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NHS Seniors Complete Project



Senior National Honor Society members Kenna Rogers (left) and Addison Starr (right) talk to 1st grade students about their book project and about NHS. The girls donated an in-class library to both the 1st and 2nd grades.

The Gift of Books

By Kenna Rogers
A.H.S. Senior

January 10th, National Honor Society members, Kenna Rogers and Addison Starr, finished their senior project. At the beginning of the year, the seniors were asked what they

wanted to do to better their school or community. After going through a couple of ideas that didn't pan out, they chose to donate an in-class library to the new first and second grade teachers, Ms. Atkeson and Mrs. Rotherham.

“It was amazing how fast the seniors got the books ready for

the teachers. They got all 150 books labeled and sent out within a week, and right before their college classes started up and they got busy,” said Mrs. Moninger.

Kenna and Addison asked for Mrs. Moninger’s help to purchase the books at the correct reading level. After the books came in, the seniors were assigned to finish the project in a timely manner. They put the reading level and the number of points on the first page of the books, designated colored stickers on the cover to indicate reading level, and sorted the books by level into totes. Fi-

nally, they stuck a donation sticker inside each cover.

“I feel good, because now we have more books to read,” said first grader, Maverick Bierman.

On the 10th, the first and second graders convened in the first grade room, to accept their new books. The seniors explained the project and how NHS works, took a couple pictures, and even brought some snacks.

“I think that these new books in the classroom are a good thing,” said second grader, Berklee Preston. “It will be less of a walk to get a book. I no longer have to go all the way

upstairs to the library.”

Ms. Atkeson opened up the room to questions. The young students asked about the seniors’ time in high school, how they kept up with their homework, and how they felt about being in NHS.

“I’m proud to be in National Honor Society,” said Starr. “It’s something I’ve worked hard for, and I’m glad I get to be a part of a program like this.”

Seeing the elementary students get excited about the National Honor Society has Arnold Public Schools excited for the future of the program and their school.

Village Board Signs Pre-application for CDBG Funds

As we near March 2020, the bomb cycle that caused massive flooding across the state in 2019 is not behind us. Fixing the problems that remain from the flooding requires money, and lots of it. At their regular meeting held on January 13, village board members voted to sign a pre-application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Emergent Threat category. The funds are being requested for street improvements and construction as a result of the floods. The pre-application is required for a local government to receive an invitation to submit a full application for a CDBG award.

Website Migration

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson discussed Arnold’s website with the board. The platform that the Arnold website is built

on and hosted by, LightCMS, announced its end of life status. On May 31, 2020, hosting of Arnold’s website will terminate and no longer be active. Arnold has until May 31 to do a website migration. Carson gave board members an estimate from Kristi Dvorak of KD Agency for website migration. The estimate of \$3,150.00 will cover the cost of transferring the site from LightCMS to WordPress, including existing design/content as is or within the allowances of the new template. Carson said the estimate does not include changing the design or restructuring or adding pages, content, or photos. The estimate was approved by board members.

In other business, the board:

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Red Kettle Campaign Raises Over \$10,000

The Custer County Salvation Army is pleased to report the 2019 Red Kettle Campaign resulted in \$10,052.66 being collected to benefit Custer County projects. During 2019, the Salvation Army provided school bags and supplies to over 180 students and Christmas toys to nearly 200 children through Santa Cop. Financial Assistance was given to the Children’s Christmas Fund, DYO Youth Organization, Junior Golf League, Flood Assistance, Diaper Depot, Meals for Seniors recovering from illness or surgery, Food Pantries in Broken Bow, Sargent, Callaway, and Arnold, Swimming Lessons in

Broken Bow, Ansley, Sargent, Callaway, and Arnold, Book Fairs in Broken Bow, Ansley, Anselmo, Merna, Arnold, Callaway, and Sargent, College Textbook assistance for Foster Children, Vision, Medical, Dental, and RX assistance. In addition, emergency assistance is available for fire and weather victims.

The Red Kettle Campaign and the Cliff Luther Endowment make these events possible. Special recognition is given to Gary’s Super Foods, Orscheln Farm & Home, Tumbleweed, and Grocery Kart for providing locations for the stands, and the dedicated bell ringers.

EMTs Place In Top Four

Arnold EMTs Susan Nelson, Heather Hagler, Cassy DeLosh, and Tammy Weinman participate in the CPR competition at the NEMSA Winter Conference held in Kearney January 10-12. Arnold placed in the top four of the 10-minute timed competition focusing on the importance of - and how many compressions were given. Participants were docked for compressions missed, inadequate compressions, inadequate respirations or any other mistakes. Arnold EMTs attended several classes, including: The Unruly Patient, Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Emergencies, Apply the Pressure, Firefighter Rehab, The Stork Has Landed, Nebraska EMS Updates, and Safety and Professionalism. Part of the cardiac arrest class was taking part in the CPR competition. Other local EMTs attending were: Tom Dennis and Rudy Vickers.

Photo/Tom Dennis