

Merry Christmas!

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Kindergartners (from left) Braxton Green, Parker Strasburg and Paisley Witthuhn peek in their stocking while singing "What's In That Stocking?" on stage at last Thursday's elementary Christmas Concert at Arnold Schools. A musical followed the kindergartners' performance, featuring Grades 1-5. (Jessica Tickle photo)

"Twinkle & Shine"

K-5 Students Entertain a Large Crowd at Annual Christmas Concert

Dressed in their very best, Grades K-6 presented their annual Christmas concert to a full auditorium of family and friends last Thursday evening. The kindergarten class opened the program, singing "Jingle Bells," "What's In That Stocking?" and "I Want To Be An Elf."

New this year was a Christmas musical, titled "Twinkle and Shine," celebrating the light at the top of the tree, with

music and speaking parts. The musical told the story of elves and reindeer who were on a mission to put up a "living" Christmas tree in the great hall, at Santa's request. Santa's helpers asked the trees, animals and birds of the forest for help. The cast of characters, directed by Chrysanne Bailey, follows: Twinkle - Ella Cool; Shine - Riata Remund; Announcer - Will Moninger; Santa

Claus - Ethan Furne; Rudolph - Gabe Smith; Cedar - Crew Witthuhn; Fir - Eli Rogers; Dasher - Ivy Tullis; Dancer - Taylor Hanna-Miles; Prancer - Jade Bierman; Vixen - Walter Bierman; Comet - Anna Tullis; Cupid - Taylor Hanna-Miles; Donner - Serenity Borah; Blitzen - Hayden Myers; Rapper 1 - A.J. Starr; Rapper 2 - Stokely Lewis; Little Dancing Star - Rae Hagler; Elf 1 - Piper

Strasburg; Elf 2 - EvaLynn Wonch; Elf 3 - Josie Christensen; Elf 4 - Gracee Downing; Elf 5 - Miranda Tucker; Elf 6, 9 - Asa Starr; Elf 7, 8, 10 - Sofie Lewis; Elf 11, 12 - Jamie Tickle; Tree 1 - Jaden Baker; Tree 2 - Luke Tullis; Tree 3 - Jami Lamphear; Tree 4 - Thad Hall; Tree 5 - Delanie Weinman; Tree 6 - Angel Mills; Tree 7 - Jacob Myers; Bluebird - Kora Dailey; Continued on page 2.

Village Board Reorganizes for New Year

At the December 11 Village Board meeting there were some topics for change, or to remain the same. The appointments for Village officials are the following: Glen Bowers will remain the chairman of the board, Patty Lamberty - clerk/treasurer, Mike Borders dba Borders Law Office - village attorney, Tom Werblow dba T.C. Engineering- village engineer, and Harvey Foran - water commissioner. Chairman Bowers reappointed trustees to the following committees: general (community center, parks and swimming pool) and streets and solid waste - Aaron Olson and Scott McDowell; electric, water and sewer- Brent Kulp and Tim Turley.

The Arnold Sentinel was designated as the official newspaper for publications of all the village business.

Bowers, Interim Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune and Dell Cerny were appointed to the board of health. Bowers also volunteered to remain the village representative to the Arnold Economic Development Corporation. Diana Coleman was reappointed to the housing authority board for a term of five years.

Ken Wehrman, whose term on the citizen advisory committee expires this month, was reappointed to the committee. The committee is a "watch dog" committee and not a committee that plays a role in the decision-making process in regard to where economic development finds are spent. Bowers volunteers to remain the ex-officio member for the committee.

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Bank Drawing Winners Announced

Pinnacle Bank announced its Christmas Drawing winners on December 15. Winning \$50.00 each were: Diana Coleman, Doug Engleman, Betty Sergun, Melissa Dannatt, Patty Parks, John Lanka, Cindy Ahrens, Brenda Coon, Ellen Chrisp, and Jane Chestnutt. There were 20 winners drawn over two weeks for a total of \$1,000.00.

Thank you for shopping Arnold and playing Pinnacle Bank's Christmas drawing.

Chamber Holds 2nd Drawing for Chamber Bucks

Chamber held its second Chamber Bucks drawing on December 15, with the following winners announced: Macy Martinez, Barb Gunther, Dru Magill, Cam Weinman, Dixie G'Schwind, Duane Bowers, Sheila McDowell and Karolyn Duponcheel. Each winner will receive \$25.00 in Chamber Bucks.

Eight winners will be drawn at each of three drawings. The final drawing will be held on December 22. In order to enter the drawing, simply spend \$10.00 or more at participating Arnold businesses and you will be given one ticket. Either deposit the signed ticket at the business or drop it off under the Christmas tree in the Chamber Bucks package at the Pinnacle Bank. You may enter as many times as you like with each purchase of \$10.00 or more.

Students Make a Difference

School-wide Treat Raffle Raises \$500-Plus For Food Pantry



National Honor Society members (top, from left) Jarret Buchholz, Tatum Cool, Lydia Connell and Avery Atkins draw names of winners in the K-12 treat raffle Thursday night during the Christmas concert that benefitted the Arnold Food Pantry. (Jessica Tickle photo)

Students at Arnold Public Schools were making merry in their classrooms and in the kitchen last Thursday, preparing treats to raise money for the local food pantry. The treats were raffled off during the K-5 Christmas program that night, raising a grand total of \$542.00.

In year's past, a school-wide canned food drive was held. Due to the success of last year's treat raffle, National Honor Society sponsor Debby Moninger said N.H.S. decided to take on the project again, with Jarret Buchholz chosen as the 2017 project leader.

"The money raised allows the food pantry director to purchase what she needs during the year," said Moninger.

It was a busy day for the students.

Kindergartners learned math, measuring ingredients for their treat, "Santa's Delight."

First graders prepared homemade tortillas that went along with a book they were reading. Dwayne Barraza's mom was there to show the kids how to make the tortillas.

Second graders made Christmas cookies, and were very creative and had a lot of fun decorating them.

Third graders made home-

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