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Employee Spotlight: Jeff Daniels

--By Sierra Daniels, Junior

Jeff Daniels is the Biology teacher at Northeast Christian High School. He taught school at other schools like Ralls County, Brashear, and Novinger. He started teaching in 1981 and has been a teacher for about 40 years all together. Mr. Daniels always liked science, and God led him into teaching science. God opened and closed doors to different opportunities, "Once I got into education He showed me how to shape young minds," he said. "I enjoy that we get to create experiments and

that the technology is always changing." His favorite thing to do is family get-togethers and good high school basketball games. Mr. Daniels is not only a teacher but he enjoys fishing and gardening, he owns some cattle with his brother, and he has some horses. He married Jennifer Daniels who is a paraprofessional at Adair County R-1 and weaves baskets on the side. They have two biological sons and five adopted kids. (Mr. Daniels is pictured above, back row, left.)



NCHS Spirit Week October 25-29

--By Tori Mills, Freshman

Monday	No BP and PJ Day -DOUBLE DAY!! It's a mix of anything but a backpack day (including no tote bags, be creative!!) and Pajama Day, which you are allowed to wear socks and house shoes (NO BARE FEET)
Tuesday	Senior Citizen Day -you are old now, so act like it! (and dress like it too duh)
Wednesday	SWAP Day -where teachers get to dress up like kids again, and students get to dress up like the teachers(and this does NOT mean the students are teaching class)
Thursday	Show Me Your Faith -so show me your best Christain apparel or anything to do with Biblical characters
Friday	Service Day - going to Shelbyville (wear your school shirt)

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Adair Co. Humane Society
--By Elaine Larson, Sophomore

NCHS has a service day every other Friday. On these Fridays the students go to a business in the NEMO area, and help them with whatever they need for that morning. On October 15 they went to The Adair County Humane Society in order to help them organize their dog food storage container.

The Humane Society was established in 1990 by Kirksville's own Girl Scouts, in order to give stray animals a home and get them off the streets. The Humane Society's mission is to provide a loving and safe environment for the homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in the Adair County area while ultimately finding loving and caring homes for every single one. Assistant manager Corey Acton, has worked at this Humane Society for about three and a half years. His favorite part of the job is, "I get to see them go home and see them happy, and see the people happy."

When Acton opened the door to the storage container, the students were met with a mountain of dog food and toys. Acton gave them directions on what to do with the contents and the students got to work. Pulling it all out they sorted it, placed the food in piles sorted by expiration dates. By the time the storage unit doors were closed again, the food was sorted and their minds were filled with the happy memories of the silly moments they shared. The students' work was needed at the Humane Society, "We really appreciate it, it helps out a lot. A lot of time it's finding time to do those things that we may not have time to do," said Acton.

Next service day is on October 29 and the students will be traveling to the Tiny House Ministries in Shelbyville.



October 22	No Class
October 25-29	Spirit Week
October 28, 5-7 PM	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 29	Service Day, Tiny House Ministries, Shelbyville

--By Justice Atchley, Freshman

October 29 Service Day:

Tiny House Ministries/NCHS/ Tri-County Christian Schools Shelbyville, MO

Task: Construction. This service day we will be working alongside Tri-County Christian Schools' 8th graders, helping to rebuild a house that burned down in Shelbyville. We will be drilling holes and pulling new wiring, installing drywall, and other indoor construction projects.

Notes: THANK YOU to Countryside Christian Church for allowing the use of their bus to transport NCHS students to service days.

What to wear: Clothes you can get dirty, gloves, closed-toe shoes (thick soled boots if possible)

What to bring: Cold lunch (water will be provided by NCHS)