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## Battle of The Bands

(Right) Band made a big comeback during the K-12 Arnold Public Schools spring concert, as sixth graders came out on top over Grades 7-12 in the Battle of the Bands. Under the direction of new music instructor Tonya Welch, not only did those bands perform, but a new fifth grade band was unveiled during the concert.

The program also starred the K-4 musical crew, 5th and 6th grade foundational music, and 7-12 grade choir.

The preschool musical crew, directed by Emma Stelling, opened up the show. A cast of K-4 students then performed “Summertime, Please Come Soon!” in costume, with special guests Eli Rogers and Luke Tullis, who hammed it up, singing “Mr. Sun” and “Farmer Tan.”

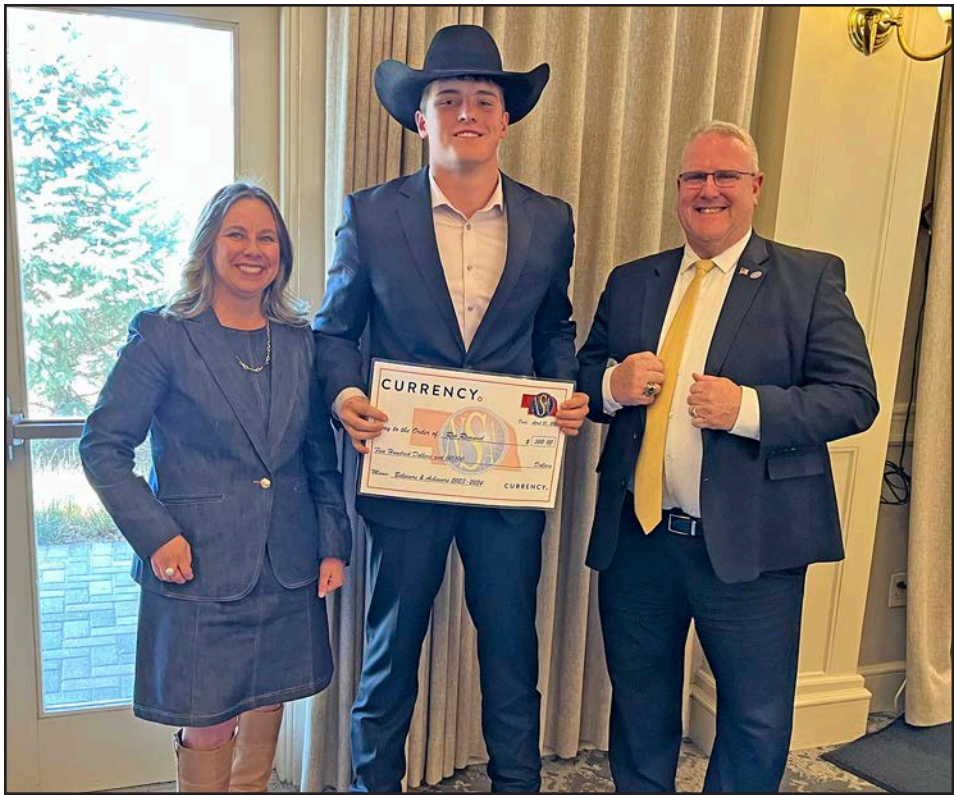
Solos and small ensembles took the stage, and the 7-12 band performed “Phantasm” - a difficult piece considering the music instructor only came in to teach in January.

Mrs. Welch thanked all administrators and teachers for their flexibility in allowing students to practice and build their musical skills.



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## Remund Recognized As One of Top Future Leaders



Arnold senior Rio Remund (center, pictured with Nebraska Schools Activity Association Executive Director Jennifer Schwartz and Sandhills Global Outreach Coordinator Jim Hansen) was one of only eight students from across the state receiving a Currency Believers & Achievers scholarship at an end-of-the-year banquet held April 21 in Lincoln. - Photo courtesy of NSAA

April 21 was a big day for Arnold senior Rio Remund and his family, as he was one of only eight students from across Nebraska selected to receive a \$500.00 Currency Believers & Achievers scholarship to the college or university of his choice. Rio and his family traveled to Lincoln to join other senior boys and girls at a banquet, where he was recognized and received his award.

Six-hundred-seventeen Nebraska high school seniors were nominated for the award by their school, and out of those nominees, 48 were chosen as finalists. Remund made the cut to the final eight in the state-wide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

Seniors who were nominated had to meet several requirements, and were judged on scholastic achievement, NSAA

activity participation, school involvement, community involvement, and citizenship. All nominees had to be well-rounded, but those final eight stood out from the rest.

Remund, who holds a 3.71 GPA and was named to the All Academic 2nd Team with a 27-29 ACT score his junior year, has received many other scholastic academic honors and awards.

His NSAA activity sanctioned activities include participating in football, wrestling, basketball, and track, speech, and play production. In all of those activities, he has been a stand-out, and by his senior year, has become experienced in participating in state competitions with his peers. His community involvement came easily by being active in National Honor Society. He has also been involved in helping with the Sandhills Open Road

Challenge, Rotary, and the Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally. His biggest lead project was renovating the school's weight room.

Remund is a good example of how stepping out of your comfort zone can help you grow as a person.

"Being in everything just kind of happened. I just enjoy all of the sports, and I grew to enjoy One-Act and speech," he said.

Both of Remund's parents, Holly and the late Scott Remund, helped him every step of the way, from school activities to participating in 4-H.

"Mom encouraged me in all of them. Dad helped me in any way he could, from getting me there to feeding me in between. They both set a good example of how to treat people and how to be involved in the community. Just how to be a good human being," he said.

## Seniors Are Making Change

**By Gracie Neth, Sentinel Intern**

ARNOLD: Change for Arnold Public Schools, Arnold, and Nebraska is being cooked up in Mr. Wehnes's classroom. In the Senior Government class, students have been assigned a project to make a change that they think is important; these changes range from the school level to the state level.

Two of the projects have already been completed. Rio Remund made it his mission to make Arnold's weight room better. After

months of writing grants and putting in the elbow grease, Rio has made Arnold High School a better place.

Delaney Rogers wanted to help after the Halsey 4-H camp burned down. Delaney did fundraising for the camp, selling t-shirts and hoodies saying, "Leaders aren't born, they're grown." She even testified in front of our state government to help push forward the effort to rebuild the camp. While they didn't rebuild the camp, the state gave money to build a new con-

ference hall across from where the old camp used to be.

Four students chose to approach this from the school level.

Bryn Schwarz wanted the school to teach more life skills after listening to some of the speakers from the community in Mrs. Nansel's class. From cooking and cleaning to finances and car maintenance, Bryn thought it was important to prepare seniors with important skills needed to live and thrive in today's society.

Trey Connell decided to change the dress code. Instead of restricting shorts from October to April, Trey wanted there to be more flexibility because of crazy Nebraska weather.

Gracie Neth is working on changing how the GPA is being weighted for dual credit classes. Currently, dual credit classes have the same weight in the GPA as normal high school classes, and Neth wants them to be weighted heavier.

Tahnna Nokes wants to improve mental health in the classroom. Her overall goal is to have a licensed mental health professional come more than once a week.



(From left) Logan Recoy, Pedro Flores, and Rio Remund work together on some research.

Six students chose to work on the local level to make positive changes for Arnold.

Charli Vickers is starting a donation bank called More for Moms. In More for Moms, Charli would help mothers in need get access to free diapers, formula, wipes, and other necessities.

Grace Bierman wants to help clean up the yards around town. In order to solve this problem, she will talk to board members, become more informed on the guidelines, and try to add it to community clean-up day.

Samantha Wonch is trying to add a walking trail to Arnold. She has worked to find an ideal location for the trail, as well as working with members of the community to figure out how to make it a reality.

Harmony Borah wants to add more recycling bins around town. She is very passionate about the environment.

Pedro Flores is working on addressing the housing shortage with a tiny homes project. He thinks that tiny homes should be built at the school to provide more housing around

Arnold, while teaching students about plumbing, electrical work, and construction.

Cache Gracey is working on updating the golf course bridges. Cache is putting together a golf camp to raise money for the golf course. He is also working on getting grants from local businesses.

Two students chose to make a change on the state level, trying to make Nebraska a better place.

Brendan Streit is working on changing the min-



Charli Vickers works on her "More for Moms" presentation. - Gracie Neth Photos