

South Loup Wrestling

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

Season Opener a Success

Broken Bow--December 5th, your Bobcat wrestlers had their season opener. They travelled to Broken Bow for the Broken Bow Invite.

We had 2 Bobs place, senior, Logan Peterson (120) and sophomore, Clay Witthuhn (195).

"I didn't do my best on Saturday. I need to work on my bottom moves more than anything. But I think once I figure the moves out, I'll have a better outcome come next meet," said Peterson.

Peterson received a bye in his first round. By the next round he was ready to go and went on to pin Mason Toner of Perkins County in a fall time of 1:06. He ended the day wrestling for first and second place against Kaleb Baker. Although Baker defeated Logan, he still had an amazing day placing 2nd and scoring a total of 16 points for his team.

Clay Witthuhn also received a bye his first round as well. Witthuhn may have fallen in semifinals, but fought hard in his 3rd and 4th place match against Bryson Warner of Southern Valley. He fought hard but lost 2-1, and received 4th place scoring 4 team points.

"I believe I could have done better, and I made some mistakes that shouldn't have happened," said Witthuhn. As the season progresses you can expect big things out of Witthuhn who is always putting in the work on and off the mat.

The whole team contributed something at this meet. Colby Streit and Talon Crago both added 3 team points. Freshman Dawson Doggett and Rio Remund totaled 10 points together.

Dawson Handley, Carson

Mason, and Lila Bloomer all had tough competition, but ended their matches going down with a fight.

All in all, your SLB Cats started off the season right!

Peterson Shines at Twin Loup

SARGENT—

Friday, December 11th, the SLB wrestling team participated at the Sargent

Wrestling Invite. South Loup had a great day of competition having four Bobcat wrestlers place.

"Last week our wrestlers competed against teams they don't normally meet up with, so it gave them a huge confidence boost. Everyone made sure they were keeping their heads up no matter what, which helped a lot. They all wrestled super hard, and gave it everything they had," said wrestling manager, Devin Peterson.

Senior, Logan Peterson led the Bobcats scoring 20 team points and winning the 120 bracket. He won 3 matches and lost only one for the day.

"The freshman competed very well, and I was super proud of them being only their second meet," said sophomore, Clay Witthuhn

Dawson Doggett, freshman, won 3 matches, and placed 4th in the weight class 138. He added 8 team points.

Freshman, Rio Remund placed 2nd and contributed 18 points. Witthuhn placed 3rd and scored 16 team points in 195.

"I think we wrestled pretty good for the beginning of the season. It really proved that we have a lot of potential on the team," said junior, Lila Bloomer.

Junior, Talon Crago and senior, Carson Mason together had 6 team points.

Senior, Colby Streit and Lila Bloomer fought hard matches but weren't victorious.

At the end of the day South Loup scored 68 team points all together!



Dawson Doggett at Twin Loup Tough Meet brings Good Lessons

MERNA—

"The boys worked hard despite being tired from the meet the day before. Their spirits were up the whole day. All in all it was a good day of competition for the Bobcats," said wrestling manager, Macy Rynearson.

On Saturday December 12th the South Loup wrestlers competed in the Merna Wrestling Invite. SLB fought hard and had 2 wrestlers place. Freshman, Dawson Doggett (138), and sophomore, Clay Witthuhn (195) both got 4th place.

Senior, Carson Mason won 3 matches and scored 7 team points.

"I'm working hard and I'm gaining confidence as I go every match. I'm learning something new and I'm getting a lot more comfortable every time I step on the mat. I always try to make sure I'm having fun! I need to work on being consistent and not making little mistakes. Also, being better on my feet," said Dawson

Doggett.

Doggett came in 4th and won 6 matches. He contributed 12 team points.

Freshman, Rio Remund added 6 team points.

Clay Witthuhn received 4th place and scored 4 team points.

Senior, Colby Streight, and juniors, Lila Bloomer, and Talon Crago fell in their matches but didn't go down without a fight. They were all very good at lifting up your teammates during their matches.

Home Advantage Helps Cats get 4th

ARNOLD--“I think getting 4th as a team with only 8 kids on our team was pretty impressive, and it was a cool experience to have almost every person medal. Even though it was a small meet we still had some really good competition,” said junior, Lila Bloomer.

The South Loup Bobcats hosted the COVID Outcast Wrestling Invite at Arnold on Friday the 18th. Having the home advantage definitely helped the Bobcats as they scored a total of 68 team points. Which later helped them get 4th place overall at the meet.

Two of the Bobs were very successful for the day, and won their brackets. Those wrestlers were senior, Logan Peterson (120) who scored 22 team points, and freshman, Rio Remund(170) who added 18 team points.

“It was probably our best meet. The team is starting to do better as a whole,” said Logan Peterson.

Next, we had two other Bobcats who weren't far behind placing 2nd. Senior, Carson Mason (132), and junior, Talon Crago(152) were both awarded with 2nd places, and had a combined 14 points.

Lila Bloomer (170) received 3rd place.

Freshman, Dawson Doggett (138), and sophomore, Clay Witthuhn(195) both placed 4th and scored 14 points together.

Senior, Colby Streit(145) placed 5th.

Overall it was a great meet, and the wrestlers are looking forward to their next meet on January 2nd at Arnold.



Front to back L to R
Front- Sharon Jones, Macy Rynearson, Devin Peterson. Middle- Talon Crago, Clay Witthuhn, Colby Streit, Lila Bloomer, Rio Remund
Back- Logan Peterson, Dawson Doggett, Carson Mason, Dylan Handley

Cats Start New Year Strong

ARNOLD—“Overall we competed well. We did a lot of good things, and we are improving. We need to keep working to get better every time we walk on the mat,” said head coach, Todd Phelps.

Saturday, January 2nd the Bobcat wrestling team was finally back in action after a long Christmas break, and even better yet they had home advantage at this meet. They competed against Sandhills/Thedford and Anselmo-Merna at Arnold. Although you can't place individually at triangular meets, you can score points for your team, and place as a team. They broke even for the day taking the win against Sandhills/Thedford, and getting defeated when battling Anselmo-Merna.

First, they competed against Anselmo- Merna but fell 42-18 in team points. Rio Remund (170) started the day off strong pinning his opponent and scoring 6 team points.

Lila Bloomer (182) and Logan Peterson (120) followed and were victorious pinning both of their opponents and contributing 12 more points together.

Talon Crago(145), Colby Streit(152), Clay Witthuhn(195),Dylan Hadley(113),Carson Mason(132), and Dawson Doggett(138) all battled hard but went down with a fight against Anselmo-Merna. But if anything the loss early in the meet just made them fight that much harder in their next battle.

The next round all the wrestlers were warmed up and ready to go! This battle went their way and they won 42-18 against Sandhills/Thedford.

Peterson began the new match well and pinned his contender scoring 6 points for his team.

Carson Mason, Dawson Doggett, Talon Crago, Colby Streit, Dylan Handley and Lila Bloomer also all pinned their rivals and scored 36 points together.

Rio Remund and Clay Witthuhn, all fought hard, but didn't come out with wins this time.

This meet was a good learning experience, and South Loup competed against two very competitive teams who didn't give in. They had competed against these teams in the past, so it helped having experience on them, and knowing some of their moves. This was their 5th meet of the year, and the Bobcats keep improving as the season continues.

Cats Face More Competition

TRYON—

Thursday, January 7th the SLB wrestling team travelled to Tryon for a triangular against Hyannis and Sandhills Valley. They made the trip worth their while, winning the triangular in a blowout.

If you didn't know triangular meets are different than normal wrestling meets. They don't influence on the individual, but the team. You don't get individual places, but you can get points for your team.

They started the meet off strong taking the win against Hyannis 42-18 in team points.

Dylan Handley (113), Logan Peterson (120), Carson Mason (132), Talon Crago(145), Colby Streit(152), Rio Remund(170), and Lila Bloomer(182) all won their matches.

Dawson Doggett and Clay Witthuhn fought hard matches, but didn't pull off the wins. The loss early off just encouraged them to push harder the next match against Sandhills Valley.

Next, they took on Sandhills Valley, who had the home court advantage, but was victorious yet again. We took the win 45-12.

Clay Witthuhn and Dawson Doggett were ready this round for victory and won both of their matches this time around.

Dylan Handley, Carson Mason, Talon Crago, Colby Streit, Rio Remund, and Lila Bloomer all took W's once again!

Logan Peterson lost his match in a nail biter.

The team worked very hard at this meet, and never gave in. South Loup is halfway done with the season, and is improving every meet. All of the wrestlers either broke even for the day, or took both wins against their competition.

Bobs Compete at Amherst

AMHERST—Saturday, January 9th, South Loup competed in the Amherst Invite.

Senior, Logan Peterson (120) ran the show placing 3rd, and scoring 18 points for his team. He now has 13 wins and 3 losses for the whole season. Logan received a bye the first round, and then went on to win 3 of his 4 matches.

Not far behind Peterson was Clay Witthuhn who placed 4th, and scored 9 team points. He broke even for the day with 2 wins and 2 losses. That now puts Witthuhn at 7 wins and 13 losses for the season.

Dylan Handley (113) didn't have a successful day, and went 0-2 for

the day. His record for the season so far is 3-5.

Carson Mason scored 8 team points, and won 3 out of his 5 matches. This puts him almost breaking even for the season with an 11-10 record.

Colby Streit(145) was 0-2 for the day, and now has 5 wins and 13 losses.

Talon Crago(145) scored 7 team points and was 2 for 2, and is now 10-10 for the season.

Lila Bloomer (160) fought hard but didn't pull off the win in both of her matches. She has 4 wins and 10 losses in total.

Rio Remund(170) scored 6 team points. He is 11-8 for season. He received a bye his first round and went on to win 1 of his 3 matches.

We are unsure at the time of everyone's places, besides Witthuhn and Peterson's placing's.

Witthuhn Takes 1st Place at SEM

SEM—

“On a team, it's not the strength of the individual players, but it is the strength of the unit and how they all function together.”

This certainly was the case on Friday, January 15th where the Bobcat wrestlers competed at the SEM Mustang Invite. They scored a total of 45 team points, and had 5 wrestlers placing, including one 1st place.

Clay Witthuhn (220) started the day off right placing 1st and scoring 16 points for his team.

Logan Peterson (126) went up a weight class at this meet, but this change didn't stop him from competing. He placed 2nd and scored 13 team points.

Colby Streit (145) placed 3rd, and Carson Mason (132) placed 4th and scored 13 team points. Dylan Handley (113) placed 5th.

Dawson Doggett (138), Talon Crago (145), and Rio Remund(170) places are all unknown at this time, and scored a total of 3 points together.

The wrestlers are half way through the season, and are improving everyday. The future looks bright for this team.



Clay Witthuhn standing on the champion podium at SEM.

Bobcats Halfway Through Season

SHELTON—

Saturday, January 16th the SLB wrestling team travelled to Shelton, and made the trip worth there while. They ended the day with a grand total of 105 team points, which put them at 3rd place out of 13 teams. The athletes have been working hard on and off the mat, and all of their hard work paid off at Shelton's meet.

Carson Mason (132) didn't give up, and fought hard at this meet. He placed 1st and scored 26 team points. His record is now 16 wins and 10 losses.

Several people on the team placed 3rd for the day.

This includes Logan Peterson (120) who scored 15 team points. Peterson's record is now 17 wins and only 4 losses.

Colby Streit (145), and Rio Remund(170) both contributed 15 team points each. Streit sits at 8 wins and 15 losses, and Remund has 14 wins and 10 losses. Clay Witthuhn(220) also placed 3rd and scored 9 team points. Witthuhn has broken even this season with 14 wins and 14 losses.

Dawson Doggett (138), and Talon Crago(145) both placed 4th and scored 11 team points each. Doggett now has 12 wins and 14 losses, and Crago has 12 wins and 13 losses.

Dylan Handley (113) placed 6th, and scored 3 team points.

Lady Cats Take First Game Win Against Twin Loup

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CALLAWAY--The Lady Bobcats started off their season with an amazing game against Twin Loup. They took the court in Callaway on Friday, December 4th against the Twin Loup Wolves at 5:30. The final score was South Loup with 59 and Twin Loup with 17.

“I thought our girls played really well on Friday night vs Twin Loup. We got a ton of shot attempts, rebounded the ball really well and put a lot of pressure, defensively, on them. Megan Donegan had a great night scoring 25 and the whole team did really well on the defensive side of the ball. It was a great way to start out the year,” said Head Coach, Abe Hinman.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooters were Meagan Donegan and Bailey Schwarz with three, 3-pointers and close behind was Bryn Schwarz with one 3-pointer.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter was Donegan with 11 makes and Landyn Cole added to the score with 4 makes.

The top free-throw shooter was Laney Badgley with 2, and close behind her were Cole and Taylor Ross with 1.

The top rebounder for the night was Mya Weverka with 9 rebounds, 6 of them being offensive rebounds and 3 of them being defensive rebounds.

The Ladies top assists were



Bailey Schwarz fighting for the ball against Wolves.

Ava Pandorf with 4 assists and close behind her were Weverka, Cole, and Jayden Bubak with 3 assists.

Finally the top steals were by Donegan with 4 steals.

Lady Bobcats Fight Tough Game Against Amherst Broncos

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CALLAWAY--The Bobcats had their first Saturday game on December 5th in Callaway against the Amherst Broncos. It was a close game, but they played well and pulled through with a win of 39-29.

“On Saturday vs Amherst we knew that we wouldn’t have the legs



Megan Donegan passing the ball to Bailey Schwarz for a 3-point shot.

that we did on Friday, but I thought the girls were really mentally tough and fought hard through all 4 quarters,” said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

The Lady Cats top 3-points shooter` for the night was Bailey Schwarz with 2 and close behind was Megan Donegan with 1 3-pointer.

The top 2-point shooter for the night was Landyn Cole with 4 shots made and Mya Weverka being a close second with 3 shots made.

“We got in a little foul trouble later in the second quarter, switched to a zone and that ended up being the turning point. Finished the first half up 22-16, extended the lead by the end of the third quarter to 11 and finished the game out controlling the fourth quarter and getting to the free throw line,” said Hinman.

Ava Pandorf and Bailey Schwarz were our top free throw shooters Saturday night with both of them making 3 and Weverka just

behind making 2 free throws.

The Ladies top rebounder was Cole with a total of 10 rebounds; 7 of those being defensive and 3 of them being offensive.

“They were a physical team. They battled hard, but so did we. We did a good job defensively by shutting down their key players, which ultimately won us the game,” said Cole.

Donegan had the most assists with a total of 4 assists and Cole had the most steals of the night with 4 steals.

“Jadeyn Bubak had a tough assignment guarding their best player, and she did a nice job wearing her down as the game progressed. It was great having balanced scoring with Bailey Schwarz having 9, Mya Weverka and Landyn Cole chipping in 8 a piece, and Ava Pandorf getting 7 points. It was a great weekend to be a Lady Bobcat at 2-0,” Hinman proudly stated.

Lady Bobcats Dominate Cambridgege Trojans

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CAMBRIDGE--The Lady Bobcats had an amazing game against the Cambridge Trojans on Saturday, December 11. They dominated with the ending score being 70-32.

“Our guards shot lights out from the 3-point line, and our speed gave us a lot of opportunities for transition layups,” said senior, Landyn Cole.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with 5 3-pointers and close behind Bailey Schwarz with 3 made 3-pointers.

By the end of the first quarter the Bobcats had a good start with a score of 11-8.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Ava Pandorf with 7 made shots and right behind was Donegan with 6 made 2-point

shots.

The top free-throw shooter was Landyn Cole with 3 made free-throws and Mya Weverka with 2 made free-throws.

Then by the end of the second quarter the Lady Cats were getting farther and farther ahead with a score of 38-14.

The top rebounder for the night was Cole with a total of 6 rebounds and right behind her was Pandorf and Taylor Ross both with 5 rebounds.

The Ladies top assists for the night were by Donegan with a total of 8 assists.

The Cats, with their shot game strong, were way ahead by the end of the third quarter with a score of 54-20.

Finally the top number of steals were by Donegan with 3 steals

Lady Cats Take Loss Against Bulldogs

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
PLEASANTON--The Lady Bobcats played hard against the Pleasanton Bulldogs on Saturday, December 11th, but they sadly fell to the Bulldogs with an ending score of 24-66.

“Going into the game we were



Taylor Ross working hard against Pleasanton.

all really excited and nervous because we knew it was going to be a tough game. It didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to but we still worked really hard all the way to the end,” said sophomore, Taylor Ross.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooters were Bailey Schwarz and Ava Pandorf both making one 3-pointer.

The Ladies were off to a rough start with a score of 7-26 by the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Jadeyn Bubak with 4 made 2-point shots.

The top free-throw shooter was Bubak with 3 made free-throws and right behind her was Taylor Ross with 2 made free-throws.

By the end of the second quarter the Bulldogs were getting away from the Lady cats with a score of 10-34.

The top rebounder for the



Ava Pandorf shooting free throws and Landyn Cole getting ready to box out.

and close behind her was Cole, Schwarz, Pandorf, Ross, and Jayden Bubak all with 2 steals.

With the girls being so far ahead by the fourth quarter the JV girls got a ton of playing time against the Trojans. Then by the end of the fourth the girls won with a score of 70-32.

night was Bubak with a total of 4 rebounds, 2 offensive rebounds and 2 defensive rebounds.

Megan Donegan made the Ladies top assists with a total of 5 assists for the night.

Then by the end of the third quarter the girls started to get more shots in but sadly not all the shots fell and the score was 16-52.

Finally the top steals were made by Donegan, Landyn Cole, and Bryn Schwarz all with 2 steals each and right behind them was Ross, Mya Weverka, and Kacee Dvorak all with 1 steal.

Finally by the end of the fourth quarter the Bobcats really fell to the Bulldogs with an ending score of 24-66.

Bobcats Come Home With Another Win Against Medicine Valley

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CURTIS--The Lady Bobcats had an amazing game against the Medicine Valley Raiders on Friday December 18th. They played hard and the score showed it with the ending score being 56-35.



Jadeyn Bubak getting the rebound against the Raiders.

3rd Year Champions at Maxwell Tournament

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
MAXWELL-- On Monday, December 21st the Lady Bobcats played well against the Maxwell Wildcats. They took the win Monday night with an ending score of 56-34.

The leading scorer for the night was Megan Donegan with a total of 17 points. Those points include 1 3-point shot and 8 2-point shots.

Ava Pandorf was also the leading free-throw shooter with 3 made free-throws.

The top rebounder was Landyn Cole with a total of 8 rebounds, 5 of them being offensive rebounds and 3 of them being defensive rebounds.

Donegan made the Cats top assists with a total of 6 assists.

Then finally, the most amount of steals were also by Donegan with a total of 5 steals.

This concludes the first night of the Maxwell tournament for the

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooters were Ava Pandorf and Bailey Schwarz both with 2 made 3-point shots.

By the end of the first quarter the Bobcats had a good start against the Raiders with a score of 12-8.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Pandorf with 4 made 2-point shots, and right behind her was Schwarz, Jadeyn Bubak, and Megan Donegan all with 3 made 2-point shots.

The top free-throw shooter was Pandorf with 5 made free-throws and that led her to scoring 15 points for the game.

Then by the end of the second quarter Cole stole the ball and the Raiders were attempting to catch up but the Lady Cats were getting farther ahead with a score of 27-13.

Lady Cats.

On Tuesday, December 22nd the Lady Bobcats played amazing and dominated against the Brady Eagles during the Championship game. The Cats took the win and came home as Champions for the 3rd year in a row with an ending score of 58-12.

The leading scorer for Tuesday night was Donegan with a total of 18 points. Out of all of those points Donegan made 4 3-point shots and 7 2-point shots.



The girls holding up their plaque for the third year in a row after winning their second game against Brady.

The top rebounder for the night was Landyn Cole with a total of 11 rebounds 9 of them being defensive rebounds and 2 of them being offensive rebounds.

The Ladies top assists for the night were by Cole with a total of 4 assists, right behind her was Pandorf and Donegan both with 3 assists.

Starting off the third quarter with Bubak stealing the ball and scoring, the Cats had a 24-point lead and were ahead by the end of the third quarter with a score of 46-22.

Finally the top number of steals was by Cole with 4 steals and close behind her was Bubak with 3 steals for the night.

Then by the end of the fourth quarter Laney Badgley scored and the girls won with a score of 56-35.

Cole was the Ladies top free-throw shooter for the night with a total of 4 made free-throws.

The top rebounder was also Cole with a total of 4 rebounds. Those rebounds included 1 offensive rebound and 3 defensive rebounds.

Bailey Schwarz had the Lady Bobs top assists with a total of 4 assists for the night.

Then finally, the top steals were made by Donegan with a total of 4 steals.

Lady Bobcats Fall to Panthers in Overtime

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
HERSHEY—The Lady Bobcats played hard against the Hershey Panthers on Tuesday, January 5. It was a close game, but the Panthers pulled through with the win during overtime. The final score was 41-49.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with 5 3-point shots being made.

Bailey Schwarz ended the first quarter with a 3-point shot, assisted by Ava Pandorf. The Lady Bobcats got off to a good start and ended the quarter leading the Panthers 19-10.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Donegan with 6 made 2-point shots and close behind her was Bryn Schwarz with 3 made 2-point shots.

The top free throw shooters were Bailey Schwarz and Jadeyn Bubak both with 2 free throws. Right behind them were Bryn Schwarz and Donegan

with 1 free throw.

By the end of the second quarter the Bobcats worked hard to stay ahead of the Panthers but they slowly caught up with an end score of 26-22.

The top rebounder for the night was Landyn Cole with 8 total rebounds, 6 of them being defensive rebounds and 2 of them being offensive rebounds. Bubak also had a lot of rebounds with a total of 6 for the night; 3 of them being offensive rebounds and the other 3 being defensive rebounds.

The Ladies top assists for the night were by Donegan and Pandorf, both with a total of 4 assists each, and Bailey Schwarz was right behind them with 3 assists.

Ending the third quarter with a rebound by Cole, the Lady Cats were still ahead while the Panthers were close behind with a score of 36-33.

Finally the top number of

Lady Cats Defeat Sandhills-Thedford Knights

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
ARNOLD—The Lady Bobcats had an amazing game on Thursday, January 7 against the Sandhills-Thedford Knights. The Lady Cats took the win with a score of 55-31.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooters were Bailey Schwarz and Megan Donegan both with 2 3-point shots made.

The Lady Bobcats were off to

a great start with Ava Pandorf making the first shot of the game. Then ending the first quarter, Donegan helped the Cats get a lead on the Knights with a 3-point shot that she chucked up next to the half-court line right before the buzzer rang. By the end of the first quarter the Bobcats had a nice lead of 19-14.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Donegan with 7 made 2-point shots, this led Donegan to having a total of 16 points for night.

The top free throw shooter was Jadeyn Bubak with 4 free throws and right behind her was Landyn Cole and Schwarz both with 3 made free throws.

By the end of the second quarter the Donegan had made another 2-point shot assisted by Schwarz and the Cats had really pulled ahead of the Knights with a score of 31-19.

The top rebounder for the night was Cole with a total of 9 re-



Landyn Cole playing amazing defense against Panthers.

steals were made by Bubak with a total of 4 steals, and close behind was Cole with 3 steals.

The Panthers had caught up during the fourth quarter and the Cats went into overtime with an ending fourth quarter score being 40-40. Cole ended up fouling out during the first half of the overtime, and the Panthers pulled ahead with a final score of 49-41.

bounds, 5 of those rebounds were defensive and 4 of the rebounds were offensive.

The Ladies top assists for the night were by Pandorf with a total of 4 assists and right behind her was Donegan with 3 assists.

Schwarz got the Bobcats off to a good third quarter start by making a 3-point shot, and ended the quarter with getting a steal. The Lady Cats had really worked hard to keep pulling ahead with third quarter ending score of 42-27.

Bubak made the top number of steals by working hard and hurrying to get the ball. She ended the game with a total of 6 steals.

Finally during the fourth quarter the JV had gotten a lot of playing time since the Bobcats had a good lead on the Knights. The ending score was 55-31 and the Lady Cats came home with another win.



Bryn Schwarz going up for a lay-up.

Lady Bobcats Took Win Against Vikings

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CALLAWAY—The Lady Bobcats had an amazing game against the Bertrand Vikings on Saturday, January 9. They did an amazing job of keeping ahead of the Vikings with a win of 65-25.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Bailey Schwarz with 2



Kacee Dvorak hustling to get the ball.

Cats Dominate Against Mustangs

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CALLAWAY—The Lady Bobcats had an amazing game against the S-E-M Mustangs on Tuesday, January 12. They really worked hard and the end score showed it with a winning score of 64-39.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with a total of 4 3-point shots and right behind her was Bailey Schwarz and Ava Pandorf both with 3 made 3-point shots.

Starting off the game with a 3-pointer by Schwarz, the Bobcats were working hard up and down the court to get a lead on the Mustangs. Ending the first quarter with a 2-point shot made by Donegan, assisted by Schwarz, the Ladies had a strong start with a score of 13-8.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Donegan with a total of 7 2-point shots made.

The top free throw shooter was Laney Badgley with a total of 3 made free throw shots. Close behind Badgley was Taylor Ross with a total of 2 made free throw shots.

3-point shots and right behind her were Ava Pandorf and Megan Donegan both with 1 3-point shot.

The Ladies worked hard and had an amazing first quarter with Jayden Bubak ending the quarter with a 2-point shot, which tallied the first quarter score to be 19-2.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Donegan with a total of 7 2-point shots and close behind her was Bubak with 4 made 2-point shots.

The top free throw shooters for the night were Landyn Cole and Bubak both with 2 made free throw shots.

The Cats were off to a good start in the second quarter with Cole making a 2-point shot, assisted by Pandorf, and by the end of the second the score was 33-12.

Starting the second quarter with a rebound by Pandorf, the Lady Cats had to hustle to keep their lead on the Mustangs. Both teams put up lots of shots during this quarter, but the Cats put more in with an end score of 28-18.

The top rebounder for the night was Badgley with a total of 8 rebounds; 3 of them being defensive rebounds, and 5 of them being offensive rebounds.

The Ladies top assists were by Pandorf with 5 assists and right up next to her was Schwarz with 4 assists.

Cole started the third quarter off well with a 2-point shot, and Ava Pandorf ended the quarter with a 3-point shot. These shots a long with a lot more tallied the Ladies score up to 51 with the Mustangs still behind with 28.

The top number of steals for the night was by Landyn Cole with a total of 3 steals against the Mustangs.

Finally ending the fourth quarter with a 2-point shot by Abby Stallbaumer, the Lady Bobcats won with a score of 64-39.

The top rebounder for the night was Bubak with a total of 8 rebounds; 6 of those rebounds being defensive, and 2 of them being offensive rebounds.

Bubak made the Ladies top assists for the night with a total of 5 assists.

The Ladies really pulled ahead in the third quarter with Bryn Schwarz making the last shot and an end score for the quarter being 53-21.

Finally the top number of steals were made by Donegan with a total of 5 steals for the night.

With the Bobcats being so far ahead by the middle of the fourth quarter the JV got to play. They did an amazing job and the end score showed it with the Lady Cats winning 65-25



Taylor Ross going up for a shot.

“During the game we were hustling a bunch and our girls were running the floor as much as possible. It also definitely helped our guards were on all night and were able to put down a lot of outside shots. Throughout the game, we also had a really good defense and the Mustangs couldn’t handle our press very well. We were also very aggressive so we got a lot of steals. All of those help but every game we always come out working as hard as we can and we never give up,” said Badgley.

Lady Cats Take Down the Wildcats

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
CALLAWAY—The Lady Bobcats had a phenomenal game against the Maxwell Wildcats on Friday, January 15.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with 3 made 3-point shots.

Ending the first quarter with a shot by Ava Pandorf, assisted by Donegan, the Bobcats had a nice lead of 16-4 on the Wildcats.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Lauryn Johnson with 5 2-point shots and Donegan, close behind her, with 4 2-point shots.

The top free throw shooters were Bryn Schwarz and Landyn Cole both with 3 made free throws.

Ending the second quarter



Laney Badgley shooting free throws.

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore
ARNOLD—The Lady Bobcats dominated against the Brady Eagles on Saturday, January 16 with an end score of 58-14.

The Bobcats leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with 3 made 3-point shots and Ava Pandorf was close behind with 2 3-point shots made.

Ending the first quarter with a 2-point shot by Donegan, assisted by Mya Weverka, the Ladies had a nice

with a shot made by Johnson and a block by Cole the Lady Bobcats were really pulling ahead of the Wildcats with a score of 36-6.

The top rebounder for the night was Cole with 5 rebounds. Of those rebounds 4 of them were offensive and 1 was defensive.

The Ladies top assists were made by Bailey Schwarz, with a total of 5 assists for the night and right behind her was Donegan with 4 assists for the night.

The Wildcats tried to catch back up in the third quarter but the Ladies kept pulling ahead with an ending third quarter score of 49-14.

The top number of steals were made by Cole, Johnson, Bryn Schwarz, and Izzy Stallbaumer all with 3 steals each.

By the fourth quarter with the

Bobcats Destroy Brady Eagles

lead on the Eagles with a score of 25-5.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter for the night was Donegan with 9 2-point shots made.

The top free throw shooter was Bryn Schwarz with 2 made free throws and close behind her was Pandorf with 1 free throw made.

With the Bobcats getting farther ahead of the Eagles, Donegan scored another 2-point shot at the end of the second quarter totaling the score to 40-11.

The top rebounder was Taylor Ross with 5 rebounds. Out of those rebounds 4 of them were offensive and 1 was defensive.

The Ladies top assists were made by Donegan with a total of 5 assists for the night.

Starting off the third quarter with a steal by Jadeyn Bubak, the Bobcats were off to a good start. The Cats also ended on a good note with Ross making a 2-point shot, assisted by Abby Stallbaumer, racking up their



Mya Weverka working the ball around to find an open shot.

Bobcats having a lead of 49-14 the JV got a ton of playing time and ended up scoring 12 points, which led to an ending score of 61-21.



Abby Stallbaumer posting up against the Eagles.

Senior Spotlight

Alex Shown



What is your funniest memory from school?
“A kid diving for a volleyball my freshman year and wedging his head in the bleachers.”
Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?
“My favorite teacher was my freshman year math teacher because he actually cared about my well-being.”

What will you miss most as you begin your new chapter?
“I will miss the social aspect and the sporting events.”

Describe senior year in three words.
“Fresh, Eventful, Exhilarating”

What is your most awkward memory from when you were young?

What do you see yourself doing in five years?
“I see myself as a recently graduated student from a university that is headed into the military.”

If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice, what would it be?
“Don’t take it for granted it will be gone before you know it.”

“When I was in elementary school I peed my pants in math class.”

Where do you plan to go to college?
Do you know what major you want to pursue?
“I plan on either entering finance or aviation at Auburn.”

Senior Spotlight

Lyndee Rogers



What do you see yourself doing in five years?
“I hope that in five years that I am independent and making a good living for myself.”

If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice, what would it be?
“Be a good student, don’t procrastinate because you only cause stress for yourself.”

What is your funniest memory from school?
“Walking into school with socks and slides, having Heather Hagler say, ‘Lyndee! Wearing socks and slides will never get you a boyfriend.’”

Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?
“My favorite teachers in school include Michelle Preston and Karen Jacobson, because they’ve never assigned me

homework but have always there to help. (I love all my teachers!)”

What will you miss most as you begin your new chapter?
“I will miss having my parents there but also my teachers. It will be different in a city but in a good way.”

Describe senior year in three words.
“What’s happening now?”

What is your most awkward memory from when you were young?
“When we went on a cruise, and I was dancing, but tripped and nose-dived into the ground and everyone saw and laughed.”

Where do you plan to go to college?

Do you know what major you want to pursue?
“I plan on going to a community college to get a start in nursing. After I get my CNA, I plan to go to a different state, such as California or Rhode Island, to work as a nanny.”

Omaha World Herald & Lincoln Journal Star

Volleyball
Honorable Mention:
Jadeyn Bubak, Sr
Calyn Liable, Sr
Mya Weveraka, Jr



Links to School Calendars:

- The Activity Calendar: <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359/>
- The Lunch Calendar: <https://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/lunch-calendar>
- On the announcements tab, scroll to the bottom

Academic All-State

Arnold

Volleyball
Jadeyn Bubak

Football
Samuel Cool

Play Production
Reagan Cool
Colbi Smith

Boys Cross-Country
Silas Cool

Girls Cross-Country
Landyn Cole
Halie Recoy

Callaway

Volleyball
Calyn Liable

Football
Dalton Kunkee

Play Production
Dalton Kunkee
Isabelle Stallbaumer



Victory is Ours!

Arnold Claims State Play Production Title

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Senior

On December 9, the Arnold One Act team earned the title of Class D2 State Champions on the Johnny Carson stage in Norfolk. Winning a state championship is an incredible feat. The whole Elephant Graveyard cast and crew’s hard work and dedication displayed to everyone watching as the team gave their best performance of the season on the state stage.

To celebrate Arnold’s historic state win, the team, family, and friends gathered at Grazers Bar and Grill. Everyone watched the live-streamed award ceremony together and the crowd erupted with each award-winning announcement.

The entire cast was exceptional, and the judges noted several standouts. Colbi Smith not only received an Outstanding Performance Award for his portrayal as

Charlie Sparks, the circus’s ringmaster; he was also named the Most Outstanding Male Performer. This is an award of a high caliber, and Smith should be extremely proud. His commitment to the team and the manner in which he bettered himself as an actor all year show how deserving he was.

“It was really a dream come true. It was an incredible feeling to see all of our hard work pay off. Also, being able to celebrate our state championship with each other and our families made it just that much better. This team has been like a second family to me this season, and I couldn’t be more thankful for each and every one of them. This is Charlie Sparks... signing off,” said Smith.

Other actors that received Outstanding Performance Awards were Landyn Cole, Jesse Connell, Reagan Cool, Lance Jones, Delaney Rogers, and Trey Connell.

These actors left their hearts on the stage with each production and are worthy recipients of this award.

This emotional and moving production was also made possible with the help of the crew. Without the lighting, sound, makeup, and set team members, the show would not have been successful.

Assistant Coach Leta Connell said, “So much work goes into a One Act production, but not just by the actors and actresses. The technical crew is so vital to an award-winning performance, and this year was no exception. Our sound and light

crew really knocked it out of the park, and everyone pitched in at our state performance to clear our beast of a set in record

time! Everything clicked like a well-oiled machine, and it paid off by bringing home gold!”

Coaches Lana Cool and Leta Connell deserve thanks for this fantastic team and season. Reagan Cool, a junior, got to experience this big win with her mom as her coach.

“It was amazing getting to experience being a state champion with my mom. She spent hours every day working on One Act. Seeing her work so hard behind the scenes made me appreciate her so much,” commented Reagan Cool.

A highlight of the evening was when Shane Cool, Lana Cool’s husband, had makeshift medals prepared for an award ceremony. He said he just knew they were going to win. In front of an endearing audience, Lana and Leta presented each team member with a ribbon and washer medal and a hug.

Many other people played a large role in the team’s remarkable year. Mr. Kennedy helped construct the set, Mrs. Berglund assisted by painting the beautiful scene pictures, and Ms. Bush found time-appropriate sound effects and music.

Overall, the Arnold Play Production team had a remarkable season. They made history by winning state for the first time in Arnold history. In addition to this, it was their second year in a row attending the state competition and coming home with a medal.

Earlier in the season, they also earned the title of Dis-



Shown is Reagan Cool with her dad Shane Cool. Shane prepared the makeshift medals for the team and helped build, load, and haul the set all season.

trict Champion, MNAC Runner-up and the Outstanding Drama Award at the Gothenburg Play Festival. It will be exciting to see how next year’s team builds upon these tremendous successes.

Arnold Punches State Ticket

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Senior

On December 2, the Arnold play production team gave an outstanding performance at their D2-5 District competition held at Ansley. The crew was on point, and the cast delivered an extremely emotional show, leading them to claim the title of District Champions.

Winning districts wasn’t an easy feat, but it was an achievable goal with a hard-working group like Arnold, “I believe that hard work has been the key for producing a state-qualifying show the past two years. Early mornings, late evenings, individual practices... the result is a high-quality product. The team this year has been incredibly motivated and dedicated, and it shows. The individual growth has been tremendous, and they also work beautifully as a team. I could not be more proud,” commented Head Coach Lana Cool.

It was a well-rounded effort by all, and several of Arnold’s performers really wowed the judges. Landyn Cole, Jesse Connell, Colbi Smith, Reagan Cool, Lance Jones, and Trey Connell all

received Outstanding Performer Awards.

Cole, a four-year veteran, was exceptionally excited to earn the chance to compete at state again her senior year, “I think a lot of the returning actors felt a little bit of pressure to win districts this year after placing second at state last year. If anything, though, that just pushed us to work harder this season. We all want the gold at state this year,

and as a senior, I think that would be a pretty amazing end to my high school acting career.”

The Arnold One Act team performed at the Johnny Carson Theatre on December 9. The time

of the show was not released yet, but the Class D2 schools had the morning session on Wednesday. Stay tuned for the results from their state production!



Pictured above are the members of The Town delivering a powerful performance. These actors and actresses worked together extremely well.



Shown above are the recipients of the Outstanding Performance Awards. (L to R): Lance Jones, Reagan Cool, Delaney Rogers, Landyn Cole, Jesse Connell, Colbi Smith, and Trey Connell.

Senior Spotlight

Colby Streit

What do you see yourself doing in five years?

“I take life one step at a time so I don’t know what I will be doing in five years.”

If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice, what would it be?

“Live life to the fullest because these years go fast.”

What is your funniest memory from school?

“Tanner jumping down an entire flight of stairs and breaking his ankle.”

Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?

“Gerry Swingle. Everything about his demeanor and style just hit me the right way.”

What will you miss most as you begin your new chapter?

“Getting to hang out with my friends every day.”

Describe senior year in three words.

“Crazy, wild, and short.”

What is your most awkward memory from when you were young?

“Getting duct taped to a chair in third grade for being annoying.”



Where do you plan to go to college?

Do you know what major you want to pursue?

“UNL or UNK. I do not know what major I will be going into.”

Eli Taylor ~ Senior Spotlight



What do you see yourself doing in five years?

“I hope to be flying planes and partying.”

If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice, what would it be?

“Take pride in what you do and have fun, it flies by.”

What is your funniest memory from school?

“Mrs. Geiser freaking out when the bat I brought to school got out. Mr. Halstead had to catch it and put it back in the jar.”

Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?

“Mr. Schwarz because it is always entertaining to be in his class and I still learned a lot of things that I’m going to need in my future.”

What will you miss most as you begin your new chapter?

“I will miss being around friends and the sports.”

Describe senior year in three words.

“Ready To Leave”

What is your most awkward memory from when you were young?

“With being a Taylor you don’t have awkward moments, but we sometimes make people feel awkward.”

Where do you plan to go to college?

Do you know what major you want to pursue?

“I plan on attending K-State Polytechnic to major in Professional Pilot.”



2nd Quarter Honnor Roll

All A’s

12th

Jadeyn Bubak

Landyn Cole

Sam Cool

Kacee Dvorak

Taylor Doggett

11th

Reagan Cool

10th

Silas Cool

Lance Jones

Halie Recoy

9th

Gracie Neth

8th

Ella Cool

As & Bs

12th

Kylee Lehmkuhler

Bailey Schwarz

Alex Shown

Eli Taylor

Drew Vickers

11th

Faith Bierman

Colbi Smith

Shayla Tickle

10th

Tallianna Martin

Devin Peterson

Annalee Starr

Clay Witthuhn

9th

Logan Recoy

Trey Connell

Rio Remund

Logan Recoy

Delaney Rogers

Rio Remund

Bryn Schwarz

Charli Vickers

8th

Anna Tullis

7th

Crew Witthuhn

Haydn Stretesky



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.

We accept caps and cardboard cutouts from the products you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places that may all have the promotional codes on them.

Coca-cola committed itself to supporting education by enabling schools to collect donated points and then redeem them for a variety of school rewards including playground equipment, supplies, classroom materials, cameras, sound equipment, and more.

You can send your Coke caps (and other coke products) to the school office and they will redeem them. For more information you cna go to the <https://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.



National Honor Society Inducts 7 New Members

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

On Thursday January 14th, at 2:00, the National Honor Society inducted 7 new members.

Those new inductees included; Sam Cool (Senior), Shayla Tickle (Junior), Silas Cool, Lance Jones, Halie Recoy, Devin Peterson, and Clay Witthuhn (Sophomores).

This year the induction was short, and sweet as there was no speaker. However, the strong pillars of Service, Character, Scholarship, and Leadership were still made evident by the other members.

Due to Covid-19 no parents were allowed to come to the ceremony, but in the end they weren't left out. The National Honor Society

members set up a celebratory supper at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Morgan and Dan Blowers helped coordinate, and make a great supper of steak, corn, and a loaded baked potato.

The day was a success. As all the members of National Honor Society got to visit with their parents, and each other.



The National Honor Society inductees are pictured above, from (L-R.) Shayla Tickle, Talli Martin, Devin Peterson, Halie Recoy, Lance Jones, Silas Cool, Clay Witthuhn, and Sam Cool.

PowerSchool App Available

- In the App Store if you search for the Powerschool app, you will find a quick and easy way to access your student's grades with your mobile phone.
- Simply download the free app. It will ask you for your District Code (a 4 digit code) immediately. The code for Arnold Public School is: **SNPX**
- Then you can use your regular username and password from last year. If you are unable to remember your password, then please contact Heather at the school office by phone 308-848-2226.

Lessons from Grandpa



If someone asked me a month ago what the most challenging time in my life was, I would have struggled to produce an answer. I've spent the majority of my life sheltered in a way that has allowed me to grow safely. Starting on October 13, 2020, this changed.

It was on that Tuesday that my Grandpa Bill became ill with Covid-19. Unfortunately, after a month-long battle, he died in peace in the hospital.

The year 2020 was not kind to many people. When we reflect back on the year, I'm sure each of us can pinpoint a moment in time that changed our lives or even the way we think. However, despite any sadness, it can be beneficial to find the good, in even the darkest of situations.

In my story, my grandpa's death brought an enormous amount of sorrow. However, it was essential to remember that this loss was more of a celebration of life. Through all of the texts, calls, visits, and cards, I heard so many people recall my grandpa as a kind, humble, and genuine man.

His passing has served as a reminder to me to take time for people, to not only work hard but also play hard, and to pursue a future of loving what I do.

Grandpa Bill could always find something to talk about with anyone. You could often find my Grandma Carolyn patiently waiting for him to get done visiting after church or sports functions. It is

this memory of him that has allowed me to recognize the value of meeting new people and nurturing relationships.

Often, we get so absorbed into our own lives that we don't take enough time to truly listen to others. There is no greater investment than investing in people.

Along with his love for people, my grandpa had the motto of working hard, but then finding time to play hard. My Grandpa Bill knew the importance of taking care of his land and creating a lasting legacy for generations to come.

He also took delight in activities with friends and family, such as cards, golf, and bowling. Family holidays without him definitely look different. He would often sit quietly at the head of the table without us even realizing how bad he was beating us in a game of cards.

The example that he has set drives me to pursue a life working hard to achieve my goals while also finding time to enjoy the small moments.

As years continue to pass by, I need to remember how my grandpa found a profession that he loved. Up until the day he was too sick to do so, he was up with the sun every morning to begin working.

Even in his 80s, my grandpa was tough as nails. Checking and working cattle, fencing, and many other farming activities were no match for his resilient character.

Watching his stewardship of the land has also sparked a passion in me to possibly pursue a profession in environmental sustainability.

With a new year upon us, I encourage everyone to reevaluate what is important. This is the only life we get, and it is our choice how we spend it.

Find the time to spend with the people you care about and tell them you love them often. Strive to achieve your dreams, but remember, it's okay to relax too.

It is hard to accept that my grandpa is no longer here to watch me grow, but I will strive to live a life he'd be proud of- a life living like Grandpa Bill.

The Insider

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Senior



Can't Buy Me Love...Or Can You?

By: Talli Martin, APS sophomore

Love is in the air! It is known as the “celebration of love and affection.” Valentine’s Day, the day that comes once a year, every year on February 14th can cause elation and stress for many men and women. But with the stress, also comes tons of romance across the globe.

Gentlemen, if this holiday you are lusting over the girl next door, or simply just want to show your loved one how much you care for her, Valentine’s Day is the day that you can show that person how madly, deeply you are in love with them! So take a chance this February 14th and start stocking up on the chocolates, cards, and candies!

People around the world exchange candy hearts, red roses, cute cards, and buy romantic gifts for their loved ones. It’s been around since the 3rd century, but its roots still remain the same.

It all started back in 300 A.D. There was an emperor in the Roman Empire named Claudius II. He had banned marriage because he thought it distracted his soldiers. But there was a man named St. Valentine, who was a Roman priest and physician at the time. He felt differently and acted on his conscience. Valentine at the time was illegally marrying couples, and was eventually sentenced to death. Couples would visit his cell and give him flowers and cards, until Valentine died in his cell on February 14th. If you compare the Roman holiday to what we celebrate today you can see some similarities. Minus the whole death sentence!

Finally the Roman Pope Gelasius made St Valentine’s Day an official holiday in the 1300s. He said he made February 14th the official day of the holiday, because many people believe that birds start their mating season on February 14th. But he started it, because of St. Valentine

and how he fought for love among people.

In the year 1415, a French medieval duke named Charles sent the first official valentine. But it wasn’t until the 1840s that the first Valentine’s Day cards were commercialized by Hallmark in stores around the world.

Valentine’s Day has definitely flourished since then. Now about 55% of Americans celebrate Valentine’s Day and even spend an estimated 19.6 billion dollars a year on the holiday. It is found that most of that money is spent on jewelry. If those facts aren’t enough for you, did you know that nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine’s Day? No wonder most of the money is spent on jewelry!

What’s even crazier is that Americans send 145 million Valentine’s Day cards each year. Talk about spreading the love!

It is also found that more than 5 million American households buy Valentine’s Day presents for their pets every year!

If you still aren’t amazed by these fun facts, here are some more facts about Valentine’s Day.

- 5 billion dollars is spent on Jewelry
- 2 Billion dollars is spent on flowers
- 250 million roses are produced for the holiday.
- 1.7 billion dollars are spent just on candy
- 190 million greeting cards are sent
- 1 billion dollars are spent on cards

I know that I’ve said it, but I’ll say it again. Valentine’s Day is the day of true confession, and these statistics really do back me up! My advice is take a chance, and it might just pay off!



October-March



MNAC 2020 Volleyball All-Conference

1st Team:

Jadeyn Bubak, Sr
Mya Weverka, Jr

2nd Team:

Calyn Liable, Sr

Honorable

Mention:

Shayla Tickle, Jr

Year In Review 2020

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

Most Successful Artist
Drake



Most Popular Video Game:
Fortnite



Most Watched YouTuber:
Pewdiepie



Most Downloaded Song:
Blinding Lights



Word Of The Year
Pandemic



Most Popular Athlete:
Lebron James



Top Netflix Series:
Tiger King



New Year's Resolution Survey

7th-10th grade was asked to fill out a survey about their New Year resolutions. Here are the results we received.

Do you have a new year's resolution?

49.3%-Yes
20.5%-No
30.1%-Not sure

What is your new year's resolution?

24.3%-Do better in school
14.3%-Live a healthier lifestyle
11.4%-Meet new people
12.9%- Earn more money
8.6% -Be a nicer person
28.6%- Other

On average each year how long do you fulfill your resolution?

20.5% - Not at all
42.5% -1-3 months
20.5% -Half the year
16.4% -The whole year

Activity Calendar App

Arnold Public Schools is using a new activities application to manage all of our sporting events and school activities. If you would like access to the most updated information, you can download the rSchool App. In the Google Store and in the Apple store search for "rSchool" and you should see an app called "Activity Scheduler" with a blue hat as its icon. (See image to the right.)

It is simple and easy to use.

1. When you first open it you have to do a simple set up.
2. Simply search for Arnold Public Schools and you will find us. T
3. hen this week's activities will show.
4. You can also choose the dates you want to see for future

events.

This is a replacement for the links that feed into your iCal calendars



on iPhones and in to your Google calendars. This will be more efficient and up-to-the-minute with changes.

You can also use the following link on computers or on internet browsers on your phone to see the school calendars: <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/>



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2020 Christmas Concert

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore

'Tis the season! The Arnold K-5 performed their Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 8th.

This year Miss Bush started off the concert with Kindergarten singing "S.A.N.T.A" to the tune of "B.I.N.G.O" but instead of singing about a farmer and his dog they



The Kindergartners from L to R: Charlea Fletcher, Paisley Brown, Christian Mills, Braxton Nansel, Quade Dailey, Peyton Recoy, and Bridger Teahon.



First Grade from L to R: Breckn Doggett, Emery Schacher, Klara Baldwin, Emmah Clouse, Kaitlyn Kulp, Weston McMichael, Carlos Melendez, Bo Dailey, Aubry Corbin, and Parker Neth.



A group of the Second graders looking a little nervous before they start singing.

sang about their love for Santa Clause. The Kindergartners also sang the songs "Snowflakes/Jingle Bells" and "Joy to the World" with all of their hearts.

"When looking through all of the songs in my library, I saw this song with ten solos. Since there are ten First graders I thought "Jolly Jolly Santa" would be a wonderful way for them to share their love of music and Santa," stated Miss Bush.

Along with "Jolly Jolly Santa" the First graders also sang "Old Saint Nick, He Had a Sleigh" and "O Christmas Tree". Even though there are only ten First graders, they made sure to sing as loud as they could so that everyone in the gym could hear them.

The Second grade class sang, "Picking our Christmas Tree", "Oh, Where Have You Been Mister Claus?", and "I Saw Three Ships". They did a wonderful job making sure that they pronounced all of the words correctly, and that they were loud enough for everyone to hear.

"Oh Christmas We Greet You", "He'll Be Comin' From the North Pole", and "Away in a Manger" were all sang by the Third grade. They challenged you to see if you could count how many versus are in "He'll Be Comin' From the North Pole".

The Fourth grade sang beautifully when they performed "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas", "Good Old Santa", and "African Celebration". Miss Bush made sure to get a variety of songs from different cultures to help the kids better under-



The Third Grade class getting ready to sing their hearts out so that everyone can hear.



Miss Bush helping the Fourth grade class get lined up and ready to sing.



The Fifth grade class singing and playing their guitars.

stand what other people celebrate.

Ending the night the Fifth grade sang while each of them played a guitar. They performed "Jingle Bells", "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer", and "Two French Carols".

Every class did an amazing job singing and playing their instrument. Even though it was restricted to only household family members, everyone that was there was so thankful to be able to watch their family.

From the Superintendent's Desk

As we head into these next couple months, we will begin to prepare for state testing this Spring. On March 23rd all Juniors will be taking the ACT ONLINE here at school. There is no cost to the students for this ACT test since this is a state wide mandate. It is important that all juniors are in attendance that day.

Just a reminder that on February 11th there will be a 1:30PM dismissal with parent/teacher conferences running from 2:00PM-8:00PM that day. Also, there will be no school on Friday, February 12th. On Wednesday, February 24th there will be a 1:30PM dismissal to allow time for staff professional development.

As we start to look at the post season for winter activities, there are some changes that have been made by the NSAA. Wrestling now has a sub-district on February 6th at Shelby and districts on February 13th at Weeping Water. The following week, State Wrestling will be on Wednesday and Thursday for Class D. Basketball has also adjusted the state schedule to 5 days with Class C & D playing Wednesday-Saturday. We will release information as we have individuals & teams qualify for State. Attendance will be restricted and masks will be required.

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.



Box Tops Is Changing



Jake's Rewards APS Students

The students who earned personal pan pizzas from Jakes Horses and Harleys for the month of November are:
Seniors:
Kylee Lehmkuhler

Juniors:
Jayden Hanna-Miles
Shayla Tickle

Sophomores:
Lance Jones
Talli Martin
Halie Recoy

Freshman:
Nataysia Alford
Harmony Borah
Gracie Neth
Logan Recoy
Rio Remund
Delaney Rogers
Bryn Schwarz
Brenden Streit
Charli Vickers

Samantha Wonch

8th Grade:
Ella Cool
Anna Tullis
Ivy Tullis

7th Grade:
Brook Bierman
Paxton Bierman

6th Grade:
Josie Christensen
Elijah Cool
Malachi Neth
Piper Strasburg
EvaLynn Wonch

5th Grade:
Austin Davenport
Alex Hoskins
Delanie Weinman
Callan Witthuhn

4th Grade:
Braxton Cozad

3rd Grade:
Avery Corbin
Berklee Preston

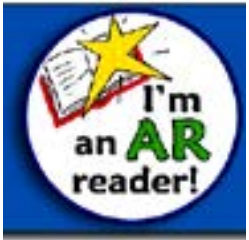
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Olivia Doggett
Ruby Hagler
Declan Teahon
MaKenna Weinman

1st Grade:
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Breckn Doggett
Weston McMichael
Parker Neth

Kindergarten:
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Uriah Schweitzer
Peyton Recoy
Charlea Fletcher
Andrew Baker
Braxton Nansel

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Dear Parents,
Your student uses Accelerated Reader, also known as Renaissance Place, at school. This program has a new feature called Renaissance Home connect, which the student and the parent can access outside of class with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, the parent, and the student to share information about your student's progress in Accelerated Reader.
Be watching for a letter to come home on the first day of school with instructions of how to login and how to use the program. You can also set up automatic emails when your student takes tests over books or takes the STAR test.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Nicole Badgley.

Create Your Own App:

School Websites Can Download To Your Phone

Use the School and SLB Site Without a Web Browser

What is a progressive web app? Why do I need one? How will this help me?

These are all questions that were asked when we figured out that the school's web site and the South Loup sports web sites now have a progressive web app.

A progressive web app "turns a web site into an app on your phone, and allows the user to have all the capabilities of the web site in this one spot."

This means that the calendar on the web site, and the individual sports calendars will be on your phone.

One of the best benefits is that the calendar and the web site are supposed to function even when you are offline or in weak service.

Progressive Web apps are "designed so they are capable, reliable, and installable."

The progressive web (PWA) has been completed for the Arnold Public Schools web site as well as the South Loup sports web site. (You will need to create a PWA for each.) It's very simple to install on your phone.

"This will make the website easily accessible from mobile devices and also allow them to view the site offline. (They will have needed to visit the site and pages once before it's accessible offline)," said Kristi Dvorak, web developer

"Once installed, the app will download every page that you visit so if you want to see something offline you will have to visit it online first."

Here are some directions for those of you who are new to Progressive Web Apps. share with anyone who needs it.

For Chrome on Android

- 1) Visit the site.

- 2) Click add to Home Screen at the bottom if prompted (skip to step 5).
- 3) If not prompted (or you have hit the x before), then click the three dots in the upper right.
- 4) Click the "Add to Home Screen" button.
- 5) Now it should install to your phone you can drag it around like any normal app.

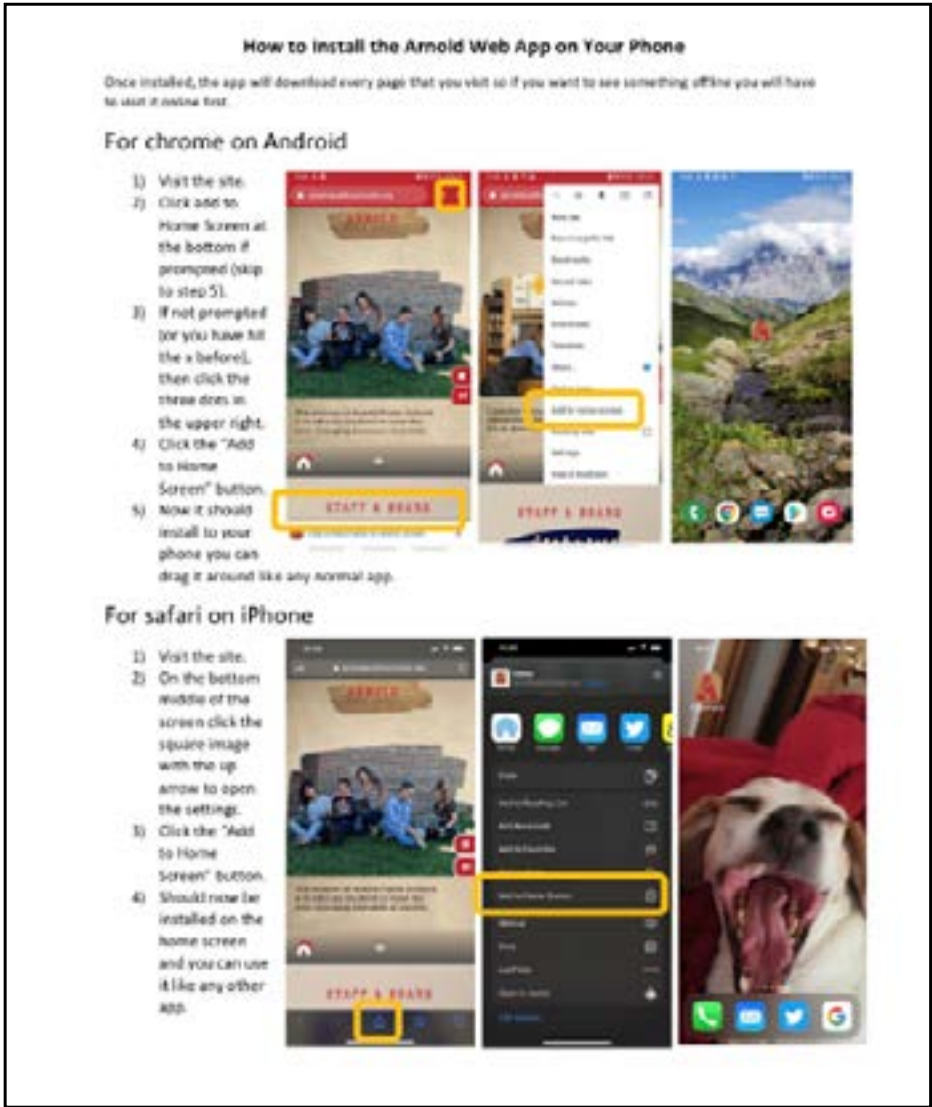
For Safari on iPhone

- 1) Visit the site.
- 2) On the bottom middle of the screen click the square

image with the up arrow to open the settings.

- 3) Click the "Add to Home Screen" button.
- 4) Should now be installed on the home screen and you can use it like any other app.

Aren't you glad I didn't define a progressive web as "a type of application software delivered through the web, built using common web technologies including HTML, CSS and JavaScript. It is intended to work on any platform that uses a standards-compliant browser"?



EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

Winter break is a good time for college prep!

Here are a few things you can do: Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our FAFSA Tools or call us to make a free virtual appointment: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Ask your school counselor about test-prep options at your school. These resources are also available.

Search for scholarships

Use our free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Update your Activities Resume

Our free Activities Resume is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

January "To Do" List

Seniors:

If you haven't already, complete the

FAFSA.

Apply for scholarships; see ScholarshipQuest for Nebraska-based awards.

Update your Activities Resume.

Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

Juniors:

Update your Activities Resume.

Register by January 8 for the February 6 ACT.

Register by February 12 for the March 13 SAT.

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Previous Newsletters

- Link to the school newsletter: <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/journalism>
- Links to newsletters prior to the 2015-2016 school year: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/schoolnewsletters>
- Links to historical and alumni newsletters: <https://sites.google.com/a/esu10.org/mrs-badgley/alumninewsletters>

Please give us your feedback by contacting Nicole Badgley at nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org.

School Calendar Link and App for your Phone

We have a new address for the school calendar. You can see all of our sporting events and school activities by going to: <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359>

If you are intersted in having the calendar on your phones, simply search for the rSchool app in the Google Store or in the Apple store and download the app with the blue ball cap titled "Activity Scheduler."

2020/2021 ACT TEST DATES

DEC	FEB		
Test-12	Test-6		
Early Nov 6	Early Jan 8		
Late Nov 20	Late Jan 15		
APR	JUN	JUL	
Test-17	Test-12	Test-12	
Early March 12	Early Nov 7	Early Nov 18	
Late March 26	Late Nov 21	Late Nov 25	

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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 2021-22 FAFSA at studentaid.gov using 2019 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each create a Student Aid account. If you need help with your FAFSA, contact EducationQuest to set up a free virtual appointment.

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 from colleges about admission and financial aid.

What you need to know about scholarships

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on com-

munity 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. You'll also find links to national sites that EducationQuest recommends.

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

Click here for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest

Don't miss out on these scholarships for Nebraska students in grades 9-12: Get Social Scholarship – By following EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers. Click here for details.

Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – To apply for this scholarship, create a ScholarshipQuest profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to

questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is March 31. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. Click here for details. Save the Date...Virtual College Fair is March 2-3

EducationQuest will host a Virtual College Fair Tuesday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m.-noon and Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. During this event, you can chat with college representatives and watch live college-prep presentations. Watch for details!

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2nd Team Defense:

Dalton Kunkee, Sr



Honorable Mention

Sam Cool, Sr

Jake Halstead, Jr



Recoy and Wonch Excell in Arts

Senator Ben Sasse's Fall 2020 Photography Contest

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

Halie Recoy has been recognized for winning Senator Ben Sasse's Fall 2020 Photography Contest. She has been informed that her photo was

chosen to be printed, and displayed in one of the Senator's offices throughout Nebraska.

Halie took this picture at approximately 7:15 a.m. on intersection of the Arnold River Road, and road

414.

Halie Recoy said, "I knew I wanted to get a picture of the sunrise, so I woke up very early, and I ended up finding the perfect shot."



Halie's picture taken On Arnold River Road.

Cecilia's painting "Down to the Dismal"

Honorable Mention at the Prairie Arts Center

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

Cecilia Wonch was recognized for receiving an Honorable Mention at the Prairie Arts Center. This show had a number of entries from well-known artists in, and around the North Platte area.

Miss Berglund said, "It is super impressive that Cecilia competed, and won against artists from the Art Guild in North Platte that have been painting for many years." Her work will be hanging at the PAC in North Platte through the month of December.

Cecilia was tasked with painting something that reminded her of lumber, as were the rest of the artists. Cecilia entered this painting called, "Down to the Dismal" to win the contest.

From the Elementary Principal's Desk



We are back to School and I am glad to have the students in the building and back to their daily routines and schedules. There are many activities that our students are involved in, and I am glad they get that opportunity. However, those students end up missing some of the school day due to attending those activities. We also want students to excel in the classroom and make sure students are staying caught up with their academics and getting the help they need when needed. To help make this happen, students have a homeroom Monday-Thursday for the first 20 minutes of the school day. This is an opportunity for students to make up tests or assignments that they missed or go talk to their teacher if needed. Our School and Staff does a great job of going above and beyond for our students to excel.

Below I have listed some key highlights that happened during the month of December and January. We will have our parent/teacher conferences Thursday February 11th, and no school on Friday Feb-

ruary 12th.

- Dec. Weekly Spotlight Highlights
 - Congratulations to Jadeyn, Mya, Calyn, and Shayla on their all conference volleyball selections.
 - Congratulations to Halie Recoy, her photo was selected by Ben Sasse to hang in one of his Nebraska offices!
 - Completed our Winter NWEA Maps testing K-11.
 - One Act Performance won Districts
 - Marble Drop: 3rd grade class is working on being inventors, as groups they are designing or inventing a marble drop that they get to build and then decide what changes need to be made to improve.
 - The Ag-Bio class made soap.
 - We were able to have our K-5 Christmas program and our 6-12 band/music concert.
 - Congratulations to Cecilia Wonch for receiving an Honorable Mention at the Prairie Arts Center
 - 3rd and 4th Grade made Christmas Crystals
 - 7th Grade in working on a natural hazard writing project, this is a collaborative assignment involving students Science and English classes.
 - 8th Grade is learning the Skeletal System.
 - The One Act Team were Class D-2 State Champions.
 - Classes received an extra day for Christmas break, because we ended up hosting a wrestling tournament.

First Semester AR Points		
Grade	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr
12	99.8	80.5
11	157.1	236

10	132.7	141.4
9	323.5	362.5
8	477.4	233.7
7	339.1	293.3
6	615.5	319.2
5	364.5	386.4
4	187.7	181.1
3	190.5	216.6
2	221.7	305.7
1	171.7	223.8
Total	3,281.2	2,980.3
Kindergarten checked out several books, they just don't take the AR tests.		

- January Weekly Spotlight Highlights
- 8th grade students are learning the different types of woodworking cuts with Mr. Atkeson (Mr. Kennedy's Student Teacher)
 - Every classroom has their own Science and Engineering Practices poster, this is part of our cross curricular school improvement implementation.
 - Spanish Class, 4th and 6th Period has moved to the back of Mrs. Badgley's room to solve the internet connection problem. (Short Term Fix)
 - I had the opportunity to have Kindergarten students read to me what their favorite thing about school was.
 - There was a National Honor Society Induction Ceremony held.
 - APS held their spelling bee to determine which students would compete in the custer county spelling bee 4th-8th grade. Students were also recognized K-3rd for being top spellers in their class. This was a neat experience for the students.



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The 12th Annual School Spelling Bee

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore

On Wednesday, January 20th, 16 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 were as follows: Ethan Furne, Ryker Atkins, Claire Kulp, Elijah Cool, Ella Cool, Riata Remund, Jami Lamphear, Lindsay Christensen, Josie Christensen, Danielle Dupocheel, Delanie Weinman, Walter Bierman, Rae Hagler, Serenity Borah, Brook

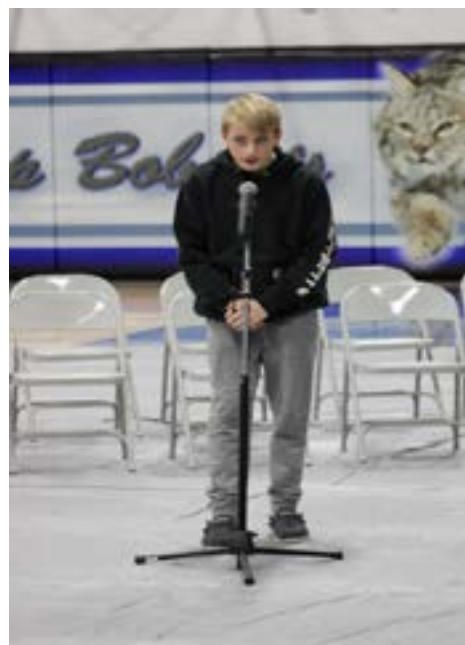
Bierman, Jett Morgan.

To start off the bee, all of the spellers went up to the microphone and spelled their name. After this practice round, the real action started. By the end of the third round only 7 of the original 16 competitors remained. The fourth round was a super tight round with only 2 of the 7 competitors being eliminated. The 5 competitors that remained were Riata, Josie, Rae, Walter and Ethan.

Tough competition continued for 4 more rounds as the competition was narrowed down to 2 competitors;

Walter Bierman and Ethan Furne. The two spellers then went into the championship round. The two competed for 4 more rounds until Ethan spelled "hooley" correctly in the 12th round and Walter misspelled the word "inevitable". Ethan then had to spell "fronds", he stepped up to the microphone and spelled it correctly to win.

Ethan Furne placed 1st, Walter Bierman placed 2nd, Rae Hagler placed 3rd, Josie Christensen placed 4th, and Riata Remund placed 5th. These five will now compete at the Custer County spelling bee.



Ethan Furne, Josie Christensen, Walter Bierman, and Rae Hagler getting ready to start the next round.

Jake's Horses and Harleys Reading Adventure

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or Salad Bar



Breakfast and Lunch Prices

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K-12: \$1.60

Adults: \$1.80

Grab and Go

\$0.45-\$0.65

Lunch

K-5: \$2.70

6-12: \$2.95

Adults: \$3.90

Little Girl Cheer Camp

By: Jaylynn Steinike

Hopefully you have school spirit because the little girls cheer camp was back on at the Arnold Public Schools. Due to COVID restrictions, two separate cheer camps were held, one in Callaway and one in Arnold. It started at 10am on January 16th and got done at 12pm that same day. The camp was held by the South Loup cheerleaders and first grade teacher Ms. Atkeson.

Senior Kylee Lehmkuhler on the cheer squad says "One on one makes it easier to teach the cheer camp students more."

Students K-6 were allowed to participate.

Ms. Atkeson said "I am happy to get all students who are interested in cheerleading able to attend."

Although, due to COVID restrictions, students will not be performing at halftime of any basketball games, the cheer team video recorded their performance and posted it to Facebook for the parents and the community to see.

Jr. High Girls Basketball

By: JayLynn Stienike; APS Senior

The 2020-21 basketball season has started for the junior high girls. The Coach Mr. Kennedy says, "The start of the season's been pretty tough, we're 0-2, but we're making improvements."

Although the first game for the girls wasn't perfect and they had a hard time scoring, they showed that they're passionate and competitive. Coach Kennedy has been having the girls work on making good passes and working under pressure.

So far the season is going as well as planned. The team just wants to work towards their goal of getting a win.

Coach Kennedy was asked what he hopes to see by the end of the season and he explained "The team set a goal for 20 points a game. We'd like to see that happen."

One thing Coach Kennedy wants to see the girls improve in the most by the end of the season is their effort.



Here is a picture of the 2020-2021 SLB girls' basketball team. Front to back, and left to right. Front Row: Landyn Cole, Josie Reif, Charli Vickers, Kacee Dvorak, and Jazlyn Bechtold 2nd Row: Maggie Birkel, Lauryn Johnson, Deema Haidle, Ava Pandorf, and Bryn Schwarz 3rd Row: Isabelle Stallbaumer, Bailey Schwarz, Abby Stallbaumer, Laney Badgely, Taylor Ross, Jadeyn Bubak, and Delaney Rogers Back Row: Mya Weverka, Halie Recoy, Irelyn Rosfeld, and Megan Donegan

The Boys Keep it .500 through their First 12 Games

A Strong Start to the Season

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

CALLAWAY--Your South Loup Bobcats kicked off their 2020-2021 season opener on Friday, the 4th at 7:30 p.m. with a 44-25 win against the Twin Loup Wolves.

From the tip the Bobcats took a hold of the game with strong defense.

Colbi Smith, junior, said, "Our press, and defensive intensity was on point, but we struggled to score in our offense. Still the Bobcats, held the Wolves scoreless the first quarter and went up 11-0.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats switched to a 1-3-1 press, and put pressure on the Wolves forcing 19 turnovers in the first half. However, the Wolves were quick to foul in transition, and forced the Bobcats to shoot free throws. The Bobcats failed

to capitalize on the 24 free throws attempts, and shot 37.5% from the line. They ended the half 27-8.

Coming out of half, the Bobcats were focused on offensive execution, and shooting a better percentage from the floor. They began to get into their offense, and got some points flowing.

The top three leading scorers were Drew Vickers with 13, Alex Shown with 11, and Smith with 10. The Bobs 1-3-1 press remained effective and they ended up with 11 steals on the night. The Bobcats pulled ahead in the third quarter 42-11.

In the fourth quarter, the Bobcats began to give the underclassmen some minutes. They played well and kept scoring; however, the Wolves hit a couple threes cutting away at the score. The Bobcats ended up taking the 50-21 win.



Pictured above is #32 Drew Vickers, shooting over a Twin Loup defender.

Bobcats Fall to the Broncos

CALLAWAY--On Saturday December 7, the Bobcats geared up for their game against the Amherst Broncos at 4:30 p.m. The Bobcats were up against a basketball juggernaut.

The Broncos won the tip, but the Bobcats got a stop and got into their offense. The Bobs sent a cutter to the hoop, and Sam Cool, senior struck first. After that both teams scored back and forth until it was 8-7 in favor of the Broncos. The Broncos got into a ¾ court 1-3-1 press and rattled the Bobcats. The Bronco's tallied up 13 unanswered points to end the first quarter 21-7.

Coupled with poor offensive execution and the Bronco's very active press, Amherst extended their

lead throughout the 2nd quarter. The snowball kept rolling and the Bronco's ended up ahead 40-11 going into the third quarter.



Pictured above is #15 Colbi Smith knocking down a 3-pointer.

The Bobcats came out after

halftime, and with some execution and were able to get a few easy buckets. But the Bobs started getting a little gassed and their help side defense faded. They ended the third quarter behind 58-18.

As the Bobcats headed into the 4th quarter, Coach Cole started subbing in some younger players to finish off the game, but Amherst had a lot of depth. With some inexperience on the Bobcats side, the Bronco's kept scoring. The Bronco's took the win 66-21.

All in all the Bobcats had a rough night shooting, and Coach Mike Weverka said, "The Amherst players were just hard to defend."

Coach Cole added, "The Amherst boys play a lot of basket

ball, but we just couldn't execute

Bobcats Lose Two but Improve.

CAMBRIDGE--On Friday December 11, at 7:30 p.m. the Bobcats kicked off their second week of basketball, by traveling to play the Cambridge Trojans.

Coach Cole mentioned, "The best team didn't win this game."

The Bobcats came out fast and won the tip, but they missed the layup. The Bobs got a steal from the Trojans on the other end, ran the floor, and got fouled. Sam Cool put in both free throws, and put the Bobcats up 2-0.

From there the Bobcats drove to the rim hard, getting the Trojans in foul trouble. The Bobcats made layups in transition putting them up 6-0. The Trojans finally got their own layup, but the Bobcats followed putting the score up to 8-2 in favor of the Bobcats.

For about 4 to 5 possessions, there was a stretch where the Bobcats played great defense, and the Trojans only scored one bucket. However, the Bobcats didn't reward themselves, and went 0-3 on 3PT attempts.

Finally the Bobcats got back into their offense, and struck again increasing their score to 10-4. From there the Trojans went on a 6-1 run. At the end of the 1st Quarter the Trojans were behind

PLEASANTON--On Saturday December 12th at 7:30 p.m., the Bobcats traveled to play the Pleasanton Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs won the tip, and got it to their post, to score first. The Bobcats went down and got a great look in their offense, but got fouled. Owen Stallbaumer missed his two free throws, but the

tonight on the offensive side."

the Bobcats 11-10.

In the 2nd Quarter both teams settled into their offenses, and scored back and forth, making the score 16-15 Bobcats. The Bobcats kept driving to the rim, and the Trojans got in major foul trouble. But the Trojans persisted getting



Pictured above is Sam Cool #13 finishing at the rim for two points.

much-needed rebounds to keep up. The Trojans lead at the half 24-23.

The Bobcats headed into the third quarter with offensive intensity, scoring first. But the Trojans Bobcats got into their press allowing Drew Vickers to get a steal and a quick layup.

The Bulldogs went down and chucked up a three, but again their post got the rebound, and put it in going up 4-2. The Bobcats responded tying it back up. Both teams continued to play strong ball throughout the quarter getting

went on a run, hitting two threes, and a couple of layups putting them up 32-25. The Bobcats then buckled down on defense, but again failed to reward themselves, and missed three after three. The Trojans ended up ahead in the 3rd Quarter 34-25.

The Bobcats shook it off, and continued to play. They got into their offense, and fed Vickers in the post. The two teams scored back and forth racking up the points. The Trojans kept with it and the Bobcats couldn't capitalize on the Trojan foul trouble. Three Trojan players had 4 fouls at the end of the game.

The Trojans slid by with the 50-39 win. The Bobcats shot themselves out of the game, being 0-13 from the 3PT line.

Still Vickers had a double-double with 17 points, and 10 rebounds. Vickers said, "We were right with them until they made a run in the third quarter. On the offensive side we just need to have more discipline in the shots we take. Altogether we just need to let the game come to us, and not force our shots."

Cool followed with 12 points, and together the team shot 13 of 24 from the free throw line, which is 54.2 percent.

good looks in their offenses. The Bulldogs led 19-18 at the end 1st quarter.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats press created pressure on the Bulldogs, and the Bobs began to rack up the steals. However, the Bulldogs were quick to foul in transition, and the Bobcats struggled to make free throws. The Bobcats

offense, but failed to get the rock in the hole.

The Bulldogs rebounded, kept feeding their big man, and pulled ahead slightly 27-21. Then the two teams traded three pointers to make the score 30-24 Bulldogs. With about three and a half minutes left in the second quarter, both teams buckled down on defense and only gave up one more bucket each. The Bulldogs had a 32-26 lead headed into halftime.

Coach Weverka said, “He was very pleased with the defensive intensity in the half court, but would of liked to see more intensity in the press.”

To start the third quarter the Bobcats got it into the post. Drew Vickers made the shot, but was fouled. Vickers knocked in his free throw attempt to make the 3-point play. The Bulldogs went down missed their layup, but got the offensive board and knocked down a 3. The Bobcats responded,

and got an easy layup. But the Bulldogs fought back, and with a couple offensive rebounds shot a mid ranged jumper to make the score 37-29.

Again the two teams played solid defensive, and struggled to get



Pictured above is Drew Vickers shooting over 2 Bulldog defenders.

shots to fall. Still the Bulldogs got

Bobcats Rock the Raiders

CURTIS--On Friday December 18, the Bobcats traveled to play the Med-Valley Raiders at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats played a great game, and exceled on the offensive side. They came out with the 58-44 win over the Raiders.

The Bobcats won the tip, and missed the quick layup. The Bobcats got a steal on the other, and transitioned for the first score. They went back and forth in the half court until the score was 6 all. Both teams kept working in their offenses, but the bobcats were superior, and the led at the end of the 1st Quarter 11-10.

The 2nd Quarter was much like the first; both teams played really great in the half court, and made shots fall. Sam Cool said,



Pictured above is Alex Shown #4 soaring high to lay the ball in. “We finally just relaxed and played basketball, and as a result we were able to break their press, and the

a few more layups than the Bobcats, making the score 46-33. The Bobcats became stagnate in their offense, and the Bulldogs expanded their lead in 3rd Quarter to be up 51-36.

The Bobcats went into the last quarter with some fire, and put a lot of pressure on the Bulldog guards. Still the teams traded shot for shot making the score 60-43. Again the Bobcats offense got stagnate, so they called a timeout. They came out of the timeout and Vickers got an easy layup.

The two teams continued to play strong, but the Bobcats just couldn’t catch back up. The Bulldogs took the win 70-57.

Drew Vickers had 16 points, Colbi Smith hit two three-pointers, and some free throws to have 10 points, and Alex Shown hit some great mid-range jump shots to have 8 points. Still the bobcats were simply outscored.

shots started falling.” At the end of the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats were up 21-18.

The Bobcats came out after halftime out with some fire and struck first. They proceed to stop, score, stop, and score again, going up 28-18, an unanswered 7-0 run. The bobcats keep playing amazing basketball, and despite the trend of a 3rd quarter lull, the Bobcats pulled ahead in the 3rd Quarter 42-25.

In the 4th quarter the Bobcats kept up the pace, and drove to the bucket. But they racked up a few offensive charges, which kept the Raiders in the game. However the Bobcats still took charge of the game, and made free throws down the stretch to take the win over the

Raiders 58-44.

Coach Cole said, “That was a great win all around, we are beginning to get closer to putting a

full game together.”

The top scorers were Drew Vickers, and Sam Cool who both had 17 points, and Cache Gracey

with 11 points. Vickers also 7 rebounds, and Alex Shown followed with 6. Alex Shown also had 5 key blocks.

Bobcats Win the Holiday Tournament

First Game vs. the Maxwell Wildcats

MAXWELL--On Friday, December 21st, the Bobcats traveled to compete against the Maxwell Wildcats in the Holiday tournament at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats ended up taking the 55-52 win over the Wildcats

The Bobcats won the tip, and with their staple offensive tip strategy, struck first. From there both teams played great basketball. Then in the last minute of the 2nd quarter the Wildcats got hot on from three point land, and won the half 28-21.

The Bobcats came out of halftime with intensity, and they had their own run from three-point land. Drew Vickers said, “As a team we played very well offensively, we came out in the third quarter and couldn’t miss. I usually don’t shoot many threes, but I was knock-



Pictured above is #32 Drew Vickers slashing through the defense on his way to 24 points. ing them down so why stop.” The wealth was shared throughout the

team, and the Bobcats matched their score at halftime with 21 point in the third quarter. They took the lead 42-39.

The Bobcats continued to play great, and the Wildcats couldn’t recover. The boys made free throws down the stretch and pulled off a great 55-52 win over the Bobcats.

Coach Cole said, “It was a great to see the offensive success, and get another good win.”

Vickers again led with 24 points, and 12 rebounds, but everyone added on the points. The Bobcats shot 61.5 percent from the free throw line, and also had 8 steals. The Bobcats advanced to the Championship game.

Championship Game vs. the Sandhills Valley Mavericks

MAXWELL--The Bobcats headed back down to Maxwell to play the Sandhills Valley Mavericks in the Championship game at 7:30 p.m. They ended up winning it all 55-52.

The Bobcats started out sluggish, but began to get into their offense, and get the looks they wanted. The Mavericks crashed the boards are got a lot of 2nd chance points to keep up. Still the Bobcats were ahead 11-10 after the 1st quarter.

The Bobcats took control

in the 2nd quarter, and rattled the Mavericks. They had great defense and rewarded themselves on the offensive side. The Bobcats extended their lead to end the half 30-21.

The Bobcats came out in the third quarter and got all the looks they wanted. They got layup after layup. But again the Bobcats rebounded poorly on the defensive side, and that kept the Mavericks within reach. Still the Bobcats won the quarter, and retained the lead 44-32.

During the 4th quarter, the

Bobcats continued to drive to the bucket. But the Mavericks were quick to foul and made the Bobcats pay. The Bobcats just couldn’t get the free throws to fall, and were 9-24 from the line (37.5 percent.) The Mavericks got a few steals, and the score tightened up. But in the end the Bobcats didn’t crumple under pressure, and made the free throws when they counted. They came out with their 7th straight Holiday tournament championship, and a 56-54 win over the Mavericks.



Pictured above are the 2020 Holiday Torunament Champions, From (L-R) (Top row) Joey Sallach, Cache Grace, Bryant Leeper, Alex Shown, Drew Vickers, Colbi Smith. (Bottom row) Silas Cool, Logan Recoy, Johnathon Lamphear, Sam Cool, Owen Stallbaumer, Trey Connell, Kaden Paulsen, and Lance Jones.

Bobcats Fall to a Tough Hershey Team

HERSHEY—To start the new year of 2021, the Bobcats traveled to play the Hershey Panthers on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. The Panthers ended up taking the 57-29 win.

The Bobcats started two freshmen, one junior, and two seniors, while the Panthers started five veteran seniors. The Panthers won the toss, and scored first, but the Bobcats tied it up with their own layup. From there, the Bobcats missed a few defensive assignments and the Panthers went up 10-4. The Panthers continued to attack the rim and got hot from the 3-point line. They had the lead to end the 1st Quarter ahead 21-6.

In the 2nd Quarter, the two teams began to play strong defense, and caused turnovers on both sides. There was a 4-minute scoring drought at the start of the quarter,

however, the drought was ended when the Panthers got the ball to their post to make the score 23-6. With a little less than 4 minutes left in the 2nd Quarter, both teams got their offenses rolling again. The Panthers ended up on top by



Pictured above is #2 Trey Connell, making a crafty layup in traffic.

extending their lead to 34-14 to end the half.

To start the 3rd Quarter, the Panthers got in a 1-3-1 defense to mix it up. It made the Bobcats offense stagnate. They produced

turnovers and got some easy layups. But the Bobcats persisted and got a few of their own. At the end of the 3rd Quarter, the Panthers had the edge and were up 48-23.

Going into the final quarter, both teams started subbing to finish out the game. The stats of the game were very similar, but the downfall of the Bobcats was losing the rebounding battle, and being stagnate on the offensive side, particularly in the second half. The Panthers finished on top, and took the 59 -27 win.

Drew Vickers led the Bobcats with 12 points and 9 rebounds. Alex Shown added 7 points and 6 rebounds for the cause. Coach Cole commented, “That was a very good C2 team. Hershey did a very good job flowing in their offense, and with 15 assists they set their teammates up for success.” In essence, the Bobcats matched the Panthers



Pictured above is #15 Colbi Smith taking a 3-pointer during a great night of shooting.

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CALLAWAY--On Friday January 15, the Bobcats played the Maxwell Wildcats for the second time at 7:30 p.m. The South Loup boys had low numbers for the game due to sickness, but showed up to win. The Bobcats proved to be the better Cats, and won with a score 45-42.

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To start the 4th quarter the Bobcats got a flow going in their offense, and kept up the pressure. They kept forcing turnovers and the Bobcats closed back in 43-37. Drew Vickers drove, got fouled, and put in two free throws. The Bobcats got a great stop and Colbi Smith dropped a three to make the score 43-42 Vikings with the slight lead. However, the Vikings pushed the ball up the floor to get an easy layup, then again got an offensive board, and put it back up to make the score 47-42. Again Smith pulled up from the three and boom back to 47-45. But the Bobcats had a miscommunication on the other end and the Vikings got an easy layup.

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in every category, but they gave up too many second chance points right under the bucket. The Bobcats

struggled getting into an offensive flow, and were simply bested by the Panthers.

Bobcats Fall to the Knights

ARNOLD--On Thursday, January 7th, the Bobcats of all ages are back at home for their annual marathon against the Sandhills-Thedford Knights. The day began with the Junior High boys and girls, moved into JV boys and girls, with the night finishing with Varsity girls and boys.

The high school boys played at 7:30 p.m. Bobcats lost the tip but played defense and got the stop, but they missed an easy bucket. The Knights made them pay on the other end by knocking down a three for the first score. From there both teams lacked defensive prowess, and gave the other good looks in their offense. The Bobcats missed too many easy buckets, and the Knights went up after the 1st quarter 14-9.

Beginning the 2nd quarter the Bobcats took every shot they wanted but failed to finish right under the rim. On the defensive side they made it too easy for the Knights to walk the ball up the floor, and get into a flow. The Knights found their rhythm and

knocked down a couple three's to stretch their lead. They ended ahead at the half 30-15.

To start the 3rd quarter the Bobcats knew they had to turn the intensity up. The Bobcats got into a 1-3-1 and flew around. Despite getting stop after stop, the Bobcats struggled in their offense and could not get shots to fall. The Bobcats held the Knights to 3 points the whole 3rd quarter. Nevertheless, the Knights still lead 33-22.

Headed into the final quarter the Bobcats kept up the intensity. Alex Shown hit a couple 3 pointers to get the Bobcats within 6 points. But the Bobcats could not get out of the hole they dug themselves into. The Knights made free throws down the stretch, and took the 46-37 win.

The points were spread out evenly amongst the Bobcats, but Alex Shown led with 11 points. Shown said, "When I started hitting shots I was feeding off the energy of my teammates, and the crowd. Even though we didn't get the win we played well in stretches, and

Bobcats Lose a Close One to the Vikings

CALLAWAY--On Saturday, January 9, the Bobcats played the Bertrand Vikings in Callaway at 7:00 p.m. The two teams were very evenly matched, but the Vikings took the 52-45 win.

The Bobcats won the tip, and struck first. The Bobcats put pressure on the Vikings and transitioned well. The Bobcats got into a flow in their offense, and got great

looks. But they missed a few too many easy points. Despite leaving a lot of points out there the Bobcats won the 1st Quarter 16-15.

To start the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats missed a few defensive assignments and the Vikings took the lead 19-16. The teams kept up the defense, and made the other turn the ball over. But the fouls tallied up quick, and both teams shot a



Pictured above is #14 Cache Gracey pulling up for a mid-range jumper.

I believe we are improving as a unit." Trey Connell added 7 points. Drew Vickers led with 8 rebounds. Together the Bobcats shot 25 percent (14/56) from the field, and 24 percent (6/25) from the three-point line.

Coach Cole said, "We left a lot of points out there. We also have a lull in the game where we are stagnate, we just need to put a full game together and watch out."

lot of free throws. The Bobcats got great looks but could not get shots to fall. The Vikings went up 25-21 in the 2nd Quarter.

The Bobcats came out stagnate in the 3rd quarter, and the Vikings went on an 11-0 run to make the score 36-21. The Bobcats upped the pressure, and played some defense. They ended getting some steals, in transition to get the



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the deal. He knocked down both of his free throws to secure the 45-42 win.

The wealth on the offensive side was shared throughout the whole team. Cache Gracey led with 10 points, Sam Cool 9 points, Lance Jones 8 points, Owen Stallbaumer 8 points, and Trey Connell with 6 points. Trey Connell lead

Bobcats Outclass the Eagles

ARNOLD--On Saturday January 16, the Bobcats played the Brady Eagles at 5:30 p.m. The South Loup boys were still missing two upper classmen, but outclassed the Eagles and got the 47-35 win.

The Eagles won the toss, and scored first, but the Bobcats transitioned and got a layup to tie up the score. After that Owen Stallbaumer made two shots in a row to put the Bobcats up 6-2. The Bobcats continued to get stops on the defensive side, and they converted them into points to win the first quarter 18-13.

To start the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats upped the pressure, and forced the Eagles to turn the ball over. The Bobcats got quite a few layups in transition, and held the Eagles to one point the whole 2nd Quarter. The Bobcats expanded their lead to 31-14 going into half-time.

The Bobcats started the 3rd

with 5 rebounds, and Alex Shown followed with 4. The Bobcats had a hard time rebounding, and had 3 offensive rebounds to the Wildcats 15. However, the Bobcats out shot the Wildcats. The Bobcats shot 53 percent from the floor, and 86 percent from the free-throw line.

up. The Bobcats maintained their lead, and were up 42-25.

In the 4th quarter the Bobcats finished out the game, and began to sub in. The Eagles hit a couple shots at the last to tighten up the score. But all in all the Bobcats won 47-35, and had a successful week.

Cool led with 16 points, Stallbaumer added 14 points, and Cache Gracey had 9 points. Cool also led with 11 rebounds, and Gracey followed close behind with 10. The Bobcats finally won the rebounding battle, with 13 more rebounds than the Eagles. Trey Connell had a great night of 8 assists, and 5 steals. Altogether the Bobcats forced the Eagles to 24 turnovers, while only having 15 of their own.

Coach Cole said, “We did our job this week getting our two wins, now the hay is in the barn for conference seating.”



Pictured above is #55 Owen Stallbaumer working in the paint with 14 points to show. Quarter strong, with Sam Cool hitting a 3-pointer. The Bobcats continued to stay up, and press to get easy points, but the Eagles got hot from the 3-point line, and kept



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