



# Suspension Bridges Bring Suspense

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore

Could you build a bridge with only dry spaghetti, paper, popsicle sticks and glue? And then, how much weight would it actually hold? The APS students learned a lot about engineering last week thanks to Mrs. Staroski and Mrs. Sandager's lesson plans.

Each class, grades 7-12, split up into groups of two and had a competition of who could build the best suspension bridge.

"It was a super-cool project that the kids really enjoyed. It took a lot of teamwork, and it was hilarious to watch them work together and to watch them argue about how to build it. This was a project to see how long it took for the bridge to fail," said Mrs. Staroski.

The Grand Champions for the bridge building project were Eli Taylor and Faith Bierman. Their bridge ended up holding 6,900grams (15.2 pounds). They used their materials wisely and they added a little bit of sparkle for looks.

"The bridge held up a lot better than we thought it would. It was built with a solid base which made it sturdy, and the width of our base helped



Senior Sam Cool and Mrs. Staroski watch and add more weight to Eli Taylor and Faith Bierman's winning suspension bridge during the chemistry class's competition.

spread out the weight that the bridge was holding," Eli Taylor stated.

The requirements that each bridge had to meet included: it had to be at least two feet long, a matchbox car had to be able to drive over it, and you could not go over the spending limit of \$20,000. Each bridge was also tested to see how many grams the bridge could hold before it broke. They started by doing some research on real suspension bridges, drawing blue prints, to figure out what they wanted to build with the supplies they had.

They had a budget of \$20,000 to purchase supplies. For example, the

price of spaghetti was 10 pieces for \$150, rubber band for \$200, use of scissors for \$200, one popsicle stick \$550, and one extra glue stick was \$400.

Every group did an amazing job and they all enjoyed this project. Mrs. Sandager set up this project because she knew that the kids and her substitute teacher would love building this while she is on maternity leave.

"A lot of cheering and Oohs and Ahhs could be heard throughout the high school building when they were breaking those bridges with weight," said Mrs. Moninger.



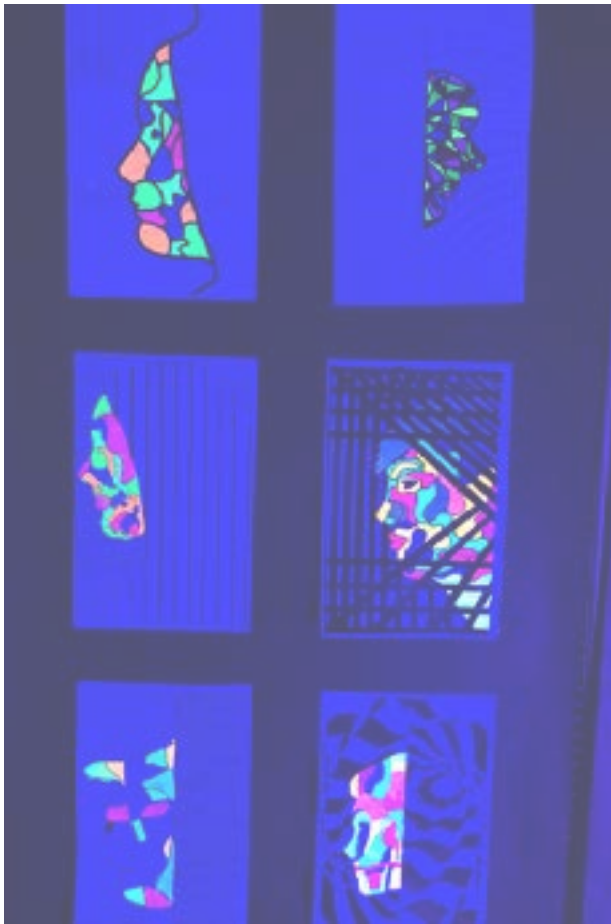
# Glow Show Art Gallery

By; Lance Jones APS Sophomore

On Thursday February 11th from 2p.m. to 8 p.m. (during parent teacher conferences) there was a school wide art show called the Glow Show. The art students worked on the projects that were in the art show for the first part of the year. The Glow Show included the elementary art, and high school art was also on display.

The visitors entered the art show on the west side of the stage, and they walked through a different world. The art show was also a representation of how the glow in the dark theme is going to work for prom.

Ms. Bergland said, “All of my art students worked really hard making these projects, its really amazing for them to see it all come together in the end, and make such an incredible show.”



Pictured above is some of the artwork the high school art students contributed.



Pictured above is the amazing Glow Show Art gallery, however this picture doesn't do it justice.



Pictured above is one of the many sets of the crabs, and starfish that the elementary kids made.

# APS Students Celebrate 100th Day of School

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

Friday, January 29th, Arnold schools passed the great milestone of being in school for 100 days. The kindergarten- 2nd grade celebrated by all dressing up like they were “100”, and participated in activities with the grand number 100. Passing through the halls were many cute elderly girls and boys. The kids, along with the teachers, and students at Arnold had fun seeing their costumes. The parents did an amazing job getting their kids all dolled up for the special occasion!

I remember when we weren't even sure if we were going to come back to school, and look at us now, on our 100th day of school. Can't wait to see how much more the kids have “aged” after another 100 days of school!

It is crazy to think that we have already had 100 days of school.



The kindergarten class all dressed up with their home-made “100th Day” shirts. Left to right- Christain Mills, Makenna Weinman, Peyton Recoy, Charlea Fletcher, Madelynn Tucker



Shown here is the 2nd grade class dressed up like they are 100 years old. Front to back, left to right- Front Row: Ruby Hagler, Ava Bierman, Paition Tucker, Kenzie Connelly, Bree Blowers , Olivia Doggett. Back Row: Zeva Tickle, Xander Hunt, Declan Teahon, Jeremiah Morgan, Makenna Weinman, Jael Lodgson, Issac Jarmin, Sadie Rotherham.

## APS Has a New Face

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

APS has a new face around the school. The new student teacher is Will Atkeson; he comes to us from St. Mary's high school in O'Neil Nebraska. Atkeson is currently on the last stage of finishing his education at Wayne State to become an Industrial Arts teacher.

Atkeson made the connection to student teach here in Arnold, because Molly Atkeson the 1st grade teacher is his sister.

Atkeson has been an amazing tool for learning more about the Industrial Arts, he has also been a great help to Mr. Kennedy by keeping the classes going smoothly.

Atkeson said, “His main focus for the year is discovering his teaching style, and passing on his knowledge to the kids.”

Atkeson admits his favorite class to teach is the welding class, he said, “The freshmen boys in the class always keep it entertaining.”

Atkeson decided to go into Industrial Arts Education, because his mom is a teacher and his dad is an engineer so he just decided to split it down the middle.

Atkeson enjoys his free time hunting pheasants, and is an expert at photography. You can find Atkeson in the shop right outside the back door of the lunchroom if you see him around

town give him a warm Arnold welcome.





# Jadeyn Bubak

## Senior Spotlight



**What do you see yourself doing in five years?**

"In five years, I will have graduated from college and hope to be using my acquired skillset to make conservation efforts and preserve our planet in my career."

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

"If I could give underclassmen one piece of advice, I would say to enjoy every moment. Everyone says this, but that's because as your time in school comes to a close you don't want to regret not enjoying the little things. Grow close with your classmates, and don't stress so much- it'll all work out."

**What is your funniest memory from school?**

"My funniest moment from school would have to be when Tanner Brown jumped halfway down the stairs during a science lab."

**Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?**

"All of my teachers impacted me in many different ways, and I'm grateful for each one of them. Specifically, though, Mrs. Sandager has pushed me

to challenge myself and also inspired me to dream big with my future plans."

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

"As I begin a new chapter, what I will miss most are the people. I am so grateful for the friendships I have formed through sports and also with my classmates. I'll always hold on to the laughs we shared and memories we made."

**Describe senior year in three words.**  
"Way too fast"

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

"I've definitely had my fair share of awkward moments. But, for me it would have to be the middle part, skinny headband, red glasses look I was rocking throughout upper elementary."

**Where do you plan to go to college? Do you know what major you want to pursue?**

"I plan on attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln or Concordia University. I am still undecided on a major, but I hope to pursue a degree in environmental studies."



## Previous Newsletters

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

Please give us your feedback by contacting Nicole Badgley at [nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org](mailto:nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org).

## School Calendar Link and App for your Phone

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

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

# Custer County Spelling Bee

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore

Nine students participated in the Custer County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 10th. Due to Covid restrictions, the spelling bee took on a new look for this year. All students across the county remained in their perspective schools to take a 100-word written spelling test — minus the oral round.

The Arnold students gathered at East Campus for the event. The first rounds began with easier words and grew continuously more difficult through the 4th round of 20 words. This round was full of scientific words, which made them very difficult. The final round, though difficult, seemed much easier in comparison, yet was still very difficult.

Each school paused between each round to grade the 20 words and tally the running number correct.

After the first round of words Josie Christensen was in the lead with a perfect score of 20 and

Elijah Cool coming in hot with a score of 19. Walter Bierman and Ella Cool both had a score of 18 going into the next round.

After rounds two and three, Ella was in the lead with 43 words correct, Elijah Cool in second with 42 words, and Riata Remind in third with 35.

Round four was really difficult with science words such as: palimpsest, xylem, hydrargyrum, and asseveration. The students laughed and said they had never heard many of the words and loved that Mrs. Badgley was struggling to pronounce some of them.

After all 5 rounds, Ella Cool came out on top within the Arnold group with a score of 54 out of 102 words. Elijah Cool came in second with a score of 46, and Josie Christensen came in third with a score of 45.

Later that day, around 3:30, the Custer County host school of Ansley with Jamee Smith in charge, held a group Zoom to reveal the overall winners. Though the Ar-

nold students didn't finish in the top 3, they really held their own. The winner from Broken Bow only got 72 out of 102 words correct. In comparison, they also did very well!

A big thank you goes to the school for helping to make the day special. Though they usually got to get out of school for half of the day and eat lunch out on the way back, they still were spoiled just a little bit. Mrs. Mills, former APS teacher, bought the students smoothies for their morning snack. The school paid for pizza for their lunch, and bought them pop from the concession stand.



## 2020/2021 ACT TEST DATES

**DEC**  
**Test-12**

Early Nov 6  
Late Nov 20

**FEB**  
**Test-6**

Early Jan 8  
Late Jan 15

**APR**  
**Test-17**

Early March 12  
Late March 26

**JUN**  
**Test-12**

Early Nov 7  
Late Nov 21

**JUL**  
**Test-12**

Early Nov 18  
Late Nov 25

## Links to School Calendars:

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



# APS Speech

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

This year has been a different experience for APS speech competitors. Last year, the Arnold Speech team made it through the season all the way to districts, and then COVID-19 hit. Some members of the team would've made it to state, but unfortunately didn't get the chance to show off their skills at a higher level. The members of the team this year are very grateful that they are even getting the chance to compete. There are some changes present this year though. Not all meets are in person meets; some of their speeches are shown virtual over the computer.

The members of the team this year consist of Reagan Cool, Landyn Cole, Cecilia Wonch, Samantha Wonch, Rio Remund, Delaney Roges, and Gracie Neth. It is many of the students first year of speech, but they don't show it!

Saturday, January 23, freshmen Gracie Neth and Delaney Rogers competed in their 1st ever speech meet at Broken Bow. Neth received 4th place in Novice Poetry, and Rogers learned many valuable lessons competing in Novice Entertainment speaking. They whole team came and supported them, as they were the only team members that were at this meet.

The weekend after on Saturday, January 30th the team went to the Central Nebraska Forensic League Virtual Tournament. Freshmen Delaney Rogers, and Gracie Neth came to their 2nd meet, and showed out. Gracie placed 2nd place in Novice Poetry, and Delaney placed 3rd in Novice entertainment. The Wonch sisters, and Freshman Rio Remund joined the freshmen girls at this meet. Freshmen, Samantha Wonch placed 11th, and senior, Cecilia Wonch placed 7th in Novice Informative. Remund placed 9th in Novice Extemporaneous.

February 13th was the Blue and Gold Speech Meet. Senior, Landyn Cole, and Junior, Reagan Cool participated in this meet. They showed out, and won first place in Varsity duet.

The future holds great things for these students! They are always improving, and giving it their all at all their meets and practices.



Pictured here is Cecilia Wonch, Rio Remund, Samantha Wonch, Delaney Rogers, and Gracie Neth.



Shown here is the 3rd graders engaging in their Valentine's Day labs with help of Mrs. Moninger and para Loleta Connell.

## APS Students Engage In STEAM Labs

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

APS students have been learning lots lately, and taking part in many fun STEAM maker space activities. If you don't know what STEAM is it is a program that focuses on four key subjects. They are Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Students participate in different fun activities, and learn more about all four of these subjects.

The increased participation in these activities is due to a program, head librarian, Debby Moninger found. It is called the Central Plains Library System (CPLS). The CPLS is a regional system designed to provide support for libraries. A few years ago, Moninger was apart of the CPLS board. She knows of the great things they can contribute to local libraries.

Her time on the board showed her how many great opportunities and programs this group offers. So she jumped on the bandwagon, and got our school involved in this program. How it works is they give her different labs and activities that students can engage in, and she requests which ones she wants her classes to participate in. CPLS even trains the teachers and shows them how to teach the labs.

Moninger says, "I use my Maker space items in a variety of ways including with individual students or a small group of students as reading goal incentives or full class as a library time activity." They send materials for the labs and detailed instructions.

The 3rd graders recently took part in a paper circuit Valentine's Day lab. The CPLS sent all the materials like the copper tape, LED lights, batteries, and instructions. It was a good opportunity to learn a bit more about electricity while exploring some science procedures.

Moninger said, "It was an awesome experience! The kids won't be expert electricians, but they did learn quite a lot!"

So, lets give a big thanks to CPLS, and a huge shout out to Debby Moninger for getting our school apart of this great program!

# Valentines Day Donuts

By: Lance Jones, APS Sophomore

The Junior Honor Society decided to have a fundraiser by selling donuts to deliver to students and faculty on Thursday February 11th for Valentines Day. They sent out a form for the students to fill out to buy a \$1 dollar donut for somebody else with a thoughtful note or message attached to it.

Brew Bakers also offered a Valentines Day special. The back room of the office was filled with balloons, roses, and bags of pretzels, crispy bars, and all sorts of candy.

The day ended up being a success, the Junior Honor Society had to by 33 dozen donuts to fill out their orders. They spent their class period with Mrs. Moninger packaging the donuts, and delivering them to the students, and faculty around the school.

Mrs. Moninger said, "Of course we had to order a couple more dozen donuts for the kids to enjoy they worked hard and it was a well deserved reward for them."

On Valentines Day the students throughout the school enjoyed the holiday cheer, and they especially enjoyed the donuts.



Pictured above are two Junior Honor Society members, Riata Remund, and Ella cool next to their pile of freshly packaged donuts.

## Jake's Horses and Harleys Reading Adventure

Earn 12 Points of AR in one calendar month and you will earn a Personal Pan Pizza or Salad Bar





# A Life Worth Living

With the end of the third quarter right around the corner, it has suddenly hit me how close I am to completing my high school years.

One moment I was a little girl with no cares in the world, and now I am making big decisions that can significantly impact my life.

Senior year truly is a year of “lasts.” It’s the last home basketball game, the last time dancing the night away with your friends at prom, and the last time warming up with your friends before a track meet. You blink, and it’s over.

Just this past week, my friends and I piled into a car and jammed out all the way to Burwell. We dressed as frat brothers and spent the night cheering on the boys basketball team—our last time in a student section.

As I’m writing this piece, my last district final basketball game is just days away. Every practice with my team is a practice I’ll never get to experience again.

We all get busy. Without us realizing it, our lives as students can become schedules full of work, homework, sports, and other extracurriculars.

Our days become: “I just have to finish this assignment,” and our weeks turn into, “I just have to make it to the weekend.” As humans, we get so busy looking ahead that we forget to enjoy our present.

These thoughts piqued my curiosity. Why do people live life on autopilot? Humans, by nature, are creatures of habit. People have to make so many decisions throughout their day that it wouldn’t be possible to contemplate each of those choices.

A Harvard study shows that people spend about “47 percent” of their waking hours thinking about events in their future and past. This “mind wandering” can often cause unhappiness. Most people have goals and visions of what they want their life to look like, but they get so stuck in their routines they forget to strive for those objectives.

On average, people get about 80 years on Earth. That is not enough time to spend life dreading the days ahead and living for progress that is not meaningful.



Common regrets of people on their deathbed are they wish they had lived the life they wanted, hadn’t worked so hard, and had expressed their feelings more willingly.

Here is a powerful thought. If right now you had only 60 seconds to live, would you have any regrets? Would thoughts of missed opportunities flood your head, or would you reflect on a life well lived?

All of these ideas take me back to a special memory from a few weeks ago. Before each Arnold practice, the other basketball girls and I shoot around, waiting for Callaway to arrive. On this specific day, we had a surprise guest.

A young boy and his mother came into the community center. They surprised me and the other senior girls with a random act of kindness—a Brew-Bakers gift card. This completely unexpected gift brightened our day. It was impactful to see someone so young taking the initiative to bring joy to

other’s lives.

This story can serve as a reminder to break up your routine. Complete an act of kindness, go for a random walk with your family or spend an hour refocusing on your long-term goals.

With all of this said, I do recognize that, yes, we still have to work hard in our daily lives. You have to finish homework, and the day-to-day tasks need completed. Maybe you really like your routine and don’t want to break from it, and that’s okay.

## The Insider

By: Jadeyn Bubak,  
APS Senior



I just want to encourage people, specifically students, to remember to enjoy the little moments. Don’t lose sight of your greatest aspirations and

strive to be the best version of yourself.

As my senior year comes to a close, I have to remind myself often that these are the last moments I get in this school, on those teams, and with my classmates. We can’t wait to start living. After all, the here and now is all that is guaranteed, so live in the moment.

## Senior Spotlight Tanner Brown

**What do you see yourself doing in five years?**

“Construction.”

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

“Don’t wait until senior year to do your work.”

**What is your funniest memory from school?**

“When I jumped down the stairs.”

**Who was your favorite teacher throughout school and why?**

“My favorite teacher is Mr. Peterson because of his stories.”

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

“I will miss the friends that I made over the years.”

**Describe senior year in three words.**

“Work, Stress, Freedom”

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

“I have a lot of awkward memories, I can’t choose just one.”

**Where do you plan to go to college? Do you know what major you want to pursue?**

“Construction.”



## Activity Calendar App

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

It is simple and easy to use.

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

events.

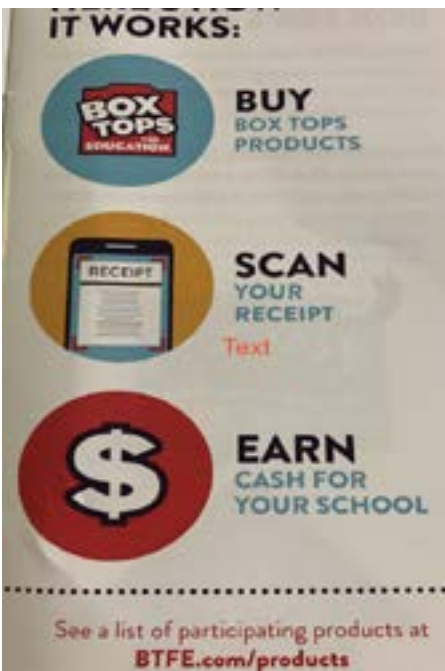
This is a replacement for the links that feed into your iCal calendars



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

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/>

## Box Tops Is Changing





# The Bobcats End the Regular Season

## 8-11

### Bobcats Fall to the Rebels

ARNOLD--On Tuesday January 19, the Bobcats played the Arcadia Loup City Rebels at 7:30 p.m. The Rebels ended up taking the 51-26 win at the end of the night.

In the 1st Quarter the Rebels started flying around. They set strong screens, and drove to the rim. The Bobcats couldn't keep up with their pace, and the points tallied up quickly. The Rebels had the lead 17-2.

In the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats began to control the pace, and they started getting the looks they wanted. The Bobcats outscored the Rebels in the 2nd Quarter 9 to 8, but going into halftime the Bobcats were down 25-11.

At the start of the 3rd Quarter the Rebels changed it up, and got into a 1-3-1 defense. This rattled the Bobcats, and again changed up the pace. The Rebels made the Bob-

cats turn the ball over, and they got a few layups to expand their lead. The Rebels were up 42-23 headed into the final quarter.

In the 4th Quarter there was more defense than scoring. The Bobcats persisted, but they dug a hole too deep in the 1st Quarter, they started subbing to finish out the game. The Rebels secured the 51-26 win.

Coach Cole mentioned, "That was a very athletic team, they ran an offense very similar to our man offense. We can learn a lot from how hard they drove to the rim."

Alex Shown led with 11 points, and Trey Connell added 9 more points. The main difference in the game was the turnovers the Bobcats had 21 to the Rebels 14. However the Bobcats also had poor night shooting and were 25% from the floor, while the Rebels were



**Pictured above is #42 Alex Shown taking a shot swarmed with Rebels 43%.**

Coach Weverka added, "We need to be stronger with the ball, and just have some more confidence when we are shooting."

### Bobcats Lose a Close one to the Spartans

ARNOLD--On Thursday January 21, the Bobcats played the Ansley Litchfield Spartans at 7:30 p.m. The Spartans came out with the 43-32 win but the game was a lot closer than the score says.

In the 1st Quarter both teams executed in their offenses. The Bobcats made a few more mistakes, the Spartans did a few more little things right, and they took a slight lead 12-7.

In the 2nd Quarter the Spartans got into a 1-3-1 defense to slow up the Bobcats. It worked and they forced turnovers. However, the



**Pictured above in white from (L-R) is Alex Shown, Lance Jones, Owen Stallbaumer, Trey connell, and Sam Cool selling out on the defense end.**

bobcats were quick to recover, and they made the Spartans work for it. Going into halftime the Spartans had the lead 25-18.

In the 3rd Quarter the Bobcats came out swinging in their offense, and got the looks they wanted. They just couldn't get shots to fall. The Bobcats missed a few key opportunities, and failed to capitalize. It was 25-29 with 3 minutes left in the 3rd Quarter. Then the Spar-

tans made a little run at the end of the quarter to make the score 35-26 extending their lead again.

In the 4th quarter the Bobcats matched the Spartans scoring but again could not overcome the Spartans slight lead. The 14-2 Spartans slowed down the 4th Quarter and executed in their offense. They narrowly slid by with a 43-32 win.

The points were spread out for the Bobcats, however, Cache

Gracey led with 8 points, and Alex Shown followed with 6 points. On the rebounding side it was evenly matched. However the difference in the game was the Bobcats had 20 turnovers, to the Spartans 10.

Coach Cole added, "We will see this team again in sub districts, and we showed tonight that we can play with them."

## Boys take 5th in the MNAC Tournament

### Bobcats Fall to the Coyotes in Overtime

STAPLETON--On Wednesday January 27, the Bobcats had their quarterfinal game of the MNAC tournament. They played the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes at 5:30 p.m. The Coyotes ended up stealing the 50-45 win in overtime.

The Bobcats started playing hard-nosed defense, and got the stops they needed. The Bobcats got the ball to the post, and they went to work. The Bobcats were up after the 1st Quarter 12-16

It turned out to be a defensive game, as nobody could hit outside shots. Both teams struggled to get the ball through the hole. Going into halftime the Bobcats had a slight lead of 20-16.

In the 3rd Quarter the game sped up, and the points started to flow. However the Bobcats missed a few defensive assignments, and the Coyotes tied the game back up 34-34.

The 4th Quarter was all defense neither team could score. It stayed neck and neck through the 4th Quarter tied at 40-40, and it

ended going into Overtime.

In overtime the Coyotes had a little more momentum, and got some timely steals to seal the deal they won 50-45 to advance to the semi-finals.

Coach Cole said, "We lacked energy throughout the game, and I think it was because of the long weekend, and snow days before the game."

Trey Connell added, "We came out playing good taking a quick 6 point lead, but we could never quite get our offense rolling. After the first few minutes we played a flat, and without much energy. However, we still had some good possessions when we needed them to send it into overtime. In the end it wasn't quite enough to put us on top."

Owen Stallbaumer led with 9 points, and Drew Vickers and Colbi Smith both added 8 points. Vickers also led with 10 rebounds. And again Connell had the most assists with 6. Altogether the difference in the games was a few more



**Pictured above is Drew Vickers slashing through the Coyote defense, also pictured is #55 Owen Stallbaumer.** turnovers on the Bobcat side, and a just a little bit lower free-throw percentage.

The Bobcats dropped down into the bracket to play the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys for 5th place.



# Bobcats Kick the Cowboys

THEDFORD--On Friday January 29, the Bobcats traveled to play a consolation game against the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys at 7:00 p.m. The Bobcats took the decisive 55-34 win.

The Bobcats were in different territory than they were used to playing in the MNAC consolation games. However the Bobcats showed up to play. From the tip the Bobcats put lots of pressure on the Cowboys, and got steals left and right. At the end of the 1st Quarter the Bobcats were up 20-10.

The same energy carried over to the 2nd Quarter and the Bobcats extended their lead. Going into halftime the Bobcats were up 33-16.

In the 3rd Quarter the Bobcats kept the intensity on defense and continued to get easy transition buckets. Drew Vickers had a hay day close around the rim, and

couldn't miss. The Bobcats kept rolling, and led going into the final quarter 43-25.

In the 4th Quarter the Bobcats began to sub in. Kaden Paulsen came in the first play and knocked down a 3 pointer. It was all Bobcats from there and they rolled through with the 55-34 win. Mr. Cole said, "That is how the Bobcats can play, we just need to come with the same energy consistently."

Drew Vickers had a stellar night with 24 points, he and Colbi Smith followed with 9 points. Vickers also had 11 rebounds, and Sam Cool added 7. Together the Bobcats created 17 steals, and forced 26 turnovers.

Vickers said, "My teammates got me the ball in transition, and in the post. So I had confidence, and that led to a lot of success."



**Pictured above in white is Drew Vickers Finishing at the rim after a stellar night of 24 points.**

Despite not being what the Bobcats wanted out of the conference tournament, it was a great team win.

## Bobcats Fall to the Brnoco's

MULLEN--On Friday February 5, the Bobcats played the Mullen Broncos at 7:30 p.m. The Mullen boys walked away with a 48-38 win.

From the tip the Mullen team showed their basketball prowess. Senior Brendan Walker of Mullen hit 4 three-pointers to make an early lead in the game. Coupled with some missed-chances on the Bobcats end the Broncos were up 17-6 after the 1st Quarter.

In the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats put it in gear, and got rolling. Drew Vickers drove to the rim, and got some easy points. They matched the Bronco's scoring but the deficit from the 1st Quarter was still there. Going into halftime the Bronco's had a 32-17 lead.



**Pictured above is #15 Colbi Smith who kncked down some timely threes during a great night shooting.**

In the 3rd Quarter the Bobcats tried to get back the game,

and worked hard both offensively, and defensively. However the Bronco's got timely stops, and extra points off of offensive rebounds. The Bobcats also shot poorly from right around the rim and left a lot of points out there. The Bronco's extended their lead to 45-24 in the 3rd Quarter.

In the 4th Quarter the Bobcats didn't give in, they knew they could get back into the game. Colbi Smith lit it up from the 3-point line much like the Bronco's did in the 1st Quarter. However the Bobcats couldn't make it all up, and fell to the Bronco's 48-38.

Colbi Smith led with 11 points, and Drew Vickers followed with 10. Vickers also led with 8 rebounds. The stats showed how even

the game was. The Bronco's had 9 steals to the Bobcats 7. Both teams had 13-13 turnovers. The difference in the game was rebounds. The Broncos had 34 rebounds to the Bobcats 23, and a large majority of

their rebounds translated to points.

Coach Cole said, "We can play with these teams, these boys are talented, we just need to finish around the rim, and get our rebounds."

## Bobcats Win a Good One

ARNOLD--On Tuesday February 9, the Bobcats played the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes for the second time at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats ended up with the 64-55 win.

From the tip the Bobcats pushed the ball up the floor, and scored with ease. The teams scored back and forth to make the score 7 all. However, with just under 3 minutes left in the 1st Quarter the Bobcats got in a little bit of foul trouble. Some players had to sit the rest of the 1st quarter. As a result the Coyotes went on a little run to have the lead at the end of the 1st Quarter 16-7.

In the 2nd Quarter everyone was back, and the points flowed. Drew Vickers, and Cobi Smith matched each other's 3-point shots on every other possession. The Bobcats also held up on the defense side and took the 27-26 lead going into halftime.

In the 3rd Quarter the Bobcats got it going under the rim. Owen Stallbaumer, and Alex shown made some very timely

shots. Cache Gracey was putting in all his jump shots to followed them up. The Bobcats kept it up, but the Coyotes matched their scoring, and regained a slight one point lead to make the score 44-43.

In the 4th Quarter it was all the Bobcats. Everybody chipped in, making the offense flow. The Coyotes couldn't keep up, and sent the Bobcats to the free throw line. The Bobcats made those free throws down the stretch, and took the 64-55 win.

Gracey, and Vickers both had 14 points, and Smith added 11 more. Vickers, and Stallbaumer both had 7 rebounds, and Gracey added another 6. Trey Connell lead with 6 assists, but both Sam Cool, and Gracey added 4 each.

Cache Gracey said, "We were very motivated after our previous loss to Anslemo Merna, so we showed up and played well as a team."

Both teams had 14 turnovers, and both also had around the same amount of rebounds. The

Due to the weather, and road conditions, the Bobcats game against the Southern Valley Eagles on Saturday the 6th, was canceled.

difference in the game was the free throws; the Bobcats were 21-32 67% while the coyotes shot a lower percentage.



**Pictured above is #14 Cache Gracey who was 9/10 shooting free throws.**

Coach Cole said, "This was a very a great win going towards sub-district seating, and I was very pleased with our performance to-night."

## Bobcats Fall to Rival to End Regular Season

CALLAWAY--On Friday February 19, the Bobcats played SEM Mustangs at 6:00 p.m. The Mustangs defeated the Bobcats 65-47.

From the tip the Bobcats came out fast they got easy buckets in transition, and got the looks they wanted in their offense. However the Mustangs scored just as easily,

and matched the Bobcats production. At the end of the 1st Quarter the Bobcats were up 13-12.

In the 2nd Quarter the Bobcats kept it going. They got hot from the three-point line, and knocked down all the shots they took. It seemed like the Bobcats were pulling away but the Mustangs made a few timely three's,

and stayed in it. Their luck went all the way up to the last 3 seconds of the 1st half where they hit a buzzer beater from half court to tie it up 31 all.

In the 3rd Quarter the Bobcats lost their momentum. The Mustangs worked it into the post, and got easy points under the rim. The Bobcats couldn't get the Mus



tangs post game figured out and gave up too many easy points. The Mustangs had made their run and took a big 54-38 lead in 3rd Quarter.

The Bobcats kept firing but the Mustangs maintained their lead. The Bobcats hit a few shots, and so did the Mustangs but with about 4 minutes left in the game the stall ball began. The Mustangs drained out the rest of the clock

and took the 65-47 win.

Colbi Smith led with 13 points, and Drew Vickers followed with 11. Trey Connell led with 7 assists while Vickers, and Cache Gracey added 4 each. The stats of the game were evenly matched the Mustangs had 29 total rebounds while the Bobcats had 23, the turn-overs were also even on both sides.

The difference in the game was that the Mustangs shot

a better percentage from the floor than the Bobcats. The Mustangs also to advantage of the Bobcats stagnate 3rd Quarter, and worked the post game to get a majority of their points.

Mr. Cole said, “The regular season is over now, everyone’s record is back to 0-0, it is anybody’s game at sub-districts.”



Pictured above is the South Loup boys basketball team from (L-R.) Sam Cool, Colbi Smith, Lance Jones, Kaden Paulsen, Trey Connell, Logan Reco, Johnathon Lamphear, Alex Shown, Drew Vickers, Cache Gracey, Owen Stallbaumer, and Silas Cool.

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## Lady Cats Defeat Raiders

By: Halie Reco, APS Sophomore

ARNOLD—The South Loup Lady Bobcats played a great game against the Arcadia-Loup City Raiders on Tuesday, January 19. The Ladies worked hard and by the end of the game the score was 58-35.

The top 3-point shooter for the night was Megan Donegan with a total of 3 made 3-point shots.

Landyn Cole started the game off strong with a 2-point shot, assisted by Donegan. The Bobcats and Raiders went back and forth during this quarter but the Lady Cats pulled ahead with an ending first quarter score of 13-12.

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

The top free throw shooter was Cole with a total of 5 free throws made and close behind her was Ava Pandorf and Bryn Schwarz both with 2 made free throws.



Bailey Schwarz going in for the steal against the Coyotes.

By: Halie Reco, APS Sophomore

ARNOLD—The Bobcats played a tough game against the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans on Thursday, January 21. The Lady Cats really had to work hard to get the winning score of 50-38.

The leading 3-point shooter for the night was Bailey Schwarz with a total of 5 3-point shots made and right behind her was Megan Donegan with 4 3-point shots made.

Ending the first quarter with a rebound by Mya Weverka, the Lady

Going into the second quarter the Bobcats knew that they had to really work to keep ahead of the Raiders. Then during the second the Cats were getting the ball into the posts. Jadeyn Bubak made 3 2-point shots, and Cole made 4 2-point shots to get the Lady Bobcats ahead, with an ending second quarter score of 34-24.

The top rebounder was Cole with 5 defensive rebounds and 7 offensive rebounds, totaling up to 12 rebounds for the night.

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

Coming out of half time with a 2-point shot by Bubak, the Lady Cats were really pulling ahead of the Raiders. Ending the third quarter with Pandorf making both her free throws, the Bobcats were now up by 17 points with the score being 47-30.

Donegan, with 3 steals, had

## Bobcats Take Win Against Spartans

Bobcats had gotten off to a 10-point lead with a score of 15-5.

The Bobcats leading 2-point shooter was Donegan with 6 2-point shots and right behind her was Schwarz with 5 2-point shots.

The top free throw shooter for the night was Ava Pandorf with 2 made free throws.

During the second quarter the Bobcats were still ahead but the Spartans had closed the lead that the Ladies had in the first quarter. Ending the second quarter the score was 19-16, with the Lady Bobcats only having a lead of 3 points.

The top rebounder was Landyn Cole with 9 defensive rebounds, 2 offensive rebounds, totaling up to a total of 11 rebounds for the night.

Jadeyn Bubak made the top amount of assists for the night, with a



Jayden Bubak playing amazing defense against the Raiders.

the top number of steals and Pandorf was a close second with 2 steals.

With the Bobcats still pulling ahead of the Raiders, the JV got some good playing time and Abby Stallbauer ended the game with a 2-point shot, which tallied up the end score to 58-35.

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total of 5 assists, and right behind her was Pandorf with 4 assists.

Ending the third quarter with a 2-point shot by Jayden Bubak, the Bobcats had gotten their lead of 16 back with a score of 46-30.

The leading number of steals were made by Schwarz with a total of 3 steals and right behind her was Donegan and Cole both with 2 steals.

Finally ending the game with a free throw made by Pandorf the Bobcats really pulled ahead and ended the game with a score of 50-38.

With attendance mandates unknown you can look on Schoology, Facebook, or Strive.tv to find the link to watch the Lady Bobcats play.

Now we wish the Lady Bobcats good luck as they travel to Merna to play in their first conference game of the year against Cody-Kilgore on Monday, January 25.



# Lady Bobcats Take MNAC Runner-Up



Bailey Schwarz shooting a 3-pointer against the Broncos.

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore  
MERN-- On Wednesday, January 27 the Lady Bobcats took the win against the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls in their first conference game. They played hard and ended the night with a score of 48-31.

The leading 3-point shooter was Megan Donegan with 2 3-point shots made for the night.

The Bobcats started the game off strong ending the quarter with a 2-point shot by Landyn Cole, assisted by Bryn Schwarz. This shot helped get a nice lead with an ending first quarter score of 14-8.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter was Cole with 6 2-point shots made and right behind her was Donegan with 5 2-point shots and Taylor Ross with 4 2-point shots.

Bryn Schwarz made the top amount of free throws with a total of 2 free throw shots made.

Ending the second quarter with a rebound by Bailey Schwarz, the Bobcats still had a 4-point lead but the Cowgirls were attempting to catch up, the score being 22-18.

The leading amount of rebounds were by Ava Pandorf with a to-

tal of 7 rebounds; 4 of those rebounds being defensive and 5 of them being offensive.

Donegan and Bailey Schwarz had the top amount of assists with a total of 4 assists each.

Coming out of half time the Lady Cats started the third quarter with a steal by Bailey Schwarz. The Bobcats fought hard to keep pushing ahead of the Cowgirls and it showed with an ending third quarter score of 32-27.

The most amount of steals were by Donegan with a total of 4 steals for the night.

The Lady Bobcats fought hard in the fourth quarter and the JV got some playing time. Ending the game with a 2-point shot by Abby Stallbauer, the Bobcats really pulled ahead to win with a score of 48-31.

MPCC-- On Thursday January 28, the Lady Bobcats took on the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes in their semi-final conference game and took the win with an end score of 46-42.

The leading 3-point shooter was Bailey Schwarz with 2 3-point shots and right behind her was Ava Pandorf with 1 3-point shot.

The Bobcats fought hard for a lead on the Coyotes and they did well, ending the quarter with a 2-point shot by Jadeyn Bubak getting the score to 19-17.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter was Pandorf with 6 made 2-point shots, and right behind her was Landyn Cole with 5 made 2-point shots.

Megan Donegan made the top amount of free throws with a total of 3 made free throws for the night.

The Lady Bobcats really had to fight hard during the second quarter and they ended with a 3-point shot by Bailey Schwarz getting the score to be tied 25-25.

The leading amount of rebounds were by Cole with a total of 8 rebounds; 4 of them being offensive

rebounds and 4 of them being defensive rebounds.

Donegan had the most amount of assists for the night with a total of 5 assists.

Coming out of half time with the score being tied the Lady Cats really worked hard but the Coyotes pulled ahead ending the third quarter with a score of 34-37.

Pandorf also had the top amount of steals, that top number being 2 steals for the night.

During the fourth quarter the Lady Bobcats worked hard and hustled to get the ball up the floor. Sadly, during this quarter Bubak rolled her ankle and was out for the rest of the game. That didn't stop the rest of the team, however, and the Bobcats pulled ahead and won the game with a score of 46-42.

MPCC-- Saturday January 30, the Bobcats played a hard game against the Mullen Broncos during the final game of MNAC, and sadly with Jadeyn Bubak hurt the girls took a loss of 56-29.

The leading 3-point shooters were Megan Donegan and Ava Pandorf both with 2 made 3-point shots.

The Bobcats went into this game knowing it would be a tough one and lost the lead during the first



Taylor Ross playing amazing defense against #11 Samantha Moore.

## (Continued) Lady Bobcats Take MNAC Runner-Up

quarter, ending the first with a score of 5-12.

The Lady Cats leading 2-point shooter was Donegan with a total of 3 2-point shots for the night.

Landyn Cole had the top amount of free throws for the night, with a total of 2 made free throws.

During the second quarter the Bobcats really fought hard to catch up but the Broncos kept pulling ahead, ending the second quarter with a score of 10-30.

The leading rebounder was Taylor Ross with a total of 7 rebounds; 3 of them being offensive rebounds, and 4 of them being defensive rebounds.

Coming out of half time the Lady Cats hustled up and down the court and got shots by Cole, Donegan, and Lauryn Johnson. The ending third quarter tallied up to 15-47 with the Mullen Broncos still pulling ahead.

## Bobcats Fall to Mullen Broncos Again

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore

MULLEN—On Friday, February 5, the Lady Bobcats fought hard but took another lose to the Mullen Broncos. Ending the game with a score of 29-43.



Landyn Cole working hard to pass the ball against Mullen.



The girls holding their Runner-Up plaque after their final MNAC game.

Cole had the top amount of steals for the night, with a total of 3 steals.

During the fourth quarter with the Broncos still pulling farther ahead the JV got some playing time and ended the game with a score of 29-56.

With attendance mandates

unknown you can look on Schoology, Facebook, or Strive.tv to find the link to watch the Lady Bobcats play.

Now we wish the Lady Bobcats good luck as they travel to Mullen on Friday, February 5, to play the Mullen Broncos once again.

The leading 3-point shooter for the night was Bailey Schwarz with a total of 3 3-point shots made.

Ending the first quarter with a shot by Ava Pandorf the Bobcats were keeping up with the Broncos with a score of 12-13.

The leading 2-point shooter was Pandorf with a total of 4 2-point shots made and right behind her was Schwarz with 3 2-point shots made.

Where the girls didn't go the line as much during the game, the top free throw shooter was Landyn Cole with 2 free throws made

By then end of the second the Lady Cats were really working hard to keep up, now down by 2 points, and the Broncos were fighting hard to stay ahead with a score of 19-21.

Cole was also the leading rebounder with 9 defensive rebounds and 3 offensive rebounds, totaling up

to 12 rebounds altogether.

By the end of the third the Broncos had pulled ahead of the Lady Bobcats with a score of 26-32.

The top amount of steals was made by Megan Donegan. She had a total of 6 steals against the Broncos.

The Bobcats really fought hard, and Taylor Ross fouled out during this quarter, but they couldn't quite catch the Broncos with an ending score of 29-43

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Now we wish our Lady Bobcats good luck when they play Anselmo-Merna on Tuesday, February 9 in Arnold.



# Lady Cats Take Another Win Against Anselmo-Merna Coyotes

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore  
ARNOLD—On Tuesday, February 9, the Lady Bobcats took their second win against the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes. They worked hard and they ended the game with a winning score of 51-41.

The leading 3-point shooters were Bailey Schwarz and Megan Donegan both with 2 3-point shots for the night.

The game started off with the Lady Bobcats behind the Coyotes by 2 points. The Coyotes started off the first quarter and ended the first quarter with 2-point shots and the Bobcats had to work hard to keep up. Ending the first quarter with the Coyotes ahead 7-9.

The leading 2-point shooters were Schwarz and Donegan with 3 2-point shots and right behind them were Landyn Cole and Taylor Ross with 2 2-point shots made.

The Ladies went to the line a lot during this game and Donegan had

the top amount of free throws made being 11 free throw shots.

Starting off the second quarter Schwarz made a 2-point shot, assisted by Ava Pandorf. The Lady Bobcats worked hard and got lots of shots during this quarter. Ending the second quarter with a 2-pint shot by Megan Donegan the Bobcats were ahead 30-17.

The leading rebounder was Cole with a total of 12 rebounds, 5 of them being offensive and 7 of them being defensive.

Coming out of half time with amazing defense, the Bobcats limited the Coyotes to only 10 points during the third quarter. Ending the third with a 2-point shot by Landyn Cole the Bobcats were keeping their lead with a score of 42-27.

Donegan had the top amount of steals, with a total of 5 steals against the Coyotes for the night.

The Lady Bobcats fought really hard to keep their lead and the Coyotes



Ava Pandorf working hard to get the ball up the court against the Coyotes.

had caught up and ended the game with a score of 51-41.

With attendance mandates unknown you can look on Schoology, Facebook, or Strive.tv to find the link to watch the Lady Bobcats play.

Now we wish our Lady Bobcats good luck as they travel to Callaway to play in their first round of sub-districts on Wednesday, February 17, against the Hi-Line Bulls.

# Lady Bobcats are Sub-District Champions



Bryn Schwarz hustling down the court to stop the ball.

By: Halie Recoy, APS Sophomore  
CALLAWAY—The Lady Bobcats won their first round of sub-districts on Wednesday, February 17 against the Hi-Line Bulls. The ending score for the night was 53-36.

The leading 3-point shooter for the night was Megan Donegan with a total of 2 3-point shots made.

The Lady Cats started off the game strong with Donegan ending first quarter with a 2-point shot, totaling the score to 17-8, with the Bulls behind.

The Bobcats top 2-point shooter was Landyn Cole and Donegan both with a total of 6 2-point shots each.

The Ladies leading free throw shooter was Donegan with 3 made free throws, totaling up to 17 points for the night. Close behind Donegan was Cole with a total of 2 free throws made, and this totaled Cole's points to 14 for the night.

During the second quarter the Bulls caught up to the Bobcats and the Lady Cats had to work hard to keep ahead with an ending second quarter score of 28-24.

The top rebounders were Laney Badgley and Cole both with 5 rebounds for the night. Badgley had 4 offensive and 1 defensive rebounds, while Cole had 3 defensive and 2 offensive rebounds.

# (Continued) Lady Bobcats are Sub-District Champions



Megan Donegan going up for a layup against the Bulls.

Coming out of half time, the Bobcats worked hard to keep ahead of the Bulls and did a great job with an ending third quarter score of 37-29.

Bailey Schwarz had the leading number of assists for the night, with a total of 4 assists. Close behind her was Ava Pandorf and Donegan both with 3 assists.

The Bobcats had many steals during the game and Donegan led the number of steals with a total of 6 steals against the Bulls.

By the fourth quarter the Bobcats really pulled ahead of the Bulls and ended the game with a 2-point shot by Schwarz, totaling the score to 53-36.

CALLAWAY— On Thursday, February 18 the Bobcats entered the



Mya Weverak going in for a shot.

second round of sub-districts against Perkins County. The Lady Bobcats worked hard and ran the floor to get ahead and beat Perkins County 41-20.

“Going into the game I didn’t really know what to expect but I knew that the Plainsmen were going to be very aggressive. What we did know was that we had to stick to the game plan, hustle up and down the floor, and we had lots of fun,” said Mya Weverka.

The leading 3-point shooters were Bailey Schwarz, Weverka, and Ava Pandorf all with 1 3-point shot made.

Starting the game off with a 3-point shot by Bailey Schwarz, assisted by Megan Donegan, the Bobcats worked hard but the Perkins County Plainsmen had pulled ahead ending the quarter with a score of 5-10.

The Ladies top 2-point shooters were Weverka, Pandorf, and Taylor Ross each with 3 2-point shots made for the night.

The leading free throw shooter was Bryn Schwarz with a total of 3 free throws made and close behind her were Landyn Cole, Jadeyn Bubak, and Donegan each with 2 free throws made.

During the second quarter our Lady Bobcats really ran the court to get ahead of the Plainsmen. Donegan had made her 2 free throws during this quarter and it helped the Bobcats pull ahead with an ending second quarter score of 19-15.

The top rebounder for the Bobcats was Ross with a total of 9 rebounds. Out of those 9 rebounds 6 of them were defensive and 3 of them were offensive.

Coming out of half time the Bobcats were ready to hustle up and down the court. Starting the third quarter Weverka made a 3-point shot, assisted by Ross, and Bubak ended the quarter by making both her free throws. This helped the Cats really pull ahead with a score of 30-17.

Donegan had the leading



Kacee Dvorak working to move the ball around against the Plainsmen.

number of assists for the night with a total of 4 assists for the Lady Cats.

The Ladies worked hard to steal the ball and both Weverka and Donegan had the top number of steals, each with 2 steals for the night.

During the fourth quarter the Bobcats had gotten the score to 39-20 and the JV got some playing time. Lauryn Johnson ended the game with a layup, assisted by Kacee Dvorak.

With attendance mandates unknown you can look on Schoology, Facebook, or Strive.tv to find the link to watch the Lady Bobcats play.

Now we wish our Lady Bobcats good luck as they head into their district game next week. The district game time and place will be announced through Schoology and Facebook.



Lauryn Johnson making the last layup of the game.



# South Loup Wrestling

## Peterson Gets 100th Win at Central Valley

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore  
Central Valley—

Friday, January 29th your South Loup wrestlers competed at the Central Valley Wrestling Invite. This meet prepared them for their big upcoming battles, like MNAC and districts.

This was a very special meet, as senior, Logan Peterson won his 100th match of his career. Peterson placed 2nd in the weight class of 120 at this meet, and won 3 out of his 4 matches. It was a great day for him!

Rio Remund wasn't far behind Peterson, ending the day placing 3rd in the 170-weight class. He contributed 20 team points, and won 4 of his 5 matches for the day.

Carson Mason (132) added 7 team points, and broke even for the day on wins and losses going 2 for 2.

Dawson Doggett (138), and Talon Crago(145) together had 6 team points.

Clay Witthuhn (220) scored 4 team points, and won 1 match.

Dylan Handley (113), and Colby Streit(152) fought hard matches, but didn't pull off the wins.



Senior, Logan Peterson pictured with his teammates celebrating his 100th win.

## Bloomer finishes 5th at Girls State Wrestling

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore  
Battle Creek, York—

Friday, January 29th, Lila Bloomer travelled solo to Battle Creek. At Battle Creek, it was a little different than normal. This tournament was just for girls.

Bloomer competed in the 170-weight class. She ended the day placing 3rd, and scoring 14 points.

First round she received a bye, and this gave her time to get ready for her next match. After taking some time off, she went on to win the next match, and she kept up the good work. The next 2 matches she took wins, and only had 1 loss.

Saturday, she went on the road to York for the Girls High School State Tournament. She went into state with an 11-4 record competing against girls.

Lila competed yet again in the 170-weight class. She ended the day placing 5th, which is an amazing accomplishment!

She came out super strong, winning her first match. Her next battle was a little harder, and she didn't get the win. The loss early on, just made her fight harder her next match. She won her next 3 matches, and lost only 1.

Overall it was a great weekend for Lila Bloomer.

## SLB Dominates MNAC

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore  
Mullen—

“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

This was definitely the case for your South Loup Bobcats at MNAC. Tuesday, February 2nd, your SLB wrestlers went on the road to Mullen. They did amazing, having nearly everyone on the team placing in the top 3 in every weight class.

Logan Peterson (120) placed 2nd and scored 12 team points. Peterson is currently sitting at an impressive record of 25 wins and only 8 losses.

Talon Crago (145), and Colby Streit (152) also received 2nd place honors scoring 28 points combined.

Carson Mason (132) placed 3rd with 7 points.

We have to watch for the underclassman, as all of them placed 3rd.

Freshmen Dawson Doggett (138), Rio Remund (170), and Dylan Handley (120) fought hard at this meet, and it paid off in the long run. They all had 28 points together.

Clay Witthuhn (220) placed 4th and scored 4 team points, and Lila Bloomer (170) place is unknown at this time.

## 5 SLB Wrestlers Place at Sub Districts

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore  
Mullen--

Saturday, February 6th the South Loup Bobcat wrestling team competed in the NSAA Class D Sub-Districts. 5 SLB

wrestlers placed, and the other wrestlers learned many valuable lessons.

Senior, Logan Peterson (120) ran the show. He placed 2nd and scored 16 points for his team. He won 2 close matches, and competed against someone who had an astonishing record of 40 wins and only 1 loss. In the end, it was the guy with the more matches under his belt this season that won against Peterson.

Freshman, Rio Remund (170) placed 3rd at his first districts. He contributed 12 team points. He started the meet off by breaking even with 1 loss and 1 win. Finally, Remund went on to take the championship dub in the 3rd place match.

Junior, Lila Bloomer (182) also placed 3rd. She lost her first match, but that only prepped her for her next match. In her 3rd place match she came out with the win. She got her team 9 more points.

Sophomore, Clay Witthuhn (220) placed 3rd as well, and scored 9 team points. Like Bloomer, he lost early on, but came out with the win in the 3rd place match.

Senior, Colby Streit (152) wasn't far behind, and pulled off an impressive 4th place. He added 7 more team points. He received a bye first round, and went 1 for 1 in wins and losses. He fought a hard battle in the 3rd place match, but didn't pull off the win.

Juniors, Talon Crago, and Carson Mason's places are unknown right now. Freshmen, Dawson Doggett, and

## Remund and Peterson Headed to State

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore  
Weeping Water—

Saturday, February 13, the South Loup wrestling team competed at districts. Five members of the team competed at this meet, as they placed at sub districts the weekend before, and advanced to the next round. This meet is huge as it can be the make or break for state.

Senior, Logan Peterson (120) placed 4th and scored 10.5 points for his team. He started the day off strong, winning his first match. The next match, Peterson fought hard, but didn't pull off the win. This only prepped him for his next match, which he won. At the end of the day he competed in the 3rd place match, but fell.

Freshman, Rio Remund (170) placed 4th and contributed 11 team points. Remund won his first match. In the next two matches, he broke even winning one match, and losing one match. He later went on to compete in the 3rd place match, where he placed 4th.

Senior, Colby Streit's (152) place is unknown at the time. He engaged in two hard battles, and didn't come out with the wins. Streit went out hard his last matches of his career.

Junior, Lila Bloomer's (182) place is also unknown at the time. She lost her two matches, but learned many valuable lessons for next year.

Sophomore, Clay Witthuhn (220) place is unknown, and he scored 3 team points. Witthuhn won one match and lost two.

Bobcats be ready for state this week!



Shown here is Logan Peterson and Rio remund showing off their 4th place medals at districts. Left to right: Assistant Coach, Jacob Mason, Rio Remund, Logan Peterson, Head Coach, Todd Phelps

## South Loup Competes at State

By: Talli Martin, APS Sophomore

Wednesday, February 17th, two of your South Loup wrestlers competed at the class D state wrestling tournament. It is a huge honor to even make it to state. The SLB wrestlers had to make it through sub districts and district finals, each time having to place within the top four, before advancing to the next round. It was freshman, Rio Remund's first time making to state, while it wasn't senior, Logan Peterson's first time being in the saddle.

Peterson has made it to state three impressive times, in the past three years. Logan Peterson's (120) place is unknown, and he scored 2 points for his team. The first round he battled Cauly Morgan from Sutherland. Morgan had an outstanding record of 41 wins and 7 losses against Peterson who had a record of 31 wins and 13 losses. In this battle, the guy with the better record won in the end. The next round, Peterson was hungry for a win, losing early on. He won by decision against his opponent. Logan kept up the good work, and won his next match. In the end, Peterson battled hard but didn't pull off the win. He broke even for the day with 2 wins and 2 losses at state, which is very noteworthy.

Rio Remund's (170) place is also unknown at this time. Remund went into his first round with a record of 28 wins and 21 losses. His opponent, Christain Leonard from Bayard, had a great record of 29 wins and 2 losses. Remund lost early off, like Peterson. The next round, Remund contested against yet another vigorous opponent. Remund finished the day off giving it his all, and trying his best in all of his matches. It is just the beginning of Remund's journey.

Sadly, all good things must eventually come to an end.



# State Wrestling (Continued)

These boys, along with the rest of the team, had one amazing season. Everyone on the team gave it their all, no matter how much experience they had underneath their belts. Whether they were a freshman or senior. The seniors were great role models, along with some of the other upperclassman. It was a new experience for the freshmen, but they flourished under all the pressure they were presented with. Finally, the team couldn't have gone anywhere if it wasn't for the coaches. Head coach, Todd Phelps and assistant coach, Jacob Mason, put in many hours for their team. Whether it was off the mats, or on the mats at practice.

I'm going to be honest. When I first started writing these wrestling articles, I didn't know a thing about the sport of wrestling. I didn't know the suspense of each match. I thought that all you had to do was pin someone once, and the match was over. Now I know the true grit of each mat, and the mental and physical toughness that each wrestler on the mat must endure. The communities of Arnold and Callaway, along with all Bobcat fans should be super proud of their SLB wrestlers!

## Help Celebrate Nebraska's Birthday and Read Across America with David Seay

Tuesday, March 2nd at 2:00

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## Break the Rule Day

When: March 10th

The National Honor Society is hosting a break the rule day. K-12th can bring money in to break different rules. The rules will be released soon, and if you have any questions you can contact Debby Moninger or any members of the National Honor Society.



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No advertising, other than school sponsored activities, may appear. Opinion pieces, future news items, comments, and suggestions may be submitted to [nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org](mailto:nicole.badgley@arnoldpublicschools.org).

The newsletter is sent to all families and boxholders of District 89. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the school office at 308-848-2226 to add your name to the mailing list. You may also download the newsletter from the school website: <http://arnoldpublicschools.org>

# From the Superintendent's Desk

Beginning in April, we will be preparing for state assessments in Language Arts, Reading, Math, and Science for grades 3-8. It is important for students to be well rested and have a healthy breakfast to start the day as they prepare for these tests. Attendance is also an important part of completing these assessments. Testing dates will be posted on the school calendar. I want to thank you for making sure our students are in attendance as we head toward state testing. Juniors will be taking the ACT on March 23rd. This is a state wide test date, so it is crucial that all juniors are here that day for the ACT. Sophomores will take the Pre-ACT this year. A date for this test will be announced later.



Attendance is a very important to the academic success of students. Attendance is tracked locally through PowerSchool and is then reported to the Nebraska Department of Education. On an annual basis, each school receives a classification from the state. Items that are considered in the rating are assessment scores, graduation rate, and attendance. Chronic Absenteeism is classified as missing 10% or more of school days. Days are counted the regardless if they are excused, unexcused, due to illness, or medical appointments. This averages out to missing just under 5 days in a quarter to be considered chronic absenteeism. It is my goal to reduce the current rate. This can be done by considering scheduled times for appointments, vacations, and other events to limit the time gone from school.

Studies have shown that missing 10% of schools days has a negative impact on academic performance. 10% comes down to an average of 2 days per month. The negative impact of absenteeism has a greater effect for elementary students as this is a period in their life where so many foundational skills are being taught. Thank you for your continued support in providing the best opportunities for our students and setting them up for success.

As we head into March, I am hopeful for warmer weather and outdoor events as we get started with our spring season. Given all the restrictions we have seen through the year, this will give all of us an opportunity to catch a track or golf meet. I am certainly looking forward to these events and an opportunity to see all of our faithful fans.

# 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 <https://www.mycokerewards.com/schools>. Thank you for your support.





# From the Elementary Principal’s Desk

February has been a busy month and winter sports are coming to a close. The wrestling season has come to a conclusion and South Loup ended their season with two state qualifiers, senior Logan Peterson and freshman Rio Remund. The South Loup Girls Basketball Team will be competing in a district final against Wood River on Friday, February 26th. Our South Loup Boys Basketball Team is about to get sub-districts underway with their first round game against the Ansley-Litchfield Spartans on Tuesday, February 23. There are also several quiz bowl and speech competitions for students in the upcoming weeks. The students are very busy, but do a good job of managing competitions and school work. In the midst of everything going on parent/teacher conferences were held on February 11th. At the conferences there was a glow in the dark art gallery held on the stage. This was a really neat project and all the kids enjoyed making their pieces and the high school students did an excellent job of setting up the gallery.

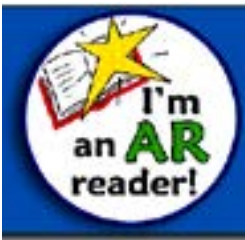


Other Highlights from February.  
Science classes built bridges and then tested to see how much weight each would hold.  
Photography class made Cyanotype Prints (these turned out really nice)  
Finishing first ceramic pots in studio art  
Ag-Bio Class is finishing book “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”  
Seniors are working on class slide show and report of class history  
Elementary Students made Monster Valentines Day gifts for their parents  
Elementary Art classes are working on glow in the dark projects  
9 Students 4th-8th Grade competed in the Custer County Spelling Bee.  
School House Graphics is cutting out signs with the CNC for BD (Phone restricted and allowed area)

Looking into March, the 3rd quarter comes to an end March 10th. There will be no classes March 11th and 12th due to spring break. Our Juniors will take the ACT March 23rd. Track season will soon be here, and there will be many things going on again. Just a reminder, when your student is going to be absent or is sick, let our secretary Heather know in the office.

## Renaissance Home Connect

Watch Your Child’s Progress in AR and see their testing scores for STAR, Sign Up Now



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

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

# Create Your Own App: School Websites Can Download To Your Phone Use the School and SLB Site Without a Web Browser

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### For Chrome on Android

1) Visit the site.

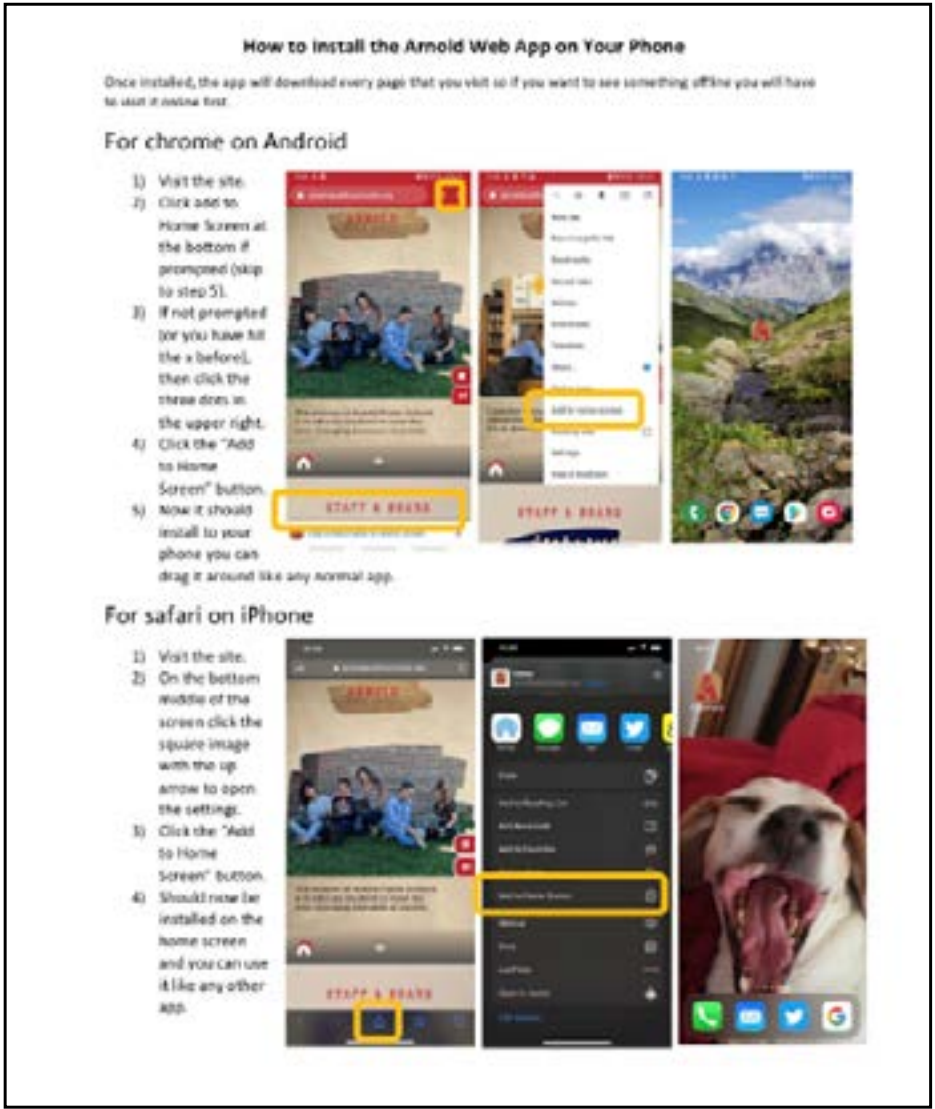
2) Click add to Home Screen at the bottom if prompted (skip to step 5).  
3) If not prompted (or you have hit the x before), then click the three dots in the upper right.  
4) Click the “Add to Home Screen” button.  
5) Now it should install to your phone you can drag it around like any normal app.

### For Safari on iPhone

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

image with the up arrow to open the settings.  
3) Click the “Add to Home Screen” button.  
4) Should now be installed on the home screen and you can use it like any other app.

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





# March 2021

## EducationQuest Foundation

### College Planning Bulletin

#### A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

Virtual College Fair is March 2-3  
Attend the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair March 2-3 to visit with representatives from nearly 75 colleges and to hear from college-prep experts. Register at [eqf.org/collegefair](http://eqf.org/collegefair).

College reps will be available during these times, but you can visit college booths any time:  
Tuesday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - Noon CT  
Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT  
Live presentations March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will cover critical college-prep tasks for seniors and juniors. A presentation March 3 at 6:00 p.m. will provide answers to common questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).  
For more details, visit [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).

Wrapping up your senior year  
Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:  
Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have completed your FAFSA. If you haven't, do so at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, submit required documents so that the school can award your financial aid.  
Watch your student portal and email closely. Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering. Keep your grades up. If you get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.  
Apply for scholarships. See ScholarshipQuest at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.  
Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.  
Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices. Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:  
ACT Test. When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your

score.  
Completion of the FAFSA early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.  
College applications. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices.  
Campus visits will help you narrow your choices  
Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the "Selecting a College" section at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).  
These resources at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) will also help with your college search:

- "Nebraska College Costs" breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
- College Profiles has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

March 31 is deadline to apply for \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship  
To apply, create a ScholarshipQuest profile at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) and then scavenge around our website to find answers to questions on a survey. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. Click here for details.

March "To Do" List  
Seniors

- \_\_\_ Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
- \_\_\_ If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA!
- \_\_\_ Watch for financial aid award notifications.
- \_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships.

Juniors

- \_\_\_ Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
- \_\_\_ Register by March 12 for the April 17 ACT.
- \_\_\_ Register by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
- \_\_\_ Schedule campus visits.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

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