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Three-Peat Champions

Arnold’s One-Act Team brings home State D-2 trophy



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On stage, at the Johnny Carson Theater, at Norfolk, the Arnold’s One-Act Team claims their victory in the Class D-2 Championship competition on December 7.

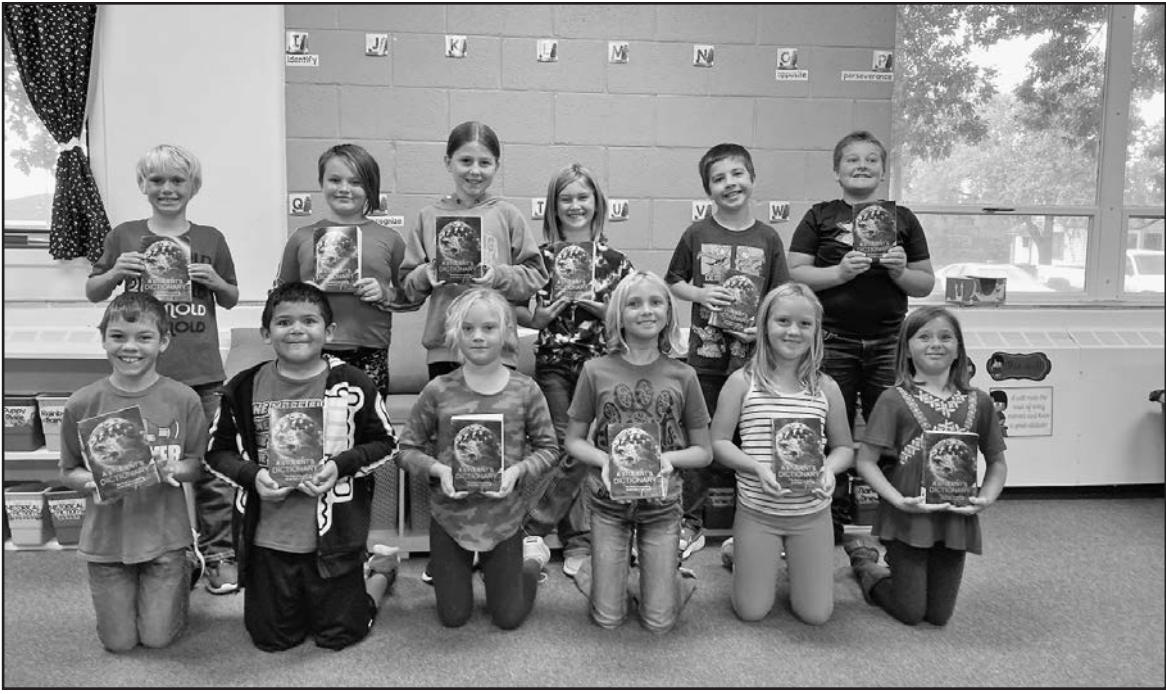
By Janet Larreau

Arnold’s one-act play “Rosie the Riveter” received all first place votes from the panel of three state judges at the State D-2 District competition held December 7 at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk. Bringing home the State Championship trophy for the third year in a row wasn’t something the coaches expected when working with the rookie team, but throughout the season they listened and followed direction. “I am so proud of this team. Their work ethic is unmatched. They are young and inexperienced. Putting together a complex piece like “Rosie the Riveter” took an immense amount of time, focus, and effort. They are amazing,” said Head Coach Lana Cool. “Every single person on our cast and crew exhibited an impressive commitment to show and to each other. Hours were spent

perfecting our main characters. Gracie Neth had the task of representing the team as the headline character and she worked incredibly hard.” Outstanding Class D-2 State Play Production Performance Awards went to: Gracie Neth, Logan Recoy, Silas Cool, Rio Remund, Ella Cool, Eli Rogers, and Ivy Tullis. Nebraska’s Class D-2 Most Outstanding Female Performer went to Ella Cool. The judges gave the following accolades to the play, set in the 1940s: “Great Job! Best overall! Beautiful beginning to end!”; “What a cast, not one weak character on stage.”; “Ladies and Gents, this was wonderful!”; “I loved every aspect of this show! What a privilege to see you perform!”; “Such a poignant show! Today is Pearl Harbor Day! WOW!” “My amazing co-coaches Leta Connell and Holly Hornung are incredibly talented and dedicated to the Play Production

Program and a huge part of Arnold’s one-act successes. It is truly a team effort,” said Lana. “Our coaches are absolutely fantastic! They worked with everyone to make them the best actors possible, from the leads to the ensemble characters. Lana, Leta, and Holly all encouraged us, built our confidence, and gave us advice. The difference between a good show and a great show is the coach, and Lana really made us a great show. She never stopped working and made sure that we were the best we could be!” said Gracie Neth, who played the lead character, Rosie the Riveter. Potter Dix received runner-up honors for the second year in a row. Chambers placed third. Out of 45 one-act teams in the D-2 District, only six qualify to compete at the state championships. Arnold Play Production successes: 2019: State Runner Up; “Hunchback of Notre Dame” 2020: State Champion: “Elephant’s Graveyard” 2021: State Champion: “The Diviners” 2022: State Champion: “Rosie the Riveter”

One-Act: Technical Matters Judges award 25 points for Technical when a play is performed, and Arnold has some talented individuals who step into help. The beautiful 40s themed set for “Rosie the Riveter” was the result of a collaboration of creative minds and skilled builders and artists. The starting point each year is determining what set pieces can be adapted, reworked, or repainted from previous shows. This year, a combination of past set pieces, basic black platforms, tall scenic backdrops, benches, and boxes were used to transform the set into a factory. A meeting is held early in the process to get the wheels turning. For this play, the set didn’t



Courtesy Photo

Arnold third graders (front, l-r,) Brock Samuelson, Carlos Melendez, Emery Schacher, Aubrey Corbin, Klara Baldwin, Cora Leetch; (back, l-r) Weston McMichael, Emmah Clouse, Scout Evans, Kate Kulp, Parker Neth and Bo Dailey hold print dictionaries donated to the classroom by the Custer County Grange.

Words For Thirds Program Donates Print Dictionaries to Arnold Students

The benefits of thumbing through a print dictionary are often overlooked in an age when kids can punch a word into their computer or smartphone and have it spit back a definition. Print dictionaries are still a staple in classrooms and libraries around the country, and there’s good reason. The mere act of flipping through its pages and discovering word after word (without waiting for a webpage to load) opens up a whole new world that can play a big hand in kids’ school success. With print dictionaries, students learn alpha-

betical order and how to locate a word. Arnold third graders now have their very own print dictionary, thanks to the Custer County Grange – a local chapter of the State and National organization, consisting of people that come together to do community service projects. The Grange believes that education is important, so one way they like to help is by participating in the national program “Words For Thirds” which, applied on the local level, results in the Custer County Grange purchasing and giving a spe-

cially-designed student dictionary to each third grader in Custer County. They have been carrying out this activity for many years now. “My students were so excited to receive their brand-new dictionaries. They couldn’t wait to see what was inside. These dictionaries will stay at school and the students will be able to use them during different vocabulary activities and writing class. Eventually, they will take their dictionaries home for future use,” said Jamie Neth.



Ella Cool was awarded Most Outstanding Female Performer for her acting at the D-2 State Competition. Also pictured is Rio Remund.

APS Hosts Food Drive for Local Pantry

By Talli Martin Sentinel Intern Times are tough right now with everything that is going on in our world and the little efforts can make all the difference. Arnold Public Schools has decided to help out the community and host a food drive for the local food pantry. This year the pantry has had a shortage and is seeking generosity from the public. But this food drive isn’t like most and has quite the incentive for students. If Arnold students reach their

grand goal of 520 items, which averages out to each kid bringing approximately three items, then school will get out a day early for winter break. The food drive will run from now til the 16th of December, still giving you time to donate. If you do chose to donate, items at the top of the list would be laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, soups, and canned fruits and vegetables. But truly anything helps! Items can be dropped off at the school office.