



December On-Line Newsletter

The Grand "Poess" of Music



By Cloe Lundry

When one person teaches multiple grade levels and disciplines, it is important to take time to pause/"Poess" and reflect on one's teaching career. Mr. Myron Poessnecker is the vocal music and band teacher at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools and has been teaching for 22 years. He chose

to become a teacher because he always enjoyed school and his dad was also a teacher. "I enjoyed my Math classes, and English classes; my dad was a teacher and it just kind of turned into that."

One of the funniest moments he's experienced while teaching was when one of his students got locked in a closet. He also said that the funny moments of teaching are, "just the weird things kids say that you don't expect." Poessnecker enjoys teaching instrumental music because he likes the complexity of it. "It's like a puzzle; getting all the different pieces to line up and match, and every individual part to work to make the chords." Poessnecker also enjoys teaching vocal music. He enjoys teaching students to be expressive with their voices and to help them conquer their fear of stage fright and performing.

Every year during the spring, Poessnecker and the choir students put on a musical for the community to watch. The musical is open to all high school students to participate in, and last year he also included some junior high and elementary students. Poessnecker doesn't know what the musical will be this year, but it will be a lot of fun for the students to be involved in.

Poessnecker believes it is beneficial to take a music class during your high school career. “If you didn’t have music you wouldn’t learn to work together, and you won’t develop an appreciation for the arts. It helps your math and science skills; it’s been scientifically proven.”

When he’s not busy teaching students at school, Poessnecker really enjoys spending his free time fixing old vehicles. He often talks about the many cars and vehicles that he’s brought back to life. If he could choose a different career, he would choose to be a mechanic.

One of his favorite songs to teach at the elementary music level is called “Mrs. Murphy’s Chowder”. When the song is mentioned, you can hear many high school students singing the words to the song that they had learned several years ago. Multiple students at Scribner Snyder Community Schools, who had Poessnecker as a music teacher, will also tell you that it was one of their favorite songs to sing.

Myron Poessnecker has influenced the career paths for many of his students. It is because of the dedication that he has for teaching students how to use their voices or how to play an instrument that his students have developed a passion for music.

From the Sandhills to Scribner



By Hunter Weyer

Let’s step into the computer world with Mrs. Linda Schafer. She is the 7-12 Computer Science teacher for Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. She teaches content like coding, cyber security and other computer technology skills, with her favorite topic being cyber security because of the challenges the content presents.

Schafer graduated college in 1991 and spent her first-year subbing and then got her first teaching job in Dodge, Nebraska. Her second teaching position was in the Valentine area. She said it was a big difference going from a one room schoolhouse in the Sandhills of Nebraska to a school the size of Scribner. When asked why she chose education, Schafer responded, “I always loved kids and working with them even when I was in junior high.” Schafer said if she wasn’t a teacher she would be an artist living in some distant

mountainous state, and probably be starving, because that's what her dad always told her.

Schafer said her most memorable moment while teaching was when she had a tank of tadpoles in her science lab at Dodge, that the students had been feeding for about a week. When she left on that Friday they were just happy little tadpoles with their bellies full. On Monday, she came into the front door of the school and couldn't figure out what the horrid smell was. She thought the sewer was plugged, but when she got upstairs to put her lunch in the refrigerator, she soon discovered a tank full of dead tadpoles! To say the least, every room in their building had to open its windows and conduct most of their classes outdoors on that fall day. To this day, she says her former co teachers still harass her about the incident.

She is also the head coach of the school's eSports team. They hosted an October invitational. When asked what she enjoyed most about the eSports tournament Schafer stated, "I love seeing the other kids and coaches being able to meet face to face. It is a way for them to connect on another level."

Schafer was asked why she thought our school needed an eSports team. She explained, "When I first got the idea was when we were playing a Mario Kart tournament. I saw the kids not competing, but working together and teaching each other another game. I had also just seen a post about a school in Louisville looking for some competition with Overwatch. So, I asked Mr. Stithem and Mrs. Meyer about starting one. I knew we had lots of gamers here at school so why not try it? That spring I met up with three other coaches and the next year SSCS officially started playing Overwatch."

"The world is becoming more tech-oriented all of the time...One of my main focuses is to make sure that students are aware of the job possibilities in the field of Technology."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 2—District One-Act—Good luck SSCS Cast & Crew!
Dec. 13—Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14—Elementary Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
Dec. 14---Jr. Class Christmas Cookie Tray Sales prior to concert
Dec. 20---7-12th grade Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22—End Semester 1; 1:30 p.m. dismissal-Christmas Break begins
Classes resume Jan. 5



New Chapter to a New Year

By Savanna Lundry

Every book starts on chapter one and Mrs. Meredith Rolf's first chapter of her career started teaching Title I at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. She has been teaching at our school for six years and counting. "I chose a career in education because I come from a family of teachers," Mrs. Rolf said. If she wasn't a teacher, she said she would probably be a veterinarian.

Mrs. Rolf mostly helps kids with reading and math. "...Reading, I have different books that are mostly direct instruction and then for Math we are doing IXL this year." IXL is a program that evaluates students' grade level proficiency in Math and Language Arts.

Mrs. Rolf doesn't get a typical day like other teachers; she works with multiple grades in small groups. "...I'm in small groups with kindergarteners... then I pull out a first grader and I pull out three second graders, three third graders and a fifth grader. Each student is usually fifteen to thirty minutes and then we are in kindergarten reading groups for an hour."

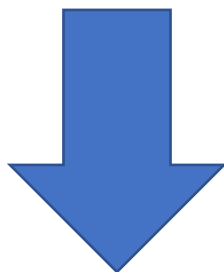
Mrs. Rolf always sees an improvement with the kids throughout the year. "The biggest improvement is when we do our reading test beginning and end called the Acadience and so we get to actually see how the kids have progressed each year..." It's always rewarding to see kids grow and excel in their learning. "One of my most rewarding days was when one of my kids told me that she looks forward to coming with me, because I always brighten her day."

Mrs. Rolf likes working in small groups or individually with the kids. "You get to know the kids a lot better with those one-on-one instructions. ...There's times when I find out a lot of things about the kids, like what chores they have to do that they're mad about." She can ask kids how they're doing to make sure they're okay without other kids being around.

Mrs. Rolf's teaching career has many more chapters to go. There is no doubt, it will be a page turner.

Please enjoy the beginning of our Senior Spotlight's for the Class of 2022

featuring Skye Wheelock, Hunter Weyer and Thomas Baker.



Senior Spotlight

Skye Rae Wheelock

Hobbies: Reading, fishing, traveling, and drawing

Future Plans for 2022-2023: Major in Criminal Justice at Wayne State College

Favorite Quote: "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."- Walt Disney

Best/Favorite Memory from High School: Early morning Marching Band practices, a lot of work, but a lot of fun.



Achievement/Proud Moment from High School: Lettered in Band.



Family Members' Names: Todd and Amanda Wheelock, Sydney, Kady, Kloe, Brooklyn, and Penelope.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: Graduated from college and employed as a police officer somewhere, probably in Nebraska.





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

HUNTER WEYER

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"The only time I set the bar low is for limbo."

—Michael Scott(Steve Carell)

HOBBIES:

"Some of my favorite hobbies are playing baseball, golf, and bowling. I also enjoy watching football."

TEACHER WHO HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT:

"Mr. Cody Kottich, the head baseball coach at Omaha Bryan High School. "He would always push me in the weight room and wanted me to work harder."

BEST ADVICE FOR THE S-S UNDERCLASSMEN:

"Just live in the moment; it's only high school."

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES:

FAVORITE MEMORY FROM HIGH SCHOOL:

"...when Xavier knocked over the lat-pull down machine during strength and conditioning."

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH:

—ANY DAY WITH POTATOES
—GRAVY DAY

RANDOM STUFF:

MOST FUN MEMORY:

"I wore dress clothes on the last day of the week for a while during junior year."

FUN FACTS:

"I have gone to nine different schools, three of which are high schools, and I used to live in Omaha, NE. "

THOMAS BAKER

NICKNAME: THOMAS THE TANK

PARENTS: JANIS & THOMAS BAKER

SIBLINGS: COURTNEY, GAVIN, JOHN,
HARLEY

GRANDPARENT: ROY BAKER



Hobbies: Playing video games; watching anime

Future Plans: Attend Midland University and Major in Technology

Best Memory: Participating in e-Sports

Proudest Moment: Getting second place in *League of Legends*

Fun Fact: Eagle Scout

Favorite School Lunch: Pizza