## Argonia U.S.D. \#359 October, 2015 Newsletter



2015 Fall Homecoming Candidates
Back Row: Dalton Good, Aaron Harsh, Evan Dolley
Kelsey Robinson, Madison Streif, Tori Jordan

## ARGONIA FALL HOMECOMING 2015/PARENTS' NIGHT - by Marlee Gaddie

The homecoming ceremony will be held on Friday, October $2^{\text {nd }}$. The game will be preceded by Parents' Night at 6:45. Kickoff is at 7:00, and the Titans will be taking on the Caldwell Blue Jays. The homecoming festivities will be held at halftime of the varsity football game. The freshmen attendants are Makayla Derixson and Brant Cotta. The sophomore attendants are Kaylee Schulte and Trevor Pierce. The junior attendants are Haily Gaddis and Seth Hemberger. Kindergartners Tanner McCurley and Lindsay Coleman will be the crown bearer and flower girl. The senior candidates are Kelsey Robinson and Dalton Good, Madison Streif and Aaron Harsh, and Victoria Jordan and Evan Dolley. Show your Titan pride by coming to the game and cheering on the Titans. Don't forget to wear your pink in support of the fight against breast cancer. Hope to see you all there!

High School Spirit Week Days
Tuesday - Character Day
Wednesday - Overall Day
Thursday - Class Age Day Freshmen- babies
Sophomores \& Juniors- elementary kids
Seniors- elderly people

Elementary School Spirit Week Days

Tuesday - Pajama Day<br>Wednesday - Hat Day<br>Thursday - Sports Team Day<br>Friday - Pink out!

## GOOD AND KOERNER RECOGNIZED - by Aaron Dewlen

Each year Kansas Honors Program and the University of Kansas honor the top $10 \%$ of the area's senior class. On September 16th, 2015 Argonia had two students from the Class of 2015 honored: Dalton Good, son of Darren and Lisa Good; and Kolten Koerner the son of Robyn Kelley and Shane Hall, and Kevin Koerner. The honor banquet, hosted by Wellington High School, started with a catered meal and an address from KU Alumni and Dean of Pharmacy, Ken Audus. Dr. Audus' address was followed by the presentation of the honored students from each of the seven area schools represented, including: Argonia High School, Belle Plaine High School, Caldwell High School, Conway Springs High School, Oxford High School, South Haven High School, and Wellington High School. The host and MC for the evening was Wellington's Mayor Shelley Hansel-Williams, who is also a KU alumni. Each honored student received a dictionary commemorating the event


Seniors Dalton Good and Kolten Koerner from the KU Alumni Association. This is quite an accomplishment for our two seniors and their parents. Congratulations to each of them for a job well done and good luck for the rest of their senior year.

## TIME TO "BEE" PROUD - by Kayla Paxson

On Wednesday, September 23rd, sixteen of our junior high students participated in the annual Argonia Junior High Local Spelling Bee. Participants included: four 8th Graders (Griffin Brown, Hope Casner, Creek Love, and


Champion Hope Casner \& Cymbre Wetter Isaiah Lacey), nine 7th Graders (Ross Carter, Cindy Derixson, Gage Dewlen, Riley Fisher, Shelby Handlin, Aubreigh Haxton, Emma Huntley, Noah Phillips, and Savannah Shively), and three 6th Graders (Jadyn Gallardo, Alyssa Martin, and Cymbre Wetter). The Spelling Bee went to eight rounds this year with two ladies battling it out for four rounds. Cymbre Wetter (6th) was able to correctly spell "prolific" and "portrait," but fell short in Round 7 with the word "goliath." This year's champion was Hope Casner (8th) who was able to spell "fragile," "veteran," and "sesame" to get her to Round 8, the Championship Round. There, she won the competition with the word "ammunition." We are so proud of the contestants and their show of good sportsmanship, as well as support for each other's talents. Hope and Cymbre will move on to the Sumner Country Spelling Bee on Thursday, October 8th, 2015 at 9:00 am. The County Spelling Bee will be held at Wellington Middle School in Wellington, KS. GOOD LUCK LADIES!

## HELP THE ARGONIA RAIDERS WIN THE KAKE TV "MASCOT MANIA CONTEST"

KAKE TV is holding a contest beginning August 31, 2015, in which high school students, alumni, and fans across the KAKE viewing area can vote for their favorite high school mascot. Argonia has entered its Raider Mascot and encourages everyone to vote for the Raiders. You may vote once a day by visiting kake.com/sports/ mascotmania.

The school that wins the most votes (weighted for population) will win bragging rights and a brand new mascot for their school, valued at approximately $\$ 3,500$. This challenge or "contest" will run for 10 weeks. The winner will be announced in November. After October 9th the nominations will be narrowed down to the top 5 schools, one from each region. The winning school from each region will also receive a $\$ 1000$ gift to their Athletic Department, courtesy of Parks Motors.

To learn more, go to kake.com/sports/mascotmania. Please vote and support the Argonia Raiders!!

## OCTOBER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

| Date | Event | Time |
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| October 01 | JH VB v. Burrton at Argonia | 3:00pm |
|  | JH FB v. Burrton at Argonia | 6:00pm |
| October 02 | PTO Soup Supper | 4:30-6:45pm |
|  | HS Football v. Caldwell at Argonia Homecoming \& Parents' Night | 7:00pm |
| October 05 | HS JV FB v. Wichita Home School at Argonia | 6:30pm |
| October 06 | Reality U Field Trip - Sophomores |  |
|  | HS VB at Argonia | 4:00pm |
| October 07 | Sumner County Spelling Bee | 9:00am |
|  | Early Dismissal | 12:35pm |
| October 08 | JH VB v. Central Christian at Hutchinson | TBD |
|  | JH FB v. Wichita Home School at Argonia | 6:00pm |
|  | HS SCBL League VB Tournament Play-in Round | TBD |
| October 09 | HS Football at South Haven | 7:00pm |
| October 10 | HS SCBL League VB Tournament at Oxford | 9:00am |
| October 12 | HS JV FB v. Cunningham/Fairfield at Attica | 6:30pm |
|  | Board of Education Meeting | 7:00pm |
| October 13 | HS VB at Argonia - Parents' Night | 4:00pm |
| October 14 | PSAT Testing - HS Only |  |
| October 15 | JH FB Playoff Game - TBD (no VB) | TBD |
| October 16 | Early Dismissal - End of 1st 9 Weeks | 12:35pm |
|  | HS Football v. Pretty Prairie (at Attica) | 7:00pm |
| October 17 | JH League Volleyball Tournament at Central Burden | TBD |
| October 19 | JH League Volleyball Tournament Final Four | TBD |
|  | HS JV FB at Pretty Prairie | 6:30pm |
| October 20 | HS VB at Attica | 3:00pm |
| October 21 | HS Honor Choir Festival | 8:15am |
| October 22 | Parent-Teacher Conferences | 4:30-8:00pm |
| October 23 | HS Football at Norwich | 7:00pm |
| October 24 | High School Volleyball - Sub-State | TBD |
| October 26 | Parent-Teacher Conferences | 4:30-8:00pm |
| October 27 | Fall Picture Retake Day | 10:45am |
|  | JH Math Relays at West Elk | 4:45-8:15pm |
| October 29 | HS Football v. South Barber (at Attica) | 7:00pm |
| October 30 | No School - Comp Day |  |
|  | High School Volleyball - State Tournament | TBD |
| October 31 | High School Volleyball - State Tournament | TBD |



The meal will be served at the Argonia Elementary cafeteria. The menu will consist of chicken \& noodles or chili, a drink, and a dessert.

Meal prices will be:
Adults \$4
Senior Citizens \$3
Children 9 and under \$3
Extra Bowl of Soup \$2
Extra Piece of Pie $\$ 1.50$
Quart of Soup $\$ 5.50$ (sold after 6:30 PM only)
In addition to the supper there will also be several amazing raffle and silent auction items available. Some of the items include:

Sarah Jane's Taco Night Basket<br>4 KC Royals Tickets<br>32" Flat Screen TV<br>Richelle Greene Portrait Package<br>Kindle Fire HD6 donated by Wheatland Electric<br>Hammond Gourmet Basket<br>Tara Pierce Cupcakes<br>1-Hour Massage Basket from Mitzi Townsend<br>Tanganyika Wildlife Park Tickets<br>John Deere Tractor Toy and Mixing Bowl<br>Kansas City Chiefs Autographed Picture<br>Harper Industries Pickup Replica<br>Farmers Oil Semi Replica<br>Grene Vision Group Package<br>Urban Air Jump Package<br>6 Range Fees at Diamond Archery

Proceeds from the event support scholarships awarded to both juniors and seniors at Argonia High School as well as to support the schools through PTO activities.

Come out and enjoy a great meal and visit the elementary classrooms before heading out to cheer on the A\&A Titans!

## LET'S GET IT STARTED! - by Kayla Paxson

This year's sixth grade class has gotten off to a successful start. We spent the first weeks of school focusing on team-building and acceptance of each other's unique abilities. Since then, we've studied early humans and turned our own desks into caves as we explored ancient cave paintings, built Lego creations to represent our personal interests, and tried eating rabbit like the characters from our novel, FISH by L. S. Matthews, which is a story about a boy and his family escaping from a war-torn village


Lucas and Allie and becoming refugees trying to seek a safe place. We've also started a new science program on Fridays called "Friology." For the Friology labs every Friday, we look at different aspects of science and different careers in science-related fields. For the first Friology, we had a drawing competition for our mascot, "Fri


Tyler checking things out the Scientist, Head Friologist." The winning mascot drawing was drawn by Julian Rodriguez. On the following Friology event days, we looked at robotics engineering and built small robots, experienced HS Biology with the high school class and looked at pond scum under their microscopes, used pop bottles to explore a variety of scientific principles with household items, and extracted DNA from fruits.

If you'd like to see more about the happenings in 6th Grade, you can follow Mrs. Paxson's Class (@paxsonedu) and The Friology Lab (@friology) on Twitter. There you'll find weekly updates and pictures of projects and experiences throughout the year.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER - by Melissa Hurley

MAP: NWEA testing was completed in September for grades $\mathrm{K}-11^{\text {th }}$ grade. All students did a wonderful job.
ATTENTION Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors!! Did you know that you can take the ACT up to 12 times? October $24^{\text {th }}$ is the next test date, if you signed up. Otherwise, the next available ACT date is December 12, 2015; deadline to register is November 6, 2015. Financial aid is available for ACT test fees. Did you also know that WSU offers workshops to help you understand the ACT. Register online at www.registerblast.com/wsu or call 316-978-3440 for a paper copy. Fee is $\$ 32.00$. Dates are October 3 and November 14, 2015, 8am-12pm.

On Monday, October 5, 2015, Juniors and Seniors are invited to Ark City High School for KACROA's Annual College Planning Conference. Conference times are 9:30-11:30. There will be college and military representatives with displays. Students will be able to visit with as many of them as they would like. Please sign up with the guidance counselor if interested in attending.

Sophomores and Juniors are invited to take the PSAT October 14, 2015. This test is important for those students wanting to apply for scholarships.

## FIRST GRADE WATERMELON FUN!! - by Bonnie Dunn

## First Grade Watermelon

A-B-CDE, Watermelon is good for me.
F-G-HIJ, I can eat it every day.
K-L-MNO, Plant a seed and watch it grow.
P-Q-RST, Ripe and very juicy.
U-V-WKY, You will like it if you give it a try.
Z-Z-ZZZ, Watermelon is good for me.


Brennon Mock

We were very lucky to have a student in our class that raised watermelons, Brennon Mock, who planted, watered, and watched his watermelons grow. Brennon brought one of his watermelons to school to share with his classmates. That is one thing we talked about during reading was sharing and how it makes us feel.

We used the watermelon to talk about some math. The first graders figured out how to cut the watermelon into 12 equal parts. Then they used the seeds to help figure out different number sentences. Last but not least, each student planted a seed. We talked about what will happen to the seed and what they need to do to keep their plant alive.

## TITAN FOOTBALL

## THE A\&A TITANS RUSH OUT TO A 3-0 START - by Coach Luke Greenwood

The state runner-up A\&A Titan football team is off to another impressive $3-0$ start to their 2015 season with wins over three division one schools. In week one, the Titans used a solid defensive effort to overcome some first quarter offensive mishaps and force two safeties. A\&A would lead $10-6$ after the first quarter but it was all A\&A through the next three as the Titans would win the game 56-12. Devon Newberry and Jacob Norris led the scoring with three and two touchdowns respectively. Alec and Masen McDaniel each added a score as well. Alec and Jacob led the way with double digit tackles on defense.

The Titans traveled to Dexter in week two to take on the CV/Dexter Spartans. A\&A got off to a much better start in this match-up jumping out to a $32-0$ first quarter lead. Several players got in on the action in the second quarter and the junior varsity did a great job picking up where the varsity left off extending the lead to $54-14$ at the half. The Titans added another quick score in the third quarter to end the game $60-14$. Trevor Pierce, Seth Hemberger, and Alec McDaniel each had two scores apiece. Jacob Norris and Masen McDaniel each added another score. Tim Smith, Alec McDaniel, and Jacob Norris led the way on the defensive side.

The third week pitted the $2-0$ Titans against the $2-0$ state ranked Central Burden Raiders. The Titan defense once again set the stage forcing two first quarter fumbles and the offense kept it going by scoring a touchdown on every possession. A\&A led $28-6$ at the end of the first quarter and finished the game at half up $58-6$. Alec McDaniel found the endzone on 4 of his 7 runs. Devon Newberry added 2 scores and 120 yards rushing. Jacob Norris and Seth Hemberger each added another score. Alec and Masen McDaniel led the team in tackles.

Through three games the Titans have outscored their opponents 174 - 32. Alec leads all rushers with 231 yards, Devon is right behind him with 226 yards, and Seth and Jacob have added 161 and 99 yards respectively. Aaron Harsh has 2 catches for 62 receiving yards, Jacob has 6 catches for 46 yards, Kolten Koerner and Brady Ricke each have one catch for 20 and 19 yards respectively, and Devon has two catches for 14 yards. Alec leads the defense with 34 tackles and 3 sacks, Jacob has recorded 25 tackles, Brady Ricke has 17 tackles, Seth Hemberge 15 tackles, and Masen McDaniel has 13 tackles. Kolten Koerner has 3 sacks, Devon Newberry 2 sacks, and Aaron Harsh and Tim Smith each have 1 sack. Foreign exchange student Jeppe Sorenson has emerged as a great weapon in the kicking game, kicking 15 touchbacks out of 23 kickoffs. The Titans have one of the best followings in the area and would like to thank all the parents and fans that continue to come out and show the team great support. We hope everyone will continue to come out and cheer as we get ready to start district play. Go Titans!

## TITAN JV FOOTBALL PLAYING WELL - by Coach Monte Haxton

The 2015 Junior Varsity Football Team is off to a 2-0 start, with wins over Sedan and Central Burden. Much improvement has been made by the JV since the beginning of the season. The boys started off the season with a long trip to Sedan, where they came away with a 36-20 victory. The well-balanced attack included 5 touchdowns, all scored by different players. Trevor Pierce ran for 1 score and Evan Dolley caught a pass from Pierce for another.

The following week they traveled to Central Burden and again came away victorious, 18-0. Superb defensive play set the tone for the Titans. All three touchdowns were scored by Argonia players. Pierce had a long run for one score and Dolley was on the receiving end of the other two scores.

The lone JV football games in Argonia this year will be on Monday, October 5 @ 6:30 and Monday, October 12 @ 6:30. Please come out and support the Titans!!

## VARSITY LOOKING FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SECOND HALF - by Coach Cass Greenwood


#### Abstract

The Argonia Lady Raiders are almost halfway through their volleyball season! The varsity team currently has a record of 1-14, struggling to get another win after the season opener. The Lady Raiders traveled to Udall, beating Sedan but losing to Caldwell and Udall. Then the following Saturday competed in the Norwich tournament, losing to Sunrise, Norwich, South Barber, Caldwell, and Udall. The second Tuesday was at home facing Sunrise and Central. The girls still fell short against the two teams. The second Saturday tournament was in Dexter where the team matched up against Derby Invasion, Central, and Oxford. The girls showed a completely different team by competing so close, taking every match to three sets. They started working together and showed huge signs of improvement. Although they fought hard and played three sets each match, they still wound up on the losing end to all three teams. These ladies are working hard to improve each week. The varsity squad is very young, consisting of three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshman. We are still working through some fundamentals, but are continuing to improve and be more competitive!


## WE ARE A TEAM - by Coach Kayla Paxson

The JV Lady Raiders volleyball season has gotten off to a great start with one win already under our belt. Our JV team consists of one freshman, five sophomores, and two seniors. This is the first time playing volleyball for the two seniors, as they are foreign exchange students and have never played before. Our players have helped them adjust quickly and improve dramatically in the past few weeks.

For our first matches, we traveled to Udall at the beginning of the season for a quad. While there, we fought hard against Udall (6-25, 24-26) and Caldwell (18-25, 9-25), but fell short. It seemed that our nerves got the best of us. We were determined to go home with a win though. After losing the first set to Sedan (18-25), we regrouped and played a little guessing game that focused on a little saying, "We are the Raiders. We will win as a team. We beat Sedan." The change in our mental focus and believing that we could beat Sedan seemed to do the trick. We went on to win the next set (25-22) taking them to three, where we won the match (25-12). It was a great feeling to get a win the first night of the season.

At the following Tuesday's home games, we did not get to play full matches due to 20-minute running clocks, but we lost to both Sunrise and Central Burden. We worked hard in practice that week to get ready for our JV Tournament in South Barber the following Saturday. It was quite the experience. Going from only getting to play 20-minutes to playing five full matches proved daunting for our team. We started off the morning playing great volleyball, but coming up just short. Scores for those matches prove our hard work and dedication to fight to the end - loss to Fairfield (25-27, 25-27), loss to Skyline (25-23, 18-25, 10-25), and a loss to Norwich (25-23, 17-25, 12-25). After lunch, we just could not get back into rhythm, losing to Caldwell (14-15, 13-25) and to South Barber (14-25, 3-25). Overall, it was a great day with some real improvement and new experiences for our players.

I am looking forward to some more opportunities for us to show how hard we're working to improve and for more chances to play some great volleyball. Be sure to come show your support for our volleyball teams at the next home games on Tuesday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 13th.

## LADY INDIANS OFF TO A WINNING START - by Coach Natalie Shirley \& Coach Patty Jones

The 2015 junior high volleyball season is off to a great start. The team this year consists of 18 eager players hungry for the taste of victory on the court. The roster is $8^{\text {th }}$ graders- Hope Casner, Mariah Newberry, Taylor Schulte, $7^{\text {th }}$ graders- Destiny Baker, Sydney Boese, Cindy Derixson, Shelby Handlin, Aubreigh Haxton, Karrlea Hessman, Emma Huntley, Hannah Newberry, Savannah Shively, Alexis Vineyard, $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ graders- Chelsea Coleman, Jadyn Gallardo, Alyssa Martin, Allie McCurley, Victoria Sandoval. By appearances our team looks young, though once you see them in action their maturity and smarts on the court delivers tough competition.

Our opening game against Cunningham was steep competition. The ladies played hard and aggressive, staying up with Cunningham throughout all of the game. The final score of 19-25 and 14-25 found our only loss so far. After sharpening our skills in practice and applying what they learned, they went up against Fairfield to find a victory with scores of 26-24 and 25-17. Their hard work was paying off and they were amped to meet Norwich. Understanding that you can't win games without high successful serving percentages, the Lady Indians focused their skills and took down the Norwich Eagles with victory scores of 25-14 and 25-23.

We are almost halfway through the season and it is an exciting time for junior high volleyball! Come on out to see the action and support our girls! We challenge Burrton on our home court on Oct. $1^{\text {st }}$ and then travel to Hutchinson to take on Central Christian on Oct. $8^{\text {th }}$. Our league tournament is always complex and fun as we will go up against a completely new set of teams on Oct. $19^{\text {th }}$. You don't want to miss the action!

# BULLPUP FOOTBALL 

## 2015 ATTICA/ARGONIA BULLPUP FOOTBALL - by Coach Wayne Vineyard

The Bullpups opened the season traveling to Cunningham to take on the Wildcats. It was a very exciting game, the Pups put up 64 points and dominated the Wildcats the majority of the game winning 64-28. On the ground, they ran for 351 total yards on just 22 carries with Masen Miller leading the way with 188 yds. rushing.

The Bullpups hosted Fairfield at Attica in their second game. This game proved to be the same as the first with the Bullpups holding Fairfield to just 18 points. The final score was $46-18$ Bullpups. The Pups had 359 yard rushing, with Miller leading the way again with 249 yds. They also threw the ball for 57 yards.

Next, they hosted Norwich at Attica. The Eagles were no match for Attica/Argonia. Final score, 46-22 Bullpups. Again rushing played a key role gaining 258 yards. Miller led the pack with 198 yds. on the ground and 104 yards in the air. Good defense and a dominant rushing game has led the Bullpups to a 3-0 start. Next, they will travel to Pretty Prairie.

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