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You're Never Too Old

At 101, Doris heads off to trick-or-treat



Wearing a black serge dress made in 1852, Doris Bowers dressed like a witch on Halloween for a short night of trick-or-treating.

On Halloween night, 101-year-old Doris Bowers dressed up like a witch and set out to trick-or-treat at a few select houses with her great-granddaughters, Dolores and Danielle Duponcheel. It's a safe bet that no one was wearing a costume as old as hers. Her dress, made

in 1852 of black serge, belonged to her first husband, Lawrence Lynch's, great-grandmother, Catherine McDowell.

"The dress is in as good a shape as if it were made at the present time. Serge material never wears out. If you have never felt serge, you could com-

pare the material to wearing sandpaper," said Doris' daughter, Karolyn Duponcheel, who lives next door. "Women in the pioneer days usually had two dresses to wear. The serge dress was for wearing to occasions such as church, formal family or public events. These dresses were also worn if one was a widow."

Doris has worn this dress to go trick-or-treating with three generations of her family, as each child becomes of age to enjoy Halloween.

Pictured on the step beside Doris is a 83.4 lb. pumpkin grown by her grandson, Lawrence Duponcheel. Neighbor Brad Forrester gave Lawrence the use of his garden patch, and once mature, it took three people to weigh the pumpkin: two to hold it upright and a third to read the digital weight.

"The whole Duponcheel family was excited as we watched the numbers climb on the scale," said Karolyn.

Chamber Plans Turkey Giveaway

The Arnold Chamber of Commerce will be giving away three 12 lb. turkeys this month. For your chance to win, make a purchase at any Chamber business and enter your name and phone number into the drawing container provided by the business participating. There is no limit on entries, but winners must be able to pick up their turkey locally at Reed's Food Center. The drawing will be held on November 20.

Delayed Mailing Due to Vet's Day

The U.S. Post Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veteran's Day. This will cause a day's delay in when subscribers receive their November 12 paper.

Blood Donations May Help Current Coronavirus Patients

Next Arnold blood drive is November 16

ARNOLD, Nebraska (Oct. 29, 2020) — Plasma from whole blood donations made through the American Red Cross that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood now to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

In April, the Red Cross began collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma from previously diagnosed individuals, who could only give at one of approximately 170 Red Cross blood donation centers across the country. Convalescent plasma contains COVID-19 antibodies that may help the most critical patients actively fighting this virus. Now, whole blood donations made at any Red Cross blood drive or blood donation center could be helpful in this effort.

"Donations that come back positive for COVID-19 antibodies now undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. "With approximately 2% of the U.S. population testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies, every donation is important to ensure patients with coronavirus have access to every treatment option available to them."

The Arnold Community Blood Drive will be on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at the Arnold Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment call or text Amanda Koubek Wehnes at 308-660-6709, download the

free Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

About antibody testing

Antibody testing may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual experienced COVID-19 symptoms. Donations are tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they will also undergo routine infectious disease testing.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

Important COVID-19 information for donors

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

About blood donation

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals

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Reading Is Magical

APS students reach over 3,000 A.R. points and receive reward.

By Talli Martin
APS Sophomore

On Thursday, October 22nd, award-winning magician Jeff Quinn came to town. It was a treat for students in grades K-12 who had earned their Accelerated Reader (A.R.) points and met the annual challenge for the 1st quarter.

"I chose Jeff Quinn as a magician, because he promotes reading for a lot of the summer readings at the public libraries. My son, Jamie Tickle and Ethan Furne all watched him at the Broken Bow Public Library one summer and loved him. I am always trying to see what kind of visitors can come to our school and promote reading. Jeff was just the right person for the job," said Debby Moninger, APS librarian.

Quinn didn't just do magic tricks for his guests, he also entertained them with humorous jokes.

The K-6th students laughed the whole time as they watched him, and at times, he even had the upper grades laughing.

"He did a really good job of interacting and keeping students engaged," said Principal McIntosh.

"The Jr. high students and high school students spent the whole time trying to figure out how he did his magic tricks. It was fun watching the little kids get all riled up," said sophomore Lance Jones.

A.R. class leaders from each grade had the chance to assist Quinn with some of his tricks. Following are the total points earned by each class and the class leaders:

· Kindergarten read 224 total books and had a total of 112 points.

· 1st grade - 171.7 points. Breckyn Doggett and Parker Neth tied with 27 points.

· 2nd grade - 221.7 point. Makenna Weinman led with 33.8 points.

· 3rd grade - 190.5 points. Addison Dalrymple led with 25.1 points.

· 4th grade - 187 points. Braxton Cozad led with 69.5 points.

· 5th grade - 364.5 points. Delaney Weinman had 235.8 points.

· 6th grade - 615.5. Evalynn Wonch had 298.8 points.

· 7th grade - 339 points. Brook Bierman had 141.9 points.

· 8th grade - 477.4 points. Ella Cool led with 220.5 points.

· 9th grade - 323.5 points. Samantha Wonch had 59.7 points.

· 10th grade - 132.7 points. Lance Jones had 39.2 points.

· 11th grade - 157.1 points. Shayla Tickle had 58 points.

· 12th grade - 99.8 points. Brett Halstead and Kylee Lemkuhler led with 24 points each.

The leaders of the entire school were: Evalynn Wonch with 298.8 points, Delaney Weinman with 235.8 points, and Ella Cool with 220.5 points. The goal was 3,000 points this year and our school had a whopping total of 3,393.2 points!

Quinn even got our own principal Mr. Chanc McIntosh involved in some mischievous tricks.

"I was called up as a magician's assistant with no clue of my role. I have no idea how he moved a 6-inch plain scarf into a multi-colored 20-foot scarf. My role of being the magician's assistant was reading the directions of the trick. I went ahead of my cue, and had the students



Photo/Leta Connell

Magician Jeff Quinn holds the magic hat, as elementary principal Chanc McIntosh assists him with the giant magic wand trick at the annual A.R. Reading Challenge event held in the school's gymnasium.

anticipating what we were going to do next. The up-grading of the wand was surprising especially when the magician dug out a 20-foot wand," said McIntosh.

That day he showed us every-

thing from simple card tricks to tricks that couldn't even be explained. All in all it was a great day to watch some magic.

The magician was only allowed to enter through the outside stage door, and was only

on the stage. He was safely socially distanced from all students and staff. Mr. McIntosh and the magician were both fully masked. Both then later washed and sanitized.