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With the Class of 2021 waiting their turn, valedictorian Jadeyn Bubak gives her mom Renee an emotional hug during the rose ceremony at A.H.S. graduation held last Saturday afternoon in the school auditorium.

20 Seniors Graduate at 108th A.H.S. Commencement

“The Class of 2021 began as a group of 18 wide-eyed kids with no clue what their future held. Throughout the years, we’ve lost and gained classmates, created lifelong friendships, and made unforgettable memories. We did it all, and we did it all together. Now, sitting here in the presence of our loved ones, we are no longer a group of wide-eyed kids, but rather we are 20 young adults with unknown futures before us.”

Salutatorian Landyn Cole spoke these words during the 108th Annual A.H.S. Commencement held Saturday, May 15, in the school auditorium. Dressed in caps and gowns in the class colors of white and

purple, the students took their places on stage under the motto “Chase your dreams, but always remember where you came from.” Blue and gold cords were worn by some of the graduates, signifying successful completion of 12 or more hours of earned college credit from Mid-Plains Community College. Red cords signified a donation of three or more units of blood for the American Red Cross.

Mr. Joel Morgan gave the welcome, followed by the salutatory and valedictory introductions.

Valedictorian Jadeyn Bubak said she felt blessed to be standing with 19 of her closest friends by her side.

“We have been fortunate to grow up together in small town Arnold. We owe great thanks to the APS staff, our families, and the Arnold community. We wouldn’t be here today without their support, love, and encouragement.”

She spoke about the lessons they learned in school, but when she reflects on those experiences, those aren’t the most important lessons.

“My biggest realization in my 18 years of life is that life is short, and it is precious, so we should never take any moment for granted. This is the only life we get, and it is our choice how we spend it

“...So go out and find what truly makes you happy. And if



Class salutatorian Landyn Cole greets family and friends in the reception line outside of the school on Saturday.

you get lost along the way, remember, that we have families and a community that will always welcome us back with open arms and open hearts. Home will always be home, and now, the world is ours,” she said in closing.

The following scholastic awards were presented to the seniors by Ms. Ashley Nansel:

Cooper Atkins:
SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00.

Jadeyn Bubak:
North Platte Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Corp Agri/Business Scholarship - \$1,000.00.
#LiveLikePat Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Broken Bow Lodge #119 - \$2,500.00.
Albert and Stella Smith Scholarship - \$150.00.

Arnold School Foundation Scholarship - \$1,500.00.
SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00.

David Distinguished Scholarship - \$3,500.00/year.
CASNR Scholarship - \$500.00.

Jones Scholarship - \$400.00.
Landyn Cole:
Dr. and Mrs. Larry Stuckey TeamMates Scholarship - \$1,000.00.

George and Bernice Halstead Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00.

Broken Bow Elks Lodge Student Spotlight Award - \$80.00.
Joe D. Giles Scholarship - \$750.00.

Arnold Teammates Scholarship - \$500.00.
SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00.

Kids of NSBEA Scholarship - \$500.00.
Husker Traditions Scholarship - \$2,000.00/year.

Jesse Connell:

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Business Ribbon Cutting, Rededication of City Park Planned for May 21

A ribbon cutting for Smooth Aesthetics Spa relocation and expansion will be held on May 21 at 11:30 a.m. The ribbon cutting is open to the public.

In the afternoon, a rededication ceremony for the Arnold City Park will take place. The new sign was hung at the beginning of the week. The R.E. Allen family will be arriving on Thursday, the 20th, and the ceremony will take place on May 21st at the city park at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Village Board Seeking New Member

The Village Board of Trustees considered several agenda items at their meeting held on May 11, including the resignation of board member Scott McDowell, who will be moving out of the city limits. Board members accepted the resignation and are currently seeking a resident to take his place. Advertising for the position began this week.

Upon the recommendation the Arnold Economic Development Corporation, Village Board members considered and approved a \$2,000.00 grant to accompany an AEDC Loan for the business Norma Walker Mowing.

Enforcing Section 6-304 of the Arnold Municipal Code regarding weeds, litter, and stagnant water was considered. After discussion, members voted to send a letter to Travis and Heidi Hunt regarding their property.

Board members voted to go with installation of Taraflex Sport Flooring for the community center. This flooring will replace the current Pulsatic floor. Consideration of the proposal from Midwest Floor Covering will be on the agenda for June 14.

After discussion, it was decided not to put a crosswalk and flashing beacon at Highway 92 and Broadway Street. Information will be gathered on flashing speed limit signs and then considered.

At last month’s meeting, a resident requested that the Village consider installing children at play signs. Board members decided that if residents want these signs put up, it will need to be at their own expense.

An update was given on items that the Village sold on Big Iron Online Auctions. The following items were sold: Salt Dogg Salt Spreader - \$934.00; Oliver 88 Tractor - \$1,655.00; Wheel Load Bucket - \$460.00; Truck Dozer Blade - \$235.00; Sweepster Power Brush - \$490.00; Skid Steer Snow Dozer Attachment - \$963.00; Military Dozer Snow Blade - \$210.00.

Superintendent Doug De Laune reported that a Community Fishing Event will be held at the Arnold Recreation Area. The event is sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks and will be held on June 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Several South Loup Athletes State Bound

A large group of South Loup track team members will be bound for the state meet this weekend after qualifying at districts last week. This year’s meet at Omaha Burke Stadium will be held over four days (Wed. through Sat.) instead of the traditional Friday-Saturday dates for 2021 only due to COVID-19. Classes B and C will compete on May 21-22.

There are expected to be no restrictions on attendance, although masks are likely to be required.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

(From left) Kindergartners Madelynn Tucker, Paisley Brown, and Zoelle Tickle go as fast as they can without breaking their egg in a spoon at the Arnold Elementary Field Day held last Friday. NHS and JHS members organized the day and principal Mr. Chanc McIntosh provided entertainment by announcing during the traditional running events. The kids ended the school year on Wednesday of this week at awards day and are now free to enjoy some summer fun.