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Village Board Holds Special Meeting on Nuisances

Arnold Village Board members met in special session on June 5 to discuss nuisances. Attorney Mike Borders was there, and gave a brief overview of three sections of the Arnold Municipal Code, including generally defined specially defined, and abatement procedure.

Borders said that the first step is the Health Board, consisting of Glen Blowers, Doug DeLaune, and Rudy Vickers, need to meet and determine if there are nuisances on a property. The Health Board then needs to bring their recommendation to the Village Board for their consideration. If the Board decides

to proceed, the Village attorney will send the owner or occupant a notice to abate and remove the nuisances.

Next on the agenda was consideration of 105 N Hillcrest. The Health Board will meet to determine if there are nuisances on the property. A timeframe was mentioned, and

Bowers said that the Health Board will meet as soon as possible. The owner of the property asked if there were other properties that are being looked at for nuisances and was told that there is a list.

Comments were heard from the floor regarding nuisances, including abandoned vehicles,

lots that need mowed, etc.

The following questions were asked:

- Does the Board only address what is brought before the Board by the public or does the Board drive around searching for nuisances? Bowers said that the Board does not drive around searching for nuisances.

- Does there need to be a written complaint to enforce the ordinance? Mike Borders said that an official complaint does not have to be filed for the Board to enforce the ordinances. Bowers said that the Board had decided at the December 12, 2022, meeting that there needs to be a written complaint filed before action is taken.

- Can the complaint be anonymous? Borders said that you do not want to get into anonymous complaints, because there is no validity to them.

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson mentioned that the Village could be proactive and possibly do articles in the paper reminding people about nuisance ordinances.

Donations Being Taken for Fireworks Display

Donations for the public 4th of July fireworks display are now being taken at Pinnacle Bank. Residents can drop a donation in the bucket provided or donate directly to the fireworks account.

Junior Chamber members will also go around the night of the display to collect donations.

Gunther Fireworks orders and shoots off the display each year for the Chamber-sponsored event. Donations help assure that the display can be held the coming year.

Kids finding a variety of ways to earn some cash during summer break.

Dough: We all need it.

First in a short series on Arnold's hard-working pre-teens and very early teens.

Like most kids, 11-year-old Dagen Fletcher is enjoying cooling off at the Arnold Pool, but only after he's earned it.

"I usually go to the pool before or after I mow or rake," said Dagen, who will be going into 6th grade at APS next fall.

As this summer approached, Dagen was eager to earn some money to buy gifts, for transportation, and to save money for college. He was too young for most jobs, but his mom and dad, Matt and Jessica Fletcher, helped him understand the barriers he faced and then came up with things he could do.

"Mom and Dad helped me understand that I could do a lot for someone that is my age. I'm not able to drive, but I can ride a bike, walk or get a ride to my jobs. There is a lot someone my

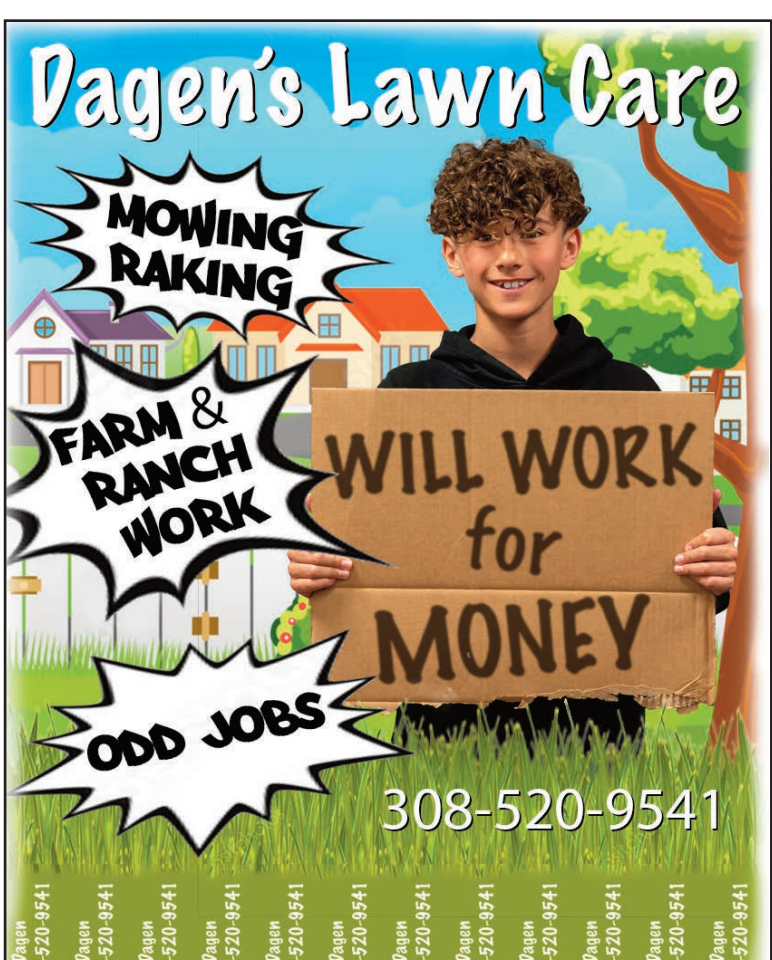
age can do if you just think about it," he said.

Dagen chose to do odd jobs of most any kind and had a lot of help from his teacher, Kevin Neth, who had great ideas for a flyer to advertise his new service. He took a simple picture of Dagen, edited it, and created a tear off flyer so residents could grab his contact info. Dagen hung the posters up around town and by the next week, had five calls. Now he's busy mowing, raking, helping at brandings, painting, pulling weeds, pet sitting, and as he says, "More mowing!"

He usually starts working at 8:00 a.m., but it depends on the job. Sometimes he starts as early as 6:00 a.m.

Aside from earning money, Dagen is learning a lot from his summer job.

"I'm learning that if you work hard enough, you will meet your goal," he said.



Dagen Fletcher's 5th grade teacher, Kevin Neth, helped him design a tear-off flyer to advertise his side jobs business in local stores. It worked and Dagen is now busy earning the cash he imagined.

Arnold Teacher Awarded Educator Grant

Humanities Nebraska (HN) has announced the recipients of its spring round of educator grants, supporting 30 projects and helping dozens of teachers to reach thousands of Nebraska students.

One of the projects that HN will support is the Arnold Public Schools, Custer County Historical Project. Arnold educator Jason Wehnes, who filled out the application, was the named recipient of the \$1,000.00

grant.

Mr. Wehnes and Mrs. Badgley combine efforts to do a cross-curricular project each year in the spring, helping students with researching, analytical, writing, and overall historical researching skills.

The grant money will be used to purchase books from the Custer County Museum that help with local history and large maps to teach the kids how land is organized into sec-

tion, township, and range.

"When they see a big map, they understand it," said Mr. Wehnes.

They have also ordered some other books that focus on Nebraska and its history, including a lot of Solomon Butcher books. All of the books and maps will stay with the school.

"Some of the work that the kids are doing will be helpful towards the Arnold Area Historical Museum. It's always a good

feeling to get some money. It's a win-win when you're not only able to get the resources that benefit the school, but the community as well. Finding out the local history is so beneficial," he said.

The purpose of the grants is to help celebrate HN's 50th anniversary in 2023 and to spark the next 50 years of humanities learning, programming, and exchange of ideas.



Jason Wehnes

Children Dive Into Bikini Bottom With Crane River Theater Actors



(Above) Children watch intently as a Crane River Theater actor performs last Wednesday afternoon in the Arnold Community Center. Over 50 children were there to witness the page literally transformed into a stage, as nationally acclaimed actors from the upcoming production of *The SpongeBob Musical* brought SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy, Squidward, and all the favorite characters to life as they read, performed, and interacted with students in the hour-long workshop. Brought to Arnold by Finch Memorial Library as part of the Summer Reading Program, with help from Debby Moninger and Honor Society students, *Page to Stage* is celebrating its 10th year of bringing the workshop to libraries across Nebraska. The award-winning workshops has reached thousands of youth each summer. In late June, the theater troop will return to the Cope Amphitheater in Yanney Heritage Park in Kearney for their production of the musical. Featuring a large stage and available seating for 2,000 people, it is the perfect location to bring the rich tradition of open-air, outdoor family theater to Central Nebraska. - Jessica Tickle photo