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Jammin’ to Christmas Tunes

It just wouldn’t seem like Christmas without ushering in the season with the annual music program at the school. Superintendent Joel Morgan, who led the music program, and the office staff outdid themselves again this year, with festive stage decorations, fun t-shirts and accessories for the kids, and best of all, inflatable musical instruments. The program was then handed over to the kids and they rocked the packed gym.

“From preschoolers to seniors, students sang Christmas songs that lifted everyone’s hearts and put them in a jolly mood,” said Senior Gracie Neth.

“Playing” inflatable and colorful guitars, third graders (from left: Quinlee Weinman, Zoelle Tickle, Paisley Brown, Jewel Witthuhn, Quade Dailey, and Bridger Teahon) performed a couple of tunes, ending their time on the stage with some awesome guitar solos.

With elementary kids’ thoughts on Christmas and more program pictures inside, this issue is like a giant holiday greeting card from all the kids and local Arnold businesses.

- Jessica Tickle photos

Arnold Village Victim of Counterfeit Check Fraud

The Village of Arnold has been a victim of counterfeit check fraud. Board members were told all of the details at their regular meeting held on December 11. Clerk Patty said three counterfeit checks dated Nov. 21, 29, and 30, were deposited totaling \$15,581.77. Aaron Coleman at Pinnacle Bank was notified, a police report has been filed, and the checking account has been closed and a new one opened. As of December 11, one check was returned and the Village was credited \$4,980.88. Pinnacle Bank is working on getting the money returned to the Village from the other two checks.

Stop Signs

A resolution was passed to place stop signs to regulate traffic at the following locations: Northeast corner of North Carroll and East Washington, to stop traffic headed west; Southeast corner of North Carroll and West Washington to stop traffic headed east; Northeast corner of North Carroll and East Lincoln to stop traffic headed west; Southwest corner of North Carroll and West Lincoln to stop traffic headed east; Northeast corner of North Carroll and East Adams to stop traffic headed west; Southwest corner of North Carroll and West Adams to stop

traffic headed east.

Reorganization

During the meeting, the Board reorganized for the 2024 year. Glen Bowers, who will retain the office of chairman, appointed members to the various committees, including: General (community center, parks and swimming pool) – Donnell DeLosh and Aaron Olson; Streets – DeLosh and Jason Jenkins; Water & Sewer – Olson and Zach Hagler; Electric – Olson and Jenkins; Solid Waste – Hagler and DeLosh.

Other appointments made included: Bowers, Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune, and Rudy Vickers to the health

board; Jill Kulp to the Citizen Advisory Committee; Rose Bierman to Arnold Housing Authority Board; Jeff Bowers to Planning Commission.

Superintendent Report

In his report, Superintendent Doug DeLaune said there is still an issue with one of the fountains at the ARA. It is under warranty; however, the Village will have to pay the cost to ship it to Omaha. It was suggested that it might cost less to send an employee instead of shipping the fountain. Tory Edwards and Rusty Wyckoff poured the base for the traffic display sign. At the insurance adjuster’s request, Midwest Flooring will be here on December 21 to take a look at the community center’s flooring. There was a beaver problem at the ARA,

but as of now the problem has been resolved. The Village needs to keep an eye on the problem.

DeLaune also reported that he received a call on December 10 from Marshia Grant and Norma Walker when they arrived at the community center to do some cleaning. There was soap all over the bathroom floor, a towel

dispenser was broken, and there was toilet paper on the ceiling. DeLaune reviewed the cameras and found out who was responsible for the damage. The two people responsible addressed the Board and apologized. They also submitted letters to give to Marshia and Norma, apologizing for the extra work they created.

Finch Library Receives Foundation Grant

In her monthly update to the Arnold Village Board, Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson reported that Finch Memorial Library has been awarded a \$500.00 grant from Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation for their project of replacing the

old, worn and broken storm windows. An application was submitted by the October 15, 2023, deadline on behalf of Finch Library’s continued fundraiser by the AEDC, which is a qualified 501c3.

National Honor Society Holds Induction



A.H.S. National Honor Society members pictured are: (seated, from left), Riata Remund, Crew Witthuhn, Dolores Duponcheel, Realta Leach, Ivy Tullis, Eli Rogers, Anna Tullis; (standing, from left) Taylor Hanna, Ella Cool, Delaney Rogers, Trey Connell, Gracie Neth, Rio Remund, Logan Recoy, Tahnna Nokes, Charli Vickers, Bryn Schwarz, Danah Baldwin. - Courtesy photo

National Honor Society President Rio Remund and vice-president Logan Recoy hosted the annual NHS induction ceremony on Wednesday, December 13, with the following

students being inducted: Crew Witthuhn, Dolores Duponcheel, Realta Leach, Ivy Tullis, and Eli Rogers. Seniors presenting the NHS pillars to the audi-

ence were: Charli Vickers - Scholarship; Delaney Rogers - Service; Trey Connell - Leadership; and Bryn Schwarz - Character. Principal Ali Goodenow welcomed the new NHS

members and the effort they put into developing the traits the pillars represent. She also stressed that each student could set a personal goal to do his or her best in school to

strive for academic excellence as well as focusing on being positive leaders who inspire others. After the ceremony, a reception was held to thank family members who at-

tended and to thank them for their support and guidance. Congratulations to all of the newly inducted members.