

## Superintendent's Corner

By Harlan Ptomey

We are doing some amazing things. Below is a picture of our elementary students wearing pink to recognize Cancer awareness in October. The picture was taken by our drone that was flown by our student who are in our robotics' class. This is the first year we have offered robotics, coding, cyber security and a drone class where students are learning valuable skills that make them immediately employable in those fields. This is an outreach from what we currently offer our elementary students wrapped around the Project Lead the Way curriculum that we have had in place for the past 2 years.

We hope to continue our push into STEM fields as it is one of the fastest growing job markets in any industry for the upcoming years.



There has been a huge trend lately of student e-cigarette use in our society. The FDA has released warnings and statistics that show a 30 percent increase in vapor use over the past year and estimates that 10.7 million

youth are at risk of cancer causing substances produced by the e-cigarette not to mention the latest "popcorn" lung effect that is not reversible and does permanent damage to student's lungs. Parents are being asked to talk to their student and be alert as new vapor devices can take the shape of almost anything including USB flash drives.

If you have a high school Junior or Senior, please be asking them about the John Baylor ACT test prep nights and access to our on-line resources for your student. All Juniors are required to take the ACT test as part of the new State testing program and the on-line resources allow your son or daughter access to practice tests.

## Victorious Sales with Vicious Venom

By Chris Kotschwar

The Marvel Universe has added a new addition to their variety of superhero and supervillain films that they have made. Although it is not an addition to the Avengers franchise, Venom is the newest to the Marvel Family. Starring Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, and Riz Ahmed, Venom has broken box office with over a \$205 million global debut. In North America alone, it has made over \$80 million in the first weekend it was shown. Why has this movie made so much money when it is not as well-known as the Avengers Movies? Many people don't know that the Venom character originated in Spiderman 3 where at the end of the movie,

the character Eddie Brock gets Venom once he leaves Spiderman. This is not the case in the actual movie which states that Venom came from an alien planet and is originally trying to take over the world.

It can be said that Venom has the humor of many Marvel movies in the Avenger franchise and that many moviegoers are expecting this movie to be the next best franchise that the studio has to offer. The movie itself has many good factors aside it besides the reviews. Although well-known movie critic Rotten Tomatoes gave the movie a 30%, other critics have given it better ratings. To the common person watching this movie, all alone it is a well-made movie but what brings its

ratings down is the comic-book backstory that they completely smashed with a hammer. The Character Venom was supposed to be in Peter Parker (Spiderman) before Eddie Brock, but, in the movie, this was not the case. However, the way the filmmakers executed it was in a way that made it okay for it to not be the same. The director of this film was Ruben Fleischer who is more famously known for making the movie *Zombieland*. You can see some of the same talent and precision used to make that movie, in making *Venom*.

In conclusion, the movie was well put together, but many people do not like how they drifted away from the storyline.



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## Put a little Boo in your Bash

By Alexis Galusha

On October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm come join your FBLA chapter at the Boo Bash located at the Fire Hall. Bring your kids to collect all the fun candy.

We will be having many fun games. Including, pin the stem on the pumpkin, bob for apples, balloon darts, duck pond, a lollipop tree, plinko, fish pond, and a pumpkin piñata.

When you play you get candy so bring your Halloween bags and wear your fun and exciting costumes.

One of the fun and exciting games is called pop toss. You have three rings to try to get it on a liter of pop. If you get it on one of the pops you get to take one home with you.

There will be drinks and snacks provided. October 27<sup>th</sup>

there will be a raffle and the prize is some candy! To be put in the raffle bring a can of food. We will use the cans to donate to the Saunders food pantry.

There is are new games this year, so we hope you come and see what it is. We hope you have fun at this year's Boo Bash. We are all excited to see you guys at the Fire Hall October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Can't Stump the Trump

By Nolan Cozad

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018; A cold and rainy day; marked a historical moment for Nebraskans and Iowans. In Council Bluffs Iowa, our president Donald Trump, had come to speak to the citizens about E15; A new gas with fifteen percent ethanol, building his 'wall', and who to vote for governor of Iowa and Nebraska and he had also briefly mentioned Tom Osborn for Nebraskans.

He had also spoke about the Brett Kavanaugh events and about him becoming a supreme court judge. The overall outcome

of the event had proved that there were more Nebraskans there than Iowans at the rally. Kim Reynolds the first female governor of Iowa had also spoke briefly at the rally. Our well-respected government/history teacher Greg Brousek had brought several Cedar Bluffs students to the rally by bus, some others riding by themselves. Some of the students that had attended include, but not limited to;

Kayden Peters (12<sup>th</sup> Grader) Nate Guerrero (12<sup>th</sup> Grader) Lane Siems (12<sup>th</sup> Grader) Mason Thiesen (12<sup>th</sup> Grader) Becca Reiss (12<sup>th</sup> Grader) Megan Nielsen (11<sup>th</sup> Grader) Matt Adams (11<sup>th</sup> Grader)

Ethan Schutt (11<sup>th</sup> Grader) Emmy Brown (11<sup>th</sup> Grader) as well as two foreign exchange students; Arsen and Sebastian.

They had all stated that they had enjoyed the event and they are all glad they had the opportunity to see our president in person, most were unsure if they would ever have that privilege again. Especially Sebastian and Arsen. This was a thrilling way to get these students to start thinking about the Government involvement in nearly everything, it had also gotten them ready for their futures, where they will decide who leads our nation.

## Pink Power

By Alyssa Classen

Everyone decked out in pink and walking out to practice field is an event that happens each year to support families that have been affected by breast cancer. Whether they are fighting it, know someone who is fighting it, or has battled and won, pink out is a way to show our support for them.

There are two events where the school really shows its support to those fighting breast cancer and other types of cancer. These events are the volleyball game (Thursday) and the football game (Friday). Fans come dressed in pink and ready to cheer on the players who are also wearing pink.

Parents night was the

same night as pink out this year so as each player was announced, it was also said who they were playing in memory or honor of. As the kids hugged their parents and they exchanged gifts they got their picture taken. After everyone was in a line, they dismissed and got pumped up for their games.

The volleyball girls played against Parkview Christian and Cornerstone Christian. There was a lot of great passes by Nevaeh Patyk and some great hits by Skylar Shanahan. Overall the girls won against both teams in 2 sets.

The football game was close with a score of Wildcats 12 and Omaha Christian Academy 22. The wildcats fought hard but just couldn't pull through. Overall Pink Out was a great success and a fun time!

## Spotlight on Ms. Philips

By Emmy Brown

I wanted to learn more about our new teachers at Cedar Bluffs. The teacher that I chose to do an interview on is Ms. Phillips the new high school science teacher, track coach and junior high volleyball coach.

**Where were you born?**  
Lincoln, NE

**When is your birthday?**  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

**Could you describe your favorite meme?**  
Chemistry cat meme "I told a chemistry joke once...there was no reaction"

**What is your favorite movie?**  
Sweet Home Alabama

**Could you describe yourself in 3 words?**  
Dedicated, Competitive, and Sarcastic

**What was the last thing you watched on tv?**  
Stranger Things

**What is your favorite restaurant?**  
Chipotle

**What made you pick Cedar Bluffs?**  
This small-town community

**Who is your favorite music artist?**  
It depends on my mood

**Which of your parents are you more like?**  
My dad and I are like two peas in a pod.

**What college did you attend?**  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go?**  
Greece

**What is your favorite sport?**  
Basketball until I started coaching volleyball.

**Why did you become a teacher?**  
I started coaching volleyball six years ago. I loved the relationships I was able to build with my players. After a while they began asking for help with their science classes...a lot. I decided to look into education, and never looked back.

**If you had to choose a favorite subject other than science what would it be?**  
Math. I actually like it more than science.

**What are you most afraid of?**  
Public speaking

**What is your favorite thing to spend money on?**  
Food

**Who is your favorite athlete?**  
Kayla Banworth

## Football Filled Weekend

By Megan Nielsen

On Friday, October 19 the Cedar Bluffs football team, played their last game of the season against the Mead Raiders. Unfortunately, the Wildcats fell short of beating the Raiders with a score of 60-20.

The entire team played great the whole season but we would especially like to recognize our seniors; Mason Thiesen, Nate Guerrero, Lane Siems, and Sebastian Illiason. Each of these seniors had huge roles on the team and showed how much the game meant to them during each game. Congrats on a great high school football career, you four will be missed next season!

In other football news, the Huskers got their first win of the

Frost Era on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> against the Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Huskers defeated the Gophers with a final score of 53-28.

The Huskers were able to pull ahead with a 28-0 lead in the first half, however, the Gophers came back fighting in the second half. Husker fans were beginning to worry when the score reached, Husker 28 to Gophers 22. Even though the crowd may have been a little worried, the Huskers finished the game and received their first win.

Even though the Huskers were 0 and 6 before Saturday, fans still packed the stadium with almost 90,000 in attendance. That is true Husker pride. There is no place like Nebraska.

## Tell Me Where the Freaks At

By Fenja Siemens

The drama club started already with the on-stage practices for their one act play "freak". The biggest things that are practiced right now are blocking, memorizing the lines and how to best perform the lines. Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> the drama club with tech crew went to the Doane One-Act workshop. In the morning a play about one of the first actresses was watched and for the afternoon, the students could choose between several different workshops related to drama.

The practices start with fun games, before a run-through starts. The directors Mrs. Kotschwar, Mrs. Chrisman and Miss

Bottrell are figuring out now where it would be best to put the different characters. At least three times a week they are practicing either before school or after school. The tech crew will join the practices at October 16<sup>th</sup> to start with lights and sound.

Performances of the play will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Elkhorn South One Act Festival, November 16<sup>th</sup> the Community play at home, at 6:30 pm, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wildcat One Act Festival in Cedar (at 8 or 9 am??), November 19<sup>th</sup> the Conference One Act and November 28<sup>th</sup> the District One Act. Make sure to come to at least one of the performances to support the wildcat drama club!

## The Last Drive

By Megan Nielsen

The girls golf season has now come to an end and the team finished the season at Indian Trails Country Club in Beemer, Nebraska for Districts. However, the only two team members to attend districts were Jadyn Vacha and Megan Nielsen. Indian Trails is a very tough course to play but the girls were fortunate enough to have Coach Hegy take them to Beemer for a practice round a few days before the meet.

At the start of the meet, the temperature was in the low 40's and there was a non-stop drizzle and rain mixture. The rain did not stop until about half way through the eighteen-hole meet. This weather made it very difficult to keep the clubs dry and get a good grip on the club when swinging. Considering the conditions, both girls played very well and had a great experience. Jadyn was only 2 places away from going to state!

Districts was an emotional meet this year because it was our senior, Jadyn's, last meet of her high school career. Jadyn worked her hardest at every practice to make sure she was able to play to the best of her ability at every meet. If a teammate was struggling and Coach Hegy was not around, Jadyn was always willing to help out and give advice. She was a great asset to the team and great teammate to have. You will be greatly missed Jadyn