

# Adrian School District Newsletter

November 2010

High School Office 372-2335

K-8 Office 372-2337

## Superintendent's Report

We should be moved into our new science facility by the time you read this article. It is very nice and a real improvement to our school. It will further enhance our already vibrant learning climate here at the Adrian School.

Our athletic teams are enjoying successful seasons. The middle school volleyball team won the WIC Tournament. The middle school football kids have only lost once this year. They finish their season at home against Jordan Valley on October 26.

At the high school, the football and volleyball teams are both undefeated in High Desert League play. Both should be headed for post-season games. What a great time to be an Antelope!!!

As you are probably aware, schools across our state, indeed throughout America, are enduring tough financial times. It appears that here at Adrian we will be able to maintain our current educational program. This is comforting, to say the least. We will need to be careful and prudent with the funds available. It is my belief that we have an efficient educational model and we are delivering for our students.

Be sure to vote. It is your right and responsibility. I may be in the minority on this, but I believe that politics is an honorable profession.

Yours, Gene Mills

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### The K-8 Principal's Corner

An unknown author wrote,  
Two frogs fell into a can of cream,  
Or so it has been told.

The sides of the can were shiny and steep,  
The cream was deep and cold.

"Oh, what's the use," said number one,  
"It's plain no help's around.

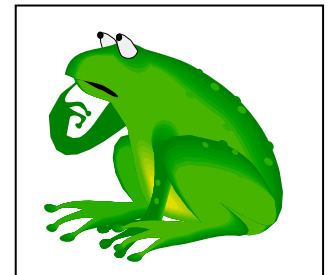
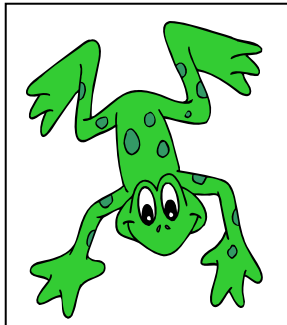
"Good-bye, my friend, good-bye, sad world,"  
and weeping still, he drowned.

But number two, of sterner stuff,  
dog paddled in surprise.

The while he licked his creamy lips  
and blinked his creamy eyes.

"I'll swim at least a while," he thought,  
or so it has been said.

It really wouldn't help the world  
if one more frog were dead.



An hour or more he kicked and swam,  
Not once he stopped to mutter.  
Then hopped out from the island he had  
Made of fresh churned butter.

Our world has gone through tough times in the last year. We have a positive school. I hope that all of us will be like frog number two and teach our children by example that we as a

world can work through tough times and come out on top. Our Football and Volleyball teams have had great games. Our Middle School Girls Volleyball won the WIC under the direction of great coaches. Our Middle School Football team beat Rimrock 50 to 0. All of our players that were there played and seven different players scored. Students are also winning in the classroom as they pass tests and turn in their homework. Life is great!

Sincerely,  
William H. Ellsworth

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Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will represent schools across our state and nation by participating in the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Our students will take math, reading, or science tests. If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.

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## H.S. Principal's Report End of October 2010

It is hard to believe that the first quarter has already come and gone. The time has flown by with an abundance of activity throughout the school. We are looking forward to **parent/teacher conferences** this week, and as an incentive for parents to attend in the high school we will be raffling off a dinner for two and a Thanksgiving turkey. For each teacher you visit, you will get your name entered in the raffle and we will draw the winners at the end of the day on Friday. High School conferences will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday evening and from 8:00 am to 12 noon on Friday. If you need to meet outside of those hours, please call the teachers for an appointment.

As I mentioned there has been and continues to be a whirlwind of activity throughout the school. The sophomores and juniors just completed their PSAT testing, for the third consecutive year, the state of Oregon has required the PSAT for sophomores, while the juniors take the test in preparation for the SAT test(s) to come. Results from the testing will be made available in December. The Adrian FFA chapter competed in dairy judging and soil judging contests this past month and seniors are at the final stages of their job shadowing efforts and well into their physical project phase of the Senior Project class. The ASB Officers and the Leadership will be heading to Seaside, Oregon for the annual Oregon Association of Student Council's Fall Leadership Conference. This is a great event and Mrs. VanCorbach and Mrs. Allison do an outstanding job of getting the kids into various workshops and helping kids hone their leadership skills.

The volleyball regular season is winding down with the girls heading to John Day for the district tournament. The team finished with a 9-1 record and a three-way tie first place in the High Desert League. The football team still has two weeks to go in their season, currently 6-0 in league and tied for first with Crane who they will play at home on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Counselor's Corner

Seniors: If you are planning on taking the SAT or the ACT in December, go online to register and download the practice tests. This will be the last SAT offered in Adrian until June. Parents, encourage your Senior student to sign up for the SAT question of the day at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com); the practice is well worth the effort. Parents and students should also begin filling out the FAFSA worksheet.

*GO LOPES!!* Kevin Purnell

**DON'T FORGET PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
THURSDAY NIGHT AND  
FRIDAY MORNING  
OCT. 28 & 29**

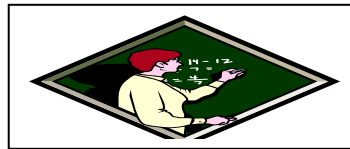


# BINGO NIGHT

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Cafeteria



Join us for a night of family fun at the **Middle School's Annual Bingo Night Fundraiser**. We will have lots of prizes and auction items. We will also be selling those great hotdogs and sodas. If you have items you would like to donate for prizes or for the auction, the staff and students would really appreciate it. You can contact the middle School at 541-372-2337. all proceeds go towards our OMSI learning trip.



## Math Half-Minute

The P squared for P cubed winner for the first quarter was Ester Gordon. This award is given to randomly selected students who have all papers submitted on time and have no unexcused tardies or absences

The math theme for this year is again "Problem Solving, Ownership". I think that this theme is applicable to almost any discipline. Problem solving involves learning, thinking, trying different approaches, collaborating, restarting, persevering, and having a "can do" attitude. . Ownership involves taking personal responsibility for the success of the endeavor and working to improve the success rate. Developing this attitude can have far reaching positive effects.

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## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our Christmas Concerts are scheduled for Monday, December 20th. The Elementary program (k-5) will be at 2:00 pm in the HS gym, followed by the Middle and High School program at 7:00 pm. It is sure to be a wonderful celebration of the season through music. We hope to see you there!

### Advanced Biology is selling its famous APPARREL



- Hoodies (H) = \$30
- Zipper Hoodies (ZH)=\$35
- Pullover Sweat-shirt (PO)=\$20
- Long-Sleeve T-shirt (LS)=\$15
- Short-Sleeve T-shirt (SS)=\$12  
2x and larger= \$3 more each.

All items will be forest green or black (please state which color wanted) with Adrian Antelopes written on front on left side pocket area, on back will be colored antelope design. For more information please call Pam Myers at 541-372-2335.



## Beef for our Schools!

Attention parents and community members! We are excited to announce that the "Ranchers Feeding Kids (RFK)" is coming to the Adrian school district! This program, which originated in the Jordan Valley School District in 2009, is expanding. To date, Adrian, Harper, Nyssa, Ontario and Vale, in addition to Jordan Valley, have all agreed to take advantage of this unique program that will provide our school districts with local, safe, healthy and nutritional beef; and all at no cost to the district!

At this time, we are seeking cattle donations. Any healthy beef or dairy animal can be utilized; an open cow, lame bull, injured but healed yearling, and of course fat cattle too! The majority of the donated animals will be harvested and processed into ground beef and roasts. The expense of processing will be offset by selling some donated livestock and using those funds to cover the cut and wrap expenses.

The intent is to make this an annual activity and to possibly provide enough beef that the district's yearly beef demand is met entirely with donated animals. The Malheur County Cattlemen's Association truly believes that the "Ranchers Feeding Kids" program is a viable program for the school districts in Malheur County. They believe in the necessity to educate young people about what ranching really is, and they desire to create life-long beef eaters and beef advocates.

This program is organized and ran by the Malheur County Cattlemen's Association and the Malheur County Extension service. If you would like to donate an animal or funds, please contact: Julie Morton at the Adrian School Cafeteria 541-372-2337 or Anna-Marie Chamberlain at the Malheur County Extension Office, 541-881-1417.

Dear Parents

The Oregon legislature provided funding to eliminate the reduced price payment for School Breakfast. For school year 2010-2011, breakfast will be accessible at no charge to students who qualify for reduced price meals.

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## Library Notes

Again this year, Adrian students have a chance to participate in the State Treasurer's *Reading is an Investment* program. According to information from the state treasurer's office:

*Reading is an Investment* is designed to highlight the importance of reading, while teaching children about the world of money and basic financial concepts. As part of the program, two books, *The Penny Pot* and *Rickshaw Girl*, have been donated to every public elementary school library in Oregon. The books were carefully selected, and a team of teachers and librarians have aligned the books to the State standards in Math, Language Arts, Social Sciences, the Arts, Career-Related Learning, Science and Health and developed activities for each grade level, so it will be easy for teachers to use them in the classroom.

The program also has a reading component for children. Children can participate in the reading program in two ways: (1) as a class project with teacher involvement, or (2) individually, outside of the classroom.

Children who complete the program will receive a prize packet including a certificate of achievement. They also will have a chance to receive one of 50, \$500 Oregon College Savings Plan scholarships to be awarded in April 2011. Children must complete the program by March 18, 2011 to be entered into the scholarship drawing.

*Reading is an Investment* is available to all public elementary schools in Oregon at no cost. It is easy to participate. Please visit [www.ost.state.or.us/read](http://www.ost.state.or.us/read) or call the Office of the State Treasurer at 503-378-4329 to learn how.

You may also talk to Mrs. Witty at the school library to obtain reading logs and copies of the recommended reading list.

Many members participated Dairy Judging, which was on September 21, hosted in Vale, OR. JJ Maxwell was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Adrian beginning dairy judging team was 3<sup>rd</sup>. At Soil Judging, hosted in Jordan Valley this year, on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> and our members did their level best.

With awesome music, refreshments, great decorations, and FFA members and students from Adrian High, our second annual Halloween Hoedown was a success. It was held on October 21 in the high school ag shop. At the dance, there was also a costume contest. The winners were Lynne VanCorbach in first place, Fred Rinero in second, and Jack Zittercob in Third.

In November there is only one event that is Ag Sales and Job Interview contest on November 23, hosted in Ontario at TVCC. If you are a high school student, who wants to be in FFA but cannot fit an Ag Class into your schedule please talk to Mr. Culley, we would love to have you in our chapter.

If anyone has comments or suggestions about the chapter please contact Mr. Culley or one of the officers, we would be glad to hear your input. Thank you for your support!!! Adrian FFA Chapter Reporter **Jessica Morton**

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## What's Happening in 4-H

Fair was a success for the Adrian Livestock Club. The Club received many awards. Our club had three top record book winners, Jessica Morton -Over All Senior Records; Olivia Morton –Top Senior Livestock Records, and Carlee Morton- Over All Junior Records. Olivia was also the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for the livestock judging contest and Bred and Fed Reserve Champion. The sheep exhibitors from our club won Herdsmanship for one day. Megan Barraza and Maddy Pendergrass both participated in the round robin and Maddy took Reserve Champion. The Beef exhibitors received Champion Herdsmanship; they also were Pin of Three and Pin of Five Champs. National 4-H week was Oct. 3-9. Carlee Morton made a display board in the library about our club. Also the Morton girls went to the Vale Court House to give 5 things they have taken from 4H. They also witnessed the signing of the Proclamation for National 4H Week. It is now said to be that National 4H Week is Oc. 3-9 in Malheur County.

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### Condensed Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2010

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

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended to add action item f. Resolution 10-11-2 To Amend the Budget and to move the tuition waiver request to follow the audit report. Motion was made by and was seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Report Brent Gunderson, Auditor from Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Moeller & Gunderson, presented the report on the audit of the financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. He reported the audit process went well. He reminded the board that the job of the auditor is to offer an opinion on whether the financial statements fairly present the financial position of the district. The district was given an unqualified opinion. The auditors recommended only one audit adjustment, which reoccurs annually to recognize deferred tax revenues. The auditor also commented on the weaknesses of the financial system, which include the reliance on the auditors in the preparation of the financial statements, and limited segregation of duties. These are common weaknesses in small districts and the district works to implement compensating controls and policies to prevent fraud and misstatements in the financial reports. Mr. Gunderson thanked Neil Allison and Ryan Martin for serving as the board's audit committee and the school staff for their cooperation. If members of the board have questions regarding the audit or the financial statements they should feel free to contact him.

Tuition Waiver Request Bill and Tawnie Maxwell are requesting that the board waive tuition for Seth and J.J. Maxwell to continue attending school in Adrian for 2010-2011, as the board has done in the past. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Student Reports/Requests Dulce Beltran reported that the FFA received a \$1,000 donation from Nunems and Olivia Morton and Maddy Pendergrass represented the Adrian FFA at Nunems Onion Open House. September 16<sup>th</sup> will be the National Honor Society induction ceremony. The Advanced Biology trip is scheduled for September 26-28 and Mr. Purnell will be attending as a chaperone. September 27-30<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming Spirit Week, the Homecoming games are on October 1 with the volleyball team playing Burnt River and the football team facing Union. The Homecoming Royalty will be crowned at half-time of the football game. Dulce Beltran requested permission for an overnight trip for Leadership students and student council members to attend Oregon Association of Student Councils Fall Conference in Seaside on November 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be 18 students and two or three advisors. Chelsey Heller

has applied to run for OASC Eastern Oregon Representative. Motion was made and was seconded to approve an overnight trip for for OASC Fall Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that it is great to have all the students back in school. The middle school's Outdoor School was held the first week of school. The PTO sponsored a back to school potluck dinner this evening prior to the board meeting. We have had a change in the computer network through out the district. There will be a restraint training held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be six staff attending. The middle school football team this year includes sixth graders who weigh over 100 lbs. These students also play on the Optimist team. The board was asked if they had any concerns regarding this change. No concerns were raised by the Board. The district will no longer be able to participate in the Title III grant consortium through Union-Baker Education Service District and we are looking for another consortium for this program. There are 250 students enrolled this year K-12.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the high school enrollment is down due to a small freshman class. The staff are sharing room space this year due to the science room not being ready; Ms. Myers is using Mrs. Zimmerman's room in the morning and Mr. Schrock's room in the afternoon. The science room should be ready about the middle of October. We had a bit of a rough start with the computer network changes, and we are still working to get everyone back up. The Last Mile Grant, which provided the funding to install a microwave internet connection between here and Nyssa, is now complete. This project has been on and off through out the summer as they worked around the problem of trees blocking the direct line between here and Nyssa. The volleyball team is at Greenleaf this evening. A new schedule was distributed to the board, which reflects changes in the league schedule due to Harper and Huntington co-oping and Wilder not having a middle school football team this year. Mr. Purnell requested approval for an overnight trip for the Advanced Biology Field Trip to Yellowstone National Park. There will be 14 students, all juniors and seniors, participating and the trip is scheduled for September 26-28<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and was seconded to allow an overnight trip for the Advanced Biology Class Field Trip. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the beginning of the school year in-service went well. The school enrollment is 250 students. Mr. Mills shared that 250 to 300 students is the optimal enrollment for our district; explaining that once class sizes get too large then additional sections and classes are necessary which require additional staff. The Oregon School Boards Association Fall Regional Meeting will be held in Vale on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The topics will include OSBA's Legislative Policies and Priorities and a preview of the 2011 legislative session. A count needs to be submitted on October 11<sup>th</sup> so Darla Witty will be contacting the board for a count. The PTO Back to School Dinner was nice, but more lead time would be nice. Anna-Marie Chamberlain, Malheur Co. Extension Agent, has contacted the school regarding the Ranchers Feeding Kids program, in which area ranchers donate beef to the school lunch programs. Adrian is interested in participating in the program.

Financial Report Darla Witty provided the board with a summary of receipts and expenditures as of August 31, 2010. There is not a balance sheet at this time as the bank statement just arrived today, so the books have not been reconciled for August. She reported that the total cost of the science room construction project is currently at \$219,388 and we are not finished yet, so the cost could potentially increase more. The amount budgeted for the project was \$220,000. There are also some items that are related to the project but not attributable as a capital expenditure on the project, these include the disposal of the chemicals and the excess bond issue costs, which together total \$21,163.

Public Comment There were none.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the minutes from the August 12, 2010 board meeting as presented and to approve payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$124,211.70. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items Amend teacher contracts Aimee Goss, Elma Witty and Kelsey Zimmerman have completed course work to move on the salary schedules and the current contracts of the teachers are being amended to reflect the new salary schedule amounts. Motion was made and was seconded to amend teacher contracts for new salary schedule and movement on schedule as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Offer extra-duty contracts Mr. Mills presented the extra-duty contracts on behalf of Miss Goss, Athletic Director; Kevin Purnell and Brenda Reay as Assistant Volleyball Coaches. Miss Goss would like to add the Assistant Volleyball Coaching salary and the Head Middle School Coaching salary together and divide it equally between Mr. Purnell and Mrs. Reay, who will have roles with both the middle school and high school programs. Mr. Ellsworth as the Head Football Coach and Nolan Shira as the MS Assistant and that the Middle School Football Head Coaching stipend and the Middle School Assistant Football stipend be added together and split equally between Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Shira. Motion was made and was seconded to offer extra-duty contracts as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Offer work agreements Mr. Mills recommended that a work agreement be offered to Cindy Bennett for Student Medical Assistant and to Julene Bowns for Testing Assistant, as in previous years. Motion was made and was seconded to offer work agreements as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Budget Committee Member Motion was made to appoint George Martin to a three year term as the Zone 1 representative on the budget committee. Motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Amend the Budget Darla Witty presented a resolution to amend the budget to account for the Last Mile Connectivity Grant, increasing general fund receipts and expenditures by \$20,441. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt resolution 10-11-2 amending the budget and making appropriations. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Information Items

Principals report on AYP Mr. Ellsworth reported that the Elementary School had met Average Yearly Progress, pointing out the various elements that are included in the rating. Mr. Purnell reported that the High School had met Average Yearly Progress. He shared with the board that this year's juniors must pass the state test, or an alternative assessment, to meet state graduation requirements. This includes students with disabilities.

Science Room update Mr. Mills shared that it will cost \$4,600 to put chemical resistant tile in the science room. He also reported that any damaged ceiling tiles will be replaced and the ceiling painted by CM at no additional cost. The project has been delayed by the need to remove asbestos, and the fact that we are waiting for delivery of the cabinets and the fume hood.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned.

Complete copies of the minutes are posted in each building and on the district website, [www.adriansd.com](http://www.adriansd.com). Copies may be requested from the District Office.

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### OPERATION SHOE BOX

For Rebekah VanCorbach's physical project, she will be collecting hair care products (i.e. Combs, hair brushes, hair clips, bobby pins, pony tail holders, travel size shampoos, conditioners and gels etc.). Assisting Rebekah with her project is Jessica Morton. Jessica will be collecting dental health care products (i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and floss. Preferably travel size). These donations will be collected and wrapped in shoe boxes, along with other supplies, and then be delivered to children in need at local orphanages and foster care programs, as well as a reservation in Montana. Rebekah and Jessica would appreciate any donations on NEW products, wrapping paper, and shoe boxes. Donation bins will be located at the H.S. office and K-8 office. You may also drop off any items at Don's Lumber. Rebekah and Jessica will also be accepting monetary donations as well. If you haven any questions you can contact Rebekah or Jessica at 541-372-2335, the H.S. office. Thank you, Rebekah VanCorbach and Jessica Morton



### PTO

On Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> was our Annual Halloween Carnival. We would like to thank everyone who attended.

Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm is our K-5 Class Parties, the students should bring their costumes to school (please do not let them wear them to school). Family members are welcome to attend these parties. The students will show off their costumes with a little parade through the halls.

Thanks to all our Halloween Sponsors:

Don's Lumber, Mirage Café, Jim Bertalotto, Rain For Rent, M&W, A&W, Bob's Steak and Spirits, Pepsi, Les Schwab, Agri-Line Irrigation, NAPA, Giant Produce, Parma Furniture, The Organic Farms, Owyhee Bowling Lanes, Red Apple, Pizza Hut, Navy Recruiting, Marine Recruiting, Army Recruiting, Brewsky's, Burger West, Wingers, Sizzler and Julie Morton.

APTO would like to thank everyone who made spaghetti or donated towards the dinner.

Thank you again for your continued support. Kim Bertalotto



## Cheerleading Quilt Raffle

The High School Cheerleaders are raffling off a handmade Sports quilt. Tickets are \$1.00. We will draw the lucky winner during basketball season. Contact Amanda Peutz to get your tickets!!!

📣 Go Green Go Lopes!!! 📣



## Adrian Glean Team

Once again this year students from Adrian have hit the local fields to glean onions and potatoes from the generous farmers. Coordinating much of the effort this year as part of her senior project was senior, Madison Shira. When all is said and done, Adrian students will have gathered and distributed nearly 15,000 pounds of onions and potatoes. Students gathered vegetables left in the fields after the harvest and distributed them to local families, league schools and other groups. Often students from league schools will redistribute these vegetables to senior citizens centers and local families.

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2010

- Kg: Jesse Walker "Story Leader"  
Riley Sorrell "Excited Learner"
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Cy Aman, Grant Heller and Zoe Nelson "Superb Reader"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brianna Young and Thomas Stephens "Outstanding Academic Student"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Maria Pementel and McKenzie Sorrell "Organized, Conscientious and Responsible Student"
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Saira Amaral and Marcelino Beltran "Exceptional Work 100% of the Time"
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Jessica Sumpter and Joshua Escobar "Outstanding Effort"
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Lauren Barraza "Exuberant Leadership"
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Natalie Miller "Willing Contributor and Excellent Student"
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Alandra Hartley
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Adrian Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 20-----Adrian Cafeteria

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Crafts, Jewelry, Baked goods, food, Gifts, Candles, Biscuits &  
Gravy and lots more!!

If you would like to book a space for your crafts, please call  
Stephanie Allison or Aimee Goss      541-372-2335