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## Past Meets Present: American Veterans Traveling Tribute

**By: Dayna Larreau, Senior**

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall came to North Platte on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, and left on Monday, October 11, 2010. A program was held every afternoon, Thursday through Monday, and a smaller program was held in the evenings through the same days. The program was meant to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Highway, which stretches from the Canadian border to Brownville, Texas.

The Traveling Wall is 80% the size of the real Vietnam Memorial Wall. Even though it is smaller, it still has all 58,000 names that the Vietnam Memorial Wall has. There are eight women and a father and son in that list of names.

The Traveling Wall was constructed from 1997 through early 1998 and began traveling the United States in 1998. It is the largest wall replica traveling the United States. Traveling with the wall is the Cost of Freedom Memorial, The 911

Memorials exhibit, The Walk of Heroes, the Art Display, the Tribute Panel, and the World War II tribute.

The Vietnam Wall means something different to everyone, and the 6-12 graders got to see that in person. Two buses were taken to North Platte on Thursday, October 7. The students saw the traveling wall for themselves, as well as how it was affecting the people around them. Veterans and family members were just some of the people included in the crowd studying the wall.

The students also listened to speakers during the program. One speaker was Governor Dave Heineman who said, "It's a great day to be an American and a great day to be a Nebraskan."

The program recognized Gold Star Mothers, who are mothers who have lost a child in the military. Families released white balloons for the soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan and for the Vietnam War.

Another speaker, Gary Steckelberg summed up his feelings on the wall and the lives lost by saying, "I'm not mourning those names on those huge slabs of granite. I am rejoicing that they lived on as part of that wall. We should rejoice that they did live and were willing to do their duty."

Mrs. Badgley asked her younger students to write down their impressions of the wall. Trevor Halstead said, "The most important thing I learned is freedom is not free. Our freedom is because of the people that died in battle. Nothing would be the same if we didn't have the military. I learned that millions of people have died for the U.S. for freedom. Thank a vet."

Brooke Blowers had a different take on the wall and said, "I learned there

were so many kids that had to grow up without one or both of their parents, because they died for the people of the U.S."

Jasmine Nelson wanted to honor the soldiers and veterans for giving up their life and heart for this country.

Isaak Cole stated, "For some reason, it's not what I learned that is going to stick with me. It's the quote, 'In times of peace, pray for peace, in times of war, pray for a victory.'"

Sully Lewis wanted to take his experience back to his family. He said, "I learned that you should always respect and thank the people who served to protect our liberties. Next time I see my grandpa, I'm going to thank him for helping me and everyone else get their freedom for free and I am going to say sorry for all his friends he lost in the line of fire."

Going to the Traveling Wall was really a learning experience for everyone. Our impressions of it varied, from those who were amazed at the sheer number of names, to those who were saddened by the family members who were left to honor their lost sons, daughters, husbands, and wives. This generation of Arnold Public School students has learned an important lesson: "Freedom is not free."

**By: Cindy Nisolle, Senior**

It was the first time of my life that I saw so many names on a wall. You can find similar walls in Europe in remembrance of the two World Wars, but they are smaller. From the Vietnam War, 1700 soldiers are still missing and 17 are from Nebraska.

When I went to North Platte with Arnold High School to see the Vietnam

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Wall, in front of it, people were trying to find the names of persons that were part of their family or friends they knew. This is not a war Memorial but a Memorial to those who served in the war.

There was also a special presentation. This ceremony was to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Veteran's Memorial Highway. The highway stretches from the Canadian border to Brownville, Texas, and North Platte is in the middle.

When we took pictures with the wall behind us, we didn't know whether to smile or not because it has been built for sad memories.

Countries that were involved in this war are feeling sorry for what happened. But some days, we will be sorry for dead soldiers that were killed in the wars that are happening right now. So, can we stop fighting each other so we don't have to build other walls with millions of names like the Vietnam Wall?

One Act 2010

# Inspector Detector and the Precious Treasure

Christopher Gieschen

## Information

This year in One Act, practices will almost always be in the morning. Therefore it is too unstable to list the times and dates of practice. Schedules have been handed out to the cast and crew, with about two possible practices a week listed on them. This year's play is a comedy done in the Sherlock Holmes mystery style.

"We're getting a late start but so far I think it's going very well. The student directors have made an excellent cut. We are starting later than usual but I feel like we're further along because the cut has already been made. We're going to do a "period piece" for the first time, which is where we're trying to set the play in a previous time period rather than in a current one, so it will give the cast a new challenge. I'm really excited about this year," Mrs. Moninger, our One Act coach, said.

### The Cast

**Ian Beshaler:** *Inspector Detector* - the hero, aka Sherlock Holmes.

**Sarah Magill:** *The Baroness of Braunschweiger* - the villainess.

**Cassandra King:** *Pauline Precious* - the heroine.

**Ryan Moninger:** *James* - butler of the Precious mansion.

**Kali Blevins:** *Fran* - the maid of the Precious mansion.

**Cindy Nisolle:** *Kate Watson* - maid-in-training

**Rachelle Preston:** *Jackie* - helps the baroness; she is dumber than a doornail

**Brandon Peterson:** *Mack* - another helper, even dumber than a doornail.

**Stone Phillips:** *Victor* - yet another helper, dumbest of the doornails.

**Dillon Olson:** *Chief Clinker* - police chief

**Hannah Magill:** *Lou* - surveyor

**Korrie Miller:** *Sue* - surveyor's assistant

### The Crew

#### Set Construction:

Drew Bowers, Brent Urbanovsky, Justin Mousel, Wyatt Eggleston, Terry Bellew, Eugene Walker

#### Props:

Eugene Walker, Eamon Schwarz, Dillon Olsen, Michael Larreau

#### Lights/Sound:

Justin Mousel, Eamon Schwarz, Michael Larreau

#### Costumes/Make-Up:

Mariah Strasburg

#### Directors/Publicity:

Dayna Larreau, Haley Jacobson

#### Substitutes:

Taylor Rimpley

#### Videographers/Publicity:

Mayra Barraza, Alex Weinman, Sierra Monroe



### Performances

**Nov. 10** - Matinee in Arnold TBA

**Nov. 17** - LVC Play in Callaway TBA

**Nov. 19** - Community Night in Arnold  
@ 7 p.m.  
Soup and Pie - 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. 22** - Community Night in Callaway  
@ 7 p.m.

**Nov. 29** - Districts in Bassett TBA

**Dec. 9** - *State One Act @ Merriman Performing Arts in Kearney*  
(Central Elementary) 9:30 AM  
(D2-5 Winner performs at TBA)





# Flag Etiquette:

## Did you Know...

- It is NOT called the American Flag, it is the U.S. flag?
- When you put up the flag you should have it ascend quickly and descend slowly?
- If you are going to fly a flag at half mast you should take it all the way to the top, then bring it back down to put it in place; and the same for taking it down?
- An upside down flag is a sign of distress?
- If you see a flag coming, you should stand and remove your hat, hand on your heart until it passes and remain quiet the entire time?
- Only veterans should salute the flag whether in uniform or not?
- The U.S. flag should never dip lower than any other flag.
- If the flag has an eagle on the top, the eagle should face the audience?
- You can only carry a flag flat if it is around a pole or on a casket? A flag flat on the football field should not move.
- There is a \$1000 fine for breaking the flag code?
- Just because a flag touches the ground, or is frayed from flying, you don't have to retire it; you can have a seamstress sew it?
- You should never yell before the end of the Star Spangled Banner?
- A flag can fly 24 hours a day if it is lit (not just moonlight)?
- You can donate a burial flag back to the VFW and they will fly the flag at the cemetery for Memorial Day? (They get labeled by soldier's name and the war.)
- Red stands for courage, heroism, and sacrifice? White stands for the high ideals of our country? Blue means strength and unity?
- Flag holders don't take off their hat, nor are they allowed to move, sing or speak when they are carrying the flag?
- If you display a flag on your car it should



be on the left side and closest to the front if another flag is also flown on the same car?

- The US flag is the only flag ever flown on the moon?
- You should always fold a flag wearing white gloves, never bare handed?
- You should never use an actual flag as clothing?
- When athletes wear the flag (such as at the Olympics) it is considered disrespectful?
- The US flag should be flown the highest, then the POW/MIA closest to the US flag and then the state flag?
- When you fold a flag either to store, or to retire, it is done the same way, with only the blue and white stars showing - no red?

Thank you to Gary Bush and Darrel Munson of the VFW for such a great presentation to the Arnold students.

## Pledge of Allegiance Etiquette

There is a proper way to say the Pledge of Allegiance. You don't pause until you see a punctuation mark, a comma or the period at the end.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



# Community Heroes Read Too!

In conjunction with the Book Fair, Mrs. Moninger did a month long promotion to highlight community heroes who read. "The main goal was to show that many people enjoy reading - not just the faculty."

Each day leading up to the book fair, Mrs. Moninger sent out a "challenge question" about a community hero. The first class to reply by email won a book from the book fair. If there was a tie, then both classes won.

When approaching a community hero to request a picture, the only guideline given was to "choose a favorite pleasure reading item." Then each picture was posted in the entry way of the school building with the community hero writing assignments the students did as well. (Come see the bulletin board.)

Heroes chose novels, magazines, newspapers, iPads, and Kindles. It was fun to see the choices.

The community heroes honored were:

1. Law Enforcement Officers – at every level (local, state, and federal), help the community by keeping us safe and educating us of dangerous situations. Dan Osmond is our DARE officer and is running for sheriff this year. (K/1, 2 tie)

2. Vacation Bible School Leaders – Did you know, there were over 50 people who worked together as leaders to organize and manage a fantastic community-wide vacation Bible school this summer? (3, 4 tie)

3. Lifeguards – keep us safe at the pool, give swimming lessons, and give the public a healthy exercise option. Not all towns our size are lucky enough to have a public pool! (2)

4. Chamber – They organize the 4th of July celebration, Christmas Around Town, the flowerpots, community-wide garage sale, and many other activities. (5)

5. Soldiers (J.J.) – Community members from Arnold serve in the reserve and active duty to protect our nation's security. Currently, Dave and Jamie Halstead are in Afghanistan and others are serving across the country and world. (4)

6. Village Board – the village board serves a similar function to a

mayor and city council in a larger town. Their job is to make and enforce the local

7. Janet Larreau, local journalist serves a major community need in providing information and coverage regarding local events, needs, and issues. Arnold is very lucky to have the local newspaper because it's getting tougher and tougher for journalism to work. (2)

8. Theater Board (4)

9. Bailey and Landyn - She chose those two specifically because they were picking up trash at last week's homecoming game. Last year when she covered a playground duty, there were several members in that class picking up trash in our playground as well. However, they also help out their classmates and perform many other heroic duties.- (K)

10. School Board and Mr. Osmond - they do so much to help our school district run smoothly and to make this school a great place to learn. (2)

11. Firefighters - In this case, Robbi Smith, but all firefighters are heroes (especially the volunteer firefighters). If you haven't seen the picture, go on by and look at it. His fun personality jumps out! (4)

12. Story Time - Mrs. McDonald, who volunteers for the summer reading program. Mrs. Paulick also volunteers for the program; however, she was not there the day she went to take the picture. There are many other people who volunteer at the public library serving on the selection committee and in other functions. (2,4 tie)

13. Nurse - specifically Mindy Peterson, but we have many nurses in our community that help out. (nobody)

14. President Obama - Even though he doesn't live here, he impacts our community. The 4th graders did a reading activity during media time that refers to President Obama's reading habits. (4)

15. Doctors - (Dr. Keith Gautreaux from Broken Bow is our photo example.) (K, 4, 5)

16. Coaches (volunteer for pee-wee sports, etc.)

Some of the people that we just ran out of time for or I wasn't able to get the picture include:



**Even the high school kids got involved. Eugene Walker dressed as Clifford the Big Red Dog and visited the preschool and elementary classrooms to celebrate heroes. Terry Bellew helped Clifford navigate the halls safely.**

- Joe Bob Atkins (volunteers for youth wrestling)
- Casey Connell (volunteers for youth sports)
- Rhonda Gilland (Red Cross blood drive)
- Becky Daily (SORC)
- Jessica Kline from Mighty Mart (sometimes a friendly comment means the world to a person and she's always so bubbly and interested in everyone)
- Darlene Rimpley (volunteers for many events so hard but we were considering the American Legion)
- Terry and Dena Mills (organizing 4th of July parade)
- Renee Bubak (boy scouts)
- EMTs like Nancy Cool
- Deb Fischer (representative for this area),
- Joanie Knight (4H and rodeo),
- and many more...

There are probably enough people who donate time, energy, and funds in Arnold that she could do this promotion for the entire year. Hopefully, students have enjoyed the reading promotion; however, it also provides an opportunity to visualize how many people it takes to create a strong community and introduces curricular topics in social studies for many of the elementary classes. I've lived in many communities, but Arnold's residents really demonstrate the difference service can make in people's lives.

# The Book Fair Lives On...

The Scholastic Book Fair held this year in September was a fly-ing success. Mrs. Moninger said, “Over \$700 worth of books were put in classroom libraries. In an effort to promote early literacy, a few new books were also donated to the Preschool classroom, as well as a few for the Public Library’s story hour.” Darlene Rimpley and Rhonda Gilland helped with the book fair so Mrs. Moninger could participate in parent-teacher conferences.

Each classroom has plans to build off the book fair success in their classroom.

## Kindergarten and First Grade:

By sheer coincidence, Ms. Gracey bought and read the same book outloud to the first grade class as a Reagan Cool’s mom, Lana. And, in an entertaining twist, this book became a competition.

Mrs. Cool sent a teasing note back to school in her daughter’s backpack, thus triggering the now infamous “Skippy Jon Read Off Competition.”

The letter that started it all, in its entirety it is included here:

“Dear Ms. Gracey,

I regret to inform you that Reagan has determined that I am the best at reading the new SkippyJon Jones Book. Do not feel bad because all though Reagan said you were good at the Spanish accent, it would be impossible to dethrone the SkippyJon Jones Queen (me, self-proclaimed). Please do not let this affect Reagan’s grade in a negative way. I appreciate your cooperation in this very important manner.

Sincerely, Reagan’s Mom (Skip-

pyJon Queen)”

“ So in a nutshell-Lana cheated because she pulled out some secret props, a maraca and a gigantic sombrero. Mikey, Ms. Gracey’s biggest fan, is pouting in the back-ground because HE wanted to be the judge. He booed Lana as she read her story. Lana did an incredible job and the kids enjoyed really enjoyed the contest,” said Ms. Gracey.



**In the end, Mrs. Cool won and Ms. Gracey came in second. However, Michael Smith thought Mrs. Gracey should have been the winner.**

## 2nd Grade:

Mrs. Geiser and the second grade class are excited to announce that they have used their classroom donations to purchase all of the Golden Sower Award nominees. The Golden Sower nominees. “Each Nominee List is developed by a selection committee of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers and library professionals in Nebraska. They are created from nominated titles submitted by

participating libraries and schools from across the state.” The second graders will be working on this unit in the near future.

## 3rd Grade:

The third grade has been focusing on book talks. Mrs. Meyer has encouraged the students to read their Book Fair books and then upon completion, present the book to the class. She hopes that the students will be able to entice other students to read these new books also.

## 4th Grade:

The fourth grade has been studying the Titanic so Mrs. Crow used her book fair donations to improve her classroom library to supplement her sunken ships unit.

The fourth graders will also be writing their own version of the book Houdini Hampter written by the 2nd grade students at White Bluffs Elementary in Richland, Virginia. They also plan to begin a traveling hampter by placing it in geocache. (The hampter is a stuffed hampter.)

All together, the nine 4th grade students bought 50 books.

## 5th Grade:

Each of the fifth grade students pledged to participate in the National Scholastic Challenge to read 10 books by December 17th. If the Arnold students and the other classrooms who signed up for the program from across the country, accomplish this goal, Scholastic Books will donate 1 million books to kids in need in all 50 states.

Watch back for an update in the January newsletter.





First grade girls enjoy the train.



Kindergarten and first grades are posing with the pumpkins.



Chester Oberg is playing with corn pit.



Kindergarten and first grades are walking through a corn maze.

## *Elementary Activities*



The kids loved the pumpkin canon.



Second grade showing off their fire safety t-shirts.



Third graders are excited for their turn on the hayrack ride.





The Kindergarten, first and second grades enjoy the Barrel Train.



Kindergarten and first graders are going for a hayrack ride.



The first grade listen to Joe Bob Atkins tells them about fire safety.



Mrs. Geiser had a lot of fun!



Third grade boys enjoy the tricycle race.



Faith Bierman is trying the slide in a different way.



# From the Principal's Desk

October 2010

With the falling leaves and colder weather, we know that autumn is upon us. Many things come to mind with the change of the season.

The first thing I think of is the end of the first quarter of school. It always amazes me how quickly the time passes. The school year is  $\frac{1}{4}$  Over with already, if you can believe that. Many students have shown that determination and hard work will pay off in the gradebook; a few have not. Encourage your child to work their hardest for good grades the second quarter. Even those failing a class the first quarter can bring that up to passing by the end of the semester. School work is the primary job of these children; remind them of that.

The second thing that comes to mind when autumn comes around is fall athletics. By the time you receive this newsletter, fall sports may have already completed. Or, we might still be alive in play-off competition. Regardless, I am immensely proud of our children this first season of the athletic co-op. They have balanced new schedules and teammates with grace and ease. They have performed to the very best of their ability, and with a good attitude. True, there have been what I like to refer to as "growing pains," but

these little concerns that have been ironed out have forced us to do just that; grow. Thank you for your continued support of the co-op, and thanks to Jarod Rush and Jeff Cole for keeping us organized.

The final thing that comes to my mind with autumn is the obvious; how thankful I am for the many good things this year has brought to us all. First of all, my family and the great move this has been for us to be in Arnold. Second of all, for the children in the school, who always

have smiles for me, even though I know the onslaught of rules they have had to adjust to has been disconcerting for some. And finally for the excellent people that I am surrounded with everyday, from teachers and office staff to school board members and concerned citizens. Together we really can make good things happen for Arnold. I am so glad to be here. Happy Thanksgiving to you all and your families!

Dawn Lewis, Principal



## More Possibilities for Communication

Through a grant, Arnold Public Schools, and many schools in the surrounding area, received a mobile distance learning cart. This cart has all the capabilities of the actual distance learning room, with additional bonus feature of being mobile.

After Cytek Communications got the cart set up, Teachers and students of any age can use this cart to connect with other schools anywhere in the world that have similar connections. (This works especially well with schools in Nebraska and the United States.)

The district will be able to use this cart to work with students as close as Callaway, as far as Omaha, or even as far as the coast to participate in class discussions, virtual field trips, and other joint activities.

Administrators began its use by holding weekly meetings between Arnold and Callaway to work out the logistics for sporting events, busing, and schedule coordination. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Osmond have worked with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Rush at Callaway using this live interactive system.



**Picture Retakes  
will be  
November 10th,  
2010  
at 8 a.m.**

# 6th Grade Becomes Junior High



**Back Row: Jasmine Nelson, Ashton Weinman, Jennifer Barraza.**  
**Front Row: Catie Davis, Savannah Weinman, and Sky Linegar.**

By Jasmine Nelson, 6th grade

This year's 6th graders, Savannah Weinman, Ashton Weinman, Jennifer Barraza, Jasmine Nelson, Sky Linegar, and Catie Davis, are the first 6th graders ever to become part of the junior high rotation. This is a very special thing for us and all the teachers and staff.

"I love 6th grade this year!" Jennifer Barraza said after our first day on August 19th.

The class agrees that the year has gone well so far. They have been very grateful for all of the teachers and the students' aides help.

The girls in the class also appreciate their teachers: Mrs. Badgley, Mr. Swingle, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Mohr, Mrs. Mohr, Mr. Cole, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Peterson, and Mrs. Mills.

"Mr. Swingle is a very nice teacher because he helps us find the answers to questions and Mrs. Badgley is awesome," said Jennifer Barraza.

Mrs. Badgley has a hilarious laugh everyone agrees.

"Mrs. Mills is nice to our class and she is also very fun," Savannah

Weinman said.

This is a great opportunity for our class! We hope that this year will be as good as every other year that we have ever spent at Arnold Public Schools. The class also says that they hope they will set an example for next year's class of 6th graders. They hope to follow the rules like no running in the halls, no late assignments, and staying off the down list.

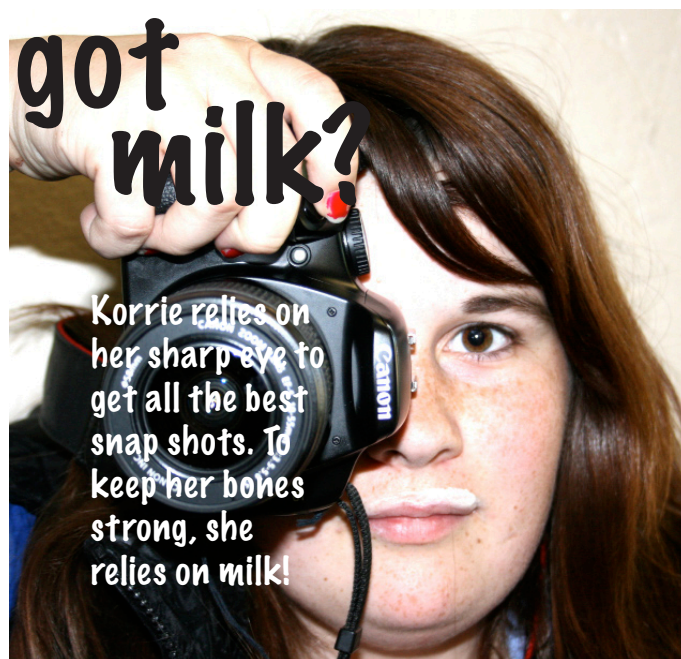
So many changes have occurred in the past year, and these are just a few of them. We hope that the rest of the class's year at the school will be as memorable as all the other years have been.

## Activity Passes

Activity passes, which get you into all home games at Arnold and Callaway, all year, will cost \$20.00 for students, \$40.00 for parents, and \$80.00 for a family. These passes will be good for all events except NSAA sponsored activities, conference events, and track. You may get yours at the office.

## 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.





# Where Dreams Become Heart Attacks Senior Year

I have always been someone that is certain about what I believe. I've never been one to let someone tell me what to do, what to say, how to think, or how to look at something. My parents have raised me with that sort of freedom.

Recently, there have been many, many, many college representatives coming to see us. They tell us all about how their college is the right choice, and how their professors are unlike any other.

When I was a junior, college reps were just an excuse to get out of class. Now, college reps are the gateway to my future. Unfortunately, I can never take them seriously.

Because I am so stubborn, I always wonder how a college rep can look me in the eye and tell me that they know I'll do great there just because I just filled out a card that said my name, my email address, and what major I was interested in. This causes me to feel uncomfortable about almost every college that I look at, which then sends me in to a panic of, "Oh my gosh, I don't know what I want to do with my life." It's a vicious cycle.

There is a website, the name of this website is kind of insulting so I will not say the name of it, but the subtitle is "Where dreams become heart attacks."

Not only did I think that this was hilarious when I read it, but then I thought about it. I thought to myself about how I have always dreamed of going to college, and living on my own,



and being my own person. Then I think about the fact that I have to make my choice about where to go to college and what to do with the rest of my life. Thinking about that makes me feel like having a heart attack. I feel like someone is watching over my shoulder, and repeating, "Remember Rachelle, this affects every day of the rest of your life... But no pressure."

Honestly, they expect me, at 17 or 18, to decide what I want to be when I'm 32, balancing kids and bills, and when I'm 67 with grandchildren, and what I want to retire from when I'm 87. Ya' hear what I'm saying?

I feel like I'm hearing people say "you have to decide now," but at the same time saying "it's going to change your entire life," and "take your time." Sort of like a sandwich. I have nowhere to go until I am eaten by the concept of college and spit out on campus.

That's the thing about it all. As I said before, my parents raised me to be a free thinker, and make my own decisions. They've always encouraged me to never let someone decide my opinion for me, and I've always taken their

advice to heart, and decided for myself. Now, I want someone to tell me where to go. I want someone to tell me what to do. I want someone to make up my mind for me, because for once in my life, I am struggling on it.

It's funny isn't it? Being certainly uncertain.

# What Did You Want to be When You Were 18?



Sheila Preston, an employee at Arnold Insurance Agency, wanted to be a massage therapist at 18.



When Becky Dailey, of 1st State Insurance was 18, she wanted to be a Secretary of Business. She pursued cosmetology, and still has her license.



Shelley Smith, of Arnold Insurance Agency, wanted to be an accountant at 18 years old.

**Dancer**

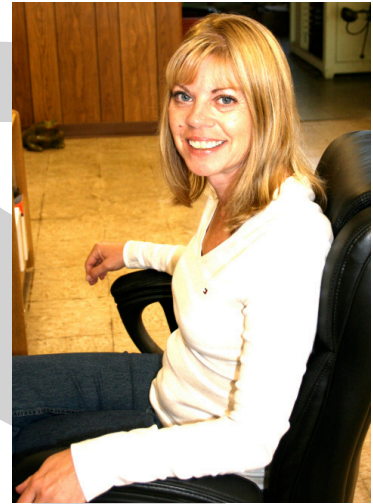
**Accountant**

**Massage  
Therapist**

**Cosmetologist**

**Marine  
Biologist**

**Secretary**



Janet Larreau of the Arnold Sentinel, wanted to be a secretary at the age of 18.



At 18, Sara Bucholz of Arnold Insurance Agency wanted to be a Marine Biologist



When Karla Rockwell was 18, she wanted to be a dancer.

## Notes from the Counselor's Office...

### Mrs. Ayres

EducationQuest tools will help you find the right fit for college.

Check out College Profiles at EducationQuest.org to research colleges in Nebraska and across the country. You can search for schools based on location, size, school type, cost, major, activities and services for students with disabilities. Your search results page will list colleges that match your criteria and provide a link to more information about the schools.

Seniors...have you visited your top colleges?

If you haven't done so already, visit your top college choices soon as application deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these tips for a successful visit:

- \* Contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance to schedule your visit. Make appointments with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor and a faculty member in the area of study that interests you.

- \* Check out the college website before your visit. Most college sites have a section for prospective students where you can learn about the school's admissions process, types of majors, student services and employment opportunities. You might even be able to schedule your visit online.

- \* Visit while school is in session. You won't get the true flavor during breaks or finals week.

- \* Get a feel for the campus. Hang out in

the student union, find coffee shops with wireless Internet access, eat in a restaurant close to campus or attend athletic or cultural events.

- \* Ask LOTS of questions. See the EducationQuest College Prep Handbook or website for good questions to ask.

#### Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

- \* Don't pay for scholarship searches! Use free search sites including ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org where you'll find over 2,000 state and local awards. Scholarship resources are also available from Mrs Ayres. Visit her weekly for information about local scholarships.

- \* Get organized. Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.

- \* Continually update your activities, honors and volunteer or paid jobs using the Activities Resume at EducationQuest.org.

- \* Use quality references such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.

- \* Get an early start on essays. Describe your interests, hopes for the future, and leadership abilities – but be sure to tailor your essay to the scholarship topic.

- \* Pay close attention to grammar, spelling and neatness. Ask at least two people to proofread your application (besides Mrs. Ayres)

## 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 smart-board, 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.

## Calendar

Attention! The school calendar is now online and updated regularly by both activity directors (Mr. Rush and Mr. Cole), as well as Mrs. Lewis. By visiting [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) and entering "Arnold" and "69120" in the search bar, you will be linked to an updated calendar of all school events.

You can also go to the school web site <http://blog.arnold.k12.ne.us> and click the Calendar Link. Announcements are posted daily by Mrs. Lewis.

## Lunch Program Information

Please keep your child's lunch balance current by making a regular monthly deposit. Statements will be sent when your child's lunch balance runs low. You may fill out a free and reduced lunch program application at any time during the year if your financial status changes. These forms may be picked up from Penny in the office.

## Cleaning Out a Book Shelf?

The school is looking for more books at the lower reading levels. The students are voracious readers and the library will soon run out of books for the K-2 reading levels if they keep up this reading pace. This is a good problem to have. If your children, or grandchildren, have outgrown books and would

like to donate them to the school for a classroom libraries, please either send them to the school with a student, or we would be happy to come get them. For more information, contact Debby Moninger at the school ([dmoninge@esu10.org](mailto:dmoninge@esu10.org), 308-848-2226 ext. 9).





# Too Far Away..?

How far away is too far to go to college? Would you say 12 hours away is too far? In the beginning of August Casandra Kings family and my family took a trip all the way to Minneapolis to check out the Art Institutes. While down there we learned that our appointment with the Dean was at a different school. I had actually booked with the Minneapolis College of Art and Design instead of the Art Institute. Luckily though, the times we booked were completely different. The MCAD was in the afternoon while the Art Institute was in the morning. Now we didn't actually have an appointment with the Art Institutes but were lucky enough that they let us take a tour anyway.

My family try to make up my mind saying 'It's too far away you need to stay closer to home.' It's nice that you guys care about me and try to help me find my path, but right now I just want to find a college that is comfortable and makes me feel at home. I have gotten that feeling at the college... in Minneapolis! Yeah MCAD is far away, 12 hours far, but I'm partly in love with that college. It's amazing. The campus is HUGE! The art rooms are amazingly big and the teachers are crazy. One teacher had spiked red hair, how cool!

MCAD is the first college I have ever visited, but I can't find a college quite as good. The student life, the classrooms and homework, the dorms, the teachers, the environment, the supplies, and so much more.

The college just has that relaxed, down-to-earth, fun feeling. It's been quite fun being there. The college is attached to an art museum, which is only a plus. Did I mention it has famous artist that create their sculptures there because their art rooms are so spacious? I find that pretty awesome.

That's not even the best part. There are so many students that go there for different reasons, like music, from all around the world. Italy, Greece, Australia, and even Japan! And if you play your cards right, you might be chosen to live in one of those places for a semester and learn about their culture and just have fun.

There are so many positive things I can see in this college. You're exposed to the city life and the community so much that you can easily make a name for yourself there. In the classes you have to create things for community businesses. You are required to create a website that posts your art work and information about you. The college requires it mainly because it helps businesses contact you for jobs.

The only thing that is holding me back from the register button is the price and location. I love the school, there is no doubt about that, but at \$30,000 a year and 12 hours away from my family.. That's what I don't like. Maybe it's not the college for me, but I do hope I find the right one at the right price for me!

## College Planning By: Korrie Miller, Senior



## Honey Sunday!

Honey Sunday is rapidly approaching; every year on the first Sunday in November volunteers hit the streets of Kearney and the surrounding areas selling bottles of honey to raise money for The Arc of Buffalo County. This year, Honey Sunday will be on November 7th, and it will be sold by the Arnold National Honor Society.

Honey is the only natural sugar and has numerous uses. Be prepared to purchase honey for yourself or as a donation to the area food bank.

Also, if you or your family or organization would be interested in volunteering to help us sell honey door to door, please let us know by calling the office at 237-4343



# Red Ribbon Week

October 25-29, 2010

Monday:  
Camo Day

Tuesday:  
Hippy Day

Wednesday:  
Pajama Day

Thursday:  
Black Out Day

## Thinking Outside the Box

By: Korrie Miller, Senior

The Arnold TADA, Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol, team was bused to Halsey on September 28th to help understand how important it is to show our students how they can create activities and environments without using drugs and alcohol. The TADA team completed many games and a discussion of Red Ribbon Week that was all possible with the grant the TADA team was given last year.

They tried activities such as the famous timber fall where one person stays stiff as a board and are slung from one person to the next teaching them to trust each other. Then the tangle game in which the group would tangle their hands all up and try to untangle themselves without letting go of each other's hands teaching them the solve situations with team work. Then each student took turns stepping up on a teeter-totter where they couldn't let it hit the ground that is also a team work strategy.

There was a game where they would try to fit every single body on a piece of wood the size of a chair bottom, no one could let their feet touch the ground. This one was difficult because there were 19 students. They started off with people climbing on the others shoulders and then into a dog pile. Thinking outside the box, they figured out to all sit on the ground with their feet on the block. The students learned how to solve a problem by putting their heads together.

Then there was a spider web. Each student must be lifted up with his or her feet going first through each hole. The tricky part was they couldn't touch the web at all. Some of the team went to high measures like climbing the tree to jump over it. This was another team work strategy lesson.

Then there was the high wire. This involves climbing an old electricity pole, shuffling across the wire, and trust falling backward. It lets them trust not only their team but themselves as well.

The zip line completed the activities. The team enjoyed all of the activities a lot. There was a nice lunch afterwards that the camp provided for the team. After lunch was finished, the team brainstormed what activities the school would be doing.

For the elementary, there will be water gun fights, Spongebob Squarpants movies, Christmas in the park, and a field day. Kindergarten through 6th graders can decorate the classroom door in any fashion they choose to fit the Red Ribbon Week message. You may use the activity theme, the dress-up themes, our TADA motto (Secure Your Future), or any other idea. There will be prizes for creativity.

As for the high school there will be water gun fights, powder puff football and masculine volleyball. Also football games, movies, and the famous hide-and-seek.

All together the day was successful for the TADA team to organize the activities and to trust people. The dress up days will be October 25th to the 29th.



TADA Team from left to right: Eugene Walker, David Bellew, Stone Phillips, Eamon Schwarz, Justin Mousel, Michael Larreau, Charlie Blowers, Ian Beshaler, Dillion Olson, Alex Weinman, Mariah Strasburg, Wyatt Eggleston, Mayra Barraza, Sierra Monroe, Leah Smith, Casandra King, Korrie Miller, and Ryan Moninger.



# TADA Trust Course



Top: Wyatt Eggelston and Eamon Schwarz and (right) Myra Barraza, Leah Smith, and Alex Weinman attempt the Timber Tipper.



The whole group attempts to make it through the spider web without touching it.



Top Left: The group tries to figure out how everyone will make it through the web.



Top Right: Students getting ready to climb up the high wire.



Ian Beshlar poses for the camera showing off his strength and bravery on the High Wire.

Below: Stone Phillips takes a risk jumping down.  
Right: Casandra King holds on tight on the Zip Line.





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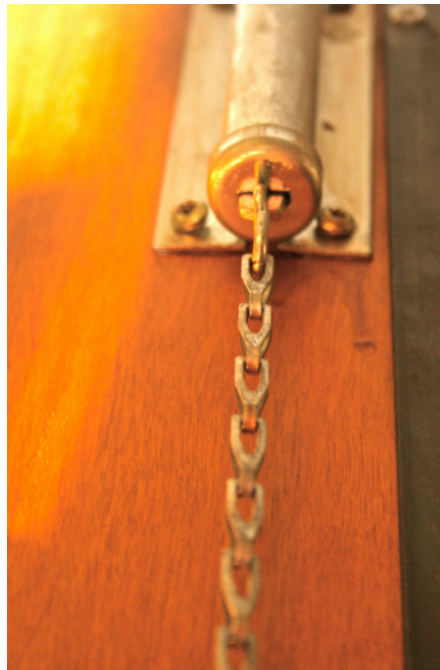
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# BOXHOLDER



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 located in Mrs. Ayers room. The picture was the tacks up on the board by her door.





