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The Butlers (Jace Connell, Cole Gracey and Landon Furne) start the *Murder at the Banquet* One Act play off with a bang at the Gothenburg One Act Festival. In the background is Tayten Eggleston as Captain Nathan Wimberly. (Renee Bubak photos)

## Arnold Actors Receive Awards at Conference

Arnold earned third place at the MNAC One Act competition for their play *Murder at the Banquet* by Robert W. LaVohn.

Seven actors received honorable acting awards: Jace Connell, Landon Furne and

Cole Gracey (the three butlers); Jasmine Nelson (Claudette Pindu); Toni Oberg (Agatha Preakness); Jarret Buchholz (Jack Diamond); and Tatum Cool (Jenny Watson).

Brady earned first place,

Ansley earned second place and Callaway earned fourth place. Callaway also had seven honorable actor awards including Spencer Bloom, Laney Willis, Atlynn Witthuhn, Brett Haidle, Wreleigh Doyle, Savannah

Weverka and Seth Pearson.

This week's One Act schedule included a matinee on Monday at the school and districts at Thedford on Wednesday.



Mrs. Agatha Preakness (seated - Toni Oberg) always has just one more request for Claudette Pindu (Jasmine Nelson).



Foster Holmes (Leighton Bubak) maybe gets more than he bargains for as he attempts to stop Jack Diamond (Jarret Buchholz) and his secretary Wanda Winters (Lydia Connell) from going to search for clues together.



(From left) Amy Allen, Chelsey Meyers, Kayla Kramer, Ali Reichenberg and Kandi McFadden, with instructor Lori Stutzman, were area residents taking advantage of new conceal carry classes.

## Residents Taking Advantage of Conceal Carry Classes

Conceal carry classes are now available in Arnold, thanks to Arnold residents Lori and Dusty Stutzman. Two classes have already been held in Arnold and one in Halsey.

Lori is the lead instructor and Dusty helps when available.

"We kept having people ask us about classes and we tried to plan several, but it is tough to get enough people held still long enough for an eight-hour class to justify the trip from Firth," Lori said. "Justin Grusing, founder of Nebraska Shooters and who hosted a class here in Arnold a few years ago, made the suggestion that we should become instructors. Without travel expenses we can hold a class for fewer people and hold them more often."

Lori went on to say, "I love the idea of helping others obtain their CCW permit, es-

pecially women. Even if they don't want to get the permit it is still a great class for someone who wants to know about handguns. Many women like the idea of a woman teaching, it can make them feel more at ease."

The Stutzmans became certified NRA basic pistol instructors and Chief Range Safety Officers first. This process included taking NRA Basic Pistol Shooting, CRSO training and instructor training that was completed at Nebraska Shooters in Firth, with NRA training counselors there. To be state certified to teach conceal carry, the next step was to apply with the state. This can be a long process. You must submit with your application a course outline and a written lesson plan. This can take months, but because Stutzmans partnered with Ne-

braska Shooters, the amount of time to complete the certification process was greatly reduced.

In addition to conceal carry classes determined by demand, there will be two basic pistol shooting classes each year in Arnold and as time goes on, the instructors hope to add other NRA courses to the classes such as personal protection inside the home, outside the home and hunter safety education.

All classes available can be seen at [nebraskashooters.com](http://nebraskashooters.com).

Also, if you would like to take a class and can't make the dates work, you can choose to host a class and get some friends and family together. This works great for someone who wants to take the class and knows a group of people that would like to also.

To be able to apply for a

conceal carry permit, by state law you must receive instruction of approximately eight hours, pass the written state test and qualify shooting a 30-round sequence at varying distances from three to 21 feet.

The class includes knowledge and safe handling of handguns and ammunition to loading, unloading, parts, types, cleaning and maintaining. Also, students learn shooting fundamentals, proper and safe storage of handguns and ammunition, conflict resolution, things to consider before carrying a concealed weapon and the laws pertaining to this.

Anyone over the age of 18 can take the class; however, you can't apply for your permit until you are 21. The certificate is good for three years.

To take the class you will need hearing and vision pro-

tection, a holster, a handgun and 100 rounds of factory ammunition. If you don't have a handgun and want to take the class, the Stutzmans have a few that are loaned out for the class.

"Even here in the Sandhills we are no longer isolated from the insanity of the world we live in. It is not

wrong to be prepared. People obtain CCW permits for many reasons including a loved one has one and wants me to, work wants me to, carrying one in a vehicle, personal defense, defend and protect themselves and family," Lori concluded.

## Holiday Mail for Heroes Program Offered at December 6 Blood Drive

Residents have the opportunity to participate in the Holiday Mail for Heroes program at the next blood drive scheduled for December 6 at the Arnold community center.

"This is the town's last drive of the year, so we will be celebrating our great donors and invite everyone to come in and sign a card," said Amanda Koubek.

The Holiday for Heroes program delivers cards of thanks and support to members of the armed forces, veterans and their families. This year's program will deliver cards from the local communities to local military facilities.

"It enables Americans to 'Give Something That Means Something' this holiday season and other holidays year-round. This is a program that is built on neighbors reaching out to neighbors," said Amanda.

She said a few guidelines apply:

- Red Cross asks that you do not enclose any items in the holiday cards, and that the cards contain no glitter. Any items enclosed will be removed, including photos and other gifts.
- Address the card: "Dear Service Member, Veteran, or Military Family Member." Limit the use of any specific

branch of service.

- Submit cards without the year 2016. Generic cards are the best.

If you wish to provide financial support for Red Cross services to the military, please donate online by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

For more information about this year's program, please call Amanda at 308-660-6709.

## Chamber Bucks Holiday Drawings Begin

Residents have the chance to win Chamber Bucks this holiday season when they shop at home.

Starting on November 25, participating businesses began issuing tickets to customers for each purchase of \$10.00 or more. Eight \$25.00 winners will be drawn at three separate drawings scheduled for (Monday) December 5, 12 and 19 at 2:00 p.m., at Pinnacle Bank.

Customers can then sign the back and deposit in a container provided by the business. If no container is provided, please drop your tickets off at Pinnacle Bank by 2:00 p.m. on the drawing date.