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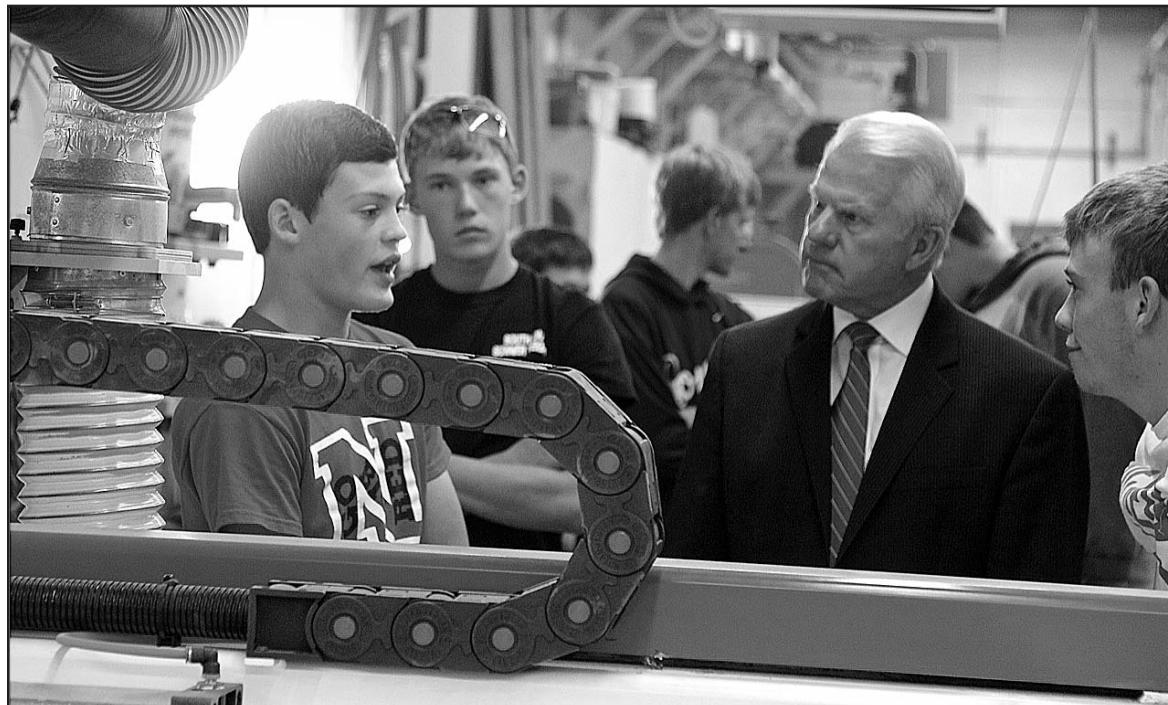
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Freshman Leighton Bubak explains to Senator Matt Williams how the CNC router works and what type of projects School House Graphic Products creates with it during the senator's recent visit to Arnold Public Schools. Looking on are other SHGP students freshmen Cooper Taylor (center) and sophomore Dayne Kulp (far right). The senator said learning about SHGP was one of the highlights of his visit. (Courtesy photo)



Freshmen SHGP students Madison Merritt and Cole Gracey show the senator the laser and explain their roles in School House Graphic Products. (Courtesy photo)

Senator Visits APS

Arnold Public Schools welcomed a special guest last Tuesday, as State Senator Matt Williams accepted Superintendent Dawn Lewis' invitation to visit both Arnold and Callaway schools.

The senator spent nearly three hours at Arnold, and during that time he enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the school board president, members of the administration and many faculty members.

One of the highlights of his visit to APS was spending time with the students who operate School House Graphic Products.

"These students, along with their instructors, Mr. and Mrs. Mohr, are involved with a very special and unique products,"

said the senator. "I told the students that their experience with this project will pay significant benefits when they are in the workforce following high school or college."

Senator Williams said he was impressed with the school facilities, but he was more impressed with the overall enthusiasm displayed by the faculty and students.

"I had the opportunity to spend nearly an hour with Mr. Peterson's government class," he said. "These students were well prepared and asked very insightful questions on a wide variety of subjects, such as the death penalty, legalizing marijuana and term limits. My goal was to not only answer their questions, but to install an attitude of interest concerning our political process. It was clear to me that under Mr. Peterson's guidance, these students are learning a great deal."

The senator has had the opportunity to visit seven of the 13 school districts in Legislative District 36. He said he believes strongly in our state's commitment to public education.

"There is no more important gift we can give our young people than education. I strongly believe the schools I have visited, including Arnold and Callaway, are meeting the challenges that face our students," he said.

Superintendent Lewis said she was impressed with the senator.

"He has a real stand, and

speaks his mind," she said.

Williams, who was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2014, said a focus during the next session of the legislature will be real estate taxes. The discussion of real estate taxes always includes the questions of funding schools. Under the cur-

rent state aid formula, schools like Arnold and Callaway have lost equalization aid.

"This is simply not fair and places an undue burden on our local landowners," he said. "I hope a fair solution to this issue can be found during the 2016 legislative session."

Patron Gives Views on Preserving Cardinal History

Arnold School Board members heard a patron's concerns on preserving the history of the Cardinal mascot in the school at their regular meeting held last Tuesday.

With the school's gymnasium recently undergoing a transformation reflecting the South Loup Bobcat sports co-op with Callaway, an Arnold patron voiced her concern - and she said that same concern of others - that the Cardinal mascot will be painted over on the south gymnasium wall, leaving no trace of its history in the school.

"Teachers need to teach students the history of the school and respect for the Cardinal. This is still Arnold Public School, and (other events) are held in the auditorium that have nothing to do with the co-op. You don't erase history," the patron said.

Board president Duane Bowers emphasized that as a board, there had been no discussion about the mural.

Later, most board members expressed it is their wish to keep the mural, although it may need freshened up because it is fading. The entire wall does need painted, but the

board is not in favor of eliminating the Arnold Cardinal. Superintendent Lewis said anything that actually takes place as far as the mural or painting the wall in the gym will be brought before the board for action.

Deal of the Century

During review of claims, Superintendent Lewis said the school got "the deal of the century" on Reading Mastery textbooks. So much so, the school will never have to buy textbooks again, and will save thousands of dollars.

She said the school's goal has been to have 20 textbooks in each classroom. Each year more have to be ordered because classes are growing. Another school was switching to a different program, and offered Mrs. Lewis all of their textbooks for \$3,000.00. Normally, textbooks are about \$80.00 a piece. Now, the school will only have to buy workbooks every couple of years.

First Reading on Policy

Board members adopted a revised Safe Driving Record Standard for Drivers Policy 3410 on the first reading. Mrs. Lewis ex-

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Village Board Passes Ordinance to Increase Electrical Rates

Residents will see a 4.9 percent increase on their monthly electric bill for services rendered after October 12, 2015. The Arnold Village Board passed Ordinance 428 to raise the rates at its regular board meeting held on October 13. The single phase monthly service charge will remain the same at \$15.00, but the charge for kilowatt hours will increase.

The increase is due to wholesale electrical rates increasing through MEAN, and an increase in subtransmission (wheeling) rates through CPPD.

Another rate increase to cover costs is scheduled for October 15, 2016.

CPPD's wheeling rates will increase approximately \$15,000.00 this January. MEAN said last February that government regulations are making a major impact on how the electrical market operates, and has forced the whole-sale provider to restructure how it does business. Those increases are passed onto its customers.

The Ordinance to revise the rates is in the public notices section of this issue.

Loan Approved

The board approved an \$8,000.00 loan and \$2,000.00 grant from the LB840 Economic Development Fund for the Arnold Motel & Campsite. AEDC Director Cheryl Carson submitted the loan and grant for approval, saying that the loan money will be used to update the motel's aging heating and air conditioning system.

During her director's update, Carson reported on the passage of LB840 in Arnold, and thanked all who went out and voted to extend the economic development plan and 1% sales & use tax for another 10 years.

Carson said she planned to attend a marketing seminar in North Platte on October 15 and an Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit in Lincoln on October 21.

She reported on a webinar

that was held in the AEDC office on October 9 titled "Nebraska Main Street Network - Tools to Revitalize Downtown Buildings." She said she will be ordering a manual and working to understand how the adoption of this tool, "IEBC International Existing Building Code could help benefit rehab projects for downtown. IEBC is geared for historic and existing buildings, and if used with other programs, can make it financially easier to give buildings updates, facelifts, etc., to make them more safe and viable.

She also reported on the website, and said that two houses sold the week before and have been moved into.

Western Riders Present Proposal

A few members of the Western Riders 4-H Club and their leaders asked the board's approval to hold 4-H dog training classes at the community center the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 4-H member Antonia Oberg spoke, saying it would allow the kids to train their dogs during the winter months to prepare for fair. She said it would benefit the community by teaching kids the responsibility of how to train their dogs to be obedient.

Kylee Lehmkuhler explained that members will start with on-leash training. The kids will be divided into older and younger groups and will sometimes train together.

4-H members also talked about possible concerns, such as the dogs having an accident. They explained that most of the dogs are house trained, and if there is a puppy, the mess would be cleaned up immediately. Strict guidelines are used at dog shows, and these guidelines would be followed.

Seven kids are signed up for dog project so far, and all breeds are included.

Antonia's mother, Dynette, ex-

plained that she and her kids have been driving to Broken Bow for three years to train with another group, and if the board would allow the community center to be used, the number of kids from Arnold signing up would increase.

"We have a lot of younger kids coming up, and we would like to grow the project," she said.

Board members expressed their concern that the floor would be damaged by the dogs' claws. Club members said that dogs shows and trainings are held on hard floors, and the dogs' nails are kept clipped. Leader Holly Remund mentioned that women walk on the floor with high heels, and there is no damage.

It was mentioned that soft nail caps could be used for the dogs' claws, or a protective PC mat could be rolled out. 4-Hers said they could have a fundraiser to cover the costs.

It was agreed that some research needs to be done on if the floor would be damaged before the board can make a decision. There is also a matter of insurance when the dogs are on the premises, but Joe Bob Atkins said he could help with that. The matter will be brought up again at the next board meeting.

Rotary Proposal

Irv Jennings said Rotary is proposing to build a 60'x2' covered picnic shelter at the Arnold Recreation Area as a community service project.

They plan to build the awning between the bathhouse and the playground area, but that isn't set in stone. The estimated cost will be \$6,160.00. Some donations have already been received and Rotary will also be applying for grants.

Jennings asked if the village would do the electrical and pay for that cost. Superintendent Bill Moser said the village plans to make electrical upgrades at the park anyway, and this proj-

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Halloween Carnival, Contest, Parade Set for October 30

The Chamber-sponsored Halloween Carnival, Contest and Parade is only about a week away. The annual event has been set for Friday, October 30, when school is out for break, and plenty of fun activities have been planned for kids, their parents and adults. Several adult volunteers, along with NJHS and NHS, will help make the festivities a success.

The free kids' carnival will begin at 9:00 a.m., at the community center. Judging of costumes will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Following the school district census, age groups have been designated so that there should be under 20 kids in each group for judging.

In addition to last year's carnival games, Rose and Roger Bierman are building a couple of new ones, modeling them after some games they saw at the state fair. New this year will be bobbing for apples (or grabbing for young kids).

There will be candy, and trinket prizes for the carnival. Large prizes will be given to the three winners in each age group of the costume judging.

Families and adults are invited to vie for the coveted "Best Themed Family or Group" award and one of three "Best Dressed Adult" awards.

The parade through downtown businesses will follow judging and awards at approximately 10:30 a.m. A list of businesses who will be

participating will be posted on the community center, and there will be sheets with the list available. Large foam pumpkins will be hung on participating business doors.

There will be no lunch offered this year, as there was not much interest last year.

Organizers are hoping for a better turnout for the jack-o-lantern decorating contest this year. Organizations, such as Teammates, 4-H, Rotary and Ground Zero, are encouraged to decorate pumpkins as a group activity.

Fans Asked to "Pink Out" for Breast Cancer

Bobcat fans are asked to "pink out" for the October 22 volleyball game at Arnold. Coach Randi Atkins, together with breast cancer survivor Becky Dailey, have organized the event to raise awareness of breast cancer during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, and mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Please turn to page 7 for more information, such as reproductive risk factors and symptoms.