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Class of 2018 is ready to face the world

Graduates receive diplomas at Saturday's Commencement

Seven members of the A.H.S. Class of 2018 received their diplomas and started a new chapter in their lives Saturday afternoon in the school auditorium. Wearing caps and gowns in their class colors of lavender, black & silver, and seated under their class motto of “I don't know what my future holds, but I do know who holds my future,” the classmates, their family and friends, were welcomed by Superintendent Dr. Dawn Lewis.

Salutatorian Cade Connell and Valedictorian Shaylee Jones were introduced by Principal Joel Morgan

In his speech, Cade said, “After four years of high school together, the day has finally arrived. For some of us, it has gone by quickly, to others it has taken an eternity. It is a day of joy and celebration for each of us - there is no looking back now! Throughout these last four years, and for some the past 13 years, we have survived

challenges, struggles, success and triumph, and all of these have made us stronger individuals. I believe that the Class of 2018 has discovered our capabilities are far greater than we could have ever anticipated.”

Referring to a class “inside joke,” Cade said, “Now, as we sit here, we are running old memories through our minds and reminiscing (yes, I know it's a ‘big word’). As you travel down the road of life, I wish each of you happiness and the best of luck. A special ‘thanks’ to our parents, teachers and administration at Arnold Public

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- Shaylee Jones
Class of 2018 Valedictorian

“As we sit here before you, we look out into a crowd of all the people who have helped us in our journey to graduation,” she said.

Shaylee, who transferred into A.H.S. during high school said, “Coming over my junior year was a scary thought at the time, leaving my hometown and meeting all new friends. Even though I am a new member of this class, they have taken me in, making me feel as though we have been brothers and sisters since day one. My favorite

Schools for guiding us on this incredible ride.”

Shaylee began her speech by congratulating her classmates.



Graduating senior Landon Furne hugs his mother Heather Furne after presenting her with a flower during A.H.S. Commencement Saturday in the school's auditorium. All the class members presented flowers and gave hugs to the many special people in their lives. (Renee Bubak photo)

thing about this class is that it truly feels like a family. We have shaped each other over the years and always have each other's backs. I want to quickly recognize one of my classmates in particular, as he will be serving our country. It is a great honor to say that our Class of 2018 will be represented by Private Rivers in the U.S. Military.”

Shaylee also left some advice for underclassman, saying, “Respect from family, friends, teachers, coaches and all others is not a given; it is won in action, word and deed. Always remember that. And last but not

least, have integrity in all that you do, finish school, work with determination, compete with passion and sportsmanship and lead others positively with encouragement and understanding.”

In closing, she brought up a point given by Leron Bierman at one of the many suppers held in the last few weeks of school - “Adaptability is a superpower.”

“...I want us to remember where we came from, but never be afraid to change our paths.”

Guidance counselor Ashley Nansel presented the following

scholarships to the graduating seniors:

Avery Atkins: Scott B. Cool Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Julia/Crawford Pool Scholarship - \$150.00; Broken Bow Lodge Student Spotlight Award - \$100.00; SORC Scholarship - \$500.00; School House Graphic Products Scholarship - \$200.00; Callaway Hospital District Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Booster Club Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Nebraska Strong Grant - \$10,000.00; Pre-Health Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Campus Visit Grant - \$1,000.00.

Avery plans to attend the University of Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln and pursue a degree in nursing. She will also be playing volleyball.

Cade Connell: Scott B. Cool Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00; TJ Major's Scholarship - \$500.00; Pinnacle Bank Scholarship - \$500.00; Arnold School Foundation Scholarship - \$1500.00; SORC Scholarship - \$500.00; E. Cole Franklin - \$200.00; Peru State College Athletic Scholarship Full Tuition and Fees plus \$2,000.00 Housing.

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Ribbon Cuttings Set for Friday, May 18

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley and Sen. Matt Williams and representatives of the Department of Nebraska Economic Development will be in Arnold for two ribbon cuttings and to tour two new businesses this Friday, May 18. The first ribbon cutting will be at Sandhills Motors from 1:15 p.m. to 1:40 p.m., and the second will be at Jake's Horses & Harleys Grille from 1:45 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. The public and other business owners are invited to attend the event. The ribbon cuttings are being organized by the AEDC.

School year winds down



Lance Jones and Taylar Doggett show their talent on the trumpet, as the Arnold School Band performs a number at the Grades 6-12 Spring Music Program. The event was one of several on the calendar, including Class Night/Awards Night, as the 2017-2018 school year wound down. The last day of school will be today (May 17), after elementary students receive their awards. (Renee Bubak photo)

Arnold students were recognized for their achievements at the annual Awards Night held on May 7. Teachers presenting the awards were:

Ms. Bailey:

9-12 Band: Landyn Cole.

9-12 Chorus: Kenna Rogers.

Mr. Cole:

6th Grade Keyboarding: Cache Gracey.

7th Grade Keyboarding: Lance Jones, Devin Peterson and Clay Witthuhn.

8th Grade Keyboarding: Reagan Cool and Stella Lewis.

9th PE: Landyn Cole.

Weight Training: Shaylee Jones.

Mr. Jageler:

Accounting: Tate Eggleston.

Computer Lit: Landyn Cole.

Mr. Lewis:

Psychology: Lydia Connell, Tatum Cool.

7th Grade Reading: Silas Cool, Lance Jones, Devin Peterson, Halie Recoy, Clay Witthuhn.

6th Grade Math: Delaney

Rogers, Brendan Streit.

6th Grade Reading: Gracie Neth, Logan Recoy, Delaney Rogers, Madison Smith.

6th Grade World History: Charli Vickers, Madison Smith, Delaney Rogers, Logan Recoy, Gracie Neth.

Most A.R. Ponts: Gracie Neth.

DARE Student of the Year: Trey Connell.

Best Attendance: Brendan Streit, Isaac Tickle.

Chess Champion: Brendan Streit.

Chess Champion Runner-up: Rio Remund.

Grew The Most: Madison Smith - 3 inches.

Mrs. Mohr:

Photography: Tatum Cool.

Studio Art: Shaylee Jones, MattaLynn Stienike.

Graphic Art: Cecilia Wonch, Eli Taylor, Drew Vickers, Cooper Atkins.

Yearbook: Sam Cool.

School House Graphic Products:

School:

Outstanding Achievement & Leadership:

Business Dept.: Shaylee Jones.

Laser Dept.: Avery Atkins.

Design Dept.: Madison Reed.

Print Dept.: Jarret Buchholz.

Mr. Mohr:

Construction Tech I: Grant Jones.

Welding I: Hunter Weinman.

Construction Tech II: Cooper Taylor.

8th Grade SHGP: RayLee Downing, Stella Lewis, Carly Gracey.

Production Fabrication: Blake Schwarz.

Drivers Education: RayLee Downing, Stella Lewis.

Mrs. Moninger:

Dual Credit English: Cade Connell.

English 11: Lydia Connell.

Speech: Landyn Cole, Jadeyn Bubak, Bailey Schwarz.

Accelerated Reader 150 points

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APS plans several summer projects

Arnold School Board members received updates from the superintendent and principal and approved repairs at their meeting held last week.

In non-action items, Superintendent Dr. Dawn Lewis said the school has applied for a \$2,000.00 grant for the proposed Makers Space project. The money would be used for training for alignment of how it is set up. Lewis said the board's decision on the proposed project is being put on hold for a while.

Summer projects include: painting the hallway walls gray and white, applying stucco to where the old air conditioners sat in the elementary portion of the building, laying tile. The ticket booth and the crowd's nest at the football field need some repairs, and a project to enhance the electronic mobile sign outside of the school is in the works.

In action items, board members voted to accept a bid for \$10,500.00 from Aupperle Plumbing & Heating to remove the existing urinals in the boys' bathroom and replace them with four new urinals. Aupperle will also install four new auto flushometers.

The board also accepted a bid from Jimmy Davenport to replace carpet in the 1st, 2nd and 6th grade classrooms. Dr. Lewis said the school has come to the point where it needs to phase in new carpets in the elementary. All are worn, but there are two that desperately need replaced. The third will be a natural time, as the school transitions to a new teacher.

In the last couple of months, the company Trane has made presentations on how they can assist the school in determining how to tackle HVAC issues in the oldest section of the school. Board members voted to enter into an energy financing contract with a qualified Energy Service Company (ESCO) provider. Dr. Lewis will be authorized to select an ESCO provider to implement po-

tential facility improvement measures.

The South Loup Co-op Board gave its recommendation for a \$7,000.00 salary for the Activities Director (AD) for 2018-19, with Arnold paying one-third of the salary. The co-op board also recommended using a formula of one-half Callaway's agreement and one-half Arnold's agreement to pay a cheerleading sponsor salary of \$2,452.43. School board members voted to approve both salaries.

Principal's Report

Mr. Morgan congratulated Leighton Bubak and Lydia Connell on qualifying for the MNAC All Academic Team based on their ACT scores.

He thanked the PTA for their efforts to go above and beyond to recognize the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. He thanked everyone for their flexibility moving prom to Sunday due to the weather and thanked everyone who helped with post prom, saying we are fortunate to have such a great group of people who provide that opportunity for students. In addition, he thanked Jeff Cole, Clay Mohr and Nicole Recoy for their extra work this spring in preparing for the track meets, noting that this takes a lot of extra time and work, even when it is not Arnold's event to run.

He also reported that students packed the edge of the track with millings from the highway, so there isn't as big of a drop-off. The project will also help with weed control.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Lewis spoke on legislative updates, including the 3rd grade retention reading bill, which has been modified. More information will be provided on this bill if it passes.

Dr. Lewis said she plans to visit South Central High School, which implements a CAPS program. She explained that the program provides more real world skills being taught in high schools.

Bobcats are combined District Champs:

Please turn to page 6 & 7 for results and a list of state qualifiers.