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## Village Board Reorganizes for New Year

Glen Bowers re-elected chairman

The Arnold Village Board of trustees reorganized for the new year at their meeting held on December 9. Glen Bowers was re-elected chairman of the board, and appointed committees. Aaron Olson and Scott McDowell will be on the General (community center, parks and swimming pool) and Streets, Water & Sewer committee. Donnell DeLosh and Tim Turley will serve on the Electric and Solid Waste committee. Other appointments included: Harvey Foran will serve as water commissioner, and Doug DeLaune will be assistant. Chairman Bowers, Superintendent De Laune and Dell Cerny were appointed to the Board of Health. The Arnold Sentinel was designated as the official

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## School Board Reviews Policies

At their meeting held last Tuesday, the Arnold School Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Industrial Arts teacher Clay Mohr. This makes the third teacher to request retirement, with music teacher Chrysanne Bailey and art teacher Julie Mohr submitting their resignations earlier. “We’ll do our best to find the best possible teacher to fill that spot. We’ll start that process fairly soon, and while we do anticipate it will be tough, we are optimistic that we will be able to find a high quality teacher and move forward with that program,” said Interim Superintendent Mark Sievering. In other action items, the Board approved the state’s updated Return to Learn Protocol that defines the guidelines for anytime a student sustains a concussion and returns to the classroom. In non-action items, board members reviewed the Early Completion Policy that deals with a request by a student to graduate early. “Essentially, we don’t have a request yet, but we think we are going to have one, so we wanted all board members to know what our policy says and be prepared. With very few exceptions, lots of people would love to graduate early,” said Mr. Sievering. He went on to say that the pol-

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## Early Deadline Notice

Due to an early printing schedule for the holidays, the deadline for the December 26 issue will be Friday, December 20, at noon. The paper will be sent to press on Monday morning, December 23. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation.

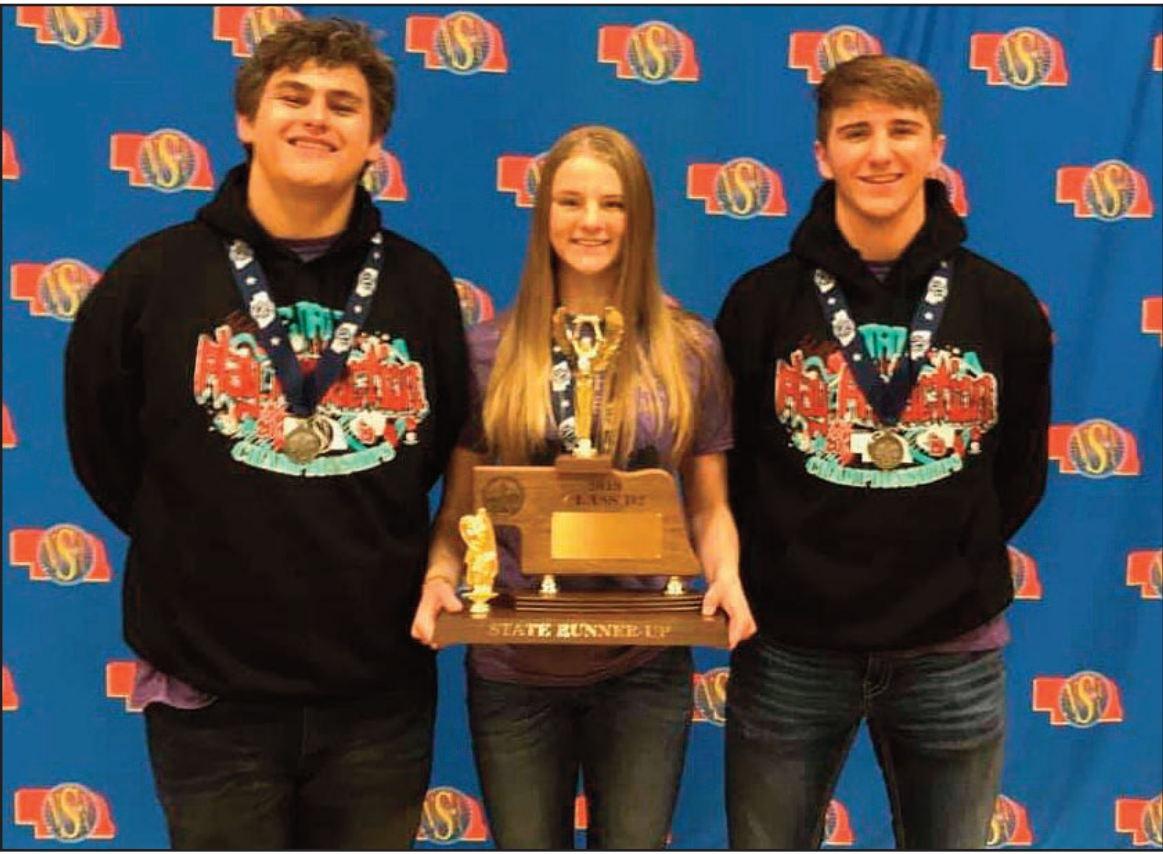
## One Act Team Receives D2 Runner Up at State

By Landyn Cole  
APS Junior

NORFOLK—On Wednesday, December 11, the Arnold One Act team made the trek to Norfolk for the D2 state competition. The nerve-racking, yet incredibly exciting experience was one the young thespians will never forget. The day was tremendously successful for the Arnold team. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* play production not only received 2nd place overall, but also received the Technical Award for their cooperation and organization. Actors Dylan Nelson, Colbi Smith, and Reagan Cool received Outstanding Actor awards.

“State really was an incredible experience. Being able to go and perform in such a great theatre in front of a large crowd was amazing. The awards ceremony was so exciting and being able to stand on stage and hold up a state runner-up trophy will be a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life,” said sophomore Colbi Smith.

The *Hunchback* actors put on an energetic, magical show that the judges couldn’t overlook. The three judges ranked the *Hunchback* play 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* received a total of 173 points, while St. Mary’s play that won gold received 177 points.



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Representing their team, crew and coaches, Outstanding Actor award recipients (from left) Dylan Nelson, Reagan Cool and Colbi Smith proudly hold the runner-up plaque from the State One Act competition held on December 11 at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk.

For some, their One Act journey has just scratched the surface. With two more years to compete, Sophomore actor Reagan Cool said, “I was in awe! Second place at state is amazing and a dream come true.” For others, the state experience was the culmination of their successful acting career. Dylan Nelson, a senior actor at APS, has always been a team leader. Nelson, who was Arnold’s only returning lead actor for this season, served as a mentor to the less experienced thespians.

“Over the past four years I have had the privilege to be a part of an amazing cast and crew. I will never forget the way my coaches and fellow cast members always pushed me to be the best I could be. I may have received the Outstanding Actor award at the state meet, but I would give it to my team because they made this possible,” said Senior Dylan Nelson. No one is more proud of the Arnold team than the coaches, who were there to see every up and down of the journey. “What a play! What a season!

What a team! The 2019 One Act Season is a beautiful example of what hard work and determination can accomplish. This team has been grinding early mornings and late evenings for three long months. Their efforts produced a beautiful, meaningful, and entertaining show that we are so proud of. As I reflect back on the season, however, I am most proud to be a part of a process that celebrates a variety of talents and the value of coming together as

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Photo/Jessica Tickle

## Bring on the Snow!

Grades K-5 present annual Christmas program

Gilbert Reindeer, played by Eli Brast, and Ollie Reindeer, played by Malachi Neth, crack jokes back and forth while Grades 2-5 laugh at the jokes at the December 12 K-5 Christmas program at the school. “The audience was also cracking up at the jokes,” said one observer. The musical comedy titled “Bring on the Snow,” directed by Chrysanne Bailey, featured five songs with multiple skits in between. A full report on the program, written by Kenna Rogers, is inside this issue.