



Argonia U.S.D. #359 November 2017 Newsletter



District Office 620-435-6311
District FAX 620-435-6623

High School Office 620-435-6611
Elementary Office 620-435-6716

<http://www.argonia359.org>

HOMECOMING 2017



by Destiny Baker

On Friday, October 13th, Argonia hosted the Kiowa County Mavericks for their 2017 fall homecoming game. The classes competed in a poster contest and also street painting in front of the high school. STUCO provided pizza and drinks for lunch. Following the street painting and poster contest the cheerleaders put on an eventful homecoming pep rally which included a dancing/lip sync competition with classes 9-12 performing for the elementary and junior high students. PTO then held the annual Soup Supper and Elementary Open House at the elementary. Trevor Pierce and Alyssa Hammond were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at the traditional ceremony. The A&A Titans came out on top 52-6, to improve their record to 6-1 overall.

The other senior candidates were Anthony Handlin and Madalynn Rhea, and Kamden Basinger and Kaylee Schulte. junior attendants were Zach Haxton and Cora Vineyard, sophomore attendants were Creek Love and Hayley Sprouse, and the freshmen attendants were Gage Dewlen and Shelby Handlin. The flower girl was Haddie Griffith and the crown bearer was Kristian Calderon.

ARGONAIRES TO SOUTHWESTERN

The Argonaires had the opportunity to join the SCBL Honor Choir on October 18th which was hosted at Southwestern College. All of the schools in our league sent their best vocalists to work with a new clinician from Wichita State University, Dr. Michael Hanawalt. All of the Argonaires worked hard to learn the college level songs picked by Dr. Hanawalt. On the 18th, the honor choir rehearsed for four and a half hours with the professor and then gave a concert in the performance hall at Southwestern College.



by Natalie Shirley

2017 SCBL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The Lady Raiders could not have asked for a better day of volleyball on Saturday, October 7th, at Sedan for the 2017 SCBL tournament! They went in seeded second and came out on top with 1st place and brought home the gold! They started the tournament fired up and taking names right off the bat against West Elk, South Haven, and Flinthills in pool play, and kept the momentum going during bracket play without faltering! Below are stats from our first four games of the day. West Elk (25-13, 25-13): Cora had 14 kills and 8 digs, Alexis had 6 kills and 8 digs, Hope had 10 digs, and Baylee had 7 digs, 23 assists, and 2 aces. South Haven (25-15, 25-8): Taylor Schulte had 6 aces and served a total of 20 serves in this match adding 9 digs, Alexis had 2 aces with 6 digs and 4 kills, Karrlea had 4 kills as well with 5 digs, and Cora had 7 kills with 7 digs.

Flinthills (25-23, 25-17): Cora had 13 kills 2 blocks and 5 digs, Karrlea had 17 digs and 2 kills, Alexis had 10 digs with 3 kills, Baylee had 3 kills and 20 assists, and Hope had 5 digs and 2 kills.

Cedar-Vale Dexter (25-10, 25-15): Cora led with 12 kills and 5 digs, Karrlea had 14 digs, Alexis had 11 digs with 4 kills, Hope had 3 kills and 4 digs, Baylee and Taylor added 5 digs. The girls faced Udall in the championship match. Udall has given us three of our losses this season, and we have come so close to beating them twice. When we lost the third time to Udall, I told the girls that night we would meet them for the final time in the championship game at the league tournament and that was going to be our last time seeing them this season. I told them that is when we are going to beat them and we prepared in practice to do just that! During a timeout in the first game, I applauded the girls on how SMART they were playing! They were listening to their coaches and being such coachable athletes! Our defense made all the difference this final match up with them - Every player had double digits in digs: Taylor Schulte - 15, Karrlea Hessman - 10, Cora Vineyard - 14, Alexis Vineyard - 12, Hope Casner - 12, and Baylee Booker - 11. We also hit the ball really well against them, having very few errors and more kills - Cora led with 11 kills and 4 blocks, Alexis with 5 kills, Karrlea with 3, and Hope with 2. Baylee Booker had 25 setting assists as well as 2 blocks. Another factor in this game that made a huge impact was our serve receive - only two errors total, which is our best match as far as serve receive stats go. Winning this game not only won us the league tournament championship, but also gave Udall their first loss and that is something the girls have been talking about doing all season. We have had some injuries lately that have drastically changed our starting lineup and rotation. Underclassmen, Karrlea Hessman and Taylor Schulte, stepped up to fill some big spots on Saturday that really made a difference! They did an amazing job and the other girls on the floor did an awesome job helping them adjust. We had great leadership from our captains, Cora Vineyard and Baylee Booker, who stepped up to the challenge of getting everyone in sync on the court. We also had to change our defensive setup and I am so proud of the way the girls handled these adjustments and helped each other all day. They were communicating and picking each other up - really looking like a team and playing together as one.

Our record is now 25-5, which as the girls say, "rolls off the tongue quite nicely". We've still got 2 more Tuesday nights of play that we are going to stay focused on to improve our record as well as start preparing for substate play. Our goal is to stay focused and determined on our game and what we can do to get even better and ready for post-season play.

Special thanks to the parents for bringing food for the girls and our fans/supporters that stuck with us all day! Such a great day for Argonia Lady Raider Volleyball!



by Hannah Hemberger

PTO MEETING



THE NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AT 7:00 PM** IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. WE WILL BE GETTING READY FOR THE SOUP SUPPER.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PTO AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

District Information such as the 17-18 Calendar and monthly activity calendars can all be accessed on our webpage at

www.argonia359.org

You can also check out our **Facebook** page for updates on events and activities.



ZACH HEADED TO STATE IN CROSS COUNTRY

When you can't run with your legs

by Aaron Dewlen

Argonia junior, Zach Haxton, will be running in the state cross country meet scheduled for Saturday, October 28th in Wamego, KS. Zach qualified for the state meet last Saturday by placing 8th in the regional cross country meet held in Wichita. Jon Mead, who has been working with Zach this season, said "He ran a smart race and beat his personal record by 13 seconds."

Zach ran the regular season with Caldwell High School in a cooperative agreement through the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). He had a very successful regular season capturing the South Central Boarder League Championship. In accordance with KSHSAA rules, Zach ran for Argonia in regionals and will run for Argonia in the state competition.



2017 SCBL JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

This year's volleyball roster was 8th graders, Chelsea Coleman, Alysya Martin, Victoria Sandoval, Jadyne Gallardo, 7th graders, Brenna Booker, Brooke Love, Abigail Harbin, and 6th graders, Courtney Baker, Maya Jones, Heidi McCurley, Destiny Davis, and Teiglor Viohl.

We started off our season in Norwich where we would play Attica and Norwich. We were able to pull off the win with Attica but fell short to Norwich. The team would then travel to Attica to play against Stafford and the bull pups again. This trip we beat Stafford and lost to Attica. The next two trips we would split with Attica but walked away with the win against Fairfield and South Barber. Excited about the upcoming tournament we went after the next two wins against Burrton and Cunningham and were successful.

We would finally get to host our only home game of our season against the tough Hutchinson Central Christian girls. We came out strong and won the first set and lost the second, so we had to prepare for the third. We were down 0-5 to only have to reach 15, this would feel like such a defeat to some but the girls decided they wanted the "w". We would only let them score 2 more points while we scored 15 for the win.

We went into the league tournament 8-3 which put us as the second seed on the west side behind Udall. We do not get to play any of our league teams during regular season since we play Attica's schedule we were a little on the nervous side. Oxford was our first opponent and we stepped up and went to work. The second match we would be down 9-20. We all got together and decided we did not want to play a third, so we had to regroup and start playing "our" game. We got the side out and our servers went to work and were able to pull off the win. We would finish the day winning our next three games against the #1 Udall, Caldwell, and South Haven.

We headed to the semifinals at Flinthills where we would have to play Sedan and the undefeated Flinthills Mustangs. We beat Sedan in two sets to head to the finals with Flinthills. We had really focused on our passing the past week and this paid off as we were able to get several passes to our setters for the win of 25-16. We knew it wasn't over and needed to go back out there and pass, set, and hit the ball well. Along with this our serving was at its strongest. We battled to the end with them but ended with the victory 25-20. This would give the girls the 1st place plaque for league play.

by Kim Quinn



MAKERSPACE OFF TO A GREAT START!

Students were excited for their very first MakerSpace of the school year. MakerSpace is a concept to reward excellent behavior at school. The students were rewarded by getting to have a BLOCK PARTY. Legos, Cubes, Lincoln Logs, Tangrams, etc. were placed in the gym where students could enjoy 30 minutes of building and creating. Please enjoy our slideshow to see some of our great creations.



by Terry Lawrence

COUNTY SPELLING BEE

by Kamry Pontious



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS KEYED UP

by Natalie Shirley

The elementary students have been excited to start learning how to play the piano this year! A piano lab was added to the music room to supplement the current music curriculum. All students learn through a weekly rotation with the keyboards. It's been amazing to see how quickly the students have picked up this new talent!



The girls received a medal and certificate for participation. They both did a great job and represented Argonia very well!

EIGHTH GRADERS ENJOY THEATER PRODUCTION

by Shelby Miller and Lisa Pipkin

On October 10th, Mr. Miller's and Mrs. Pipkin's 8th grade class joined nearly a thousand other students to watch a professional live theater production of Encore!!, a variety of literary works, performed by The Chamber Theater Production Company. While there, students enjoyed watching the short stories they've been reading in class literally 'come to life' within the vintage setting of The Orpheum Theater located in Wichita, Kansas. The delightful vignettes The Raven, The Tell-Tale Heart, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The Monkey's Paw, The Necklace, and The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County were taken not only from a diverse range of genres but also well-known authors that included Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving, W.W. Jacobs, Guy de Maupassant and Mark Twain.



In addition, students had been working with the skill of analyzing characters in their reading class and had just completed the "Stopping at Starbucks" book project that challenged students to match a specific character's traits to a coordinating beverage and food item at Starbucks based on the descriptions given from the menu with supporting evidence! As soon as the field trip was confirmed, students immediately connected the theater opportunity to an actual 'Stopping at Starbucks' opportunity for themselves! Based on the smiles and satisfied comments that were heard while they enjoyed their own food and beverage items, the Starbucks menu descriptions didn't fail to disappoint their long-awaited expectations.



COWLEY COLLEGE

EIGHTH GRADERS VISIT CCCC

by Dennis Dickerson

The 8th graders attended The Manufacturing Day at Cowley County Community College on October 11th. The college opened their doors to many school districts in Sumner Co.. The students seemed to be very excited about all the different activities that they were going to experience. This day was going to consist of a lot of hands on experiences. The day was a tactile learner's dream. It was definitely an opportunity to explore and get your hands dirty or just simply get involved.

Some of the areas that were explored were (1) Auto Mechanics, (2) Welding, (3) Machine Tool Technologies, (4) Non Destructive Testing, (5) Electronics and Electricity, (6) Armed Forces.

The faculty and staff, as well as the Cowley Students, were very excited about having the younger generation on campus. The day was a huge success. I still have students talking about what all they experienced. The staff did a good job breaking things down and speaking on a level to where students of this age could comprehend what their message was about. Our 8th Graders got involved with the activities and asked several important questions pertaining to each area. I would like to think that it opened some eyes as to what all is out there as possibilities for the younger generation.

We all had a great time and would like to thank Cowley County Community College for extending the invitation to us to come explore.



The Brunch Club

When six students are left all alone during detention, anything and everything can happen! Argonia High School presents “The Brunch Club”, a comedy by Katelyn Beyke, on Tuesday November 7th and Saturday November 11th at 7:00PM. The play boasts the largest cast in recent years, with 24 students! The freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes each perform a scene, showing just how crazy detention can get. Will they kill each other? Turn into zombies? Unleash plagues upon the world? Four hilarious scenes show the many possible outcomes for six unsupervised students.

The cast includes Shelby Handlin, Emma Huntley, Aubreigh Haxton, Gage Dewlen, Ross Carter, and Chase Rhea (freshmen); Taylor Schulte, Hayley Sprouse, Hope Casner, Griffin Brown, Isaiah Lacey, and Creek Love (sophomores); Makayla Derixson, Moriah Carter, Amber Webster, Kaylee Lacey, Jonathan Head, and Brant Cotta (juniors); and Madalynn Rhea, Kaylee Schulte, Cassidy Boese, Anthony Handlin, Haden Craig, and Trevor Pierce (seniors). Tickets are \$4 for the public and \$3 for students.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL FINISHES STRONG

by Wayne Vineyard

This year’s junior high football team had 16 players on the roster, four from Argonia. They had another great season finishing with six wins and just one loss. They lost the season opener to Norwich at the buzzer by two points. This loss would fuel the Bullpups and they would not lose another game. This year’s games and scores were:

Norwich 38 Bullpups 36
Bullpups 50 Stafford 28
Bullpups 58 Fairfield 8
Bullpups 20 South Barber 18
Bullpups 50 Burrton 0
Bullpups 30 Cunningham 6
Bullpups 60 Hutch Central Christian 14

Hats off to another great season as they look forward to next year.