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Farmer In Training

With corn harvest underway, you never know who's involved out in the field. Local farmer Zach Hagler snapped the above photo through his combine window of 12-year-old Rae Hagler focusing on operating the grain cart. Zach said his daughter did great. "I didn't have to teach much. She was a natural. I got to sit back and look for deer," said Jason Jenkins, who provided Rae a little bit of training.

"I thought it was going to be harder, but it ended up being really fun. I went back and helped Dad a few days later," said Rae.

Halloween Events Scheduled for Today

Downtown will be busy today (Thursday, Oct. 27), as Chamber hosts its annual Costume Contest & Scavenger Hunt. The costume contest will be held at Koubek Gardens starting at 3:30 p.m., with winners receiving Rialto Theatre vouchers. Trunk or Treat will be held on Main Street, with prizes awarded for the top three decorated trunks. Businesses will be handing out treats during the parade and a fun scavenger hunt will be held. Kendra Veirs, Katie Weinman, and Rose Bierman are organizers.



No Tricks, Just Treats

Brett and Laura Garrison's furry friend Nutmeg stands on his hind legs at a teller window, waiting for a doggy treat from the friendly folks at Pinnacle Bank.

Nutmeg and other cute dogs of all breeds and sizes in the community are welcome to come in with their human companions. After a couple of times of visiting, they figure it out pretty quickly..behave, wait patiently, and you'll receive a goody. No trick required.

"It brings a smile to our faces when our four-legged customers come in," said teller Carma Edwards.

Huskers Give Evelyn Gracey the Royal Treatment

By Janet Larreau

It took 91 years for Arnold resident Evelyn Gracey to get her moment of fame. Seated court-side in the packed Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, she was one of 8,247 fans cheering on the Husker volleyball team as they took on Penn State on October 14. Many residents were also watching the game in their homes, when Evelyn suddenly appeared on the Event Center's big screen with family sitting beside her. The announcer started telling the crowd and viewers all about Evelyn, describing her as a "lifelong Husker fan attending her first-ever Nebraska volleyball match."

Both the Event Center and the Husker volleyball team had a heads-up that this special lady was going to be in attendance, thanks to Andy Kraus, Vice

President - Agencies for Farmers Mutual, who bought her the ticket after a chance meeting this summer at granddaughter Kisha's home.

"Andy asked her if she liked Husker volleyball and she said yes. He asked her what game would you like to go to and she said Penn State. After a month of two, Andy said, 'I've got the tickets, so bring Evelyn to Lincoln!'" said Kisha.

Players signed a poster for Evelyn and the announcer was given information to share on the air. During the announcing of the Husker team, player Lexi Rodriguez threw her little ball across the court to Evelyn. Whitney Lauenstein was also credited as one of the players who made it all happen. Evelyn was taken out on the court to have her photo taken with the Husker cheerleaders and Herbie Husker and she had the chance to meet many of the

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With Husker player Madi Kubik and Andy Kraus looking on, Husker middle blocker Bekka Allick signs a volleyball for Evelyn Gracey after the Nebraska vs. Penn State match in Lincoln on October 14.

Arnold Public School Interns Program Is Helping Seniors Decide on Career Path

By Janet Larreau

What career will you go into after graduating from high school? It's a question that all seniors are asked, but the answer isn't always that easy when you're only 17 or 18 years old. Talli Martin and her fellow senior classmates have been given the opportunity to begin an early in-depth exploration introduction into a career of their choice through the Arnold Public School Interns program.

"I'm not sure what career I want to pursue when I graduate, so I'm trying to get some real hands-on experiences to aid me when making that important decision. When I get older, I want to live in a small town, so I'm really trying to open my eyes to career fields offered in small communities," said Talli, who transferred to APS her freshman year in 2019 from Stapleton, as her family had heard how great of a school and community Arnold had.

Talli has been interning since the beginning of the school year. Her internship lasts for around an hour every day and she gets excused from school to go downtown. She started at Pinnacle Bank and just began

interning at the Sentinel and Oakbrook Physical Therapy. She chose these specific businesses because she has a wide range of interests.

"I went to the bank because my mom used to work at a bank and loved her job. Then I decided to go to the Sentinel, because I enjoy writing and English is one of my better subjects. Last, I picked Oakbrook Physical Therapy because I have a great love for sports. I figured if I was in the businesses and learned their everyday schedules, I might find one career that might stand out from the crowd. If not, at least I can cross those careers off my list and know that I don't want to go into that industry," she said. "The tellers at the bank and branch president Aaron Coleman were very helpful and nice. They taught me more about their everyday schedule, valuable customer service skills and how to handle money. I gained a great knowledge of the banking business and am very grateful for that experience. Not to mention, I was able to connect to others throughout the community and meet more community members."

Talli is now excited to start something new and fresh, but she won't forget what she was taught at the bank and will just keep building on her skills. She

is very grateful for the business owners' cooperation and for their patience. She said she can't wait to learn more about these businesses and to connect to more people throughout the community while learning valuable skills of different careers.

"I think the internship program is very important," she said. "We are fortunate to have the great school we have, as not a lot of schools offer opportunities like this one. For me, I can't just look up jobs and decide my whole future on research. I need to interact and get hands-on experience. I know so many people who think they want to (enter) a career, but once they step foot in the job they change their mind. Not to mention, I think it is important to get out there and learn valuable everyday skills you will use in life. I want to be prepared when I get out in the workforce. Who knows where I will be next!"

The whole senior class is taking advantage of the internship program. Devin Peterson goes to the Arnold Medical Clinic and Oakbrook Physical Therapy; Anna Starr goes to Touch of Grace Massage Therapy & Spa and Bierman Veterinary Services; Lance Jones interns at Mills Hardware; and Silas Cool and Clay Witthuhn travel to North Platte to a vet clinic and



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Talli Martin began an internship at The *Arnold Sentinel* on October 17. It's just one of the internships that Talli and her fellow senior classmates are taking advantage of throughout their senior year to help them decide on a career path.

have been getting to help appraise land.

The Arnold Public School Interns program was developed not only to help students begin an introduction into a career of their choice, but also to allow area business and industry to begin to train and work with a student who may become a future part of the community or

area. With the current rise and demand in workforce recruitment and retention, smaller communities and areas are facing a tough challenge. To meet that challenge, communities are turning towards internships for the answer. The program may even discover future business leaders.