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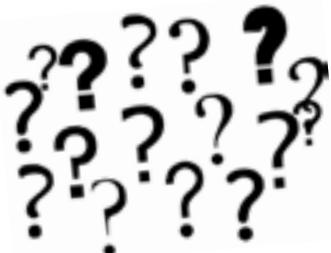
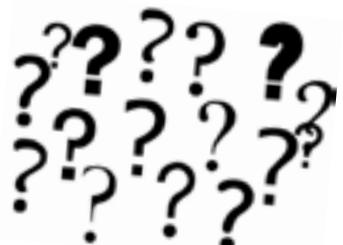
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# Guess that... Bucket List



Try to match each Bucket List item  
with the teacher it belongs too!



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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Go kayaking through the Grand Canyon
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Spend time in all 50 states
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Be head football coach for the Dallas Cowboys

Answers can be found in next  
month's newsletter!



# The Start of the Journey



Pictured above is your 2019-2020 South Loup boys basketball team.

Back Row (L to R): Reagan Ross, Bryant Leeper, Jake Halstead, Owen Stallbaumer, and Colbi Smith. Middle Row (L to R): Silas Cool, Lance Jones, and Jonathan Lamphear. Front Row (L to R): Jace Connell, Grant Jones, Trevor Ross, and Eddie Berger. Not Pictured: Drew Vickers, Sam Cool, and Connor Rosfeld.

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

The 2019-2020 basketball season has arrived for your South Loup Bobcats. The Bobcats started practice on Monday, November 18th, and have been hard at work ever since. South Loup is returning two starters and eleven letter winners from last season.

When asked how he is feeling going into this season, Senior Jace Connell said, "I feel really good

going into this season. We have a few guys that could go off for 20 points during any game. We have a great shooter in Eddie Berger and two good posts in Drew Vickers and Grant Jones."

When asked this same question, Head Coach Jeff Cole added, "I'm very excited for this season. We played really well this summer and we have some great athletes and ball players on our team. If we

execute and take care of the ball we will be a tough out for anybody we play."

The Bobcats' first games will be Friday, December 6th against Twin Loup in Sargent. Come and support your South Loup Bobcats!

## Meet The Team South Loup Lady Bobcats Basketball

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The South Loup Lady Cats are ready to kick off their season! Their first game is December 6th against Twin Loup. Then, they turn around and play their next game the day after that on the 7th. This game will be against Amherst.

The Lady Cats have been working very hard in practice and are ready to show their crowds all the work they've put in.

"I think as long as we work as a team this season will be very successful! We

need to make smart decisions and not freak out about little things. I think I'm most excited for the Pleasanton game because they're such a good team and it'll be a fast-paced game that will really help us," said Calyn Laible.



Front Row (l to r): Lauryn Johnson, Mya Weverka, Kalie Glendy, Jessie Sallach, Calyn Liable, Jadeyn Bubak and Bailey Schwarz

Middle Row (l to r): Ava Pandorf, Kacee Dvorak, Taylor Ross, Megan Donegan, Irelyn Rosfeld, Faith Bierman and Halie Recoy

Back Row (l to r): Nadeema Hidle, Isabelle Stallbaumer, Laney Badgley, Landyn Cole, Jayden Hanna, Abby Stallbaumer and Talli Martin

Not Pictured: Emalee Glendy and Heidi Donegan

## Breakfast and Lunch Prices

### Breakfast:

K-12 \$1.50

Adults \$1.75

### Grab-N-Go Break Prices:

\$0.45-\$0.65

### Ala Carte Choices by Students:

\$0.70-\$2.20

### Lunch:

K-5 \$2.60,

7-12 \$2.85,

Adults \$3.85

## A Great JH Season

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

The junior high wrestling season has come to a close. The young Bobcats traveled to Anselmo-Merna for their last meet Monday, December 9th, where they placed 2nd overall. Coming up 15.5 points shy of Amherst.

As I sat down with Mr. Phelps and recapped the year with him, he was excited to tell me about how well the team did this year.

Our South Loup team had

came back and avenged his loss with a pin of 2 minutes. Our other wrestlers held strong this season, averaging 6 champions a meet.

"It was a great year. It was so much fun being at these tournaments with so many wrestlers, it was nice being in the corner so often," said coach Phelps.

The team showed improvement with every match. Every single kid got better, and by the A- M meet, the team placed sec-



Junior High Team poses with their 2nd place trophy. Pictured: Backrow L to R: Coach Phelps, Chance Dishman, Brendan Streit, Louie Doyle, Cache Gracey, Rio Remund, Joey Sallach, Harper Johnson, AJ Starr, Colton Hicks, and Coach Williams. Middle Row: Jamie Tickle, Brady Brestel, William Moninger, Ethan Furne, Trey Connell, Dawson Doggett, Bo Brennan, and Kyle Bloomer. Front row: Dawson Mason, and Logan Recoy.

a lot of new kids this season, kids that had never wrestled before. The team averaged 21-23 wrestlers at every meet and had an overall win/ loss record of 134-120. We had some 8th graders that really stepped it up this year as well. Rio Remund went undefeated on the season. Joey Sallach lost once, but

ond. Granted A-M was the only tournament to keep team score, and we probably would've placed at a majority of the tournaments we attended.

This A-M trophy was coach Phelps first South Loup trophy, and what a wonderful place to start.

## The Dream Season

One of my favorite things about volleyball season is the amazing support week after week from our fans. This backing impacts us as players, and we are so grateful for our communities.

But, when people come to watch us, they see the polished, finished product, not the raw moments.

Where fans might remember the best plays of each game, what we as players remember is the time inbetween.

When I look back and reflect on this season and past years, what I remember is never the stats.

It is the laughter and the inside jokes. It is the unpolished moments at practice and the bus ride to games. Some of the very best seconds of my life have been spent dancing in a locker room.

The friendships made in volleyball are like none other. With out a doubt, I can say that the girls I



step onto the court with game after game are my best friends.

This season was full of successes for us as team. Winning our first conference champion was a feeling that I will never forget.

But, it wasn't just the win, it was the moments along the way like the one shown in the picture above.

Those hugs are what I will remember when I reflect back on that day.

Take the picture at the bottom

of the page. It was amazing to win the Seven Valleys Tournament for

the fourth year in a row. Another plaque is not what is important, though. The celebration after



## The Insider

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Junior

It's using stamps on each other before games so our forearms secretly have cheesy sayings like, "You Rock," or "100 percent."

It's the early morning practices where we're all still half asleep. It's the summer leagues and camps through out summer.

So next time when the fans come to watch, I hope they remember that our team is so much more than our top plays.

We are the blood, sweat, and tears given in practice; the never ending laughter and jokes. But, most importantly, we are a never ending family.



Reagan had the game winning point is what is ingrained in my mind.

As I consider my favorite moments from this sport, a reel of memories swirl through my

# Bobcats Show a Strong Start to Season

By: Landyn Cole, APS Junior

## Bobcats Secure the Win at Season Opener

SARGENT—On Friday, December 6, the South Loup boys basketball team traveled to Sargent to play the Twin Loup Wolves for their 2019 season opener. The Bobcat boys' quickness on defense and well-run offense won them the game, with the final score being 60-25.

"The boys did an outstanding job on the defensive end, forcing 30 turnovers, most of which resulted in layups on the offensive end. There was good balance offensively, with points spread out among the team," said head coach Jeff Cole.

The Bobcats were on fire in the first half, scoring 49 of their 60 points in the first two quarters; they put up 31 points in just the second quarter. Senior guard Jace Connell contributed 12 of these points, and Junior Drew Vickers added 10.

"The season opener was good. We got to knock off some rust before taking on Amherst, who we knew was going to be a good team," said Connell.



Jace Connell takes the outside jumper.

## Bobcats Beat the Trojans from the Line

ARNOLD—The South

Loup Bobcat boys basketball team took the win over the Cambridge Trojans on Friday, December 13. The game was a hard-fought battle from the beginning; the Bobcats finished on top, with the final score being 66-59.

The outstanding defensive effort made by the Bobcats held the Wolves to just 14 points in the first half. South Loup swiped the ball from the Wolves a total of 19 times. Senior post Connor Rosfeld fin-

Senior Eddie Berger was on fire from behind the arc, making 4 of his 5 attempted 3-point shots. He was also strong from the line, putting in 10 of his 12 free throws. Berger finished as leading scorer, with 22 total points.

Senior Grant Jones was a force to be reckoned with in the paint. He finished the game with 16 points, 6 of which came from free throws. He finished with 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and a block.

The Bobcats' win can be attributed to their success on the free throw line. While the Trojans outshot the SLB boys from both behind the 3-point line and from the inside, the Bobcats dominated the free-throw line. The Bobcats had 34 free throw attempts, shooting 64%, the Trojan's only had 9 attempts, and shot under 50%.

"We shot the ball well; our free throws won us the game," said Head Coach Jeff Cole.

The boys are getting better with each game. Their aggressiveness is winning them ball games.

ished with 4 steals of his own.

With 4 steals of his own

# Bobcats Battle Against the Broncos

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Saturday, December 7th, the South Loup basketball teams made the trip to Amherst to take on the Broncos. The Amherst boys have always been tough opponents for the Bobcats so the team knew that they would have to play some good basketball, to come out with the win.

The JV boys played well for their first game of the season, but were unable to come away with the win losing 60-30.

When asked how he thought the game went, Freshman Silas Cool said, "The first half we just tried to play too fast. The second half we finally calmed down and started to play pretty good."

South Loup played some very solid basketball in the first half and were only behind by one point

going into halftime with the score being 25-26. Despite the Bobcat's stellar defense, the Broncos shot the ball extremely well in the second half to pull away and won 64-39. Amherst shot an exceptional 50% from the field and 53% from the three-point line.

When asked about the game, Senior Jace Connell said, "Our defense kept us in the game in the first half but we couldn't make many shots the second half and they seemed to be making every shot they took."

Leading in scoring for the Bobcats was Jace Connell with 17 points and also had 4 assists. Not far behind was Grant Jones and Drew Vickers who both had 9 points. Vickers also snagged 7 rebounds.



Junior Drew Vickers contests an Amherst three pointer on Saturday, December 7th.

## Home is Where the Meet's At!

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

After a weekend off for weather, our Bobcat wrestlers were itching to get a couple more matches under their belts. Where better to do this than on their home mats?

Sadly Dalton Kunkee decided to take the weekend off after tweaking his shoulder at a prior meet. We are hoping to see him

next weekend at the Greely meet.

"Sitting in the corner, I saw a lot of good things from my teammates. I hope to be back next week and be better than ever," said 'coach' Dalton Kunkee.

We host a big meet with impressive wrestlers. This made for a difficult day for the Cats, with only Logan Peterson placing and placing

fourth.

"The Arnold meet was the toughest meet for me personally. There was a lot of competition, but our team worked hard to try and place," said Logan Peterson.

After this tough meet, the team hurried home to rest up for the Mullen Invite on Saturday.

# Bobcats Take On the Bulldogs

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Saturday, December 14th, your South Loup Bobcats took on the Pleasanton Bulldogs. After a good win against Cambridge the night prior, the bobcats were feeling confident going into this tough game.

The JV boys played a tough-fought game and had some good success running their offenses. Their effort was not quite enough though, as the Bulldogs came out on top winning 37-31.

When asked how he thinks the team can improve going forward, freshman Lance Jones said, "I think we need to improve on not fouling as much and attacking the rim more."

In the varsity game, South Loup had a successful first quarter and were only down 12-14 going into the second quarter. In the second quarter though, Pleasanton went on a big run, outscoring the Bobcats 17-4 and made the score 16-31 going into the half. South

Loup did have a more positive second half, outscoring the Bulldogs



Seniors Eddie Berger and Jace Connell play solid defense against a Pleasanton player.

13-8 in the third quarter and 9-7 in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, these efforts were not quite enough with the final score being 38-46 in favor of Pleasanton.

Leading in scoring for the

Bobcats was senior Eddie Berger with 12 points. Not far behind him was fellow senior Jace Connell who had 9 points and Junior Drew Vickers who had 8 points. Vickers also had a good night on the boards, pulling in 8 rebounds. A big highlight of Saturday's game was the number of charges South Loup drew. The Bobcats drew 5 charges in the game and Jace Connell tied the single-game record by drawing 4 of the team's 5 charges. Jace is now co-record holders with his brother Cade Connell and other South Loup alumni Spencer Johnson.

"We let a lot of things slip on defense and our press wasn't very effective. As we get more into the season I think we need to work on our defense and learn to play better as a team," said Junior, Drew Vickers.

The Bobcat's next game will be Friday, December 20th, vs. Medicine Valley in Arnold. Come and support your South Loup Bobcats!

## Making Up For Lost Meets

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

It is hard on a wrestling team to lose two meets. Our MNAC friends in Mullen knew we needed to get some matches in before Districts, which are coming upon us shortly. Coach Phelps and Mrs. Walz were eager to take the opportunity.

"It was important for us to have another competition. You can't get better by simply practicing, you

have to have competition to improve," said Coach Phelps.

We first had to go through NSAA to get this change in the schedule approved. After this was done all the Cats had to do was accept the invite. Our wrestlers had a pretty good day to boot, having three medal, and one a place short of medaling.

"I'm just going to keep prac-

ticing and trying to improve," said Carson Mason.

Junior Logan Peterson (113) placed first on the day. Junior Carson Mason (132) received third. Senior Suzy Huesman placed fourth in the Mullen meet with a pin on the day. Clay Withuhn placed fifth, but did not medal.

The Bobcats will be in Greeley, Nebraska January 31st.

# Boys Dominate in Holiday Tournament

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

The South Loup Boys basketball team kicked off the new year in style by winning the Maxwell Holiday Basketball Tournament for the fifth year in a row. Due to inclement weather, the tournament was rescheduled so the first day of games were played December 31st, and the second day of games were played January 2nd.

On Tuesday, December 31st, the Bobcat Boys kicked off the tournament by taking on the Sandhills Valley Mavericks. South Loup had a lot of success getting the ball inside and getting good looks at the basket. At halftime, the Bobcats led the Mavericks 33-25. In the second half, the boys played some stellar defense and had a lot of success in their press. The Bobcats pulled away, outscoring the Mavericks 15-9 in the third quarter and 23-10 in the fourth quarter.

South Loup had a lot of success on offense with four players ending the game with double digit points. Junior Drew Vickers had 19 points, seniors Grant Jones and Eddie Berger both had 15 points, and fellow senior Jace Connell had 10 points. The Bobcats also had a

successful game on the boards with Jones pulling in 9 rebounds and Vickers pulling in 6. Jace Connell also ended the game with 10 assists.

On Thursday, January 1st, the South Loup boys were looking to off new with na-win took Ea-the pi-



Senior Grant Jones wins game. the jump ball against the It was Sandhills Valley player a pretty even game at the end of the first quarter as the Bobcats were up 20-14. A big turning point in the game came toward the end of the second quarter. A scramble for the ball resulted in an intentional foul called on Lucas Simmons of Brady. Simmons then exchanged words with some of South Loup's players and the referees. These events resulted in two technical fouls being called

on Simmons and him being ejected from the game. South Loup's Eddie Berger then stepped to the foul line and made all four of his free throws. At the end of the first half, the Bobcats led 33-30. In the second half, the Bobcats were able to play solid defense and also moved the ball very well on offense, outscoring Brady 16-7 in the third quarter and 14-13 in the fourth quarter.

"We shared the ball very well against their zone defense to get easy shots. One thing we do need to improve on though, is executing our offensive sets better." Said senior Eddie Berger.

Leading in scoring for South Loup was Senior Grant Jones with 20 points and fellow senior Eddie Berger who had 18 points. Junior Drew Vickers had 10 points and also pulled in 6 rebounds. Fellow Junior Trevor Ross also had a decent game on the boards, pulling in 5 rebounds of his own.

South Loup's next games are Thursday, January 9th in Dunning and Saturday, January 11th in Bertrand.

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## Maxwell Holiday Tournament

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The first game that the South Loup Lady Cats played was against Sandhills Valley. Sandhills Valley is a new co-op by Stapleton and McPherson County. The Lady Cats swept the floor and won 59-18. In the first quarter the Lady Bobcats scored 18 and Sandhills Valley scored 7. The Lady Cats scored 21 in the second quarter and S/V scored 4. The Lady Bobcats finished the third and fourth

quarters 12-7, and 8-0.

"The Sandhills/Valley game went really good. I'm so proud of my team and everything we've accomplished so far and I can't wait to see what the games coming up will be like," said Jessie Sallach.

The second game the South Loup Lady Bobcats played was against Maxwell. The girls had a very successful game and again won, 46-32. Everyone was

so proud of the Lady Cats and their success of the Maxwell Holiday Tournament.

"I felt very proud of our team especially after how we played during the two tournament games. Our hard work in practice and all the hours we put in definitely paid off. I'm so excited to be able to work with my amazing team and wouldn't want it any other way," said Mya Weverka.

## Bobcats Play Great Against Panthers

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Tuesday, January 7th, your South Loup Bobcats took on the Hershey Panthers. The Panthers came into the game with an impressive 6-2 record so the 5-2 Bobcats knew it was going to be a tough-fought game.

The JV boys started the night off. South Loup played well against Hershey's fast paced play in the first half and the score at the half was 12-18 in favor of Hershey. The Bobcats were not able to keep their intensity for the whole game though and the Panthers made a big run in the second half. The final score was 40-14 in favor of Hershey.

"We did some good things on defense but we just need to focus more on not turning the ball over and running our offenses better." Said Freshman Kaden Paulsen.

South Loup came into the

varsity game focused and ready.

Connell.

Leading in scoring for South Loup was Jace Connell, who had 18 points on the night. Not far behind him was fellow Senior Grant Jones, who had 10 points. Jones and Junior, Drew Vickers also had a good night on the boards, both pulling in 7 rebounds.



Junior Drew Vickers goes up for the layup against the Hershey defender.

# Bobcats Enter Bronco Nation

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior  
On January 11, our Bobcat wrestlers traveled to Amherst, Nebraska



Logan Peterson sprawling to keep opponent at bay.

for their first meet after winter break. It was not an easy meet, but we still had some placers. Logan Peterson (113) and Dalton Kunkee (160) both placed fourth on the day.

Tanner Brown (106) started his first match strong, however his opponent stuck him. He then lost his second match, putting an end to his day in Amherst.

Logan Peterson (113) won in quarter finals, but then faced a familiar face, Zach Dickau, loosing to him with a fall time of 5:25. Logan went on to win his consolation match with a pin of 1:52, sending him to the finals for 3rd and 4th place. Peterson ended the day after losing to Jesse Saucedo of Shelton. Senior, Suzy Huesman (126), also saw a familiar opponent this past weekend. She took on Cyrus Wells

for her first match. Wells bested Huesman, pinning her in a fall time of 14 seconds. She then went on to lose to Amherst's Reagan Gallaway, ending her day in Amherst. Carson Mason (132) lost his first round to Chase Stieb of Arcadia/ Loup City. He then went on to pin his next opponent in 1:12. Sadly, Mason lost by decision 7-0 in his consolation semi match.

Talon Crago (138) lost to Klingelhoefer of Amherst in a fall time of 1:50. He then went on to win by decision over Jorges from Hi- Line, 9-8. However, Crago fell short in round three of consolation, losing by major decision, 10-2.

Colby Streit (152) lost twice in the morning both pins. After a bye during round 1, he wrestled Kuester from Neligh- Oakdale in Quarter finals. Falling to Kuester in 55 seconds, he then went on to fall to Ripkin Gallaway of Amherst in 30 seconds.

Dalton Kunkee (160) pulled some amazing moves in his first match, including the fireman and the twister. These moves helped him pull off a 35 second pin. In semi finals, Kunkee held on till the second period, but lost to Schutz of Hi- Line. Consolation semi finals treated Kunkee well with a fall over Sears of Arcadia/ Loup City, sending him on to wrestle for 3rd and 4th. Hollander of Amherst got the best of Kunkee in 3rd place match, with a fall time of 3:18.

"I have improved through out the

year, and I am proud of where I am at, considering I have basically just started wrestling in junior high," said Clay Witthuhn. "It was a difficult meet, I hadn't faced any of those wrestlers this year. But I still took away lessons from each match and will continue to improve." Clay Witthuhn lost to Kaup after his bye in the quarterfinals. After another bye, Witthuhn lost to Brody Bogard of Amherst, in a fall of 1:33.

"I see this team continuing to improve every week. I have seen Talon and Clay improve from the beginning of the season," said Coach Phelps. "We will continue to work



Talon Crago getting ready to throw his opponent

on the basics everyday, because basics win matches." Our Bobcats have a double meet weekend coming up. Friday they head to Sumner for the SEM Invite, then on to Shelton on Saturday.

# Bobcats Best The Knights

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Thursday, January 9th, South Loup took the trip up to Dunning to take on the Sandhills-Thedford Knights. After getting a great win against Hershey a couple days prior, the Bobcats came into this game with a lot of confidence. South Loup Senior Eddie Berger could not compete in this game due to illness, so the Bobcats knew other players were going to have to step up to account for this.

The evening was kicked off with three quarters of JV boys that was very exciting. The Bobcats had quite a bit of success running their offensive sets and also had success in their defensive press. After three very back and forth quarters, the game was tied and went into overtime. Unfortunately, the Knights converted a basket that put them up by two points with under ten seconds left and the Bobcats were not able to get a shot off during their next possession. The final score was 38-36 in favor of the Knights.

"I think we executed our defense and press the best we had

## South Loup Girls vs. Sandhills-Thedford

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The South Loup Bobcats had an all around amazing night winning every game they played against Sandhills-Thedford. Unfortunately, the JV girls did not have a game due to the shortage of players from S/T.

After the JV boys played, the Varsity girls got ready to take

"I think we played pretty well. Our ball pressure created a lot of turnovers and we scored well with our offensive sets. We need to improve our rebounding but all in all this game was a good experience for us young freshman." Said Freshman Lance Jones

In the varsity game, Junior Sam Cool stepped up and took the starting spot of the ill Eddie Berger. South Loup came out with great defensive intensity and ran their offensive sets very well in the first half, outscoring the Knights 14-6 in the first quarter and 4-2 in the second quarter. Sandhills-Thedford came out and played the Bobcats closer in the second half, but South Loup kept up their defensive pressure and continued to execute their offensive sets very well. The Bobcats outscored the Knights 10-9 in the third quarter and 14-10 in the fourth quarter, winning the game 42-27.

Junior Sam Cool goes up for the contested layup.

game.

"I thought the game went very well last night. We used a lot of the offenses that we have been working on and they went really well. Our bench did a really good job of coming in and playing hard," said Jessie Sallach.



# South Loup Dominates Against Bertrand

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Saturday, January 11th, the Bobcats made the trip down to Bertrand to take on the Vikings.

The JV boys game was a tough fought game with a lot of physical play. The Vikings put a lot of defensive pressure on the Bobcats which caused South Loup to turn the ball over a lot. The Bobcats did play well in the fourth quarter, but their efforts were not quite enough. The final score was 47-32 in favor of the Vikings.

"We finally calmed down and started playing better in the fourth quarter. We started running our offenses better and not turning the ball over so much. We just need to work on playing better as a team and not getting so ahead of ourselves." Said Sophomore Owen Stallbaumer

With South Loup Senior Trevor Ross out with a rolled ankle, Junior Sam Cool once again stepped up and started for the Bobcats. South Loup put the pressure on Bertrand right off the bat, pressing them full-court and running their fastbreaks very well. South Loup absolutely dominated the Vikings in the first half, out-scoring them 23-9 in the first quar-

ter and 20-8 in the second quarter. Bertrand did play very well in the second half, outscoring South Loup 21-16 in the third quarter, and playing even with the Bobcats 14-14 in the fourth quarter. This small comeback did not frighten South Loup and they stayed in the game and kept their defensive pressure. The final score was 73-52 in favor of the Bobcats.

"We came out with a lot of energy and shared the ball very well on offense. We also ran our offensive sets super well and we pretty much got whatever we wanted on offense." Said Junior Drew Vickers.

South Loup had a very successful offensive night with all five starters ending in double digits for points. Senior Eddie Berger and Junior Drew Vickers were co-leading scorers both ending the game with 15 points. Senior Jace Connell had 12 points along with 13 assists. Fellow Senior Grant Jones had 10 points and also snagged 5 rebounds. Junior Sam Cool had 11 points and also ended with an impressive 7 steals.

The Bobcats next games will be Friday, January 17th in Maxwell and Saturday, January 18th in Brady.



Senior Jace Connell takes the free throw against the Vikings.



Senior Grant Jones goes up for the layup against the Bertrand defender

## South Loup Girls vs. Bertrand

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The South Loup Bobcats had a rough start to their night on January 11th with the JV boys losing, but recovered and won all the games played after that. After not having a game against Sandhills-Thedford, the JV girls were fired up to finally play. They ended up winning their game with a lot of hustle.

"I thought we worked as a team very well," said Taylor Ross.

The varsity girls also continued their winning streak and won against Bertrand. The girls had a lot of hustle and it definitely paid off. They are all very excited to continue working hard in practice and for their next games.



Juniors Jadeyn Bubak and Bailey Schwarz play some stellar defense against the Bertrand player.

"As a team, we did a really good job defensively against Bertrand. Holding a team to 9 points shows our effort and defensive pressure. I'm really proud of our team chemistry and I'm excited to see us improve even more in the future," said Jadeyn Bubak.

# Boys Take on Brady

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Saturday, January 18th, the Bobcats made the trip down to Brady to take on the Eagles for the second time this season. Last time these two teams met, South Loup came out on top and were hoping to do the same thing a second time.

The JV boys started off the night by playing two quarters. The JV game was a very close game for both quarters, with each team playing very physical on the defensive end. With about 15 seconds left in the game, South Loup had a look at the basket to put them in the lead but unfortunately could not convert it. The final score was 27-26 in favor of Brady.

In the varsity game, the Bobcats had their foot on the gas from the very beginning, executing their offensive sets very well and playing really solid defense. South Loup also did a great job of moving the ball on offense which resulted in them getting a lot of uncontested shots. The Bobcats outscored

Brady 20-9 in the first quarter, 16-6 in the second quarter, 15-12 in the third quarter, and 14-9 in the fourth quarter. The final score was 65-36 with South Loup coming out on top.

"We are starting to share the ball a lot better on offense which helps our shooters get open and hit their shots. One thing we still need to improve on is shooting better from the free throw line." Said Senior Trevor Ross.

Senior Grant Jones had a fantastic game ending with 21 points and also snagging 13 rebounds. Fellow Senior Eddie Berger also had a successful game, hitting 4 three-pointers and ending the game with 13 points. Senior Jace Connell greatly helped out the team's scorers, dishing out 11 assists.

The Bobcats' next game will be Tuesday, January 21st in Loup City.



Senior Jace Connell takes it in for a layup against a Brady defender.



Senior Grant Jones takes the free throw.



Kalie Glendy and Calyn Laible defending the ball.

## South Loup Girls vs. Arcadia-Loup City

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

After traveling to Loup City Tuesday the 21st, the South Loup Bobcats were ready to take on Arcadia-Loup City. The first game that was played was the JV girls.

The JV girls had another excellent night to start off the week. The girls won their game. This was a great way to start off the week and the girls are ready for their next game.

"I'd say all the point made

during the game were crucial, but my favorite point was the free throw thrown at the end of the game," said Izzy Stallbaumer.

After the JV boys played, the varsity girls warmed up and were ready to give it their all. Once again, the girls showed how hard they've been working in practice and ended the night with a win. The final score was 51-36. They have had a fantastic season on and off the court with

communication skills, rebounding, and remembering all their plays.

"Id say our defense and getting around screens was the strongest points of the game. Also we went hard all four quarters and never let up. The win doesn't satisfy me as much as the fact that we held them to their lowest score all season, like that's pretty awesome," said Calyn Laible.

## South Loup Girls vs. Brady

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The South Loup Lady Bobcats traveled down to Brady, Saturday the 18th. This was the second time the Lady Cats went up against the Brady Eagles. The first time the girls challenged the Brady Eagles, which was during the Maxwell Holiday Tournament, they won.

To start off the night, the first game that was played was the

that game and were ready to take on the next.

"With lots of communication and hard work we were able to have a win like we did. I am very pleased with my team and the younger girls who were put in towards the end of the game," said Kalie Glendy.

# Boys Take on the Rebels

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Tuesday, January 21st, the Bobcats traveled to Loup City to take on the Arcadia-Loup City Rebels. The JV boys started the night off by taking on Arcadia-Loup City's tough JV team. In the first half, the Bobcats struggled against the Rebels' fast-paced play, being outscored 16-9 in the first quarter and 13-8 in the second quarter. South Loup did start taking better care of the ball and executing better in the second half. Unfortunately, their efforts were not enough as the Rebels won 37-48.

Right from the tip-off, the boys varsity game was a back and forth battle. South Loup did a great job of getting good looks at the basket on offense and the Rebels did a great job of running their fastbreaks. The Bobcats had control through the first 3 quarters, outscoring Arcadia-Loup City 11-8 in the first quarter, 15-11 in the second quarter, and 17-15 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the Rebels increased their defensive pressure which caused South Loup to turn the ball over quite a bit. Arcadia-Loup City went on a big run in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 16-4. The Bobcats were down 57-60 with under one second left on the clock. They inbounded the ball but unfortunately could not get a shot off. The Rebels took the win 57-60.



Senior Grant Jones goes up strong for the layup

## Doing Our Part

The 9th graders of the National Junior Honor Society at Arnold Public Schools have been giving out recycling baskets to all the high school and elementary classrooms. Every Friday, they gather up all of the paper, plastic, and aluminum from the baskets and take them down to the town recycling bins.

"I think we executed really well to start the game, but once they increased the pressure it really affected our performance. This was a good game to learn from. The more we face pressure the better we will be against it." Said Senior Connor Rosfeld.

Junior Drew Vickers played a great game, finishing with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Seniors Jace Connell and Grant Jones also played very well. Connell finished with 10 assists along with 9 points and Jones snagged 10 rebounds and also had 5 points. As a team, the Bobcats shot 83% from the free throw line, 25% from the three point line, and 54% inside the three point line.



Did you know that you no longer have to separate tin, plastic, and aluminum cans at our town recycling center?

# Bobcats Face the Spartans

By: Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Thursday, January 23rd, the Bobcats went to Ansley to take on the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans. The JV boys started it off by playing a tough-fought, 3 quarter game. The Spartans started off the game strong, going on a big run to start out the first quarter. The Bobcats made a comeback in the second half, sending the game into overtime. Unfortunately, South Loup was unable to take over during overtime and lost \_\_\_\_.

The Bobcats came into the varsity game looking to avenge their loss against Arcadia-Loup City the previous tuesday. South Loup started off the game very similar to how they started against

Arcadia-Loup City. The Bobcats did a good job of getting the ball inside and getting good looks at the basket. South Loup outscored the Spartans 17-14 in the first quarter and 12-8 in the second quarter. Just like Arcadia-Loup City, Ansley-Litchfield increased their defensive pressure in the second half. This flustered the Bobcats and caused them to turn the ball over. The Spartans outscored the Bobcats 18-17 in the third quarter and 16-8 in the fourth quarter. With 5 seconds left in the game, South Loup was down by two points. The Bobcats inbounded the ball and drove it up the court but unfortunately, they couldn't get a shot to fall. Ansley-Litchfield won the game 56-54.

"We need to treat every possession like the game depends on it. We also need to make free throws throughout the game and down the stretch." Said Senior Eddie Berger



Senior Grant Jones looks for the open man

## Success in Sutherland

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

The Sutherland invite, a long day of wrestling for the South Loup team. Our wrestlers made the trip Saturday, December 21. The team placed 16th out of 26 with 47 points on the day.

Tanner Brown went 1-2 on the day, getting his first win of the season. The win resulted in a pin with a fall time of 2 minutes.

Logan Peterson, who is 13-3 on the season, got first place at the Sutherland meet. He hadn't wrestled any of his opponents that he faced in Sutherland and didn't know what to expect. Peterson won by tech fall twice on the morning, this means that he was 15 points ahead of the other wrestler. He then went on to pin his third opponent, won by major decision against the fourth, and sealed the

deal against Tristin Grooms of Mullen with a pin.

Carson Mason Lost in his quarter final after having a bye the first round. He then went on to win both of his consolation rounds by major decision and a pin. But fell short of placing, loosing to Garrett Latimer of Southwest.

Suzy Huesman, Lila Bloomer, and Talon Crago had rougher days, loosing their first two matches and being done for the day. Dalton Kunkee also had a rough day. He won his first match with a fall time of 51 seconds. But then went on to loose his next two matches.

"It was a tough meet, and I didn't do my best," said Talon Crago. "But the team and I will come back after break ready to work and gets some more wins under our belts."

Someone who didn't have such a rough day was Colby Streit. He was undefeated throughout the day. In his JV round robin he beat all of his opponents with pins. His fall times were, 0:22, 0:42, 0:58, and 0:36. His famous move was taking them down for two and using the twister to stick them.

"The team had a rough go of it, but some of us were fortunate to come out with some wins." Said Streit

Clay Witthuhn also had a good day. He won his first match, but lost his quarterfinal to Bryan Zutavern, the champ of the day. But came back to win the next two consolation matches with pins of 2:23, and 4 minutes. But lost to Tyler Wolf in the consolation semi-finals.

# First Weekend , Come and Gone...

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

The 2019-2020 Bobcat wrestling season is underway folks. The Cats made their way to Broken Bow Saturday, December 7, for their first meet on the season. The Bow meet, aside from Districts and State, in one of the biggest, hardest meets that the wrestlers will attend this year. There are a total of 13 schools and a majority of them are class C schools. Our team held their own, placing 9th overall.

Out of our 9 wrestlers, South Loup took two to finals. Juniors Logan Peterson (113) and Dalton Kunkee (160), pinned their way to finals.

Sitting first seed, Logan had byes his first two rounds. This didn't have much of an effect on Peterson.

In the third round he pinned his opponent, with a fall time of 1:03. In the finals he held his own against Owen Sack of St. Paul. Peterson took second place on Saturday after being pinned, with a fall time of 5:12.

"The meet went well overall. It was a challenging, but good way to start off the season," says Logan Peterson.

Kunkee started with two byes in the morning, but again this did not stop the Junior Bobcat. Pulling out a crowd pleaser, the twister, Kunkee stuck his first opponent with a fall time of 51 seconds. Carrying this stamina into the next round Dalton pinned Kula of Twin River, to drive his way into finals. Kunkee placed second in a bracket

of 11, falling to first seed Garret Kluthe, of Ord.

Our other Bobcats also brought their A-game to this weekend's meet. Carson Mason (132), went two and two this weekend, winning his first two matches on the day. First year, Clay Witthuhn (182), went one and two with his first pin with a fall time of 2:08. First year Tanner Brown (106), Suzy Heusman (132), Talon Crago (145), Colby Streit (160), and Lila Bloomer (182), were zero and two on the weekend.

"For being our first meet I think everyone wrestled really good. There's lots of room for improvement but I think we'll definitely have at least some state qualifiers," says Lila Bloomer.

## Veterans Essay Contest



Delaney R. performing her speech at Ord for the District 11 Contest.

By: Carly Gracey, APS Sophomore

After entering the Veterans Essay Contest, the top students in eighth grade that have earned first or second place are asked to present their speeches to the Arnold Public School veterans program.

The winners of this year's contest were Delaney Rogers (1st) and Bryn Schwarz (2nd). After Delaney won the class aspect of the contest, she automatically qualified

for the regional District 11 contest.

After performing for district 11 in Ord, Delaney once again won. After winning, Delaney was asked to attend the state competition. This will be held at Lincoln.

"I was honored to win our local contest, and surprised to win at the district level. I'm excited to go to Lincoln and find out the results of the state level," said Delaney R.

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

Another weekend of wrestling was underway this weekend. The team traveled to Sargent, Nebraska, for the Twin Loup Invite. South Loup placed 8th overall.

Seventeen teams attended



**Logan Peterson placing third on the day in Sargent, NE.**

this meet, and we had two finalists: Logan Peterson and Dalton Kunkee. Peterson placed 3rd and Kunkee placed 1st. And although he didn't medal Carson Mason pushed through a tough bracket to finish 5th.

"I think this season is going good. The juniors and seniors are wrestling well and looking good. Kunkee has been doing well, Carson's doing well, Logan's looking good. The younger wrestlers are getting more experience under their belt. We are working hard. I have no doubts they will start showing up the rest of the year," said assistant coach Jacob Mason.

Peterson and Kunkee started off the day with byes, luckily for them so did their opponents. Logan bested Triston Moses with a pin in the first period, to then lose

to Zach Dickau, a 6-0 wrestler from Hi-Line, 14-0. He wrestled well to not get pinned. Logan was determined not to stop there, however. If he couldn't have first he was going to set his eyes on third and there was nothing stopping him then. Logan went three periods with Ethan Kipp of Twin Loup, finally pinning him with a fall time of 4:11, and scoring a total of 16 team points.

Kunkee's first opponent was Dominique Vieyra of North Platte. This match was short, but sweet. Kunkee pulled his crowd pleaser, sticking his kid in 44 seconds. After that came Bottof of Twin-Loup, this one was a bit harder. He didn't turn up a pin, but beat Bottof 8-2. He headed straight for finals, two wins under his belt, one last final opponent and he's standing on the platform with the first place bracket. The first period started off rough, first with Dalton's take down. Hervert of Ravenna got an escape and then a take down of his own. It was two to three. The second period, Hervert started on the bottom, and received a point for his escape. Dalton refused to go down without a fight. He took Hervert down for two, and pinned him there with a fall time of 3:12 for first. He also scored 24 team points.

"I thought the team had some really good improvements coming off of the Broken Bow meet. I was really proud of how the underclassmen stepped up and got some wins under their belt," said Dalton Kunkee (160).

Senior Suzy Huesman started her day off with a win over Guy Bitz, winning 9-7! She then

went on to wrestle Cyrus Wells of A-M. Now Cyrus is a pretty good wrestler, but Suzy held her own, lasting 1:09. She then went on to pin Romej of Elgin-Pope John with a fall time of 1:58. She lost her last match and did not place, but had a great day.

Our other wrestlers did some pretty good things as well. As I said, Mason (132) wrestled his way back for fifth. He is now sitting 5-4 on the season, and continues to improve every match. Tanner Brown (0-4), our wrestling newbie, keeps improving as well. Talon Crago (2-4) had an overall good day in Sargent as well. Colby Streit (0-4) lost in two pins, but dipping his toes in a new weight class and



**Dalton Kunkee with a big smile holding his first place bracket.**

is starting to get used to it. Clay Witthuhn (2-4), is really starting to progress as a freshman wrestler. He gets better and better every meet. Lila Bloomer (0-4), is planning on dropping a weight class, and should start to thrive.

# Bobcats in Merna

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

South Loup had a two meet weekend, they traveled to Ansemlo-Merna on Saturday, December 14th.

Having a meet the day before did not stop that Bobcat grind. We had four wrestlers place in A-M. Lo-



Suzy Huesman happily poses for fourth place.

gan Peterson got 2nd, Suzy Huesman received 4th, Carson Mason 2nd, and Dalton Kunkee placed 1st the second time in the weekend.

"I thought the meet went well. I'm a little disappointed I didn't get first, but all in all I'm happy with how I did," said Junior Carson Mason.

Mason started the day with bye, but progressed his way through the day. He won his first match with a pin in 56 seconds. He then went on to pin his second opponent in 46 seconds. Carson wrestled hard in his last match but came up short, getting pinned with a fall time of 4:36.

"I am feeling really good about my outcome and how I have trained to get better at the sport. I hope that I can place again in the future and maybe try to make state. Last year I was new to the sport so I didn't what I was getting into, but this year I am better prepared, I'm

giving it all I have. I am underestimated when I show up to meets, and now my record stands at 4-6, which is far better than last year's record," said Senior, Suzy Huesman.

And improve she did. She placed for the first time in Merna. She lost her first match to a familiar face, Cyrus Wells. Then she went on to win her next two matches with pins. She then fell to Isaac Pool from Elm Creek, placing her in fourth.

Tanner Brown (106), placed 6th overall this weekend getting 3 points for the team. Logan Peterson (113), placed 2nd scoring 16.5 team points. Suzy Heusman (126) scored 10 team points. Carson Mason (132) received 20 team points. Talon Cargo (145) had a stacked bracket this weekend, and did not place.



Carson Mason places second at the A-M invite.

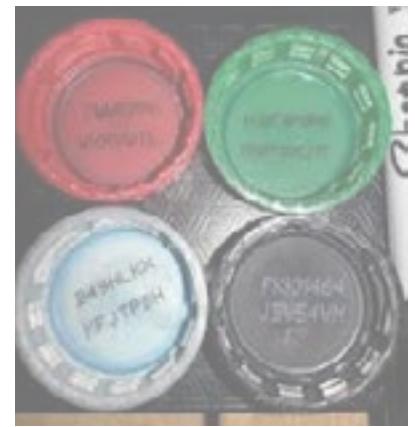
Colby Streit (160) placed fourth and received 15 points. Dalton Kunkee (160) got the team 26 points. Lila Bloomer moved down a weight class this week, and now has to accumulate, so she did not place this weekend. And Clay Witthuhn (182), went 1-2 on Saturday and scored 3 team points.

The Bobcats have a meet coming up, December 21, in Sutherland.

## Coke Cap Collection

You can help out the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps and numbers on the inside of Coke product boxes.

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# Ms. Bailey



## Retires

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Junior

"Music can change the world because it can change people." – Bono. After 22 years of dedicated teaching at Arnold Public Schools, Ms. Bailey is officially retiring. Through her years, Bailey has impacted the students in the music program in a plentitude of ways. Her passion for music and drive to inspire kids to find a love for music will be missed.

Bailey graduated from Hastings High School and then Hastings College with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. She also did graduate work in music education at UNK. After teaching music for 10 years at other schools, she worked for 12 years in the newspaper business.

She was a State Circulation Sales Representative serving 11 Nebraska counties and 3 Kansas counties for the Omaha World Herald, recruiting carriers, distributors, running sales promotions, and handling transportation issues for 10 years and then for 2 years at the North Platte Telegraph doing the same work.

After this, she transitioned to Arnold in the fall of 1988 where she has remained for the past 22 years. In



From these programs, Bailey has many great recollections, "I have fond memories of the elementary Christmas musicals we've performed over the years: Santa's Shopping Network, Survival Santa, Holiday Magic, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Twinkle and Shine, and the most recent Bring on the Snow."

Ms. Bailey has also dedicated her time to take

students to special music opportunities, such as Sing Across\* Nebraska and honor band and choir events. Along with those activities, Bailey has also taken her high school band and choir to the MNAC and district music competitions annually.

Through her years of teaching, Ms. Bailey has seen many changes. In 1998, the band met first period daily and was comprised of

grades 7-12. The 7th grade general music met daily the first semester and 8th grade had general music second semester. Choir met daily the last period of the day. Currently, there are two periods of high school music split between band and choir.

In 1998, the elementary school was grades K-6, with all grades participating in music every day. Currently K-4 classes meet for general music 3 days per week. Playing an instrument is taught to all students in grades 5 and 6, which includes general music, singing, instrumental instruction, and, in 6th grade, they also learn to play guitar.

Ms. Bailey has enjoyed her years here at APS, "I have really enjoyed working here at Arnold. My work with music K-12 is NEVER routine. I love teaching music. Music touches our lives in so many ways: learning to read music and play an instrument develops our brains, connecting both sides, lighting it up with connections all over it! Music gives us an outlet for expressing feelings, and helps us to understand others and ourselves. I love watching our students grow and develop musically over their whole school lives."

Once she leaves, Bailey recognizes that she will miss teaching music. The favor will be returned however, as Arnold will miss having Ms. Bailey leading the music program. Her drive to teach the students has allowed many to grow in their love for music, and her passion will be missed.

# Cale the Corgi Learns Common Sense

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

On Monday, December 2, Haley Stryker, author of the book "Cale the Corgi Learns Common Sense" came up to Arnold Public Schools. She was kind enough to read her newly published book to the kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd graders.

Haley Stryker is a

graduate from Callaway Public schools. "Cale the Corgi Learns Common Sense" is her first published book. This book was published in 2019.

In the book, Cale had many friends, some of which aren't very nice. Her friends dare her to stick her tongue to an icy pole and she does

so. After hurting her tongue, she realizes she needs to think about what she is doing before she does it.

The kids loved listening to her read her book and had many follow up questions. Haley also said to make sure to watch out for her new book which is about "bullying."



## Box Tops

Arnold Public Schools will again be collecting box tops for education with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for classrooms. In the past, a Smartboard was purchased and some other nice equipment. The Box Tops campaign is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has raised over \$200 million to help purchase school supplies, playground equipment, technology items, and so much more. You can support our school by saving box tops and sending them with your student to the school, take them to Finch Memorial Library, or to Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.



# Not Such a Silent Night

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

"Tis the season! The Arnold 6-12 band and choir performed their Christmas concert Thursday, December 5th.

"The Christmas Concert is a great way to kick off the season," said Senior Lorraine Wonch. "Music can always get you in the Christmas spirit!"

Just like every year Ms. Bailey started her concert off with the band. This year life got so crazy, that she decided to split the junior high, and high school band. The junior high band performed a few classics; Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Jingle Bells, and Up on the House Top. They worked so hard, and finally when that flip switched, they sounded amazing on Thursday.

Some say there is strength in numbers; this was not the case for the high school band. With only Faith Bierman, Colbi Smith, and Colby Streit, the high school did amazing. One alto saxophone, one trumpet, and one percussionist dominated the music program. The band performed O Come All Ye Faithful, Good King Wenceslas,

Silent Night, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas, beautifully.

Next in the Christmas line-up was the sixth grade choir. They wowed the crowd when they sang Silent Night in two languages! The young group learned the popular song in Spanish for their concert. They also sang Jingle Bell Rock, and Have a Holly Jolly Christmas. The sixth grade band did not perform last night. But you can see the young band in action at Arnold's Spring Concert, where they will not only play their instruments but also perform a guitar concert.

Lorraine Wonch and Kenna Rogers were the only two with solos this year. Wonch performed first, setting the bar high with her rendition of Be Born in Me, the story of young Mary wanting to serve the Lord, by bearing the child of God. She performed it beautifully. Continuing the Mary theme, Rogers performed Mary Did You Know. After singing in the high school choir for four years, Kenna has developed a beautiful voice and also, just like Lorraine, pleased the crowd.

The junior high choir kept

the theme with a version of Silent Night. Continuing with the Alleluia, and Winter Fantasy.

"There are many junior high musicians this year. As a senior, I hope



**High school band, Faith Bierman, Colbi Smith, and Colby Streit reading their music.**

they continue their career in music," says senior Kenna Rogers. After the junior high finished, the high school took the stage. First were the ladies with Mary Sat a Rockin'. The Boys joined in for Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Rockin' With Santa, and That's Christmas to Me. The show ended with an upbeat number titled Holiday Road of Carols, but not before Ms. Bailey took the Microphone to share her thanks to everyone who attended. She shared how hard everyone had worked to make the show as amazing as it was.

"I'm grateful to work with these kids and this music program," she said. "They are so talented and never cease to amaze me."

Now that the Christmas concert has passed for the sixth through twelfth, they will start preparing for Conference and District competitions. As for the Arnold Music Program the elementary program will take place Thursday, December 12th.



**High school choir from L to R: Lorraine Wonch, Kenna Rogers, Kacee Dvorak, Bailey Schwarz, Reagan Cool, Dylan Nelson, Chester Oberg, Taylor Doggett, and Cecilia Wonch.**

# We Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

By: Kenna Rogers, APS, Senior

Another great year of little girls cheer camp has come to an end. The cheerleaders held a camp in Callaway, December 14. At the camp the little cheerleaders played duck, duck, goose, they learned three cheers, and they learned a dance.

"I thought the camp went really well! It's always fun in the morning when all the little girls arrive and they are excited! It creates so many great memories for them



The little girls getting ready for their performance in Arnold. Cheerleaders L to R: Kenna Rogers, Kinsey Pflaster, Lila Bloomer, Delanie Pinkerton, Kylee Lehmkuhler, and Coach Lena. Not pictured Addison Starr.

and us cheerleaders! The dance and cheers were also a lot of fun this year!" said Kinsey Pflaster.

The little girls got to show off their talents at the Pleasanton game in Callaway and then again at the Cambridge game in Arnold, during boys half time. They skipped on out and did a quick little to the dance "Try Everything." The crowd went crazy for the little cheerleaders cuteness. Even the Pleasanton cheer squad helped cheer on the girls dance.

After the crowd had settled down from their stellar performance, cheerleader Kenna Rogers

called for the cheer "We Got Spirit!" The little girls got the crowd to pump up the team and shake their hips. The next cheer the girls performed was "Go, Go, Go," also known as "Blades." The campers used stiff arms to get the crowd excited for the next half. And finally the cheerleaders got the crowd on their feet with "Up, Up on Your Feet." When they were finished they continued to fire up the team with kicks and jumps and words of encouragement.

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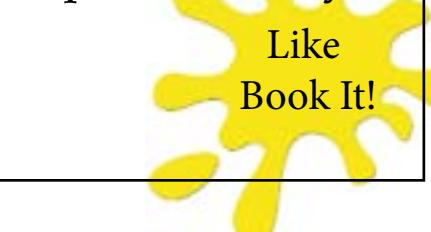
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# College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

Seniors...make sure you complete the FAFSA process. Getting financial aid for college involves more than completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete each step of the process so that you don't miss out on money for college.

1. If you haven't already, complete your 2020-21 FAFSA at FAFSA.gov using 2018 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each get an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov as you'll need them to access and sign your FAFSA.

2. Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action before the form can be processed.

3. You might receive a verification notice from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA requesting documents to verify your FAFSA information. The college will not process your financial aid until you provide required documents.

4. Watch for financial aid award notifications. Once you're accepted for admission to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA, they will notify you of the types and amounts of financial aid they're offering.

Watch your email and student portal carefully for important details about admission and financial aid.

What you need to know about scholarships

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your FAFSA.

Here's where to look for scholarships:

1. ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org houses over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships.

After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.

2. Your school counselor's office. Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.

3. The college you plan to attend. Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and the application procedures.

4. National search sites such as College Board, Peterson's, and Chegg.

5. Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

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### February "To Do" List

#### Seniors:

If you haven't already, complete the FAFSA.

Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.

Apply for scholarships.

#### Juniors:

Start preparing for the ACT. Here are test-prep resources to consider.

Register by February 14 for the March 14 SAT.

Register by February 28 for the April 4 ACT.

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# Education at Its Best

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Junior

Often people think a small school means small opportunities. Not at APS. At Arnold, small means that students will get both individualized attention and the flexibility to push their learning to the next level. Beyond the extensive regular classes that APS offers is the impressive opportunity to take online and dual-credit college courses.

Staff members at Arnold, especially guidance counselor Ms. Nansel, do an incredible job showing students the opportunities to take these college courses. If students show an interest in an area, Nansel or others will spend time finding what classes work best for each student.

Dual-credit courses allow students to take college courses as high school students. Dual-credit means that the class counts for both college credit and high school credit. Taking the courses in high school can help students get a head start for college and save money on college costs.

Jace Connell, a senior at APS, has seen this benefit first hand, "Not only do college courses give me credits that will directly help me get ahead in college, they prepare me to deal with the step up into college and give me a hint of what college will be like."

After choosing classes, the students are then guided through registering and preparing for the course. As long as the chosen class is dual-credit, the school will provide any books or materials students

may need.

Typical courses students have taken include: Intro to Sociology, Intro to Psychology, American or World History, Human Relations, Expository Writing I and II, Applied Statistics, and College Algebra. While taking the class, APS provides students with a classroom and class period to take the course.

Arnold students have a real advantage when they sign up for Expository Writing I and II. These are dual credit classes taught by Arnold High's own high school English teacher, Mrs. Moninger. Having a college class offered in the school by an APS teacher gives students the benefit of learning in person.

A majority of the classes taken are online. Students are typically given reading assignments and educational videos to watch. Assignments include posting responses to material covered, writing papers, and taking quizzes and exams. Others, such as College Algebra and Statistics, are completed over the Distance-Learning system. Classes may meet two or three times a week with the professor, and the other days are used as workdays.

Kenna Rogers, a student at APS who has taken several dual-credit courses, has seen many advantages through her opportunities, "Taking dual credit classes has helped me get a feel for

how college classes will work. Plus I will go into my freshmen year with credits under my belt. My favorite class so far is probably English. However, I am excited to take an Intro to Psychology class because that will be my major."

The benefits of taking college courses in high school are evident. Students are able to expand their knowledge, get a head start for college, and save on total college costs. Some college classes may also help students decide on a future area of study. By providing opportunities like this, Arnold Public Schools is helping students prepare for the next big step in their lives, college.



Pictured above is junior Kacee Dvorak, who is currently enrolled in her second semester of dual-credit classes. This semester she is taking an Intro to Psychology course.

# Senior Spotlight

## Hailey Myers

**What is your favorite memory from high school?**

Being apart of color guard in Hastings my freshman-year.

**Who is your favorite teacher and why?**

Ms. Nansel because she's been able to help me adapt to this school for my last year of high school ill be able to graduate!! Because in Hastings I wouldn't have been able to get this far so I'm grateful.

**What is one thing you couldn't live without?**

Art! And music I cannot and will not go a day without music if I do ill go crazy. Its one of my many coping skills that I wont give up

**Who is your favorite author?**

Alyson Noel

**What is your favorite movie/TV show?**

The ghost ship 2002 (I believe) for the movie, as for the tv show right now well its not really a tv show its anime My Hero Academia.

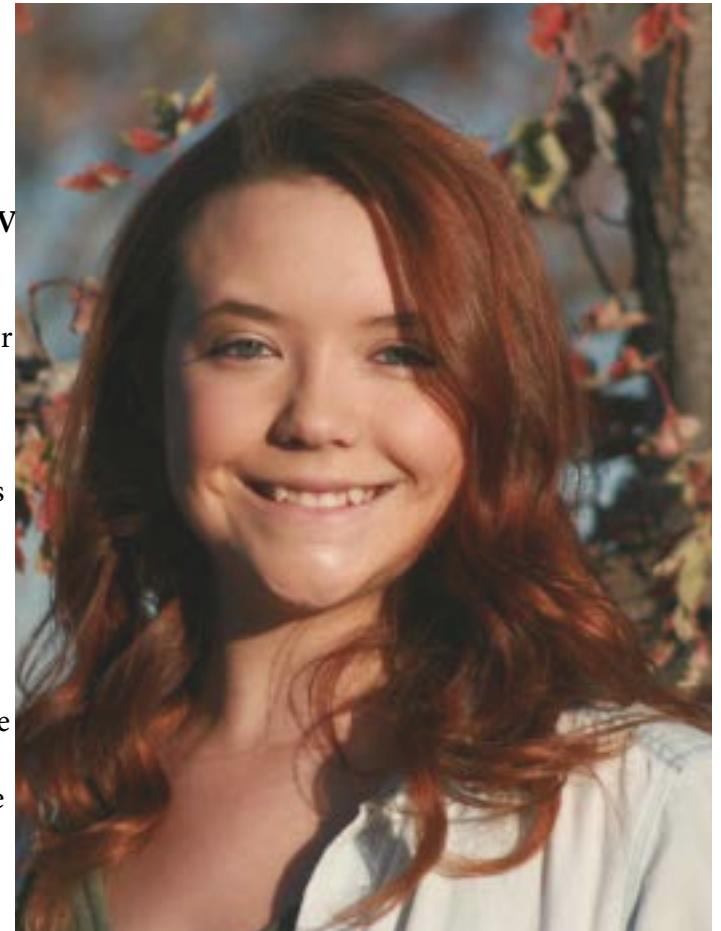
**What is your favorite class?**

Studio Art for sure I love art and I love getting a little bit messy when it comes to clay and painting!!!

though I have a small voice.

**What is your favorite thing about being a senior?**

Being able to have a say even



## Pop Tabs Collection



**Mrs. Blowers and the fourth grade class will be collecting aluminum pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald fundrasier. You can support the cause by saving pop tabs and sending them with your student to school and giving them to Mrs. Blowers. Thank you for your support.**

## Investing in Our Future

By: Jace Connell

This November the shop program got an exciting new addition. The program got a new laser machine. This new machine is a lot bigger and better than the old one.



"The new laser can cut a lot thicker material, the production speed is about 2.5 times faster than the old one, we can actually do larger runs at one time, in other words we can put more stuff in there and do more than one piece at the same time increasing productivity," says Mr.

Mohr, the shop teacher at APS.

This kind of productivity does not come cheap. This piece of equipment cost \$39,000. Luckily the school got a revisions grant from the federal government allowing them to purchase this amazing new

machine.

Lance Jones, a freshman here at Arnold Public Schools, was one of the first to learn how to use this new laser machines. He says, "I am very excited for the new laser. I have a ton of ideas that I want to design and turn into real life. I

## South Loup vs. Ansley-Litchfield

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sohpomore)

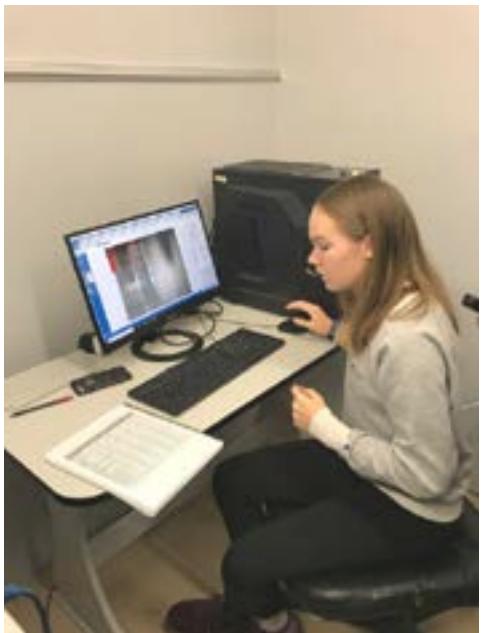
The South Loup Bobcats overall had an excellent night after traveling to Ansley and playing and their games. The first game that was played was the JV girls. The JV girls won. They all had an amazing night and most of them would get to suit up for

the varsity game.

After the JV boys, the varsity girls were ready to dominate the Spartans. After a very long game, the girls destroyed the Spartans. The final score was 52-11. Everyone had a great night and lots of playing time.

think that it will really add to the SHGP program and it will be fun for kids in the future to learn how to use a machine like this."

Pictured on left: Jesse Connell, Kacee Dvorak, Bailey Schwarz, and Jadeyn Bubak



Pictured above: Halie Recoy works on the layout for a project on the new laser machine.

The Lady Cats are ready to take on their next game.

"Overall, we had a great night. The communication between our team was amazing," said Mya Weverka

## From the Superintendent: Times Fun When You're Having Flies

### Remembering the Past; Embracing the Future

When I was in high school, I saved my money for one of my first major purchases - a stereo. Although it was a relatively inexpensive (that sounds better than cheap) stereo, the sound quality was vastly superior to my previous transistor radio. Not only could this stereo receive FM stations (yes, that was in big deal in the 1970s!), it even had a record player! I could now listen to my favorite records in stereophonic sound! What memories, what



memories . . .

Although records are making somewhat of a comeback, they are generally considered obsolete. Most of the records I played on

that first stereo have long since disappeared through garage sales, auctions, or thrift stores. While the majority of my record collection departed, I did keep a few that either had sentimental value (the record made by my high school's stage band), historical value (a highlight record about the Kansas City Chiefs win in Super Bowl IV, which may have actual value this year), or a few that I just liked the music (Any Bread or 4 Seasons fans reading this?).

It had been quite some time since I had listened to any records, but recently, my wife and I purchased a new record player. What a blast it was to be reacquainted with some of the music from my past! Between listening to what is left from my collection and my wife's remaining records (she was a Barry Manilow fan), it was like talking to an old friend I hadn't seen for years.

Since the day I took that first stereo home, I have witnessed many changes in music, and how it is enjoyed. Records gave way to tapes, tapes yielded to CDs, and CDs are in the process of being phased out by digital music. It took me some time to adjust to digital music, but my cell phone now contains more songs than I likely ever had on albums. Much of what we can do with phones, iPods, MP3 players, etc. would have been considered science fiction in the not

too distant past.

Yes, technology has had an impact on many areas of our lives, not just in how we listen to music, but also including how we educate students. Over the years, I have had the privilege of watching the progression of technology in education. In the early 1980s, schools felt fortunate to have one or two Apple IIe computers. These machines performed amazing feats (for the time), such as showing a smiley face and playing a brief tune when a student correctly answered a question. The technology our students utilize today seems to be lightyears from those times! If you have not talked to your child/grandchild recently about the technology they use on a daily basis, I would encourage you to do so. While technology is not universally loved among young people, their knowledge and abilities in this area is tremendous!

With the changes in technology in the past decade, it is mind boggling to think of what the next few years will bring! It is nice to remember the past, but it is also important to embrace the future. I once heard a great quote that applies to this situation. The quote said, "we need to remember that we are educating students for their future, not our past". Let the future begin!

## Q2 and Semester 1 Honor Roll

Q2

All A's

11th Grade - Jadeyn Bubak, Landyn Cole

10th Grade - Reagan Cool, Colbi Smith

9th Grade - Silas Cool, Lance Jones

8th Grade - Gracie Neth, Delaney Rogers

7th Grade - Ella Cool

S1

All A's

11th Grade - Jadeyn Bubak, Landyn Cole, Sam Cool, Kylene Lehmkuhler, Bailey Schwarz, Addison Starr

10th Grade - Reagan Cool, Colbi Smith

9th Grade - Silas Cool, Lance Jones, Halie Recoy, Clay Witthuhn

8th Grade - Gracie Neth, Delaney Rogers

7th Grade - Ella Cool

Q2

A's and B's

12th Grade - Jace Connell, Federico Piva, Kenna Rogers

11th Grade - Sam Cool, Kacee Dvorak, Kylene Lehmkuhler, Bailey Schwarz, Addison Starr, Eli Taylor, Cecilia Wonch

10th Grade - Faith Bierman, Shayla Tickle

9th Grade - Devin Peterson, Halie

Recoy, Clay Witthuhn

8th Grade - Logan Recoy, Charli Vickers

7th Grade - Anna Tullis

S1

A's and B's

12th Grade - Jace Connell, Federico Piva, Kenna Rogers

11th Grade - Taylar Doggett, Kacee Dvorak, Cecilia Wonch

10th Grade - Faith Bierman, Shayla Tickle

9th Grade - Devin Peterson

8th Grade - Trey Connell, Logan Recoy, Charli Vickers

7th Grade - Ethan Furne, Anna Tullis

## Investing in a Closer Look at Our future

Mrs. Sandager, the new science teacher at the high school. Received a whopping \$1750 grant for new microscopes to be used in the laboratory by students.

Though, the grant was not enough to cover the whole charge, the Booster club came through to save the day. The Boosters paid the remaining amount that Mrs. Sandager needed to purchase the microscopes. The total amount that the microscopes cost was \$2978, therefore, with the grant

being \$1750, the Booster club had to come up with \$1228 to come up with enough money for the microscopes.

These microscopes are



a big upgrade from the old mi-

croscopes, which were pretty old. These new scopes will help increase the experience of students with labs that they do, this should allow for students to take more in and learn more about the subject that the students are studying.

Along with improving the experience of the students, Mrs. Sandager got ten new microscopes, which should allow more students to have the experience and do the hands on work instead of having to share with another student and miss out on some of the learning opportunity.

## From the Principal's Desk

As we head into these next couple months, we will begin to prepare for state testing this Spring. On March 24th all Juniors will be taking the ACT here at school. There is no cost to the students for this ACT test since this is a state wide mandate.

Just a reminder that on February 13th there will be a 1:30PM dismissal with parent/teacher conferences running from 2:00PM-8:00PM that day. The STEM Lab will also be in school during that time. We would love to have you come in and see what opportunities our students have with this lab.

Also, there will be no school on Friday, February 14th. On Wednesday, February 19th there

will be a 1:30PM dismissal to allow time for staff professional development.

It has certainly been an active winter for cold and flu season this year as well. If your child is going to absent for any reason, please make sure you notify the office as soon as possible. If your child needs to leave during the school day for any reason, the school needs to be notified and students need to check with the office before they leave school grounds. If students are absent and the office is not notified, it will be marked as an unexcused absence.

With colder temperatures during the winter, students in grades K-5 will continue to go



outside for recess as the weather permits. Please make sure your child has gloves, stocking caps, and coats to be prepared for colder conditions.

By: Carly Gracey (APS Sophomore)

The Arnold Public Schools senior class decided to offer another Blood Drive for the 2019-2020 school year. This took place January 20th. They decided together it was a good idea to continue offering blood drives because the universal blood bank is very low on sup-

plies. This was their second blood drive they set up and ran.

The senior class once again, had a successful day organizing and operating the blood drive. They were all very pleased with the outcome again. Charles Foran, a Arnold Community member, has donated a total of

15 gallons of blood including the donation he made on the 20th.

"It was fun getting to visit with all the donors and volunteers throughout the day. We had a lot of fun. I enjoyed knowing that the work I was doing was for a good cause," said Jace Connell.

## ACT Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 16, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 25, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 29, 2020

# Hunchback Heads to State

By: Landyn Cole, APS Junior

## District Competition

NORTH PLATTE—On Monday, December 2, the Arnold One Act team performed at North Platte High School and took the title for the District D2-5 champions. The team will advance to the Class D2 state competition at Norfolk on Wednesday, December 11.

“The team’s growth as performers has amazed me and their hard work has paid off. The improvement from week to week is remarkable. Our students have created a beautiful, meaningful and entertaining story. The whole thing is magic: the piece, the process, and the cultivation of a supportive and inclusive team environment. I can not wait to see what unfolds for the Hunchback of Notre Dame at State,” said head coach Lana Cool.

The actors had worked tirelessly up to district day, and they were confident, as they had just won their conference meet and the awards for best actor and actress. Knowing they had the talent, all they had to do was execute and bring the energy.

With costumes on and makeup done, the team took the stage. They performed passionately; they gave all they had for their 30 minutes on stage, refusing to let it be the last time performing the play they had all come to adore.

Following the performance, in the critique room, the three judges gave positive comments. The judges described the performance as “well-developed, strong, and fantastic.”

The Hunchback of Notre Dame finished with a rank of 1 and a score of 176 out of 180, a nearly perfect score.

“There is no way to express how truly proud I am of this group and really no way to convey to people just how hard they worked to achieve what they have. Filled with emotion, singing, humor, dancing, a villain and a hero The Hunchback of Notre Dame is a play that will have you cheering and crying all at the same time. We have asked these thespians to step out of their comfort zones on numerous occasions and

I think they would all agree it was

worth it in the end. I can’t wait to watch them wow us at State next Wednesday,” said assistant coach Loleta Connell.

The team was anxious as they waited to hear their fate. Cheers erupted from the cast and crew when they were announced as the Champions. Tears of joy fell from many eyes, and smiles were seen on the faces of every team member.



The Hunchback team was all smiles after receiving their first place plaque at the District Meet!

“When the announcer said we got first place I leapt out of my seat with pure excitement. We have been working all season for this and now our dreams had finally come true. Now our focus is on winning state and bringing a trophy back for the Arnold One Act,” said Senior Dylan Nelson, who plays the character of Frollo.

## State Competition

NORFOLK--On Wednesday, December 11, the Arnold One Act team made the trek to Norfolk for the D2 state competition. The nerve-racking, yet incredibly exciting experience was one the young thespians will never forget.

The day was tremendously successful for the Arnold team. The Hunchback of Notre Dame play production not only received 2nd place overall, but also received the Technical Award for their cooperation and organization. Actors Dylan Nelson, Colbi Smith, and Reagan Cool received Outstanding Actor awards.

“State really was an incredible experience. Being able to go and perform in such a great theatre in front of a large crowd was amazing. The awards ceremony was so exciting and being able to stand on stage and hold up a state runner-up trophy will be a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life,” said sophomore Colbi Smith.

The Hunchback actors put on an energetic, magical show that the judges couldn’t overlook. The three judges ranked the Hunchback play 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The Hunchback of Notre Dame received a total of 173 points, while St. Mary’s play that won gold received 177 points.

For some, their One Act journey has just scratched the surface. With two more years to compete, Sophomore actor Reagan Cool said, “I was in awe! Second place at state is amazing and a dream come true.”

For others, the state experience was the culmination of their successful acting career. Dylan Nelson, a senior actor at APS, has always been a team leader. Nelson, who was Arnold’s only returning lead actor for this season, served as a mentor to the less experienced thespians.

“Over the past four years I have had the privilege to be a part of an amazing cast and crew. I will never forget the way my coaches and fellow cast members always pushed me to be the best I could be. I may have received the Outstanding Actor award at the state meet, but I would give it to my team because they made this possible,” said Senior Dylan Nelson.

No one is more proud of the Arnold team than the coaches, who were there to see every up and down of the journey.

“What a play! What a season! What a team! The 2019 One Act Season is a beautiful example of what hard work and determination can accomplish. This team has been grinding early mornings and late evenings for three long months. Their efforts produced a beautiful, meaningful, and entertaining show that we are so proud of. As I reflect back on the season, however, I am most proud to be a part of a process that celebrates a variety of talents and the value of coming together as a team to create something great. The beauty is in the journey and the memories made along the way,” said Head Coach Lana Cool.

The time, effort, and dedication the cast and crew has put in for the past 3 months more than paid off. The bittersweet ending left many eager to see what the next One Act season will bring.

“The old saying, ‘All good things must come to an end,’ rings true for the amazing season of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Months of early mornings, late nights and hard work poured into this play at a time when it seemed these thespians had no more to give with academic responsibilities piled high, sports practices and jobs keeping them burning the candle at both ends. However, their determination never waivered taking them all the way to Norfolk and a D-2 State Runner-Up title. It has truly been an honor to watch this team make magic happen on the docks of Notre Dame!” said Assistant Coach Leta Connell.



# Brainiacs Club

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

As we zoom through this school year, we have come upon the quiz bowl season. The Arnold stu-



Backrow LtoR: Delaney Rogers, Trey Connell, Dawson Doggett, Brendan Streit, and Gracie Neth. Middle LtoR: Rio Remund, Crew Witthuhn, Eli Rogers, and Riata Remund. Front LtoR: Logan Recoy, Ella Cool, Anna Tullis, William Moninger, and Ethan Furne.

dents convened with Coach Debby Moninger, for the season meeting Tuesday, January 14. Members that showed up to start the year were; Jace Connell, Addison Starr, Cooper Atkins, Sam Cool, Federico Piva, Colby Streit, Drew Vickers, Colbi Smith, Silas Cool, Lance Jones, and Clay Witthuhn.

"I'm really excited for this season. We have a lot of smart people on the team this year and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this season," said Colbi Smith.

Junior High students include; Brenden Streit, Gracie Neth, Rio Remund, Trey Connell, Dawson Doggett, Logan Recoy, Delaney Rogers, Cache Grace, Ella Cool,

Ethan Furne, William Moninger, Riata Remund, Anna Tullis, Eli Rogers, and Crew Witthuhn.

"I like the fact that I'm challenging my brain," said Delaney Rogers.

Practice for these brainiacs started Wednesday January 22, during lunch. High school will practice Monday and Wednesday and junior high will take

the Tuesday and Thursday lunch hours. They start out focusing on procedure, toss up and bonus, and hints for the questions.

The Thursday practice actually includes toss-ups, answered as a whole team just to show how the team can combine

knowledge for a more logical guess. Both teams get a point for one practice a week.

"I am looking forward to



Backrow (LtoR): Addison Starr and Clay Witthuhn. Middle: Silas Cool, Lance Jones, Sam Cool, and Colby Streit. Front: Jace Connell, Federico Piva, Drew Vickers, Cooper Atkins, and Colbi Smith.

Broken Bow. The junior high team will follow them February 20th in Broken Bow.

**Schedule: High School:** February 19th- @ Broken Bow, March 2nd- MNAC @ Halsey, March 17th- ESU 10 @ Kearney, March 19th- @ Callaway, March 23rd- @ Merna

**Junior High:** February 20th- @ Broken Bow, March 9th- MNAC @ Mullen, March 10th- ESU 10 @ Kearney, March 17th- @ Merna

## New Speech Style

The year, the speech program at APS is seeing some new faces. Not only are there new student's participating but there is also a new coaching staff. Melissa Sandagger will be taking over for the old coach Bernie Crow. Sandagger is the new science teacher at the school but she has dabbled in speech before. At her old school, she helped coach a state bound One Act team and has great knowledge of speech and is more than willing to pass her knowledge to the kids

and help them to succeed.

Addie Starr is Junior

and is participating this year in speech. When asked why she joined the speech team she said, "Speech is an activity that not only is fun, but also sets you up for other activities. Doing speech helps you to be more comfortable talking to big crowds of people and it helps develop your unique



L to R: Melissa Sandagger, Federico Piva, Chester Oberg, Reagan Cool, Lance Jones, Sam Cool, Silas Cool, Landyn Cole, Addie Starr, Kyee Lehmkuler, Cooper Atkins

## CAPS

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, Arnold juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to enroll in CAPS. This is a school course that allows students real-world experiences in a career of their interest. This is brought to the school by Custer CAPABLE, who is in partnership with APS and other Custer county high schools.

This program will allow

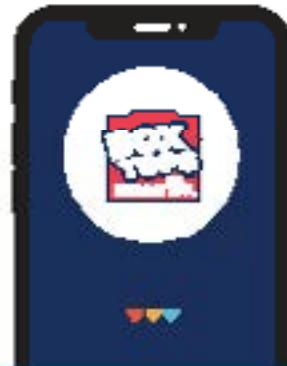
students to be able to look at what the daily life of the careers they are looking into are like. This will help the students to realize exactly what they would like to go to college for. Ashley Nansel is the Arnold School Counselor and helps set up and facilitate the program with the students.

When asked how Nansel thinks the CAPS program will help students in future, she said "The CAPS program will hopefully help students become more aware of their strengths and interests and

voice. Speech helps to teach you different tones and it helps to teach you how to talk to certain types of crowds. I would recommend for any underclassmen to do speech because it will help them significantly in the future."

help them find a career pathway to follow."

The class of 2020 is already participating in this program and are having great success. Senior Grant Jones says, "I have had a lot of fun working with Lane Chesley doing construction. I have learned a lot about construction that will help me in the future with my career path." The CAPS program will be a great addition to the high school and help many seniors and juniors learn what they want to do in the future.



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# 11th Annual School Spelling Bee

By Colbi Smith, APS Sophomore

On Wednesday, January 22nd, 21 students from grades 3-8 gathered in the school gym to compete for the title of school spelling bee champion. In order to qualify for the bee, students had to place in the top three in their class spelling bee. The students who qualified for the bee were as follows: Delanie Wienman, Serenity Borah, Jade Bierman, Ella Cool, Hayden Myers, Elijah Cool, Brenden Streit, Riata Remund, Gracie Neth, Paxton Bierman, William Moninger, Jamison Lamphear, Charli Vickers, Grace Bierman, Rae Hagler, Ethan Furne, Josie Christensen, Harmony Borah, Hagen Mikkelsen, Austin Davenport, and Callan Witthuhn.

To start off the bee, all the spellers went up to the microphone and spelled their name. After this practice round, the real action started. After the first two rounds of competition, 14 of the original 21 competitors remained. The third round was a super tight round, with only 1 of the 14 competitors being eliminated in this round. During this round, Josie Christensen saved herself from elimination after realizing she was about to misspell the word "staggered". Josie restarted spelling the word and spelled it correctly. Jade Bierman also saved herself during this round. Jade's word was "disinfectant" and she made the smart play of catching her mistake and starting over, allowing her to spell the word correctly.

Tough competition continued for 8 rounds as the competition was narrowed down to two competitors; William Moninger and Elijah Cool. The two spellers then went into the championship round. Elijah went first but unfortunately misspelled the word "tarry". This meant that if Will spelled his word right, he would win the bee. Will got the word "opportunity", and he stepped up to the microphone and spelled it correctly. Will Moninger placed 1st, Elijah Cool placed 2nd, Serenity Borah, Josie Christensen, and Gracie Neth all tied for 3rd place, and Riata Remund and Harmony Borah tied for 4th place.



Finalists Will Moninger and Elijah Cool chat with each other before the final round



Serenity Borah steps up to the microphone to spell her word

# The Magic of One Acts

Bam. Just like that, it's all over. The goal we've all worked tirelessly towards, finally met. The endless hours of practice--the early mornings and late nights, finally paid off. The dream we were all chasing, finally a reality.

State One Acts. It was a breathtaking experience that can't be matched. It was a beautiful emotional rollercoaster, with a mixture of nerves, excitement, and anticipation. It is an experience that I hope every aspiring actor gets to experience. It was truly the highlight of my high-school career so far.

I wish I could personally thank whoever created One Acts, because it is an amazing program that I think everyone will benefit from by taking part in it.

Being a part of One Acts isn't important to me because of the awards you receive from it, or because of the second place medal we just received at the D2 state competition; One Acts is important to me because of the beautiful relationships that form throughout the season.

One Acts is a supportive environment. People who were practically strangers before the season started are now giving each other encouraging fist bumps before performances, and congratulatory hugs afterwards.

People who weren't close before the Hunchback of Notre Dame are now gripping each others hands at Districts, silently praying together that they would advance to the State competition.

A group of people who had never before spent time with one another now have countless memories--all the off-key singing on bus rides to competitions and the jokes that left the whole team laughing on stage at practice.

Before, many of us knew nothing of each other, and now, we know maybe too much; we now know who is most definitely not a morning person, and who gets nervous gas before taking the stage.

When being an actor, you not only form connections with those around you, but also the character you play on stage. Stepping into the role of a completely different person helps you discover yourself.

I have fallen in love with being Esmeralda. Esmeralda is confident, flirtatious and kind. She holds nothing back, and forms deep relationships with those around her.

I have learned a lot from portraying Esmeralda. The character has taught me to accept those who are different from me, and to passionately pursue justice. She has taught me to love others fearlessly and unconditionally.



This play has given me a second family. My coaches have guided me to be the best actor I can be. Reagan helped me find my confidence on stage. Dylan helped me find my fire. Colbi helped me find my passion. Jesse helped me find my energy. Dawson helped me find positivity. Lance and Jonathan helped me keep a smile on my face every practice.

This team is amazing. I'll miss performing with the seniors, who have taught me so much about acting and stage presence. I'm excited to see what next season brings, and am eager to make even more memories with my team.

## What Is the Point of Columns?

By: Landyn Cole,  
APS Junior



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