

# Adrian School District Newsletter

March 2010

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## Superintendent's Report

Evan Sneider, as the 'physical portion of his Senior Project organized an auction held in the cafeteria on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds, \$6038.61, will go into local scholarship funds. Evan had some really fine support from various and civic minded members of our community. To name few: To Evan, and all who helped, a 'Thank you' is barely adequate. What a great event for a very worthy purpose.

Many individuals and organizations donated items for the auction. 'Thank you' for your generosity and support.

Nyssa Co-op	Parma Furniture	Owyhee Lanes	Adrian Sports Boosters
D & B	Joan Gordon	Angie Sillonis	Jennifer Findling
Teresa Sneider	Joel Price Farms	Purnell Family	Tim Schrock
Neil Allison	Pam Myers	Twilight Café	Martin Manufacturing
Doyle Smallwood	Julene Bowns	Burke's Bowl	John Lax
Kim Bertalotto	Janet Cooney	Bill Ferguson	Pioneer Seeds
Jim Haydock	Jane Brewer	Orchard House	Joe Culley
Amalgamated Sugar	Dave & Arlene Greening	Farm City	Jim Carroll
Adrian Presbyterian Church	Paul & Alyce Shenk	Napa Auto Parts	Guy Stauffer The Paint Guy
Keith Baldwin	Artie Freytag	Steve Reagan	Jerry Camp
Matt & Kelsey Zimmerman	Price & Son's Seeds	Mr. Youtsey	Brenda Reay
Pendergrass Family	Carl Hill	Adrian FFA	Duke & Julie Fugate
Stephanie Allison	Shayne Kimbel	Sandra Witcraft	Shagay Jones
Bev Lode	Geary Johnson	Elma Witty	Nancy Reay
Mike Ready	Cindy Bennett	Marshall & Darla Witty	
Evan Sneider	Brent Ishida	WSI	Steve Hawkins

To our friends and patrons who supported the auction by purchasing, donated items, a sincere 'Thank you'. Obviously, buyers make an auction successful.

Evan asked Steve Hawkins to be the auctioneer. He did an excellent job and deserves a special 'Thank you'.

Lorraine VanCorbach and the Adrian Music Department provided the lunch. It was very nice and a special 'Thank you'.

As mentioned above, local scholarships will receive the funds raised. Eventually deserving Adrian students will be the beneficiaries. Perhaps this activity will become an annual event. It has tremendous potential for helping our young people. Evan Sneider, you started something 'big' here.

Thank you!!!

Gene Mills

Superintendent



# Principal's Corner

## The K-8 Principal

One of the nice advantages of a small school is when middle school students get to play in the band for District playoffs. They get an experience that will help them progress in their music class. My grandson received that opportunity this last Saturday. He called his grandparents on the way home late at night. He exclaimed, "We won!" He went on to tell us play by play on how the girls had won district.

This month K-8 teachers will be learning from the Master Teacher about Six Ways You Can Help Students Think Clearly, Design Questions To Get The Learning You Seek, and Our Greatest Strengths. I have enjoyed the way our teachers endeavor to sharpen their skills in teaching. They are willing to share experiences and listen to each other.

Thanks for all of your support.

William H. Ellsworth

K-8 Principal

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## High School Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, the year really has seemed to fly by. I have said this before, and I am sure that I will say it many times again; for a small school in a small town, there is sure a lot of activity and that might be why time goes by so quickly, we just don't have time to get bored or rested up!

This last month has been no less busy as we have filled it with activities, but, it has also allowed the community the opportunity to put their generosity on display. We had Tip-Off week a short while back and one of the halftime activities was to auction off desserts. There were lots of great looking desserts and the fans emptied their wallets to help the freshmen class raise money. The next day, as part of his Senior Project, Evan Sneider held what may become an annual scholarship auction. Although the turnout was good the generosity displayed by those who donated items and those who purchased items was outstanding as over \$6000 was raised. A couple of weeks later, Ranea Orosco as part of her Senior Project hosted a Community Sweethearts Dance and you once again showed your support at this well attended event.

At the writing of this letter, we are on the verge of state playoffs and tournaments. Our high school wrestling team will be in Portland this weekend with three individuals qualifying for the state tournament: Jake Wilde, Mark Ishida and Daniel Lode each finished second at the district tourney in Union and will challenge for state honors. The girls basketball team as a result of their great come from behind victory at the district tournament over Crane will host a second round game this Friday against Hosanna Christian. Letizia Bordoli, Andrea Shenk and Ranea Orosco each received All-Tournament honors. The boys finished out their season with a victory on Saturday against Monument-Dayville for the Consolation Championship. Blake Purnell received All-Tournament honors for his efforts over the weekend, as well.

Congratulations to Andrea Shenk who was honored this week with a High Desert League Scholarship. She was one of five student-athletes from within the HDL to receive a \$575 scholarship awarded this weekend. This is the third consecutive year that an Adrian student has been honored by the HDL scholarship committee.

There is no rest in the near future, hopefully we will have state basketball playoffs to attend next week in Baker City, followed by the Mr. AHS pageant, FFA banquet, track, baseball, softball, drama, and much more. *I thought this was a quiet little town!*

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten: Tayler Jones ---“Trying Hard”                      Walter Riley Griffin—“Enthusiastic Learner”  
First: Sebastian Munoz & Miquel Ramirez—“Most Improved Readers”  
Second: Logan Griffin---“Most Improved Reader”  
Third: Saira Amaral & Rene Munoz---“Math Master”  
Fourth: Noah Price, Ginger Ewing & Maritza Torres—“Super Effort in Academics”  
Fifth: Haylee Richardson—“For Being Courageous & Inspirational While Overcoming What Could Be A Challenging Time”.                      Alexis Thompson—“Outstanding Effort in Spelling”  
Sixth: Miriah Richardson---“For Being an Outstanding Student in all Disciplines”  
Seventh: Chase Walker---“Best Student Improvement”  
Eighth: Natasha Hernandez

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### Library Notes

College Scholarships! March 19 Deadline!

100 college scholarships will be awarded in April to Oregon students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who complete the Reading Is an Investment program sponsored by the Oregon State Treasurer. To be eligible for the drawing a student must read for 13 hours and 20 minutes (or be read to for 6 hours and 40 minutes). Three of the books read must be from a recommended list of books about money, business, and investment. Student names may be entered up to 10 times if they complete the reading requirements more than once. More details are available at <http://www.ost.state.or.us/Read/> or from Mrs. Witty at the school library. Completion of the program must be reported online (at the website listed above) before March 19.

### Accelerated Reader Store

A very successful AR Store was held February 19 in the library. Throughout the year students in grades 1-8 earn points as they take quizzes on the books they read. Three times a year they can spend those points for toys, games and other prizes. Shawn Snyder does an awesome job of shopping for prizes and organizing volunteers to run the store; the Adrian Parent Teacher Organization furnishes money for prizes. As our students continue to read more and larger books, buying appropriate prizes becomes more of a challenge. If you would like to help furnish prizes for the last store of the year or if you could volunteer to help on May 26, please let us know.

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### 4-H News

4-H regular meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Owyhee Watershed Council  
We will discuss record books, community service & fund raising.



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### Notes from the Music Department

The Music department had the opportunity to participate in the Adrian Scholarship Auction on Saturday, January 30. We had a fundraiser soup and salad meal during the auction. Thank you to all of the community members who supported us! We raised almost \$300!

Rebekah VanCorbach and Madison Shira are representing the Adrian Music department at the District Solo competition in Nyssa On Feb. 24! Good Luck Ladies!

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### March Events

March 11.....End of Quarter  
March 12.....Mr. AHS Pageant, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym  
March 16.....H.S. Track @ Ontario  
March 17.....H.S. Winter Sports Award Night 6:30 in the Cafeteria  
March 18 & 19.....Parent/Teacher Conferences  
March 22-26.....Spring Break



## Cafeteria Scoop

Winter is almost over and the days are once again getting longer and warmer. Spring Break is fast approaching and before we know it, seniors will graduate and school will be out for the summer. There are many activities happening up until the last day of school and it is important to eat and drink healthy. March 8-12<sup>th</sup> is National School Breakfast Week.

### Why eat school breakfast?

School Breakfast is the most important meal of the day for kids as it provides the necessary energy to start the day off learning and achieving.

Research has shown that kids who eat breakfast at school:

- Score better in standardized tests
- Have fewer health issues
- Behave better in class

Research also shows that kids who skip breakfast rarely make up for missed nutrients later in the day - so skipping breakfast could also affect the after school activities they really love.



### Hamburger, Anyone?

The Girl's Basketball Team has hamburger (ground steak) for sale. This beef was donated to the girls by Bill and Florence Shenk. Very nice!!! Thank you!!!

Many orders have been taken, however, it was a whole cow and we still have plenty left to sell. Contact Darla Witty, Gene Mills, or any of the senior girls to place an order.

The price is \$2 per pound. The ground beef is packaged in one pound amounts. We will be serving this hamburger at our community feed preceding the State play-off game with Hosanna Christian on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see you at our game with Hosanna Christian, and hopefully in Baker next week..

The Hamburger dinner will start at 5:00. The game starts at 7:00.

The costs for the dinner: hamburger, salad, dessert, drink will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Thanks for your support.

**Adrian Girls Basketball**  
**High Desert District Champions**



## It's fun to stay at the YMCA!—Sammy Bowns

*Submitted By: Amanda Peutz*

♪ Y-M-C-A, it's fun to stay at the Y-M-C-A. Young lady, young lady, are you listening to me? Young lady, young lady, what do you wanna be? ♪

When thinking about senior project, the main goal is picking a career to research, and the sooner you start thinking about it the better. Sammy started thinking about her career around the end of her junior year, but didn't actually choose one until she got to senior project. She thought about going into Pre/Elementary Education, Culinary Arts [dealing with pastries], and Non-Profit work. Although she wanted to do all of these she chose to do Non-Profit Management. She got her inspiration from a program that she attended during the summer called "STLF [Students Today Leaders Forever] Pay it Forward". She traveled from Portland to San Francisco completing different community service projects including: working at a community garden, visiting elderly people in nursing/assisted living homes, and several food banks.



Senior Project has a requirement of 16 hours of job shadowing. This can either be very enjoyable, or it can be very unpleasant. Sammy chose to complete four different job shadows all dealing with Non-Profit Organizations: Boys and Girls Club in Ontario, Make a Wish Foundation in Boise, the Homedale After School Program in Homedale, and the YMCA in Caldwell.

Sammy enjoyed her job shadow experiences, and had difficulty selecting a "favorite", "I liked all of them because they were all very interactive. At the Boys and Girls Club, I got to interact with the kids, and at the Make a Wish Foundation I got to see how the program works.

The YMCA was really long because I got to see everything they do." She learned that you can't be shy with the kids; you have to be very open and receptive. Sammy chose Mr. Johnson as her Senior Project Advisor.

Sammy did several things for her Physical Project mostly all volunteer work. For numerous weeks she would take long shifts taking care of community member Ruth Oxford, often staying with her overnight. She also volunteered at the Homedale After School Program for several weeks. She wanted to be able to volunteer at the YMCA, but by the time she became registered as a volunteer, she wasn't able to do much because of her busy schedule. She did several other mini-projects including organizing the gift drive for the local foster care, and helped with the Santa's Workshop here in town. Sammy chose Stephanie Allison as her physical project mentor.

When asked what part of Senior Project was the most enjoyable and rewarding she says, "Doing the physical project. Doing the job shadows, and getting to help out with the kids was great."

Most Seniors have suggestions for improving Senior Project. Sammy says that when she was doing the job shadows it felt like a lot of hours to complete in the very little time allotted, but now that she's done it feels very rewarding. Although she does wish that students were allowed more than one day out of school for job shadows. And of course the one thing that Sammy, and more than likely every other senior, would love to change is the research paper.

What advice would Sammy give to all the underclassmen regarding Senior Project? "Start looking for ideas your junior year. Know what you want to do so you can work over the summer, and get some of your job shadowing hours done. Do something that you enjoy so you have fun! And DON'T PROCRASTINATE!!!"

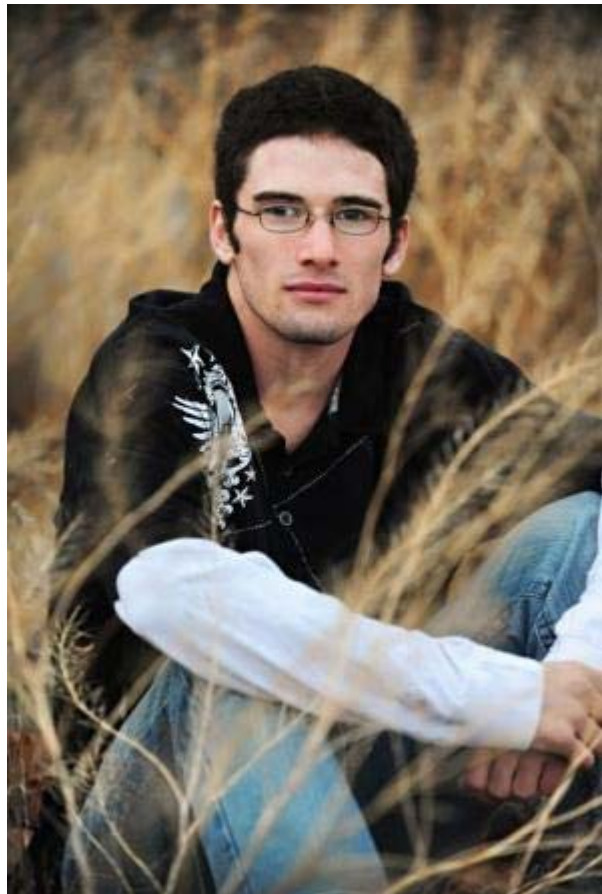
After graduating, Sammy plans on going to college and studying Recreational Management, with a minor in Non-Profit and Youth Programs.

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## Just Hangin' in the Crib—Jake Wilde

Submitted By: Amanda Peutz

We all wear many hats in school. Whether it be the cheerleader, the jock, the nerd, the queen bee, the brown-noser, the class clown. Jake has a closet of hats—the wrestler, the goof, the computer nerd, the skater, and the 60's afro.



Jake Wilde is an interesting person, and it showed through his choice in careers for Senior Project. He looked at Forest Ranger, Computer Technician, and Computer Programming. Jake finally chose Computer Technician because he loves computers and understands their simplicity. Jake chose Elma Witty as his Senior Project advisor.

Jake had three different job shadows; Internet Truck Stop, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, and McGowan Computer Inc. He went into his job shadows thinking it was mostly going to be web designing, but quickly found out it wasn't. He got to work with the actual hardware of the computers and the working mechanisms. His favorite job shadow was the Internet Truck Stop because of its unique working environment. Jake learned how to make virtual servers, and how to download OS Systems and other various computer hardware. But of course it couldn't have been all work—they also spent some time playing some good ol' video games.

Jake got his physical project idea from his physical project advisor, Mr. Johnson. Jake designed and maintained the Adrian PTO website, which was wonderful for the community.

You can go and ask any senior out there if there is anything that they would like to change about Senior Project, a sure guarantee there is at least one idea. Jake said that he would like to eliminate some of the expectations. "I would change how much they make you do to graduate. There is just so much that you have to do."

Even though everyone has something they want to change about Senior Project, there are still parts that everyone enjoys. For Jake, the job shadowing was the most rewarding and enjoyable because it was all hands on. "Everything else is just a pain."

It seems that all seniors say the same advice over and over to the underclassmen regarding Senior Project, "Don't Procrastinate!" But Jake had a few other words of wisdom to pass down, "Stay on top of your due dates. Everything is a lot easier that way. And Senior Project isn't as hard as everyone makes it sound."

After graduating Jake plans on celebrating with his friends all summer long, then attend school at ITT in Boise, Idaho majoring in Computer Sciences. As far as his future, in ten years he sees himself living in a fancy house on MTV Cribs, and being the most inspirational person in the world.

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## Rolling Sushi, Baking Pies

Submitted by: Alysha Sifuentes

You are what you eat—sweet as sugar, sour as lemon peels, bitter as salt, and spicy as pepper. Separately, these ingredients don't sound too appetizing—together, delicacies are created.

Senior project requires the students to explore three careers. The careers Jake investigated were—Forestry, Music business, and Culinary Arts. Jake selected culinary arts. "When I was growing up I was always eating and helping cook. I knew that I would want to do culinary arts because it's hands on, relaxing, and very rewarding". Having selected his senior project topic, Mrs. Gordon agreed to be his advisor.

Jake had several job shadows--Mulligans at Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette, Idaho; The Orchard House in Weiser, Idaho; Sizzler, Mackey's Steak House and Pub, and Ogawas Teriyaki Hut, which are all located in Ontario, Oregon. Ogawas was his favorite as he had the opportunity to roll sushi and cook Asian food. Jake stated it was his first experience cooking Asian cuisine. He also learned restaurant kitchens are always on the go, go, go.

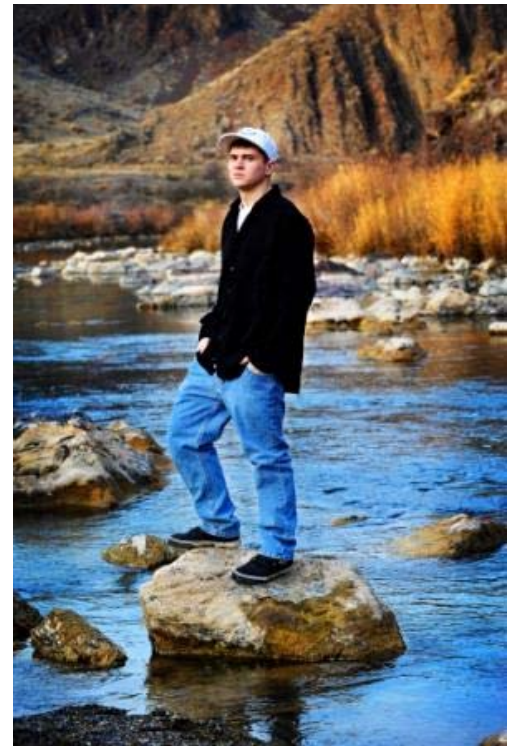
Senior projects are not limited to just job shadow hours; Jake needed a physical project that would give back to the

community. Jake completed two physical projects. His first one was an apple pie eating contest. The first booth he sold apple pie slices. He also gave out a prize for the person that had the most delightful apple pie. Another thing he did was return all of the money to the PTO. His mentor was Kimberly Bertalotto. His second project was teaching a classroom of individuals for them to receive their Oregon Food Handler card. His mentor was Pat Watkins from TVCC [Treasure Valley Community College].

Jake had several rewarding parts of senior project, but his most rewarding was responsibility. "If you don't have the responsibility then you'll not have the rewarding feeling of graduating.

Seniors know it all and have opinions and suggestions for senior project. Jakes suggested, "Students never ever procrastinate. It will destroy you in class if you do." As far as the senior project requirements and procedures, Jake wouldn't change anything. He believes, "Right now it's perfect for individuals to learn good discipline, and make your deadlines on time.

After graduating high school, Jakes intends to attend Western Culinary Institute College in Portland, Oregon.



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## A Life of Smiles

Submitted by: Alesha Shenk

Life is full of quotes—first impressions, attitudes, motivation, even the importance of smiling. Like a mirror, we get the best results in life when we smile at it—even the unpleasant dental visits. Open wide!

Dental phobia—the serious, often paralyzing fear of seeking dental care. Shivers overcome my body as I think of the drilling and grinding of teeth, along with the screaming of children—and adults! The vision of Freddy Krooger and his buzz saw can be a comforting thought in comparison to your friendly, family dentist.



Just as her senior peers, Brittney had to take the class everyone has been dreading since their freshman year—senior project. To start the project, she looked into three careers she was interested in—Dental Hygienist, Elementary Teacher, and Secretary. She finally came to the conclusion to do her senior project on the profession of a Dental Hygienist. She chose this career because of the opportunity to work with laughing gas, meet lots of men, and to a sizable income to support her future "big Brittney job shadowed three different dental facilities—Blaidell Dental in Caldwell, Idaho; Munk Dental in Nyssa, Oregon; and Owyhee Dental in Homedale, Idaho. Her favorite job shadow out of the three would be Munk Dental due to

her mentor Megan Baker, who Brittney said was funny and helped her learn a lot about the dentistry. Of course we are all aware of Brittney's sense of humor, so who knows what practical joke may have been pulled on a patient! family."

For her physical project, Brittney taught the fourth grade class how to properly clean and brush their teeth. She also provided for a free dental check-up for two families in need of assistance.

Her Senior Project advisor was Ms. Pam Myers and for her physical project she selected Mrs. Jennifer White.

Brittney stated the best part of Senior Project was "getting done with first semester; the worst portion for her would be the research paper."

Brittney describes Senior Project as, "Easy, just do your work and turn it in on time."

After Brittney graduates high school, she plans on going to college at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Oregon, completing her pre-requisites and then transferring to a dental school in LaGrande.

Brittney's advice to future seniors, "just get your work in and done on time."

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## Hot off the Press—Drew Miller

Submitted by: Annie Bowns

Here's the scoop— Adrian Girls beat undefeated Crane Mustangs in basketball hoops, Adrian tip off week opens with crazy day, and Drew Miller scores big on his senior project sports articles.

Senior Project, Wow. A thought perhaps entering all senior's minds. Drew Miller thought long and hard about senior project and looked into three career fields: construction work, carpentry, and sports writer. Drew's interest grew in the sport writing field. A sports writer is someone who writes about local and national sporting events and has them published in the newspaper.

Drew really enjoys watching sports and also playing sports. Drew picked this field because he really wanted to do something that he loved. His physical project was to take states for all of the football game and write articles on how the games went and try to get them sent in. His physical project mentor was Brent Ishida, and he got the idea for his senior project from Mrs. Gordon.

When Drew started this process he was thinking about places to job shadow and he found two. He started at the Owyhee Avalanche in Homedale. He said he had an excellent time at The Avalanche. Then he also job shadowed at the Argus Observer in Ontario. He stated he enjoyed his experiences at the Argus facility. Drew scheduled an additional job shadow with The Avalanche and had an opportunity to interview some people who were at a car accident. To finish out the job shadow, Drew went to a basketball game in Marsing. Through his job shadows Drew learned that it can be very hard to get information for articles covering sporting events.

"The most rewarding part of senior project was when I got one of my articles published in the paper," said Drew. Drew wouldn't like to make any changes to senior project he thinks that it's an overall good experience. He has some words of advice for under class men, "Pick a career that you are interested in, also do not procrastinate on anything."

Drew's future plans are to attending Treasure Valley Community College, or Eastern Oregon University.





Thank you Drew for your words of advice and perhaps we will see your sports articles in ESPN magazine—or you in the newspaper comic strips

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## ***Antelope Tracks Alumni***

### ***Get started in life—Sarah McPeak [Martin]***

*Submitted by: Alesha Shenk*

In life, in business—there is basically two types of people, those who accomplish things and those who claim to have accomplished something. Sarah McPeak Martin is on a course to be within the first group of people—the one less crowded. After all, “half the battle is showing up.”

Sarah McPeak, a 2007 graduate, the creator of the successful Mr. AHS program, is currently enjoying being the new Mrs. Bobby Martin while furthering her career as a teacher, by working as a Nutrition Education Assistant.

Right after high school Sarah went to college at TVCC to play volleyball. She has been taking classes there full time and this term she also started taking classes from EOU. Next winter she plans on graduating and starting the teaching program. Her major is in Multidisciplinary Studies, with a minor in Elementary Education and ESOL.

Although she was busy with her school work she was employed by Papa Murphy’s until her schedule became complicated, so she went back to working for the Owyhee Grocery. Owyhee Grocery was a great job for her to have during college because she had the luxury of getting her work schedule set around her school schedule. She has recently resigned from the Owyhee Grocery to start a new job working for the Malheur County OSU Extension office where she is the Nutrition Education Assistant. So far this is her favorite job, as she plans and teaches nutrition lessons to in-school and after-school students. This job is fairly new to her, but she has gotten the chance to work with a 4-H club in an after-school setting as well as the 4-H Taxi Club in Nyssa. This quarter she plans to teach nutrition at Val Elementary and St. Peters in Ontario. She was hoping to teach at Adrian Elementary but unfortunately that was done before she started working there.



Sarah’s future plans consist of working at Malheur County OSU Extension office and taking more classes until next January when she will start her teaching practicum and cannot work. She will then finish up her college career with student teaching in fall 2011 and graduate the following winter. Obviously, after that she hopes to find a teaching position or continue schooling to earn a master’s degree, whichever one works out.

Sarah did her senior project on Public Relations. She chose that career because she thought like many other alumni students that she wanted to do a business/journalism type career. One day she googled careers related to that area and found Public Relations. She didn’t really know much about it so she picked it. To learn more she job shadowed at three different locations; Ontario School District (Ontario), Holy Rosary (Ontario), and Simplot (Boise).

Sarah McPeak’s physical project was the beginning of a very inspirational and entertaining program as she organized the Mr. AHS Pageant. Even today people are still doing it to support a good cause.

Senior Project affected Sarah only in a very positive way. “I think it helps students with time management, organization and planning. Job shadows force students to get out there and see what their career would really be like, and to learn how to act professionally. The research paper obviously helps students learn to write research papers! There were a lot of times in my college writing classes I was surprised to see that students didn’t know how to cite references throughout their paper, make a works cited page, or write in the correct format. So I was thankful that I did know, mostly due to

senior project.”

Even though it affected her in a positive way there still are things that can be changed. She always thought that it would be so much more beneficial if, at the first of the year, the students could choose three different careers; do their job shadowing for each of them and choose their favorite one. Then base the research paper and physical project on the one they chose. This is because after her first job shadow in September of her senior year, she knew that Public Relations was not something she would enjoy. So the rest of the year she had to work with a career she was not going to pursue when college came around. It would have been more useful for her to have spent that time working with a career she was going to use later on in life.

Her advice to future seniors and underclassmen, “Half of the battle is showing up.”

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## ***AHS Journalism Class Highlights Community Invisible Heroes*** ***Be True to Yourself--Artie Fraytag***

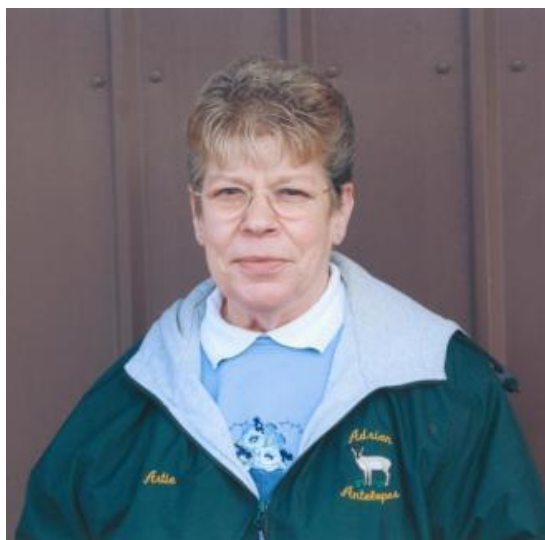
Submitted by: Tayler Martin

Life is about developing memories. Ten years ago, I remember walking down the street with my older sister to the local lumber yard. As we approach the counter my sister says, “Hey open the door to the miniature outhouse.” As a curious and naïve six year old, I opened the door. As I was pulling the door open, the rest of the outhouse collapsed with a subtle bang. I could feel the tears in my eyes when Artie (the owner) said, “Its ok Tayler, it does that all the time.” This is just one of my many memories of Artie Freytag.

Artie Freytag was born in Berkeley, California, and raised in Missoula, Montana. In 1982, she moved to Adrian with her husband Don, whom she met at a plumbing and wholesale store in Portland, Oregon where she worked. An ad in the newspaper listed a lumber yard for sale. “Don had always wanted to see if he could run a lumber yard himself,” she stated.

Together, they purchased the business.

Artie is an invisible hero in our community because of all the time, money, and effort she puts into the school and community. She helps where she can because Adrian is a small school with a need of community support. And she decided that the students in the school were the future and wanted to do anything to help out. She says that the school is doing a great job because they are helping to form responsible, polite, and considerate young adults who are considerate not only of each other but everyone else too.



Everyone has advice and Artie is no exception. Her advice to parents is to always talk and listen to your children, and spend time with them and enjoy that time. Also, find out the whole story before you jump down someone’s throat. Teachers you are the authority. You should also try to be fair and give a little more help or incentive to those who need help, and challenge those who are achieving. And students—get as much as you can out of your education. Take the learning process seriously, but have fun. Also a GED won’t get you anywhere in the world today. Lastly, don’t forget to be true to yourself.

“I think Adrian is a great place to grow up in. The community really cares about the students and it shows when we (students and community members) go to other towns.”

Artie is a very busy individual as she operates a business and helps the school. Yet, she finds time for herself through reading cookbooks, mysteries and helping others. I know she has helped me more than she may understand. She is caring, thoughtful, and easy to talk to—she is like a grandmother to me.

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# March 2010

Milk Served With Every Meal—USDA Is An Equal Opportunity Provider And Employer—All Meals Subject To Change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pancakes Tacos Rice & Beans Fruit Birthday Cake	2 Sausage/Eggs Beef-A-Roni Green Beans Cottage Cheese Fruit Hot Roll	3 Hash Browns Turkey Noodles Salad Fruit Hot Roll	4 Waffles Popcorn Chicken or Fish Nuggets Tots Fruit Cookie	5 R/SD	6
7	8 Sausage Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Cookie	9 Pizza Roll Beef Nachos Veggie Sticks Fruit P.B. Brownie	10 Biscuits & Gravy Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fruit Hot Roll	11 Muffins Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans or Spinach Fruit Cookie	12 R/SD	13
14	15 French Toast Burrito Tots Fruit Apple Crisp	16 Hash Brown Lasagna Salad/Green Beans Fruit Hot Roll	17 Breakfast Burrito Creamy Potato Soup Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cookie	18 Sausage/Eggs Hot Dog Tots Fruit Cookie	19 No School	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29 Biscuits & Gravy Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Brownie	30 Grilled Cheese Fajita Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	31 Muffins Ham & Cheese Yum Yum Corn Fruit & Cookie			

Condensed Board Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2010

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, and Ryan Martin. Jake Speelmon and Casey Walker were absent due to work.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda Action Item c. Railroad/Onion Shed Property was added to the agenda. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Reports/Requests Blake Purnell explained that he was giving the student body report as Andrea Shenk was sick. Blake Purnell reported that Tip-Off activities and coronation went well, with the seniors winning both spirit competition and hall decorations. The scholarship auction, which was Evan Sneider's physical project, raised over \$6,000. Neil Allison was thanked for his help with the auction. FFA students participated in the District contests in Nyssa. Today is Miss Goss's birthday. This week is the end of regular season with games in Harper on Thursday, Burnt River at home on Friday and Cove on Saturday, which is senior night. Wrestling is at Pine-Eagle. Currently, the girl's basketball team is tied for first and the boys are in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the league standings. There will be a community Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2010, which is Ranea Orosco's physical project. Drama will be performing "The Beverly Hillbillies" this year.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that the elementary students enjoy being included in the community pep assembly, and the Leader's in Training project, which exposes selected elementary students to being in front of the crowd and speaking in to the microphone, is beneficial for the students. The ELL (English Language Learner) Program is going well following the changes made a year ago which were necessary for the program to meet requirements. The Elementary Teachers have completed the "Effective Teacher" staff development program, and also continue to use materials from The Master Teacher for staff development. The middle school boy's basketball season is underway.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the high school has received an approved accreditation rating. The PASS system is up and running and we have gotten good reports from parents who have accessed the system. Next weekend the district wrestling meet is in Union. And the Adrian teams will have their first games on Wed. or Thursday at district basketball tournament in John Day. The county drug dog was at the school and nothing was found, which is good news. We will probably have the dog back in the future, as we want the kids to know we are checking.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that Ballot Measures 66 and 67 passed and the legislature is currently in session and are expected to fund the 6 billion appropriation for education. The bleachers will be here during spring break. The state basketball playoffs will begin the week following districts. The scholarship auction went well, with a smaller crowd showing great support. Neil and Stephanie Allison and Miss Myers were thanked for the extra effort they put into helping Evan Sneider with the auction. This might be something the district could look at developing as an annual event.

Financial Report Darla Witty did not have a financial statement for the board, due to not receiving the bank statements in time to reconcile the books for the report. She updated the board on the status of the Qualified School Construction Bond. The state is allowing districts to request a three month extension in the time we have to sell the bond, from March 31 to June 30, due to potential changes to the QSCB Program. These changes, if approved, would change the program from a tax credit bond, to an interest bearing bond with the issuer being able to file for a

refund from the federal government to cover the cost of interest paid. We are also waiting to see if the state legislature will allow intercept agreements which will allow smaller issuers to pool together to issue the bond. Mrs. Witty will file for the extension this week. Mrs. Witty reviewed the expenditures for the gym project and science room planning which have gone over budget.

Public Comment There were none.

Consent Agenda A description error on the bill listing for Design West Architect was clarified. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the minutes from the January 14, 2010 meeting as presented and to authorize the payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$114,584.54. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Action Items

Extra-duty Contracts, Spring Sports & Drama Aimee Goss, Athletic Director, recommended Stephanie Ervin and Joe Culley be offered extra-duty contracts for Assistant Track Coach, with Stephanie Ervin overseeing the middle school program as part of her duties. We will wait to offer assistant coaching contracts for softball and baseball until we have a count on participants. The softball and baseball coaches are responsible for preparing their own fields for competition, which may also influence the decision for the need of an assistant. There is only money in the budget for Drama Advising equivalent to one spring head coaching salary. Mr. Purnell is recommending that this be split between Stephanie Allison, Head Drama Advisor, and Lorine VanCorbach, Assistant Drama Advisor, who have agreed share the drama salary. Motion was made and was seconded to offer extra-duty contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Malheur ESD Local Service Plan Mr. Mills presented the Malheur Education Service District Local Service Plan for 2010-2011. Under this plan the Malheur ESD will provide services in the following areas, Student Services, which includes a variety of services for handicapped students; Support Services, which provides support for curriculum and instruction, instructional materials and media, and career/technical and vocational programs; Management Services, which include Fiscal Support/Internal Services, Printing/Production Services, and Communication/Cooperation Services; Expenditures Programs, for which expenditures may be made for technology and network services, should funds be available; and Programs provided by Contacts and Grants. Mr. Mills shared that the resolutions include Malheur Education Service District employees receiving steps only and a \$50/month increase toward health insurance. Motion was made and was seconded, to approve the Malheur ESD Service Plan for 2010-2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Railroad/Onion Shed Property When Ore-Tex donated the Onion Sheds to the school district it included a small sliver of property, represented as tax lot 200 on the map, that they had agreed would be sold to Charles Walker for \$240 when the railroad property sale was completed. Motion was made and was seconded to sell the property in tax lot 200, to Charles "Chuck" Walker for \$240. Motion was made unanimously. A board member asked if there are any easement issues that might evolve with the property behind the sheds being for sale. Mr. Allison explained that the road that crosses through is the extension of High Street which extends to Well Road; the district property boundary is High Street so there will not be an easement issue.

Information Items Standards Compliance Report Mr. Mills reported that the district is in compliance with the Division 22 Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Board Comments A board member asked for an update on hanging the pictures at the high school. Mr. Purnell reported that the pictures have been moved to the copier room in the high school, but they have not started to re-hang them yet. Mr. Purnell suggested that it would be a nicer presentation if all of the pictures were placed in the same size and style of frame, which would be a big project which would be a good senior project for a student interested in art or

photography. A suggestion was also raised that the pictures could be digitalized and displayed in a single digital frame in the display case. The board consensus was to get the picture back up and to replace the frames and re-mat the pictures to improve the whole presentation over time. It was suggested that all the frames that would be needed to complete the project be purchased at the same time so there wouldn't be the issue of matching in the future.

Executive Session Executive Session as provided by ORS 192.660 paragraph (d) Labor Negotiations, and (i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the superintendent was entered at 7:50 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 8:10.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Condensed Board Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2010

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Ryan Martin, and Casey Walker. Jake Speelmon was absent.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended to add a student report/request for the FFA Memorial Project. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Reports/Requests Student Body Report Andrea Shenk reported that before winter break there was a first aid class and the Christmas Concerts. The New Year started off with a wrestling meet in Adrian, the first one in many years. The gym floor has been refinished and the gym looks great. Tip-off is coming up on January 29<sup>th</sup> vs Jordan Valley. There will be a community pep assembly on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The students have been raising money for Haiti Victims.

-OASC Fall Conference Report Members of the Leadership Class reported on the trip to Seaside for the Oregon Association of Student Councils Fall Conference in November. The students shared their views on the conference, talked about the speakers they enjoyed, and highlighted some of the ideas they hope to share with the students in Adrian. The students thanked the board for giving them the opportunity to attend.

-Evan Sneider, Sr. Project Scholarship Auction Evan Sneider invited the Board to a live auction on January 30<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the local scholarships. He is organizing the auction for the physical project portion of his senior project.

-FFA Memorial Project The FFA is interested in doing a Community Service Project to give back to the community. They would like to landscape the area around the Memorial in the parking lot. They are in the planning stages of the project and shared some of their ideas. They are requesting the Board's permission to pursue the project which will be funded by the FFA. The board is in support of the project as long as the plan is agreeable with the administration and the maintenance staff.

Perkins Career & Technical Education Program Report Steve Phillips, from Malheur Education Service District, presented information on Perkins Career & Technical Education programs, of which our Ag program is one.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that school is back in session and going well. Middle School boys have started basketball practice.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the PASS program, which allows parents to check their student's progress online, will be accessible by parents soon. Mr. Purnell showed the board samples of the information that will be available to parents. Mr. Purnell shared that one of the ideas raised by the senior class as an alternative to the senior trip is to have a Grad Night Party. They want to know if the Board would accept a Grad Night party as an alternative use of their class funds, if they were to choose to have one instead of a senior trip. There were no objections raised by the Board.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the new bleachers should arrive sometime in February. The election on Measures 66 and 67 will be held on January 26. If the measures fail we could see a reduction in State School Support up to \$200,000 in the next fiscal year. Bigger, Faster, Stronger is going well. Mr. Mills commended our students on their conduct and sportsmanship. Our student enrollment is up and the inter-district student exchange count is in our favor.

Financial Report Mrs. Witty presented the board with a balance sheet of all funds as of December 31, 2009 and a summary of receipts and expenditures for the same period. If the district receives the funding projected by the state in July, we will be able to carryover a

comfortable amount into next fiscal year. Due to the uncertainty of the economy and the upcoming tax measure election, the district is spending cautiously. A board member asked if we would get additional money this year for the increased enrollment. Mrs. Witty wasn't sure of the timeline for adjustments in state funding for increased enrollment.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the minutes for the December 10, 2009 board meeting and to approve payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$202,232.43. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Action Items

Change February Meeting Date Motion was made and was seconded to move the February Board Meeting to Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, due to a date conflict with a basketball game. Motion carried unanimously..

Second Reading on Policy IGCF Work Study Program The board held a second reading on the revisions to Policy IGCF Work Study Program. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt Policy IGCF Work Study Program as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation Process & Timeline It was the consensus of the board to use the same process as prior years, with the Board completing the long form, Policy CBG Evaluation of Superintendent, and the staff completing the short form, getting them to Darla Witty the first week of February to be tabulated for the evaluation to be conducted at the February meeting.

Budget Calendar for 2010-2011 Budget Darla Witty presented a budget calendar proposal which calls for public comment at the meeting the budget message is given, which allows the budget committee to approve the budget in one meeting; however, they may schedule additional meetings as desired. The budget committee will meet Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with the Budget Hearing scheduled for June 10, 2010. Motion was made by Casey Walker and was seconded by Paul Shenk, to adopt the Budget Calendar for 2010-2011 Budget as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Extra Duty Contracts Nolan Shira is requesting the board modify his contract for Middle School Boys Basketball Coaching, reducing it by \$733.00 so that Matt Zimmerman can be paid to serve as the Middle School Boys Assistant Coach. Motion was made and was seconded to modify the extra-duty contract with Nolan Shira for MS Boys Basketball as requested and to pay Matt Zimmerman \$733 to serve as MS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Race to the Top Grant Program The State of Oregon is applying for a federal Race to the Top Grant. As part of the grant, individual districts may opt to participate in the grant. Our district has chosen to participate in part of the areas. The Board Chairman's signature is needed on the application form and the board is being asked to authorize Mr. Allison, to sign the Race to the Top Grant Application. Motion was made and was seconded to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Race to the Top Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items Standards Compliance Report Mr. Mills will present this at the February meeting.

Board Comments The Board asked if the pictures have been returned to the hall. The answer is, not yet.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

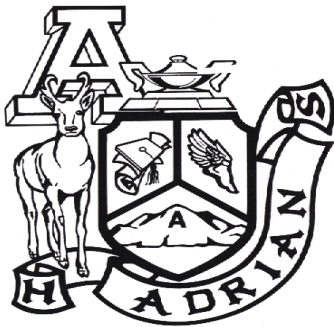
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