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## Keeping services at home

Trish Vickers (left) and BrewBakers Coffee House & Gifts owner Jody Carlson were surrounded by fresh floral arrangements last Thursday, as they prepared for deliveries and pick ups the next day on Valentine's Day. Jody expanded her business to include fresh florals and balloons last October. "I felt like there was a need here because the previous floral shops had closed," she said. "I have a connection with Dee's Floral in Gothenburg, and I know she has a good reputation. We talked and felt it would be a good fit for both of us." Jody invested in a cooler, helium and flowers, and the service has been well received. The cooler is filled each week with fresh flowers for grab and go, but for special arrangements, a couple of days advanced notice is needed. Valentine's Day was the big test. "It went very well," said Jody. This is our first year, so we didn't know what to expect. We appreciated pre-orders; that helped us out tremendously. Close to 120 pre-orders were fulfilled, and by Thursday at closing, the flowers were all sold out. "We appreciated everyone understanding. I'm glad we committed and took that leap because it has gone over well. It's an added service that Arnold can use and appreciate," she said.

## Residents Give Their Input at Community Meeting

By Janet Larreau

The Arnold School Board and Administration Leadership Team asked community members to assist in the process of future planning to identify and address long-term change and improve the school district for the benefit of the students at a meeting held on Monday, February 7, at the school gym. About 40 people turned out to give their input. Marcia Herring from the Nebraska Association of School Boards Leadership Team facilitated the meeting.

"Marcia seemed to think that was a good number of people. She said that she has been in much larger schools that hadn't had that many turn out," said Interim Superintendent Mark Sievering.

Community members divided up to form groups of six or so people. During the process, Herring went through three questions, and everyone answered those at their table. Participants were asked to identify challenges that may impact the district in the next three years, and identified what they believed are the most important improvements the district might do to improve and expand district learning facilities and grounds, choosing from the following:

Educational learning space  
Safety/Security  
Site access and parking  
Capacity to support student

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## Two Wrestlers Qualify for State Meet

South Loup wrestlers Logan Peterson and Carson Mason qualified for the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament at District competition held last weekend. Peterson placed 2nd, and Mason placed 4th. Please turn to page 4 for a full report.

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## Rogers Places 3rd in State V.F.W. Essay Contest



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## Jones and Sallach Recognized by DAR



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Grant Jones (left) of Arnold and Jessie Sallach (right) of Callaway were recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Broken Bow on February 11.

The DAR is a women's service organization which is "dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. DAR has more than 1 million members."

Jones' grandmother, Virginia Jones, is a 60-year member of the Sioux Lookout Chapter of DAR in North Platte.

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Delaney Rogers (pictured above), an 8th grader at Arnold Public Schools, placed 3rd at state in the V.F.W. Patriot's Pen essay contest. She received \$500.00 in cash and a plaque. The event included a banquet and a tour of the State Capitol.

"They treated us like royalty," said her mother, Christie Rogers. "We knew she was in the top three, but they don't tell you what place. We are very proud of her."

"It was an honor to get to go down there. It was a lot of fun and a great experience," said Delaney.

Her parents, T.K. and Christie, have reason to be proud. A total of 3,086 eighth grade students from across the state entered the Patriot Pen's contest.