much as you can.

MORE SUGGESTIONS♦♦♦



Become a cook

Mrs. Lanham could become a cook when she retires. The senior class of 2009 has convinced Mrs. Lanham to bring us scotcheroos many times after we have accomplished something amazing. Examples would be winning County Government Day, making it to State Speech, winning a basketball game, etc. I have to admit Mrs. Lanham makes the best scotcheroos I have ever had. I can only imagine how delightful her other cooking tastes!

Go fishing

Fishing is a fun past time to try. My dad, Ranald Ferguson, and I love to fish. I think that when Mrs. Lanham retires, we will take her fishing at the State Park. During my interview with Doug Lanham, he said "One thing Mrs. Lanham would never do is go fishing" and he reminded me quite a few times that is one thing she wouldn't do. I think she should try it though. Hooking a fish is very exciting, and Mrs. Lanham is used to excitement because she has taught high school in Arnold for 26 years. And believe me, Arnold students are not the least bit boring. One example of Mrs. Lanham getting excited was when Allison Rosentrater hid under Mrs. Lanham's desk. Ali stayed under there for around 5 minutes before jumping out to scare Mrs. Lanham while Mrs. Lanham was sitting at her desk. Then Mrs. Lanham left the room, and Ali hid in Mrs. Lanham's cabinet behind her desk. Mrs. Lanham came back in and knew something was fishy, so she threatened that Ali wouldn't get to go to Lincoln with us. Ali got nervous so she popped out of the cabinet, which made Mrs. Lanham jump about a foot off the ground and yell, "You almost gave me a heart attack!"



From Then To Now

By: Amanda Winfield

Mrs. Carlene Lanham, beloved teacher at Arnold Public Schools since 1983, first started teaching as a substitute teacher, finishing her 26th year of teaching. Lanham returned to Arnold Public Schools in the fall of 1984 to continue her teaching career.

"The thing that I remember the most is the way that she was always happy to see us, she was a fun loving teacher, she was always behind her desk smiling at people as they walked in," said Scott Winfield, former student, class of '85.

The class that Lanham first started teaching full time had a total of 23 students in it. Though when Lanham taught the government/history class, it was an elective. She also monitored the study hall class.

"Since I lived so close to the school, me and a bunch of friends used to sneak out of the upstairs window and slide down a pole, and then we would go over to my house and watch T.V. But one time the window had

been cleaned extra good, and when we went to jump out of it we kind of hit the window and were caught. At first Mrs. Lanham was a little mad, but then she started laughing." said Winfield.

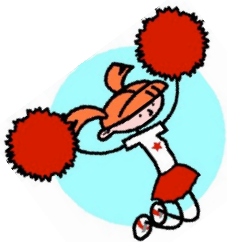
The pole mentioned was later taken down that year.

From her first class

in 1984 to her last class in 2009, Mrs. Lanham has always remained the teacher that laughs with her students and always offers a friendly word. She will be missed, though her legend will live on in the school.



Senior class of 2009 taking a picture with our favorite teacher!



By: Jessie Preston

L-A-N-H-A-M, What does that spell?! LANHAM!

Mrs. Carlene Lanham has been a sponsor for many different activities: National Honor Society, Mock Trial, Mentor Program, and others, but nobody would have guessed that she was also once the cheerleading sponsor for our great Arnold High School. She didn't take cheerleading lightly either.

"Mrs. Lanham was always very strict and kept us girls in line", said Patti Schwarz.

She took time out of her own schedule to drive her cheerleading squad to all the away football games, basketball games, and wrestling meets.

"She was always a lot of fun when she would drive us. The girls always seemed to have a good time," commented Schwarz.

Of course in my interview I had to ask, "Did Mrs. Lanham ever teach you cheerleading moves and help you with your cheers and dances?"

"Oh no, she never did that kind of stuff!" Patti said with a chuckle.

Although Mrs. Lanham didn't teach the fundamentals of cheerleading, she kept the school spirit alive, making signs for the cheerleaders to hang on lockers before every game. She would make sure there was always something for the cheerleaders to do, like making goody bags for the football players before Homecoming and making sure there were signs that said "Kill the Tigers" or "Go Cardinals" hanging around the school at all times.

"I think she really enjoyed being our sponsor," said Schwarz.



Events In National Honor Society

By: Derrick Bowers

Mrs. Lanham has been the sponsor of the Arnold Chapter of National Honor Society and a lot of memorable moments and experiences for many years. Every year the students in National Honor Society do a few community service projects. Some of the time these projects are very boring and uneventful, but most of the time they are very fun and humorous. Every year she has the members sell chocolate for a fundraiser. Usually all of the students get theirs sold fast and get their money turned in right away, but there is always at least one that procrastinates. He or she usually put off selling the chocolate or waits until the very end of the school year to turn in their money.

Another one of Mrs. Lanham's favorite projects was rebuilding the picnic table at the Riverview Apartments. At first this was just supposed to take a couple of days, but that was completely wrong. It seemed like almost everything that we did took twice as long as it should have. We either didn't get the

right supplies or didn't have enough. We finally got it done even though it took a couple months longer than we thought that it would.

The most recognized annual project is the food drive. This is probably one that Mrs. Lanham is the most proud of because it goes to a very good cause. The National Honor Society sets up boxes in every class room K-12. The class that brings the most items for 7-12 and K-6 wins. The winners also get a pizza party so it is definitely worthwhile to try to win. This year our senior class won. They also set a new record for the amount of items collected.

Every year the National Honor Society puts on the turtle races. Mrs. Lanham is always worried about how it is going to turn out, but it always does fine and runs smoothly. These are just a small sample of some of the community service projects that Mrs. Lanham and the National



Senior class after winning the food drive and setting a new record.

Honor Society has done over the years. Others include babysitting, helping with the elementary circus, doing the turtle races every year, and helping out wherever else is needed.

I have had an awesome time in National Honor Society for three years. I think that everyone else has enjoyed it a lot too. I would like to thank Mrs. Lanham for all of the hard work that she has done. She has dealt with a lot of stress that some of the members has caused, but to my knowledge she has never harmed any of them.

The Best Teacher

By: Tory Edwards



Ross and Derrick making Mrs. Lanham really happy.

Mrs. Lanham is one of the best teachers I have ever had. You can go in early or during another class, which I do and just talk to her about whatever. She is really easy to talk to about any subject. You can talk to her about school sports or about your every day life. She always makes her class very interesting and it's really a fun time. According to a past student, Ed Walker, "If you could get her talking about current events or any form of history, you could get out of an assignment."

This year during Government Day in Broken Bow, Mrs. Lanham wanted us to bring the plaque home. To get this plaque you had to be the school that looked the nicest was the most attentive and ask the most questions. We were able to bring the plaque home for Mrs. Lanham. To finish Government Day out, the parents and students were treated to a potluck supper at the Arnold American Legion. Students had to give a little report on what he or she did and what they had learned. I thought that it was fun and I learned a lot about how county government is run.

I have really enjoyed Mrs. Lanham. She is one of those teachers that you can joke around with and have a good time in her class. Even when I graduate I will still go back to her and just talk to her about life. The

students and faculty will miss Mrs. Lanham. Good luck Mrs. Lanham and enjoy your retirement.



Newspaper Frenzy

By: Kelsey Hauser

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to find your car completely packed full of newspaper? Maybe, but probably not. However one unforgettable morning, Mrs. Carlene Lanham walked into her garage expecting to get in to her car and drive to school, except, that wasn't the case at all. What she found was her car packed with newspaper and three mischievous boys with grins on their faces.

Cory Hauser, Casey Derr, and Ned Pelster came up with this great plan one day at school. "We thought that it would be hilarious and that she would freak out, but we hoped that it wouldn't bother her too much and make her angry," said Hauser.

Their plan was simple... collect a bunch of newspaper, save it until they had a car load, and finally sneak into Mrs. Lanham's garage to pack the car. So, where was it that these three boys found the newspaper? None other than Mrs. Lanham herself. "We told her that someone was moving and that we needed to

help them. So we kept it in our lockers until we moved it to my house and put it in a big box.



Ned Pelster, Cory Hauser, and Casey Derr with Mrs. Lanham after class night.

Sometimes we put in the backseat of my town car, where they usually sat for awhile," Hauser said.

When they had saved enough newspaper to carry out their plan, they went to her house around 6 a.m. They began stuffing her car with the paper, but things didn't go quite as planned. While performing this mighty task they heard her rustling around, getting ready to come into the garage. When she came out she found her car only a

little packed, the front seat was filled to the top but the back was only part way full. "Her reaction

was not quite what we expected, because we didn't have the car completely packed," Hauser stated about Mrs. Lanham's reaction. She then shoved all the paper into the backseat and drove to school, leaving it all in her car.

During this little episode, Hauser, Derr, and Pelster were videotaping themselves filling her car and also her reaction when she found out what was going on.

She did not know, however, that the boys were planning on presenting the video at their Class Night, for everyone to see. "She was okay with us video taping it, but was quite embarrassed when she found out that we played it," said Hauser.

All in all Mrs. Lanham was a good sport, and even though those boys played a nasty trick on her, she still loves them. She has put up with a lot over the years, but she will always be remembered, her legacy will be remembered through this story and many other similar ones.

MRS. LANHAM: THE BARK THAT WAS ALWAYS WORSE THAN THE BITE

By: Casey Edelman

Carlene Lanham, the myth, the legend. Yes, Mrs. Lanham, as her students affectionately know her, has always been a staple of Arnold Public Schools. She will forever be ingrained in our memories as possibly one of the best educators in our lives and yet to some, she will also be remembered in a different way: as an iron-fisted leader, attempting to forge our feeble minds into steel coated high-speed processors that can easily name off all the members of the Senate and the House in one sitting.



Mrs. Carlene Lanham in 2009

Mrs. Lanham has often attempted to put on the persona of a harsh Drill Sergeant-esque educator of children, both young and old. However it takes so little to reveal her true nature. According to Casey Derr a former senior at Arnold High School, "It was easy to see the real Lanham." According to this former Lanham student, all it took was a simple phrase "Ahhhh! Mrs. Lanham!"

All of a sudden, bam! She would undergo a seamless transformation, one from a seemingly robotic iron-hearted homework slinger to a warm, grandmother-like lover of kids. It was as if she was a reverse of the Hulk; one minute she stood before us a terrifying authoritarian delivering a Hitler-style speech on current events and condemning us to another painful hour of newspapers and Upfronts. Then with the correct amount of amount of.... well,

whining, she made a split second-change, and became the caring teacher we all know and love, that is quick to help us and support us.

It all begins when the bell tolls for us to head off to government class. We trudge off and make the long perilous journey up those steep steps to the library, her domain for these past decades in which she has served as a loyal service worker. We take our seats and maintain discipline, taking care not to flinch as she enters the room, slamming the door behind her with a loud, "WHAM!" Then come the opening commands: "Sit down and be quiet!" We melt into our seats fearing her wrath. "Current events?" she asks harshly.

Nervous glances are exchanged, no current events to share. What is to become of us now? Will it be the firing squad, the electric chair or lethal injection as they are discussing in the state legislature with LB 36? No, worse. We are now forced to do our assignment, most likely a thirty-page essay on the court of appeals due tomorrow. Her iron will is unshakable as she furiously beats the podium in front of her and tells us of the sacrifices we must make to ensure our continued education. However, one brave soul stands forth and calls out those magic words.

"Ahhh, Mrs. Lanham!"

Suddenly, with those whining cries, the iron melts and a warming smile crosses her face. An explosion follows as everyone else in class sallies forth with their complaints and why such an assignment is unjust and cruel. The warmth does not fade, but she retaliates with

"Oh, you'll be fine, you're seniors."

"No we're not. We're First graders. Don't you remember?" one senior fires back.

"True," Lanham replies amidst light laughter. All of a sudden, the assignment fades to nothing. Either it is dismissed or replaced with one much lighter and easier to accomplish, given our outlandish schedules. Thus is the typical day of Mrs. Lanham. I can imagine she is similar in other classes including her elementary students, though she may be less forgiving, as some have been known to disappear after her class has ended. We leave it to speculation to determine their fates.

Our friend and confidante, Casey Derr, was again on hand to vouch for her behavior, saying that she has changed little over the past years.

Things have changed for her, however. From the incident in which she was pulled over driving the quiz bowl bus, to Ali ambushing her from various locations within the library, it has been an ever-changing ride for Mrs. Lanham. One that I for one hope she has enjoyed.

Mrs. Lanham has been a stalwart educator in our lives, and it will be a terrific loss for the Arnold School when she says her goodbyes. They will be losing not only the awe-inspiring disciplinarian, but also the kind-hearted softy that we all know and love. In all seriousness however, Mrs. Lanham has always been there for us and every class before us, and in my recent interview with Mr. Derr this fact was confirmed.

"We loved Mrs. Lanham, she was always fun and great to be around."

Mrs. Lanham is a fantastic teacher that has graced Arnold's library for just over twenty years, and it will hurt to lose her, but thankfully, we, as this year's senior class, can look back on several years well spent under her wing. She has had a profound effect on our lives, and I will not forget her, nor will anyone else. Mrs. Lanham is a caring and inspiring teacher. She is really great at her job, and I am thankful she has been there for us for so long and presided over us, as her oldest first graders. I am going to miss her, and I pity the fools who anger her next.

I believe I speak for all of us when I say, "Thank you Mrs. Lanham, and we'll miss you. Good luck!"

Saying Goodbye to an Awesome Teacher

By: Adam Lucas

To me, Mrs. Lanham is the best teacher I have ever had during my high school years. She has taught me a lot of information that I need to know for my future. You can come in before school and get help with homework or to study for a test. You can talk to her about a subject that concerns you, or about a current event that really interests you. You can always have a great conversation with her and possibly even get out of work if it is a really good conversation. She has done some really great things to help me through school. Every time I have a question she is there to answer it. I have her in Senior Government. She has made the class interesting, and I am having a great time being in her class.

One former student, Edward Walker, said that the one major enjoyment last year was during graduation the whole senior class went down and gave Mrs. Lanham a goodbye hug which meant a lot to her. "We did this just to thank her for all the great times we had with her and for everything she had done for us," said former student Jake Gilland. That was a really nice moment for her to have last year. Students from last year's class said the best class memory they ever had was seeing how joyous and happy she was when their class walked over to her.

Another good experience was with the Mock Trial team. She would drive them to the competitions and was really excited about watching them. She was a lot of fun to go on trips with. "When she drove the van to competitions and whenever she would be driving a little crazy she would say, "HOLD ON!" to everyone in the van," said Edward Walker.

I really enjoyed going to County Government Day with Mrs. Lanham. We all got to tour an office and learned lot about what they did. We were treated with a good lunch at the office building. That same night each student and their parents were treated to a supper after we gave a report about the things we learned in the office that day. We each learned a lot about how the government runs. I really enjoyed this learning day that Mrs. Lanham had planned.

Mrs. Lanham was a great teacher to have and was a lot of fun to be with. She will be greatly missed by students and staff members. She is really easy to talk with, and she has helped many people when they needed help or needed something explained. She was a great teacher, friend, and church member in my life. I wish you the best of luck and wish you a happy and joyful retirement. You will be greatly missed as a fun and funny teacher. Good luck on your retirement and the life ahead of you.

In the Beginning....Came Miss Winter

By: Natasha Dodge

When Miss Winter crossed the threshold into the classroom on her first day of teaching, the thought never crossed anyone's mind that this step would impact countless destinies. No one had any idea of how many students' lives she would touch throughout her teaching career. She took this step in 1968 at Callaway High School, and this Miss Carlene Winter was the beloved Mrs. Lanham we know today.



C. Winter
History

Miss Winter in 1968

This Miss Winter was not much different from our own modern Mrs. Lanham. She started off teaching English and history for junior high, and Nebraska government, American government, and geography for high school. She also served as a class sponsor and the pep club sponsor.

"When she was our sponsor, we went to her apartment and fried doughnuts for our class party. We stunk up her house really badly-it smelled like grease and oil. She didn't care though, and we all loved it. People talked about it for years," said Karen (Hirsch) Dodge, who was in Mrs. Lanham's first seventh grade class.

Miss Winter captured the hearts of her students right away. "We were kind of like her kids because she wasn't married, she didn't have any kids, and her

family lived a long way from Callaway. She would just tell us things about her life. When she started dating Mr. Lanham, she told us about him, like if she went on a date with him, or if she was going to, and we would tease her about him. She didn't get mad, though. She just laughed," said Dodge.

After a few years of teaching, Miss Winter married and became Mrs. Lanham. She did not change a bit, though. She still housed that "tough" outer shell that melted away to reveal her soft-hearted inside, kept especially for her students. Throughout her many years of teaching, Mrs. Lanham has always been known for this seemingly thorny exterior that only hides her wonderful, caring self.

Besides this, another thing people knew her for especially were her cars. "She always had the coolest cars. At school, she talked about getting a new car for a while, and when she did, we were in awe of this brown Buick Skylark. A few other guys and I talked her into taking us to a district basketball game at Loup City in it. After this, she got into trouble with the principal because he didn't think it was 'appropriate'," said Jim Dodge, a freshman when Miss Winter began teaching.



Mr. Ross, Carol Hirsch, Karen Hirsch, Cherry Hirsch, Denise Palmer, Mary Chase, Deb Johnson, Cindy Mary, Sharon Nelson, Phil Myers, Shari Leigh, Barbara Candy Martin, Fella Hernandez, Deb Gudum, Tami Pryor, Margie Foster, Carol Hirsch, Kelly Hirsch, Karen Smith, Carlene Winter, JoAnn, JoAnn Ray Boudier, Sharon Schmitt, Barbara Prather, Susan Hordick, Susan Prather, Terry Martin, JoAnn Mary Phelan, Christy Longmire, Marie Giesels, Sue Shultz, Carol Harris, JoAnn Deb Leigh, Denise Johnson, Phil G Henry, Betty Giesels.

Mrs. Lanham has fallen victim to many pleadings, persuasions, and pranks during her teaching career, and this was no different in her beginning years. "In study hall, it was the day we were getting out for Christmas break, and she left the room. Gary Eastwood put a tack on her chair, and when she came back in, she sat on it. She said that she wouldn't let us out for Christmas until somebody told who put the tack there. Gary said it was him, and she told him he had to stay for two weeks after school, but she forgot, and he never was punished for it," chuckled Jim Dodge.

In 1974 came the end of the beginning for Mrs. Lanham. This was the last year of her teaching at Callaway, but only the start of her journey as a teacher, as well as a mother. During this journey, she has won the love of many students and touched the lives of infinite others. Mrs. Lanham has left a legacy that nobody, not even the students in her first classes, will ever forget.

FAREWELL TO FIVE OF THE STAFF



Mr. Goodell gave the horse end of the deal. Left to right are Mrs. Lanham, Junior High History and English, Mr. Goodell, Band and Mrs. Edgington, Librarian.

Teachers teaching their last time at C.H.S. this year are Mrs. Harrell, Mr. Neidich, Mr. Boege, Mrs. Mulling and Mrs. Goodell. A new change for Mr. Goodell will occur when he switches to full time counseling next year in the new school.

She's Busier Than You Think

By: Tanner Bowers

Mrs. Lanham is not only the school librarian, she is also a teacher, coach, and organizer. She is involved in a lot of organizations that most people don't think about. People know that she works here at the school and she's been here for a long time, but how many things is she really involved in? Well to start, she sponsors Mock Trial and the National Honor Society and organizes the Geography Bee and the annual book fair at the school. She is dedicated to this school and has done many things to support it, like coming to games, helping with fundraisers, and by being a great teacher to all of her classes.

She is also a great supporter of government and is really involved in county government. The senior class of 2009 went to Broken Bow to participate in County Government Day and she was our sponsor. It was her advice and her leadership there that allowed the class to take home the award of being the best town at County Government Day. Arnold has won this award several years now and, after winning it again, has made her last year here at Arnold Public School one step better. She has also taken many senior classes to Lincoln, NE towards the end of each year to go to the capital and watch how state legislature works.

Mrs. Lanham is a very dedicated teacher and has worked hard to make sure her students understand what she is teaching and she has shown how much she cares about the school and the students in it by supporting it and being involved in many things in the school.

Memories!

Dear Mrs. Lanham,

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The book fair was a great time to have fun in the library. Book fair nights were great, too. My family came in with me, and we participated in the activities and read books. My favorite series was Clifford the Big Red Dog. I enjoyed them, and oh boy, did you remember that.

You are a wonderful teacher and person. You are willing to do anything for people around you. You get things done right and see to it that they are on time, too. You always put a front on of "Mrs. Grumpy" and has no fun. Little do you know, we know you smile and laugh and cry just like us. You are also scared to have your students lives in your hands. For instance, Government day in Broken Bow, there was nasty weather and you wanted to get back because you were scared of the weather (Hint: It was foggy and misty out). She also fixes the best scotcheroos!!

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Love, April Grace Mills



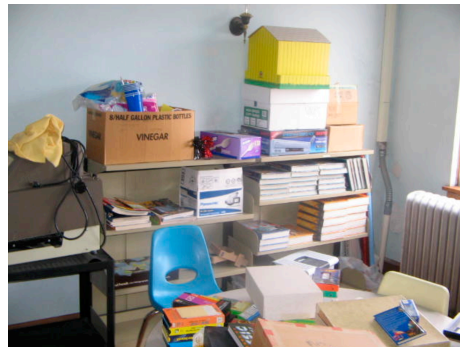
Back In The Day

By: Cameron Meyer

As some of you may know, Mrs. Lanham has worked in the Arnold Public Schools for 26 years. In her many years of faithful service to the outstanding school system, she has accumulated some things in the back part of the library. Some of these are still able to be used today, and some of them are not any good at all. But like most people, she has kept these antiques thinking that it may be needed at some time or another.

"It is good she has kept some of those things that are outdated because it shows the younger generations how things used to look and how they have evolved," stated Kade Lehmkuhler Mrs. Lanham's first period student aid.

She has kept ancient projectors that are no longer made but still serve a good purpose in teaching young children. The old relics like that also help to keep the history of the school so they will not be forgotten.



There are things of historical value, like old books that no one reads, but are too important to be thrown in the trash. So as a student of hers,

I am glad she still has some of that stuff from "back in the day." It helps me to see what my grandfather used as current technology, and I hope my grandchildren can see what I used as current technology when I was in high school. Mrs. Lanham has showed me old things that my grandparents talk about that they used in high school and it helps me to relate to what we use today.

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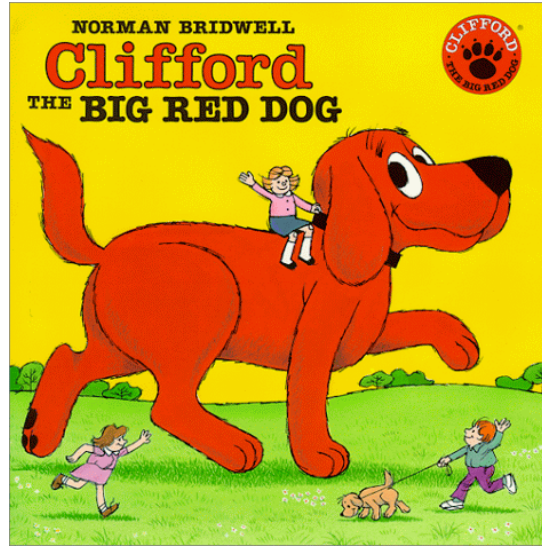
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