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## Lt. Gov. Will Be In Town for Business Celebration

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley will be in town on Friday, November 22, to help Arnold celebrate business expansions and the opening of a new business. Foley will be welcomed by representatives from the AEDC, Village, and Chamber.

At 10:50 a.m., the group will tour MJK CPA's new location at 109 West Arnold Avenue, followed by a tour of Cloudfire Services at their new location at 109 S Walnut.

At 11:50 a.m., a ribbon cutting will be held at one of Arnold's newest businesses, Grazers Bar & Grill, located at 208 W Arnold Ave.

The event is sponsored by the Arnold Economic Development Corporation, and all residents of the community are invited to join in and help congratulate these business owners.

## ACFF Fundraising and Auction Event Is Saturday

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund's 10th Annual Fundraising & Auction Event will be held this Saturday, November 23, at the Arnold Community Center. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a cash bar provided. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the live auction will start at 8:00 p.m.

A highlight of the event is recognition of the 2019 Philanthropists of the Year.

Proceeds from the auction will help build the Foundation's unrestricted endowment - an account that provides a steady stream of resources for community needs, projects, programs, and opportunities forever.

Tickets may be purchased at First State Insurance in Arnold or from any ACFF Advisory Committee member. Limited tickets are available at the door.

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

## Packing Gifts for Children Around the World

Volunteer Joanie Knight (left) keeps things organized, as high schooler Faith Bierman helps 1st graders Ava Bierman and Olivia Doggett pick out fun items for their shoeboxes during the Operation Christmas Child packing party held at the school Monday morning. Hundreds of boxes were packed with thousands of items to be shipped out to children around the world. A complete report will be provided in an upcoming issue.

## School Board Approves New Superintendent Contract, Accepts Resignation of Two Teachers

By Janet Larreau

School board members approved a new superintendent contract, discussed the timeline for hiring a new principal, and accepted the resignation of two teachers at their regular meeting held on November 12.

A superintendent contract for the 2020-2022 school year was unanimously approved for current principal Joel Morgan. The search for a new principal was

discussed in non-action items. The school will advertise the first part of December and applications will be due by early January. Interim Superintendent Mark Sievering and Principal Joel Morgan will review the list of candidates and conduct preliminary interviews, narrowing the search down to three or four candidates. A date of January 25th was set for community meet and greets, giving staff the opportunity to talk to the candidates. Formal board interviews will be held, and hopefully, by that after-

noon, a contract will be offered.

With regret, board members approved the retirements of K-12 art instructor Julie Mohr and K-12 music teacher Chrysanne Bailey. The search to replace these two teachers will start informally, and be in full force after the 1st of the year.

“We’ve heard about a teacher shortage, and we are seeing this shortage. Our hope is we’ll find some great candidates to replace them,” said Mr. Sievering.

Facility recommendations

from Trane were given for the high school, including upgrades of electricity and windows and the HVAC system. Ultimately, the board decided to wait on the recommendations due to the upcoming community engagement process.

“We’ll hold off with the recommendations until we’ve gone through that process and know what the community thinks needs to be done,” said Mr. Sievering.

The next regular meeting will be held December 10 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room.

## One-Acts Community Night Draws Great Crowd



Photos/Jessica Tickle

In a scene from Arnold's One-Act play, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” Hugo the Gargoyle (Dawson Hanna), Vicky the Gargoyle (Kenna Rogers), and Laverne the Gargoyle (Reagan Cool) entertain the large crowd at Community Night.

## Both Callaway and Arnold perform

Some 250 people packed the school's auditorium on Friday night for One-Acts Community Night at Arnold. After a soup and pie supper was served to benefit After Prom, Callaway students presented their play, “Fighting Demons.” Arnold then presented “The Hunch-

back of Notre Dame.” The performances followed Callaway's Community Night, which was held on November 11.

“For all of our main characters, it was by far and away their best performance so far,

and I feel like we are in a good place going into conference.

They had a lot of energy and were having a lot of fun on stage, which was fun for me to see,” said Head Coach Lana Cool.

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney animated feature, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”

play presented by Arnold showcases some of the film’s Academy Award-nominated score.

Peter Parnell’s new book embraces story theatre and features verbatim passages from Hugo’s gothic novel.

The play features the following cast members:

Frollo - Dylan Nelson  
Quasimodo - Colbi Smith  
Esmeralda - Landyn Cole

Phoebus - Jesse Connell  
Clopin the Jester - Jace Connell

Hugo The Gargoyle - Regan Cool

Quasimodo’s Mother - Cecilia Wonch

Archdeacon - Colby Streit

Soldiers - Lance Jones, Chester

Oberg and Johnathon Lampher Gypsies/Monks - Faith Bierman, Kacee Dvorak, Shayla Tickle, Drew Vickers, Jayden Hanna, and Lorraine Wonch.

The crew includes: (lights manager) Bailey Schwarzbach; (sound manager) Jadeyn Bubak; (spotlight manager) Halie Recoy; (makeup manager) Melissa Sandager.

Directors are: Lana Cool, Leta Connell, Dynette Oberg and Renee Bubak.

The play is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI).

Arnold will host the conference one-acts competition this Thursday, November 21.