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(From left) Hunter Weinman, Clay Mohr, Eli Taylor, Brett Halstead, and Aaron Edwards volunteered their time to take down the false ceiling and flexible feeder hoses last Friday at Finch Library. It was phase I of a process that will reveal the historic architecture of the building. Not pictured are: Silas Cool, Sam Cool, and Ruth Tullis, who also showed up to help.

Renovation Begins on Finch Library

It was an exciting morning last Friday, as Mr. Mohr and several student volunteers jumped in to begin a renovation process on Finch Library that will expose the building's original architecture. There was no school, and the kids were ready, willing and able to tear down all of the false tile, gridwork, remove several hundred drywall screws, and the flexible feeder hoses from the HVAC system. They started work at 8:00 a.m., and by 11:30 a.m., they were cleaning up and

loading tools.

The student volunteers included Hunter Weinman, Eli Taylor, Brett Halstead, Aaron Edwards, Silas Cool, and Sam Cool. APS custodian Ruth Tullis also showed up to help.

“They did this voluntarily on a day off from school,” said Mr. Mohr, who oversaw the demo. “I talked to them earlier, and our kids realize how important it is to give back to the community. We stress the importance of community and take pride in what we do in our school

and community. That's what makes Arnold special. People aren't afraid to jump in and get involved.”

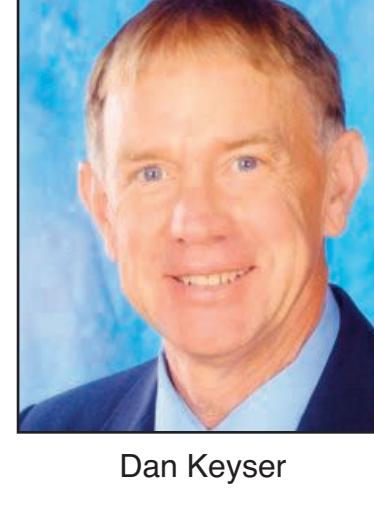
Mr. Mohr said there will be more volunteer work to be done after Adam Wonch of CloudFire Services installs the new HVAC system. One of the features he would like to expose is the original multi-glass window in the front entryway, which was sheetrocked over when the suspended ceiling was put in many years ago.

“When you look at the archi-

ture and the window, it is a beautiful building. This will be exciting,” he said.

Board member Rose Bierman said Barb Varney memorial money motivated the library board to get the project started. The Custer County Foundation has donated \$4,500.00 for the new HVAC system.

The Sentinel will be covering more on the renovation as things progress.



Dan Keyser

Keyser To Be Inducted Into National H.S. Coaches Hall of Fame

It was announced last week that Dan Keyser, a 1975 graduate of A.H.S., will be inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) national high school coaches hall of fame in 2020. Keyser, who is a Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) past-president, will be inducted at Hall of Fame ceremonies that will take place in Lincoln on July 22.

Keyser was previously inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 for his work as the coach at Cambridge, where he set a Nebraska 11-man record with 48 consecutive victories and put together a streak of 71 straight regular season wins. He coached the Trojans from 1989-2005, and led them to six undefeated state football championships and two other championship games. He also led Cambridge to a state track championship as a head coach in 2005, and as an assistant coach in 1994. Keyser was named the NCA coach of the year twice during his time at Cambridge, and finished his 26-year coaching career with a record of 198-51.

He is currently the superintendent of Sutherland Schools and a board member of the Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA).

A second NCA past-president, Jeff Bellar, will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the ceremony.



Delaney Rogers

Rogers Advances to State

By Carly Gracey
APS Sophomore

After entering the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, the top students are asked to present their essays at the Arnold Public Schools Veterans Day program. The winners of this year's contest were 8th graders Delanie Rogers (1st) and Bryn Schwarz (2nd). Delaney automatically qualified for the Regional District 11 contest.

After presenting her essay at the District 11 contest in Ord, Delaney once again placed 1st, and will be competing at State.

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Senior Class Blows Past Blood Drive Goal



Courtesy photos

Girls donating blood for the first time at the January 20 drive were: (from left) Kenna Rogers, Hailey Meyers, and Lorraine Wonch.

The senior class at Arnold Public Schools blew past their blood drive goal January 20, when they collected 43 pints of blood at the Arnold Community Center. Their goal was 32 pints.

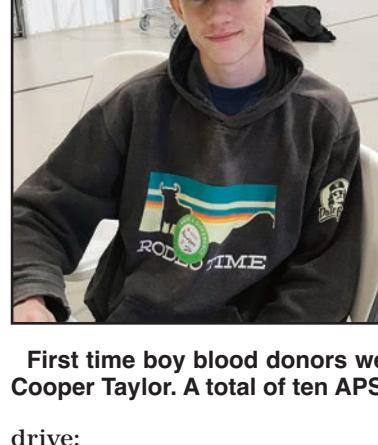
“The last time we collected this much blood in Arnold was April 2006 when we collected 47 pints,” said Amanda Koubek, Account Manager in Donor Recruitment at American Red Cross.

She went on to say that the timing of the near record-breaking blood drive was incredibly important. The

American Red Cross has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types – especially type O – to help replenish the blood supply after the holiday weeks. During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, about 500 fewer blood drives were hosted by volunteer sponsor groups than required to meet patient needs.

Ten APS students gave blood, including first-timers Aaron Edwards, Cooper Atkins, Lorraine Wonch, Kenna Rogers, and Hailey Meyers.

The following adult donors reached milestones at this



First time boy blood donors were (left) Aaron Edwards and (right) Cooper Taylor. A total of ten APS students donated.

drive:
Charles Foran – 15 gallons
Sal Hilderbrandt – 10 gallons
Mo Sanford – 9 gallons
Merle Bierman – 5 gallons
Josh Bernt – 4 gallons



Veteran blood donor Charles Foran (left) hit the milestone of giving 15 gallons of blood.

Clifton Bowers – 1 gallon
Cookies were provided by the Catholic Church and salads by the Baptist Church. Sloppy joes and paper products were provided by Amanda Koubek and Jason Wehnes.

The final scholarship blood drive of the school year will be Monday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the community center.

Businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor the sloppy joes are encouraged to call Amanda at 660-6709.

The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.

~ Corrie Ten Boom