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A SPLIT SECOND

That's all the time Clint Connelly had to jump away when he came face-to-face with 1,400 lbs of pure muscle at the Buckers Unlimited Event in McCook, Nebraska, on April 6. Clint was matched up with and covered Flyin' Shoes, owned by TR Cattle, for 8 seconds before he hit the ground. He ended the day winning the bullriding event with 86.75 points.

This is Clint's second year of competing in Buckers Unlimited events. He won the year-end series last year and hopes to do so again.

“What I like most about these events is I'm guaranteed to get on something that'll buck good, as the bulls are also in competition,” he said.

Buckers Unlimited LLC was created in 2015, and their first event was in 2016. Every year since, it has grown. Currently, there is an event once a month from February to October in the Midwest.

Clint, who graduated from Arnold High in 2012, has been riding ever since he was old enough to get on steers. He has been a member of many associations throughout the years and has done great in all of them.

Clint resides in Arnold with wife Debbie and daughter Kenzie.

Arnold Sophomore Injured In Vehicle Accident

By Janet Larreau

Jesse Connell, a sophomore at Arnold High School, has underwent surgery and is under observation at a Kearney hospital after a vehicle accident injured both he and his girlfriend on Saturday, April 13.

Jesse, age 16, and his girlfriend Bailey had gone out to supper in North Platte and were taking a drive at about 7:00 p.m., when Jesse looked down to adjust his cruise control. He crossed the center line, hit the side of another vehicle, overcorrected to try to avoid the collisions, and the pickup he was driving rolled down into the drainage ditch near the Walmart Distribution Center. Both Jesse and Bailey were ejected from the vehicle.

Bailey was ejected into the ditch and Jesse tried to get her out, but he couldn't. A Good Samaritan came along and helped him pull her out of the ditch. Jesse called 911 and then his mom, Heidi Horst. Both Jesse and Bailey were taken by ambulance to the North Platte emergency room, where Jesse had X-rays and tests. He had two badly bruised lungs, a partially collapsed right lung, a badly broken collar bone, broken ribs, and one vertebrae was broken. Bailey had bad gashes

on her head, which required stitches, and a broken pelvis. She was treated in the North Platte hospital.

Because of the partially collapsed lung, Jesse was transported to a Kearney hospital, where he was re-assessed. Surgeons inserted a plate and seven screws to repair the broken clavicle.

On Sunday, his mom said that Jesse was resting in a clamshell brace. “He has to stabilize, and they will get him up and walking tomorrow to see if any of the pieces of the broken vertebrae are moving. If they are moving, they will do more surgery and put a plate in. They will keep watching the next few days to see if anything does move,” she said.

Jesse, who was diagnosed with diabetes three years ago, will heal slowly due to the diabetes.

Heidi said, “Thank you to the entire community. It's been amazing the outpouring of love and prayers for him, and all of the people who have come to the hospital to be with us. The main thing I want to say is wear your seatbelt. If they would have had their seatbelts on, they would just have bruises.”

There were three occupants in the other vehicle. They were all treated and released.

Arnold Legion Will Sponsor Two to Boys State



Grant Jones



Isaac Goff

The American Legion Post 130 is pleased to announce that Grant Jones of Stapleton and Isaac Goff of North Platte were generously sponsored by American Legion and will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State Program, June 2-8, 2019, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Grant Jones

Grant, who attends Arnold High School, has taken part in South Loup football, basketball, and track.

“Over the past three years I've had great experiences at Arnold High School,” said Grant.

He attends a Bible study group every Wednesday, and he's an assistant for the PE

teacher, which allows him to be around the younger kids and be a good role model for them to follow.

This summer, Grant plans to play basketball for the team Nebraska Select, and will be competing all over the state.

He is the son of Robert and Suzanne Jones.

Isaac Goff

Isaac Goff is the son of Chuck and Tonya Goff. A junior in high school, Isaac attends Christian Liberty Academy homeschool program in North Platte. he is active in 4-Corners 4-H Club in Lincoln County where he is president, and was an assistant counselor at Halsey 4-H Camp last summer.

Isaac has been an active volunteer for various organizations, including the American Legion Auxiliary. Isaac attends Inner Power Martial Arts where he has his first degree black belt in To-Shin Do, and is working toward his second degree. Isaac has been confirmed and is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

School Board Accepts Resignations, New Teacher Contracts Approved

The regular board of education meeting was held on April 9 in the APS Commons with all members present. There were five guests present.

Discussion was held on repairs necessary for the boilers this summer. Dan Morrell from Conditioned Air in Grand Island was tele-conferenced in to the meeting to take board member questions and explain the issues with the boilers. The repairs needed are due to the natural wear and tear to the boilers, which are in need of new burners to function most efficiently. The repairs were approved later in the meeting, and will cost \$34,200.00.

In Action Items:

The board accepted the resignations of Mr. Clint Lewis and Mrs. Kendra Meyer, with re-

grets. Both have accepted teaching positions with other districts.

New teacher contracts were approved for Melissa Sandanger (7-12 Science), Sadie Rotherham (Second Grade) and Molly Atkeson (First Grade).

The buildings and grounds board committee toured the track facilities prior to the meeting, and shared their findings and support of proceeding with the proposed track maintenance with Midwest Tennis and Track. The full board voted to move forward with the repairs, which is a necessary step at this point, considered the “mid-point” of the life of the track surface. Any cracks and thin areas will be repaired, a top coat will be reapplied, and the lines will be repainted.

This will cost \$52,545. If the project were to be broken into two years as discussed, the project would be \$15,000 more to complete. The NDEQ has a grant reimbursement which covers 25% of projects utilizing recycled rubber, which will be requested after the completion of the project.

Participation in the Title I Consortium with ESU10 for the 2019-2020 year was approved, an updated Procurement Policy was approved on first reading, and the Technology Purchase, which will be paid for with REAP grant funds, was approved.

The Board voted to purchase a mini bus. Kearney Coach submitted the low bid of \$53,500

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Village Board Decides on Using Peterson Funds for More Park Improvements

The Arnold Village Board of Trustees considered purchasing rubber mulch from the Edna B. Peterson funds for the playground equipment at the city park and the recreation area at last Monday night's meeting. AEDC Director Cheryl Carson said that the AEDC was awarded a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for \$11,445.00. The grant is 50 percent of the total cost of the mulch, which is \$22,890.00. The deadline is June 30 to purchase the mulch or the \$11,445.00 has to be returned to NDEQ. Board members voted to commit \$7,630.00 from the Edna B. Peterson funds for the mulch and to submit a request to the Arnold Community Foundation for \$3,815.00, which would be the

balance of the required 50 percent match.

Sidewalk Cafe

Board members discussed the sidewalk cafe that Jake's Horses & Harleys Grill is adding to their business. Superintendent Doug De Laune said that he will not have access to the transformers once the sidewalk cafe is built. He recommended that the electric pole with the three phase transformer bank be moved to the west side of the block by the bowling alley, where there would not be any clearance issues. Another option is for the business to provide an easement so that an open area would be left between their building and the sidewalk cafe. Board members voted that if Jake's wants the pole moved instead of providing an easement, the pole will

be moved contingent upon Jake's paying 50 percent of the cost.

Superintendent's Report

De Laune gave the following update:

- Community Clean-Up Day is Monday, April 29
- Stulich Asphalt and Paving is crack sealing various streets this week.
- The wastewater plant is still having issues. The pumps had to be pulled twice last week due to paper towels, shop towels, and baby wipes clogging the pumps.
- The northeast well is down for repairs. Sargent Drilling has been contacted to do the repairs.
- In other business, the board:
 - Granted permission to hold the Devil's Den Bike Rally on

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CC Sheriff's Office Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

ARNOLD and CALLAWAY, NE - On Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Custer County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 17th opportunity in nine years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the Arnold Fire Department at 206 S. Broadway or the Seven Valleys Health Mart Pharmacy at 200 E. Pacific Street.

Sites cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions

asked.

Last fall Americans turned in nearly 460 tons (more than 900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and almost 4,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

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Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled for This Friday

Due to last week's spring blizzard bringing several inches of snow, the Annual Chamber-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Friday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the city park.