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Seniors Participate in Presidential Election

By Anna Tullis, APS Senior

ARNOLD: On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the 12th-grade American government class took a trip to the American Legion Hall. Six class members, Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Danah Baldwin, Ethan Furne, Taylor Hanna-Miles, and Alex Mills had the opportunity to vote in the 2024 presidential election.

Social Studies teacher Mr. Jason Wehnes walked with the class around ten that morning. Although only six could actually vote, Mr. Wehnes understood the importance of everyone seeing the voting process

to prepare them for the future. He said, "The right to vote is a privilege that many throughout the world do not have a right to exercise. Furthermore, many have been excluded from this right throughout our country's history. Exercising one's right to vote exhibits that 'we the people' ultimately dictate the priorities and issues of our society. I am proud of the dedication of the Seniors to learn the issues and implement this right as American citizens. This is the first class in which ALL Seniors that could in fact fulfilled their civic duty."



Danah Baldwin becomes the youngest voter in Arnold!

Danah was the youngest participating voter this year, just 18 and 4 days old. She said, "I was nervous at first, but once we got down there it was a super simple process with a lot of helpful and understanding volunteers. I appreciated the opportunity to learn about the process of voting and our local government".



L to R Back to Front: AJ Starr, Alex Mills, Ethan Furne, Jamie Tickle, Realta Leach, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Ella Cool, Riata Remund, Dolores Duponcheel, Ivy Tullis, Anna Tullis, Danah Baldwin, Mr. Jason Wehnes

Fun With Flowers



Junior Sara Latiegue works on her flower arrangement

BY: Anna Tullis, APS Freshman

ARNOLD: On Oct. 2 the 8th-period Applied Biology class went on a field trip to Dahlia Valley Ranch to learn from Lisa and Eric Nelson. Mrs. Nelson manages a large flower garden, runs a flower shop in down-

town Arnold, sells flowers to multiple businesses in and outside of town, creates arrangements for events, and hosts bouquet-making events at her farm. Senior Danah Baldwin said, “It was a lot of fun. We had less time when we went last year so it was nice to have more time to explore and learn new things about the business.”

Upon arrival, the students took a tour of the flower tunnel. The tunnel works similarly to a greenhouse trapping heat within it, allowing for additional weeks of growing time. The tunnel can be closed in completely and is an effective tool to protect the plants from unpredictable Nebraska weather.

Mrs. Nelson said that, when working with flowers, your whole business relies on the weather. One storm can wipe everything out.

The class then got the chance to make their own flower arrangements that they could take home. Mrs. Nelson gave some tips on how to get started saying to start with some greenery as a base and follow

that with picking your focal flower, one or two large flowers to be the centerpiece of your bouquet. The focal flower is followed by smaller filler flowers. The students had a variety of bouquet styles. Junior Summer Morash chose a design that was reminiscent of wedding flowers, elegant and beautiful. Junior Eli Rogers chose a different method. He chose the biggest, most vibrantly colored flowers to create a very fun arrangement.

Once the group was finished, Eric Nelson gave the students a lesson on composting. Mr. Nelson described the long process he went through two years ago. Through constant monitoring of the temperature, water, and carbon dioxide content in his compost pile he created a perfect environment for microorganisms to thrive. These organisms are what bring nutrients out of the soil for the plants to use.

The trip to Dahlia Valley Ranch was a fun experience that gave the applied biology students an opportunity to learn about a local business and what it takes to operate it.

Students Attend College Fair

By: Anna Tullis, APS Senior,

BROKEN BOW: On Oct. 9th the Arnold High School Juniors and Seniors attended a college fair. Multiple colleges from different levels from across state as well- as Colorado, Iowa, and South Dakota- had displays and talked with students in the area.

Senior Ella Cool said, “The col-

lege fair helped me narrow down where I want to go next year and set me up for the next step in my application process.” The college fair hosted a variety of representatives from private colleges, cosmetology schools, community colleges, and the military, allowing for students to get a variety of perspectives on life after high school.

Senior Taylor Hanna-Miles said, “It was a really fun day. I learned a lot of really important things about a lot of colleges. Wayne was probably the one that stuck out the most to me and getting the opportunity to talk to a representative was really helpful. All of the recruiters were really nice and directed us to what is best for our future careers.”



F: Piper Strasburg, Josie Lehmkuhler, Walter Bierman, Josie Christensen B: Jayden Baker, Rachel Leetch, Delanie Weinman, Adalei Tullis and EvaLynn Wonch.

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

DOANE: The Doane University Freshmore Vocal Festival is a special event for freshman and sophomore singers, organized to give younger vocalists a chance to shine. Started in 2021 by Dr. Kurt Runestad, the festival aims to encourage younger students to stay involved in their school choirs. Many opportunities for high school singers are often reserved for upperclassmen, but Dr. Runestad

cess.

Once selected, students spend a day rehearsing under Dr. Runestad at Doane University. They meet other young singers from across Nebraska—28 high schools were represented! The students also get to explore the campus, eat at the dining hall, and learn from college music majors. They watch performances by Doane’s choirs, such as the Collegiate Choir, the Double-wide Men’s group, and the Jazz Unlimited ensembles. They even perform alongside them for one piece during the concert. This year, the students learned and performed two songs in an African language, which became a surprising favorite

Doane Freshmore Vocal Festival!

wanted to make sure younger voices were heard as well. Students are nominated by their choir directors, so they don’t have to go through a stressful audition process.

for many.

“It was really fun and a very learning experience. We spent the whole day working on the details of the singing, and I think our hard work paid off.” said Freshman Delanie Weinman

Events like these are important for our young singers, especially those from small schools. They offer a chance to sing in large groups, work under different directors, and try new musical pieces. The students came back to Arnold with new skills and ideas that enrich our local music program.

“As a director, my favorite part of taking students to these events is getting to work with them through the process, be it learning the music or preparing for and submitting auditions. It is always so much fun to watch them step out of their comfort zones and push themselves to become more confident and well-rounded musicians and performers,” said Mrs. Welch, Arnold music director.

MNAC Fall Art Workshop

By: Tylee Smith, APS Freshman

MULLEN: On Wednesday, October 23, Mrs. Katie Berglund took her Independent Art Class, Riata Remund, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Ivy Tullis, and Realta Leach, to Mullen for a yearly art workshop. The students had the opportunity to choose 2 workshop activities. The activities they took part in were neurographic drawing and book page folding. “It’s fun to take students to workshops like this. They learn new things but I learn new things too that I can bring back and introduce to my other class.” Mrs. Berglund said. Students were given the opportunity to bring two art projects each and hang them up for a mini art show. They weren’t competing against each other. Instead, each student’s work was judged separately and awarded ribbons. Taylor re-

ceived two 1st place ribbons, Riata received a 2nd and 3rd place ribbon, Realta received a 2nd place ribbon and Ivy received a 1st place ribbon.





South Loup Bobcats vs. Ravenna

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

RAVENNA: On Friday, October 11, the South Loup Bobcats pulled off an exciting 34-28 win against the Ravenna Bluejays. It was a difficult conference game that kept supporters of both teams invested until the very end.

Ravenna struck first, with Sophomore Kobe Chamberlin scoring a rushing 10-yard touchdown midway through the first quarter. After a failed two-point conversion

Another Solid Win For the Bobcats!

from Ravenna, the score stood at 0-6 in Ravenna's favor by the end of the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Chamberlin stuck out again for a 50-yard rushing TD, extending Ravenna's

lead to 14-0 after a successful point-after kick by Cooper Todd. South Loup quickly responded with a 50-yard TD pass from Dylan Pandorf to Senior Ethan Furne. After a successful two-point conversion by Senior Ethan Furne, the Bobcats lessened the gap to 6-14.

Just before halftime, Ravenna added another score with a 60-yard pass to Sophomore Trenton Wedemeyer, bringing the halftime score to 20-8.

In the third quarter, South Loup

rushed back into the game with a punt return touchdown, followed by a two-point conversion run by Connor Paulsen, tightening the score to 20-16. Ravenna answered this with a 30-yard passing touchdown from Gavin Reisbeck to Wedemeyer, pushing their lead to 28-16.

However, the Bobcats weren't finished. Pandorf passed the ball to Paulsen for a winning touchdown, which gave South Loup their first lead of the night at 34-28.

"The Boys came out and played with a lot of emotion in the second half," said Assistant Coach Todd Phelps.

South Loup's defense held firm, preventing Ravenna from making a final comeback, and securing the vigorous victory. The Bobcats have proved time and time again that they are a team that won't quit even when things get tough.



South Loup Bobcats vs. Arcadia Rebels coin flip

lead, leaving the Rebels struggling to compete with the Bobcat's relentless defense and offense.

The second half saw South Loup continue their onslaught, scoring an additional eight points in both the third and fourth quarters, Freshman Tysen Schacher added to the scoring with a 35-yard rushing TD, followed by a successful two-point conversion in the third quarter. Schacher's skills continued

to stand out as he contributed both on the ground and through the air, finishing with 70 rushing yards and impressive receiving plays though only a freshman.

"We played well and played as a team, and our mistakes were minimal." Senior Ethan Furne said.

Defensively, South Loup was

unstoppable, limiting the Rebels to zero points and only three first downs throughout the game. The Bobcats recorded 47 total tackles, with Senior AJ Starr leading the team with 11 total tackles.

With this clear-cut win, the Bobcats continue to prove their worth and potential.

The Bobcat's First Playoff Was a Success!



South Loup Bobcats vs. Perkins County Plainsman

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

ARNOLD: On Thursday, Oct. 24, the South Loup Bobcats scored a 22-14 victory in a playoff matchup against the Perkins County Plainsmen in the NSAA State Football Championships (Class D1) tournament.

The game began with both teams exchanging defensive stands, resulting in a scoreless first quarter. However, the Bobcats broke the

deadlock in the second quarter, with Junior Conner Paulsen finding the end zone on a 10-yard rushing touchdown. The team then converted the two-point attempt, bringing the score

to 8-0. South Loup's momentum continued as they added another touchdown just before halftime, with Senior Ethan Furne catching a 61-yard pass from Junior Dylan Pandorf. The Bobcats headed into halftime with a solid 16-0 lead.

Perkins County rallied in the second half, attempting to get in the lead. However, South Loup maintained control, scoring an additional touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Paulsen demonstrated his skill with another impressive 11-yard

run, further extending the Bobcats' lead to 22-0.

Despite a late surge from Perkins County, who managed to score two touchdowns in the final quarter, they were not able to surpass the Bobcat's early lead. The defense held strong, ultimately securing the 22-14 win.

"Vengeance was served." Senior Ethan Furne said

Defensively, South Loup was relentless, scoring a remarkable 71 total tackles. Senior AJ Starr led the defensive effort with 16 tackles, while Dylan added an important interception, further highlighting the team's impressive play.

With this hard-fought victory, the South Loup Bobcats continue their playoff journey, proving their resilience and ability to perform under pressure.

Outstanding Win From the Bobcats!

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

CALLAWAY: On Friday, Oct. 18, the South Loup Bobcats delivered a commanding performance, defeating the Arcadia Rebels with an outstanding score of 56-0 in a conference game.

The Bobcats came out strong, scoring 22 points just in the first quarter alone, with Junior Conner Paulsen exploding onto the scene with an impressive 34-yard TD run. The quarter concluded with another TD, as Tysen Schacher added to the tally, showcasing the team's offense.

In the second quarter, South Loup maintained their dominance, scoring an additional 18 points.

Junior Dylan Pandorf threw a pass to Senior Ethan Furne

for a 17-yard TD pass, further extending the lead. Connor stood out with another impressive run, bringing his total rushing yards to 179 by halftime. The Bobcats entered halftime with a commanding 40-0

Bobcats 2024 Districts Game

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

CENTENNIAL HS: Oct 28 the Lady Bobcats took on the Centennial Mustangs for the 2024, Sub-Districts game fighting for who would

move on to the next game at the end of the season.

Starting the game, the Mustangs took the win over the first set by a long shot. By the second set, the girls finally came back ready and this one was a tighter game.

The Bobcats pushed hard wanting to move on in Districts, but the Mustangs pushed harder winning

over the second set. And now, last set of the game, with the pressure is on both teams. Both with the same want for their seasons. In the end, set the Mustangs won.

It was a hard loss for the Bobcats as their ending season game. But next year, the Bobcats will come back more ready than ever.



This Year's Junior High Bookclub's Exciting Escape Room!

ter, their theme is "The Future is Ours," following last quarter's exciting "Reading is the Great Escape," where they even hosted an escape room activity.

This quarter for the escape room, they did an activity where the players were assigned by "Agent Starr" to investigate the mysterious disappearance of Mr. George, who

sent a cryptic message about an approaching threat before vanishing. They had 60 minutes to search his house for clues and solve the mystery. This game turned out to be fun and exciting for all players, no matter if they won or lost. The winners were Berklee Preston, Avery Corbin, Addison Dalrymple, and Paityn Dailey.

Students choose the books they want to read based on their interests, making it a fun and personal experience. We also encourage everyone to suggest themes and activities, ensuring that every voice is heard. Feedback from members shows they appreciate being part of a group where their opinions matter.

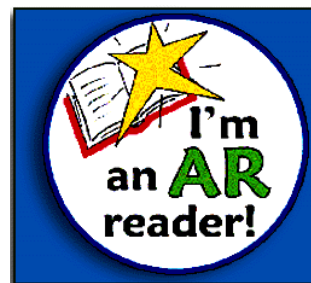
"It was an exciting activity to experience with friends, especially because it combined reading with fun!" Berklee Preston said.

Participating in the book club not only improves reading skills, but also forms a love for different genres. It's a great way for students to engage with others who enjoy reading and discover new stories. Throughout the school year, they will continue to explore the wonderful world of books!

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

RIALTO: The Junior High Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! They meet once a month during lunch to discuss their favorite books and share their personal recommendations. This quar-

Renaissance Home Connect



Dear Parents,

Your student uses Accelerated Reader, also known as Renaissance Place, at school. This program has a new feature called Renaissance Home connect, which the student and the parent can access outside of class with an Internet

connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, the parent, and the student to share information about your student's progress in Accelerated Reader.

Be watching for a letter to come home on the first day of

school with instructions of how to login and how to use the program. You can also set up automatic emails when your student takes tests over books or takes the STAR test.

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



Members of the Freshman Honor Society: Danielle Duponcheel, Rae Hagler and Tysen Schacher

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman

KEARNEY: On Nov. 11, the Freshman Honor Society and three members of the Arnold Junior Honor Society (AJHS) travelled all the

STEMFest Program!

way to Kearney for a leadership program called "STEMFest", the program was held at ESU10. There were many other members who came from other schools as well. STEMFest (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is an annual event that teaches

members of JHS and Fresman Honor Society leadership skills and how to contribute to your community as a team and also how to think individually.

All the kids who attended

were taught the LAUNCH cycle, which is a model for brainstorming ideas and coming up with ways to fix problems in a community, in which every letter of the model is an acronym for each step of the cycle. This year, our Freshman Honor Society and AJHS are focusing on the needs of our school and overall community. Once the kids arrived at ESU10, they took a personality test to see what part they play in a team based on their answers. They were then given a brief summary of what they were going to do for the rest of the day, starting with learning the LAUNCH cycle.

They were all split up into groups of three and assigned a problem in society. They had to recognize the problem and what had to be done to fix it. Each group got 30 minutes to brainstorm, create a blueprint, and then, after a lunch break, they had to plan it out and assemble a prototype for the problem, made of materials that were provided by the program. One group had to research and find out a way to solve the problem of poverty. After cleaning up their mess, they had to present their prototype to a group that is not a part of their town.

"This program was fun for me because we got the chance to think for yourself," said Tysen Schacher.

All the kids who came had a fun time getting to know other people from other towns and seeing how similar they are when coming up with ideas. This program is overall an exciting experience to have, especially as a young student!

Activity Calendar

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

It is simple and easy to use.

1. When you first open it you have to do a simple set up.
2. Simply search for Arnold Public Schools and you will find us.
3. Then this week's activities will show.
4. You can also choose the dates you want to see for future events.

This is a replacement for the links

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



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You can also use the following link on computers or on internet browsers on your phone to see the school calendars: <https://www.midnebraskaactivitiesconference.org/public/genie/1009/school/1359/>

Exciting To Kill a Mockingbird Play!



The actors and directors of the play Q& A.

By: Danielle Duponcheel, APS Freshman
KEARNEY: Arnold Public School’s students in grades 7th-12th headed to Kearney for a special trip where they got to watch a live performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. High school students attended on Monday, October 7th, while junior high students went on Tuesday, October 8th. Parents were asked to return signed permission slips by Wednesday, October 2nd.
“This trip was a unique experience that allowed us to see such a well

known story in a new way. It was especially interesting to see the play as a member of the One Act team. The actors were so talented and the script was beautiful!” said Senior Anna Tullis
The play is based on the famous book by Harper Lee, a story about a young girl growing up in a town where people learn about justice and treating others fairly. Watching the story on stage helped students better understand the book they’ve been studying in school.
On the students’ assigned field

trip day, they left by 8:00 a.m. for Kearney. At 9:30, they arrived for check-in at the Merriman Theater to watch the play at 10:00 a.m. After the play finished at around noon, students attended a discussion where experts talked about the story and how it was brought to life on stage for roughly 30 minutes. The students arrived back at Arnold by 3:30 pm.
The school gave the students the option to either eat the lunch provided by the school or bring their own. They also got the chance to stop by a gas station for snacks at the end of the trip, so if they wanted to get something to snack on, they would have to pay for it with their own money.
“It was cool to see a classic novel illustrated in such a vibrant way.” Said Senior Réalta Leach
This field trip gave students a chance to learn more about both literature and live theater, making it a fun and educational experience for all ages!

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Lady Bobcats Go Head to Head with Cozad

By Danah Baldwin, APS Senior
ARNOLD: The South Loup Bobcats hosted the Cozad Haymakers for a 5-set game on Oct. 10.
This was the Bobcats’ last home game of the season and their pink-out event, dedicated to raising awareness for breast cancer. The players, coaches, and fans went all out with pink attire for this game, creating a vibrant and supportive atmosphere that highlighted the importance of the cause.
“As a freshman on varsity, playing against a team like Cozad is a great opportunity. I am proud of us girls for competing alongside them, even when we were falling short,” said freshman Rae Hagler.
Both teams played with determination and love for the game. The Haymakers came out strong in the first set fighting for every point.

Haymakers took the set with a score of 25-12.
A standout moment in the first set came when sophomore outside hitter Charlie Pandorf delivered a flawless pass to senior setter Riata Remund, who set up Nyachay Haidle for a powerful kill.
The game extended into two more sets, with the Bobcats coming out strong in the second set, demonstrating their determination and skill. The teams traded points back and forth, but ultimately, the Haymakers seized control and took the set with a score of 25-14.



Danah Baldwin passes the ball to the setter to be set up for a kill

The Haymakers come out strong in the third set taking it in a score of 25-8.
“We had a tough loss for our last home game. Despite the outcome, we’re staying positive and shifting our focus to what’s ahead. We’re looking forward to the MNAC next week”, said Head Coach Michelle Preston.

Bobcats First Win

By Danah Baldwin, APS Senior
TWIN LOUP: The Twin Loup Wolves hosted South Loup Bobcats and Sandhills Valley Mavericks.
South Loup Bobcats came out and played and scored their first win of the season. The Bobcats worked extra hard in the game against Twin Loup to ensure they came out with their first win.
The Biggest highlight of the game was Bobcats freshman middle blocker, Emma Stallbaumer, who had a total of 11 blocks, and senior back row outside Greeley Hrupek had 9 Aces.

Bobcats took the game in two sets against the Mavericks. The first set started off rough for the Bobcats but ended with a win. The match finished with set scores of 25-14, 25-22.
“Thursday night was one for the memories of all the girls on south loup volleyball, after winning the first set of the Sandhills Valley game and going on to lose the second



Riata Remund hits the ball over the net

two sets after a hard fight, the girls pulled together for a major win over twin loup in two sets”

“The girls came together and played amazing to get our first win of the season! Our serves and blocks really pushed our teams to a win.”

South Loup Bobcats played the Sandhills Valley Mavericks in a three-set game. Both teams played very hard fighting for every ball and point.

Lady Bobcats Take the Game

By: Danah Baldwin APS Senior
AINSWORTH: The Ainsworth Bulldogs hosted the South Loup Bobcats on Oct. 22 for a 5 set game.

This game marked the Bobcats' final matchup of the regular season,



Players celebrate after a great play

setting the stage for postseason play.

This game was the Bulldogs' Pink Out, and both the Bobcats, Bulldogs and their fans turned out

Bobcats MNAC Round 1

By: Danah Baldwin APS Senior
BRADY: The Brady Eagles hosted The South Loup Bobcats, Sandhills Thedford Knights, and Arthur County Wolves for the first round of MNAC on Oct. 17.

The Knight started with Sandhills Thedford Knights playing the Arthur County Wolves. The NighTs took the game in three sets of 25-12, 25-23, 25-12.

The atmosphere in the Bob-

The first set was won by the Mavericks with a set of 18-25. Bobcats went into the second set with determination the win, they came out with their first set at 25-16. Bob-

in full force to support the cause.

The game started off strong, with the Bobcats quickly taking an early lead. Both teams fought hard for every points but the Bobcats kept the lead ending the set at 25-12

One highlight from the game is when sophomore Charlie pandorf passed the game right to senior setter Riata Remond for a perfect set up to freshman middle hitter Emma Stallbaumer for a kill right down the middle.

“The team has been putting in tremendous effort, and it’s paying off as they’re playing their best volleyball right when it matters most,” Head Coach Michelle Preston said.

cats v.s. Eagel’s game was loud and exciting as they kicked off the start of the conference tenement.

The first set started off strong with the Bobcats and the Eagles trading points back and forth through the first set.

cats kept the energy and determination for the third set but came up short at 25-21.

The Bulldogs went into the second set with a drive to win. The Bulldogs got their redemption in the second set taking it at 25-23.

The third set was close with the Bobcats and Bulldogs trading points back and forth. The Bobcats gained a lead when senior Greeley Hurpek went back to serve. The bobcats took the set 25-23

In the fourth set, senior libero Danah Baldwin was unable to play due to an injury, leaving a critical position to fill. Senior Anna Tullis rose to the challenge, stepping in as libero for the fourth set.

The Bobcats went into the fourth set ready to win the game. The Bobcats struggled at the start of the set, but came together playing with and for each other. The Bobcats took the fourth set at 25-23 winning the game.

“Even though it was a tough game, I’m still proud of us for pushing through and securing another win,” Freshman Rae Hagler said.



Charli Pandorf passes the ball

A game highlight is when senior Greeley Hrupek passed the ball right to senior setter Riata Remund for a set to sophomore outside hitter Asa Starr for a deep corner kill.

“Thursdays game was exactly what we’ve all been working for all season, while it may not have been a win on our record, the fight out of every girl showed in every aspect of the game,” Senior Riata

Bobcats Next Win of the Season!

By: Rae Hagler; APS Freshman

BROKEN BOW: On Thurs, Oct 19 at Broken Bow the Lady Bobcats had their first game at 10 AM playing the Arthur County Wolves. The Bobcats started strong, just strong enough to take the first set as a win!

In the second set, everyone was already tuckered out, leaving them unable to put forth all their effort, and the Wolves took the win. And finally, in the last set, with parents cheering in the bleachers, and coaches biting their nails on the sideline, the Bobcats put all their effort into this set. Working as a team, and having great communication, the girls win the game!

Quoted Assistant Coach Jaycee Anderson, “I’m so proud of how the girls played and worked together as a team to overcome them and take the win.”

In the second Game versus Twin Loup the girls came ready to go. Their hopes were high, which played a big part, because the better every girl on the team feels about themselves, the better they will

Remund said.

The Bobcats led the first up until the end when the Eagles took the last two points leaving the first set at 25-23.

The Eagles came out very strong in the second set taking point after point. This set was a struggle for the Bobcats as they couldn’t find their groove. The set ended with a score of 25-9.

In the final set, the Bobcats

do when they come together to finish it. This is because you have to have help from everyone on the court and good communication to accomplish great things.

The first set was a good play, with the Bobcats pulling ahead and winning. As the ball flies over the net and onto Twin Loup’s side of the court, the right back row passer gets a touch on the ball, but just too hard of a pass. Leaving it perfect for front row middle hitter, Nyachay Haidle, to jump up, take a swing, and slam the ball back onto their side of the court. The second

found their groove and came out swinging. Both teams played aggressively at the net again trading points back and forth. The Eagles gained a lead on the Bobcats ending the set at 25-21.

“The girls came so close to pulling off a huge upset. Im excited for the next few weeks to see what these girls can do,” Head Coach Michelle Preston said.



set they had them. Beating Twin Loup in two sets, got the girls 5th place! Winning the MNAC games, was the Anselmo-Merna Wolves.

Quoted Head Coach Michelle Preston, “The girls played awesome! All of their hard work paid off with two great wins. The team worked together to win the consolation bracket.”

Quarterly Awards!

By: Dolores Duponcheel, Senior

At the end of every quarter (every nine weeks), Arnold ends with an award ceremony to congratulate each student for their attendance. It will be the same this year but with a new challenge and growth cards! This year, Arnold Public School staff has challenged students K-12 to miss 5 or fewer days of school (not including school activities and excused absences). The students who have missed 5 days of school or less will be entered into a drawing to win a prize that they get to choose from during an assembly. Prizes were displayed during the assembly, and students who have missed three or fewer days, and then five or fewer. There will be three different drawings depending on how many students are in each drawing.

Growth cards are cards that kids can earn when a teacher or any staff member catches a student showing integrity, kindness, respect, or being a positive

role model. The staff members will give the student a growth card. The student then put their name and grade on them and puts them into one of the two incentive boxes.

This quarter, the two incentive box options are a smoothie from Brew Bakers or agrilled steak by Mr. Morgan at the VIP Table which will be decorated and sectioned off for the winners to eat their steak. The point of the growth cards is to encourage students to show integrity, kindness, respect, and positive role modeling, and be rewarded for it. It also pushes the teachers to see the good in every student.



Back Row: Donavon Larsen, Crew Witthuhn, Kenzie Connelly, Sophia Cool, Delanie Weinman, Danielle Duponcheel Middle: Parker Neth, Tyler Zierke-Smith, Charlea Fletcher, Kaitlyn Kulp, Klara Baldwin Front Row: Josie Wilson, Ashlynn Wilson, Bexley Delosh, Rickey Viter, Adriel Rivera

8th grade- Quinten Dailey, Lindsay Christensen, Kora Dailey, Donovan Larson

7th grade-

6th grade- Issac Jarmin, Xander Hunt, Sophia Cool, Kenzie Connelly, Tyler Zeirke-Smith

5th grade- Cora Leetch, Carlos Melendez, Parker Neth, Clara Baldwin, Kate Kulp

4th grade- Jayda Jordan, Charlie Fletcher, Quinley Weinman, Jewel Wittuhn

3rd grade- Harold Stumpfield

2nd grade- Hunter Huff, Ashlynn Wilson,

1st grade- Jozi Wilson, Bextley Delosh, Kassidee Goodner, Adriel Rivera, Ricky Viter

K- Barrett Magill

12th Grade- Ethan Furne

11th Grade- Crew Witthuhn

10th Grade-

9th Grade- Adalei Tullis, Danielle Duponcheel, Tile Smith, Tysen Schacher, Delanie Weinman, Angel Mills



Back Row: Jewel Witthuhn, Kora Dailey, Angel Mills, Xander Hunt, Isaac Jarmin, Kyson Stretesky, Quinten Dailey Front Row: Jayda Jordan, Barrett Magill, Hunter Hough, Cora Leetch, Bexley DeLosh, Carlos Melendez, Josie Wilson, Kassidee Goodner

Bobcats Dominate Home Meet

By: Senior Anna Tullis

ARNOLD: On Oct. 8 the South Loup cross country team had another successful race at the Conference meet where two of the top five placers were from South Loup. Ella Cool placed 3rd with a time of 21:02.7 which broke the South Loup record of 21:03, set in 2020 by Landon Cole. Ella's time shows the competitiveness of this meet despite its size. There were only 15 competitors in the girls' race but the top five runners put up very competitive times. Senior Ivy Tullis was one of those competitors earning 4th with a time of 22:00.1.

The boys' side of the meet had just as much competition with the top 6 runners finishing in under 20 minutes. The South Loup boys had an especially good showing with three runners in the top five

and multiple more just outside that spot. The top five placers include Senior Dawson Mason (19:06.2) 5th, Junior Josiah Coleman (18:39.6) 4th, and Freshman Jaden Baker (17:59.8) 1st. Jaden is having an exceptionally good freshman season. He is only 22 seconds behind Logan Recoy in the record book for the boys.

In addition to the athletes' exceptional performances the Conference meet brought a surge of Bobcat pride to the course. Ella Cool said, "This was such a fun meet because it was at our home course which we know. We also got to experience having a student section. So many of our fellow students came to watch and even started a few cheers during the race. races."



Senior Ella Cool runs record breaking time at Mid-Nebraska Activities Confrence meet.

7 Bobcats Earn Trip to State

By: Senior Anna Tullis

CAMBRIDGE: On Oct. 17 seven South Loup Bobcats earned a trip to Kearney to run at the NSAA state Cross Country meet this Friday. To do this runners had to either place in the top 15 as an individual or in the top three teams. Four of the Bobcats Senior Ivy Tullis (22:34.73) 4th, Senior Ella Cool (22:42.48) 5th, Freshman Jaden Baker (18:50.05) 4th, and Josiah Coleman (19:10.36) 9th earned the trip individually. Jaden and Josiah along with Sophomore Walter Bierman (19:59.2) 18th, Senior Caleb McFate(21:56.65) 41st, and Senior Dawson Mason who didn't run due to injury qualified as team. Ella

said, "This was such an exciting day because every person that ran ex-

tended their season to run at state. I was so proud of my teammates. Due to last minute injuries, Walter had to step up and played a huge part along with Jaden and Josiah in the team placing".

Head Coach Nicole Recoy agreed with Ella on Walter's amazing performance that was essential to the boys performance as a team. Coach Recoy also said, "It was a warm and very windy day, but it didn't keep them from having outstanding performances!"

Ivy said, "I was a little sad going into this race knowing it would be my last districts, and

possibly my last race ever. I was fortunately able to change it into a strong mindset and determination in the race. I am so excited for state and can't way to see how everybody competes. I can only hope for the best for my last race in my high-school career." Ivy had an exceptional race; she went in ranked seventh behind some very tough competition but ended up pushing to place fourth.

All around, the South Loup Bobcats had a very successful meet. They will travel to the University of Nebraska at Kearney to compete against hundreds of other runners at the Nebraska State Cross Country meet this Friday.



L to R: Ella Cool, Josiah Coleman, Caleb McFate, Dawson Mason, Jaden Baker, Walter Bierman, and Ivy Tullis qualified for the NSAA state cross country meet.



Senior Dawson Mason runs an impressive time at the state cross country meet.

Runners Finish the Season Strong

By: Anna Tullis, APS Senior
KEARNEY: On Friday, Oct. 25, seven South Loup cross country runners competed at the State cross country competition in Kearney against a total of 243 other competitors. The state meet had a lot of very tough competition and only places the top 15 of over 100 runners. Senior Ella Cool was the highest placer on the team earning 26th with a time of 21:22.0. Senior Ivy Tullis(22:00.4) was the second-highest placer at 47th.

Ivy said, “The weather was amazing and we had a lot of people come out to support us, which put us all in a good mindset to compete

well. The whole team ran amazing, I am so happy that everyone could finish off the season so strong.”

The boys also had a very strong showing. Freshman Jaden Baker (18:23.6) placed the highest of the boys at 48th. This was a very impressive run on a very hilly course. Junior Josiah Coleman placed 73rd with 18:57.6 and Senior Caleb McFate placed 120th in his final race with a time of 20:59.7. Walter Bierman (19:39.2) who placed 104th had not only a course record but a career personal record by eight seconds. Walter Bierman said, “It was an exciting but challenging course. It was very exciting to be the first

South Loup boys team to compete at State.”

The best moments of the races were at the finish line where all the competitors pushed to finish strong. Dawson Mason had a very good finish, passing multiple competitors in the final stretch.

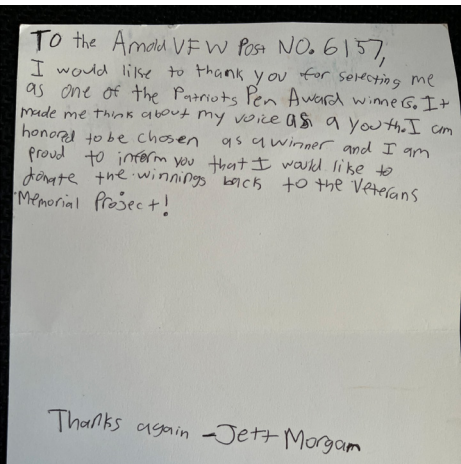
Ivy also had a close call with another competitor but was able to pull ahead to beat her by a tenth of a second.

Head Coach Nicole Recoxy was not able to attend the competition due to family obligations but was very pleased with how every one of her runners competed.



Essay Winner Gives Back

Jett Morgan, first place winner of the annual VFW Veteran’s Day essay contest chose to donate his winning to the Veteran’s fundraising campaign. VFW member Mike Harvey came to the school to simply shake his hand and thank you for the nice thank you note and his donation.



Book Club Meets Local Author

By Anna Tullis, APS Senior
RIALTO: On Monday, Oct. 21, the Arnold High School book club members went to the Arnold Rialto theater to learn from local author Tricia Wentworth. The students learned about her journey to becoming a writer, her writing process, and what it is like to live as an author. Senior Danah Baldwin said, “It was super cool to meet a successful local author and hear her talk about her experiences and motivations for writing.”

The idea for this event began when High School Librarian, English teacher, and book club leader Mrs. Debby Moninger went to check out some books from the Broken Bow public library for a student. The local librarians recommended Mrs. Wentworth’s books because they had been very popular. Freshman Delanie Weinman loved the book and asked Mrs. Moninger to check out more for her. Since then, the love for Mrs.

Wentworth’s writing has spread throughout the high school. Delanie said, “It was really cool to be able to meet an author in real life, especially one of my favorites”.

Mrs. Wentworth is originally from Atkinson Nebraska. She graduated from UNL with an education degree. She said, “Despite the fact that in college I got a scholarship for writing an essay, I had no idea that I was good at it.” Right after she left college she was nannying a girl who loved the Hunger Games. This was right about the time that the final movie was coming out.

“After the movie was over we were sitting outside the movie theater and I said It never should have ended like that and I word-vomited a completely new ending to the movie. She told me I should be a writer and now here I am,” said Wentworth.

After Mrs. Wentworth got her degree she moved to Houston with her Husband where she wrote the

first book in her cozy Christmas series. Mrs. Wentworth found herself missing Nebraska and while missing seasons, was inspired to write a small-town Christmas romance, *Snowed In*.

Four years ago her husband received an engineering job in Broken Bow and the family: Mrs. Wentworth, her husband, and their three sons, left Houston to return to Nebraska. Mrs. Wentworth has grown her list of books to 16 including three different series with more in the works.

Throughout the event Mrs. Wentworth shared personal stories, how she gets inspiration for her characters, her writing process, and some tips for writing. Her presentation was fun and informative which the students enjoyed. Freshman Adalei Tullis said, “It was interesting to hear her story, how she made the books, and what inspired her to write them.”



L to R Back: Taylor Hannah-Miles, Anna Tullis, Adalei Tullis, Danah Baldwin, Tricia Wentworth, Ivy Tullis, Ella Cool, Realta Leach, Delanie Weinman, Brook Bierman, Claire Kulp Front: Madie Logsdon, Piper Strausburg, Dolores Duponcheel, Evalyn Wonch, and Danielle Duponcheel spent the afternoon at the Rialto theater to discuss life as an author.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll

All As 12th		11th
Ella Cool		Summer Morash
Dolores Duponcheel		Hayden Myers
Ethan Furne		Eli Rogers
Taylor Hanna-Miles		Haydn Stretesky
Anna Tullis		Luke Tullis
		Crew Witthuhn
10th		10th
Josie Christensen		Jade Bierman
Elijah Cool		Josie Lehmkuhler
		Malachi Neth
9th		Piper Strasburg
Tysen Schacher		EvaLynn Wonch
Callan Witthuhn		
7th		9th
Jaxsen Schacher		Delanie Weinman
Paisley Witthuhn		
As & Bs 12th		7th
		Montana Baldwin
		Avery Corbin
		Paityn Dailey
		Addison Dalrymple
Danah Baldwin		Dagen Fletcher
AJ Starr		Braxton Green
Jamie Tickle		Jose Jr. Melendez
Ivy Tullis		Berklee Preston
		Parker Strasburg
		Rylee Trumbull



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One Act Opening Brings Home a Win

By: Angel Mills, APS Freshman

GOTHENBURG: On Sat, Oct 19 the one-act team performed their play "Marching On" and won the "Outstanding Drama" award.

They also won Acting awards going to Seniors; Ella Cool, Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Danah Baldwin, Réalta Leach, Junior; Luke Tullis, Sophomore; Josie Christensen.

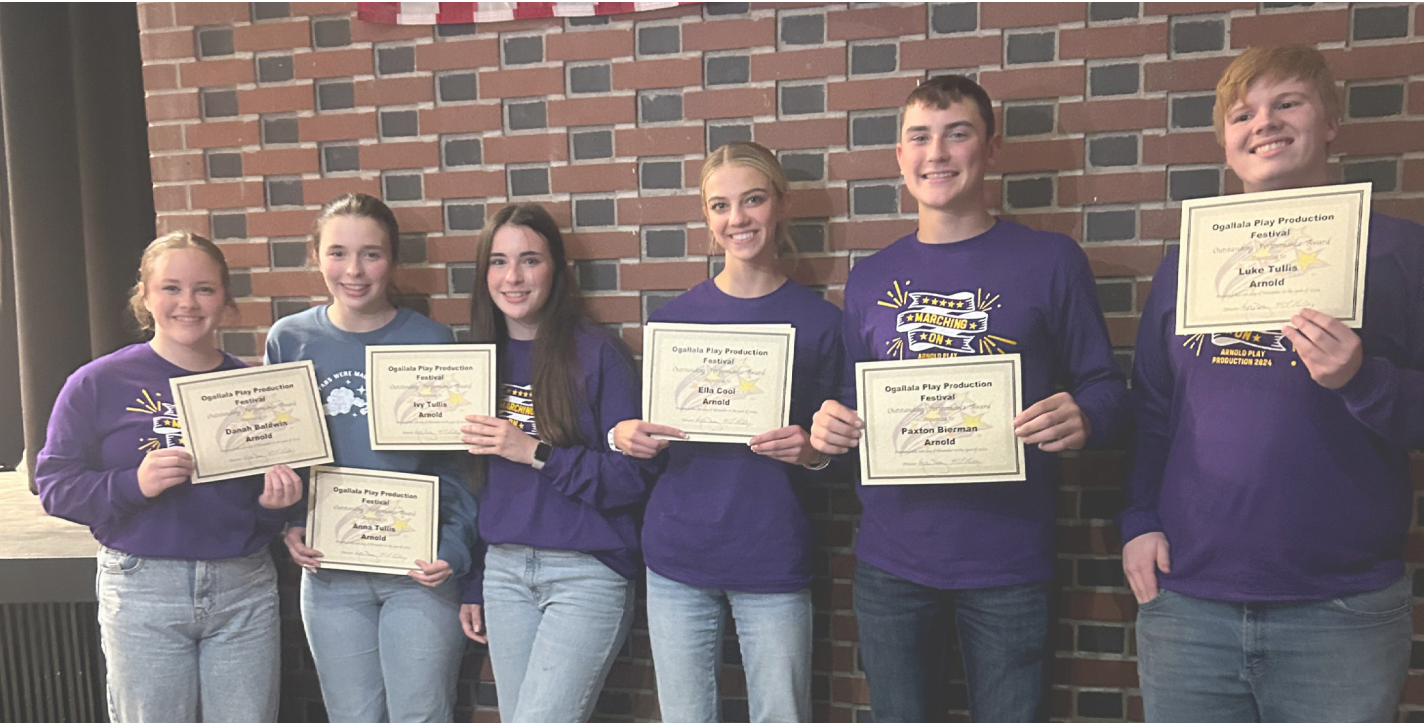
"The Arnold One Act veteran actors have so much experience and understand what it takes to make a successful show. We are very lucky to have

them leading the team, but more importantly, we are very lucky to have every member of the cast and crew, not only lift up each other, but also the artistic impact of every performance. Understanding and delivering on the keys to play performance success is so important for every person on that team.

They help each other see and do that every time. The coaching team is so proud of every one of them," said Coach Holly Remund.

Five other teams were performing, including Hyannis winning Outstanding Comedy, North Platte, Elm Creek, Chase County, and Elwood.

"I'm so pleased with the entire cast and crew. They've put in an extraordinary amount of hard work, and their dedication paid off with a strong opening weekend," Lana Cool



L to R Danah Baldwin, Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Ella Cool, Paxton Berman, Luke Tullis.

Ogallala Festival!

By: Freshman, Angel Mills

Arnold was announced as Second place... until corrected and awarded first place!

On Saturday, November 9th, in Ogallala, Chase County, Elm Creek, Potter Dix, Ogallala, Scottsbluff, Gering, Hitchcock County, and Arnold all performed their plays. Arnold ended up win-

ning first place in the C and D classes after a slight mixup; Gering won first in the A and B classes.

"It was so exciting to see so many people get acting awards although I think Réalta Leach, who has just as big as or a bigger part than others who got the awards also deserved one. She puts so much time and effort into perfect-

ing her character." Said Senior Anna Tullis

As pictured below, Seniors; Danah Baldwin, Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Ella Cool, and Juniors; Paxton Beirman, and Luke Tullis and Sophomore; Not pictured: Josie Christensen, won acting awards for their outstanding performances.



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- 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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“I was very proud of our performance. I think our energy was high and considering all the changes we have made recently, we performed well. I am so excited to see what changes we make next and to continue the season strong.” said

Ivy Tullis.
Ella Cool and Jaxson Chase from Potter Dix both won best actor and actress awards the same as they did last year at state.
“I am SO proud of all of our actors/actresses as well as our dedi-

cated crew members! Their success at the Ogallala Play Production Festival exhibits the dedication that our team has made to be successful,” Ssaid Assistant Coach, Jason Wehnes.

Community Night



Women suspensefully waiting on the last announcement of the last vote

the teams gasp in sync, the crowd then tried it afterward.

By, Angel Mills; Freshman
ARNOLD; The Arnold One Act team performed at the high school for their community on Friday, November 15. They started by teaching the crowd to freeze, hubub, and synchronize.

“I love community night because it is a chance to relax and have fun performing without the stakes and pressure of competition and judges,” said sophomore, Piper Strasburg.

Before the play started there was pie and soup served to the community! Head Coach Lana Cool used this as an example to teach the crowd their tactics: “Team, do you know what I heard? I heard Pastor Lee ate 4 pieces of pie!” Followed by

“It was a lot of fun to do the bit before the show and see how the crowd started to pay attention to

our freezes.” Said Junior, Eli Rogers

On the morning of community night coaches Tyler Thompson and Jenn Dillinger, coaches from Gering, came to the Arnold High School and critiqued the play from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The one-act



Suffragette’s determined to pass the law

team ran through the play then coaches Thompson and Dillinger went through and made it better!
“A favorite day of the season is always workshop/community night. Working with talented and experienced judges is such a treat for the team. We get valuable input that takes our story to the next level. After a long day of rehearsals, it’s always a blast to showcase our talents and hard work to our community. Arnold is wonderfully supportive and it gives our team a boost going into conferences and district competition.” Said Coach Lana1

“I look forward to the workshop every year. It is a lot of work and it isn’t easy to go through the play and change and get critiqued for that long. We love the judges that come and it is so much fun to get to work with them!” said senior Ivy Tullis.

Senior Take on County Government Day



By: Danah Baldwin, APS Senior
On Monday, November 18th, the APS Senior Class traveled to Broken Bow to take part in County Government Day. This annual event brings schools together from across the Custer County area to learn about local government operations. Organized by the American Legion, the program runs from 9:30 AM to 3 PM, providing students with a full day of educational activities and insights into the roles and responsibilities of county government.

“I am so appreciative that the American Legion provides this opportunity to learn first-hand

L to R Back to Front: Jamie Tickle, Ethan Furne, Aj Starr, Alex Mills, Réalta Leach, Anna Tullis, Riata Remund, Ella Cool, Ivy Tullis, Tayler Hanna-Miles, Danah Baldwin, Dolores Duponcheel

about our county government. Furthermore, I am proud of our seniors for taking advantage of this opportunity” APS History Teacher Jason Wehnes said.

County Government Day offers students a unique opportunity to explore the various functions of county government. Through interactive sessions and discussions, they learn how different departments collaborate to serve the community and keep local operations running smoothly.

Upon arrival, students

would check in at the front desk and choose what the department of county government that thought was the most interesting. After checking the students sat at tables for a presentaion explaining what county government day was and how the day would go.

The students were then split up into the county government departments to learn and ask questions.

When the session at each department was finished the students had lunch and listened to one more presentation before heading home.

A plaque was awarded to the school that asked the most amount of question throughout the day. This year’s plaque was awarded to Broken Bow High School.



Mentors Needed

From the Principal's Desk

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Abby.
Abby Who?
Abby New Year!

How we are already wrapping up the first semester of this school year along with the entire year of 2024 is beyond me! As we go into 2025 and a whole NEW YEAR, I just want to thank all of the families, friends and community members of Ar-

nold for all of the love and support that is given to all of our students and staff here at Arnold Public Schools. Thank you for everyone's patience, flexibility and understanding in all different changes we are making throughout the school year. As you all know, time seems to fly by when you're having fun, and I like to think that we have a lot of fun up here



at APS. However, with that being said, the culture we are building wouldn't be possible without every single one of you and the impact that you have on our students on a daily basis. I am looking forward to positively moving on as a strong family oriented district as the 2025 school year comes upon us. As always, please never hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Goodenow
Prek-12 Principal
Arnold Public Schools

Shooting for Bobcat Power!

By: Dolores Duponcheel, Senior

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game." APS Senior Réalta Leach said

"I've been coaching for 26 years, I am so happy I get to be coaching Basketball again. It's a hair losing experience." APS Boys Basketball Main Coach Jeff Cole.

The hard work and effort these players put into their practice, also led by Coach Goodenow and Coach Dockweiler, set the stage for an exciting season!

New Coaches Kalen Dockweiler and Allison Goodenow!



Counseling Connection

Tips for Parents and Guardians

December 2024

Plan Fun Activities

- Create a list of activities your kids enjoy, such as crafts, baking, or movie nights.
- Incorporate a mix of at-home and out-of-home activities to keep things interesting.

Encourage Creativity

- Provide supplies for creative projects like holiday crafts, writing letters to family members, or building gingerbread houses. This keeps kids engaged and allows them to express themselves.

Family Time

- Prioritize family bonding by involving kids in holiday preparations, like decorating, cooking, or wrapping gifts. These shared activities can strengthen family connections.

Relax and Recharge

- Ensure kids have downtime to relax, read, or just play freely. Balance structured activities with unstructured time to avoid burnout.

Counseling Connection

Tips for Parents and Guardians

January 2025

Discuss Coping Strategies

- Talk about healthy ways to cope with stress and emotions, such as talking to someone, physical activity, or creative outlets.
- Share techniques that work for you and explore what might help them.

Be Patient and Persistent

- Understanding that your child may not open up immediately. Be patient and revisit the conversation if needed.
- Let them know you're always available to talk, no matter when they're ready.

Provide Reassurance

- Reassure your child that experiencing mental health challenges is normal and they're not alone.
- Offer support and let them know that it's okay to seek help.

Incorporate Resources

- Use books, articles, and videos designed for children to facilitate discussions about mental health.
- Explore educational materials together to better understand and address their feelings.

Fire Prevention Week

By: Dolores Duponcheel, Senior

ARNOLD: In memory of the Great Chicago Fire, we learned that we need to teach everybody about fire prevention.

Students from Pre-K through 5th grade spent a day with the firefighters, explore the fire-truck, meet their dog Sparky, and learn about fire safety.

They played Hungry Hungry



Hippo, racing to the middle of the gym and trying to scoop as many ballons as they could. Then, they found out the winners of their 5th

grade design a shirt contest.

The winners were Kate Kulp and Emery Schacher!



Katie Kulp and Emery Schacher with their t-shirt prize

Below L to R: Brooks McMichael, Quiet Dailey, Cali Edwards, Everleigh Boon, Axten Corbin, Rigin Kenner, Brynley Hough, Tucker Urbanvosky, Monroe Brown, Barrett Magill Kindergarten



Above Back Row: Blaize Kulp, Jack Beshaler, Flint Snyder, Stetson Pehrson, Augustis Goodner, Owen Holmberg, Rayden Wyckoff, Dekker DeLosh, Jayden Magill, John Deines, Emerie Stienike. Front Row: Kenny IV Goodenow, Mason Sandager, Ophelia Dailey, Edie Kennedy Pre-School



L to R: Zoyer Tickle, Rickey Viter, Zicah Tickle, Jett Roland-Conner, Graysen Schacher, Kaedyn Weinman, Trevor Patterson, Reese Hagler, Adriel Rivera, Anthony Razo, Andy Razo, Booker Kulp, Kassidee Goodner, Bexley DeLosh, Myah Fry, Josie Wilson



L to R: Harley Payne, Kenna Baldwin, Julieauna Hunt, Daneo Urbanvosky, Karson Welch, Jerzi Sumpter, Brody Blowers, Colter Dailey, Bo Bennett, Carter Nansel, Kowen Dalrymple, Beckett Preston



Back Row: Carlos Melendez, Brock Samuelson, Aubry Corbin, Cora Leetch, Bo Dailey, Scout Evans Front Row: Emery Schacher, Parker Neth, Weston McMichael, Klara Baldwin, Kaitlyn Kulp



L to R: Liam Hephner, William Urbanvosky, Ashlynn Wilson, Emily Sexson, Layne Logsdon, Wyatt Mills, Kenley McDowell, Ruby Kennedy, Jovi Sumpter, Madelyn Nansel, Owen Brown, Ian Holmberg, Hunter Hough, Brynlee Samuelson, Zakeeus Schweitzer, Aden Corbin, Coen Witthuhn, Kylie Smith, Jae'lynn Eastman, Addison Kenner



Back Row: Quinlee Weinman, Jewel Witthuhn, Sparky, Uriah Schweitzer, Braxton Nansel, Paisley Brown, Jayda Jordan, Charlea Fletcher, Andrew Tickle, Quade Dailey, Zoelle Tickle, and Jackie Meyer. Front Row: Chauncey Payne, Bridger Teahon, Peyton Recoy, Cassie Delosh holding Jackie's little girl.

From the Superintendent's Desk

As always, it is hard to believe that another calendar year is nearly over. We have had a great first semester and I love seeing our students growing day by day through a variety of experiences and opportunities. Our staff continues to do a tremendous job of expanding and improving the tremendous opportunities for our kids.

As we head into December, that means a new season of winter activities. Parents, be sure and follow our weekly Schoology posts outlining our events each and every week. We also maintain an up to date calendar on our website along with posting any events and changes our Facebook page.

Our controlled access is up and going. Staff members and students in grades 7-12 have been issued student ID's that serve as access cards. Students have the ability to access the building from 7:30am-4:00pm with their cards. Any time outside of that needs to be arranged with a staff member. The east door and main entrance are also unlocked from 7:30am-8:00am for regular entry as kids come to school for the day. Outside of that time, anyone without a key card will need to stop at the office to be able to enter the building.

I hope you are able to find the opportunity to spend time with friends and family this holiday season. While the holidays can bring a feeling of chaos and stress, be sure and take some time for yourself. Find a moment to relax and reflect why we all work so hard and want the best for our friends and family. Our purpose is what gives us strength, and the fruit of our labors gives us the satisfaction of knowing we are making a difference for our family and others.

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- Then you can use your regular username and password from last year. If you are unable to remember your password, then please contact Heather at the school office by phone 308-848-2226.

Happy Halloween!

Pre-School



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Second Grade



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Kindergraten



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Third Grade



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2024/2025

ACT TEST DATES

SEPT

14 - Test

Early Aug 9

Late Aug 25

OCT

26- Test

Early Sept 20

Late Oct 7

FEB

8-Test

Early Jan 3

Late Jan 31

APR

5 - Test

Early Feb 28

Late Mar 28

DEC

14-Test

Early Nov 8

Late Nov 22

JUNE

14-Test

Early May 9

Late June 6



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Front Row L to R: Jayda Jordan, Charlea Fletcher, Peyton Recoy, Harold Stubblefield II, Chauncey Payne

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the entirety of Arnold Public Schools participated in packing Operation Christmas Child boxes to be sent across the globe to hundreds of children. These boxes spread the spirit of Christmas and joy to so many children, families, and volunteers.



Senior Riata Remund fills out a note to put in her box with Kindergartener Blaze Kulp.

On Tuesday evening, members of the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society came together to help volunteers from around the community set up tables, unload boxes, and prepare for the following day. On Wednesday, students began packing boxes. In total, students packed about 1,200 boxes.

4th Grade and Office



Mario Trio!: Heather Hagler, Michelle Preston, and Mrs. Goodenow



Junior Haydn Stretesky fills his box with Kindergartener Barret Magill

Each student packed about five boxes to reach the goal total.

This year a new addition was added to the boxes. Each student filled out a piece of paper with their name and a note on it to put in one of their boxes.

After the boxes are given out, the recipients will be able to send an email to the students who helped pack their box. Senior Taylor Hanna-Miles said, “The notes that we put in the boxes were a fun new addition. I can’t wait to hear back

from the child my box was given to.”

Junior Eli Rogers said, “It was such a fun experience to get to do with the little kids every year. It is an amazing program that helps so many kids around the world.”

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Operation Christmas Child is an experience that students look forward to and allows kids from across grade levels to participate in an amazing opportunity together.

game.” APS Senior Réalta Leach said

“I’ve been coaching for 26 years, I am so happy I get to be coaching Basketball again, It’s a hair losing experience.” APS Boys Basketball Main Coach Jeff Cole.

The hard work and effort these players put into their practice, also led by Coach Goodenow and Coach Dockweiler, set the stage for an exciting season!

Kindergarten



Above Clockwise; Brynley Hough, Zoyer Tickle, Barret Magill, Bexley DeLosh, Everleigh Boon

To the left, L to R Tucker Urbanovsky, Barrett Magill, Everleigh Boon, Cali Edwards, Monroe Brown, Quort Dailey, Brooks McMichael, Brynley Hough, Riggan Kenner, Axten Corbin.

Right Side: L to R

Myah Fry, Bexley DeLosh, Kaedyn Weinman, Jett Roland-Conner, Andy Razo, Anthony Razo, Zicah Tickle, Zoyer Tickle, Adriel Rivera, Josie Wilson, Rickey Viter, Graysen Schacher, Trevor Patterson, Reese Hagler, Kassidee Goodner, Booker Kulp



Above Top
Clockwise:
Barret Magill,
Bexley De-
losh, Everleigh
Boon, Bryn-
leigh Hough,
and Zoyer
Tickle.



Middle Right:
Hunter Hough
on the zip line



Lower Right:
Ian Holmberg
holding a baby
goat

1st Grade



Liam Hephner and Zach Schweitzer going down the slide on rug

Will the Tree Be Big or Small? Your A.R. Points Decided It All!



By: Dolores Duponcheel, Senior
ARNOLD: Every kid in the school takes an A.R. test on books they've read to earn points, which will be added to the schoolwide goal. This school year, Principal, Mrs. Goodenow challenged the students in K-12, to get a total school-wide goal of 2,500 points. The students ended up getting just over 3,000 points, and for their re-

ward, they got to go to the lake and do some fun activities! They got to play frisbee, obstacle course, sack race, football toss, and parachute. They also had a bouncy castle house for the elementary kids!

After they finished all our activities, it was time to eat lunch prepared by Mr. Morgan and other staff members and watch our principal climb a tree and eat her lunch in it. It was an exciting experience. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed watching Mrs. Goodenow eat her lunch in her tree.

After eating her lunch, Mrs. Goodenow didn't know how to

get out and down on the ground. So she thought the only way people could get rescued when stuck in the tree was to call the fire department!

Mrs. Goodenow had called the fire department to help her escape the tree safely. After all that, they participated in relay race through the blowup obstacle courses. Even some of the teachers ran through it.



Kenna Baldwin, 3rd grade, Jumping in the bouncy castle

Arnold Hosts A Vocal Clinic

By: TyLee Smith

Arnold Public Schools hosted this year's vocal clinic and concert. Anselmo-Merna, Arnold, Brady, Mcpherson County, Stapleton, Sargent, Arthur County, Callaway, and Sandhills-Thedford's choir students came and practiced all day for their concert in the evening. The concert showed off all their hard work and talent.

"The concert went very well, it's always fun to see and hear the progress from the first rehearsal to the concert," said Mrs. Tonya Welch, Arnold's music teacher.

For the students, the day, was a developmental day. It allowed them to gain confidence, learn new things, and meet new people.

"It was amazing, we learned how to project our voice and harmonize in different languages," said Adalei Tullis, Arnold Freshman.

We have come so far from not having a music teacher last fall to

host a vocal clinic and concert. The number of students in choir and band has skyrocketed. The musicians of APS urge you to come enjoy their concerts in the winter and spring.



Veterans Day Program

By Rae Hagler, Freshman

ARNOLD HS: On Nov 8 at 10 A.M. Arnold Public Schools hosted the Veterans Day Program. Posting of the Colors kicked off the Program done by the Honor Guard.

To honor our veterans the National Anthem was sung by the 7th-12th Choir which is run by band and choir teacher, Tonya Welch.

After the national anthem, we had our welcoming speech presented by John Phillips.

To add some elementary interaction to the program, the kindergarten sang our Pledge of Allegiance with their teacher Mrs. Stelling.

Our 1st grade sang the “A-M-E-R-I-C-A” song spelling out America.

Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Rotherham’s class volunteered to shared some of their poems.

After the poems were shared, the 2nd grade. And now that all elementary students have shared their creations.

The 7th-12th choir came back down to sing a Veterans Day Song, “Song of the Unsung Heros” to those in attendance.

Finally, for the flag unfolding, the 6th grade, teacher, Katie Blowers, had all of her students come down and recite every section of the flag while Sophia Coleman and Jeremiah Morgan folded it back together piece by piece.

Now that the flag had been folded, our 8th-grade class, English teacher Nicole Badgley, had two winners who shared their essays with the people.

First-place winner Jett Morgan read his essay “My Role In Democracy,” and second place was rewarded to Claire Kulp who recited hers after.

The National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society had both of their presidents come down to present the \$500 check to John Phillips and the Veteran’s Memorial Fund.

Our last speaker of the day, Marcia Hora, was elected to come and wrap our program up with a speech she wrote on her own.

The 7th-12th band play “America the Beautiful.” While the colores were being retrieved, Tonya Welch played Taps to honor all Veterans, and that ended the program.

MNAC Champs

ARNOLD: The Arnold One Act team performed their play “Marching On”

Tuesday, Nov 19. Five teams attended, Arnold, Sargent, Merna, Brady, and Callaway.

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Arnold won first, Sargent Second, and Callaway at third. The audience thought it one the best of “Marching On” this season! The One Act had an awesome crowd, it’s always very nice to see our community members in the audience!

“This year One Acts has been

such an exciting experience, and it’s gratifying to see all our hard work pay off. I’m so proud of our team, our performance at MNAC, and earning the win. It was also an unforgettable moment for me personally, as I received the Best Supporting Actress award for the first time something I’m truly grateful for.”, said Danah Baldwin Senior.

Best Actress: Ella Cool, Best Supporting Actress: Danah Baldwin, Best Supporting Actor: Paxton Beirman

Oustanding Performace Awards: Anna Tullis senior, Ivy Tullis senior, Realta Leach senior, Josie Christensen sophomore, Luke Tullis junior, Paxton Beirman junior, Danah Bladwin, Ella Cool.

“The team worked through some fantastic last-minute upgrades to performance before the conference competition. Their work and passion for delivering an impact story is so impressive.” Said Coach Holly Remund

Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week Costume Day: During morning meeting, everyone got packed together for a fun photo in their costumes.



Right to Left: Jaxton Schacher, Jett Morgan, Dagen Flecher, Jeremiah Morgan, Ethan Jarmin dressed up as Bananas.



Right to Left: Corrin Blower, Ollie Goodenow, Riley Mcdowell, Loxley Burglund were very excited to wear their costumes to school.

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