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### Newsletter

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## 2017 Spartan Invitational CHAMPS!

*By: Hannah Hemberger*



The Argonia Lady Raiders traveled to Dexter, KS on Saturday, September 16 for the Spartan Invitational. The ladies faced Ark City Christian (25-17, 25-18), Central Burden (25-21, 25-12), and Cedar-Vale Dexter (25-17, 25-14) in pool play. They dominated pool play and swept all 3 matches in 2 sets! In the Ark City Christian match, Leah Fitch

had 13 digs, Cora Vineyard added 5 digs and also had 3 kills, while Baylee Booker had 6 assists. For the Central Burden match, Cora Vineyard had a spiketacular game with 8 kills and 6 digs, Leah Fitch had an amazing 14 digs, and Baylee Booker had 13 assists with 5 digs as well. Aubreigh Haxton added 2 kills during this game and 6 digs.

The girls took 1st seed in Pool A so they played the 2nd seed in Pool B, which was Wichita Homeschool - whom the girls had defeated previously in the season. They got down to business again, striving to get to that championship game! They defeated Wichita Homeschool in 2 sets, 25-17 and 25-13. Aubreigh Haxton, Cora Vineyard, and Karrlea Hessman each had a solo block, and for digs Leah had 13, Cora had 10, Baylee had 9, and Alexis and Karrlea each had 5. Flinthills won the match on the other court and that's who the Lady Raiders faced for the championship match. This was the same set up as the tournament last year, where the ladies ended up bringing home 2nd place. They came out with a vengeance against Flinthills and totally controlled the tempo of the game, defeating the Mustangs 25-8. It was like we shocked them with what we could do! During the second game, we had a mild mental breakdown and were down 17-14. I called a timeout to try and get the girls back centered and focused and they went back out and did both of those - only allowing Flinthills to score 3 more points, beating them 25-20.

My assistant coach, Jenny, and I were talking about how we never felt like we were going to lose that match, the girls had fire in them that just was fueled by heart and drive and they pulled it out. Karrlea Hessman went up for a big swing on the outside at game point and it went straight to the floor to win! This was just so amazing because we always talk to the girls about being aggressive on game point and taking the point for ourselves, not just waiting for the opponent to mess up. This was Coach Jen and I's first 1st place as coaches and we were just ecstatic! Hard work certainly does pay off and we had a big payday on Saturday! I heard comments throughout the day that Argonia was the team to watch out for - and that was so good to hear! They definitely brought their A game! *Congratulations to the Lady Raiders and THANK YOU to our amazing fans that stuck with us all day supporting and cheering us on! #thisishowwedo*

# 'URANIUM' FOR THE WIN



*By: High School  
Journalism Class*

Another Spelling Bee has been hosted at Argonia High School, this year by Mrs. Paxson, Mrs. Pipkin, and Mr. Miller. There were 17 students who participated in the 2017 Spelling Bee. Those students were 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Chelsea Coleman, Seth Drouhard, Jadyn Gallardo, Alyssa Martin, and Luke Schulte; 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Abigail Harbin, Aidan Kollmeyer, Brooke Love, Jed Phillips, and Wesley Weishaar; 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Judith Davila, Destiny Davis, Maya Jones, Brenten Kelley, Heidi McCurley, Dalton Morrison, and Taylor Viohl.

The Spelling Bee started out with a practice round of everyday words. Then, the first round began! In the first round, 5 students were eliminated. In the second, third, fourth, and fifth rounds, a total of 9 students were eliminated. The top 3 left were Jadyn Gallardo, Alyssa Martin, and Destiny Davis. As rounds progressed, so did the difficulty of the words. Avian, heredity, epithets, and petrifying are just a few examples of many words the contestants had to spell. After 31 rounds of Jadyn Gallardo and Alyssa Martin battling it out, Jadyn had won with the word 'Uranium.' Both girls will attend the County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the Wellington Middle School in Wellington. Congratulations to Jadyn and Alyssa. Good luck!

## Forensic Showcase at the State Fair

On Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Brant Cotta had the honor of performing his state awarded poetry piece "Cap'n Crunch and 2% Milk" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual forensic showcase hosted by Sterling College. Brant was among 17 other state awarded performers ranging in all sorts of events and medals covering 1A to 4A. Brant was given this opportunity by his last year's performance at state where he medaled 6<sup>th</sup> overall in Kansas for poetry.



*By:  
Natalie Shirley*



The Argonia High School Fall Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017. The Queen candidates this year are Alyssa Hammond, Madalynn Rhea, and Kaylee Schulte. The King candidates are Kamden Basinger, Anthony Handlin, and Trevor Pierce. The fall homecoming theme this year is Small Town Friday Night. The students will have a fun-filled half day with homecoming activities, such as poster decorating, street painting, and a pep rally on Main Street at 12:00pm. Stuco will also be providing pizza for the students. Feel free to come out and support the students!

*By: Monte Haxton*



# Cross Country

Zach Haxton is bringing cross country back to the Argonia area. Zach is currently running for Caldwell High School during the regular season but will be running for Argonia when it comes time for the regional and state cross country meets. He has competed in 2 meets so far which have included both the Wellington invitational and the SCBL meet at Central Burden. At the meet held at Wellington, Caldwell was the smallest school in attendance, Zach was the top runner for Caldwell and finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall for his first ever cross country race. The league meet was held at Central Burden on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. As a team the Caldwell boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team competition just missing out on the championship plaque by 7 points. Zach continued his dominance of the SCBL league runners from last year's track season running away from all the other runners and taking the overall league Cross Country title to add to his mile and 2 mile titles. He has 2 more meets scheduled before the regional meet where he will try to become the 1<sup>st</sup> Argonia runner to make it to the state meet held in Wamego. Good Luck, Zach, keep up the good work!!!

By: Jon Mead



This year's Junior High cheer girls are off to a great start. We took a field trip to Wichita to the Acrobatics Academy, to learn the proper techniques on how to do stunting. The girls really had a great time and we learned a lot. We finished our afternoon celebrating with a couple of September birthdays, and delighting ourselves in a Vanilla Bean Coffee from Starbucks. Thank you to the parents for being so supportive and allowing your girls to hang out with me. It has been a true pleasure in getting to know each one of them!

By: Katrina Love

# A&A JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

*By: Wayne Vineyard*

This year's Argonia/Attica junior high football team has a roster of 16 boys. We started the season traveling to Norwich and battling with a much-improved team from previous years. The Bull Pups started slowly allowing Norwich to put up 22 points in the first quarter and not allowing us to score. The boys would rise to the challenge by scoring the next 22 points and not allowing the Eagles to get into the end zone producing a score of 22-22 at the half. After a last minute drive by the Bull Pups in the fourth quarter, we would come up inches short of the end zone with time running out to lose the war 36-38.

We then would host Stafford at Attica. Stafford came with some size and a very fast running back. After a slow start, A&A would take control of the game and come out on top with a score of 50-28.

Next, we traveled to Fairfield to take on the Falcons. The Falcons had no answer for the Bull Pups high-powered offense and stingy defense. The game would be called for the mercy rule at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with a score of 58-8.

The Bull Pups then hosted a very good South Barber team in Attica. This proved to be a good match up. The Tornadoes got up 12-0 by the end of the first quarter but the Pups fought their way back into the game taking South Barber by a score of 20-18. This is a very good start to the season. We will travel to Burrton and Cunningham, and then host Central Christian in Argonia to finish out the season.

# PTO MEETING



THE NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 7:00 PM**  
IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PTO AND WHAT YOU  
CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

District Information such as the 17-18 Calendar and monthly  
activity calendars can all be accessed on our webpage at

**[www.argonia359.org](http://www.argonia359.org)**

You can also check out our **Facebook** page for updates on events  
and activities.



## "HATS OFF" TO A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

By: Terry Lawrence

Is it possible that it's time for another school year? It's been a great start to the 2017-18 school year and what better way to continue the school year than with our **"HATS OFF" To Family Reading Night**. We had a great group of families attend to enjoy reading in the library to work on our September Reading Goals, and then getting to design our very own hats. The evening was finished off by playing a fun hat game.

It was so great to see such a great turnout - we can hardly wait for our next Family Reading Night. A **BIG** thank you to all who attended!







By: Monte Haxton

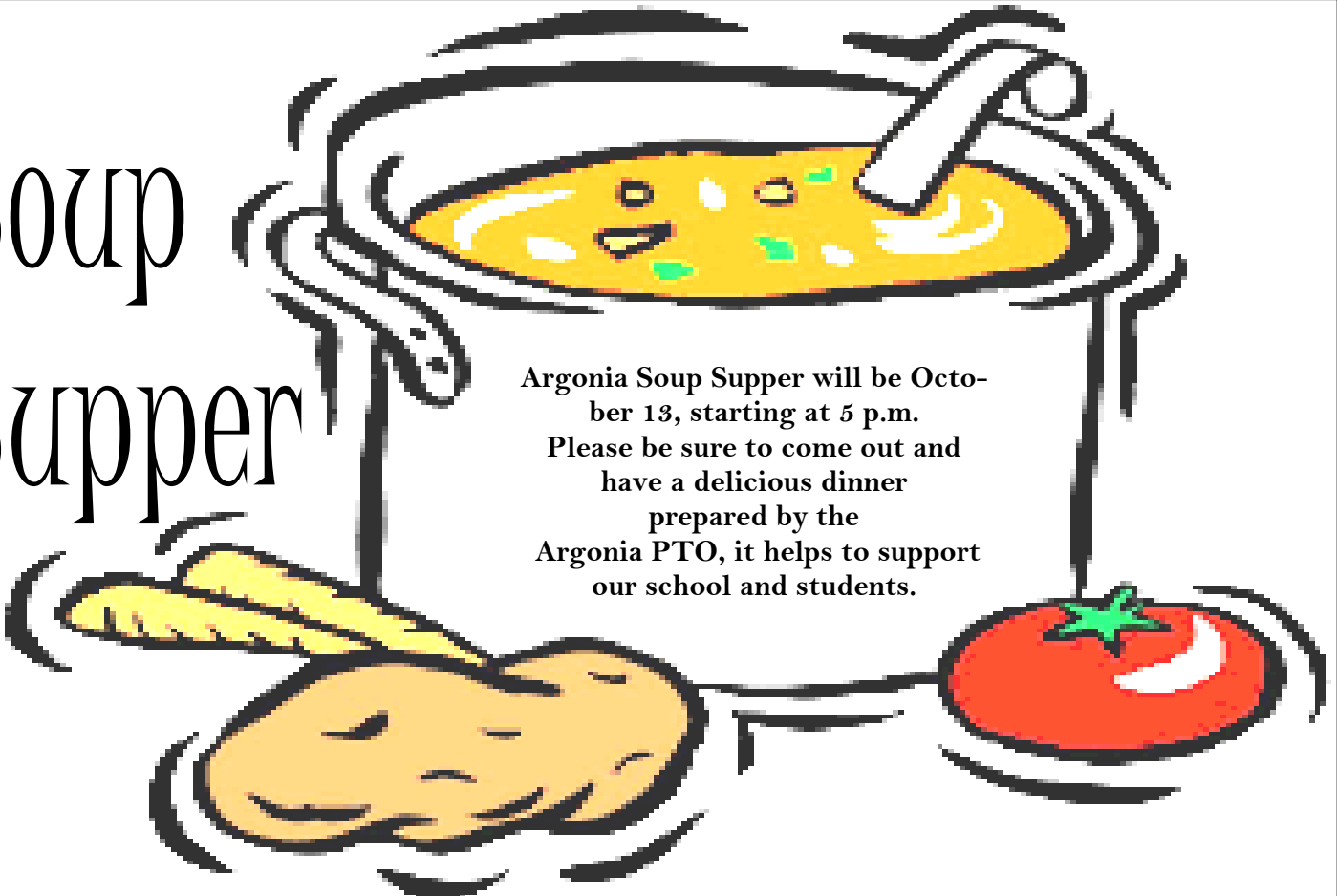


Twenty students from the Class of 2021 traveled to WSU on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to take a tour of campus.

The purpose of the visit was to allow AHS freshmen students the opportunity to experience a campus visit and see the options that are available to them at a university. The students started out the day with a presentation from the Admissions Office and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, followed by a walking tour of the campus.

This was the first time many of them had ever been on a university campus and the experiences they gained were advantageous as they will be making career choices in the coming year(s). A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Hurley, Counselor, for making the arrangements. The sophomore class will be taking a visit to Butler Community College coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

# Soup Supper



Argonia Soup Supper will be October 13, starting at 5 p.m.  
Please be sure to come out and have a delicious dinner prepared by the Argonia PTO, it helps to support our school and students.