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Not a Common Site in December...Harvest

Harvest Comes to a Halt Due to Fourth Winter Storm

(Above) The glistening sun makes the golden corn stalks glow for as far as the eye can see on Saturday afternoon, December 5, as just one of the combines harvesting in the area feeds corn as fast as the machine can take it.

With the corn finally dried down after nearly two months of waiting, harvesting is an uncommon site for December. Area farmers were in a bustle trying to get the corn out of the fields, before the weather turned bad.

Harvest was delayed because of the three record-breaking snowstorms that hit the area in October. November offered

pleasant weather and the much needed drying time for the crops. Good weather turned cold the first week in December and the fourth snowstorm of the season moved into the region on Sunday morning, December 6.

The snowstorm was yet another unwelcome site to area farmers, with only a handful done with harvest, and many just reaching the half-way point.

Nearly 36 inches of the white stuff has fallen during the season, more than the norm for the whole winter. As of Monday, more bad weather is due in, as the area could see

up to 10 more inches and very windy conditions before the system moves out of region.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Residents are encouraged to put up their Christmas lighting displays.

Four prizes of \$25.00 in Chamber Bucks will be awarded in the town home category, one for business and one for country home.

Judging will take place on December 18. The country residents must be nominated, as otherwise the judges will not know the location.

Hyptonist Featured in Arnold's New Year's Eve Celebration

Professional Hypnotist Tim Heuertz is slated to ring in the new year in Arnold with a memorable and interactive stage show that is sure to entertain and amaze. The December 31 celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Arnold Community Center with a cocktail hour, followed by a catered dinner and hypnosis show. A dance will follow to complete the evening.



Heuertz is a certified hypnotherapist with the National Guild of Hypnotists'. He has performed in several states and dozens of cities for many high schools, businesses and events. Stage hypnosis has provided fascinating entertainment to audiences for over a hundred years. It is both hilarious and thought provoking. It creates, in the observer, a sense of wonder while at the same time fills them with laughter.

"A hypnosis show is particularly entertaining for an event in a small community," said Lana Cool, co-chair of the event, "because everyone knows the subjects up on stage." Cool explained, "The hypnotist will ask for 15 volunteer participants from the audience with the goal of successfully leading 10 subjects under hypnosis for the duration of the hour-long show."

Mr. Heuertz will handle the subjects with the utmost care and professionalism. Nothing embarrassing or personal will be asked in the PG rated show. Nor will any strenuous situa-

tions be imposed. Just good, safe fun for all.

Cool said, "There has been fun in speculating which community members might volunteer to be hypnotized. So far we've got some willing and good natured people who've said they would do it. Carmen Croghan and Tiffany Paulick have agreed without much arm twisting. Larry Moran, Brad Atkins and Casey Connell are among those who may need more of a nudge. Anyone can volunteer. It'll be interesting to see who ends up on stage."

Adults of all ages and generations will enjoy this evening of entertainment. Dress for the evening will be semi-formal with appropriate attire ranging from evening dresses to church wear to jeans.

Advanced tickets are required to attend the entire event and are available for purchase at Round Two Clothing, Classic Coyotee, Arnold Insurance Agency, First State Insurance and Nebraska Farmhouse Antiques. Cost is \$25.00 per ticket and includes a catered dinner, professional hypnosis stage show and dance. Tickets will be available until Monday, December 28. Proceeds will benefit the Arnold Fire Department and the Rialto Theatre. Admission to the show and dance portion of the evening (no dinner) is \$15.00 and will be available for purchase at the door that evening from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. Because of the need to eliminate distractions during the hypnosis show, doors will close at 8:25 p.m. and will re-open following the show for the dance.

AHS One-Act is State-Bound



The large cast and crew of the Arnold High School One-Act play, "Supercomics," loaded on the busses Thursday at 5:30 a.m. for the State One-Act competition at Kearney. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Coach Debby Moninger, Rachelle Preston, Alex Weinman, Sierra Monroe, Hannah Magill, Christa Eastburn, Sarah Magill, Natasha Sage, Haley Jacobson, Shandell Gunther, Korrie Miller, assistant director Darlene Rimpley, Brian McGovern, Drew Bowers; (middle, l-r) Whitney Weinman, Brandon Peterson, Charlie Blowers, Eugene Walker, Doug Todd, Kali Blevins, Casandra King, Ryan Urbanovsky, Dayna Larreau, Kade Lehmkuhler, Cole Jacobson; (top, l-r) Jan Delius, Taylor Rimpley, Mariah Morrison, Ian Beshaler, Stone Phillips, Mariah Strasburg, Dillon Olson, Justin Mousel, Ryan Moninger, Taylor Linegar, Brady Weinman. Not pictured: Hector Rodriguez.

Arnold competed at the D2 District competition in Arcadia on December 1. The students earned first place and the opportunity to represent the district at the State competition in Kearney on December 10. "Supercomics" by Charlie Lovett, presents the story of a town facing economic changes that require the community to work together to overcome. However, this community

overcomes those challenges with humor. Outstanding actor awards were presented to Ryan Urbanovsky, Natasha Sage, Sarah Magill, Jon Magill, Ian Beshaler, Hannah Magill, Brandon Peterson and Rachelle Preston.

Coach Moninger explains, "Making it to State is quite an accomplishment. One of the hurdles involves making time. As many of those who follow

our team realize, a play cannot go to State if it is over time even by 30 seconds since only the first place team makes it to State. We have struggled all season making time. However, there were also other challenges. Since we travel, each stage is different - the exits, the size, the sound system and lights. We have a great cast and crew who take each of those challenges and

find a way to overcome them rather than dwelling on the fact that they exist."

The set was one of the greatest challenges this season. Something bright and colorful was needed to set the entire comic atmosphere. Whitney Weinman and Korrie Miller designed the three portions of the set based on The Simpsons's Springfield town, a children's book titled The

Perfect Nest, and an episode of John and Kate Plus Eight where they were looking at cricked playhouses. The work comes together perfectly and provides an opportunity for the set to grow and shrink based on the size of the host school's stage. The students who helped with set design include: Charlie Blowers,

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