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Arnold High students listen to a speaker at the recent Central Nebraska Job Fair held at Broken Bow. (Courtesy Photo)

Entire Arnold High School Attends First Ever Job Fair in Broken Bow

On Thursday, February 26, the Arnold High School students went to Broken Bow for the Central Nebraska Job Fair. The Headline Sponsors were Adams Land and Cattle, Becton Dickinson and Thomas Livestock Company.

The fair was held at the One Box Convention Center, and the businesses were set up with real job applications. The students had a unique opportunity to learn about the high number of jobs that are available in the county and the companies that are searching for the employees. Some of the students took applications in hopes they might be finding jobs and internships in the

near future.

"I would have given the kids a better shot at getting the jobs than some of the adults who were coming in as we left," said Mrs. Mohr, instructor.

The Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, along with the Custer County Economic Development Committee and the CAPABLE organization, set up this job fair for the area students and adults. The students were able to go through the job fair beginning at 1:30, and the adults were to begin at 3:00 p.m.

However, when it came time for the students to board the bus, they weren't ready to go and wanted to stay and interact

more with the businesses.

"The kids weren't checking their watches, or waiting to leave. They were engaged and learning the entire time," said Mr. Mohr.

After students went through the job fair, Stephanie Miller, the human relations department of Adams Land and Cattle, spoke with the students about protection from social media in a break out session. "I will look at your resume for 15 seconds and then spend my time looking you up on social media," she said.

"I liked learning about all the little secrets about interviewing and resumes. The mock interviews were great," said Brooke

Blowers.

Other suggestions from her speech included better email addresses, hand shakes, interviewing techniques, speed of speech, how she uses silence to get the interviewee to break the silence and start the discussion.

The organizers said that what they offered to the students (the classes about resumes and interviews) and the job fair was the same thing that was offered to the adults.

"Two of my favorite things from (the fair) was looking at how another business similar to ours (SHGP) runs. Another would be the speech about the resume," said Haley Reed.

Top Ten in the Nation



Arnold eighth grader Tatum Cool (pictured above) holds an official letter from the National VFW with notification that her "Patriot's Pen" essay placed in the top ten in the nation. Her essay received 10th place from a field of over 110,000 competitors from across the country and overseas. Tatum received a check for \$1,250.00, bringing her total winnings (local, district, state and now national) to \$2,420.00. "The officers and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary join with your parents, classmates, teachers and friends in expressing great pride in your accomplishment," said Kevin Jones, Director of VFW programs. In the letter, Jones said the VFW and Auxiliary hopes to see Tatum participate in the 2015-16 Voice of Democracy contest. The theme will be "My Vision for America." "Former Patriot's Pen state winners often end up becoming state Voice of Democracy winners!" said Jones. (Courtesy photo)

Exchange Student Focused on Strengthening Cultural Bonds



Exchange student Wei Qin Chua pours pancake batter onto the griddle while her host father, Irv Jennings, looks on, at Rotary's recent pancake feed. As part of her exchange, Wei Qin will devote 20 hours to community service. (Berni Crow photo)

Editor's note: Wei Qin Chua, an exchange student from Malaysia, arrived in Arnold in January as part of the American Field Service (AFS) exchange. AFS is a company that sends students and adults all around the world to strengthen cultural bonds and banish social barriers between people with different cultures and religions. Wei Qin will be staying with Irv and Melody Jennings during her exchange. As you will see from the following Q & A exchange, her English skills are excellent, and through this exchange she has much to share with all of us.

Q. How long was your flight to the U.S.?

A. My flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (the capital city of Malaysia), to Amsterdam was over 12 hours long, and we

had a layover for a few hours before my next flight to Washington, D.C., which was eight hours long. In Washington, we stayed in a youth center for two nights for orientation. We woke up at 3:00 a.m. to catch our next flight to our own placements. My flight from Washington, D.C., to Chicago, Illinois, was about two hours and 15 minutes. So adding it up all together, it took me about 24 hours to reach Lincoln, Nebraska. Although it was a tiring trip, I enjoyed every second of it! Our first meal in the U.S. was in Washington, D.C., after we went for a short tour to the Lincoln Memorial. We had Chipotle! I was starstruck when I saw the statue of Abraham Lincoln. It was breathtaking.

Q. Where did you come from?

A. I live in a city called Kuala Terengganu in the state of Terengganu. The population is around 31,500 people. My city is not really a concrete jungle-like kind of city. It is famous for its beaches, island, traditional food and batik (a type of traditional textile). Every year, Kuala Terengganu receives most of its income through tourism. The Terengganu state, on the other hand, receives most of its income through sources of petroleum we have. Terengganu is one among all 13 states in Malaysia. The climate at home

is hot and humid most of the time. The only time it is not hot and humid is during the monsoon season, which happens around late November until late January. However, the duration and weather during the monsoon season is not always the same. During this season it is possible for some parts in Malaysia to receive heavy downpours for weeks in a row. Because of this, low areas will usually experience serious floods. When it's not the monsoon season, the temperature will be so high that some areas will experience mild droughts. The temperature can reach up to 38 Celsius which is about 100 Fahrenheit. We do not have the four seasons that Americans do.

Usually, the temperature in my city will not get any lower than 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit), but it also depends where in Malaysia.

Q. Please tell us about your family.

A. I come from a family of five, including myself, my dad, mom and two brothers. I am the youngest in my family. My two brothers are in America. My eldest brother is currently working in New York City. One of his well-praised hobbies is photography. My second brother is studying Creative Writing in University of Iowa. I love my family members. When I was very young, we were fi-

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Showing Support

Soup, sandwiches and pie was served to hundreds of residents from Arnold and surrounding communities during last Saturday night's benefit for the family of Juliet Strasburg. Tables of silent auction items, donated by individuals and businesses, lined three walls of the Arnold Community Center, raffle tickets were sold for baked goods and crafts, and free-will donations were taken at the door. One unique fundraiser was a table set up by Casey Connell, who offered people the chance to fill in a dimple on a golf ball with the color of their choice for \$5.00. The ball was then donated to Juliet's father, Justin, who is a golfer, at the end of the night. "Actually, that went really well," said Ashley Meyer, who with six of her classmates from the Class of 2000, organized the event. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans was also a sponsor, and several Lutherans pitched in to help. On Monday morning, Ashley said she was still receiving phone calls and donations. "The amount being raised) was beyond what I expected," she said. Nine-month-old Juliet Strasburg, was recently diagnosed with the rare Vici Syndrome, and has spent many weeks of her young life in and out of the hospital. (Janet Larreau photo)