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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 skills-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.

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.

## 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.

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Fifth Grade:

Boys ..... 11

Girls ..... 4

Total ..... 15

Totals:

Boys ..... 41

Girls ..... 44

Total ..... 14

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 Treas-

urer 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 ac-

cident. At the time of the inci-

dent, 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 win-

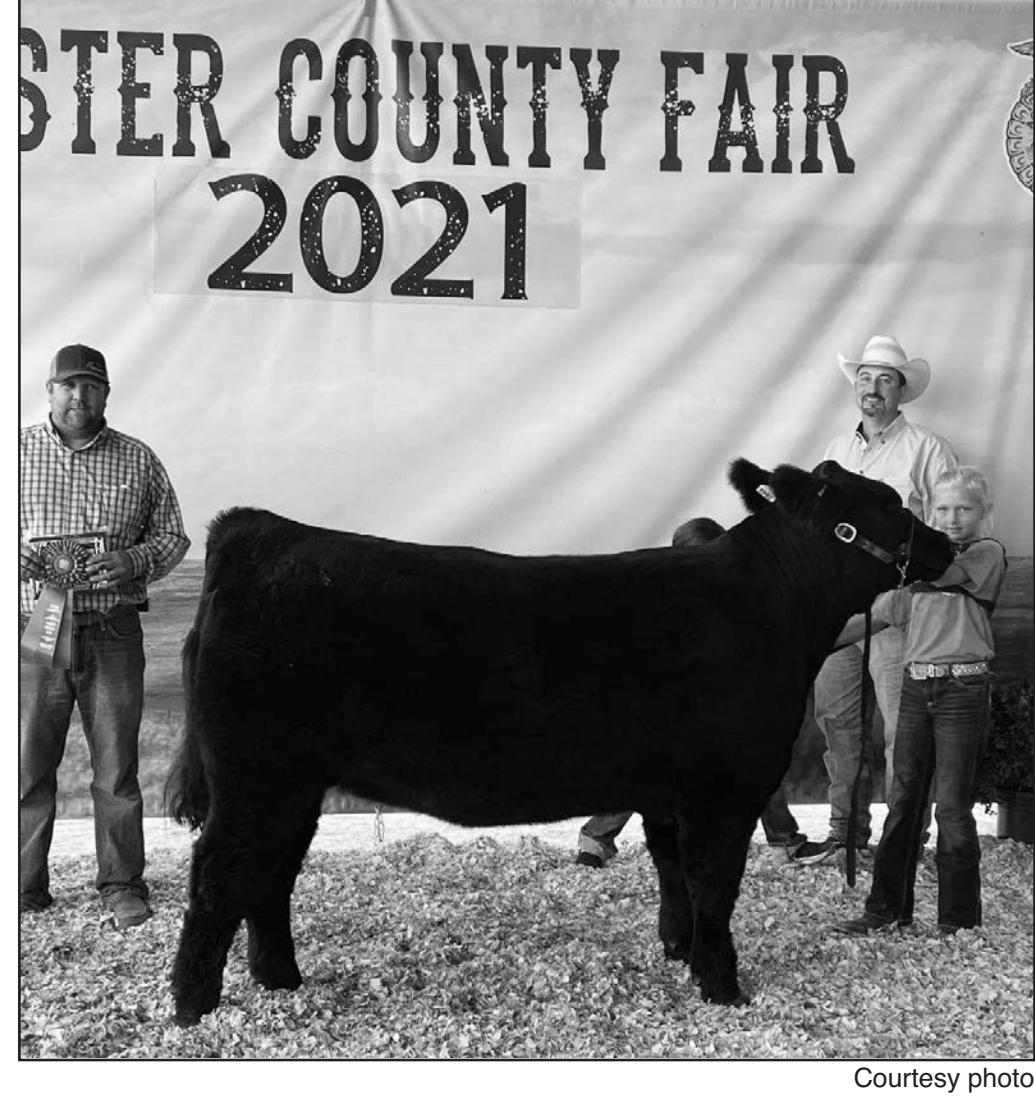
ning \$50,000.00 Powerball

ticket. The name of the winner

- from Arnold - had not been re-

leased by the Nebraska Lottery

as of press time on Monday.



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.

## FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

AUGUST 23, 2021 - Today, the

U.S. Food and Drug Adminis-

tration 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 authori-

zation (EUA), including for in-

dividuals 12 through 15 years

of age and for the administra-

tion of a third dose in certain

immunocompromised individ-

uals.

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 stan-

dards for emergency use au-