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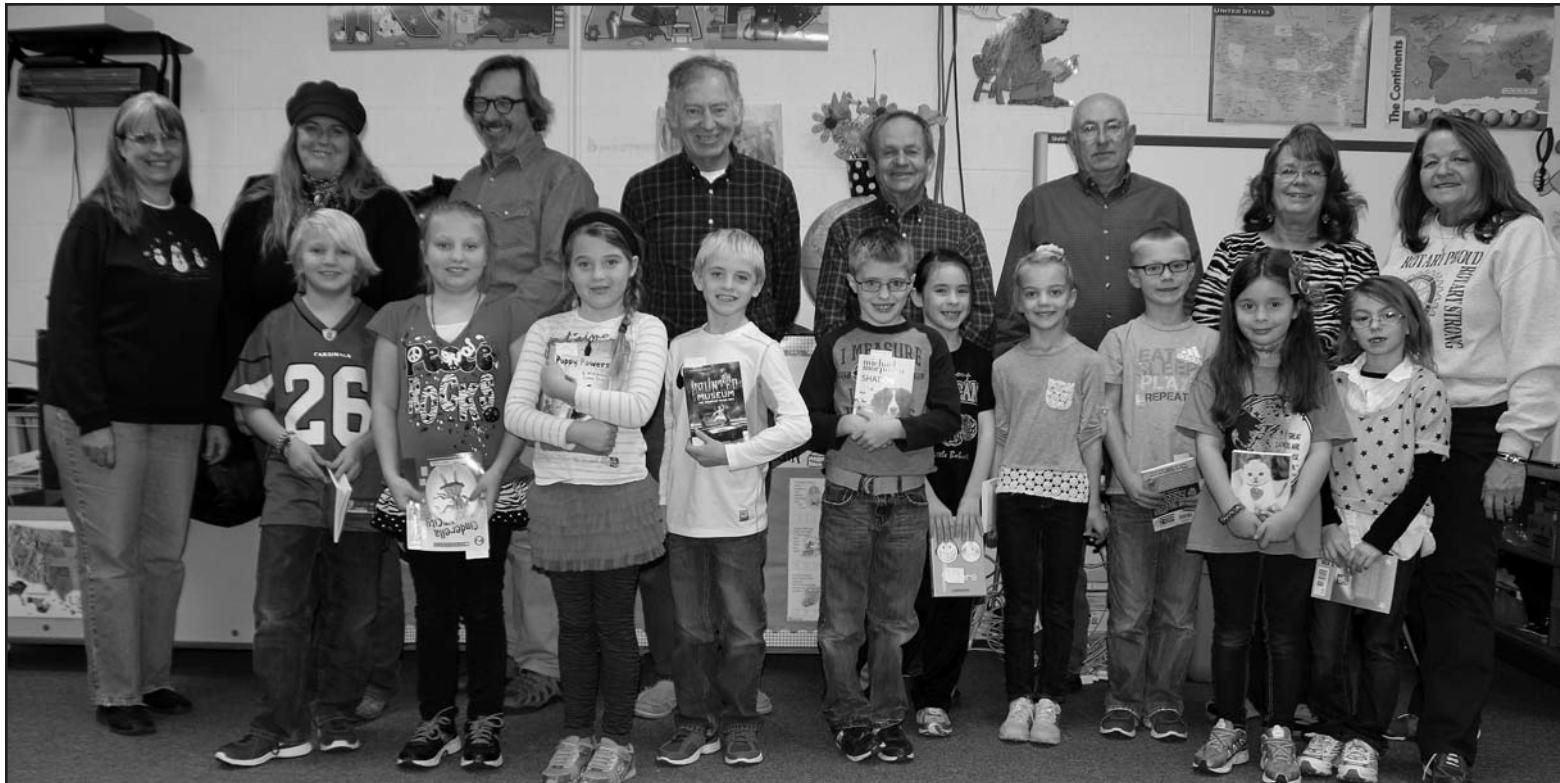
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## Hoping Santa Gets it Right

Making sure that Santa doesn't "mess up this year like he did last year," Brody Green points out his Christmas wish list to Santa from toy circulars that Brody brought with him to the community center last Saturday for Santa's annual visit. Brody, who is the grandson of Brad and Ann Griebel, left the circulars with Santa just to be sure. Santa's visit was part of Christmas Around Town activities sponsored by Arnold Chamber. Events included a free movie at the Rialto for the kids, a craft show and Chamber's annual free soup and sandwich supper. Organizer Patty Lambert said there was a huge crowd for the supper, with seven roasters of soup gone by serving's end. Businesses were open late into the evening, offering special deals, drawings and refreshments. (Janet Larreau photo)



Melody Jennings, Holly Hornung-Remund, Al Bishop, Irv Jennings, Ron Cool, Buzz Lohmiller, 2nd Grade teacher Melva Geiser and Berni Crow, recently read with the second Grade class as part of Rotary's "Book Buddies" Program. Holding their books are second graders (from left) Stokely Lewis, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Riata Remund, Ethan Furne, William Moninger, Ivy Tullis, Ella Cool, Jamie Tickle, Anna Tullis and Aubree Stutzman. (Courtesy photo)

## "Book Buddies" Program is Time Well Spent

The start of Thanksgiving break started out great for Arnold second graders, when a group of Rotarians came to the school to read with them as part of Rotary's annual "Book Buddies" program.

"Each Rotarian is excited about this project each year, and every year you can hear comments from the adults on how well our young people read," said Rotary President Berni Crow. "It's an eye opening experience if you've been away from young children for a while."

Al Bishop, Ron Cool, Irving Jennings, Melody Jennings, Holly Hornung-Remund and Berni all had a partner or two to read with, and received personal thank you cards afterwards.

"You can read good, better than me," stated Jamie Tickle to his reading partner, Ron Cool.

Aubree Stutzman stated, "My mom used to be in Rotary and she started this program." She and Anna Tullis read with Melody Jennings, and Anna said, "I liked sharing and talking about 'Puppy Powers' and 'Serendipity'."

Ethan Furne thanked the Rotarians for his book, even though it was... "a little scary."

"It's really my type," he added. Ethan also encouraged Irv to "write me back."

Taylor Hanna-Miles and Riata Remund shared reading with Berni Crow. Just so you know, Riata claims, "Kristen Earhart is a really, really, really, really, really, really, really good writer," and she expressed the same sentiments about puppies.

Ella Cool, who also read with Holly, offered a prediction for the story she was sharing about a puppy and was sad that "the puppy is homeless."

Ivy Tullis read with Holly also, and she informed Holly about a vacation they had taken, where apparently the twins threw pencils at each other.

Stokely Lewis clearly knew his reading partner well. His letter was full of questions about Al Bishop's dogs and his hunting experiences.

Buzz read with William Moninger, and Will told him in his letter, "Me and Ethan decided when we both got done with our books we would trade and read each other's."

Berni said the program provides a bonding experience for the adults and children, who enjoyed cute turkey cookie snacks and juice together, also.



## Students Exceed Food Drive Goal

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## Superintendent Search is Over

Arnold School Principal Dawn Lewis verbally accepted the offer from the Arnold and Callaway School Boards to act as Superintendent, shared between the districts, for the coming school year. Mrs. Lewis accepted the position on Saturday evening, after four applicants from Arcadia, Maywood, Callaway and Arnold were interviewed during a joint meeting of the Arnold and Callaway school boards. The meeting and interview process started early Saturday morning and lasted through the day, with candidates offered tours of both communities.

The candidates met with a committee made up of faculty and staff from both schools, and four of those committee members - two from Arnold and two from Callaway - then met with the two school boards to give their report.

Current Arnold and Callaway Superintendent Pat Osmond, who will retire on June 1, 2015, said all applicants have been notified that the position was offered to Mrs. Lewis.

"A good part of it is being able to work with Dawn right up to June," said Osmond. "One advantage to hiring from within is the transition is a lot smoother."

Mr. Osmond said that he won't be taking a vacation this

year, and will work with Mrs. Lewis right up to June 1.

"I don't plan on pulling up stakes," said Mr. Osmond. "Anytime Dawn has a question, I'll be available. I am deeply committed to having a smooth transition."

Arnold School will now begin the process of finding a replacement for Mrs. Lewis as principal.

"I am very excited about this opportunity. Thank you all for your support throughout this process," said Mrs. Lewis.

## One-Act Earns Honors

Grace Magill, Claire Beshaler and Olivia Furne earned honorable actor awards at One-Act conference competition. The team ranked seventh overall. The team traveled to North Platte for the D2-5 district tournament, with Grace Magill and Claire Beshaler earning distinguished actor awards, and the team placing fifth overall.

One-Act Coach Debby Moninger said the team would like to thank all of the community members who came and supported Arnold during its performance, as well as the ones who guest judged, helped with costumes and helped drive the set.

## Holiday Concert

Grades K-12 at Arnold Public Schools will present their Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m., at the school, on December 11.

## Chamber Bucks Winners

The first Chamber Bucks drawing was held on December 5, with the following winners announced: Ed Steele, Gene Tullis, Barb Peterson, Janet Larreau, Gwen Catterson and Racheal Smith.

Six, \$25.00 winners will be drawn at each of four drawings. The next drawing is set for this Friday, December 12. The shop-at-home Christmas promotion is sponsored by Chamber.

## Weather Summary

DATE	H	L	M
3	55	16	0
4	39	13	0
5	48	17	0
6	53	15	0
7	45	13	0
8	57	20	0

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