

## Teacher Spotlight

### Unknown Hero

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, Freshman

Some teachers are well known for their hard work and dedication to the students. Math, English, and Science teachers, elementary teachers, and art teachers work hard everyday to make a difference.

What about that teacher that not only teaches, but also comes up with new strategies to help her disabled students learn. And what about that time when she moved her entire classroom to a different floor in the middle of the school year for one student who was in a wheel chair? Oh and don't forget the endless piles and hours spent on paperwork.

Who is this hero? Arnold Public School's 7-12 special education teacher, Liz Brown.

Brown has taught at APS for seven years, and plans on retiring here.

She works daily with students with a wide range of disabilities within the middle and high school, helping about 12 students daily.

"My favorite part of my job is working with students and adults with disabilities because I enjoy preparing students

*"That class created a passion in me that made me want more, and since then my heart has always been in working with people with disabilities."*

and adults for their future," said Brown.

She works with students to set goals and transition plans. Brown adjusts behavioral ideas, plans, and collects data on a regular basis with each student she works with.

Brown works with related services like vocational rehabilitation and the ESU transition coordinator. She also coordinates with speech therapists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.

Besides the fun stuff of teaching her students, this super hero has lots, and lots of paperwork to complete, as well as meetings to attend on a regular basis.

Brown always wanted to follow in her mother's footsteps to become a teacher, but special education didn't become evident until college when she took a class on introduction to special education.

"That class created a passion in me that made me want more, and since then my heart has always been in working with people with disabilities," said Brown.

Before Brown rushed to Arnold to help, she had to first stumble upon some other jobs. Brown started out working in Garden County - teaching part time in special education, and part time with 1st grade. She also coached high school volleyball, and girls golf.

Brown then hurried on to

teach at a Catholic School in Ogallala. She stayed there for seven years before going on to teach in Litchfield. Brown also coached high school basketball and track in Litchfield.

Brown taught and coached

**A person's a person,  
no matter how small.**  
-- Dr. Seuss

at Litchfield for two years, then she landed at Arnold Public Schools.

She moved to Arnold after she got married, and soon fell in love with the town. Brown likes how the town continues to progress and grow, and is excited about what Arnold could become.

"The one thing I hope to continue in Arnold is the growth of the transition to the job world. The entrepreneurs of Arnold are very generous about helping coordinate with me and the school to allow students in their businesses and work."



# Community Connections: APS Students Experience the Wonder

By: Jadeyn Bubak, Freshman

It was the final day of the first semester for the APS students, and all the kids were anticipating the noon hour for then their Christmas breaks would really begin.

However, the APS staff had a sparkling surprise for their students on the morning of December 21, a trip to the local Rialto Theater where the kids would get to enjoy in the watching of the awe-inspiring movie, "Wonder."

Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the unbelievably inspirational and heartwarming story of August Pullman. August is a young boy with facial deformities who is starting his first year of public school as a fifth grader. This change of schools will be new for almost all of the children attending Beecher Prep; however, August will have to face his biggest fear of showing his face in front of everyone.

A herd of Arnold students met in the gym where Principal Mr. Morgan prepped the kids for their new year and new semester with an inspiring speech.

Students grades 5-12, who were passing all classes and had been passing all classes throughout the semester were allowed to attend the powerful movie and gathered in bustling groups preparing to



venture downtown.

Loading the buses excitedly first thing in the morning, students grades 5-12 braved the wintery

weather and headed straight to the theater. The AEA (Arnold Education Association) sponsored the movie and the school paid for the tickets, for they wanted the students and community to experience its emotionally uplifting message "Always be KINDer than necessary."

Freshly popped popcorn, cool drinks, and mouthwatering candy greeted the kids at the door, as concessions were sold and served by volunteers from our small-town community.

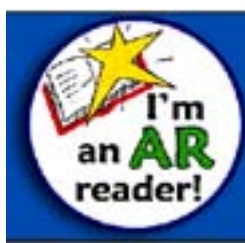
The eager students seemed to fly to their seats, as both students and teachers were more than ready to begin the movie. "Wonder" was the perfect inspirational movie to send kids off to Christmas Break. It was an hour and 53 minutes of pure mastery and several students even shed tears.

Sadly, the movie ended and the inspired students loaded the chilly buses and journeyed back to Arnold Public Schools where they would wait with excitement, as it was finally time for Christmas Break.

Thanks to the AEA, the students of APS were sent home with

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## SLB VB

### Recieve Awards

By: Jadeyn Bubak, Freshman

#### Nebraska Prep Zone Allstate:

Second team:  
Avery Atkins

Honorable Mentions:  
Madison Reed  
Shaylee Jones  
Jessie Sallach

#### Lincoln Journal Star Allstate:

Honorable Mentions:  
Avery Atkins  
Madison Reed  
Shaylee Jones  
Jessie Sallach  
Vayle Berger

#### MNAC All Conference:

First Team:  
Avery Atkins  
Madison Reed  
Jessie Sallach

2nd Team:  
Vayle Berger

Honorable Mention:  
Shaylee Jones

#### Prep Dig All State:

Second Team:  
Avery Atkins

Honorable Mention:  
Madison Reed  
Jessie Sallach  
Shaylee Jones

#### Kearney Hub All Territory:

Second Team:  
Jessie Sallach

Fourth Team:  
Madison Reed

Honorable Mention:  
Avery Atkins  
Shaylee Jones

## SLB FOOTBALL HONORS

By: Cade Connell, Senior

#### Class D1-8 All District Football Selections:

**First Team Offense**  
Quarterback Jack Rush Sr.  
Offensive Line Gavin Robertson Jr.  
Athlete Jace Connell So.

#### **First Team Defense**

Defensive Line Marshall Still Sr.  
Linebacker Blake Schwarz Sr.  
Linebacker Cole Gracey Jr.  
Defensive Back Leighton Bubak Jr.

#### **Second Team Offense**

End Cade Connell Sr.  
Offensive Line Marshall Still Sr.

#### **Second Team Defense**

Defensive Line Gavin Robertson Jr.  
Defensive Back Jack Rush Sr.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Cooper Taylor, Landon Furne,  
Grant Jones

#### 1000 Yard Guy's All State

#### Football Selections:

**First Team Defense**  
Defensive Back Jack Rush Sr.  
Linebacker Blake Schwarz Sr.  
Defensive Line Marshall Still Sr.  
"Amazing to have three selections on the defensive side of the ball! Congrats!" said Andy Schwarz.

#### Huskerland Prep Magazine:

#### **First Team All State**

Linebacker Blake Schwarz Sr.  
Offensive Line Marshall Still Sr.  
Quarterback Jack Rush Sr.  
Rush was also named 8 Man Player of the Year.

#### Omaha World Herald:

#### **First Team All State**

Defensive Back Jack Rush Sr.  
Linebacker Blake Schwarz Sr.  
Offensive Line Marshall Still Sr.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Cole Gracey, Gavin Robertson

#### Lincoln Journal Star

**First Team All State**  
Defensive Back Jack Rush Sr.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Blake Schwarz, Marshall Still

#### Kearney Hub All Area

#### **First Team**

Quarterback Jack Rush Sr.  
Offensive Line Marhsall Still Sr.  
Wide Receiver Cade Connell Sr.  
Linebacker Blake Schwarz Sr.  
Defensive Line Gavin Robertson Sr.



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## Breakfast and Lunch Prices

**Breakfast:** K-12 \$1.40,  
Adults \$1.65

**Grab-N-Go Break Prices:** \$0.45- \$0.65

**Ala Carte Choices by Students:** \$0.60 - \$2.10

**Lunch:** K-6 \$2.40, 7-12  
\$2.65, Adults \$3.65

# Senior Spotlight



## Blake Schwarz

By: Landyn Cole, Freshmen

- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR HOMETOWN?
- The fact that everyone knows everyone and the extent that they will go to help a person out
- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY?
- The 2017 football season
- DESCRIBE SENIOR YEAR IN THREE WORDS.
- Going too fast
- WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FRESHMAN?
- Stop to smell the roses and work hard
- FINISH THIS SENTENCE: "I COULD NOT LIVE WITH-OUT..."
- Food, water, and sunlight
- IF YOU COULD FIX ONE THING IN THE WORLD WHAT WOULD IT BE?
- Arnold Public Schools' shaving policy
- WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?
- Take a cross-country trip with my friends in a beat up Subaru
- WHO IS YOUR HERO AND WHY?
- Ray Lewis, despite his accusations of double murder, he is a great leader spiritually, emotionally, and physically. He's also a very hard worker.
- WHO HAS BEEN THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE?
- My dad, definitely
- WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A SENIOR?
- The freedom I have
- WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR?
- The football season and the state championship game by far
- WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS THE MOST AS YOU GO ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE?
- The easy way of life now, it'll only get harder
- WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?
- Probably go to UNK
- WHAT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?
- Football, Basketball, Track, and One Acts
- WHAT IS YOUR DREAM COLLEGE AND WHY?
- A college somewhere in the SEC conference. They are full of good traditions and most of them are located in fun places in the country

# GEOGRAPHY BEE

By: Jadeyn Bubak, Freshman

An albatross can glide hundreds of miles without flapping its wings. These birds can be found off the coast of which continent that includes the Ross and Fli-chner Ice Shelves?

Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, is located near the Blue Ridge Mountains in what state?

Shinto shrines surround Mount Fuji in which country?

Did you know the answers to any of those questions? Well, those are previous National Geography Bee questions and they are similar to what 10 select students got to answer at the local Geography Bee held at Arnold on January 10.

Nerves coursed through the ten select students on the afternoon of January 10, as they knew they would soon be competing in the revamped local Arnold Geography Bee. The Bee began at 2 o'clock and was open for students, parents, and the public to attend.

The Arnold Junior Honor Society members were in charge of organizing the Geography Bee, as it was one of their biggest service projects of the year. With the help of AJHS organizer Mrs. Moninger, the Geography Bee was a terrific success with 8th grader Colbi Smith coming away with the win!

Earlier in the school year, students in grades 4-8 had a

class geography competition, and the winners from those class competitions moved on to the local round. Winning their class competitions were Paxton Bierman (4), Crew Witthuhn (4), Ella Cool (5) Rio Remund (6), Gracie Neth (6), Madison Smith (6), Silas Cool (7), Clay Witthuhn (7), Stella Lewis (8), and Colbi Smith (8).

Mr. Peterson, moderator of the Geography Bee, started the contest with an oral round of questions. To be eliminated from the competition, students had to incorrectly answer two questions. Due to this rule, all ten students, even those who answered incorrectly, moved on to the next round of difficult inquiries.

Round 2 was compiled of tough questions that each student answered by writing their response, on the white board they were provided with, within a 15



second time limit. The questions were progressively harder as the

competition moved on, and only four students, Rio Remund, Madison Smith, Crew Witthuhn, and Colbi Smith, moved on to round 3.

Round 3 was another oral round; however, it had an exciting twist. Each student was given a map with state lines and major road lines. The students were asked questions that regarded both the state and the roads. Two students were eliminated in this round, leaving Colbi Smith and Crew Witthuhn to be advanced to the final championship round.

In this thrilling round of competition, the two challengers once again were given a limit of two errors, and any previous errors were no longer held against them. Smith and Witthuhn were asked three hard questions and once again wrote their response on the white boards they were provided with.

Victory was declared to Colbi Smith, as he answered all three questions correctly! Smith will advance to the regional competition where his geography skills will once again be put to the test.

According to the National Geographic Bee website, "The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students in grades four through eight from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the 2018 National Geographic Bee for a chance to win college

## Quiz Bowl Dates

### High School

Custer County @ Broken Bow: February 21st  
MNAC @ Merna: March 5th  
ESU 10 @ Kearney: March 6th

### Junior High

Custer County @ Broken Bow: February 22nd  
MNAC @ Merna: February 26th  
ESU 10 @ Kearney: March 14th





# Bobcat Boys Basketball Crushes the Competition

## STRONG START TO SEASON

SARGENT—The South Loup Bobcat boy's basketball team kicked off the 2017-2018 basketball season holding nothing back. The Bobcats had all their starting players back for this year's season. The senior returning starters include: Cade Connell, Jack Rush, Landon Furne, Blake Schwarz, and Spencer Johnson. In addition to the returning starters, South Loup's other returning lettermen are: Brett Haidle (Sr.), Leighton Bubak (Jr.), Jace Connell (So.), and Grant Jones (So.). Clearly, South Loup has an immense amount of returning talent.

"A strength of ours is the depth that we have. We're blessed to have a lot of kids that have put in a lot of time since they were elementary players. This is where it pays off," commented Head Coach, Jeff Cole. South Loup battled the Twin Loup Wolves at Sargent on December 1. It was a close game until quarter four, where the Bobcats ran up their lead on the Wolves. Quarter one resulted in a score of 11-10 with Twin Loup in the lead. Quarter two ended 24-24, and three ended 38-32 with the Bobcats on top. Overall, the Bobcats were victorious, taking the win over the Wolves 52-39.

Point-guard Kalen Dockweiler (Jr.) was the leading scorer for SLB, accounting for 31 of the Bobcat's 52 points. This was Dockweiler's first Bobcat high school basketball game, as he was out the last two years due to an ACL injury.

"It felt great to be back out on the court with my brothers! It was honestly like a dream come true! I'm just blessed that I could come back and give the team a little lift. That game just

got me excited for what this season has in store for us! I'm ready to play some ball! I'm fortunate that they believed in me. I'm just lucky God has healed me up for a basketball season

with this group of seniors," said Dockweiler.

## BOBCAT BOYS BATTLE TO THE FINISH

AMHERST—The South Loup boy's basketball team took on the Amherst Bronco's at Amherst on December 2. South Loup's starters were: Senior Cade Connell (6'2"), Junior Kalen Dockweiler (6'), Senior Landon Furne (5'8"), Senior Jack Rush (6'4"), and Senior Blake Schwarz (5'10").

The Bobcats had a slow start to the game, only scoring 9 points in the first quarter. The second quarter ended 22-39; the third resulted in a score of 31-50.

The SLB boys drove to the hoop

By: Landyn Cole, APS Freshman



to draw numerous fouls from Amherst. The Bobcats had 25 free-throw attempts compared to the Bronco's 10. Junior Kalen Dockweiler had a perfect foul shot percentage, shooting and making 10 free throws. Starting the fourth quarter, the Bobcats were down 19 points. The game's leading scorer, Senior Cade Connell, knocked down several much-needed three pointers to swing the momentum in favor of the Bobcats. Connell had five 3-pointers throughout the game, and had a

3-point percentage of 38.5%.

"I want to give ourselves a chance down at Lincoln," said Connell. The Bobcats brought the point deficit down to three. In the end, the Bobcats couldn't pull out the win and lost 64-53. Now the Cat's record is 1-1. Regardless, the South Loup boy's basketball team made the Bobcat nation proud with their heart and effort.

"I was proud of the fact that they hung in there, and once they started playing with a sense of urgency in the fourth quarter I think we saw what we were capable of doing," said Head Coach Jeff Cole.

## BOYS CONQUER CAMBRIDGE

ARNOLD—On Friday December 8, the SLB boys basketball team defeated the Cambridge Trojans 51-40. This was the boys' first home game of the 2017-2018 season,

and there was a big, supportive crowd there to cheer them on.

Cambridge was no walkover team. Having two six-foot-five boys, the Trojans were physical down low. The Bobcats didn't let that stop them, though. South Loup drove to the basket continuously, resulting in the Trojans fouling the Bobcats 23 times throughout the game.

The Trojans came out strong in the first quarter, outscoring the Cats 14-8. South Loup fought hard the second quarter and took the lead, ending quarter two 24-22. The Bobcat's tough defense in the second half of the game was vital to South Loup's win. The Cats held the Trojans to 9 points in quarter three, and a mere seven in the fourth.

"The difference in the ball game was our defense and pressure. Our press really confused them and forced 33 turnovers. That's a lot of extra possessions for us," said head coach Jeff Cole.

The Bobcats' leading scorers were junior Kalen Dockweiler and senior Cade Con-

nell. Dockweiler put 22 points on the board, and made 8 of his 10 two-point attempts. Connell knocked down one 3-pointer, three 2-pointers, and six free throws, amounting to 15 total points for him on the night.

"We had to buckle down and play good defense and work on our defense intensity," said senior Blake Schwarz.

Ultimately it all came down to the Bobcats' hustle. With a current record of 2-1, the boys continue to show everybody their hard work ethic and determination to succeed.

## SLB BOYS RATTLE THE RAIDERS

ARNOLD—The SLB boys were victorious over the Med Valley Raiders on Friday, December 15. The Bobcats blew Med Valley out of the water, taking the game 79-39. The Cats were ahead right from the start, ending quarter one 14-5. The Bobcats went to half time with a big lead, as the score was 35-17. The SLB boys didn't back down in the second half, and quarter three ended with a score of 57-28. Regardless of difference in points, the game was fast-paced and intense the entire match. With a current record of 4-1 the boys proved they are a force to be reckoned with.

The Raiders put up a fight, but were no match to Jack Rush, the Bobcats' big guy down low. The Raiders' attempts to shut down Rush got that much harder when Med Valley's 6'4" Joseph Chancellor fouled out of the game early in the 3rd quarter. Senior Jack Rush, a 6'5" post, put up 10 points against the Raiders. During the 3rd quarter, the crowd went wild as Rush stole the ball and had his first dunk of the season.

The Bobcats had several players who scored in the double digits. Senior Cade Connell dropped 20 points and junior Kalen Dockweiler followed close behind with 19. Sophomore Jace Connell had 16 points. Senior Jack Rush accounted for 10 of the Bobcats' points. Sophomore Jace Connell had his highest-scoring game of the season so far. Being a key player off the bench, Jace Connell racked up 16 points—four 2-pointers, one 3-pointer, and 5 free-throws. Jace Connell also took 2 charges, had 1 defensive rebound, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Senior Spencer Johnson came into the game and hustled to snatch 5 rebounds. Johnson also had 4 assists on the night. During the 4th quarter, Johnson drove hard to the hoop and dished it to freshmen Drew Vickers, who managed to put in the 2-point basket and draw a foul.

"Playing ball together since we were in third grade has really helped us understand each other and each other's tendencies. It's created a sense of togetherness that pushes us to the next, higher level of basketball. Being a team on the court is one thing, but being a family off the court is what helps us seniors play to the level we are now," commented Johnson.

It's clear the South Loup Bobcat boys have undeniable team chemistry. A mix of hard work, love for the game, and playing like a family is what has made the South Loup boys basketball team such a great ball club.

See next week's paper for the results of Maxwell's Holiday Tournament. The gym moratorium starts Saturday December 23 and ends December 27. Following the Maxwell Tournament the boys will take on the Sandhills-Thedford Knights at Dunning on January 4 at 7:30.

## BOYS WIN OVER WILDCATS

MAXWELL—The SLB boys con-

quered the Maxwell Wildcats 70-18 on Monday December 18.

The Bobcat boys were confident going into the match, as they had just creamed the Med Valley Raiders a few days before. The Bobcats arrived at Maxwell determined to take the first round of the Holiday Tournament, and they did just that. The Bobcats set a quick pace for the ball game right from the start, and the Wildcats simply couldn't keep up. South Loup came out strong in the 1st quarter, scoring a whopping 31 points and holding the Wildcats to a trifling 7. The Bobcats' solid defense continued throughout the 2nd quarter, and Maxwell could only put 3 points on the board compared to South Loup's 12. At the end of quarter 3 the Bobcats' score was 62 and the Wildcats' score was 14. The final was 70-18. The Bobcats' tough defense paid off, as their opponents only had 29 shot opportunities while the Bobcats had 60.

The game was a great opportunity for everybody to receive quality playing time. Every boy who was suited up for the varsity game got to play each quarter. The Connell boys gave Maxwell lots of trouble. Senior Cade Connell was the Bobcat leader for steals with 7. Sophomore Jace Connell had the second-most steals with 5. The Connell boys were also offensive threats. Cade put up 13 points and Jace had a total of 8. Senior Jack Rush had a great game, and was South Loup's leading scorer, with 20 points on the night. Rush also had 5 assists, 2 steals, and 3 rebounds.

"I think if we improved our rebounding, it would really allow us to shut teams down. A lot of our opponent's success comes off of offensive put-backs. Limiting their rebounding and then running the court in transition could really work to our benefit," commented Rush.

Freshmen Samuel Cool made his first ever Varsity game an exciting one! Cool had his first Varsity points of the season and hit a buzzer-beater 3-pointer at the end of the 3rd quarter. His quickness brought him two rebounds, and he also had one assist.

The Bobcat boys advanced to the Maxwell Holiday Tournament championship with a record of 5-1.

## BOYS TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH STYLE

MAXWELL—The SLB boys do it again! The Bobcats' score reached 70 for the third game in a row. First, it was Med Valley and second, it was Maxwell. Then, the Bobcats de-

held Brady to 7. At the end of half 1 the score was 49-15 with the Cats on top. Quarter 3 ended with a score of 70-29. The final buzzer went off, and the scoreboard read 79-44.

The SLB boys were unstoppable both in the paint and beyond the arc. Senior Cade Connell was the leading scorer with 21 big points. Once Connell found his rhythm he posed a major threat to the Eagles. Connell knocked down 5 of his 8 attempted 3-pointers.

Senior Jack Rush put up 13 points and had 2 steals. Senior Spencer Johnson and junior Kalen Dockweiler both scored 8 points for the team. Senior Landon Furne and sophomore Jace Connell both added 7 points to the board.

Senior Blake Schwarz was the team leader in steals, swiping the ball from the Eagles a total of four times. Sophomore Connor Rosfeld had 3 offensive rebounds and 1 defensive rebound, making him one of the leading rebounders for the Bobcats that game.

"We work together so well. Our classes have been playing together for many years and we are at the point where everyone trusts that your teammates will work hard and do their job," said Rosfeld.

The Cats now have an outstanding record of 6-1, which is something they can all be proud of!

## BOYS START 2018 WITH WIN

DUNNING—The Bobcat boys fought to win the first game of the 2018 season against the Sandhills-Thedford Knights. The game was played in Dunning on January 4 and the final score was 68-50, making the SLB boys basketball record 7-1.

Senior Jack Rush was the leading-scorer and rebounder for the Bobcats, racking up 16 points plus 6 free throws, resulting in 22 points for the night. Rush crashed the boards hard and had 9 rebounds—4 offensive and 5 defensive.

Senior Brett Haidle came onto the floor ready to play and hit 1 from behind the arc and one mid-range jumper. "Our team is great because our skills are not focused to one area of the floor. Most of the team can run almost any

rebounds.

Senior Spencer Johnson and Sophomore Jace Connell each took a charge and grabbed one rebound a piece.

The Knights had an athletic group of starters who competed hard with the Bobcats for the first half, keeping the score close. The 1st quarter ended with the Bobcats at 18 and the Knights at 14. Going into half time the score was 30-27 with the Bobcats in the lead. The Bobcats picked things up in the 3rd quarter, and outscored the Knights 24-11, making the score

54-38. The 4th quarter ended 68-50, with the Cats winning the game.

## BOBCAT BOYS BEAT BERTRAND

BERTRAND—On Saturday January 6, the Bobcat boys made the trek to Bertrand and were victorious with a final score of 75-52. The contrast of the two teams' scores allowed every player the opportunity to get into the Varsity game for at least 2 quarters.

The Vikings could not stop the Bobcats in the quarter 1; consequently South Loup outscored Bertrand 25-9. The Bobcats continued to put points on the board in quarter 2, and the final score of the half was 44-20.

"From the beginning of the year we haven't been firing on all cylinders. This game finally showed a glimpse of what Bobcat Basketball can be like and what we have to look forward to in the coming months," said Senior Cade Connell.

Bertrand put up a fight in the 3rd quarter against those coming in off the bench, and scored 22 points compared to the Bobcats 17, putting the score at 61-42, with the Bobcats still well in the lead.

The Bobcats won quarter 4 and outscored the



Junior Kalen Dockweiler puts in the lay-up against Maxwell.



Boys pose with the Maxwell Holiday Tournament first place plaque

Back L:R-- Jeff Cole, Brett Halstead, Connor Rosfeld, Blake Schwarz, Spencer Johnson, Landon Furne, Jack Rush, Drew Vickers, Brett Haidle, Reagan Ross, Mike Wevereka

Front L:R-- Sam Cool, Grant Jones, Trevor Ross, Leighton Bubak, Jace Connell, Cade Connell, Kalen Dockweiler, Cole Gracey, Eddie Berger

feated the Brady Eagles 79-44 on Tuesday, December 19. The Bobcats won the Maxwell Holiday Tournament, and came home with a shiny plaque.

South Loup dropped 28 points in quarter 1 and

position coach puts us in," said Haidle.

Junior Kalen Dockweiler did not disappoint, putting 18 points on the board. He was also the team leader in assists with 8 and had 5

Vikings 14-10, finishing the game 75-52.

Connell had a stellar offensive performance, scoring 23 points. Connell drained 4 of his 7 attempted 3-point shots, knocked down 3 of his 4 attempted 2-pointers, and made 5 of his



8 free throws. Connell also had 12 of the Bobcats’ 30 rebounds for the night.

Senior Jack Rush also had a high-scoring game, ending the night with 19 points. Junior Kalen Dockweiler’s hustle paid off and he lead the team in the Bertrand game for both steals and assists. Dockweiler had 6 steals and 9 assists.

The South Loup boys are off to a great start. The boys now have an impressive record of 8-1, which is better than any past South Loup Bobcat boys basketball record.

The boys will play again Friday vs. Maxwell, and Saturday vs. Brady.

**BOBCAT BOYS DO IT AGAIN**  
**MAXWELL**—The SLB boys basketball team played the Maxwell Wildcats for the second time this season on Friday January 12. The game’s results were similar to the first time playing the Wildcats, as the Bobcats once again took the game by an astounding number of points, with the final score being 73-34.

The game was a late one; the tip-off wasn’t until nearly 9 p.m., and the game didn’t end until after 10 p.m. Regardless of the time, the boys came out energetic.

The game was a big one for Senior Jack Rush, as he scored his 1,000th high school basketball career point during the game. Rush finished off the night with 9 points and 6 steals.

**Senior** Cade Connell was on fire from behind the arc, sinking 4 three-pointers, and overall scoring 21 points in the game. Connell even had a dunk in quarter 4.

Senior Landon Furne flew around the court and had 4 steals. Thanks to Furne’s speed, he was able to get up the court quicker than the defense, and had numerous layup opportunities. Furne didn’t miss a single shot, and went 5 for 5 on 2-pointers. This was Furne’s first game of the season with points in the double-digits.

“We like to get out and run and advance the ball. We work everyday on transition baskets and getting fast-break points,” said Furne.

The Bobcat boys outscored the Wildcats in every quarter, even when the reserves were in the game. Quarter 1 ended 18-5 with the Bobcats in the lead. At the end of half 1 the score was 38-19. The 3rd ended with SLB putting 21 more points onto the board in comparison to the Wildcats’ 11. In quarter 4 the Bobcat boys shut down the Wildcats and only allowed them to put 4 points on the board, finishing the game 73-34.

The Bobcats are on fire, and with

an 8-game winning streak, the Bobcats record is now 9-1.

**BOYS BEAT BRADY IN EAGLE NATION**  
**BRADY**—After a late game the night before, the Bobcats turned around and travelled to Brady the next morning on Saturday January 13. The South Loup boys scored high and beat Brady 85-53. South Loup now has a record of 10-1.

The Bobcats’ 85 points were well distributed throughout the entire Varsity team. With everyone receiving a great deal of playing time, 12 of the Cats’ 14 Varsity players scored during the game. The reserves held their own and did so well that 3 of the Bobcats’ starting 5 did not even play in the 4th quarter.

The SLB boys worked hard to shut down Brady’s key player, Colton Lovitt. The 5’10” senior, who averages around 19 points per game put 20 points onto the board for Brady.

Junior Kalen Dockweiler, the Cats’ incredibly skilled point-guard, has had an amazing season so far, and this game was no different. Dockweiler put 12 points the board, had 4 steals, 5 assists, and 2 rebounds.

Freshman Drew Vickers, the 6’1” post, came off the bench and tied with Dockweiler for the Bobcats’ leading scorer for the night. Vickers knocked down 5 of his inside shots, and 2 of his free-throws. Vickers also excelled in rebounding, and he worked hard down low to snatch 4 rebounds.

“I think we have been working really well as a team. We have really improved the last few games with rebounding and have cut down our turnovers. If we continue to do what we do I think we will be successful,” said Vickers.

The Bobcats won quarter 1 by a heaping amount, as the quarter ended 32-11. In quarter 2 both the Cats and the Eagles put 15 points on the board. The 3rd ended with a score of 64-40. The Eagles fought hard in the 4th, but couldn’t stop the Bobcats, and the game ended 85-53.

The Bobcat boys will take on the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans on January 18 in Ansley and will head into the MNAC tournament the following week, where they are currently seated 1st.

**SPARTANS ARE NO MATCH FOR BOBCAT BOYS**

**ANSLEY**—The SLB boys won their final game before the conference tournament, and are now confident they will keep their winning streak alive going into the first round of the MNAC tournament. The Bobcat boys, despite their tough competition, held their own and took down the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans 81-34.

“They’re well-coached, they have some good athletes, they shoot the ball well, and they play hard. The score may not have reflected that tonight, but they’re a dangerous team,” said head coach Jeff Cole regarding Ansley-Litchfield.

The Bobcats didn’t back down to the challenge, and proved that they can take on any good team that comes their way.

The SLB boys outscored the Spartans in every quarter. The final score was

18-9 in quarter 1. In quarter 2 the Bobcats took off, and brought the score to 46-20. The 3rd ended 69-29. The 4th quarter’s final score was 81-34.

South Loup forced A-L to turn over the ball 21 times, and the Bobcats had 13 steals as a team. Ultimately, the Cats got more shots off than the Spartans in every category—field goals, 3-pointers, and free-throws. The Bobcats also outrebounded Ansley-Litchfield 29-25.

The Connell boys owned the Spartan court that night, dominating in every way. Senior Cade Connell, the Cats’ highest scorer for the night, had 17 points and 7 rebounds. The younger Connell brother, Sophomore Jace Connell, proved he has what it takes to be on the floor alongside Cade, and was the Bobcats second-leading scorer with 14 points. Jace shot 80% from behind the 3-point arc, knocking down 4 of his 5 attempted 3-pointers.

“Playing alongside my brother is like having another coach on the court. He knows a lot about the game and I learn things from him every time we step on the court,” said Jace Connell.

Along with the Connell duo, the entire team has undeniable team chemistry that has no doubt contributed to their successful season thus far. The Bobcats continue to excel, and their record is now an amazing 11-1.



## PowerSchool Passwords

As in past years, the school will be using PowerSchool to share student grades with their parents. If you already have the ability to login and check your child’s grades, then nothing has changed. Simply login to <https://arnold.powerschool.com/public/>.

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# JH Jumps into the New Year

## By: Cade Connell APS Senior JH Basketball Had Succesful Season Opener

**DUNNING**- The junior high basketball season is upon us. After coming off of a 10-day break and having no more than two days of practicing together, the boys and girls teams looked better than expected.

The girls game started off the marathon day of games in Dunning. The girls played a smothering 1-3-1 defense that the Lady Knights could not handle.

“First game we were pleased, they forgot a few things, but it was a learning curve for the girls. From the beginning of the game to the end of the game, the girls showed a great deal of improvement and were able to get over their nerves,” said Coach Clay Mohr.

The Junior High Lady Bobcats went on to win the game 28-13. The boys played the big and aggressive Knights team. Even against a tough man-to-man defense, the boys held their-own.

After the game Coach Mike Weverka said, “For having no more than two practices together, we were pleasantly surprised on how the boys performed. I think the boys were surprised with themselves also.”

The boys went on to lose this one 24-12. They are gunning for the next team on Tuesday, January 9th in Arnold vs. Anselmo-Merna, and another game on January 15th in Callaway vs. Ansley-Litchfield.

## Looking for Improvement

**ARNOLD**– The junior high

basketball teams played Anselmo-Merna for their second game of the season. The games were played in Arnold this week. The girls played at the Arnold Community Center and had a very successful day. The girls A-team started off the day with a very big win.

“There was a big improvement from the first game to now,” said Coach Clay Mohr. “We passed the ball extremely well and shot

the ball very well from the outside. Our defense is starting to understand the concept of our half court trap and are in the right places at the right time. Overall we improved immensely,” said Mohr. Both the Lady Bobcats A and B teams won by a fair amount of points, the A girls won 31-9 being the final score. The B girls final score being 16-7.

The Bobcat boys also played Anselmo-Merna. The boys were fortunate enough to play at the High School. They finished out strong but ended up falling short.

“The boys played tough and improved immensely,” said Coach Mike Weverka. “We started out rusty but once the rust fell off we played well,” said Weverka. The boys were able to play both an A and B game again this week. The boys A-team lost

by only a total of 10 points this week the ending score being 29-19. The B boys showed some urgency but fell short with the ending score being 12-9. The JH Bobcats will play Brady on Wednesday January 24, 2017 in Callaway.

## Boys Have Hiccup, Girls Push on

**CALLAWAY**- The boys and girls JH basketball teams played in Callaway this last week. They played the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans. The roles were reversed this week as the girls got to

play at the high school and the boys played at the Callaway Community Center. The girls started off rusty but was able to knock the rust off and ended up getting the W.

“We had a slow start and were a little cold from the outside shooting the ball. Ansley-Litchfield moved the ball very well so our half court trap didn’t work like it was supposed to,” said Coach Clay Mohr.

“Having to get so many girls into the game causes inconsistency and not able to get into a rhythm,” said Mohr.

The Lady Bobcats pushed through the rusty first half of the game and were able to win both A and B games. The final score of the A game was 34-24 and the final score of the B game was 16-12.

The Bobcat boys played at the Callaway Community Center. The boys played a very good Spartan boys team and fell short. The Spartan boys moved the ball well and were able to get easy shots up.

“Their full court press hurt us offensively,” said Coach Jeff Cole

The Spartans hit a total of two shot from outside of the paint. Inside the paint is a very high percentage shot. South Loup JH will play in Brady Wednesday January 24th.





# STARTING THE SEASON ON TOP

By: Jadeyn Bubak, AHS Freshman

SARGENT—Starting the season off right, the South Loup Lady Bobcats took the victory against the Twin Loup Lady Wolves on Friday, November 1.

Taking the game 57-32, the Bobcats showed they are more than ready for the season ahead of them.

With many returning starters from last year, our basketball girls were prepared and used to playing with one another.

Our returning posts, Sophomore Jessie Sallach and Senior Shaylee Jones were at least a head taller than any opposing players and dominated down low. In fact, Sallach ended the game with an astounding 22 points.

Returning guards included Senior Vayle Berger and Senior Madison Reed, who shot well from the outside.

Junior Addie Hild, point guard, is not a returning starter but her strong ball handling skills and aggressive defense were key in this first game. She ended the game with the most steals on the team.



The girl's South Loup Bobcat basketball team has many returning players and many fresh new talent as this year's team is full of athletic ability.

With this new strong team, Head Coach Abe Hinman reported on his goals for this season, "Our biggest goal is always to progress with player development as quickly as possible. The young girls coming in have to get caught up on our offenses and defenses as quickly as possible."

The Lady Bobcats played tough defense, shutting down Twin Loup's key players Senior Carly Kozeal and Senior Karson Kirwan, holding them both at only 5 points each.

The Bobcats started the game with speed and aggression with the score being 12-5 with the Cats on top in the first quarter. They didn't slow down as they continued to outscore the Wolves in the second quarter of play with the score being 30-14 at halftime.

The girls kept pushing hard in the third and fourth quarter outscoring Twin Loup 27-19.

With their two main players shut down, the Twin Loup Wolves weren't able to make anything happen, and the Bobcats took the game with ease.

Our post players were too much for the Wolves to handle and the Lady Cats drew many fouls, knocking down many points from the charity stripe.

"Our strength is our post play, but with that we have experienced guards that will be open a ton due to defense collapsing on the inside! Depth should be a strength as the season progresses," reported Head Coach Abe Hinman.



## ANOTHER WIN IN THE BOOKS

By: Jadeyn Bubak, AHS Freshman

AHMERST—Bringing their record up to 2-0 the South Loup Lady Bobcats took another win against the Amherst Broncos on Saturday, December 2. Even with a game and a late night the day before, the Lady Bobs were still able to crush Amherst 40-25.

The first quarter was a tight one, with the score being 4-6 early on. But, the Bobcats took hold in the second quarter scoring 15 points to Amherst's none.

"Switching to man to man pressure was the key. It allowed us to get steals and transition baskets," said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

With the momentum in their direction, the Cats continued to outscore the Broncos in the third quarter; however, Amherst gained speed in the fourth outscoring the Bobcats 15 points to 10 points.

Amherst did have some height on their side but 6'footer's Jessie Sallach and Shaylee Jones shut down everybody down low. Sallach ended the night with 15 rebounds and Jones with 12 rebounds.

This year's girls basketball team has a stacked bench, enabling our team to have fresh legs on the court at all times. Junior Atlynn Witthuhn, sophomores Kalie Glendy and Taylor Conroy, and freshman Landyn Cole all play frequently throughout the game and bring the same effort and enthusiasm as the starters do.

"The depth of our team allows us to play at a faster pace. The more competition for spots on the floor, the better your team is going to be overall. The depth will provide competition and keep everybody working hard in practice and push people to work even harder in games as well," said Assistant Coach Andy Schwarz.

Our quick guards were dangerous from the outside, with Madison Reed and Addie Hild each scoring 6 points and Vayle Berger bringing another 5 points.

The Lady Bobcats tough defense created a stonewall as Amherst had little to no opportunities for outside shots. In fact, Amherst's athletic point guard, Emily Arnold #11, was held to just three points.

South Loup is full of quick girls and ended the night with 15 steals to Amherst's none. The girls also executed well down low, stuffing the Amherst girls six times throughout the game!

Overall, it was a well-polished game and the girls didn't leave any doubt that they would be the team taking home to win.

# Girls Hold Off Hershey

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

CALLAWAY— On Tuesday, December 5 the South Loup Lady Bobcats ended the night with a big win over the skilled Hershey Panthers. The Panthers were definitely the Bobcats first good competition this season, but the Lady Cats prevailed taking the game 37-32.

The Lady Bobs came out on fire in the 1st quarter, outscoring the Panthers 8 points to 2. Six-foot-one-inch sophomore Jessie Sallach was unstoppable down low, and she ended the game with a grand total of 18 points.

In the 2nd quarter of play, the Bobcats offense slowed down a little bit, as they struggled against Hershey's tough defense. The Panthers outscored us 8-11, but after a quick pep talk at half time, the girls were determined to improve their play in the 2nd half.

The 3rd quarter was a battle, as the score was closer than it had been all game. The Bobcats had a great scoring quarter adding 14 points to the scoreboard, but it was our tough defense that really started shutting down Hershey. The Bobcats ended the night with 5 steals and 12 defensive rebounds. Five-foot-two inch junior Addie Hild was quick on her feet as she had 2 steals and 5 points on the night.

The 4th quarter is where true teamwork and effort came into play. The score was within 3 late in the game, but with the help of an outstanding, deep three-pointer by 5'3" senior Vayle Berger and a quick layup from 6' senior Shaylee Jones, the Bobcats were able to take the win.

Head Coach Abe Hinman reported on what he thought helped the Bobcats to conquer the Panthers in the final quarter; "DEFENSE... holding them to 32 points was a great team effort! Offensively we left about 8 to 10 points out on the court with easy, uncontested layups but the girls didn't let it bother them and finished the game on top! I'm very proud of their situational awareness at the end!"

Due to Callaway's One Act Team being bound for state, only a girls varsity game was played. A small, yet devoted crowd came to support the girls even though the South Loup boys basketball team will be playing Hershey later on in the season.

Senior Shaylee Jones commented on what the team needs to work on before two



more tough games, "I think we have great team chemistry on the court. Since we have some good upcoming teams, I think it is important that in practice we take

time to really get our plays down. It is also important that we continue to push each other in practice, so we go even harder in the games."

This was a big Bobcat win and the Lady Cats will have a chance to have victories over two more tough teams later in the week of December 18.

# Girls Take Down the Trojans



By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

ARNOLD— Adding yet another win to their season, the Lady Bobcats defeated the well-rounded Cambridge Trojans on Friday December 8. Using their tough defensive skills and polished offenses, the Bobs took the game 43-36.

Coming into the game, the Bobcats were well aware that Cambridge had one truly key player, and their defense needed to be focused on not allowing her to score. Cambridge's point guard, Korynn Clason (sophomore), may have been a problem for other teams, but with the efforts of Madison Reed (senior) and Addie Hild (junior), she was easily shut down.

"Shutting down Korynn was THE key! Their offense revolves around her, so shutting her down, or at least making things difficult for her, was huge!" said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

In the 1st quarter of play the Lady Bobs came out strong, hitting several big outside shots. The Trojans tried to spread our offense out by playing a 1-3-1 defense; however, this allowed the Cats more wide-open shots from the three-point line. Senior Vayle Berger ended the night with 2 three-pointers and 8 points total. Despite this, the scoreboard still showed a tie heading into the 2nd quarter at 12-12.

Cambridge started to get a little tired as the game went on, allowing the Cats to outscore them 10-7 in the 2nd quarter. Once again, the Lady Bob's height came in handy, as we were able to out-rebound the Trojans with our 19 boards to Cambridge's 8, with 4 of those boards being offensive.

The Cambridge Trojans got desperate as halftime came nearer and they quickly switched to a man-to-man defense; however, this only allowed the Cats to enter the ball into the posts where no defenders could stop them. Jessie Sallach was leading scorer and took home 13 points, and close behind was Shaylee Jones with 9 total points.

The 3rd quarter was another big one for the Bobcats as they continued pushing, outscoring the Trojans 12-5. It was in the 3rd quarter that Hild really came out on fire. She hit 3 three-pointers, her season high, with two of them being bank shots.

In the 4th quarter, Cambridge showed that they weren't going down without a fight. After the Trojans hit a couple of smooth outside shots, the Lady Cats defense had to get even tougher. The girls ended the night with an outstanding 12 blocks and 4 steals.

Overall, it was a very crisp victory that the Lady Bobs should be very proud of. "Cambridge had Korynn that averages 30 points a game, we held her to 12. Being able to isolate her and make the rest of the team score against us worked in our favor," said senior Madison Reed.



## Lady Bobcats Fight into

## Quadruple Overtime

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

CALLAWAY—The game against the Pleasanton Bulldogs on December 9 was the Lady Bobcats third tough game in a row, as Head Coach Abe Hinman would say, "Character week." The Cats battled back and forth with the Bulldogs, going into four overtimes; however. The Bobcats took their first loss of the season with the game ending 53-54 with the Bulldogs on top.

The score was close all throughout the game, but the Bobcats did outscore the Bulldogs in the first two quarters of play. In the 1st quarter, which ended 6-8, the Lady Cats crushed the competition down low, as they were able to out-rebound the Bulldogs. In fact, the Bobcats ended the night with 34 rebounds to Pleasanton's 18. However, the Bobs weren't able to put the short shots into the hoop, and the Bulldogs stayed close on our tails.

In the 2nd quarter of play, post player Jessie Sallach proved that her skills aren't all down low. Sallach ended the night with 2 big three-pointers, ensuring that Pleasanton knew that they would have to guard her tough both down low and outside the paint. She was also leading scorer of the night, scoring 33 of the cats 53 points.

It was in the 3rd and 4th quarters that Pleasanton began to play catch-up, outscoring the Cats both quarters. Even though Pleasanton has a fairly young team, they were very aggressive ball handlers and several of the Lady Bobs got into some foul trouble, including senior Madison Reed who fouled out after an incredible game. The Cats were leading at the end of the 4th quarter, as both teams were desperately trying to end on top; however, Pleasanton was able to tie the match with a last second buzzer-beater.

The game headed into its first overtime, where the score was back and forth, but always within one or two. The Bobcats defense is always very aggressive; however, when a foul was called on Shaylee Jones in the last seconds of the 1st overtime, the Bulldogs were able to tie the score with points from the charity stripe, taking the game to double-overtime. Jones was fouled out for the rest of the game.

Once again the teams battled back and forth, but at the end of the second additional four minutes, the score was still a tie. The third-overtime ended in the same result with the Bulldogs scoring a last-second shot, which signaled the start of quadruple overtime.

Both teams were in foul trouble by this point, and free throws are what really impacted the game. Witthuhn, who came in for Jones, made 4 shots from the free throw line. Despite the Cats incredible efforts, the Bulldogs outscored them by one point in quadruple overtime, finally ending of the game.

"I am EXTREMELY PROUD of the girls finishing, what we coined 'Character Week,' out with a tough, quadruple overtime game! The character the girls showed fighting until the end will pay dividends later on in the season! Even though we didn't pick up the win, the experience in playing a game like that is truly priceless and will serve us well down the road!" said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

# FULL COURT PRESS LEADS TO VICTORY

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

SUMNER—The South Loup Lady Bobcats took to the road again on December 12 as they headed to Sumner to play the SEM (Sumner, Eddyville, Miller) Mustangs. The Lady Bobs once again prevailed and took the game 53-43. Adding yet another win to their 2017-18 season, the girls brought their win-loss record to 5-1!

From the tip off to the ending buzzer, the Lady Bobs showed dominance. Knowing how strong our post players are, the Mustangs chose to play a 2-3 defense in an attempt to shut down Sallach and Jones.

However, this opened up outside shots allowing the Cats to outscore SEM 15-9 in the 1st quarter of play. Madison Reed had her best scoring night of the season so far, and brought home 11 points with 3 of those points coming from a killer three-pointer. Reed also played incredible defense ending the night with 4 steals and 1 block.

The scoring was quite a bit closer in the 2nd quarter as the girls only outscored the Mustangs by 1 point. SEM's senior post Sara Ripp gave our defense some trouble in the 2nd quarter as she found her shooting rhythm. Ripp was SEM's leading scorer and ended the night with 12 points. However, the Cats presence down low kept the Bobs in front as halftime neared. South Loup hit the boards hard ending the night with 35 team rebounds.

The South Loup Lady Bobcats knew that their defense was lacking in the 1st half and they really needed to step up their play in the 2nd half of the game.

"Defensively, in the first half, we were just a step slow. Whether it was us being tired, or just not being quite with it, our defense wasn't where it needed to be. With that being said, we really made defense a focus in the second half, and it was much improved. In the third we held them to five points while scoring 15 of our own! The key factor was our 'want to' attitude defensively in the second half," said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

The 3rd quarter was a big one for the Lady Cats as they outscored the Mustangs 15-5. The girl's press was too much for the Mustangs to handle and SEM turned the ball over frequently, resulting in easy layups for the Bobcat team. Between their tough press and aggressive defense, the Lady Cats were able to obtain 14 steals. Addie Hild gave it her all on the court, and her quickness was too much for the Mustangs to handle. With her speed Hild brought home 5 steals and 7 points.

"I think having two tall girls down low helps us to play more aggressive and tight defense up top. I think because of this we are able to take more risks and get more steals in the process! We are a team that also plays together compared to other teams and that helps our defense because we're always backing each other up," said senior Vayle Berger.

SEM came out with fire in the 4th quarter as they outscored the Bobcats 20-15. Knowing it was their only chance, the Mustangs began to foul at the end of the 4th quarter. This tactic only allowed the Cats more opportunities to score from the charity stripe. In fact, the Bobcat girls earned 15 points from the free-throw line. Sallach claimed 8 of those free throws as her own and ended the night as leading scorer with 20 points.



# Pick-and-Roll Leads to Girls Win

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

ARNOLD— The South Loup Lady Bobcats took the game with ease against the Medicine Valley Raiders on December 15. It was the Lady Bobs second home game at Arnold and they dominated Medicine Valley taking the game 60-16.

The starters got right to business in the 1st quarter, immediately flustering Medicine Valley. In fact, the Lady Bobs outscored the Raiders 15-0. Shaylee Jones had an outstanding 1st quarter, as the Raiders defense wasn't able to stop her on the traditional pick-and-roll play. She ended the night with 12 points and 6 rebounds.

The Bobcats scoring game only improved in the 2nd quarter, as Medicine Valley wasn't able to break the ladies tough full-court press. As a team the girls ended the night with 25 steals, with most of them leading to easy layups. Addie Hild led the team with 7 total steals.

At the end of the 2nd quarter, the Cats had scored 21 points to Medicine Valleys 8.

"I think our press has been beneficial because all of the girls are able to read the court and communicate well. We're able to cause chaos and turnovers and because of that we are able to score several transition baskets," said junior Addie Hild.



Heading into the 3rd quarter, the starters continued to advance their lead on the Raiders. This allowed a chance for some bench players to get an opportunity for more varsity level play. Freshman Bailey Schwarz scored her first varsity points against Medicine Valley. She ended the night with 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The 4th quarter wasn't much different than the first three, with the Lady Bobs once again easily outscoring the Raiders 8-3. The Cats had enough of a lead on Medicine Valley to take the game into a running clock for almost the entire 4th quarter.

This game was not only another exemplary win for the Lady Bobs, but it also proved that this year's team is stronger than ever.

See next week's paper for the result of the Maxwell Holiday Tournament. The gym moratorium will start Saturday December 23 and ends December 27. Following winter break, the girls will battle the Sandhills-Thedford knights at Dunning on January 4.



## Holiday Tourney Gift for Girls

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

MAXWELL— The South Loup Girls Basketball team was jolly after unwrapping another merry win, beating the Maxwell Wildcats 37-22 in their first game in the annual Holiday Tournament held at Maxwell on December 16.

Knowing that the Wildcats would be fairly tough competition, the Lady Cats came out with killer defense in the first half of play. In the 1st quarter the Bobs held the Wildcats to just 7 points to the girls' 11. Freshman Landyn Cole, who has been a consistent sub all season, gave a great defensive effort against Maxwell. Cole may only be 5'8", but she still manages to be scrappy down low and take possession of many rebounds.

The Lady Bobcats prevailed once again in the 2nd quarter, outscoring the Wildcats 4-2. South Loup starters Madison Reed and Vayle Berger were feeling a little under the weather, so the girls' offense was a little slower than usual. However, the Lady Cats were still able to wrangle in 18 offensive rebounds to Maxwell's 6.

The Bobcats were on top when the 2nd quarter came to an end; however, during halftime the coaches gave the Lady Bobs a quick offensive pep talk, as they knew girls were not playing to their full potential.

The 3rd quarter was a better offensive quarter for South Loup as they found their shooting rhythm and added 13 more points to the scoreboard. Sophomore Jessie Sallach was once again the Lady Cats leading scorer as she shot right over the heads of the Wildcats, bringing in 22 big points.

"We were more aggressive offensively in the second half! Confidence goes a long way, and we were more confident in the second half! That led to a 13 point third quarter, coupled with our solid defense led to a solid second half, and the win!" said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

The Wildcats became desperate in the 4th quarter, but their last-second efforts were no use as the Bobcats were not going to take a loss. Despite Maxwell's attempts to score big in the 4th, South Loup still outscored them 9-6 and took home another big win bringing their season to 7-1.



## Girls take Championship at Holiday Tourney



By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

MAXWELL— This is a season for winning for the South Loup Lady Bobcats as they brought home the championship title from the Maxwell Holiday Tournament. The Lady Bobs secured the win after defeating the Brady Eagles 56-31 in the final round of the tourney on December 19.

Coming out strong in the 1st quarter, the Cats took the lead outscoring the Eagles 12-8. The girls knew that Brady's point guard Emery Swan was their key player and they needed to shut her down, and who better to do that than aggressive defensive player Addie Hild. Hild's defensive efforts have been stellar all season long, and with her tight defense Swan was kept under 10 points the whole game.

The 2nd quarter was a good one for the Lady Bobcats, as they scored 18 points to the Eagles 8. Sophomore Jessie Sallach had an outstanding championship game, and she ended the night with 24 points, 14 rebounds and 4 steals. Sallach's height came in advantage down low as Brady had no height or skill to match her abilities. This advantage led to more fouls on Brady, allowing Sallach to knock down 5 free throws from the charity stripe.

The 3rd quarter was slightly closer as the Bobs only outscored the Eagles 8-7. However, thanks to the girls' tough defensive efforts, the Cats were able to remain on top heading into the 4th. As a team, South Loup rallied up 32 rebounds and 18 steals.

The 4th was another top-notch quarter for the girls, as they once again outscored the Eagles 18-10. Junior Atlynn Witthuhn, who has been consistently subbing in as a post all season long, gave a good performance against the Eagles. She ended the night with 4 rebounds and 4 points, being 4-4 from the free throw line. Pushing their hardest clear to the end, the girls left no doubt that the championship title was theirs.



## LADY CATS DEFENSIVE EFFORTS LEAD TO WIN

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

DUNNING— The SLB girl's basketball team came out of a long winter break with the Sandhills-Thedford Knights being their first competition of the new year on January 4. The Lady Cats didn't loose any speed as they executed a strong defensive game, taking the victory over the Knights 41-25.

The 1st quarter of play was a close one between the teams, for South Loup's Jessie Sallach and Sandhills-Thedford's Marlee Taylor were of similar abilities and negated each other. The Knights took the quarter 9-8, but the Lady Cats were right on their tails. Despite Taylor's defensive efforts, Sallach still ended the night as high scorer with 14 points and also rallied in 6 rebounds and 4 steals.

The 2nd quarter was another close one, with both teams each adding 11 points to the scoreboard. South Loup's regular starter, Madison Reed, was out sick for the Sandhills-Thedford game, and a new face was added to the Cats starting line-up. Sophomore Taylor Conroy stepped up and filled in for Reed; Conroy played a solid game and remained unfazed even though she had pretty big shoes to fill.

"It was super exciting to go from being a sub to starting a game! I was obviously really nervous but all the girls made it really fun," said Conroy.

It was in the 3rd quarter of the game that the Lady Bobs defense really started to show up as they held the Knights to 5 points to the Cats 9. In the locker room during half-time, the coaches reminded the girls that our leading scorer, Sallach, had lots of defensive pressure on her from Taylor, and it was up to everyone else to rise to the occasion. Senior Shaylee Jones did just that, as she put up 12 points, and played quick defense with 3 steals on the night.

"In the second half, the girls just focused a bit more on the defensive end of the court! Holding them to five points in the 3rd quarter and 0 points in the 4th was a testament to that increased focus!" said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

The girls 4th quarter was superb, as they outscored the Knights 13-0. Contributing greatly in the 4th quarter and the rest of the game was freshman Bailey Schwarz as she helped out the Cats by putting 8 points on the board, while also having South Loup's only 3-pointer of the night. The girls proved that a new year doesn't mean a new team, as they clearly showed that they aren't slowing down and they are still big winners, bringing their season record to 9-1.

## Lady Bobcats Beat the Vikings

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

BERTRAND— The South Loup Lady Bobcats prevailed against some of the toughest competition they have seen all season long, beating the Bertrand Vikings in overtime 47-43 on January 7.

It was a bit of a slow start for the Lady Bobs, as the Vikings outscored the Cats 8-3 in the 1st quarter. Bertrand's senior guard Halle Dahlgren was the Viking's key player, and the Bobs had a tough time shutting her down in the 1st half of play. Junior Atlynn Witthuhn was the first scorer for the girls, knocking down 2 free throws in the 1st quarter.

The Cats began to pick up speed in the 2nd quarter, as they wrangled in 17 points to Bertrand's 16. Madison Reed was still unable to play because of sickness, and due to her outstanding game against Sandhills-Thedford, freshman Bailey Schwarz was South Loup's fill-in starter. She played a well-polished game ending the night with 4 points.

It was still a tough match heading into the 3rd quarter; the game was nearing the end, and the teams began to each pick up the pace. Sallach's shots began to fall, and she was high scorer of the night with 20 points. Post Shaylee Jones also began to find her shooting rhythm and knocked down 8 points from the inside and 1 free throw.

The Lady Cats were down by 6 with less than a minute left in the 4th quarter. Calling a time out with around 40 seconds left in the game, Coach Hinman drew up a play for post Jessie Sallach to hit a big 3-pointer. The Lady Cats carried out the play with grace, giving Sallach the perfect opportunity for a 3-pointer, and she drained it with ease. The Bobs were fired up now, as the game was just within reach. With just seconds left, the Cats tried the play again. The Vikings were more aware of what the play was the second time around, but Sallach pulled up for a toughly contested 3-pointer and swooshed it, tying the game 41-41. The crowd went wild, and the girls headed into overtime!

"I was super excited to hit those 2 three-pointers at the end of the 4th quarter! The four overtime's in the Pleasanton game really prepared us for this overtime game. We were more composed in this game as well," said Sallach.

The Lady Cats had played into quadruple overtime earlier in the season and had ended up losing; however, in this overtime their situational awareness was much better. They played aggressively and didn't slow down at all in those four minutes of play. The Vikings weren't able to keep up, as the Cats ended victorious taking the game in overtime. The Cats definitely took their record to 10-1 in style! "In the Bertrand overtime, the girls were way more confident and way more aggressive. We knew from the Pleasanton game that the team that came out and was the aggressor would be the team that would win! So, we put on our diamond press again and put a lot of pressure on them," said Head Coach Abe Hinman.

## Girl's Defeat Wildcats With Ease

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

MAXWELL— The South Loup basketball girls are the team that just keeps on winning, as they added another victory to their season on January 12 by dominating the Maxwell Wildcats. The Bobs took the game with ease, and outscored the Wildcats 42-22.

The contest began fairly even, as the score at the end of the 1st was 7-6 with the Wildcats on top. However, the Lady Bob's were still in control of the game.

A fresh face was also added to the Cats starting lineup, as freshman Landyn Cole was presented with the opportunity to show off her skills as a starting player. Cole not only played excellent defense, but also rallied in 4 points to add to the scoreboard.

The 2nd quarter was a better one for the Bobs, as they outscored the Wildcats 15-4. The Cats really found their team chemistry in the 2nd quarter, and they were able to do a better job of working the ball into the paint.

Jessie Sallach, high scorer of the night, fought through some tough double-teaming defensive efforts and managed to snatch 11 points for the night.

The Lady Cats took care of business in the 3rd quarter, as they rounded up 14 points to Maxwell's measly 2. Vayle Berger showed up with some mad shooting skills, and brought in 8 points of her own.

The girls defensive efforts were key in this game, as they held Maxwell's key player, Sydney Mullin, to 0 points for the night.

Due to their impressive lead, the Bobcats were able to give their starters a break, and play a few of the younger players in the 4th quarter. However, Addie Hild couldn't leave the game without making a statement of her own, as she ended the night strong with 7 points.

"I really think the key for beating Maxwell the second time was coming out and playing a strong defensive game! The 1st quarter was a little slow, but once we picked up the defensive end we were able to cause Maxwell issues. Our press gave their press break a lot of problems, allowing us steals and the ability to run the court," said Hild.

Overall, the girls' played a top-notch game of basketball, and they proved once again the athletes on the SLB basketball team are a force to reckoned with. The Lady Cats have continued to fight hard all season and their record is now an outstanding 11-1.





# Lady Cats Show Success Against Eagles Cats Fight Into 6th Overtime of the Season

By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

BRADY—For some high school basketball times, it can be difficult to defeat a team twice in one season; however, on the night of January 13, the Bobcats proved that beating the Brady Eagles once again would be no problem. The Cats left no doubt that they were the team on top, as they defeated the Eagles 58-31.

The Bobs had an outstanding 1st half, as the score at the end of the 2nd quarter was 30-18 with the Cats strongly leading. A new asset was added to the Lady Bobs starting line-up, as Kalie Glendy joined the varsity squad filling in for sick Madison Reed. Glendy was a defensive and offensive threat, as she roped in 4 points for the Cats. Also having an outstanding offensive presence was post sub Atlynn Witthuhn, who fought through some tough defense and managed to add 5 big points to the board.

The 3rd quarter was a crisp one for the girls, as they outscored the Eagles 16-7. Shaylee Jones took the reins in this game against Brady, as she was high scorer of the night; she gave a tremendous defensive effort while also bringing in a grand total of 20 points. Jessie Sallach had 11 points on the night and Vayle Berger wasn't far behind with 7 points. The senior leadership the Cats have was clearly shown in this game as the seniors have played key roles in every Bobcat victory thus far.

"I think this game we picked up the pace and really ran and passed the ball well! We were more confident in our shooting as well as our rebounding. We kept them on their toes and we had more depth and speed from girls that stepped up from off the bench that kept us going as the game went on!" said Jones.

Once again due to their immense lead, the Bobs were able to play some younger athletes. Freshman Calyn Liable had her first varsity points against the Eagles, as she was able to knock down 1 free throw at the end of the 4th! Other freshman scorers were Landyn Cole and Jadeyn Bubak who each ended the night with 2 points.

The Lady Bobcats have a deep bench, and lots of strong players. The Cats are continuing to dominate as their record is now at an exceptional 12-1. The Bobs next game will be a face off with the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans on January 18.



By: Jadeyn Bubak, APS Freshman

ANSLEY—The Lady Cats took their second loss of the season on January 18 to the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans. The Lady Bobs showed perseverance as they came in strong in the 4th quarter, taking the game to overtime. Despite their incredible efforts, the Spartans outdid the Cats and took the game 55-43.

The 1st quarter was a productive one for the girls, as they outscored the Spartans 9-6. Jessie Sallach had an excellent game as she was lead scorer and ended the night with 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 8 steals. Sallach's offensive efforts combined with her extreme hustle on the defensive end made her a huge contributor to the SLB team.

The 2nd quarter was another close one between the competitors, as the score heading into half-time was 17-16 with the Cats on top. The girls' defensive efforts were of great help in the 1st half, as they definitely made it difficult for the Spartans to work it into the paint. In fact, the Bobs ended the night with 12 steals, 2 of which going to quick Addie Hild.

The score remained extremely close in the 3rd quarter, with the Spartans outscoring the Bobcats by just one point. The closeness of the game led to fouling on both ends of the floor. The Cats were able to knock down 11 free throws from the charity stripe, with 10 of those shots going to Sallach.

The 4th quarter was huge for the Bobs, as they shocked the Spartans with their ability to quickly regain momentum. Both teams scored 9 points in the 4th, and that was enough for the Cats to take the game into overtime. Landyn Cole helped make the difference in leading the Cats to overtime in the 4th, as she hit a big three-pointer with minutes left. Cole ended the night with 5 points and 1 steal.

The Bobcats have had much experience in overtimes this season, as they have had six altogether; however, Ansley-Litchfield was able to make several transition buckets in overtime, extending their gap too far for the South Loup Bobcats to reach.

There is a chance that the Bobs could face the Spartans in the MNAC championship, and senior Vayle Berger reported on what she thinks the team needs to improve on if they are given that chance, "CONFIDENCE. We played them okay in our first matchup, but if we see them again we need to play our game. We let them get in our heads and we can't let that happen. Our confidence needs to be there to assure ourselves and our teammates that we are in charge of the court and we determine the intensity of the game!" Despite this loss, the Cats remained 1st seed in the MNAC Conference Tournament. See next week's paper for the results of the MNAC tournament.

## Links to School Calendars:

- <http://www.arnoldpublicschools.org/activity-calendar>
- On the announcements tab, scroll to the bottom
- 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>
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## Capri Sun Bags

Mrs. Crow is collecting Capri Sun bags again this year to help fund classroom projects. Please save those bags and send them to school with your student.

## Pop Tabs Collection

Mrs. Geiser and the second grade class will again be collecting aluminum pop tabs for classroom math assignments and projects. You can support our school by saving pop tabs and sending them with your student to the school. Thank you for your support.

# Honor Band

By: Landyn Cole, Freshman

## Oregon Trail Honor Band

I, and a few of my friends, were recently given the opportunity to attend an honor band, something spectacular that not many people are given the chance to do.

Junior Zoey Borah (flute), Freshman Jadeyn Bubak (alto saxophone), Freshman Sofia Atkins (baritone), and myself, playing the tenor saxophone, were selected to attend the Oregon Trail Honor Band, which was held on January 8th, 2018 in Gering. Kenna Rogers (percussionist) was selected as an alternate.

Unfortunately, due to conflicting schedules, only Borah was able to attend. She was excited, as this was her first ever honor band! Borah and Ms. Bailey left at 1 p.m. on Sunday January 7, the day before the honor band, and made the long drive to Gering.

The next day, January 8, Borah began her long day of rehearsals at Gering High School at 9:30 a.m.

It may have been early in the morning, but the director made sure everyone was wide awake and having fun! "The director was really energetic, and he spread energy everywhere he went," said Borah.

Borah and the rest of the talented band students rehearsed all day, then performed a stellar concert that evening at 5 p.m.

## Kearney Underclassman Honor Band

Because I go to a small school with a high school band of only 14 students, having the opportunity to go and play in Kearney High's beautiful concert hall on a massive stage, with over 80 other passionate band students is a wonderful thing that I will cherish forever.

Both Freshman Jadeyn Bubak (alto saxophone) and myself, playing the tenor saxophone, were selected to attend the Kearney Underclassman Honor Band, which was offered to Freshmen and Sophomores all over Nebraska. Only I attended.

Ms. Bailey and I left the school bright and early, at 6:30 a.m. on the dot. We were both grateful we were able to go. Because of poor road conditions, there was a chance we would not be able to attend.

When we finally arrived at Kearney High School, we checked in and went into the concert hall where there was already numerous students eager to start practicing.

This may have been my 5th honor band, but it was still just as electrifying as my 1st.

It was finally show-time, and all the band members changed into concert clothes and headed onto the stage, nervously awaiting the concert to begin.

The concert went marvelously, with only a few minor hiccups in the difficult pieces. The hard days' work was all worth it when the proud parents and family members applauded from the audience.

Borah and I can both agree that attending the honor bands built our confidence we have in playing our instruments. We both brought home new techniques, new skills, and most importantly new memories.

## 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 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 can go to the <http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.



## School Calendar Subscription - NEW!

If you are interested in subscribing to the school calendar on your phone or computer, there is a new address to use. (Last year's calendar runs out very soon.)

Type in the following address, or copy and paste the address from the announcement tab on the school web page. <http://ical.schedulestar.com/iCalNOW.cfm?i=12435EDA-BE50-E29D-644F86352E7C93E3>

As the calendar is updated, your calendar will update too!



# SL Wrestlers Impress

## Four Wrestlers Place At Season Opener

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

BROKEN BOW – The South Loup Bobcat wrestling team attended their season opener in Broken Bow on December 2nd. The Cats came home with fifth place as a team, as well as four athletes placing individually. Broken Bow placed first in the meet.

Two South Loup Bobcat wrestlers qualified for the state tournament last year and the coach has high hopes for sending more this season. Marshall Still and Tayten Eggleston, returning state qualifiers, open their season strong.

Senior Marshall Still had a record of 3-1 Saturday, with two pins. Still pinned Kolby Johnson (Madison) and Zack Pasco (Malcolm), and placed second in the 220-pound weight class. Still lost by fall in the championship match, after losing his footing. Tayten Eggleston (junior) finished third in the 126-pound weight class with three wins, one loss, and one pin. With a growing team of 12, six lettermen returned to the team along with six freshmen beginning their wrestling careers.

Cooper Atkins (freshmen) wrestled in the 120-pound weight class and placed third. Atkins had two pins for the day with a record of 3-1. Logan Peterson (freshmen) placed fourth in the 106-pound weight class with a record of 2-2 for the day, and one pin.

“The boys did great for only having four days of practice. We finished fifth out of 12 schools, competing against larger class C1 schools. We were out of wrestling shape with

only one short week of practice, so we will work on that. We are all excited to improve each week with the ultimate goal of being healthy and at our best coming into districts at Elm Creek,” said Coach Clint Lewis.



## Wrestlers Overcome Obstacles

SLB Wrestlers Overcome Obstacles

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

ANSELMO-MERNA - Sickness and One Acts didn't stop the South Loup Wrestlers this weekend as they traveled to Anselmo-Merna on Saturday, December 9 for the second meet of the year.

The Bobcats got 4th as a team, but also had two wrestlers medal in 1st place, three in 3rd, and two in 4th.

“We are still working on getting into wrestling shape,” said head coach Jim Johnson, “but with Callaway One Acts going to state Tuesday and Wednesday, and Ar-

nold having the flu going around, it was hard to keep the wrestling room going.” Tayten Eggleston and Marshall Still both stole the 1st place medal, gaining lots of points for the team.

Logan Peterson, Cooper Atkins, and Gavin Robertson came out in 3rd after losing some key matches. Atkins stole the Bobcat record for fastest pin from Still. Previously 13 seconds, Atkins got a record fall versus a Twin Loup wrestler in 8 seconds.

Dalton Donegan and Jesse Connell both wrestled hard on Saturday and came out with fourth.

The meet was ran with round robins in every bracket so each wrestler got lots of time on the mat. Some brackets were full; however, some only had three wrestlers.

“Round robins give us a chance to wrestle more matches and get us more experience. Overall, it helps us to improve our skills,” says Eggleston.

Grand Island JV proved their skill with 143 points taking 1st

on the day. Elm Creek and North Central tied for 2nd and 3rd with 97 points. South Loup followed in

4th with 74 points.

## Cats Battle Through Tough Meet

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

SUTHERLAND – On December 16, SLB traveled to Sutherland for one of the largest meets of the year.

The third meet of the year was a tough one for South Loup Wrestlers, but they got 10th place honors as a team out of 23 teams with 52 points. With several wrestlers hurt, or absent this wasn't an easy task.

Marshall Still left soon after last week's meet at A-M for the

Junior National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, and wasn't home for this week-end's meet. Cooper Atkins, and Dalton Donegan were not able to wrestle

due to injuries from last weekend's meet.

The rest of the team worked hard to pull off a successful day. Tayten Eggleston placed second, as well as Logan Peterson, and Spencer Bloomer placing 4th.

Eggleston wrestled hard. He went into the meet with the 3rd place seating, but beat the 2nd place wrestler and made it to the finals. His finals match was a tough one, however. He was going up against reining state runner up from Bayard, and lost by decision with a score of 3-0.

Both Peterson and Bloomer were seated in the 16th seat and lost their first match against the number 1-seated wrestler. They each then came back and ended up getting 4th place in their brackets.

## Wrestlers Bring Home 4 Medals

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

AMHERST – The Bobcat wrestling team traveled to Amherst for the first post-holiday invite on January 6, 2018. The Cats returned home with another meet under their belt, along with 7th place as a team out of 17 teams. South Loup had four wrestlers place individually.

Junior Tayten Eggleston continues to impress taking 3rd in the 126 lb weight class.

He wrested a good first match, winning by decision, but during semifinals couldn't quite find the points and lost by decision. Eggleston redeemed himself, however, getting a pin and decision win to take 3rd for the day.

Cooper Atkins, freshman, came home with 4th in the 120 lb.



**LOGAN PETERSON, FRESHMAN, HAS HAD AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND MEDALED AT MANY MEETS. (KRISTA EGGLESTON PHOTO)**

weight class. Returning from a one-week injury rest, Atkins came back strong. He started out winning with a pin over a wrestler from Cambridge. In the semi-final round, Atkins had

a tough match and lost by fall, but came back and won with another pin. Unfortunately, Atkins lost the 3rd place match due to another injury to his shoulder. He will not be able to wrestle for the remainder of the season.

After missing the last meet due to a rodeo competition in Las Vegas, Still won with a pin over a wrestler from Fullerton, but during the 3rd place match, he lost by a pin. Still placed 4th in the 220 lb. weight class. “We need to keep working to improve our stamina and endurance,” says senior Marshall Still.

Junior Spencer Bloomer joined them in the winner circle this week with 3rd in the 195-pound weight class. Bloomer came back later in the meet after losing by decision in his first match. During his next two matches, Bloomer won by fall. During the 3rd place match, he won by major decision over a wrestler from Amherst.

## Wrestlers Succeed Again

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

SUMNER – The Cats headed to Sumner on Friday, January 12 for the first meet of the weekend. They placed 5th as a team out of 20 teams.

The Bobcats medaled one wrestler in first, one in second, one in third, and one in fourth.

Senior Dalton Donegan (113) wrestled three hard matches but came out on top taking

matches with a decision, pin, and a major decision.

Senior Marshall Still (220) held his own and made it all the way to the championship match but got 2nd after losing by fall.

Freshman Jesse Connell got 3rd after sustaining early tourney setbacks. Connell had two pins on the day. “After the first match, I knew I needed to change my pace, and that resulted in the 2 wins that followed,” said Connell.

Junior Tayten Eggleston (126) got 4th on the day after wrestling four hard matches. “He met up with the state champ from last year and returning states placers, but is doing a good job in holding his own,” said head coach Johnson.

## Exhaustion Doesn't Stop Wrestlers

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

SHELTON – On Saturday, January 13, SLB made the trek to Shelton for the second meet of the weekend.

The boys woke up early after wrestling hard in Sumner the day before, but that didn't stop him from getting 4th out of 12 as a team with 91 points. Not only that, but also seven wrestlers placed individually.

Marshall Still was unable to wrestle due to injury, and Cooper Atkins is also out for the remainder of the season.

The rest of the team worked hard to pull off a successful day. Dalton Donegan and Spencer Bloomer placed 1st, Carson Mason and Tayten Eggleston got 2nd, Dalton Kunkee placed 3rd, as well as Logan Peterson and Jesse Connell placing 4th.

Both Donegan (113) and

Bloomer (195) wrestled and won four matches throughout the day and brought home lots of team points



**MARSHALL STILL IS MAKING SENIOR YEAR A GREAT ONE BY GIVING IT HIS ALL WHEN HE STEPS ON THE MAT. (KRISTA EGGLESTON PHOTO)**



**TAYTEN EGGLESTON HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT WRESTLER ALL SEASON, AND CONTINUES TO IMPRESS US EVERY WEEK. (KRISTA EGGLESTON PHOTO)**



and two first place medals.  
Eggleston (126) finished the day with two pins and a second place medal. Mason (120) had four pins but unfortunately lost by fall in the championship match.

Kunkee (145) had a rough start but won by fall in the third round.

Peterson (106) and Connell (285) both won their first round with a pin and came out with 4th. “We wrestled well for a weekend that we competed back to back, but we are excited for Friday and are hoping to have Gavin Robertson will be back in the line up,” said head coach Jim Johnson.

Alma placed first in the meet with a score of 97 points, with Ainsworth and Arapahoe not far behind bring with 96 points.

## Two Wrestlers Place At Home Meet

By: Kylee Lehmkuhler, AHS Freshman

CALLAWAY – The Bobcat wrestling team didn’t have to go far for the South Loup invite on Friday, January 19, 2018. The Cats finished out the day with 10th out of 19 teams. South Loup had two wrestlers place individually.

Due to shoulder and other injuries, three SLB wrestlers were unable to wrestle, but Marshall Still and Tayten Eggleston will hopefully return by the next meet. Freshman Logan Peterson placed 4th in the 106 lb. weight class. Peterson won by decision over Elwood wrestler, and by fall over a North Platte St. Pats wrestler. In the last round of the day, Peterson went up against his s from Pleasanton. Peterson has lost to Hadwiger three times, but was determined to change outcomes this time. Peterson fought all the way into overtime, but barely lost by decision. Junior Spencer Bloomer placed 4th in the 195 lb. weight class. Bloomer took the first round by pin over a wrestler from Elm Creek. Bloomer brought in six team points.

## Quarter 2 Honor Roll

### 6th Grade

Trey Connell – 3 A’s 3 B’s  
Gracie Neth – 6 A’s  
Logan Recoy – 6 A’s  
Rio Remund – 6 A’s  
Delaney Rogers – 6 A’s  
Madison Smith – 5 A’s 1 B’s  
Brendan Streit – 5 A’s 1 B’s  
Charli Vickers – 6 A’s

### 7th Grade

Silas Cool – 5 A’s  
Lance Jones – 5 A’s  
Devin Peterson – 4 A’s 2 B’s  
Halie Recoy – 4 A’s 2 B  
Clay Witthuhn – 4 A’s 1 B

### 8th Grade

Faith Bierman – 4 A’s 1 B’s  
Reagan Cool – 6 A’s  
Raylee Downing – 2 A’s 3 B’s  
Stella Lewis – 4 A’s 2 B  
Colbi Smith – 3 A’s 2 B’s  
Shayla Tickle – 5 A’s 1 B

### 9th Grade

Sofia Atkins – 6 A’s 1 B’s  
Jadeyn Bubak – 6 A’s  
Landyn Cole – 6 A’s  
Sam Cool – 6 A’s  
Kacee Dvorak – 4 A’s 2 B’s  
Kylee Lehmkuhler – 5 A’s 2 B  
Bailey Schwarz – 6 A’s

### 10th Grade

Jace Connell – 2 A’s 5 B’s  
Kenna Rogers – 3 A’s 3 B’s

### 11th Grade

Leighton Bubak – 7 A’s  
Jarret Buchholz - 5 A’s 3 B  
Lydia Connell – 8 A’s  
Tatum Cool – 7 A’s 1 B’s

### 12th Grade

Cade Connell 4 A’s 1 B  
Shaylee Jones 5 A’s 1 B  
Madison Reed 5 A’s 1 B



## Semester 1 Honor Roll

### 6th Grade

Trey Connell – 3 A’s 3 B’s  
Gracie Neth – 6 A’s  
Logan Recoy – 5 A’s 1 B  
Rio Remund – 5 A’s 1 B’s  
Delaney Rogers – 6 A’s  
Madison Smith – 6 A’s  
Brendan Streit – 4 A’s 2 B’s  
Charli Vickers – 6 A’s

### 7th Grade

Silas Cool – 5 A’s  
Lance Jones – 5 A’s  
Halie Recoy – 5 A’s 1 B  
Clay Witthuhn – 4 A’s 1 B

### 8th Grade

Faith Bierman – 3 A’s 2 B’s  
Reagan Cool – 6 A’s  
Raylee Downing – 3 A’s 2 B’s  
Stella Lewis – 5 A’s 2 B’s  
Colbi Smith – 4 A’s 1B’s  
Shayla Tickle – 5 A’s 1 B

### 9th Grade

Sofia Atkins – 7 A’s  
Jadeyn Bubak – 6 A’s  
Landyn Cole – 6 A’s  
Sam Cool – 6 A’s  
Kacee Dvorak – 4 A’s 2 B’s  
Kylee Lehmkuhler – 6 A’s 1 B  
Bailey Schwarz – 5 A’s 1 B  
Drew Vickers – 2 A’s 4 B’s

### 10th Grade

Max Werner – 2 A’s 5 B’s

### 11th Grade

Leighton Bubak – 7 A’s  
Jarret Buchholz - 7 A’s 1 B  
Lydia Connell – 7 A’s 1 B’s  
Tatum Cool – 7 A’s 1 B’s

### 12th Grade

Cade Connell 4 A’s 1 B  
Shaylee Jones 5 A’s 1 B  
Madison Reed 5 A’s 1 B  
Blake Schwarz 3 A’s 3 B’s

## NEA’s 20th Annual Read Across America on Friday, March 2nd.



Get Spotted Reading Across Nebraska!

Reading goal: This year teachers will set their own goal for the month of February (culminating on March 2nd). Classes in K-5 will complete a 450-mile Reading Across Nebraska journey and track their progress on their classroom map.

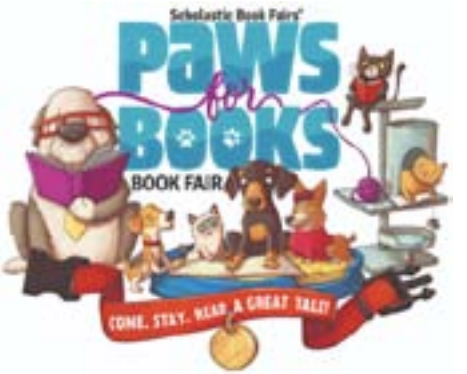


K-5 school wide activity starts at 12:30 with three stations:  
Service Dogs  
Animal Care  
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## Senior Spotlight Madison Reed

By: Jadeyn Bubak, Freshman

**•WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR HOMETOWN?**

The community support for the school and our athletics.

**•WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY?**

Having the best volleyball season the South Loup Bobcats have ever had.

**•DESCRIBE SENIOR YEAR IN THREE WORDS.**

It’s almost over ;)

**•WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR FRESHMAN?**

Make the best of these four years because it will all be over

before you know it.

**•FINISH THIS SENTENCE: “I COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT...”**

Netflix

**•IF YOU COULD FIX ONE THING IN**

**THE WORLD**

**WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Poverty

**•WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

Skydiving

**•WHAT IS YOUR DREAM COLLEGE AND WHY?**

I don’t have a dream college, but if I did it would be somewhere warm.

**•WHO IS YOUR HERO AND WHY?**

My parents, because they have always set a good example.

**•WHO HAS BEEN THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE?**

My sister, Ashley.



**•WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A SENIOR?**

Having barely any homework.

**•WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO MISS THE MOST AS YOU GO ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE?**

My dog.

**•WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?**

I will attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln and major in Physical Therapy.

**•WHAT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?**

Volleyball, Basketball, One-Acts, National Honor Society, Track, Student council, and SHGP.



# Just for Five Minutes

By: Cade Connell APS Senior

At the beginning of January, Senator Matt Williams traveled to Arnold Public Schools to visit with the fourth grade class. Bernie Crow met Senator Williams at a convention and asked if he would come and visit with her fourth graders. His reply, “Yeah I could stop in for five minutes.”

It was a warm day here at Arnold Public Schools. All the kids from kindergarten up to 12th grade busy doing their schoolwork. When out of nowhere a man that looks to be about in his mid 60s with white hair and wearing a full suit poked into the office and politely asked where the 4th grade room was. The secretary proceeded to tell him to walk down the hall and it will be the second to last door on the right.

Walking down the hall he noticed all the different things posted up and down the halls. He first knocked, quietly as he could, to not interrupt the other classes. He opened the door and introduced himself, “My name is Senator Matt Williams I will be visiting with you all today.”

With a smile on his face he went to every kid and introduced himself with a handshake. After that he went to the front of the room. All the kids were sitting on

the edge of their seats anticipating and ready to hang onto any and every word that he had to say.

But the kids were surprised when he said that he would be the one answering the questions, not the kids. Luckily, Mrs. Crow had all the kids write up some questions before he got there so that they would remember to ask Senator Williams.

“Who would like to be the first one to ask a question?” he said. Immediately, every single hand rose.

“Who is the person that you admire?” asked Eli Rogers.

deed,” he replied.

Senator Williams said that while Congress is in session, that the wives of all of the senators have a club where they meet up and go bowling, or have bible classes. Things to keep the wives happy, as they say “happy wife means happy life.”

“The kids really enjoyed having him come and visit with them,” said Mrs. Crow, “considering that they were doing math before and all were in a bad mood.”

“They were enthused and awed the entire time, his five minute visit turned into more of an



*The fourth grade students listening intently has Senator Williams answers the many questions that the kids has for him.*

“Ernie Chambers, not that I like the guy or agree with his ideas, but he knows his stuff,” he replied.

Anyone that knows anything about politics should be surprised by this answer.

“Are the glass doors of the legislature bulletproof?” asked Crew Witthuhn

“I don’t know that one but that is a very good question in

hour and a half visit,” said Crow.

The kids will be going down on a field trip to Henry Doorly Zoo this spring. They will be stopping by the State Capital to get a full tour of the building by none other than, yep you guessed it, Senator Matt Williams.

# Spelling Bee Shows APS Students’ Talent

By: Landyn Cole, APS Freshman

Ella Cool came out on top in the Arnold Spelling Bee on January 24.

After 8 nerve-racking rounds, only two contestants remained-- the two Cool girls, Reagan and Ella. It was a battle between blood that was entertaining and amusing for everyone to witness.

Regan Cool (8th) stepped to the microphone, anxiously awaiting to hear the word she needed to spell to beat her younger sister and be the 9th annual Arnold Spelling Bee champion!

Reagan put forth her best effort, but unfortunately could not spell the word “marmalade” correctly.

Now it was Reagan’s sister’s turn. Ella Cool (5th) approached the microphone with confidence.

Ella leaned closer to the microphone and spelled the word given to her-- “exasperation”. She spelled it correctly, but could not celebrate her victory quite yet. She still needed to spell one more word correctly to be crowned the winner.

Ella looked to Mrs. Badgley, listening intently to hear the word she needed to spell.

Ella was given her word, and spoke the letters that would make her the 9th Annual Arnold



*These 8 spectacular spellers will move on to the next stage of the spelling bee. L:R-- Gracie Neth (6th), Jamison Lamphear (4th), Lance Jones (7th), Ella Cool (5th), Regan Cool (8th), Colbi Smith (8th), Brendan Streat (6th), and Grace Beirman (6th)*

Spelling Bee champion.

“Reprobate. R-e-p-r-o-b-a-t-e. Reprobate.”

Ella Cool spelled the difficult word perfectly, and was declared the school champion, a feat she can be proud of.

The Arnold spelling bee was 10 rounds of excitement! Each



*Shown above are the brilliant students who competed in the Arnold Spelling Bee. Back L:R-- William Moninger (5th), Faith Bierman (8th), Madison Smith (6th), Lance Jones (7th), Hayden Myer (4th), Grace Bierman (6th), Silas Cool (7th), Jamison Lamphear (4th), Halie Recoy (7th) (absent) Front-- Brendan Streit (6th), Gabe Smith (4th), Clay Witthuhn (7th), Reagan Cool (8th), Colbi Smith (8th), Ella Cool (5th), Brook Bierman (4th), Stokely Lewis (5th), Layla Rivera (8th), Gracie Neth (6th)*

contestants’ talent shined bright, as every single competitor spelled at least one word correctly.

A handful of clever students will advance on to the next level of the spelling bee, the Custer County spelling bee, which will be held in Ansley on January 31.

We cannot forget about the wonderful young spellers of APS.

The grades K-3 all participated in the spelling bee in their own way. K-2 grade students all took a written spelling bee test and had a class oral spelling bee. Grade 3 only had a written spelling bee test.

In Kindergarten, Berklee Preston won both the written and the oral spelling bee.

In 1st grade Lyla Bierman won the written round and Jett Morgan won the oral spelling competition.

In 2nd grade Callan Witthuhn received first place in the written contest and Rae Hagler was victorious in the oral portion.

In 3rd grade Josie Christensen won the written competition.

The Arnold spelling bee was a grand time filled with friendly competition.

The spelling competition demonstrated the marvelous character and attitude the students at APS contain.

## Upcoming ACT Test Dates:

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Estimated Scores Available
February 10, 2018	January 5, 2018*	January 6-19, 2018*	February 21, 2017*
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018*	March 10-23, 2018*	April 24, 2017*
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018*	May 5-18, 2018*	June 21, 2017*
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018	July 24, 2018

## Activity Passes



Activity Passes, which get you into all home games at Arnold and Callaway, all year, will cost \$20.00 for students, \$40.00 for parents, and \$80.00 for a family. These passes will be good for all events except NSAA sponsored activities, and conference events. Everyone can get them at the office.



# From the Superintendent's Desk



Welcome February! As I write this article, it is Board Member Appreciation week, so I would love to take a moment this article to reflect on why I appreciate the Arnold Public School Board of Education.

This community is for-

tunate to have a group of civic minded, selfless leaders, and I personally benefit from having six of those leaders on the board. Together they are thoughtful and service-oriented, and work strategically to ensure great things happen in our school daily. They consider topics from all perspectives and respect one another's unique opinions. Additionally they trust me, support me, and offer me the autonomy required to do my job well. I appreciate each of you for what you bring to the table! So Tony, Duane, Rick, Eric, Joe, and Diana, thank you!

We continue to plan and dream about a Maker's Space in Arnold. If the concept is still cloudy to you, please watch for the announcement of a Community Meeting to share our plan, explain the concept, and invite public comment. This project can only move forward with public support, as it would be for every-

one in the community of Arnold and surrounding communities as well. This could not only house a school-based center for learning, but a regional center for industrial training, collaboration, and creative problem solving.

Please offer Melva Geiser your congratulations on her recent decision to retire at the end of this school year. She has dedicated many years of her life to teaching the children of APS, and she will be missed for her enthusiasm and commitment to our young people.

Mr. Morgan and the school improvement team are preparing for our External Engagement Review from AdvancED in March. It's hard to believe that five years have passed since our last review, and I am extremely proud of the work we have done in those five years. Watch for the team to arrive on March 19 and make them feel welcome!

# From the Principal's Desk



upcoming districts and the Speech season is in full swing. The music department is preparing for upcoming contests in the Spring. We will also begin to prepare for state testing this Spring. On April 3rd all Juniors will be taking the ACT here at school instead of the NeSA testing that they have taken in the past. There is no cost to the students for

It has certainly been a fast start to the 2nd semester. Winter is certainly a busy time of year with events of a regular school day as well as extra-curricular activities. The Basketball and Wrestling teams are looking forward to

this ACT test since this is a state wide mandate.

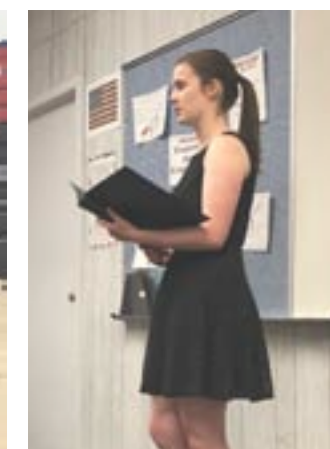
Just a reminder that on February 8th there will be a 12:00PM dismissal with parent/teacher conferences running from 1:00PM-8:00PM that day. Also, there will be

no school on Friday, February 9th. On Wednesday, February 14th there will be a 12:00PM dismissal to allow time for staff professional development.

It has certainly been an active winter for cold and flu season this year as well. If your child is going to absent for any reason, please make sure you notify the office as soon as possible. If your child needs to leave during the school day for any reason, the school needs to be notified and students need to check with the office before they leave school grounds.

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.

# Speech Team Off to a Great Start



Above: Cecilia Wonch, Lorraine Wonch, and Kylee Lehmkuhler, OID, 4th Place

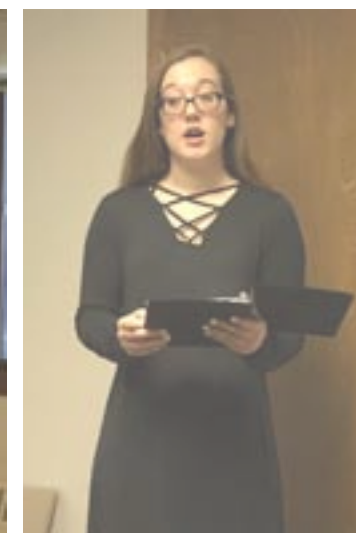
Above Middle: Dawson Hanna and Jarret Buchholz, Improv Duet 4th Place.

Right: Kenna Rogers, Serious Prose

Left: Tatum Cool, Humorous 1st Place.

Middle: Toni Oberg, Poetry.

Far Right: Zoey Borah, Poetry.



## PowerSchool Passwords



As in past years, the school will be using PowerSchool to share student grades with their parents. If you already have the ability to login and check your child's grades, then nothing has changed. Simply login to <https://arnold.powerschool.com/public/>. If you don't have a log in, forgot your password, or would like some help, please contact Tami Smith in the office, or by email at [tami.smith@arnoldpublicschools.org](mailto:tami.smith@arnoldpublicschools.org) or call the school office: 308-848-2226.

## Box Tops

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



## Speech Dates

Gothenburg: February 3rd

Burwell: February 10th

Loup City: February 17th

MNAC - Ansley: February 26th

Best of The West:

March 3rd

Districts: March 12th

State: March 23rd







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