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Students who will be performing in the annual APS elementary play include: (back, l-r) Reagan Cool, Stella Lewis, Madison Smith, Carly Gracey, director Berni Crow, Rio Remund, Shayla Tickle, Isabelle Zuniga, Cache Gracey; (middle row, l-r) Bryn Schwarz, Marianne Zuniga, Grace Bierman, Gracie Neth, Trey Connell, Faith Bierman; (front row, l-r, kneeling or sitting) Silas Cool, Isaac Tickle, Tahnna Nokes, Alivia Robbins, Delaney Rogers, Brendan Streit, and Chester Oberg; (not pictured) Assistant Director Dynette Oberg, Johnathon Lamphear, Devin Peterson, Clay Witthuhn, RayLee Downing, Charli Vickers, Macy Atkins. (Julie Mohr photo)

Annual Elementary Dinner Theater Set for April 7

We've all heard the story of Cinderella a thousand times, but we've never heard about Bob, her long lost twin brother! Living in the same kingdom with different wicked stepfamilies, Cinderella's cruel stepmother and evil stepsisters make her rotate tires and polish bowling trophies while Bob's evil stepfather and cruel stepbrothers force him to make dried herb wreaths and organize their sock drawers. When Lou the UPS Guy arrives with invitations from the Kingdom of Wychwood-under-Ooze, Cinderella and Bob are both thrilled but forbidden to attend the festivities. With the help of the Fairy Godmother, the Godfather (he ain't no fairy!), two enchanted gerbils and a lot of

luck, they find a way!

"Twinderella," produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado, will be presented by Arnold elementary students April 7 in the school's auditorium. Directing the play is Berni Crow, assisted by Dynette Oberg.

The dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and the play begins at 6:30 p.m. For those not able to make it on the 7th, the dress rehearsal will be held on the 5th starting around 2:00 p.m.

The cast includes:

Narrator #1 (runs the show) - Shayla Tickle
Billy (modern-day kid) - Johnathon Lamphear
Sportscaster (at a baseball

game) - Johnathon Lamphear
Prince Percy (of Wychwood-under-Ooze) - Rio Remund
Tommy (another kid) - Rio Remund
Susie/Sally (yet another kid) - Stella Lewis
Cinderella (you know) - Reagan Cool
Stepmother (not so wicked) - RayLee Downing
Esmerelda (Cindy's step sister) - Tahnna Nokes
Ethel (just another step) - Grace Bierman
Narrator #2 (runs a little late) - Delaney Rogers
Stepfather (twin Bob's Stepfather) - Cache Gracey
Bob (Cinderella's lost twin) - Silas Cool
Eggbert (Bob's Stepbrother) - Chester Oberg

Mortimer (just another step) - Trey Connell
Lou (short for Louise - the UPS Gal) - Alivia Robbins
Fairy Godmother (you know it) - Devin Peterson
Godfather (Bob's you know...)



Two momma cows and their calves were united last Thursday morning after a severe spring blizzard separated them after birth.

Spring Blizzard

Known to many as a "calf killer," spring blizzards, accompanied by high winds are an unwelcome site to farmers/ranchers who are in the heart of calving season.

Much of Nebraska saw one of these fast-moving, yet furious storms that moved across Nebraska all day Wednesday, March 23 before snow and wind came to an end around 1:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Before heading east, the storm dumped several inches of snow on the area, winds were seen as high as 60 mph and drifts were several feet high.

During Wednesday afternoon, visibility was zero as ranchers could only hope that babies were not born or were close enough to be found within minutes of birth.

When the winds subsided during the early morning hours, cattle caretakers could start damage control, locating any live newborns or cows that would calve before dawn in sub-zero temperatures. For those not too familiar, some frozen calves can be nursed back to health, but often takes several hours of nurturing care. It made it a long night for

many, but the light at the end of the storm was the calves that were fortunate to be alive and be reunited with their mothers who didn't understand why their calves were whisked away during the storm or in the middle of the night.

Pictured above are two momma cows who calved around 2:00 a.m. and the calves were found and revived at 2:30 a.m. By 10:00 Thursday morning, the momma cows were moved to the corral and reunited with their warm calves. They were lucky, because there were some calves that froze to death or were covered with snow before they were ever located.

- Charli Vickers
Vinnie (godfather's chauffeur)
- Isaac Tickle
Nick (godfather's tailor) - Clay Witthuhn
Shirley (enchanted gerbil) - Gracie Neth
Lola (Shirley's gerbil friend) - Carly Gracey
King Roger (of Wychwood-under-Ooze) - Bryn Schwarz
Queen Betty (of Wychwood-under-Ooze) - Faith Bierman
Princess Petunia (of Wychwood-under-Ooze) - Madison Smith
Earl of Duke (member of the court) - Brendan Streit
Duchess of Earl (member of the court) - Marianne Zuniga
Countess of Duke (member of the court) - Isabelle Zuniga
Old Matilda (has a secret, shh-hhh) - Macy Atkins
Stage Help and Ticket Takers - Arena and Elizabeth Fetty

Junior-Senior Prom is Saturday

The junior classes of Arnold and Callaway High schools will host the 2016 Junior-Senior Prom this Saturday, April 2, at the Callaway Community Center.

Server pictures will start at 5:00 p.m., Junior pictures at 5:30 p.m., Senior pictures at 6:30 p.m., followed by line up. The Grand March will start at 7:15 p.m., leading up to the meal that starts at 7:30 p.m. A dance will follow.

The After Prom Party will be held after the dance at the Callaway Community Center, where the kids will enjoy games and receive prizes.



Mr. Lewis receives his appreciation goodie bag from Anna and Chloe Coleman during last year's Teacher Appreciation Week activities sponsored by the Arnold PTA. (Courtesy photo)

Arnold PTA Gearing Up for Teacher Appreciation Week

What is the Arnold PTA you may ask? The Arnold Parent Teacher Association was started in 2014. The primary goal for PTA is to provide teachers and parents an organized avenue to work together. Look for updates each month that will let you know what is happening and gives you the chance to get involved.

Here are just a few things PTA organizes or helps with: Each teacher is provided a classroom captain(s) to help with the needs within each classroom, hallway bulletin boards, incentive parties, Back to School Bash, Teacher Appreciation Week, new family welcomes and many other behind-the-scenes.

Right now, PTA is focusing on the planning for Teacher Appreciation Week that takes place May 2-6. In previous years, PTA has picked a theme for each day, including decorating, the kids dressing up and nice gifts for the teachers to

match that day's theme. This year there will be one theme for the whole week, but each day the teachers will be receiving something special.

"We encourage you to come to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m., at the school to help us come up with ideas," said Shavonne Schacher, active PTA member.

Some tasks the organization could use help with are: writing thank you letters, coming up with a theme for each day, putting together the teachers' goodie bags, delivering the goodie bags, helping gather donations, decoration committee and many other small tasks.

You can find more information on the school website, www.arnoldpublicschools.org. PTA meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., at the school. Feel free to email ArnoldPTA@hotmail.com or contact Lana Cool, Holly Remund or Jessica Tickle for more information.