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Homecoming 2019



By: Landyn Cole, APS
Junior

The 2019 Homecoming festivities began on Monday, September 30, with students dressing up in fun and whacky costumes all week. Thursday was Class Color War day; each class dressed in different colors. The seniors went all out in their black outfits, with the exception of Hunter Weinman, who decided bright green was much more exciting than black.

The graduating class of 2020. Front L:R--Addie Starr, Kenna Rogers, Lorraine Wonch, Grant Jones. Back L:R--Dawson Hanna Miles, Jace Connell, Dylan Nelson, Landry Smith, Hunter Weinman. Not Pictured: Federico Piva.

Thursday, October 3, the annual South Loup pep rally was held. Due to weather, it was moved indoors. Being inside didn't squander the Bobcats' spirit. The cheerleaders did a wonderful job getting the students excited. It was a loud and fun atmosphere.



The principals of Arnold and Callaway joined in on the fun! To the disappointment of Arnold students, Mr. Birkel beat Mr. Morgan at getting all the tissues out of his box first.



Head football coach, Mat Jageler and head volleyball coach, Randi Atkins, battled it out in a game of rock paper scissors.



From 1st grade crown bearers at Stapleton Public Schools...



... to the 2019 Arnold Homecoming King and Queen! Congrats to Grant Jones and Kenna Rogers.



The Great Trebuchet Tournament

By: Landyn Cole, APS Junior

On Wednesday, October 30, the entirety of APS will participate in the Great Trebuchet Tournament.

A trebuchet is a type of catapult that uses gravity or traction to propel an object through the air.

Although the students will also study different types of catapults, a trebuchet is slightly different from a catapult.

"A trebuchet has a sling-shot on the end, while a catapult has a single arm with a pocket on the end that will hold the projectile. A trebuchet reminds me of David and Goliath; there is a rope with a pocket on the end that will hold the projectile. A lever arm comes down and whips the sling shot to project the object," explained shop teacher Mr. Mohr.

This project is a fun way for students to learn more about science.

"Our school improvement goal is science, so we wanted to come up with a fun science project for all grades," said Principal Morgan.

The 7-12 grade science teacher, Mrs. Sandager,

picked out the project.

"I picked this project because I thought it would interest a lot of kids, and it would be easy to differentiate between grade levels. The lower elementary can learn the concept of force behind trebuchets, while the older students can learn in more detail the topic of force," said Mrs. Sandager.

The younger students will be given simpler materials to make a basic trebuchet, while the upper grades will make a larger, more complex machine.

The Physics and Construction class will be making an extremely large trebuchet that will surely wow all the students.

Each individual student's trebuchet will then be put to the test in a head to head competition against other students in the tournament.

The brackets for the tournament have already been prepared.

The construction of the machines will take place on the morning of October 30, and the tournament will begin that same afternoon.

May the best trebuchet win!



South Loup vs. Elm Creek

By: Jace Connell, APS senior

Your 2-2 South Loup Bobcats took on the undefeated 4-0 Elm Creek Buffaloes this past Friday to end the Homecoming festivities for the week. This one was no barn-burner as the game was low scoring at 14-12 with Elm Creek coming out on top.

Elm Creek started the game on top with a quick touchdown by Diaz, the buffaloes leading rusher. Your Bobcats did not give up though as they responded with a pass-

ing touchdown and rushing touchdown before the end of the half.

After halftime, the Buffaloes came with another quick score, ending the scoring for the game.

Your South Loup boys played pretty good defense throughout the game. Grant Jones and Jace Connell led the team in tackles with 13 tackles each. Grant Jones says,

"South Loup stands for one thing, we don't quit." This mentality carries into the games they play and was par for the game Friday.

Offensively, the Bobcats pounded the ball at the Buffaloes only counting up to 81 total rushing yards, being led by Connell with 58 yards and 1 touchdown. Followed



Elm Creek (contl)

by Jones with 24. Connell and Rosfeld led receiving yards with Connell having 21 yards and a touchdown and Rosfeld with 12 receiving yards.

The now 2-3 Bobcats will be taking on the 0-5 Ansley-Litchfield Spartans this coming Thursday in Ansley.

SLB vs. Ansley-Litchfield

By: Jace Connell, APS senior

The Bobcat football boys had a short week to prepare for their game last week as the game was on Thursday where it is normally on a Friday. The boys responded well to this change in their weekly routine though, as they prepared to play a cold, cold game that ended 28-30 with the now 1-5 Spartans coming out on top of the 2-4 Bobcats.



Your Boys football team suffered a couple of substantial injuries early in the game with first being Jace Connell getting an ankle injury and then Dalton Kunkee suffering a shin injury. Both boys plan on being healthy for next week's game against the Burwell Longhorns.

Sam Cool stepped up in the backfield after these injuries acquiring 79 rushing yards on 17 carries, also getting 1 touchdown. Sam also led in receiving yards with 50

yards on one reception. Grant Jones was also a huge rushing weapon as he had 11 carries for 47 yards.

Defensively, the Bobcats had to step up since they lost their starting linebacker and safety. Cool and Jones did this as Jones racked up 12 tackles and Cool had 7.

The boys play Burwell this coming Friday in Call-away. We wish the boys and coaching staff good luck as they take on another challenge this week.

Taking on the Bulldogs

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

Friday September 13, the South Loup Bobcats took on the Ainsworth Bulldogs. Being on home turf turned out to be a huge advantage for the Bobcats. Pulling off a win 64-30. The fears of Friday the thirteenth and a full moon had nothing on our boys.

Trevor Ross led the team in passing, with 4 completed passes. Logan Peterson was the leader in rushing with 15 carries for

109 yards. Jace Connell had 7 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles.

"It was a very good game, we played with a lot of determination and grit. And I am hoping to see that same hard work against Arcadia," said Coach Jagler.

He is not wrong the boys seemed to score every time they had the ball. "I wasn't surprised we came out on top, we made a lot of good plays and the energy from the crowd really pumped



Bulldogs (cont.)

us up,” Said Logan Peterson. Our boys really pulled this one off. We wish them the best of luck against Arcadia- Loup City September 27.

Bobcats vs. Arcadia

Loup City

By: Jace Connell, APS Senior

The Bobcat boys took on the ALC Rebels last Friday on September 27th in Arcadia. Both teams were coming off of a by week and were ready to get back on the grind to finish the regular season.

The South Loup boys knew they had their work cut out for them, knowing that Arcadia-Loup City was pretty big on the front line. The Bobcats prepared the best that they could over the two weeks leading up to the game.

Friday night started slow for the Bobcats as the Rebels took off with two quick touchdowns to start the game. The boys never gave up though and continued to do their best on both sides of the ball.

The passing game came



in handy during this game as Jace Connell had 89 yards on 7 receptions and a touchdown and Grant Jones had 75 yards on 5 receptions.

Your Bobcats took the field last Friday on a beautiful afternoon to take on the Burwell Longhorns. This was the

last home game that the Bobcats will have this year. Though the game came down to the wire, the Longhorns ended up on top 20-15 making the Bob-

Defensively the football boys had a difficult time controlling the big line of the Rebels but continued to play hard even though they were largely outsized. Leading in tackles in this one are Connell, Jones, and Kunkee each having 5 solo tackles.

South Loup is more determined than ever as they enter homecoming week against Elm Creek.

cats 2-5 and the Longhorns 5-2.

Coach Jageler switched up his defense for this game preparing for the specific offense of the Longhorns. The boys responded well to this change and picked up the new defense quickly. Grant Jones racked up 10 tackles throughout the game and was the leading tackler, but the tackles were pretty spread out among the team, as Connell had 6.5,

Senior Spotlight

Jace Connell

What is your favorite memory from high school?

Winning state track my freshman year.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mr. Peterson because I like to argue with him about politics.

Who is one person you will never forget?

Kalen Dockweiler

If you could have done one thing different in high school what would it have been?

I would have not fouled out of the sub-state basketball game to go to state my junior year

What is your favorite thing about being a senior?

The excitement of planning for my future.

What is one thing you couldn't live without?

Mountain Dew

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

Be strategic, make sure everything you do has a purpose.

What will you miss most about high school?

Getting to see my friends every day.

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

Happy Gilmore

Where do you see yourself in 10

years?

Being a journalist for ESPN.



South Loup vs. Burwell

By: Jace Connell, APS Senior



Pop Tabs Collection



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



Buwell (cont)

Rosfeld 6, Cool 4.5, and Ross and Wooters had 3.5 each.

Offensively the Bobcats played well. They passed when needed and ran the ball well to grind out yards on the field. Jace Connell was the leading rusher with 103 yards on 37 carries followed by Grant Jones who had 16 yards on 5 carries.

Jones led the receiving stats this game as he caught the football 4 times for 56 yards.

The game came down to the wire as the Bobcats had the ball on the goal line at the last seconds of the game and had a chance to put themselves ahead by one. Unfortunately, the cards fell differently for the your boys football team, ending in a 5 point loss.

Your South Loup Bobcats take on the Amherst Broncos this coming Thursday in Amherst, this is the last game of the regular season for the Bobcats so come out and enjoy a good game between two competitive teams.

One Final Time...

By: Jace Connell, APS Senior

The 3-5 South Loup Bobcats took the field Thursday for the last time against the 2-6 Amherst Broncos. This was the final regular season game for the season.

The offense was led by Jace Connell and Grant Jones as they were the leading rushers. Connell had 96 yards on 27 carries and Jones had 42 yards on 13 carries. Jones led the receiving yards this game with 55 yards on 6 receptions. Connell and Sam Cool were the scorers of the game as Connell had a rushing touchdown and Cool

scored for the defense with a pick six.

The Defense was led by Jones and Dalton Kunkee. Kunkee had 5 tackles while Jones had 10. Connell and Cool both had interceptions during the game.

The Bobcats ended up being one spot out of the playoffs this year bringing and end to their 3-5 Season, with a 12-6 win over the Broncos. The team and coaching staff would like to thank all those who attended the games. They love the support! Thanks!

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Breakfast:

K-12 \$1.50
Adults \$1.75

Grab-N-Go Break Prices:

\$0.45-\$0.65

Ala Carte Choices

by Students:
\$0.70-\$2.20

Lunch:

K-5 \$2.60,
7-12 \$2.85,
Adults \$3.85

Twin Loup Triangular

The first game the Lady Bobcats played was against Twin Loup. The girls crushed both sets winning them 25-22, and 25-11. Altogether, the team had 37 successful digs.

During that game, Jadeyn Bubak had six hitting kills, and Jessie Sallach had ten. The girl's were very proud of themselves and were

The South Loup Lady Bobcats had a very successful night winning both games in their triangular. The Lady Cats destroyed in their first game against Cambridge. The score of the first set was 27-25, and the second set was 25-14.

During this game, Mya Weverka had 20 setting assists. Altogether, the team had 33 successful digs. Jadeyn Bubak ended the game was an amazing hitting kill that was an unfortunate hit to the face for one of the opposing players.

"We started a little slow at the beginning of the game, but our team chemistry was so good as the game progressed. We came out

The C Team was the first game that was played. They were able to play two sets and win both of them. The girl's were very aggressive and did a very good job hitting hard at the opposing team. The Homecoming games were off to a great start and the JV was ready to dominate as well.

"The game went really good and the whole team played really well together. Our serving also improved during that game," said Devin Peterson.

The next game that was

ready to take on the next game.

"We played amazing and were very responsive to their blocking," Said Shayla Tickle.

The second game the Lady Bobcats played was against Spalding Academy. The girl's dominated both of those sets winning 25-10, and 25-6. During that game, Coach Atkins was able to sub in most of

South Loup Triangular

super strong in the second set and carried it through the rest of the game," said Jadeyn Bubak.

The second game that was played was Cambridge and Maxwell. After two sets, Cambridge came out with a win.

The third game was against South Loup and Maxwell. South Loup won both of those sets as well. The scores were 25-22, and 22-8. After winning both of those sets, the new record for the Lady Cats is 19-3.

During that game, Jessie Sallach had 13 hitting kills and the team altogether had 28. Landyn Cole had five ace serves and Taylor

South Loup vs. Elm Creek

played was the JV. The JV gave it their all and ended up winning both of the sets they played as well. Those girls did an amazing job communicating with each other. "It was one of our best games and we played like a team and really communicated and bonded," said Reagan Cool.

For the varsity game, the girl's won the first set, 25-23. For the second set, the girl's gave it their all but ended up losing, 30-28. For the third set the girl's won 26-24. The lady set was the easiest and

the varsity bench, taking out the starting six. Calyn Laible had six hitting kills and Laney Badgley had three. Landyn Cole also had six ace serves during this game.

"I felt like we played really good and we really came together as a team and didn't play down to their level," said Talliana Martin.

Conroy had three. Kalie Glendy also had 10 successful digs. Along with the digs, Glendy also had 11 successful serve receives.

"We started the game out slow and had to have coaches get it in our heads what needed to be done. Once we got our heads in the game and remembered how to play we got ourselves together and showed up. I thought once we started playing everything flowed fairly well. We also had very good defense and picked up a lot of digs and tips. Overall I thought we played very well," said Glendy.

most rewarding. The girl's won 25-13.

During this game, Jessie Sallach had twenty-eight hitting kills, Jadeyn Bubak had twelve, and Taylor Conroy had seven. Calyn Laible had twenty-eight successful digs, Bubak had fifteen, Mya Weverka had twelve, Sallach had twenty-six, and Kalie Glendy had seventeen. Weverka also had forty-eight setting assists. Glendy also had twenty-three successful serve receives.

South Loup vs. Ansley-Litchfield

For the South Loup Bobcats, the first game that was played when they arrived was the C Team. The C Team had a very successful night winning both sets they played.

“We played like a team. There was lots of laughter and really fun overall,” said Kacee Dvorak.

The Second game that was played was the JV Team. The Bobcats also won both of the sets played during that game as well. All the girls were so excited and

their attitudes were fantastic. The Varsity Lady Cats had a very successful night dominating the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans. The first set was 25-12, the second was 25-13, and the third and final set was 25-20. Altogether, the team had a total of 39 hitting kills. Jadeyn Bubak had a great night of serving with five ace serves. Mya Weverka also had thirty-five setting assists. Everyone was so proud of them and what they accomplished.

“We worked hard to stay at

Conference Time!

To start off the conference tournament, the first three games were played in Callaway on October 17th. The first game that was played was Hyannis and Sandhills-Thedford. Hyannis won that game and would end up playing South Loup later that night. The next game was Brady and Mullen. Mullen ended up winning that five-

set game. The third and final game that was played was Hyannis and South Loup Lady Cats.

The Lady Cats dominated all three sets. The scores of the sets were 25-14, 25-15, and 25-10. Taylor Conroy and Jessie Sallach both tied for 11 hitting kills during that game. Mya Weverka also ended the night with 25 setting assists.

MNAC

The Lady Bobcats continued their amazing conference tournament Saturday, the 19th. The Lady Cats gave it their all and it definitely paid off. The South Loup Bobcats won their first conference tournament since the co-op of 2009. Everyone is so proud of them and what they accomplished.

For the first game they played, they went against Mullen. Earlier in the season, the Lady Cats won against Mullen. For the first set, the Mullen Broncos played very strong and ended up winning 25-19. For the second set, the Lady

Cats collected themselves and ended up winning that set 25-19. They also won the next two sets 25-11, and 25-23.

During that game, Jadeyn Bubak had a total of 14 hitting kills. Jessie Sallach also had 21 kills. Sallach also had her 1,200 hitting kill during that game for her whole career.

For the second and championship game, the Lady Cats played Twin Loup. The Lady Cats were ready to take the win! The Cats dominated all three sets. The scores of the sets were 25-18, 25-21, and

our high level of play throughout the game. The match gave us an opportunity to work on some of the more difficult-to-execute plays, such as stacks and swings,” said Landyn Cole.

“The girls did a great job of hitting the ball... They stayed aggressive in their hitting and served aggressively! Everyone who went in did a great job!” said Randi Atkins-Head Coach.

The Lady Cats are excited to finish conference and hopefully come out on the top.

“We had a super good week of pushing ourselves in practice and I think that got us into the mindset to start our conference the right way!” said Taylor Conroy.

25-23.

The team had a total of 38 hitting kills during that game. Cayln Laible had seven of those kills and Taylor Conroy had five of those kills as well. Both schools were very proud to be represented by the South Loup Volleyball team and what they just accomplished.

“Winning conference was one of the coolest moments ever! We have worked so hard this season and it was very rewarding to see all of our hard work in practice pay off in such a big win” said Bubak.

Eat It or Wear It

By Colbi Smith, Sophomore

Students K-12 have been reading hard every day to accomplish a very interesting goal. At the end of the first quarter, the student with the most AR points in their class got chose as their class representative in the “Eat It or Wear It” challenge. The representative from each class will get to choose whether Mr. Morgan eats or wears his special treat. One of the 25 choices of the treats is either eating a chocolate covered grasshopper or wearing a jar of crickets! This activity will be happening on Wednesday, October 30th.

Here is a list of the classroom winners along with the alternates:

High School Grades:

- 12th Grade -- Hailey Myers representative with 70.2 points
- 11th Grade -- Eli Taylor representative with 141 points
- 10th Grade -- Faith Bierman representative with 15 points
- 9th Grade -- Johnathon Lamphear representative with 66.1 points
- Alternates: Sam Cool -- 40 points. Chet Oberg -- 39 points

Middle School Grades:

- 8th Grade -- Gracie Neth representative with 766 points
- 7th Grade -- Anna Tullis repre-

sentative with 94 points

- 6th Grade -- Brook Bierman representative with 52 points
- Alternates -- William Moninger -- 46.7 points. Charli Vickers -- 39.6 points

Elementary School Grades:

- 5th Grade -- Malachi Neth representative with 287.3 points
- 4th Grade -- Delanie Weinman representative with 77.7 points
- 3rd Grade -- Eli Brast representative with 187.5 points
- 2nd Grade -- Jaxsen Schacher representative with 27.5 points
- 1st Grade -- Bree Blowers representative with 28.9 points
- Kindergarten -- Kindergarten will be choosing as a class
- Alternates -- Piper Strausburg -- 36.3 points. MaKenna Weinman -- 26.6 points



One Acts

Dates

Nov. 2nd- Gothenburg 9am

Nov. 11- Callaway Community Night 7pm

Nov. 15- Arnold Community Night 7pm (soup and pie night)

Nov. 21- MNAC @Arnold

Nov. 27- School Matinee

Dec. 2nd- District One Acts @North Platte

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

Ag Safety Day

By Jace Connell, APS Senior

On September 18th the 6th graders took a field trip to the Stapleton fair grounds where they learned about agriculture safety from 9 am to noon.

The day consisted of stations that the kids rotated through learning about different safety measures that should

be taken while operating different machinery and working in the agricultural field.

The APS 6th graders got to spray a fire hose, reach inside of a cow, learn about the importance of wearing a seat-belt, learn about PTO safety

with tractors, and safety when inside a grain bin.

Paxton Bierman said that his favorite part of the Ag trip was "Getting to shoot the swivel hose on top of the fire truck." He said that it was fun for him because he got to be high in the air and shoot the water.

Jamie Lamphear learned an



Shown above, Stapleton Fire Chief helping Brook Bierman use the fire hose.

important lesson about the importance of grain bin safety. She was blown away by the fact "That it takes 20 seconds to get completely covered in a grain bin."

Coke Cap Collection

You can help out the school by collecting your Coke product bottle caps and numbers on the inside of Coke product boxes. We accept caps and cardboard cutouts from the products you get from convenience stores, the grocery stores, vending machines, at ball games, and other places that may all have the promotional codes on them. Coca-cola committed itself to supporting education by enabling schools to collect donated points and then redeem them for a variety of school rewards including playground equipment, supplies, classroom materials, cameras, sound equipment, and more. You can send your Coke caps (and other Coke products) to the school office and they will redeem them. For more information, you can go to the <http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.



Box Tops



Arnold Public Schools will again be collecting box tops for education with a goal of earning \$500 to purchase items for classrooms. In the past, a Smartboard was purchased and some other nice equipment. The Box Tops campaign is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops

has raised over \$200 million to help purchase school supplies, playground equipment, technology items, and so much more. You can support our school by saving box tops and sending them with your student to the school, take them to Finch Memorial Library, or to Reed's Food Center. Thank you for your support.

Pink Out vs. Ainsworth

The South Loup Bobcats had an amazing night Tuesday October 23. They were fortunate enough to support and play for anyone suffering or who has had breast cancer.

The first game that was played was the C Team. They all worked very hard but were still not able to win both sets. All of the girls were on their feet the whole time and had their heads in the game.

"I thought that we all played very well and ended the season on a good note. I can't wait to see what next year brings us," said Sharon Jones.

The second game that was

played was the JV Team. They unfortunately lost the first set, but made a come back and won the next two. All of the girls, just like the C Team, were on their feet and ready for whatever came at them.

"We didn't play to the best of our ability, but we still pulled through for the win," said Faith Bierman

The third and final game was the varsity game. After handing out roses, decorated volleyballs, and a blanket for Becky Dailey, the girls were ready to show the crowd their determination. The Lady Cats played five long sets and came out with a victory. The girls won

the first, fourth, and fifth set. The scores of those sets were 25-18, 25-16 and 15-5. Ainsworth won the second and third set. The scores of those sets were 25-17 and 25-21.

During that game, Jessie Sallach had 21 hitting kills, Jadeyn Bubak had 11, and Calyn Laible had 9.

"I think the game went well. I think we played a little tired in the 2nd and 3rd set but we pulled through and gave it everything for the fourth and fifth set. I would've changed our second set because that was the point where we kind of slowed down, we should've went full speed the whole time," said Laible.

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

In last month's newsletter, I wrote how it was difficult to believe that Autumn was here, and that time seemed to be passing by very quickly. I'm not sure about you, but it didn't seem to slow down any during October! How many times have you heard someone say something like "kids grow up before you know it", or "Time flies when you're having fun". Listen to these people - they know what they're talking about! I always thought I understood what they meant, but I seem to understand it more every year.

For several years, I have been a fan of the Muppets (yes, those Muppets – Kermit the Frog, Gonzo, and of course, The Swedish Chef!!) For my 50th birthday, I received a card with a picture of Kermit the Frog that read, "Time's Fun When You're Having Flies!" I thought that was a great line and have used it often the past several years. A clock now hangs in my office with Kermit and that saying.

Earlier this month, I had another reminder of just how quickly time passes. For one of few times in our forty-one years of marriage, I managed to surprise my wife for her birthday. Now you may think that's not a big deal, but you have to understand I had basically given up even trying to surprise her (several years ago), as all of my previous attempts had fallen

short. How did I surprise her? I'm glad you asked. Recently, I needed to be in Lincoln, and it just happened to be on her birthday. She knew I would take her to Red Lobster (her favorite restaurant) for her birthday (no surprise there). What she didn't know was that I had arranged for all three of our children to meet us. (This was not necessarily an easy feat, as we are seldom able to gather with all three of them - two living in Omaha and the other in Kansas City makes that task somewhat difficult). My wife didn't suspect a thing until she saw them! We had a great evening, and the fact that three of our five grandchildren were also there helped make it a great surprise!

Reflecting on that visit, I once again realize that time did seem to fly for me during the raising of my children. As I look back on those times, I would like to offer encouragement to all parents as they raise their children. I realize that these are tough times to raise a family. Many influences which our children face today were unheard of even a few short years ago. They are also exciting times, with many great, positive influences available.

ENJOY this time you have with your children. One of my favorite songs of the past several

years is a song by a singer named Steven Curtis Chapman. The name of the song is "Cinderella", and talks about a father watching his daughter growing up. As a little girl, she asks him to dance with her because "There's a ball at the castle, and I've been invited, and I need to practice my dancing". The father says, "So I dance with Cinderella, . . . because all too soon, the clock will strike midnight, and she'll be gone." As she grows up, she needs to practice her dancing for prom, and eventually her wedding. Indeed, for each parent, at some point, the "clock strikes midnight", and the children are off on their own. It is SO important to enjoy this time with your children!

LAUGH with your children. The emotional and physical benefits of laughter are well documented. Sharing laughter with your children is a great use of time and energy!

Raising children can be challenging, but it is a great time of life. And yes, it does go by quickly! It is difficult for me to realize my youngest has been out of the house for more than a decade. My youngest grandchild is in second grade this year. (That whole grandpa thing has been an adjustment, but what fun!) Boy, oh, boy, "Time's fun when you're having flies!" (Or something like that).

The One About my Pet turtle Harold

On Saturday, August 31, I made the totally, **not impulsive**, and absolutely **not irrational** purchase of a pet turtle who I named Harold.

Nothing against Harold, because I love him, of course, but what I really wanted was a hedgehog. My mother, however, "Wouldn't have a rodent in her home..." --Mama Jimi.

Why did I want a turtle? you ask. Well to be frank, some boys really do stink. Not all of them, because I have guy friends who are very awesome people. But some boys are JUST. PLAIN. MEAN.

So, the solution to my problem: get a turtle. When I was discussing this purchase decision with Mrs. Badgley, she asked, "Why a turtle?"

I told her that these turtles can live up to 44 years; so when I'm 60 and living alone because boys will always stink, Harold will still be there for me.

I'll come home from a long and stressful day, or maybe yet another

“Wouldn't have a rodent in her home...” --Mama Jimi.

other failed date, and there Harold will be, basking on a rock under his heating lamp.

Really, Harold will be the only man I'll need in my life.

Me and Harold... Harold and me... until the end of time.

Some of my friends thought it was a wonderful idea, like Reagan Cool, who told me multiple times to, "Just buy it already!"

Some of my other friends told me it was a bad idea, like Federico Piva, who said, "You are leaving for college in two years. Don't do it."

My selective hearing only chooses to listen to Reagan's encouragement, not Fede's logic.

This was all the grand plan, of course, until my mother informed me I was not allowed to spend hundreds of dollars on the equipment needed to properly care for Harold.


What she didn't admit, though, is that the real reason I wasn't allowed to buy Harold is because she does not want to care for him while I am away at college.

It's only feeding him crickets and mealworms every day, regulating his water temperature, en-

suring the right heating lamp is on, and cleaning his tank every week! The audacity of my mother to say she wouldn't do those simple things for my beloved Harold.

If Harold were a dog, she would surely care for him. But she won't care for Harold, who would become my best friend in the whole

What Is the Point of Columns?



By: Landyn Cole, APS Junior

world, because he is a reptile?!

I've been to that janky pet store in North Platte, *All Pets*, three times to go see Harold, and have come home empty handed each time.

But, because of my mother's fear of any animal in her home, besides dogs and cats, Harold is still in the pet store, waiting patiently for me to go buy him. Harold knows how much I love him; nothing will keep us apart. Maybe I will set up a visitation schedule.

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To The Zoo!



Left to Right (Top Row): Tylee Smith, Danielle Duponcheel, Adalei Tullis, Delanie Weinman, Maryah Oberg, Angel Mills, Thad Hall, Corrie Luera, Callie Kenner, Rae Hagler.

Left to Right (Bottom Row): Callan Witthuhn, Tysen Schacher, Brody Green, Austin Davenport, Alex Hoskins.

On the morning of October 11th, the fourth grade class, and two sponsors, Mrs. Blowers and Katie Weinman, set off for the field trip of a lifetime. The fourth graders were ready to make memories and spend the night with each other.

First, the two vans full of kids arrived in Lincoln and toured the State capital building. They also made a quick stop at Hurts Donuts for a little snack. After touring the capital and eating donuts, they were headed to Omaha for more fun.

When they arrived at Omaha, they ate supper then headed straight for the zoo. When they got to the zoo, they met up with their

tour guide and hauled their luggage to the basement of the lied jungle.

After settling in, they went for a night hike to view different animals. The tour guides filled their night with interesting facts and stories about the zoo and animals. After quite a day, they made their way back to the lied jungle, ate some snacks, and went to bed.

The next day, they woke up very early in the morning and went for a morning hike. The zoo tour program ended at 9:00 but the fourth graders decided to stay a little longer and tour the exhibits that they had not seen yet. After quite a morning, they left the zoo and stopped for lunch.

After a long two days, the

fourth graders and two sponsors arrived in Arnold later that night. Lots of memories and fun were made those past two days.

“The field trip was quite an adventure! The tour of the capitol brought life to our study of Nebraska and the kids were fascinated by the building. The zoo was definitely and unforgettable experience.

The tour guides were very knowledgeable and it was a lot more fun to have the zoo to ourselves. The students listened very well to the guides and the many amazing stories they told about the zoo animals” said fourth grade teacher Katie Blowers.

“P” Is For Pumpkin

The kindergarteners and first graders were all very excited to be able to go on their first field trip. They got to spend the day at the Bumpkin Patch located in Anselmo. Both classes had a long day filled with slides and corn mazes. The kids were also able to sling little pumpkins in a giant slingshot. They all had a blast participating in

duck races and taking fun rides in barrels that were being pulled by a four-wheeler.

“My favorite part about the Bumpkin Patch was playing. The slide was my favorite thing to play on. The corn maze was really easy because I already knew how to do it,” said Zeva Tickle (1st grade).

“The bikes was my favorite

thing to do because we could go fast on them. I almost wrecked,” said Carlos Melendez (kindergarten).

“I liked the slingshot the best because we got to sling tiny pumpkins,” said Kate Kulp (kindergarten).



Back Row (Left to Right): Weston McMichael, Emmah Clouse, Bo Dailey, Parker Neth, Carlos Melendez, Nevaeh Smith, Kate Kulp, Breckn Doggett, Aubry Corbin, Emery Schacher, Callie Long, Klara Baldwin, Kateh Hall
Front Row (Left to Right): Maverick Bierman, Ava Bierman, Ruby Hagler, Jeremiah Morgan, Makenna Weinman, Zeva Tickle, Paiton Tucker, Olivia Doggett, Declan Teahon, Bree Blowers, Xarder Hunt, Issac Jarmin

The Greatest Show!

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

Friday October 18, 2019, the SLB spirit squad performed at halftime of the boys’ football game against Burwell. The dance routine was choreographed and taught by UCLA. Although the cheerleaders danced to music from The Greatest Showman, this dance did not look like circus act. The girls’ movements were sharp and clean, and their stunts were mystifying. If you were not able to the game, and wish you could watch the choreography, you are in luck it is on Facebook. A little heads up so you do not miss the next dance, the cheer team will be performing at a home basketball game, and also little girls cheer nights, dates to be announced in the future.

ACT Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 25, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 16, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 25, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 29, 2020



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Cross Country Runners Finish their Season Strong

By: Landyn Cole, APS Junior

Runners Tackle the Tough Course

RAVENNA—On Thursday, September 19, the cross country team made the trek to Ravenna for their fourth meet of the season. It was a smaller meet, with 77 girl runners and 103 boy runners.

The course ran was the Ravenna Golf Course. "The terrain was good, but it had several really long, big hills," said Coach Recoy.

Because of course difficulty, no runners improved their time from the last meet. However, many runners placed well. Halie Recoy placed 34th; following her was Heidi Donegan, who finished 50th. Silas Cool placed exceptionally well, finishing in 39th. Tanner Brown ran a good race, placing 78th.

Knowing the course would be filled with hills, the runners prepared in practice. "We focused on time intervals and hill workouts to prepare for this meet," said Coach Recoy.



Runners Overcome the Heat at Kearney

KEARNEY—On Monday September 30, the South Loup cross country team attended a meet at Kearney. They ran their course on the Kearney Country Club Golf Course, with only one runner finishing with a personal best time in the heat.

This meet was unique in that it was run by classes; South Loup was able to run solely against other Class D schools. The meet was large; 266 boys ran and 189 girls ran in just Class D.

The meet was difficult. "The course was a harder course with some big hills, but I believe the toughest obstacle that day was the heat," said Coach Recoy. The temperature reached 90 degrees, making the 3.1 mile run that much more brutal.

Silas Cool ran his personal best with a time of 21:32.4, which placed him 70th. "He looked strong throughout the race and overcame the elements and competed well. I am looking forward to next week at Conference; he should do very well," said Coach Recoy.

"I just try not to think about the pain. Instead, I think about how good it will feel to be done. I was really happy with the way I ran on Monday," said Cool.

Halie Recoy, as well as Heidi and Megan Donegan, placed well. Halie placed 99th, followed by Heidi in 132nd and Megan in 134th. Two female runners did not compete due to sickness.



Girls Team Wins Gold; Two Individuals Medal

STAPLETON—On October 8, the South Loup cross country team competed at Augusta Wind golf course in Stapleton; this was their conference meet. The Bobcats came ready to run, as two runners medaled, one runner ran a personal best, and many finished in the top half of the pack.

The meet was small, with only 8 teams competing. There were 15 girls and 18 boys competing. Due to small numbers, only the top 5 runners medaled. Halie Recoy and Heidi Donegan made the cut, finishing 4th and

Students Witness *Othello* Come to Life on Stage

By: Jace Connell, Senior and Landyn Cole, Junior

On October 11th, Arnold 9-12th graders traveled to Callaway to watch *Othello*, a Shakespearian play. Nebraska Shakespeare, which is located out of Omaha, Nebraska, graciously put on the production for the students and community members of Arnold and Callaway.

The students enjoyed watching the professional actors act out the hour-long adapted version of the play. Many students in One Acts looked to the expert actors for tips on how to make their own production come to life.

The cast of *Othello* consisted of professional actors; most came from out of state to bring us this intriguing story about love and jealousy.

Following the performance, the actors filed back onto the stage to have an interactive discussion about the play and play production in general with the audience.

The actors asked if anyone had any questions, and countless hands shot up in the air. Questions ranged from “What was the purpose of the choreography going on upstage?” to “How did you get so good at dying?” The latter brought lots of laughs from the professional actors.

The actors discussed their



The female, Othello, becomes so jealous because she suspects her husband of cheating that she must murder Desdemonan.

Photo Credit: Mike Wendorf

favorite parts about performing *Othello* and also the struggles they face as actors who travel across the country to perform.

They put on a wonderful performance, and their applause is certainly deserved.

Plum Creek Festival

By Colbi Smith, Sophomore

On Friday, September 20th, the 6th grade class travelled to Seward for the Plum Creek Literacy Festival. The Plum Creek Literacy Festival is a K-8 festival at the Concordia University campus where students can learn from world-renowned authors and illustrators and experience interactive exhibits. The trip was a success for the 6th graders with many of them enjoying the experience.

“Barbara O’Connor was the first presentation and she talked about her pets as inspiration. She did a showing-not-telling activity so students could

participate.” said Crew Witthuhn, APS 6th grader.

Debby Moninger, the sponsor for this trip, was very happy that the students enjoyed the trip and learning more about literature.

“It was a lot of fun. The author that the kids enjoyed the most was Lin Oliver. They enjoyed him the most because they read a book in Mrs. Badgely’s class by Lin called Hank Zipzer: Niagra Falls.” said Debby.

All in all, the trip for the 6th graders was an enjoyable and very educational trip.

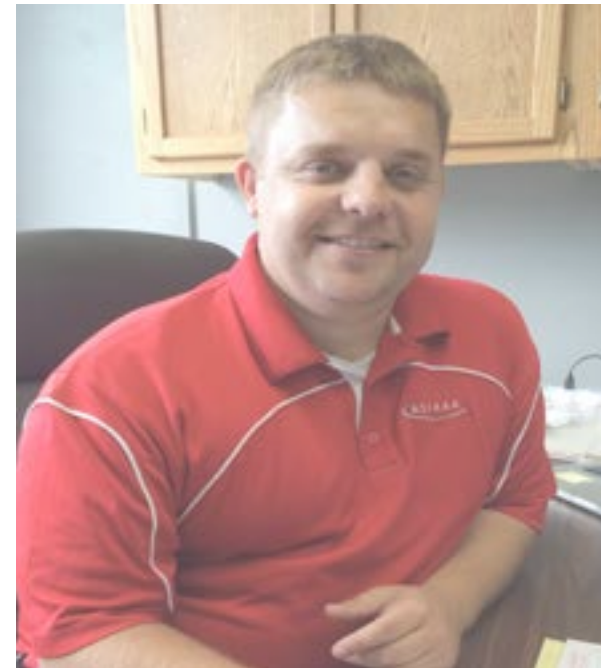


Pictured above are the 6th graders with their favorite author of the day, Lin Oliver. Backrow LtoR:

From the Principal’s Desk

The Nebraska Department of Education has released the newest education profile for the 2018-2019 school year. I am excited to announce that as a district, Arnold Public Schools received an Excellent rating! Schools are classified as excellent, great, good, or needs improvement. Classification is based on state testing scores, graduation rate, reduction in chronic absenteeism, and other measures.

In regards to state testing, as a district we had a proficiency rating of 70% in English Language Arts compared to a 52% state average and 73% in math compared to a 52% state average. I am very proud of the work that our students and staff put in on a daily basis. Our education profile can be found on the Nebraska Department of Education website.



October 11th marked the end of the 1st Quarter. Final quarter grades are available online through your PowerSchool account. If you would like a paper copy of your child’s grades, please contact Heather in the office.

As we head into November, we find the calendar full of activities. One Act will begin with competitions, junior high wrestling is beginning, volleyball begins their post season run, and winter sports will begin. Best of luck to all our students as they compete.

With many online programs we have been able to increase our communication and allow parents to check on their child’s progress throughout the year. I would encourage parents to make sure they stay current with things going on by accessing Schoology and your child’s grades on Power School. If

Red Ribbon Week

October 21-25, 2019

Monday – Follow Your Dreams,
Don’t Do Drugs ~Pajama Day~
Tuesday- Drugs are a Hair
Raising Experience ~Crazy Hair
Day~
Wednesday - Drugs Will
Change You ~Opposite Day~
Thursday- Be On a Drug Free
Team! ~Wear Bobcat colors~

Friday- Show Your True Colors
and Don’t Do Drugs
K-Red
1st-Orange
2nd-Yellow
3rd-Green
4th-Blue
5th-Purple

Pictures and article to
come next month...



Senior Mentoring

Arnold has many amazing programs, one of those programs is the HEROS mentoring program. Each senior student is assigned an elementary student for the year. We get to meet with these students once a week and partake in some fun activities, that Mrs. Nansel has planned out.

Jenny Fox of Custer County Capable made a trip up to the school to educate us on how to better develop a relationship with our mentee. Also the dodo's and don'ts of HEROS mentoring.

October 10, 2019 we met with our students for the first time at the kick-off party. We sat down with markers, skittles and get to know you sheets. For every skittle we ate, we had to answer a question with the corresponding color. After that was done we filled out favorite sheets. This is just a sheet that asks what some of your favorite things are. When we were finished we had a little time to kill before we took the kiddos back

to class. We continued to get to know one another and really enjoy each other's company.

"My mentee was full of energy and rearing to talk! All and all it was fun," says Dawson Hanna- Miles on meeting his mentee.

October 17, 2019, we got to take our mentees outside for a fun fall scavenger hunt. We had a list of items that we were sent to find. There were some easy items like different colored leaves, but also some more challenging items to find like bees and butterflies. The students were successful in finding a majority of the items on their list and had fun while doing so.

"We had a really good time walking around the school finding stuff

on the list. My mentee really enjoyed finding animal tracks, and the rest of the items on the list," says Lorraine Wonch.

The seniors are so excited for the rest of the year with their mentees. It will be a year full of sweet memories and support.

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APS Students attend 31st Annual Criminal Justice Seminar

By: Kenna Rogers, APS Senior

Monday, September 30, 2019, Landyn Cole, Jace Connell, Dylan Nelson, and I attended the 31st annual Criminal Justice Seminar. They spent the afternoon at the University of Kearney listening to the keynote speaker, Craig Moore, about his journey and experiences as a blood splatter analysis.

Moore started off his speech with how he became an analyst, and what his job entails. Moore started out as a cop, he worked first hand with the forensic team. He was intrigued by the work they did. He was always in love with art and photography in high school. He de-

cidated to make the shift to forensics and has been in love ever since.

He has since retired from the field. He now travels down from Canada and travels the United States giving lectures about his previous line of work. He gave us an insight on the physics of blood splatter. He had graphs and pictures and kept it interesting throughout.

After a short break, we resumed our session with Moore. He carried on with three stories about his job. The first story being a hemophiliac that bled all over his car, after being punched in the nose.

The second a man who had been

bed ridden so long he committed suicide. This one was interesting because without the blood analyst team, his wife would have been charged with a homicide. The last one was about a man who was murdered by a mob hit-man. This one was intriguing because they found the answer of how he was killed within the smallest blood drop.

We left after lunch, so we missed out on the other speaker on cases that Nebraska has solved. But all in all it was a very educational experience.

EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

September 2019

Seniors...3 must-do tasks for this fall!

1. Apply to your top college choices. If your school participates in Nebraska's Apply2College campaign in October, you'll get help with your college applications during a school-day event. If not, [click here](#) to find a college application checklist and other helpful resources.
2. Create an FSA ID. You and a parent must each create a username and password at [fsaid.ed.gov](#) that will serve as your Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will each need your own email address to create an FSA ID.
3. Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](#) on or after October 1. The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

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- Attend an EducationQuest Financial Aid Program to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA. While you're there, register to win a \$500 scholarship!
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Meet with college reps at College Fairs, Educational Planning Programs

Juniors and seniors: Attend a College Fair or Educational Planning Program this fall to meet with college representatives. Admission is free. Before you attend, visit [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#) to register for a barcode. Print the barcode, or download it to your smartphone, and take it to the fair so that college reps can scan it.

2019 Fall College Fairs

Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, September 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Southeast Community College, 8800 O Street.

Omaha Area College Fair, Sunday, September 29, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – University of Nebraska at Omaha, Sapp Fieldhouse, 6001 Dodge St.

2019 Educational Planning Programs

EPPs will be held across the state this fall. See the Events Calendar at [EducationQuest.org](#) to find the event in your area.

November "To Do" List

Seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college:

- ___ Complete the FAFSA.
- ___ Apply to your top college choices.
- ___ Download the EducationQuest app.
- ___ Register by November 8 for the December 7 SAT.
- ___ Register by November 8 for the December 14 ACT.

Juniors...complete these tasks:

- ___ Research colleges that interest you.

- ___ Take a prep course for the ACT college entrance exam.
- ___ Download the EducationQuest app.

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