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Valentine Dinner and Dance Set for Saturday at Community Center



Band "Chance" will Perform

Everyone will have the opportunity to take their sweetheart out for a night on

the town on Saturday, February 13, when the Rialto Theatre will host a Valentine Dinner and Dance at the Arnold Community Center.

Serving of a sit-down meal will begin at 7:00 p.m. The menu will include beef brisket, baked potatoes with toppings, corn, rolls and cupcakes for dessert.

Proceeds from the event will go to the theatre's projector fund, and for this reason, organizer Deb Croghan-Pittman is asking for donations of corn and/or potatoes to help offset the cost of the meal.

At 8:00 p.m., the popular and

talented band "Chance" will perform for the dance. The band, based out of North Platte, will play a variety of genres, including Country, Classic Rock and Rockabilly.

Advanced tickets were on sale through February 9. Tickets will be available at the door for either the dinner and dance at \$30.00 per person or dance only at \$10.00 per person.

A cash bar will be available. No minors will be allowed.

For more information, contact Deb Croghan-Pittman at 308-848-2203.

Wagner-Sage Finalist for Nebraska's Homecoming Queen Selection



Natasha Wagner-Sage

Miss Natasha Wagner-Sage, daughter of Perry Sage and Kim Wagner-Sage, of Arnold, has been selected as a finalist for Nebraska's 30th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held March 6 and 7, 2010, at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center Des Moines Airport in Des Moines, Iowa. She is the Arnold High School Homecoming Queen. Contestants will compete in personal interviews and prom gown competition only.

Nebraska's 2010 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with queens from

other states for America's Homecoming Queen.

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., is a non profit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service in all 50 states.

Each finalist receives an engraved plaque with their photograph, which is displayed in the A.H.S. trophy case at the school.

Sandhills Open Road Challenge Raises Funds for Jaws of Life

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge held its sixth annual Winter Party near Emerald, Nebraska, on February 6. The primary purpose of the gathering is to raise funds for worthy community betterment projects in Arnold and the surrounding area.

An evening auction generated \$21,000.00 to be used to

purchase a jaws of life for the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. Among the numerous donated items were two model Mustang cars personally donated and autographed by Carol Shelby, a three-day Corvette high performance driving school at Spring Mountain Motor Park, tool sets and other auto related

prizes.

Two SORC Lifetime Memberships shared the event's largest bids at \$3,400.00 each.

The night's earnings pushed total SORC donations past \$275,000.00 since its founding in 2001.

Rialto Could Be Showing Movies by Mid-April

At the February 2 meeting of the Rialto Theatre Board, it was reported that a projector and screen could possibly be in place by mid-April, making it possible to begin showing movies. It was decided that there will be a Saturday matinee, Saturday evening showing and a Sunday matinee. Plans are to sell water, pop, popcorn and candy. Volunteers will be needed, along with a general chairperson to oversee the workers.

The double doors at the front of the theatre will need to be installed by that time, if possible.

President Deb Croghan-Pittman reported that the silent auction held in conjunction with the Chamber Appreciation Supper brought in \$1,409.55, plus \$237.00 in

donations. She also reported on the Valentine Dinner and Dance.

Present at the meeting were: Deb Croghan-Pittman, Tim Rosentrater, Bob Hough, Jackie Atkins, Patty Schwarz, Trish Vickers and Darlene Rimpley.

The next meeting will be March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

School Foundation will Award Two Scholarships

The Arnold Public School Foundation will again be awarding two \$1,500.00 scholarships: one academic and one vocational, to two 2010 graduating seniors from Arnold Public School.

Applications are available through Mrs. Ayres, school guidance counselor, and are to be completed and turned in to her office by the March 22, 2010, deadline.

The foundation was established with the purpose of providing funds for education,

including scholarships, which have been awarded every year since its organization in 1995. Additionally, the foundation has provided funds for books for the Arnold Public School library plus educational classroom projects.

Donations over the past year have been made in memory of Bob McDowell, Dorothy Sanford, Bill Smith, Gloria Smith and Maud Witthuhn. Funds have also been received from individuals Phil Koubek, Eugene Andre, Mary Alice

Atkins and Trudy Van Camp.

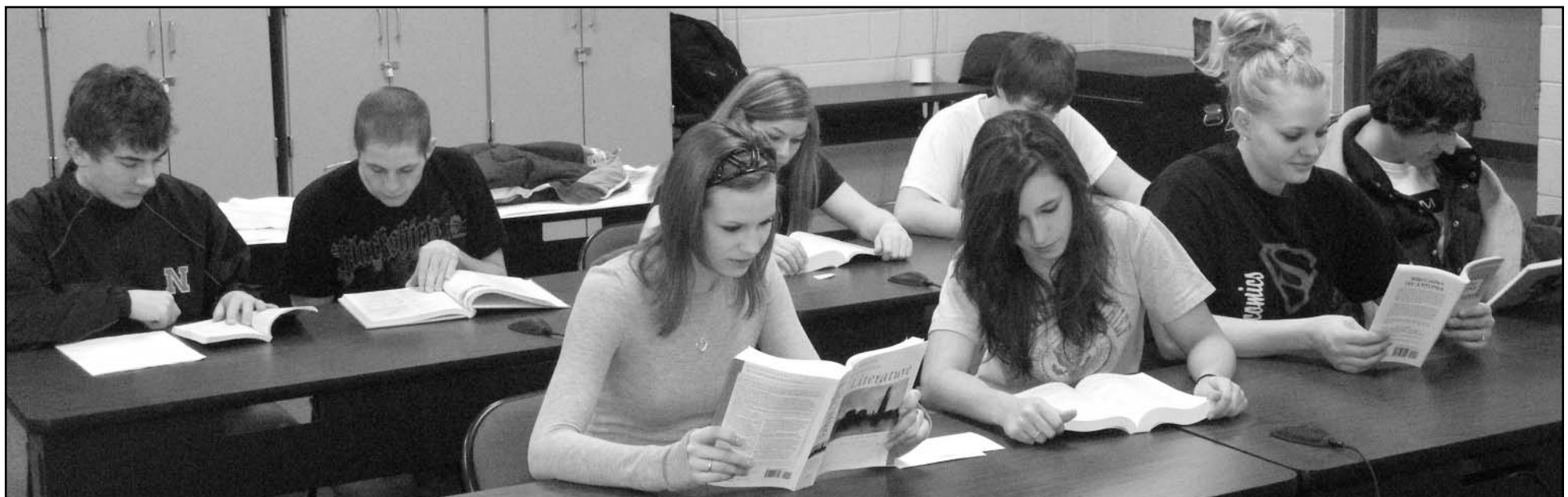
Persons interested in making a donation may contact Dona Johnson, secretary/treasurer or any of the other board members, which include: Natalie Cool, president; Rose Bierman, vice-president; Bub Croghan, Betty Yeargain and Gary Blevins.

All donations, in any amount, are appreciated and used by the foundation to further invest in the future of Arnold Public School students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 11, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday and there will be no school on Friday. Student artwork will be on display in the school's hallway.

Students Take Advantage of APS Dual Credit Courses



By Kendra Veirs

Fourteen APS students are taking advantage of seven dual credit courses offered at the high school during the 2009-2010 school year.

Dual credit courses are unique to many high schools, as they offer both high school and college credit for the same class.

Classes offered through Arnold this year are: English 1010 (first semester), English 1020 (second semester) - both three credits; Careers - one credit hour; Welding - four hours; Information Technology - three hours; Desktop Publishing - three hours; Electronics - five hours; Digital Imaging - three hours.

Students are gaining valuable college experience and gaining credits through these courses. The cost per hour at Mid-Plains is \$65.00. MPCC pays APS instructors, and that money is then used to pay student tuition. Not all high schools are able to offer the dual credit courses at no cost to the students.

"The greatest benefit of dual credit classes (in Arnold) is

transferable the students must also have a grade of "C" or better, meet the 10,000 essay requirement and complete one research paper, along with shorter essays.

Every class is given requirements that the teachers must fulfill in order for the class to be transferable.

Just two out of the eight goals and objectives that Mrs. Moninger has to meet include demonstrating knowledge of the forms and characteristics of literary genre and analyze literary selections on basis of narrator, setting, tone, organization, symbolism, figurative language, theme, point of view and direction.

"For me, first semester English was tougher because the focus was just on writing," Mrs. Moninger said. "Second semester's focus is writing about literature, so it gives more opportunities."

One opportunity Mrs. Moninger is excited about is taking the students on a field trip to Red Cloud this semester, during the biographical and historical critical analysis.

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that students do not pay any tuition for the college credits," guidance counselor Lynne Ayres said.

One student took 11 credit hours during the fall semester, which made this student just one hour short of being considered a full-time college student.

"The dual credit courses prepare students for college," Mrs. Debby Moninger said. "They are more practical and give the students a sense of how college works before they go and are possibly overwhelmed."

Mrs. Moninger says the students learn that all assignments are important and there are no "fluff grades" in college courses. The courses are overall faster paced and the students learn to balance their time.

Mrs. Moninger is the newest teacher to offer dual credit courses at APS, after she earned her master's degree, a

dual credit teaching requirement. She teaches dual credit English. Several Arnold seniors, eight Maxwell students and four SEM students are taking advantage of getting this core college class out of the way while in high school.

"This course is different because not only is it dual credit, but it is also taught over the distance learning system," Mrs. Moninger said, who teaches all three classes from Arnold's Distance Learning room.

Dual credit Web Design is also taught through Distance Learning, under the direction of Mrs. Nicole Badgley.

Dual credit English, for example, isn't for everyone. Students must complete the entrance exam, Compass, and score a certain percentage to enter into the class. Also, students have to meet the same college prerequisites. For example, in order to be in

English 1020, the prerequisite English 1010 must be completed.

There are several ways that dual credit English differs from traditional high school English.

"There is a lot more writing," Mrs. Moninger stated. "We do not read as many novels and shorter literature pieces are the focus."

The syllabus given to Mrs. Moninger, prepared by the Nebraska Transfer Initiative Task Force on Humanities, outlines the exact course work that needs to be covered in order for the college credits to be transferred to any public Nebraska college and many private ones.

For example, Norton Introduction to Literature (the book Mrs. Moninger selected) is one of 11 textbook selections that meet the requirements for the course to be transferable.

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