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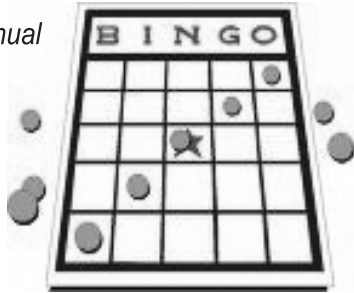
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Adrian Middle School's Annual

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Come join us for a night of family fun on
Thursday, November 20, 2008
from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**Join the fun and the opportunity to send the
Adrian 8th Grade Class to OMSI!**

*If you have items you would like to donate for
prizes or for the auction, the staff and students
would really appreciate it!*

*For more information, contact the middle school
at 372-2337.*

Students of the Month

The following students have been chosen as Student of the Month for the month of October. Kindergarten: Madalyn Torres, "Neat Writing", and Aiden Spiers, "Superb Sharing"; First Grade: Ethan Sheets, "Super Scientist"; Second Grade: Gracie Morton and Destiny Scott, "Improved Independent Reader"; Ethan Webb, "Most Inquisitive Scientist"; Third Grade: Michael Judkins, "Significant Improvement in AR Reading"; Jessica Sumpter and Tristen Spiers, "Significant Increase in STAR Scores"; Fourth Grade: Selina Villarreal and Carlee Morton, "Always Does Super Quality Work"; Fifth Grade: Marco Munoz, "Outstanding Effort in the Classroom"; Sixth Grade: Emmanuel Dominguez; Seventh Grade: Chantelle Baxter; Eighth Grade: Leonardo Munoz. Congratulations to all Students of the Month!

Come and cheer on the Adrian Volleyball team!!

1A Volleyball State Playoff Game
Saturday, November 1, 2008
@ Adrian High School
Go get 'em Lady Lopes!!

Report from the Superintendent

The HVAC (heating, ventilation & air conditioning) is nearing completion at the high school and in the cafeteria. This is a much needed up-grade to our school facilities. Other improvements at the high school are being considered by the school board - possibly to be done in the summer of 2009. There will be more information on what these items might be as cost estimates and need are investigated further.

The school report is included in this issue of the newsletter. It looks quite good, overall. The staff and administration are looking at ways to improve performance, where needed.

Fall sports seasons are going very well thanks to dedicated students and coaches. Play-offs for high school teams are always exciting times. I hope to see many of you at our activities.

Yours respectfully,
Gene Mills, Superintendent

Sports Boosters *GET the GREEN!*

As some of our fall sports come to an end and others begin, fans of the Adrian sports teams are getting pumped and ready to cheer, and the Adrian Sports Boosters is back up and selling apparel. We have many of the same items, such as hats, beanies, scarves, jackets and windbreakers. However, we also have many new items as well such as cinch bags and even water bottles. If you would like to participate we could always use the help. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. - feel free to show up!

If you would like to order any items or want more information, please contact Jennifer Findling at (541) 372-8087 or email me at findling@fmtc.com.

You can also leave comments or questions directly to sports boosters at adriansportsboosters@yahoo.com.

Prices:

Cinch Bags - \$10
Water Bottles - \$8
Jackets - \$35 to \$47
Beanies - \$9
Scarves - \$15
Hats - \$12

There are 4 - \$500 sponsor spots available on the Reader Board Sponsorship Sign. Anyone interested in sponsoring the reader board and other projects to improve the school, contact Mr. Ellsworth at 541-372-2337.

The K-8 Principal

Our Middle School sports have done very well this year. The Volleyball team learned a lot. The Football team won the WIC (Western Idaho Conference). The cheerleaders gave great support to our teams.

I have now been around education for many years. In that time I have changed my perception of what makes a great school. I used to think that if you had a good sports program your education would suffer. Now I realize that both areas work well with each other. Students can gain a great self image through sports that carry over to the classroom and lessons learned in the classroom can carry over to a great sports program.

The students in our school have fantastic attitudes. Teachers and students continue to show gratitude for the new building. We are looking forward to the conferences with parents this Thursday and Friday. There is always room for all of us to improve. I am pleased with the effort given by students, teachers and parents to make the educational program happen. If you have not had an opportunity to get involved our local PTO is a good place to get started. We have a very active PTO.

Thank you for your support to our school.

William H. Ellsworth
K-8 Principal

Math Minute

First quarter P squared for P cubed awards go to: Madolynne VanCorbach, Ester Gordon and Te Zheng. These were three students who were randomly chosen from students that were punctual to math class and submitted papers on time.

“Do the work” seems to be the football team’s motto this year. What does this mean? Does the motto refer to game time only? I do not think that is the case. I believe that it also refers to the preparation necessary for successful game time performance.

“Do the work” applies to the classroom also. I am convinced that students who actively think about how the new math they are studying relates to what they already know have a great chance to perform math successfully. A primary step in this potential understanding involves coming to class prepared by having done the assigned reading. This reading prepares the mind for the learning task at hand. The reading is like the warm ups that successful football teams need to do before they tackle the game at hand. Do the “math preparation work” and math success can be within a student’s grasp.

T.S.

Adrian FFA Chapter News

The Adrian FFA Chapter would like to thank everyone who helped us host the Soil Judging Contest. The contest went really well. Our chapter qualified at third and one of our members; Jessica Morton was 8th out of 48 students, congratulations to Jessica and all the other members who participated in the contest. Chapter members, Maddy Pendergrass and Jessica Morton were two of four applicants that applied for the Malheur Co. Beef Heifer Replacement Program. They were required to fill out an application and then they were later interviewed. Two days after they were interviewed they were awarded their heifers at the Malheur Co. Cattlemen’s Annual Fall Meeting held October 23rd. The chapter wishes them the best of luck with their projects. Just a heads up... the FFA Open House is tentatively planned for November 21st and the time is to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Morton,
Chapter Reporter

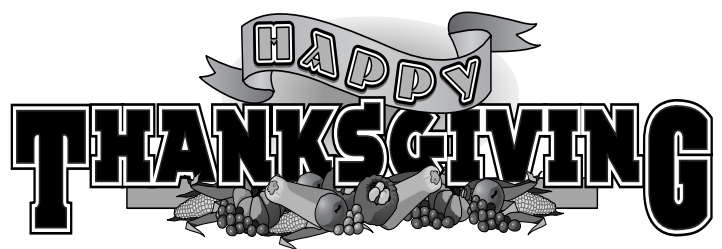
A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our homecoming week. We appreciate all of the time and effort everyone contributed. We would especially like to thank the parade judges for their help, and Artie for her donation of popcorn bags and pies for our winning football team.

THANK YOU!
AHS Leadership



Notes from the Music Department

The Middle School Girls Choir and the High School Band had the opportunity to perform in Nyssa at the Senior Citizen Center, October 22. We enjoyed getting out and performing for the community. The Christmas season is fast approaching. The students are busy preparing for what will be a fantastic concert! The date is Monday, December 15th, K-5 program at 2:00 p.m. in the HS Gym and MS/HS program at 7:00 p.m. , also in the HS Gym.



Library News

The Adrian School Library is participating in the third annual Reading is an Investment program being sponsored by Oregon State Treasurer, Randall Edwards. The program is designed to highlight the importance of reading, while teaching elementary children about the world of money and basic financial concepts. Students who complete the program will receive prizes and a certificates of achievement. They will also have a chance to receive one of 50 \$500 Oregon College Savings Plan scholarships to be awarded in April of 2009.

The Reading is an Investment program will be explained to Adrian students during their library classes and copies of the Recommended Reading List and reading logs will be sent home. To complete the program students must either listen to someone reading aloud for 400 minutes or read independently for 800 minutes. Three of the books read must be from the Recommended Reading List. (Reading lists available from the Adrian School Library show only the recommended books that are in our library; a longer list including books not available in this library can be found at www.ost.state.or.us/read.) Two of the recommended books (Beatrice's Goat and the Ulimate Kids' Money Book) were recently donated to our library by the State Treasurer.

Participant's names will be entered in the college savings plan scholarship drawing each time they read the required number of minutes—up to 10 times. The deadline for completing the reading requirements is March 13, 2009.

Please encourage elementary students you know to keep track of the time they spend reading so as to enter their names in the drawing for college scholarships.

Cafeteria Scoop

Burr it is so cold and windy outside, makes you want to stay in the warm house!!

The football boys and the volleyball girls are working so hard, they are both having a great season. If you have not seen them play yet, be sure and get out to the last games. Good luck to both teams.

It is the time of the year that lots of activities are starting up. Be sure to keep the activities schedule in this newsletter, close at hand so you will know when things will be happening. Hope to see you at some of the activities.

We want to thank you over and over again for the donations of the produce. It has really helped make our salad bar very full! With the tomatoes we have now, and the green ones ripening at just the right time, we will have tomatoes for a pretty long time. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

I will ask again, if you were a graduate of AHS, especially in the early years, if you would please get in touch with me if you have any classmates who have passed away. I really want to keep the "Wall of Seniors" up to date. I can only do it with your help. Thanks to those who have given me a call. I really appreciate it.

I am still in need of some people who would like to be a sub for the dishwasher in the kitchen. I need more than one or two, because people have lives too, and sometimes have to tell me no when I call! If you are interested in working just a few days, and it is only 3 ½ hours a day, and love kids, this may be for you. You can give me a call, come visit with me, and go up to the HS office, and tell Darla Witty you would like to fill out a job application. I can't hire you until you have filled one out.

Thanks again, and till next month,

Jan Sillonis and staff

Schedule of Events

November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set clocks back 1 hour
November 10.....	Sports Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.
November 10.....	No School - Veterans Day
November 13	Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library (Note: earlier time)
November 20	Middle School Bingo Night, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
November 21.....	Adrian FFA Chapter Open House, Time TBA
November 26.....	1/2 Day of School
November 27 & 28.....	No School, Thanksgiving Vacation

Where are they now??

Submitted by: *Jinell VanCorbach*

Think back to one of your first days of high school: Waking up extra early to make sure your hair and makeup are perfect, finally getting to wear that new outfit that has been taunting you from your closet for the past three weeks, thinking you finally worked up the guts to ask that one person out, and the excitement of catching up with your friends. Unfortunately, my last first day of high school was nothing like this - it was actually quite depressing. When the bell rang at 7:55a.m., the seniors reluctantly trudged to their first period class, knowing that eventually fifth period would come around - the dreaded Senior Project. Upon hearing the words Senior Project, a look of fear is reflected on many students' faces. Some would say that these words cannot even be found in Webster's dictionary and should be listed under the words "stress" or "procrastination". I can relate to this fear, as I too, was one of those students. After completing the first nine weeks of Senior Project, I have discovered that it's really not as stressful as students think; and to understand the concept of Senior Project, one must actually have first-hand experience and endure the challenge of this year-long, agonizing process, second only to giving birth.

This summer, while touring the world at Disneyworld's Epcot Park, where all your dreams come true, I was simply wishing that I could come up with a good Senior Project. A Senior Project about music and its positive effects came to mind, you know, the whole "nut doesn't fall far from the tree" mentality, but I realized that, as much as I love music, my cup of tea is writing and editing articles. When I was born, I was two weeks late from my expected due date - my mom still doesn't let that go - and I have finally figured out why: I had a list - a very long list - of all the grammatical errors I heard while in my mother's womb when she read aloud, and I had to fix all of them before I could possibly exit my pre-mortal existence and face our corrupted world, full of grammatical errors, typos, and misspelled words. My early reading skills were developed watching Rugrats with captions. It wasn't long before I began catching errors when I read. From a flyer hanging in a grocery store to a misprint in a storybook, the mistakes popped off of the page, almost like a 3-D picture. Because of my editing eagle eyes and ability to compose various genres of articles, I chose to focus my project on communications, specifically print media.

Finding businesses to job shadow was fairly easy, but determining what to do for a physical project has been the most challenging aspect of Senior Project. If I had chosen to do my project on music education, this area would have been much easier; I could have conducted a concert, or held a "Learn How to Play the Didgeridoo" clinic. I have decided that my physical project should be more original, helpful, and insightful. I will write and edit articles to be posted on our high school website and in the monthly newsletter from No-



Kat Sillonis, 2007 AHS graduate

ember through June. The articles will be about Adrian High School graduates who have been through, and survived, the Senior Project process. Although a few teachers may be considered related to the dinosaurs, teaching since the Ice Age, contrary to belief, Senior Project is younger than the internet, yet it has evolved over the past eight years.

Times have changed. Therefore, I will contact and interview various students from different graduating classes and ask them questions about their senior project, how it affected them, and what they are currently pursuing as a career. Although high school students may consider Adrian High School alumni "old school", their experience, wisdom, and knowledge is as prized as the state championship winning play. For this, my first article, I chose to interview a recent Adrian High School graduate.

Kat Sillonis - Adrian High School Class of 2007

If you've ever attended an athletic activity in Adrian, you've more than likely seen Kat Sillonis, whether it be on the sidelines, on the stage in the gym, or behind home plate, taking pictures of our athletes. Kat already had a deep love of sports, but Senior Project helped her realize how much she enjoys being a sports photographer. Kat's Senior Project focused on journalism, specifically sports photography. Kat's physical project involved taking pictures of athletic activities that she was not involved in and creating the fall, winter, and spring sports slide show presentation for each sports awards banquet. She spent over 24 hours working on her physical project, even though the requirement was only four hours. Her research paper focused on the wage gap between genders in the workplace, with an emphasis on male versus female journalists.

Senior Project definitely had a positive affect on Kat. It helped her discover her love of sports photography. She is currently attending College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho and intends to major in either history or English with a minor in journalism. She then plans to receive a master's in sports photography or journalism. Kat's life goal is to become a pho-

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High School Principal's Report

We have just completed a very successful and event filled first 9 weeks of school, both academically and athletically. The students have had a great Fall, make sure you check out the Honor Roll and Citizenship awardees in this publication. We also had two students who were selected as school winners for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. This award is given to students who excel in the areas of academics, athletics and citizenship. It involves a very lengthy application process which is reviewed by the organization and school winners are then announced. Nick Strauch and McKenzie Purnell where selected as Adrian High School winners. McKenzie has since been named as one of Oregon's 10 female finalists for the award, with state winners to be announced next week.

Athletically, our high school teams are doing very well. The football team currently sits in second place with a big show-down against Jordan Valley on Friday night. Both teams are

6-1 and playing for the #2 seed from our league for the state playoffs. The volleyball team finished second in league with a record of 10-1 and went on to win the District 8 volleyball tournament last weekend defeating both Jordan Valley and Crane in route to the championship. Andrea Shenk, Madison Shira and McKenzie Purnell were named to the All-Tournament Team. Adrian will host a state playoff game on Saturday evening.

Counselor's Corner

If your senior student has not taken the SAT or ACT, they really need to sign up soon. Colleges are opening their application process and they will need those scores. The ACT is offered monthly at TVCC, however you need to register early. We will, again, be offering the SAT in Adrian on December 6th, registration however is due in early November. Each senior has been given handouts with the registration dates.

2008-09

Citizenship Awards

Based on the following Criteria: 1. *Citizenship within the school and community by showing respect and consideration for school property, students, staff and community members.* 2. *Shown a willingness to be helpful, (without being asked) towards classmates in course work and school/class activities.*

1st Quarter

Freshman

James Niccum
Madison Pendergrass

Sophomore

Amanda Peutz
David Stone

Junior

Katharina Kusch
Rodrigo Magri

Senior

McKenzie Purnell
George Ellsworth

Adrian 1st Quarter Honor Students

Highest Honors (4.0)

12th grade
Claudia Beltran
McKenzie Purnell
Jinell VanCorbach

11th grade
Sammy Bowns
Heather Thompson

10th grade
Ester Gordon
Amanda Peutz
Madison Shira

9th grade
Tayler Martin
Olivia Morton

High Honors (3.5 – 3.99)

12th grade
Robyn Acock
Lois Adam
Lene Bratlie
George Ellsworth
Blake Ishida
Terra Rust
Marcy Strauch
Nicholas Strauch

11th grade
Katie Bowns
Katharina Kusch
Andrea Shenk
Evan Sneider
Roman Voight

10th grade
LaRae Mazac
Jessica Morton
Blake Purnell
David Stones
Madolynne VanCorbach
Rebekah VanCorbach

9th
Dulce Beltran
Annie Bowns
Carla Combe
Natasha Garner
Mark Ishida
Amber Mazac
Madison Pendergrass
Amanda Thompson

Honor Roll (3.0 – 3.49)

12th grade
Kyle Dondero
Tais Grote
Adriana Miranda
Nga Tran
Lilie Villarreal
Jake Warren


11th grade
Erica Griffin
Daniel Lode
Rodrigo Magri
James Prechtl
Bryan Reay
Jacob Wilde
Karolina Wojdyla

10th grade
Jeremy Price
Autumn Snyder
Jack Zittercob

9th grade
Elizabeth Furtado
Andrew Martin
James Niccum
Casey Parsons
Jason Strauch

Milk served with every meal.

November Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Sausage Patty Turkey & Noodles Fruit Veggie Birthday Cake	4 Biscuits & Gravy Baked Potato Fixin's Fruit	5 French Toast Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Pudding	6 Pizza Rolls Beef Stew Salad Hot Roll Fruit	7 RSD Day	8
9	10  VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL	11 Muffins Tacos Rice Beans Fruit	12 Hash Browns Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Cookie	13 Waffles Fried Chicken Salad Hot Roll Fruit	14 Pancakes Beef Nachos Vegetable Fruit Cookie	15
16	17 Sausage Weiner Wraps Fries Fruit Pudding	18 Biscuits & Gravy Fajitas Beans Rice Fruit, Cookie	19 Waffles Lasagna Fruit Hot Roll Pudding Salad	20 French Toast Burrito Fries Fruit Cookie	21 RSD Day	22
23	24 Waffles Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit, Cookie	25 Scrambled Egg Roast Turkey Potatoes, Gravy Roll Pumpkin Pie	26 French Toast Burritos Fries Fruit	27 <i>Thanksgiving Vacation</i>	28	29
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topographer for Sports Illustrated. She plans to become a journalist and attend various sports activities and take pictures for a living.

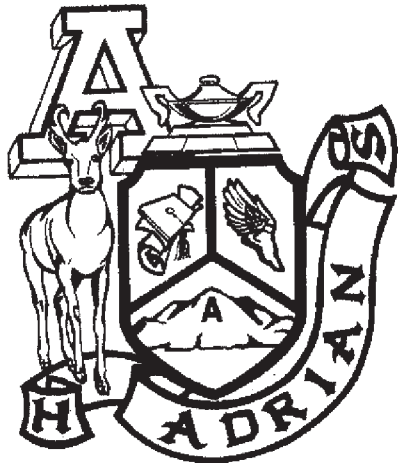
When asked what she would change about Senior Project, Kat said, "The stress of it all. Senior year is filled with lasts and firsts, and through the whole thing, Senior Project just looms in front of you, stressing you out."

Kat had plenty of advice for this year's senior class. "First, don't stress out about the whole thing. If you take your time and do good work, then there is no need to worry. Second is to not procrastinate, and this cannot be stressed enough. If you procrastinate, then you do rushed work, then you start to

stress out, and this whole thing just isn't necessary. Third is to have fun with your project. You get to learn a bunch of new stuff, and you get to do some fun stuff with your job shadows and your physical project. Fourth is that Senior Boards is actually less stressful than you're lead to believe. If you go in there confident, with a good project behind you and a well prepared presentation, then you'll wow the judges." Kat also recommends not having surgery and taking pain medications while trying to write your research paper.

Thanks for the advice, Kat, and good luck in your future endeavors!

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