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**All About the Languages --By Krystal Bigley**

Mrs. Danielle Schroetlin has been the foreign language teacher at Scribner-Snyder for eight years now. This year, in addition to Spanish and French, she is also teaching high school English.

“I always wanted to be a teacher because even when I was young I used to make worksheets for my sisters to do and we used to play school,” Schroetlin said.

She also thought about being a counselor before, but when she took a class in college, she decided that it wasn't the career path for her.

Mrs. Schroetlin had worked other jobs before coming to Scribner-Snyder. She worked at a nursing home, at the cafeteria at Wayne State, and taught Spanish 1-4 at Weeping Water.

She explained the reason teaching appealed to her was she just loves learning, but that there were a couple of teachers in her high school who pushed her to be a better person and make herself a better learner. She decided she wanted to be that person for someone else. She also loves helping people and helping them get better as people.

Mrs. Schroetlin has many things that she likes about her job. “I just love the interaction with the students and getting to see them every day. I enjoy seeing them grow as people and I like seeing the lightbulbs go off when the students know an answer to something. I enjoy hearing about their dreams and watching them grow,” she explained.

## FCCLA and FFA Members Qualify for State Competition

By Lane Johnson

Recently members of the FCCLA and FFA chapters competed in virtual district competitions. Here are a few words from the state qualifiers.

Izzy Carrier and McKenna Stewart are competing in Chapter in Review Display for FCCLA. Carrier said, "It was different having to record our speech since in the years past we have been able to go in person to present. It was fun doing it though since it was different from all the projects I've done in the past."

Eryn Hull is competing in Career Investigation for state FCCLA. She said, "I worked on the Career Investigation project where I looked into the career of storyboarding. I contacted someone who works in the film business to find out more about the job."

State FCCLA will be held on April 12-13, 2021. This will be held in a virtual conference. Members will record their presentations and submit them to be judged.

State FFA Conference will be held on April 7-9, 2021. This will also be a virtual conference.

Hannah Ryun will be competing in State FFA for Creed Speaking. In addition to reciting the creed, she will also answer a series of questions related to the creed.

Ryun said, "I was really excited about making it to state FFA this year. I made it in seventh grade as well and it was such a great experience, and even though I probably won't be able to attend in person, I still think it will be a great experience."

Although competition may look a little differently this year, members of both FCCLA and FFA chapters still have put in the time and effort to be successful at district and state competitions. Good luck to all the competitors.



## ***Members of the League*** --By Thomas Baker

This semester the SSCS E-Sports team changed from playing Overwatch to playing League of Legends.

When I interviewed Konner Beranek, a junior, he said, "I joined E-Sports because I like video games. The first game that I ever played was Mario Brothers."

Beranek said he prefers League of Legends over Overwatch. "LOL is overall more fun and interactive."

Beranek prefers to play as Darius from League of Legends. "Darius has a skill that causes bleed damage which leads to overall more damage. It helps my team the most."

Outside of school, Beranek does not do much and he doesn't do any gaming at home.

Dacien Baumann, a freshman, joined E-Sports because it sounded fun to him. "The first game I ever played was Overwatch. I prefer Overwatch to League of Legends because it is more fun," Baumann said.

"I like playing games like Rust, Minecraft, and Overwatch. The character I like to play is Hanzo because he is easy to play."

# Ready, Set, Code

By Matt Hull

Mrs. Linda Schafer is the high school computer science teacher along with the elementary computer teacher. She teaches a variety of classes at Scribner-Snyder including coding to freshman. How did she come to the position she is in now?



Mrs. Schafer has always loved kids. That is why she became a teacher. "I always did a lot of babysitting when I was young, and then I decided that was how I wanted to spend my life, helping kids learn and become whatever they wanted," Schafer said.

She started teaching in Fremont because she didn't want to teach at the same school that her children attended. After they graduated from SS, she jumped on the chance to teach here at Scribner-Snyder.

Schafer has done a lot for Scribner-Snyder. Some of the things she has brought are code club and E-Sports along with tech support for the staff. "I hope that I can continue those things as well as help our school to continue to grow and expand educational programs and opportunities for our students and communities."



## Secretary Like No Other

By Sam Stadt

Mrs. Deb Wegner has been working for Scribner-Snyder for twenty-four years. Right now, she is the elementary secretary, but that hasn't always been the case. Wegner was working as a para until 2011. So, it is fair to say, Wegner has had her share of experience working in the school.

What does Wegner do as a secretary for the elementary? On a day-to-day basis she does the daily attendance along with lunch count, and distributes medications that are needed for students that day. She is also there if a student gets injured. She tends to the injury to the best of her ability. Wegner also helps out by ordering supplies for teachers, but she doesn't limit herself to only those tasks. Anything that the school asks of her, Wegner is quick to get the task done as efficiently as possible.

With all that work one may ask, why do you do that? It certainly isn't easy keeping track of everything, but Wegner does it anyway. "My favorite part of my job is seeing how the students change from year to year," Wegner explained.

Mrs. Wegner works in the elementary, but that doesn't mean those are the only kids she sees. She checks high school students through the lunch line giving her a chance to greet each upperclassman. Seeing those kids as young adults whom she has greeted over many years getting ready to graduate is a joy.

Whether it's ordering a strange supply for a teacher, or tending to a student who injured themselves with a pencil, Wegner never has a boring day. "No two days are alike if you work in a school," Wegner said.

One must understand that Mrs. Wegner works hard at her job no matter what happens throughout the day, keeping a smile on her face as she awaits whatever unexpected surprise may come that day at Scribner-Snyder.

## Mr. Meyer the Guy Full of History and Knowledge

Article by- Senior Krystal Bigley

Mr. Deron Meyer is the Athletic Director, the World Geography teacher, and the tech coordinator here at Scribner-Snyder School. This is Mr. Meyer's 10<sup>th</sup> year.

I asked Mr. Meyer if he had always wanted to be a teacher. His response was, "It started out when I wanted to be a coach and to be a coach, you have to also be a teacher so yea pretty much. When I went into college I knew that I wanted to be a teacher and a coach. I wanted to be a history teacher because I like history," Meyer said. Meyer thought that he needed to take a PE class in college, but if he didn't take that then he would have to take a lot more classes.



Mr. Meyer graduated with a Bachelor's degree in social sciences from University of Nebraska. He also had to take coaching classes to be able to become a coach.

I asked Mr. Meyer if he had ever worked anywhere else besides here and he responded by saying, "Yes, I taught for 10 years down in Garden City Kansas which is a large school district and taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. I taught over 200 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Then, I taught Social Studies for one year at Ansley. I also taught at Anselmo-Merna for 11 years teaching 8-12 Social Studies," he added.

Mr. Meyer said that what he likes best about his job, are the kids and the fact that he loves being around them and because he is a little bit different around kids. Meyer told me that the second year he started working here there was a transition going on and he started teaching World Geography and ended up keeping the job because he likes working with the kids.

He didn't start working with computers at first when he started at Scribner-Snyder. Superintendent Ginger Meyer said that "there was a position open for the technology director and he said well I don't have any experience with computers or anything so I don't think it would be good because he had never taken any classes on how to take care of computers."

Mr. Meyer has been a teacher for a total of 32 years now and he loves being a teacher. Personally I will miss him after I graduate high school this year.

## **From the Desk of Sharon Meyer**

Article by Harley Baker

Twenty-one years and counting Mrs. Sharon Meyer has been with Scribner-Snyder Schools. Meyer started as the elementary secretary. After nine years as the secretary, she became the business manager.

In years prior to this one, Meyer has also made sure the concession stand was stocked and ready for home games. "I enjoy seeing all of the students, teachers, and other coworkers," said Meyer.

Most of her day is spent in her office in the elementary building where she keeps the school's finances running. Meyer is in charge of all of the payroll, accounting, bills, insurance, and reconciling. Meyer has been the business manager for the last twelve years.

"Working here is kind of like a puzzle. You don't know when you have to dig for information," Meyer stated. With the changeover of superintendents this past year, Meyer has helped ease the transition and answer questions.

Along with all of the finances, Mrs. Meyer keeps track of the forms that teachers and sponsors need to fill out when they have requests for their classrooms or activities. Teachers order supplies for their classrooms or to take students on field trips and to contests. All of these things cost money and that's where Meyer comes in. Teachers request the items or activities and once approved, Meyer makes sure those bills get paid.



Besides being the business manager, she is also the school board secretary. As the secretary, she writes down all of the decisions that the school board votes on and anything that they discuss during the meeting. She then submits it for public record where the notes she takes appear on the school website and in the newspaper.

Mrs. Meyer keeps our school moving along financially. From handling fundraising money for different clubs to paying the school's bills and teacher's salaries, Mrs. Meyer knows her dollars and cents.

## ***Full-Time Substitute to the Rescue***

Article by Kaiden Jones



One of the newest staff members at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools is Mr. Kent Adelung. He was hired in November of 2020 to serve as a full-time substitute in both the elementary and high school.

Mr. Adelung is a retired Social Sciences and Business teacher. He has taught in both Spalding and Springview, Nebraska. "I really miss teaching where I was before I came here," Adelung said.

This may be the reason he applied for the full-time substitute position when it became available. "I have a desire to work full time in the school systems," Adelung

reported. He currently lives in Amherst but stays in Scribner during the week. He travels back home every weekend.

Mr. Adelung said he likes our school really well and the staff and students have been great to work with.

COVID has taken away a lot of opportunities this year, but it also created this opportunity for Mr. Adelung. With the uncertainty of staff being gone unexpectedly due to possible COVID exposure, a full-time substitute position gives the administration a certainty in a time of so much uncertainty. With this in mind though, because COVID should be under control by the beginning of the next school year, Mr. Adelung's position will be done at the end of the year.



# Not Stopping Now

*Article by Samantha Stadt*

Mrs. Michelle Ryun cuts through the year working with many subjects along the way. Working at Scribner for ten years Ryun knows what she is doing and does a great job. Ryun has plenty of experience with agriculture related subjects such as Animal Science, Intro to Agriculture, and Plant Science. Prior to coming to Scribner-Snyder, Ryun had experience working at Emerson-Hubbard for three years in the same department. Though Ryun is a well-educated Agriculture teacher, she also teaches Woods and Welding. Alongside the subjects she teaches, Ryun is also the advisor for FFA chapter.

Agriculture related classes are Ryun's main focus for the classes she teaches. So, what does she teach exactly?

"Some of the other classes are working on livestock evaluation, so they are learning the important traits to look for. Some students are looking into AgroSciences projects, they are starting experiments for that," Ryun explains.

It is extremely important for Ryun to teach livestock evaluation to her students because most of her students are also in FFA. As part of FFA, students evaluate livestock and, thanks to Ryun's teaching, they can make a good judgment in the events.

"In Woods we are getting to know safety and proper ways to use power tools. The students will be doing practice cuts and will be doing practice projects," Ryun said.

Even when she is not teaching agriculture, Ryun is chugging along in all her class keeping all the students on a steady path forward. Though as stated earlier, Ryun doesn't just have to think about her classes. FFA is a major thing Ryun has to consider.

"We have a leadership development contest that was supposed to be in November, but it got postponed so we are going to do it the last week of January."

Ryun's great work ethic keeps the students on track as everyone makes their way into the second semester. Though some may think that being through half the school year would slow someone down, it doesn't seem to affect Ryun as she is always on top of everything. Ryun continues to lead her students towards the path of success.

# *Life in a Deer Stand*

By Thomas Baker

Mr. Anthony Ruzicka has worked here for 12 years. “My daily schedule is pretty chaotic and often changes. If everything goes to plan, I teach reading/Language 1st hour, math 2nd hour, Algebra 1 3rd hour, ACT math 4th hour, have a plan period and lunch 5th period, life skills 6th hour, study hall 7th hour, JH activities 8th hour, and varsity practice after school.”



People become teachers for all sorts of reasons. “In all honesty, I became a teacher because I really wanted to be a coach, and teaching seemed like the best way to do that. Also, I really didn’t want to work outside doing construction. I am a really competitive person. Sports was a big part of my life, and I wanted other kids to have that opportunity.”

What he likes about teaching here is having small classes. Mr. Ruzicka has not worked anywhere else before working here.

“I have been an assistant wrestling coach at SS for 12 years. I have been the head JH wrestling coach for 10 years. I am also a football coach and a JH track coach. I have been an assistant football coach for 3 years and was a head coach for 8 years. I have coached JH track for 10 years.”

When Mr. Ruzicka is not in the classroom, in the gym, or on the field he enjoys spending time outside. “I enjoy pretty much anything to do with Mother Nature. I love hunting deer, waterfowl, coyote, prairie dogs, and squirrels the most. I also enjoy fishing for walleye and catfish.”

Whether you have Mr. Ruzicka as a coach or teacher or simply wanted to talk about hunting or fishing, life with him in the building is currently an adventure.