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Titan League Honors

By Luke Greenwood

The A&A Titans season ended in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. The Titans finished the regular season 7-2 after a heart breaking last second loss in the district championship to South Central 48 - 42. This loss meant the Titans were district runners-up and thus sent them on the road for the first round of the playoffs. They traveled to Claflin, KS to take on the undefeated Central Plains Oilers. The Titans got off to a great start and were ahead 12 - 8 after the first quarter. A&A would get one more score in the second quarter to regain the lead 20 - 16 before things started to go downhill. The Titans were plagued with penalties and turnovers all night and the Oilers took advantage of the miscues. The Titans ended up falling 20 - 60 to finish 7 - 3.

Five Titans received All-District Honors. They were seniors Brady Ricke and Seth Hemberger, junior Trevor Pierce, and sophomores Masen McDaniel and Ezra Goodman. The Argonia players awarded were: Seth Hemberger - All-District First Team Runningback, Linebacker, and Returner and Trevor Pierce - All-District First Team Quarterback and Punter, and Second Team Linebacker.

I would like to congratulate these recipients as well as the rest of the team for another successful season. These awards may be awarded to the individuals but they are reflections on the team and all of their hard work. I would like to thank our graduating seniors for their four years of hard work and leadership, and I would like to wish them the best of luck in the future.



Seth Hemberger and
Trevor Pierce

Lady Raiders Receive Post-Season Honors

By Hannah Hemberger



L to R: Jesse Tracy, Cora Vineyard,
and Jordan Thompson

The Lady Raiders receiving SCBL All-League honors were: Sophomore, Cora Vineyard – 1st team, Senior, Jesse Tracy – 2nd team, and Senior, Jordan Thompson – Honorable Mention. Cora also received All-State Honorable Mention. I am extremely proud to have the representation we did throughout the post-season awards this year. Hard-work does pay off! Cora played MH (middle hitter) this season averaging 9 kills and 2 blocks per set. Not only was she dominating on the net, she played back row and was consistent in serve receive and defense for the team. Jesse played OH (outside hitter) all around for the Lady Raiders and averaged 3 kills per set and led the team in serving aces. She was a captain for the team and showed great leadership on the court and in the weight room this season. Jordan was also a captain this season and showed such positivity throughout the season that spread like wild-fire through the girls on the court. She played OH all around and helped the

team out on defense and serve receive as well as #2 leader in aces for the team. Awesome job girls, way to represent your team, school, and community!

PTO NEWS

ARGONIA PTO IS HOSTING A SECRET SANTA SHOP FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO SHOP FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.



THE SANTA SHOP WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

ALL ITEMS ARE \$1.00. PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILDREN MAKE A SHOPPING LIST AND SEND MONEY WITH THEM THAT DAY SO THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR SHOPPING.

Parents as Teachers Playgroups

**Fridays at 10:00 AM
in the Preschool Room**

**December 2nd
January 6th and 20th
February 3rd and 17th
March 3rd and 17th**



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Playgroups are open to children age birth to 3 and their parents.

Elementary Parents: The weather is turning colder and we want to be sure that students are coming to school dressed for outdoor recess. Please send coats, hats, and gloves to school with your child each day as they will be going out to recess every day that the temperature and wind chill are above freezing. Thank you for your help!



JH Math Contest

By Joan Hemberger

Twenty-three Argonia junior high mathletes traveled to West Elk High School on October 25 to participate in their annual math relays. This was a first appearance for most of the 6th grade students and they were not sure what to expect when the testing began. But when the test results were being announced at the end of the evening, all doubt was forgotten as our students came home with the second place plaque!

The results for the students are as follows:

First place: Wesley Weishaar, Word Problems 6; Noah Phillips, Word Problems 8

Second place: Aidan Kollmeyer, Integers 6; Ryder Ragan, Decimals 6

Third place: Brooke Love, Geometry 6; Abigail Harbin, Multiplication 6

Fourth place: Aidan Kollmeyer, Percents 6; Abigail Harbin, Fractions 6; Seth Drouhard, Word Problems 7; Shelby Handlin, Polynomials 8 and Word Problems 8; Karrlea Hessman, Probability & Statistics; Judd Griffith, Ratio & Proportions Fifth place: Jed Phillips, Word Problems 6; Wesley Weishaar, Multiplication 6; Aubreigh Haxton, Equations 8

One of the highlights of the evening was all four of our math teams received second place! Argonia received second place in the team division with 32 points. The following are the teams and the team members:

6th grade team: Wesley Weishaar, Ryder Ragan, Brenna Booker

7th grade team: Chelsea Coleman, Luke Schulte

8th grade team: Judd Griffith, Alexis Vineyard, Karrlea Hessman

Algebra 1 team: Noah Phillips, Shelby Handlin, Aubreigh Haxton

The 6th grade members also received honors by having enough points to get second place in the 6th grade division. Other participants were Katelyn Grube, Tori Sandoval, Alyssa Martin, Allie McCurley, Jadyn Gallardo, Emma Huntley, and Riley Fisher. Many of these students actually tied for a higher rating but had to settle for the lower place because of time issues. Congratulations to all of you!

KAY Club News

Coat Drive

KAY Citizenship Week will be Dec. 4 – 10 this year and our local KAY Club will be doing something every day to participate in the week. One of the projects they will be doing is a coat drive for those who cannot afford warm clothing for the winter. There will be boxes set up at both entrances to the Junior High basketball game on December 15th and the High School basketball game on December 16th. We will be accepting used and in good shape coats, jackets, gloves, mittens, stocking hats, and scarves of all sizes. Thank you for helping the KAY members help keep some families warm this winter.

AHS Argonia Food Drive

The KAY Club is sponsoring a food drive for our local food bank the week of December 12 – 16. All junior high and high school students will be bringing in items every morning that week. For every item brought in, the student will receive a ticket to deposit it in one of the containers for different prizes! Help support our local food bank with your generous food donations.

Elementary School Ronald McDonald Food Drive December 12 – 16

The Argonia KAY Club is sponsoring a food drive for the Wichita Ronald McDonald House. All of your donations will assist families with sick and injured children who stay at the Ronald McDonald House or the Ronald McDonald Family Room.

Each year the Ronald McDonald Charity helps over 1,700 sick children and their families. They rely on donations to help make their lives a little bit easier. Thank you for caring and sharing!

We are asking each grade level to bring different items that are on the Wish List so that the Ronald McDonald House is not overwhelmed with too many of one item. Students may bring items to school though the week of December 12 – 16 and turn them in to the KAY members who will be at the school every morning. For every item turned in the student will receive a ticket to put their name on and deposit it in one of the containers for different prizes!

Pre-Kindergarten: Snack-size sandwich bags (zippered)

Kindergarten: Paper towels

First grade: Fruit, Jello, & Pudding cups

Second grade: Aluminum foil

Third grade: Travel size deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush

Fourth grade: Brownie/cake mixes

Fifth grade: Taco and sloppy joe mix

*Other items on the wish list if you want to assist are: trash bags – 4 gallon & 13 gallon, dishwasher detergent, plastic food storage containers, canned chicken, ham, and tuna, children's DVD's, Clorox bleach, individual snacks, crackers, and chips.



ARGONIA ANGEL TREE

Please pick an angel from the Angel Tree in the Argonia City Building or Farmers and Merchants State Bank. All gifts are due back by Wednesday, December 14th.

AHS SCHOLARS BOWL UNDERWAY

By Monte Haxton

The AHS Scholars Bowl team competed very well in all 3 meets during the month of November. Thus far, 14 different students have participated and they have shown continued improvement each week. Participants include: Seniors Jaylynn Baker, Marie Barth, and Kaycee Brower; Juniors Gio Hernandez, Cassidy Boese, and Catie Hammond; Sophomores Amelia Kollmeyer, Brant Cotta, Zach Haxton, and Amber Webster; Freshmen Creek Love, Griffin Brown, Isaiah Lacey, and Taylor Schulte.

The first meet was held at Caldwell HS. Varsity participants were Amelia, Cassidy, Jaylynn, Kaycee, and Marie. The varsity team finished with 2 wins and 7 losses. The top scorers were Kaycee and Marie. The junior varsity team consisted of Amber, Creek, Griffin, Isaiah, and Taylor. They finished with 5 wins and 4 losses. The top JV scorers were Creek and Isaiah.

The following week, the team traveled to Central Burden and competed in pool play. Varsity competitors were Brant, Catie, Kaycee, Marie and Zach. The team finished with 1 win and 3 losses, but were only outscored by 35 total points in the 4 matches. Top scorers were Zach and Brant. The JV team included Amber, Creek, Gio, Griffin, and Taylor. The JV team won 2 and lost 1 in pool play, advancing to the semifinals. In the semis, they lost by 1 question. They then played for 3rd/4th and lost to Sedan, taking 4th place.

The third meet of the season was held at Sedan. It was a round robin event. The varsity team consisted of Amelia, Brant, Catie, and Marie. They won 3 and lost 5. Top scorers were Brant and Catie. The JV team included Creek, Gio, and Griffin. The trio won 1 and lost 6. Top scorers were Creek and Griffin.

Two more meets are scheduled before the Christmas Break. On Monday, December 5th, the team travels to Udall. Argonia High School will host a meet on Monday, December 12th.

Be Active As A Family By Terry Lawrence

We all know that a healthy lifestyle is so important for all of us and especially children. The real question is how can we make some simple changes and fit it into our already busy schedules. The key is finding activities that are fun. When we have fun, time passes easily and we learn to love being active. Putting a little focus on nutrition and healthy living is very doable. Working together as a family can be a wonderful bonding experience and form some great memories that you and your family will remember. Being together as a family builds family unity, creates wonderful memories, and is a great way to relieve stress and instill family values.

Here are some tips for Creating Nutritional Healthy Activities:

*make a shopping list of all the foods you need and have your kids help

*talk about your family's health goals

*set aside time everyday for daily activity. Make it a part of your family's routine

*find activities that you can do together

*introduce kids to games that teach them about being healthy

*go to a local farmers market to teach kids about where their healthy food comes from

*get your tennis shoes and enjoy great outdoor activities: walking, hiking, frisbee, soccer, etc.

*visit a park - get connected to nature - with this beautiful weather we're having it's a great time for this

*turn off the TV and play some family games

*find a way to get sweaty together - get off of the couch and move

*plan to do family activities once a week

*keep a physical activity chart on your refrigerator to encourage everyone to be active every day

There is no better time than today, so enjoy being healthy and happy with your family!

