



## Great Help in Pre-K

Article by Kaiden Jones

Mrs. Cassandra Greenlee is one of the newest staff members at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. She started working here as a para in the preschool and kindergarten rooms in January. Greenlee has enjoyed her first four months.

“I love SSCS! It has been a wonderful place to work. I enjoy working alongside such great teachers, students, and administration. Everyone has been so welcoming and inviting. One of the perks of being in a small school is being able to build strong relationships with students and other staff, which I feel I have been able to do.”

Greenlee and her family are new to the area. “I recently moved to Dodge and wanted a job that would allow me to work with young children and still be close to home.” She likes this school very much and she said that she is excited to see what the future will bring.

## *In the Kitchen with Amy Berkland*

Article by Harley Baker

Helping to prepare food for a hundred plus students is a big task but assistant cook Mrs. Amy Berkland is up for the challenge. Berkland has been working here at Scribner-Snyder for four years.

Berkland stated, "It is always busy and it is not a desk job."

Berkland arrives at school much earlier than the students to start the food. Berkland is in charge of preparing the sides, condiments, extras, and salad bar. She also makes any of the dishes that Becky dislikes and making all of the hot ham and

cheese sandwiches. Berkland said, "The worst part of the job is wearing a hair net everyday."

Throughout the four years of preparing food Berkland, has always enjoyed staying busy. "It is hard to get bored while working here," she said.



## The Life of a Kindergarten teacher

Article by Thomas Baker

Mrs. DeeAnne Stewart has been teaching Kindergarten for 6 years at Scribner-Snyder. Stewart had taught at Lawrence-Nelson for 12 years before she came to work at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools.

"My first year of teaching, I taught 2nd grade and then the last 11 years I have taught kindergarten," said Stewart.

"I had a friend encourage me to go check out the preschool program at college. I really liked the whole experience. Then I went back to get my Elementary teaching degree after I had worked as a para educator for a few years," said Stewart.

Kindergartener classes include reading, math, phonics, science and social studies and AR reading. They learn their ABC's and 123's at the beginning of the year and then focus on reading, adding, and subtracting by the end. There is a lot of learning going on in kindergarten.

"Usually we take a field trip, but this year that is not possible. We will be doing some awards for their AR reading, we will get to do cleaning of all the toys they played with all year. If the weather is nice we will get more time outside, and some Fun Day activities," said Stewart.

When Stewart is not teaching she likes to spend time with my family and travel in the summer time.

## *Know your History*

By Sam Stadt

It's time to buckle down because Mr. Bob Stewart is here to put you through the ringer. Stewart has been working here for six years teaching a range of subjects related to history and the economy. Before coming to Scribner, Stewart taught for twenty-four years, first teaching in 1997 in Redfield, South Dakota.



"Probably the biggest project we did this year was the election with the seniors," Stewart said.

The seniors were asked to come up with food items to enter into an election. There was an appetizer, an entrée, a drink, and a dessert. The 'candidates' were put onto a ballot and an election was held. The kids, even those who only voted, had a blast with it.

"Perhaps in the future we can work with the kitchen staff and do the same. The kitchen has certain restrictions when it comes to what is served," Stewart said regarding the senior project.

Though Stewart has his hands full when it comes to teaching the kids, he is also an assistant junior high, wrestling, and track coach. He enjoys it. "I'm having a blast with everyone!"



## Life in 6th Grade with Ms. Loth

Article by Matt Hull

At Scribner-Snyder, there are many teachers old and new. One of the newer ones is Ms. Carlie Loth. Ms. Loth teaches for the same reason many teachers do, and that's because she enjoys working with kids. She got her degree at Northwest Missouri State University.

"Watching and seeing things click got my attention," Loth said.

Loth likes to teach the younger kids because they have more enthusiasm when it comes to learning. "The older kids do not have as much motivation, and I just see the younger students having more motivation. The older kids just don't have the motivation, and they just want to get it over with."

Loth has always enjoyed working with kids. She works with the 6th grade teaching them all the essential things they will need for middle school. She has focused more on Social and Emotional Learning.

"This year, I wanted to incorporate Social and Emotional Learning in my classroom. Usually this consisted of watching videos explaining and celebrating people with differences," Loth said.

## The Music Teacher Who Inspires Many

Article by Krystal Bigley

Mr. Myron Poessnecker is the choir and band teacher for middle school and high school students at Scribner-Snyder. He also teaches elementary music classes for the younger kids.



“I will have taught for thirteen years at Scribner-Snyder at the end of this year,” Poessnecker said.

He has worked at schools other than Scribner-Snyder. “My first year of teaching was at Sterling Public Schools in Sterling, Nebraska. I then taught for seven years at Logan View,” Poessnecker said.

Poessnecker has always had a wide variety of interests. “When I graduated high school, I had looked into diesel technology as well as music. I’ve always enjoyed the music aspect of school so I guess that’s why I chose this field.”

He took many classes in college. They included a class that taught him to be proficient in all instruments. Additionally he took music theory to help him understand the structure of the large group pieces. On the education side of things, Poessnecker was required to take methods classes which taught him the format and procedure for structuring his lesson plans and curriculum.

Poessnecker worked at many places in high school and after. “I worked all through high school either on the family farm or for the farm parts store in town. My first job outside of high school and outside of my hometown was working for the John Deere dealership in Wayne doing maintenance on center pivot irrigation systems,” Poessnecker said.

Poessnecker’s favorite part of about his job here is the kids. “It’s always been the kids. Lots of things have changed and evolved over the years but, the kids have always made the job worthwhile,” Poessnecker said.



## ***This is Mrs. Bell***

Article by Lane Johnson

“There were a few things that made me want to become a teacher. Growing up with my five sisters and cousins we all loved to play school; it was one of our favorite things to do. I have always enjoyed being around young people, working with them and I have enjoyed learning from them as well,” said Mrs. Trish Bell, a Title 1 teacher at SSCS for the past thirteen years.

When asking Bell why she chose to become a teacher she responded, “My grandmother, who was a schoolteacher, was the inspiration that motivated me to become a teacher. Growing up and living next door to her was wonderful. She taught me many things about people and our world. Her positive attitude and example are what steered me towards the educational field.”

Bell said it is exciting to see a smile on a student's face, especially when they understand what is going on. “As the Title teacher at Scribner-Snyder I have watched students grow academically over the years. That for me, is one of the best things about being a teacher.”

“I really enjoy being around my students, getting to know them, working with them and I hope to make a positive difference in their lives. I also enjoy being around the people I work with. Being a teacher and helping others learn is the perfect reward in itself.”

Having a wonderful teacher like this, one who cares about the impact they have on the kids, is of tremendous importance to a school.