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Welcoming Mr. Wehnes

New Social Studies teacher is excited for upcoming year



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Jason Wehnes was all smiles on his second day of teaching Social Studies at APS.

Jason Wehnes began his first year of teaching Grades 7-12 Social Studies at Arnold Public Schools last week, replacing Rick Peterson, who retired at the end of the last school year. Jason, who lives just outside

of Arnold with wife Amanda (Koubek), taught at Stapleton Public Schools for six years prior to his current position.

“There were several reasons that contributed to my decision to come to Arnold Public

Schools, but the strongest factor is that since moving here in 2015, the community of Arnold has become my home,” he said.

Mr. Wehnes was born in Hastings on the Wehnes family farm located approximately ten miles east of Hastings. He graduated from Harvard Public Schools in 2010, and went on to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education with an endorsement in Social Sciences in 2015. He is also currently working on his Masters of Art in History through the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

“I have always had a passion for understanding our world, the people that inhabit it, and how we can progress as a society,” he said. “I believe that social studies should include not only vital content, but be skilled-oriented to prepare students beyond high school. In addition, my role as an educator should be to facilitate learning through activities and collaboration to promote critical thinking.”

Other than he and his wife Amanda in Arnold, his parents, David and Brenda; brother Zeb; and his sister Rebecca live in the Hastings area along with his nieces and nephews.

Mr. Wehnes, who is friendly and full of personality, said he is very excited about the upcoming school year and the new opportunities that come with it.

School Enrollment Is Holding Steady

As of the first day of school, 195 students were enrolled at Arnold Public Schools. The total includes the new preschool with 24 enrolled, 85 in Grades K-5 and 86 in Grades 6-12. Last year's enrollment in Grades K-12 was 174, so the numbers are holding steady.

Following is a break-down of girls and boys in each class:

Pre-School: (2 Year Out)	
Girls	2
Boys.....	7
(1 Year Out)	
Girls	9
Boys.....	6
Total.....	24
Kindergarten:	
Boys.....	6
Girls	8
Total.....	14
First Grade:	
Boys.....	7
Girls	8
Total.....	15
Second Grade:	
Boys.....	4
Girls	7
Total.....	11
Third Grade:	
Boys.....	6
Girls	10
Total.....	16
Fourth Grade:	
Boys.....	7
Girls	7
Total.....	14

Fifth Grade:	
Boys	11
Girls	4
Total.....	15
Totals:	
Boys	41
Girls	44
Sixth Grade:	
Boys.....	7
Girls	7
Total.....	14
Seventh Grade:	
Boys.....	5
Girls	7
Total.....	12
Eighth Grade:	
Boys.....	9
Girls	4
Total.....	13
Freshmen:	
Boys.....	4
Girls	9
Total.....	13
Sophomores:	
Boys.....	8
Girls	10
Total.....	18
Juniors:	
Boys.....	4
Girls	4
Total.....	8
Seniors:	
Boys.....	2
Girls	6
Total.....	8
Totals:	
Boys	39
Girls	47

Driver Of Car That Crashed During Loup2Loup Race Has Died

Gavin Higgins/
Sandhills Express

According to Sandhills Open Road Challenge Board Treasurer Becky Dailey, the driver of the white 2015 Chevy Camaro which crashed during the Loup2Loup Race in Halsey on Thursday, August 12 has died. Leland Sweet succumbed to his injuries earlier this week after he and his navigator Robert Parsons were airlifted to local hospitals following the accident. At the time of the incident, reports were that the vehicle left the Halsey/Purdum road and rolled a number of times in the ditch.

“We would like to express our

deepest sympathies to Susan and the Sweet family,” said Dailey. “Our thoughts are also with Robert as he continues to heal and recover.”

Winning Powerball Ticket Sold at Reed's

Reed's Food Center learned last week that they sold a winning \$50,000.00 Powerball ticket. The name of the winner - from Arnold - had not been released by the Nebraska Lottery as of press time on Monday.

Fall Festival Set for Sept. 17-18

Organizers announce schedule.

RT Green and his band of willing volunteers are excited to be bringing back the Arnold Fall Festival set for September 17 and 18. Arnold Chamber will be sponsoring the festival that will be bringing back many events and adding new ones for all ages.

On Friday, September 17, activities are planned after the football game on the field. Participants can look forward to a Fire Bucket Brigade Challenge consisting of four person teams and other school activities yet to be announced. Vendors are encouraged to set up on the field.

Saturday's events will begin with the parade. This year's festival theme is “Old School” and Arnold's oldest residents - Bobbie Smith and Doris Bowers - will be grand marshals. Line-up will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. The parade

will start at 11:00 a.m. and will go south and around the city park. A map of the route will be published next week. People are asked not to park their vehicles around the park so there are no obstacles in viewing the parade. Chamber will award prizes for Best Decorated and Best Themed Float.

For lunch, a free-will donation barbecue will be prepared by Casey Cozad at the park.

There are a lot of fun things in store for kids at the park in the afternoon, including a bouncy house, rock wall, miniature golf, and face painting. Kids events will start at 12:30 and are yet to be announced.

Golf cart races will start at 1:00 p.m. Drivers will be blindfolded and will have a navigator. The popular Redneck Olympics will follow.

Everyone is encouraged to break out your “old school”

clothes for the weekend.

The various school events will be announced on the official poster scheduled for publication in *The Sentinel* in next week's issue. Posters will be hung around town, and you may go to Schoology and the Arnold website or Facebook page for the schedule and updates.

Donations to help with future fall festivals can be left at Pinnacle Bank.

FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

AUGUST 23, 2021 - Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

“The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved

product,” said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. “While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S.”

Since Dec. 11, 2020, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under EUA in individuals 16 years of age and older, and the authorization was expanded to include those 12 through 15 years of age on May 10, 2021. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating a disease, provided that the FDA determines that the known and potential benefits of a product, when used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the disease, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

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Courtesy photo

Overall Champion

Showing Georgina, Addison Dalrymple came away with the Champion Market Heifer trophy from the Custer County Fair. Addison, who is 9, entered fourth grade at APS this year. Addison also showed the Champion Angus Steer named George, and was the Champion Pre-Junior Showman, as well as the Reserve Overall Beef Showman and was part of the Reserve Fitting Team with Georgina. She is the daughter of Matt and Jen Dalrymple of Arnold. Please turn to page 4 for results of all Arnold 4-Hers who came home with awards.