

# The Cardinal Chronicle

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## Musical, Merry, and Bright

By Gracie Neth, APS Senior

ARNOLD: On November 30th at 6 p.m., Arnold Public Schools filled the gym - and the community - with holiday cheer. From preschoolers to Seniors, students sang Christmas songs that lifted everyone's hearts and put them in a jolly mood.

The night started off with some solos. Adalei Tullis sang Silent Night. Following her, Lindsay Christensen sang The First Noel. Those eighth grade girls started the concert strong, setting the holiday mood.

Then, Preschool took the stage. Singing He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney and Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star, they stole the audience's hearts with their cuteness.

Kindergarten followed, singing and dancing to I'm a Little Snowman and Santa Has a Big Red Suit, enthusiasm with every action.

1st grade shared their hopes for Christmas day when they sang I

Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas. With action, enthusiasm, and Christmas delight, they also sang Christmas Wheels on the Bus.

When second grade took the stage, the crowd knew something awesome was about to happen. Carrying inflatable saxophones in a variety of colors, the students jammed out to a jazzy Jingle Bells and Santa Clause is Coming to Town.

Third grade entered the stage next, carrying inflatable colorful guitars, and rocked out to Rockin Around the Christmas Tree and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. They ended their time on the stage with some awesome guitar solos.

Fourth grade followed with their inflatable guitars, and jammed to Little Saint Nick and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. The audience could tell they were having a great time, which in turn gave the audience a bit of fun.

Fifth grade made a fashion statement at their turn to enter the stage. Each one wearing fancy, sparkly Christmas glasses, not to mention Ruby Hagler dressed as a Christmas tree and Jeremiah Morgan dressed as Santa Claus. Singing Leroy the Redneck Reindeer and Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, they gave the audience a laugh with their humorous songs and costumes.

The 6-12th grade choir surprised the audience when they pulled out kazoos in the middle of Jingle Jangle Ding a Ding a Ding Dong. Following Run Run Rudolph, Eli Rogers and Luke Tullis took center stage and a microphone, singing the most important part of Christmas (Baby Please Come Home).

The grand finale was when the audience sang the crowd-sing-along, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas. Everyone took a cookie made by Rose Bierman as they headed out the



The Kindergarten Class performs with an abundance of holiday spirit.

# “Send Her Back!” Nope, Send Her to State!

By: Samantha Wonch APS Senior  
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## DISTRICT ONE ACT

THEDFORD: November 29, the Arnold One Act Team took their performance “Anne of Green Gables” to Thedford, NE to compete in District One Act. With lots of determination and big energy, the team executed a dominant performance and became the District One Act champions earning the right to compete at the State One Act competition!

The entire team pulled together to present the play in a way that had the judges raving about their performance. Besides bringing home first place, outstanding acting awards went to Ivy Tullis, Riata Remund, Rio Remund, Ella Cool, Logan Recoy, Ann Tullis, Danah Baldwin, and Josie Christensen. Also the best actress award went to Ella Cool and the best actor award went to Logan Recoy.

Once again the crew worked hard and received the outstanding technical award. The head coach Lana Cool shares her excitement for the team.”WOW! The cast and crew of Anne of Green Gables really knocked it out of the park at Districts. I was blown away by their contagious positive energy all day and when they performed it was just amazing.

This team is so special. They



Arnold One Act Team celebrating and holding the D2 Play Production State

work well together and make every day fun. I am so excited to take this delightful group of students to perform at State. A well deserved honor for this hard working team.”

## FOUR TIMES STATE CHAMPIONS!

NORFOLK: “Did you hear, did you hear?” The Arnold One Act team are your 2023 NSAA Class D2 State Play Production Champions! They presented the play “Anne of Green Gables” at the Carson Theater December 6th, along with the best D2 one acts of the state. The competition was top notch,

but the team preformed their best and were able to take home the gold, making Arnold One Act team four time consecutive state champions.

Acting awards went to Rio Remund, Logan Recoy, Ella Cool, Josie Chris tensen, Riata Remund, Danah Baldwin and Taylor Hanna. The Outstanding Female Performer award went to Ella Cool.

The head coach Lana Cool excitedly states, “Winning our fourth consecutive State Championship was a thrilling way to end a very special season. I could not have asked for a more awesome group of humans to spend the past four months with.

This team is creative, coachable, committed, talented, and delightful. The process of putting together a show can be difficult and tedious. But these students made every single moment of the process fun. Ultimately it’s more about the journey than the destination, and with this team, the journey was a blast.”

## 2023/2024 ACT

**Sept 9**

Registration: Aug 4

**Oct 28**

Registration: Sept 22

**Dec 9**

Registration: Nov 3

**Feb 10**

Registration: Jan 5

**Apr 13**

Registration: Mar 8

**June 8**

Registration: May 3

**July 13**

Registration: June 7



# New Year's Resolutions

New Year's is the start of the new year so many people say new year new you and make new years resolutions so here are some APS students' resolutions.

"My New Year's resolution is to work on my body and work out more and get bigger muscles than my boyfriend" -Jami Lamphear.

"My New Year's resolution is to do better in school then I have been, even though I've been doing great." -Serenity Borah

"My New Year's resolution is to work hard all year and be a good student" - Eli Rogers.

My New Year's resolution is to be content being single. I've

been through a couple of tough relationships this year, both of which have left me feeling upset and broken. I'm still not over either, but going into this new year, it is the perfect chance for me to change the way I think about my relationship status. Above all else, my main goals for the new year: be content being single and work on my mindset/way I think about things." -Anonymous

"My New Year's resolution to start being nicer to a certain person, even though they are really mean to me! They are going to have a big change in their life at the beginning of the year. With everything changing I plan on being the

thing that does not change in their life. Whether that be by, the way that we are sarcastically rude to each other, or being the person they can talk to about how things are going." -Also Anonymous

My New Year's resolution is to be nicer to people and spread joy because everyone needs a bit of joy no matter what it is. I also want to do more things with my wonderful girlfriend because she is amazing and makes me really happy." -Eli Hunt

No matter what your New Year's Resolution is, we wish you luck fulfilling them. Happy New Year.

## Experimenting With Fun

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior

**KEARNEY:** On December 6, 2023, eight students competed at the Science Olympiad. At the ESU 10 building in Kearney, Parker Neth, Weston McMicheal, Sophia Cool, Makenna Weinman, Berklee Preston, Addison Dalrymple, Dagen Fletcher, Braxton Green, Paisley Witthun, and Jaxsen Schacher competed in six science events against students from other schools.

Events ranged from a Duct Tape Challenge where students had to create and market a product,

to an electronics challenge where students learned different types of wiring. There was an agriculture hydro challenge where students designed a water structure similar to a pivot that could fill their water jar in different sizes. The Chromatic Chemistry event talked about color in nature, asking students to make a design out of Skittles. A Paleontology challenge encouraged students to examine fossils and create a hypothesis of the environment it came from.

Sophia Cool said, "My favorite part was the catapult." The

Jet Puffed Catapult challenge made students design a catapult that went through multiple rounds of testing. These rounds tested to see if the catapult would fling the objects over a wall, across a field, and finally, to a specific location.

Each event had a time limit where they completed the scientific process. Mrs. Moninger, the teacher who took them to this event, said, "The Science Olympiad really emphasized the scientific process of making a design, trying it out, and modifying it to make the changes to make it better."



# Arnold Christmas Around Town

By: Tahnna Nokes, Senior

ARNOLD - On November 29, 2023, our local Arnold chamber and the NHS hosted the annual Christmas around town throughout the community. All of the events that were provided were organized by different organizations in the community, and most lasted from 5-7 p.m. Beginning at 5 p.m., there was a variety of events, which included a visit from Santa, pancake feeding, gift wrapping, funnel cakes, and hayrack rides.

Starting off with the visit from Santa and a special arrival by Buddy the Elf and the Grinch, which was placed at Koubek Gardens on Main Street. There were a lot of kids who showed up to tell Santa about what they wanted for Christmas and get to experience some time with Santa. As mentioned before, they also had the opportunity to see and hang out with Buddy the elf and the Grinch.

Next, while the kids were enjoying Santa and all of the other fun, there was a pancake feed being held at the community center. It was obviously delicious but was also a good place for people to come in and warm up. This was organized by our local Rotary and its different groups and organizations.

Also, for another opportunity for some delicious food and a way to get in the Christmas spirit, there was also a funnel cake stand set up which was then located on Main Street and was also run by the National Honor Society. Each funnel cake was sold for \$7.00.

There was an opportunity to have your Christmas gifts wrapped for you at the community center. This was held by the Central



Nebraska Interact, which was a free will donation, which then raised proceeds that went to the club for many different expenses.

Finally, the end of the festivities ended with a free hayrack ride that started on Main Street and went throughout almost the whole town. This was provided by the Arnold Chamber, and the tractor was driven by one of the members. The tractor and trailer were also very decorated with lights and gave up a lot of Christmas spirit.

Also, while all of this was happening, there was calendar sales for the 2024 calendar. This was set up and run by members of the Arnold Area Historical Society, which was set up at the location of the Touch of Grace Massage & Spa on main street.

There was a beef raffle drawing, which was organized by the Arnold Area Historical Society organization. And it was also sponsored by Nansel's Best Service in Arnold.

To close out the fun of the night, and throughout the day, there was an opportunity for shopping and dining at all of the local businesses. This included some specials and some drawings for

different things. Some of them also extended their hours for the sake of the customers. Also, if you decided to enter the drawings, you had the chance to win chamber bucks, which were all good to use at the Arnold businesses.

Needless to say, this was a fun time and an awesome experience for all individuals, from children to adults.



Booker Kulp getting his picture taken with Santa.



# National Honor Society Induction

By: Tahanna Nokes APS Senior

ARNOLD- On Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023 Arnold Public Schools hosted their 15th annual NHS induction ceremony.

The new inductees this year were Sophomores Eli Rogers and Crew Witthuhn and Juniors Dolores Duponcheel, Realta Leach and Ivy Tullis.

To start off the ceremony, President Rio Remund briefly described what being in NHS really is about and what it entails.

Then the seniors who have been in the NHS Program for 4 years explained what the parts of NHS include: Character, leadership, scholarship and service.

Being in the National Honor Society is a great honor, responsibility and opportunity for students in high school.

It is something that is granted and earned by students, who have to work for it.

Mrs. Debby Monniger is the sponsor and leader of this program at APS. She is the director who makes sure that enough money is raised for numerous service projects that they complete.

For the induction ceremony, the NHS also created a slideshow and had it playing during the ceremony.

To finish off the ceremony, President Rio Remund of the National

Honor Society swore in all of the new members who were just accepted and were recognized.

They then also stood up and followed Rio in repeating the pledge after the instructor told them what to say.

“Being inducted into NHS means so much to me. Not only did I meet the requirements, but now I get the opportunity to volunteer for my school and community. I feel honored to say I am part of this group and am excited to see what opportunities it opens up for me,” said new inductee, Junior Ivy Tullis



Back Row L-R: Taylor Hannah-Miles, Ella Cool, Delaney Rogers, Trey Connell, Gracie Neth, Rio Remund, Logan Recoy, Tahanna Nokes, Charli Vickers, Bryn Schwarz and Danah Baldwin; Front Row L-R: Riata Remund, Crew Witthuhn, Dolores Duponcheel, Realta Leach, Ivy Tullis, Eli Rogers and Anna Tullis

## 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.

# Bobcats Start Season 1-1

By: Cache Gracey

On Friday, December first the South Loup Bobcats made the trip down to Sargent to play the Twin Loup Wolves. This would be the Bobcats first game of a very promising looking season. With a veteran team the Bobcats had high hopes for this game and the rest of the season.

The Bobcats started off the game very strong and took the lead early. The Bobcats were having no trouble putting up points and in the first quarter this looked as if it were going to be an offensive game.

When the second quarter came it was a very different ball game. Both defenses were starting to figure it out and there was not much scoring in the second quarter. The Bobcats were controlling the game for the entire first half and had a comfortable lead.

The third quarter rolled around and Twin loup started to get some hope. After going on a scoring run they were right back in the game. A quick timeout by South Loup allowed for South Loups players to get their minds right and go out and score. The timeout changed the momentum and the Bobcats gained their comfortable lead back.

The last quarter consisted of both teams going back and forth. The fourth quarter was action packed with a close game that had the stands on their feet. The Bobcats were able to fight off the Wolves and get the win with a final score of 55-47.

On Saturday, December second South Loup made another drive to Amherst to face the Broncos. This was going to be a test for the Bobcats, with Amherst returning a lot of their

starters. The Broncos started the game well and the Bobcats were struggling to defend the perimeter. A couple three pointers by Amherst and not much scoring for the Bobcats concluded the first quarter.

The second quarter was not much different with the Broncos controlling the game offensively. The struggling Bobcats went on a couple scoring runs to give them hope, but Amherst continued to show their dominance.

The second half was very similar to the first with the Broncos not seeming to miss a shot. The Bobcats were doing anything and everything to try and get back in the game. The Offensively dominant Broncos defeated the Bobcats with a final score of 28-62.

## A Tough Three-Game Week

By: Trey Connell, APS Senior

Callaway, Dunning, Bertrand: On Tuesday, January 2nd, the South Loup Bobcats hosted the Hershey Panthers in Callaway. The Bobcats were coming into the game 6-1, and the Panthers were coming into the game 4-5, but playing a very tough schedule. The first quarter would be a dawg fight as the Bobcats jumped out to a quick lead, but the Panther's clutch three-point shooting would bring it within 2 at the end of the first, 14-12.

The second quarter would be a high-scoring quarter for the Bobcats as they went on an 18-point run. The Panthers would continue to shoot the ball well though, keeping it within 10. Bobcats Mostly led by the scoring of seniors Cache Gracey and Trey Connell would go into the half up 32-22.

To open up the second half, the third quarter would be all Bobcats. Putting together multiple stops, allowed for great transition scoring for South Loup. They would outscore the Panthers 18-6, after finally putting

an end to the strong Panther outside shooting. The fourth quarter would be cut even, with both groups starters sitting on the bench for most of the quarter. The Bobcats would advance to 7-1 on the season, after a 62-42 win over the Panthers.

### Bobcats Vs. Knights

On Thursday, January 4th, The South Loup Bobcats traveled north to play the Sandhills Thedford Knights in a sure-to-be conference tournament preview. The Bobcats and Knights, playing each other in conference for volleyball, and the semifinals for football both saw the game as a must-win against their conference rivals.

To start the game, the Knights hit some outside shots and pounded it inside to take an early lead. The Bobcats continued to pluck away from the lead, keeping themselves in the game. The Bobcats found themselves down 10-13 with just seconds left in the first quarter before Bobcat Senior Cache Gracey knocked down a three at the horn to tie up the game.

### Below: Trey Connell



The second quarter was a lot like the first. Both teams were taking care of the ball and looking for open shots. The game stayed fairly evenly matched with the Knights just barely edging out the



out the Bobcats with a box score of 11-12. The Bobcats would go into halftime down 25-24 looking to make adjustments in the third.



The third quarter would exemplify just that as the Bobcats would play solid defense. Creating turnovers and bad shots the Bobcats would hold the Knights to just one point in the third quarter before the Knight post player finally hit a mid-range shot to cut their drought. This wouldn't be enough to stop the Bobcats, though, as they scored 15 points in the third.

Seniors Trey Connell, Cache Gracey, and Joey Sallach led the way for the Bobcats in the fourth quarter. Great rebounding and free-throw shooting would be the story in the fourth. The Bobcats would go on to win the game 56-43, 24 of those points coming from Senior Trey Connell.

### **Bobcats Vs. Panthers**

On Saturday, January 6th, the South Loup Bobcats traveled to Bertrand to play basketball in the third game of their week. South Loup coming off of two huge wins this week was looking to win another to move their record this season from 8-1 to 9-1.

To start off the game the Bobcats pounced on the Vikings quickly. Their full-court pressure created a lot of turnovers which they were able to convert to points. The fast-paced game played into the Bobcat's favor as they slowly created a huge wound in the Vikings. The Bobcats forced Bertrand to make some adjustments in the following quarters as they were up at the end of the first 24-9. The Vikings would have different plans for the following quarter as they handled the pressure much better.

They were able to secure rebounds and get some quick and easy buckets in transition. The Vikings would even outscore the Bobcats 11-8 in the second quarter to bring the half-time score to Bobcats 32, Vikings 20.

The second half, being played much slower would start off about the same as the second quarter, the Vikings did what they needed to keep the game within striking distance. The Bobcats would continue to struggle to get back to their first-quarter scoring and would suffer more blows. The box score in the third featured Vikings on top of the Bobcats 16-12.

The Bobcats only up single digits going into the fourth finally started to pick up the pace of the game and came out on top of the Vikings 49-60. The third win of the week advances them to 9-1.

### **South Loup vs. Arcadia Loup City**

Arcadia: On January 16th, the South Loup Bobcats Traveled to Arcadia to play the Arcadia-Loup City Rebels.

The game had a fast start for the Rebels as they hit 5 threes in the first quarter. The strong shooting would put the rebels ahead of the Bobcats at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats would switch to a man defense to combat the Rebels and their great shooting efforts. The Bobcats would start to get a little bit out of their offense too. However, the shooting would still prevail with the Rebels being just ahead of the Bobcats at half-time.

The Rebels would begin the half just as hot as the 1st. Hitting shots when needed and the Bobcats still struggling to get points combined to put the Bobcats down 10 going into the fourth. The experienced Bobcats were able to cut the lead down slowly and got within 2 with under a minute to go. A steal and layup by senior Trey Connell would tie up the game and send it into overtime. The Rebels would prevail tho as they got a win over the Bobcats 61-53.



# Food Drive Fun

By: Ella Cool

Arnold: The week of November 27- December 1, Arnold Public School's National Honor Society hosted a food drive. The goal was to raise 1000 items between the students and \$500 for the teachers with an incentive of an extra day of Christmas break. The students and teachers were determined to extend their Christmas break.

Arnold's Food Pantry provides food assistance to individuals and families in need.

"The Ministerial Association is very glad for the support of the school and community to help meet the needs...the support is greatly appreciated!" says Lee Wonch, a food pantry volunteer representing the Arnold Ministerial Association. The food drive occurred at a critical time of the year. The holiday season can be stressful, and budgets can be tight, so the school's food drive was beneficial.

The food drive week began with a sluggish start, with only a handful of items on the table on Monday. These low numbers on the first day had the whole school questioning if their Christmas break would be extended. The principal, Mrs Goodenow, made an announcement that served as a friendly reminder to the students to collect items to hopefully meet the goal.

On Tuesday, students continued to add items to the total, but it still didn't look like the school would reach the goal. The students and teachers still had high hopes but couldn't help but doubt. They were hoping they could pull it to-



National Honor society Students with the boxes and boxes of food before loading it up and taking it down to the food pantry.

gether in the final two days.

On Thursday, National Honor Society members counted, and there were a total of 512 items, which is barely over half the goal. Some may have thought all hope was lost, but others were determined they could do it.

On Friday, December 1, a miracle happened. As students entered the school, they put their items on the table. The table was overflowing with various food items. As the National Honor Society went through everything, they took the final count of 1,109. This was an unbelievable accomplishment. Students and staff raised around 600 items in just one day.

After counting and putting the items back in boxes, National Honor Society students helped take the food to the food pantry and put it on shelves. When they arrived. The shelves were very empty. After all 1,109 items were put away, the

shelves were packed with an incredible amount of food that will help the community greatly.



## Previous Newsletters

- Link to the school newsletter: <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/journalism>
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# Senior Spotlight

## Bryn Schwarz



Who are your family members?  
Parents are Andy and Patti Schwarz,  
older siblings are Blake and Bailey.

What advice would you give to younger students?  
Respect goes a long way.

What are your plans for after high school?  
At the moment I am unsure, but thinking about becoming an art teacher.

What is your favorite song?  
Wasted summers by juju

What is your favorite movie?  
She's the Man

Who is your biggest role model?  
My older sister Bailey

If you could have one superpower,  
what would it be?  
The power to fly

What do you think is the largest problem in today's world?  
Trey Connell

What are three words you could use to describe senior year?  
Exciting, scary and fun

What are some of your hobbies/activities?  
Mainly Sports but also painting and drawing.

What is your favorite weird food combo?  
Hot dogs and mashed potatoes.

What is your favorite quote?  
Live by what you love

What is your favorite memory of high school?  
The karaoke contest last year or winning conference back to back.

What can you not live without?  
My family

## Tahnna Nokes



Who are your family members?  
Parents: Alicia Tucker and Matthew Nokes; Step Parents: Preston Tucker and Tracy Banda Siblings: Brooklyn Tucker, Kinsley Tucker, Miranda Tucker, Ayla Nokes, Sophia Banda and Aiden Banda

What advice would you give to younger students? Take high school seriously and don't procrastinate

What are your plans for after high school? I plan to attend Northeast Community College and pursue a degree in early childhood education

What is your favorite song? Call Your Sister by Taylor Edwards

What is your favorite movie? Grease

Who is your biggest role model? My Grandma Rhonda

If you could have one superpower,  
what would it be? Invisibility

What do you think is the largest problem in today's world? Either health-care or inflation

What are three words you could use to describe senior year? Stressful, Short, Entertaining

What are some of your hobbies/activities? Volleyball, Art, Track, Baking and hanging out with friends

What is your favorite weird food combo? Ice Cream and French Fries

What is your favorite quote? "It is never too late to be who you might have been." - George Elliot

What is your favorite memory of high school? During a throwers relay in track I was running and then fell down and fainted for a short period of time

What can you not live without? Dr. Pepper

# From the Superintendent



We have certainly had our fair share of snow, wind, and bitter cold to kick off 2024. I'd to thank everyone for their understanding as decisions are made regarding school and activities when adverse weather and travel conditions exist. Just a reminder, if you are unable to travel or feel the conditions are too difficult, feel free to contact us and keep your child home that day. We understand that conditions can vary across the district.

Even with colder weather, we still remain active in the classroom with our students working hard day in and day out. I am extremely proud of their efforts and the work our staff puts in each and everyday to give our students an opportunity to grow and be successful.

**Below: Paxton Bierman with his first of two pins at the South**

## Home Wrestling Meet Produces Medals

By: Delaney Rogers

Callaway: On Friday, January 19th, the annual South Loup Wrestling Invite was held in Callaway. The South Loup wrestling team had eleven wrestlers participating.

There were three medalists that included Dawson Mason (2nd place), Dawson Doggett (3rd place), and CJ Quant (4th place).

The team placed seventh out of eighteen overall. The wrestlers wrestled hard and had a successful day.

"Due to weather, different meets, and conditions out of our control, we only had one practice in the 10 days before our home meet. For having such little practice, the boys wrestled extremely well. I am



proud of how hard they work day in and day out. I see nothing but success in the last few weeks of our season ahead," says Coach Phelps.

With the end of the season ahead, the boys have some important meets coming up. On Friday, February 2nd, the boys will wrestle in the Arcadia Loup City Duals. The week after that is District week and the South Loup Wrestlers will be traveling to Weeping Water, on February 9th.

Good Luck on the rest of the season!!



# Internships

Gracie Neth

*The Arnold Sentinel*

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Memorial Library

Gracie goes to the Arnold Library and she also goes to the Arnold Sentinel. She goes to the Sentinel on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Library Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For the Sentinel, She writes articles. She has written one on dual credit college classes.

For the library, She has taken over writing the library column for the paper. She just finished a project where she sorts out really old books from the fiction section. Some of the books were over a hundred years old.



Gracie Neth at her Internship at the library with Shiloh Phelps

Rio Remund



Rio goes to Agri Affiliates in North Platte every Wednesday to learn about land sales. During his time there he learns about auctions and he really focuses on real estate.

His job shadows Tony Eggleston who is a co-owner and Company President of Agri Affiliates. This is a great opportunity for Rio considering he has known Tony all of his life. This allows for Rio to connect with him and really understand the ins and outs of being a land real estate agent.

Rio is looking forward to going in the future and learning about real estate, which he could pursue later in life.



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# Girls Basketball in Full Swing

By: Delaney Rogers

This season the South Loup Lady Bobcats have worked hard this season but have had a hard schedule.

On December 1st, the Lady Bobcats won against Twin Loup, 40-33. Bryn Schwarz led in points scoring 18, Delaney Rogers led in rebounds with 13 rebounds, and Aubrie Birkle Led assists with 2 as-sists.

On December 2nd, the Lady Bobcats lost to Amherst 56-23. The Babcats were led in points, assists and steals by Bryn Schwarz.

The next week, the Cambridge Trojans beat the Bobcats 49-29. Bryn Schwarz led by scoring 21 points.



"This season we have faced some teams that were a tough challenge. I am proud to say that this team has never given up nor backed down from even the toughest teams. We play to the last second of every game and leave it all on the court. As we move into MNAC and the end of the season I'm excited to see how this season will conclude." says team leader Bryn Schwarz.

The Lady Bobcats can be caught on their Arnold home court on February 2nd against Mullen and on February 9th against Hi-Line. The last chances to catch them in Callaway is on February 3rd against Southern Valley.

Good Luck to the Lady Bobcats with the rest of their season!!



**Jade Bierman playing against Sandhills Thedford.**

The next day, Bobcats played a tough game and came out on top of the Pleasanton Bulldogs. The team had a free throw percentage of 64%.

## **Bryn Schwarz in the Holiday Tournament**

The Lady Bobcats turned around and played SEM. The Lady Mustangs took the Bobcats 59-18.

Then on Friday, December 15th, the Bobcats played hard against Medicine Valley but came just short.

The South Loup Lady Bobcats placed third at the Maxwell Holiday Tournament by defeating the Sandhills Valley Mavericks.

After the holiday break the Lady Bobcats have faced Hershey Panthers and the Sandhills Thedford Knights. Both of these teams defeated the bobcats, but the Bobcats played hard and didn't go down without a fight.



**Asa Starr shooting a**



# Veterans Essay Goes to Nationals



Above 8th Grader Danielle Duponcheel of Arnold Public Schools had the opportunity to present her Veterans Essay at Nationals, and ended up bringing home 3rd Place. She first read her essay at the annual Veterans Day program at Arnold Public Schools. Congratulations Danielle with her Speech, it was a great opportunity to be a part of. Standing next to her are Ed Tullis, the Coordinator of the Arnold American Legion, and a Regional Delegate.

## Cookies for the One You Love!! A Valentine's treat for your favorite teacher or student!

The junior honor society is selling Eileen's cookies to deliver to students and faculty on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for Valentine's Day! Just fill out the

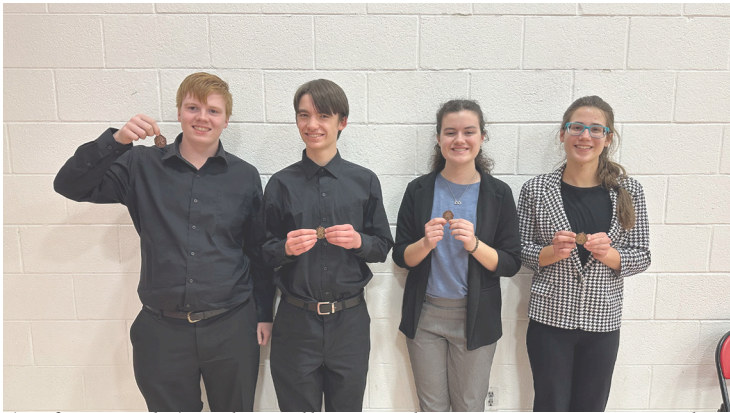
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form below and bring it to the library or school office with \$1 for each cookie before Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you write a thoughtful note to the special receiver! (More forms are available in the office, on the school's website, or during P/T

Conferences if you want to send cookies to more than one person.)



# Speech Season Kicks Off



(Left to Right) Luke Tullis, Hayden Myers, Gracie Neth,

By: Gracie Neth, APS Senior  
**BROKEN BOW:**  
 The Arnold Speech team attended their first meet of the season on January 20, 2024 at Broken Bow High School. All of the Arnold competitors medaled.

EvaLynn Wonch, a freshman, earned 4th place in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking. Sophomore Luke Tullis achieved 12th

place in Varsity Entertainment. Hayden Myers, a sophomore, won 7th place in Novice Entertainment. Gracie Neth, a senior, earned 8th place in Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking.

"It was a great experience and I love how the team supported each other. Medaling was a nice bonus to an already great day," said EvaLynn Wonch.

Rio Remund - Duet with Ella Cool  
 Delaney Rogers - OID (with Eli Rogers, Josie Christensen, Josie Lehmkuhler, and Piper Strasburg)  
 Danah Baldwin - Serious, OID (with Ella Cool, Riata Remund, Anna and Ivy Tullis)  
 Ella Cool - Duet and OID  
 Dolores Duponcheel - Informative  
 Realta Leach - Persuasive  
 Riata Remund - Persuasive and OID  
 Anna Tullis - Informative and OID  
 Ivy Tullis - Serious and OID  
 Jami Lamphear - Poetry  
 Summer Morash - Informative  
 Hayden Myers - Entertainment and Duet (with Luke Tullis)  
 Luke Tullis - Entertainment and Duet  
 Eli Rogers - Informative, Humorous, and OID  
 Josie Christensen - Duet with Josie L. and OID  
 Josie Lehmkuhler - Duet with Josie C. and OID  
 Piper Strasburg - Humorous and OID  
 Miranda Tucker - Informative and Entertainment  
 EvaLynn Wonch - Extemporaneous

## Reading with My Gnomies

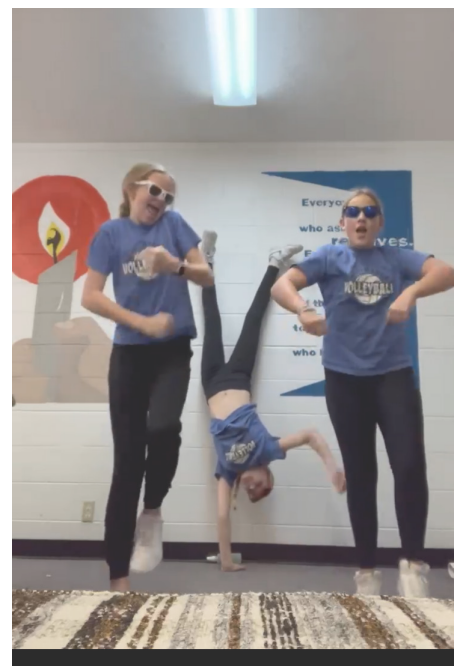
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A new quarter comes upon us and that means the Junior high book club has a new quarter activity. Each quarter has a new theme. The book club activity took place at the Methodist Church on January 17. The theme for this quarter is "reading with my Gnomies" - reading books that you can share with your friends.

The activity that went with the theme was a TikTok challenge. For the challenge, the kids were in groups and had to make to a TikTok that goes along with their book. The boys did a

football one and the girls did a dancing one.

They also each brought a snack that was related to their books. For some it was a Tik Tok recipe, or for other it was just a fun favorite snack. The kids were able to have fun time making Tik Toks and sharing about books that they have been reading and recommend. Mrs. Moninger shares that she always looks forward to, "talking about books that they think would be awesome to purchase for the next year. We will also be talking about possible themes for next year's reading groups".



**Right: A clip from the video of the girl's Tik Tok.**



# From The Principal

## Allison Goodenow

Hello APS friends and families! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! As we go into the second semester of our 2023-2024 school year, I just wanted to remind everyone of some of the expectations when contacting teachers, resolving issues, and coming into the school.

Upon your arrival at the school, please make sure you are checking into the office. If someone is not in the office area, please be patient, as someone will be back shortly. If it is during a time that Heather is doing lunch in the cafeteria, please make sure you are checking in with Michelle or someone else in the office area.

If you are experiencing any issues with the school or your child is experiencing any issues,

please make sure you are following the proper chain of command. If there is an issue regarding something that happened in class or with a teacher, please make sure you are reaching out to the classroom teacher, or the special teacher first, and if you feel the issue still has not been resolved, then you may reach out to me and we can schedule a meeting.

We are looking to host another Community Mental Health night, sometime in February or March. More information on that will be sent out via schoology when we have an official date. I hope to see as many of you as possible! Please spread the word and encourage people to attend. It



is a really good video on students who have struggled with mental health, and how they wished they could have reached out to their parents and felt more comfortable doing so.



Tyson Schacher holding the football and Mr. Wehnes

## Chuck a Duck

By: Samantha Wonch APS Senior  
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December 15, 2023 an unique challenge and fundraiser for Team Mates took place during a home-town basketball game. Ran by the director Mr. Wehnes, this clever fundraiser was called Chuck a Duck. Here's how the whole deal went down. Fans bought a rubber duck, or two or three and then during half time, just as the name implies, threw their duck at a target placed in the center of the court.

Whoever threw the duck that landed the closest to the center won a football sign by Coach

Tom Osborne, a beloved former football player and Nebraska coach. Tysen Schacher's aim proved to be superior, or maybe he was just lucky, either way he won the Chuck a Duck challenge and received the football from Mr. Wehnes.

Over 160 ducks were sold and over \$250 was made. The Funds go towards membership, background checks, and recruitments for the Arnold Chapter of Teammates.



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