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Keeping services at home

Trish Vickers (left) and BrewBakers Coffee House & Gifts owner Jody Carlson were surrounded by fresh floral arrangements last Thursday, as they prepared for deliveries and pick ups the next day on Valentine's Day. Jody expanded her business to include fresh florals and balloons last October. "I felt like there was a need here because the previous floral shops had closed," she said. "I have a connection with Dee's Floral in Gothenburg, and I know she has a good reputation. We talked and felt it would be a good fit for both of us." Jody invested in a cooler, helium and flowers, and the service has been well received. The cooler is filled each week with fresh flowers for grab and go, but for special arrangements, a couple of days advanced notice is needed. Valentine's Day was the big test. "It went very well," said Jody. This is our first year, so we didn't know what to expect. We appreciated pre-orders; that helped us out tremendously. Close to 120 pre-orders were fulfilled, and by Thursday at closing, the flowers were all sold out. "We appreciated everyone understanding. I'm glad we committed and took that leap because it has gone over well. It's an added service that Arnold can use and appreciate," she said.

School Board Offers Contracts/Votes to Purchase Lutheran Church building

By Janet Larreau

Arnold School Board members had an early morning meeting on February 11, discussing the previous night's community meeting, and going through several agenda items. The community meeting was held as part of a process to identify areas that patrons feel are important to future needs of the school, and results of the survey will be compiled as more input is received.

In action items, board members approved a contract for Bryson Kennedy to teach industrial technology, replacing Mr.

Mohr, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

They also approved a contract for Chanc McIntosh as the new elementary principal/district teaching and learning coordinator. This position will cover a wide variety of duties, from curriculum and school improvements to professional development. Mr. Morgan will step into the position of superintendent/high school principal at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

"Since we no longer have a shared superintendent, it is difficult if not impossible to find a part-time administrator. It is not ideal for the long-term,"

said Interim Superintendent Mark Sievering. "With two full-time administrators, there will always be two administrators in the district in case one is gone. This will help pick up the slack so hopefully there will be more time to focus on certain areas than what existed in the past."

The school continues its search for both a new art and music teacher to replace Mrs. Mohr and Ms. Bailey. It will be a challenge. Arnold has been at one job fair at UNK and plans to attend another in Chadron later this month. Mr. Sievering said the district may have to branch out a bit more and

travel.

Board members approved the purchase of the Zion Lutheran Church building for a cost of \$25,000.00. The money will be taken from the special building fund. Mr. Sievering said the building was purchased for future expansion of programs.

"Space is always at a premium. It could have a variety of different looks. Given the lo-

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Residents Give Their Input at Community Meeting

By Janet Larreau

The Arnold School Board and Administration Leadership Team asked community members to assist in the process of future planning to identify and address long-term change and improve the school district for the benefit of the students at a meeting held on Monday, February 7, at the school gym. About 40 people turned out to give their input. Marcia Herring from the Nebraska Association of School Boards Leadership Team facilitated the meeting.

"Marcia seemed to think that was a good number of people. She said that she has been in much larger schools that hadn't had that many turn out," said Interim Superintendent Mark Sievering.

Community members divided up to form groups of six or so people. During the process, Herring went through three questions, and everyone answered those at their table. Participants were asked to identify challenges that may impact the district in the next three years, and identified what they believed are the most important improvements the district might do to improve and expand district learning facilities and grounds, choosing from the following:

- Educational learning space
- Safety/Security
- Site access and parking
- Capacity to support student

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Two Wrestlers Qualify for State Meet

South Loup wrestlers Logan Peterson and Carson Mason qualified for the Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament at District competition held last weekend. Peterson placed 2nd, and Mason placed 4th. Please turn to page 4 for a full report.

Rogers Places 3rd in State V.F.W. Essay Contest



Courtesy photo

Delaney Rogers (pictured above), an 8th grader at Arnold Public Schools, placed 3rd at state in the V.F.W. Patriot's Pen essay contest. She received \$500.00 in cash and a plaque. The event included a banquet and a tour of the State Capitol.

"They treated us like royalty," said her mother, Christie Rogers. "We knew she was in the top three, but they don't tell you what place. We are very proud of her."

"It was an honor to get to go down there. It was a lot of fun and a great experience," said Delaney.

Her parents, T.K. and Christie, have reason to be proud. A total of 3,086 eighth grade students from across the state entered the Patriot Pen's contest.

Jones and Sallach Recognized by DAR

BROKEN BOW- Grant Jones of Arnold and Jessie Sallach were recognized for their outstanding citizenship and were welcomed to the General George A. Custer chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) meeting on February 11 at the Broken Bow Campus of Mid-Plains Community College.

Jessie and her mother Kim were present to receive a pin and certificate in recognition of Jessie's involvement in her community.

Arnold senior Grant Jones was also recognized and was presented his DAR pin by Arnold Guidance Counselor Ashley Nansel. Jones read part of his essay explaining the importance of being an engaged American citizen.

"We need you to vote. It is one of the important duties you have. We need Americans willing to stand up for what they believe is right for our country. Every role matters. The reason being is, we have the ability to vote and not using it is not participating in freedom. An idea that people have died for and others take for granted. An engaged citizen does not take freedom for granted," Jones read from his essay.

Jones also discussed how to energize America's youth and how to fully engage as effective citizens and why it is important in everyday life.



Photo/Sandhills Express

Grant Jones (left) of Arnold and Jessie Sallach (right) of Callaway were recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Broken Bow on February 11.

The DAR is a women's service organization which is "dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. DAR has more than 1 million members.

Jones' grandmother, Virginia Jones, is a 60-year member of the Sioux Lookout Chapter of DAR in North Platte.

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