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Upcoming Election Deadlines

The Nebraska Secretary of State's office offers a few reminders about upcoming election deadlines in Nebraska:

Saturday, October 4 - Start of in-person early voting. Most county election offices will be closed, so voting will start on Monday. (Early voting by mail started September 29).

Wednesday, October 8 - First of three public hearings on the minimum wage petition initiative. It will start at 6:30 p.m., College Park Theater Room, 3180 W. Highway 34 in Grand Island.

Wednesday, October 15 - Second public hearing on minimum wage. It will start at 6:30 p.m., Omaha Public Schools Administration Building Board Room, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha.

Friday, October 17 - Voter registrations that are mailed in must be postmarked by this date. Also, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV offices, county treasurer offices, state agencies or departments.

Tuesday, October 21 - Third public hearing on minimum wage. It will start at 6:30 p.m., State Capitol Building Room 1507, Lincoln.

Friday, October 24 - Last day to accept in-person voter registrations.

Wet Year So Far

Total moisture in September was 1.45 inches. Recordings on October 1 and 2 were .09 of an inch and .59 of an inch, respectively. Total year-to-date moisture as of October 6 is 24.86 inches, compared to last year's 14.77.

Temperature readings have been unavailable from Cooperative Weather Observer Kendra Veirs, as the monitor provided by the National Weather Service is in need of repair.



Students Gear Up for Homecoming

Claire Beshaler (right) gets another piece of tape ready for Grace Magill, as the cheerleaders decorate the school's halls with posters for Homecoming on Monday morning of this week. These senior girls, and their classmates were dressed all in black for Color War Day, with each class from Grades 7-12 designated a color. That night, Arnold and Callaway students gathered at the city park for a tailgate party and pep rally and a Dodge Ball Tournament at the school. Theme days continued through the week, with Tuesday as Character Day, Wednesday as Murica Day and Thursday as Era Day. Friday will be South Loup Bobcat Spirit Day, with the big game against the Spartans at Callaway starting at 7:00 p.m. Coronation of kings and queens from both schools will follow the game, and the dance will follow coronation at the Callaway Community Center. Homecoming activities are planned and carried out by the South Loup Bobcat cheerleaders and their sponsor, Tammy Weinman. (Kendra Veirs photo).



Renovation at Riverview

Mike Nelson, an employee of Larreau Construction, Inc., measures out a window on Monday of this week, as removal and installation of 35 new windows began at Riverview Apartments. The apartments, built in 1979 and overseen by the Arnold Housing Authority Board, had never had the windows replaced. "We had an energy audit done, and found out we were losing a lot of energy. Hopefully, there will be a big energy savings," said Director Geri Webb. She added that the residents are looking forward to having bright, shiny windows to look out of. (Kendra Veirs photo)

Please Take a Seat...

Fundraising Has Begun for New Seats at Rialto Theatre

Anyone who has been to a movie at the Rialto Theatre in Arnold can tell you that the seats can be small and uncomfortable. The current seats were purchased as used from an auditorium more than 30 years ago. That is all about to change!

The theater will be replacing the current 80 seats with 70 new seats. The tall-backed, 24" wide seats recline, have lift up arm rests and cup holders. These BP1000s are considered the "Cadillac" of theater seats.

The estimated project cost will be approximately \$17,500.00. This cost includes removal of the old seats, the purchase price of the new seats, shipping and installation. The board plans to order 70 new seats at a cost of \$250.00 per seat.

And that is where supporters of the theater come in. The board is hoping that families, individuals and businesses will sponsor the cost of a seat or several seats. Donors may purchase any number of seats: 1, 2, 3 or a row of seats.

A plaque will be placed in the lobby of the theater with the names of those purchasing one or more seats when the goal is met, but no donation is too small or too large.

The fundraising was kicked off in September with a wine tasting at board member Karla Rockwell's country garden. With donations from people who attended and a 10 percent sales donation from vendor Refined Boutique, the fundraiser succeeded in purchasing the first seat.

Donations for the new seating fund can be made to the Rialto Theatre at: P.O. Box 222 in

Arnold or you can contact Pat Turley at 308-440-8946. Other board members who may be contacted include: Connie Nansel, president; Sue Beshaler, vice-president; Sandy Hicks, secretary; and members Karla Rockwell, Heather Furne, Sarah Buchholz, Kay Lohmiller and Sulin Best.

Recent Donation

Ron Cool has donated five headsets for the hearing impaired, with two styles available upon request.

Promotional T-shirts

Rialto Theatre volunteers are wearing t-shirts to promote the theater. The screened t-shirts, made by Carroll Street Designs,

are available from any board member or at the theater.

"The volunteers wanted t-shirts to wear when they are working, and we thought it would be a good promotion to order extra to have for sale," said Pat Turley.

Support

Pat and Connie Nansel said that on behalf of the theater board, they would like to thank those who generously support the theater by sponsoring movies, volunteering and attending the movies. The Rialto Theatre's success is possible because of the community's continued effort and support.



The 24" wide Paramount PB1000 theater seats (shown above), will give movie-goers a whole different level of comfort at the Rialto.