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Arnold 1st graders spell out America during their tribute to our veterans at the Veterans Day Program held last Friday. - APS photo



Veteran Ben Eickhoff was the special speaker at Friday's program. - APS photo

Arnold Remembers Our Veterans

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ARNOLD: Arnold Public Schools put on a very patriotic Veterans Day Program on November 10. From the Patriot Pen essays to speaker Ben Eickhoff, Arnold students and citizens were reminded of the bravery and sacrifice that veterans make for our freedoms.

The program started with the posting of the

colors and a welcome from veteran John Phillips. Danah Baldwin sung the National Anthem and kindergartners led the auditorium in the pledge of allegiance.

The 1st graders sang about their love for America, and in a touching moment, the community sang the end of the song with the class. The second grade class performed an acrostic poem spelling out the word 'veteran.'

Each 4th grader read a haiku they had written to honor the veterans who served our country. The sixth grade class performed a flag folding ceremony, explaining what each fold represents.

Runner-up for the Patriot Pen essay contest, Tylee Smith, reminded the audience of how we can honor our veterans. The 1st place winner, Danielle Duponcheel, read her essay on the importance of

the freedoms and the veterans in our lives.

Ben Eickhoff, former pastor of the Arnold and Thedford Lutheran churches, spoke on the ultimate sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

He started his speech by saying, "This is a special day because it is forged in the blood of the million and a half soldiers who gave their lives."

He ended by thanking the community for re-

membering to celebrate and honor the lives of our great nation's veterans. His speech ended with a standing ovation from the community.

Arnold Public School's honoring of veterans did not end with the program. Third graders wrote paragraphs on the importance of veterans, and Ms. Berglund's art classes made a patriotic art wall that was the background for the day's program.

Brendan Rivers, a 2018 Arnold graduate, sent a flag from one of his missions that is now hanging in a display case outside the gym.

Arnold Public Schools would like to thank the veterans who served our nation and the community for showing up to honor the men and women who served our nation.

ACFF Event Is Saturday

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund's Annual Fundraiser & Auction is set for Saturday, November 18, at the community center. Ticket holders will enjoy good food and an auction made possible by many generous supporters.

The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. The live auction starts at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 the day of the event.

The ACFF creates a savings account for the future of Arnold, while also giving back for projects that help the community grow.



Standing next to a decorated area on the west side of the old Archie's Cafe and future home of the Arnold Area Historical Museum, Becky Dailey and Aaron Coleman, representing the Arnold Community Foundation Fund, presents a big check for \$50,000.00 to museum treasurer Rick Peterson last week. This was just one of the donation the ACFF gave to the community for projects over the past year. Saturday night's ACFF fundraiser will raise more money for future donations to projects that will help the town grow. The fall decorations were put up by downtown beautification committee member Krista Eggleston and her daughter Morgan. - Debbie Connelly photo

AVFD Members Install 50 Free Smoke Alarms

Red Cross Sound the Alarm event helps local families



Seven members of AVFD installed 50 smoke detectors in area homes on November 4. From left, Gregg Tickle, Cassy DeLosh, Tammy Weinman, April Tickle, Andrew Tickle, Amanda Wehnes, Dalton Swopes. - Courtesy photo

[ARNOLD, Nov. 4, 2023] — Saturday, seven volunteers and members of Arnold Volunteer Fire Department installed 50 free smoke alarms for families during a Sound the Alarm home fire safety event in Arnold.

"We are grateful to everyone who supported today's Sound the Alarm event to help keep our neighbors safe from

home fires," said Amanda Wehnes, EMT with AVFD and Red Cross account manager. "Home fires are a constant threat in our community, accounting for most of our disaster responses. Today's efforts will make a lasting difference to help save lives and protect our community."

SAVING LIVES FROM NATION'S MOST FREQUENT DISASTER

Home fires are the nation's most frequent disaster, including in Arnold where we have had home fires.

This Sound the Alarm event is a critical part of the national Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, which has helped save nearly 2,000 lives since launching in October 2014. Visit SoundTheAlarm.

org to learn more and make a donation to the Red Cross to help people prepare for, respond to and recover from home fires.

If you would like to have smoke detectors installed in your home, please contact Amanda Wehnes at 970-310-9421.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross

Effort is part of national Home Fire Campaign, which has saved at least 2,000 lives

shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The

Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.



Clint Jordan signs some paperwork after smoke alarm batteries were replaced on his high ceiling during the Sound the Alarm event. - Courtesy photo