

Happy Easter - He Is Risen!

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## A Hoppin' Good Time

Kids seek out gold and silver eggs at annual Hunt

A great crowd of not only local kids and their parents and grandparents, but visitors as well, were greeted with blue skies and warm temperatures on Saturday morning, as they entered the city park for Chamber's annual Easter Egg Hunt. National Honor Society and Jr. Honor Society students had the eggs filled and hidden, and organizer Macy Koubek had the prizes ready to go, while Chamber's new inflatable Easter Bunny hopped about to meet the kids. The children were grouped up according to age and at the word "Go!" were set free to seek out the eggs.

Gold prizes were donated by the following businesses: First State Insurance - shaker eggs (and for all ages, bubble pop fidget toys); Rialto Theatre - theater bucks; Nails for Starz - Connect 4; Mills Hardware - Uno. Silver egg winners received an extra large Hershey bar donated by Blissful Bites. All of the kids received gift bags provided by Chamber. Gold and silver egg winners are pictured on page 8.



(Above) Five to seven-year-olds excitedly hunt Easter eggs in the city park's playground area on Saturday morning. (Inset) A bashful little girl gets some encouragement to meet Chamber's new inflatable Easter bunny. - Debbie Connelly photos

## Excuses, excuses

Elementary students act out the six reasons to stay home at annual spring program



Upper elementary students narrated, acted, and sang on stage in the spring program play, "The Sick List: Six Reasons to Stay Home." - Jessica Tickle photo

Last Thursday's elementary spring program was pretty entertaining, as music instructor Tonya Welch wrote one play and adapted another for the students. For the K-2 kids, she wrote a play based on Pete the Cat: "Rockin' In My School Shoes" and "I love My White Shoes," calling it "Pete the Cat and the Shoe Shenanigans." Brynlee Samuelson played Pete and designed his special shoes.

There were actors, narrators, and singers throughout.

For grades 3-5, Ms. Welch adapted the one-act comedy, "10 Reasons You Should Have Stayed at Home." Written specifically for students of APS, "The Sick List: Six Reasons to Stay Home" followed the funny journey of upper elementary kids, who showed all of the reasons a student might pretend to be sick and stay home.

During the play, the kids sang parodies of three classic rock anthems by the Beastie Boys, Queen, and Foreigner.

Preschoolers presented "Bugs & Giggles," singing "The Baby Bumblebee," "The Caterpillar Crawled," "The Very Hungry Caterpillar Song," and "The Love Bug."

Other performances were by the 5th grade band and the new Cardinal Chorale group.

## Witthuhn to Represent Arnold at Boys' State

ARNOLD - The American Legion Post 130 is pleased to announce that Crew Witthuhn of Arnold was generously sponsored by American Legion Post 130 and will join nearly 340 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State Program, June 1-7, 2025, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. A junior at A.H.S., Witthuhn is the son of Ken and Michelene Witthuhn. During high

school, he has participated in football, basketball and golf. He serves as class president, president of National Honor Society, and is QuizBowl team captain.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate. It is set up as a "51st state," and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually do-



ing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in

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## Historical Museum

100 for \$1,000

Update: \$33,000 To Go

By the Arnold Area Historical Society

At the March 2022 Community Vision Meeting, residents identified the preservation of the area's history through the creation of a museum as a key area of focus. This led to the establishment of the Arnold Area Historical Society. Our goal is to dig deep to preserve our roots...to investigate, illustrate, and honor our town and surrounding area's rich history, and bring to life the stories that accompany the people and events through time by creating a museum.

We have completed Phase 1, which involved identifying and purchasing a building for the museum (most recently known as "Archie's Café").

Currently, we are in Phase 2, focusing on renovating the building and gathering historical artifacts and stories/photos. Our "100 for \$1,000" campaign (100 donations of \$1,000 each) will help us achieve our current fundraising goal of \$100,000. This amount will be crucial in completing this exciting stage of renovation and preserving a key landmark in downtown Arnold. As of April 10, we

have reached \$67,000 of our \$100,000 goal.

Join the effort to establish a historical museum and honor our community's rich past with a donation to the "100 for \$1,000" campaign:

By mail: Arnold Area Historical Museum, PO Box 241, Arnold, NE 69120  
Online: [www.nebcomfound.org/give/arnold-community-fund/](http://www.nebcomfound.org/give/arnold-community-fund/)

In person: Contact a board member

We are grateful for the community's support and look forward to reaching our goal to help protect and celebrate our local heritage.



Lane Chesley hands down a heavy window to Rick Peterson last week, in preparation for brick to be repaired around all window openings at the future site of the Arnold Area Historical Museum (AAHM). Once the openings are repaired, they will be boarded back up as renovation on the old Archie's Café building continues. Both Peterson and Chesley are AAHM board members. - Becky Dailey photo