



## Bobcats of the Month

### Suzy Heusman



I would like to nominate Suzy for Bobcat of the month for her positive attitude in class and her leadership role in her lab group. She has been working very hard all semester and striving to do her best. She is attentive during all class activities and, although she had a few absences at the beginning of the year, she was extremely responsible about making up the work in a timely manner.

Mrs. Svenson

### Tyrel Rieker

I am nominating Tyrel due to his hard work with One-Act sets. He had a great attitude and took great pride in creating the sets. He happily did anything asked of him. He worked hard to finish each task. He was always willing to work even when I was busy and not able to assist. Tyrel did a great job and will be missed next year, but he set a good example for the students who follow.

Mrs. Campbell



### Kylee Kubert

I nominate Kylee Kubert for he student of the month. This kind, young lady is eager to help others by picking up crayons or lifting spirits with a big smile! Kylee is a friend to all.

Mrs. Ross



### Natalie Trotter

Natalie is always doing her best. She is new to 2nd grade this year, but is already a good friend to all her peers. She makes 2nd grade a better place to be.

Mrs. Bishop



## **Callaway Public Schools Tower Garden Project: *Where Great Things Grow***



Students in grades K-12 will have opportunities to experience hands-on interactions with plants and plant life cycles, which is in line with the Nebraska State Standards. The Tower Garden will enable the students to tend to the plants year-round instead of seasonally. Students will be responsible for the entire process-start to finish.

Students will be working to put the Tower Gar-

dens together, planting seeds, pruning produce as needed, checking the pH levels, deciding what to do with the produce (could potentially be sold at the local Farmer's Market), and anything else needed to ensure the plant life cycle is being tended to properly. Once we have a plentiful harvest, students will learn how to prune the fruits and vegetables and then they will be able to enjoy them.

Our long-term goal is to have enough Tower Gardens in the school that we can produce enough fruits and vegetables to be served during our school lunches. Also, some of the excess crops can and will be donated to the Callaway Food Pantry. Students in our building have limited experiences with plants and the Tower Gardens will provide authentic learning opportunities for all students as well as staff.

### **Creative Writing**

**By: Jorgey Dauel**

On Fridays in Creative Reading and Writing, we do things much different from the rest of the week. We get to go to the Kindergarten room and help them with their work and much more. Miss Ord and Mrs. Ross come up with an activity for us to do each Friday with the Kindergarteners. One week Miss Ord will find something for us to do and then the next week, Mrs. Ross will have something different for us to do. Last week, we made "hand trees" for Christmas and the week before we made turkeys with our feet and hands.

Our projects with them are just so much fun and it just brightens our day when they get excited to see us. We do many fun crafts with them, but we also help them with writing their name, and we help them with their numbers and abc's. We have done many projects with them already this semester, and i hope we have many more to come. Each Friday becomes more natural to spend with them. They've come to know all of our names and we have learned all their names too.

We all enjoy being around them each Friday. They all love having us in their class and we love being invited back to their class each week. We all definitely appreciate everything Miss Ord and Mrs. Ross do for us. I think that each day we spend with them, the more we appreciate what Mrs. Ross does and how much patience it takes to be a teacher of small children. I have also seen that how much the kindergarteners look up to us and how they will feel less intimidated when being around the high schoolers.

**NASCAR**

The engine roars.  
The vibration shakes me.  
The scent of the air is smoky.  
The open track is a wonderful sight.

Try to get far.  
Just don't crush your face in.  
If your not first, you're last.  
So you need to get going fast.

You might feel pain.  
Just don't crash.  
Just hope your car.  
Doesn't burn to ash.

You have to win.  
There is nothing to it.  
You need to go fast.  
So just go and do it.

By: Clyde Arnold

**Autumn**

The leaves falling from the trees.  
The leaves changing before my eyes.  
The foliage is so beautiful.  
The crunch of them under my feet.

The sweet strong smell of corn dust.  
It's harvest time in Nebraska!  
Harvest means late nights for farmers.  
Many semis are on the highway.

Pumpkin patches full of children.  
People carving pumpkins with family.  
Kids dressing up for Halloween.  
Boo, did I scare you at all!

Autumn is the best season.  
Children running through the leaves.  
You have lots of candy and sweets.  
The pretty colors of the trees.

By: Kinsey Pflaster

**Softball**

I am the softball catcher.  
I have people pitch to me.  
We won champion two years.  
Our coaches were clearly proud.

I love the feel of the dirt.  
The soft feel of my gray glove.  
The sweet taste of Gatorade.  
I had holes in my blue socks.

The zing as the ball hits bat.  
There are yells from the bleachers.  
My coach is screaming go two.  
Ava is running fast as well.

My legs are burning a lot.  
I hear my teammates screaming.  
I slide into second base.  
"Safe" the fair umpire yells.

We win championship.  
The parents got us pizza.  
We celebrate truly loud.  
I can not wait for next year.

Next year we will get new tees.  
I'll bet we'll look fabulous!  
Next year is my last year, but  
My bat and I are ready!

By: Irelyn Rosfeld

**My Dog**

My dog looks like a dark cloud.  
She barks like a wolf.  
The toy cow is her favorite.  
Daisy smells like popcorn.  
She's black with white under her chin.  
Her kisses are sloppy and wet.  
Sometimes she cuddles with me.  
I love Daisy so much.

By: Beth Kranz

**By: Lenny Johnson**

One Christmas tradition we have in my family is going duck and goose hunting on Christmas eve and Christmas Day. When I say we, I mean my dad and I go hunting with my uncle and a bunch of friends. When we going hunting we always try to shoot our limit of ducks and geese. We are allowed to shoot five ducks per person, and three geese per person. We always try to go hunting in a place called the king elevator.

I like going to the King Elevator because of the blind we have there. It has built in propane heaters and a stove. Sometimes, we take food out with us to cook in the blind so we don't have to stop hunting to go back to town just to get something to eat. We always have fun in the blind. We talk about how our lives have been since we last saw each other. We make jokes about things that have happened in the world or our lives.

I like going hunting with my dad and my friends. I always look forward to Christmas not just for the presents, but also for the hunt. When I grow up I plan on to continue this tradition with my kid even if it is a girl or boy. I hope you enjoy your Christmas and family traditions too.

**One Acts****By: Olivia Paulsen**

This year in the world of one acts there has been upsets, talent, and much excitement. The Lost Soul of Captain Composure and it's cast and crew have found it's way to state for the second consecutive year in a row. After receiving 2nd amongst tough competition last year, Callaway kids have found themselves back in the Johnny Carson theatre. Noah Edgington takes the lead as Captain Composure who gets talked out of his soul by a conniving mermaid (Olivia Paulsen). As Captain Composure goes on an adventure to find his soul, his crew (Spencer Johnson, Dane Ryneerson, Marshall Still, John Calvin) help him along his journey. Bargaining for his nemesis' soul, Antoine Le Mew (Lafayette Loper) and his french men (Amber Ross, Natalie G'Scwhind, Sami Stowell) trade Captain Composure his soul back for the Captain's crew. Along the way he meets some interesting characters such as a distraught and drunken husband and wife (Seth and Hannah Pearson), and his inner Angel & Devil. (Emma Badgley, Savannah Weverka). And last but not least, our spooky skeletons! (Vayle Berger, Riley Doyle, Laney Willis). After a few meets that we did not place as well as we like, Callaway kids pulled out the win at the perfect time and look forward to the trip to Norfolk! After a long trip and lots of dedication the OneAct bunch tied for 2nd and after judges preference, received third. Outstanding actor and actresses were Noah Edgington, Olivia Paulsen, and Vayle Berger who received best actress over all.

**Seven Down; One to Go.****By Amber Ross**

As the first semester of the 2015/16 year comes to a close, the Seniors are thinking "One left!" This year has been a different year for us as a class: we have one class all together, one hour spent as a whole. We are stressing over colleges, majors, scholarships, grades, and just life in general.

As a class, we are mostly worried about scholarships and grades right now. We are looking for scholarships at the local, county, state, and national level and filling out ones for ourselves, while helping each other fill them out. A lot of time is spent with Dr. Mary Beshaler, filling out everything from college applications to cover pages.

We are working a lot harder on our homework and grades compared to how we have in the past. We are trying to have the best Grade Point Average (GPA) that we can so colleges and scholarship committees will pick us.

Even though we are working hard, this semester has been a good one. The girls played for the district championship in volleyball, we, picked our class colors, class moto, went to state in one act, had homecoming, and went to County Government Day. Through all the hard work, we have still been able to enjoy the semester.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!**

It seems hard to believe the first semester of the school year is over already. As a parent of a Senior, I am certain my focus will shift to graduation and college preparations second semester. I experienced the final graduation of my own on December 18, and am looking forward to moving on with my career without homework and papers.

My professional focus will shift to legislative issues during second semester, as the session will begin in January. We hope to see some type of change in the school funding structure to ease the burden to property tax owners; however, there seems to be little agreement on what such a solution might look like. It's interesting to hear the discussion between primarily agriculture communities like ours, and primarily residential communities. Vast differences, but both are concerned with tax levies and school funding. Our senator, Matt Williams, has visited both Arnold and Callaway schools, and heard the many concerns of area superintendents. I am happy that he has open communications with the schools, and feel he will protect our interests the best he can.

The Buildings and Grounds and Curriculum Committees have been focusing on what we hope to accomplish with the next school year. These items will be shared in school board meetings, so watch for possible program offerings and continued improvements to our facilities in coming months.

Dr. Lewis

**Rodeo****By: Cassy Coons**

As a high school girl I am interested in rodeo. I am part of high school rodeo association. My dream is to go to the NFR (national finals rodeo). It is every person who rodeos dream to go and compete in the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Everyone who is anyone in the Rodeo world has been to the NFR at least once in their lifetime. The cowgirls and cowboys that compete in the NFR have rodeo in their hearts and they dedicate all or most of their time in perfecting what they love to do. When I watch the NFR I watch every one of the competitors, there are certain ones I like to watch. I have certain people I like to watch in every event. I like to watch Tuf Cooper in tie down roping, because he is good and I like his horses; they are awesome. I don't really watch the rough stock events because it makes them have no brains in my opinion. This year there is a team that normally aren't together; that is JoJo and Junior. Juniors normal header got hurt in the practice pen and was not able to compete in this year's NFR. Luke Branquinho is a steer wrestler I like that when he had a good run he gets up and shakes his butt. I love to watch the barrel racing because if you watch them close enough you can see what they are doing to fix their mistakes if they have any. My favorite one to watch is Fallon Taylor and her horse Baby Flo. Fallon is one that she will give you tips and ways to do things if you ask. Also, I like her because she isn't scared to be herself she wears what she want and does and says what she feels fight. Also, she is the reigning world champion. This year at the NFR they upped the prize money so that it is double the amount that they could earn in the past. Everyone that competed was happy with the results that they got. They might not of placed as good as they wanted to but they were there and that is all that matters.

**Music**

The past two weeks have been very hectic for the Music Department. We have had two concerts, concession stands, and a chorale in the community led by the high school choir.

The Elementary Concert was amazing. The fifth and sixth grade band played an ensemble piece, the fourth grade students played a guitar piece, and the third graders played their recorders for the concert. The rest of the performance was traditional carols that most of the classes picked to sing. The finale of the evening was a cumulative piece sung by everyone: pre-school through sixth grade singing <sup>3</sup>We Wish You A Merry Christmas<sup>2</sup>. I have to say, as a music teacher, I am very proud of them.

The High School Concert featured a variety of styles and pieces. We tried our hand at a few mash-up songs: a piece that had multiple songs and combined them into something new. The high school choir did amazing; they sang small ensembles during the changing of the groups and that helped show off their ability as singers. Once again I have to say how proud I am of all the people who participated and hope to see everyone who came and more at our next performance .

## **Be Kind**

**By: Mrs. Leibhart**



Mrs. Leibhart's small reading groups in Grades 2-6 participated in a "kindness" campaign. We read R.J. Palacio's book "Wonder" and other kindness-themed books. Each student wrote about times they felt different and what kindness means to them. Their thoughts and insights into kindness were written

up and published in their very own hardbound book entitled, "Be Kind". They "body sculpted" the words "be kind" on the football field and this became the cover of their book. "If more people would choose kind, the world really would be a better place." It has been an insightful experience. Each student purchased a book for their own and Mrs. Leibhart has a copy if anyone would like to stop in and read these remarkable stories.

## **Science Olympiad**

Six students from grades 4-6 participated in the Science Olympiad in Kearney on December 8. Projects completed included making a cantilever that held 5 marbles at least 3 inches from the base, building a marshmallow catapult, using estimation, communication, implementing the scientific method to construct mystery items, extracting DNA from strawberries, and predicting which objects float and which ones sink. Did you know a bowling ball floats, but a raisin sinks? Awesome learning experience! Those participating were Jayden Carlson, James Thompson, Anthony Kratzer, Grant Hrupek, Bailey Hemphill, and Isabelle Stallbaumer.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was another great success. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who purchased books. A big thank you to all the teachers who worked at the fair after school. A special shout-out goes to the Jr. High kids who helped set up and take down the fair. Thanks everyone!

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