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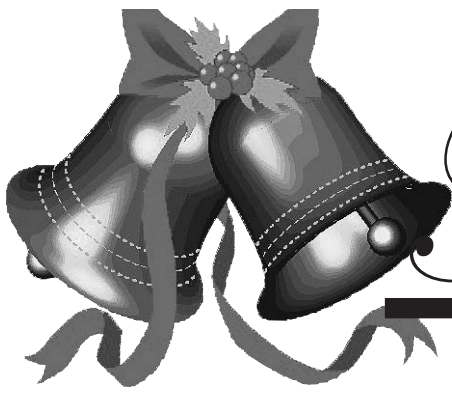
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Merry Christmas



When the sun sets during the holidays, the entire yard of Lloyd and Marge German lights up with one of the largest displays of Christmas decorations in town. Take a slow drive and enjoy the many hours of work involved by this Arnold couple and others over the holidays. (Sentinel photos)

Today's Christmas Displays: So Many Options

Driving around to look at Christmas lights on display is a tradition held by many families during Christmas-time. For centuries, people would use wax candles to light up their trees and homes. Thanks to Thomas Edison and the invention of the light bulb, they were able to display bulbs utilizing electricity.

In 1880, Edison was looking to advertise his light

bulb with a Christmastime display. He lit up his Menlo Park compound with strings of his incandescent light bulbs. In 1882, his associate Edward Hibbard Johnson introduced electric Christmas tree lights. President Cleveland displayed the first White House Christmas tree with light bulbs in 1865. By 1900 the average cost to put up a tree was around \$300.00 (over \$2,000.00

today). So for many years it was not affordable.

The lighting of Christmas trees and of homes started taking off in the 1920s—over a hundred years of Christmas light bulbs on display for Americans and the world to behold.

Now when we go Christmas lights shopping it's hard to narrow down what to get with so many options—LED, mini lights, incandescent

lights, c7, c9, G25, G12 or to get a Christmas light projector! Whether you put up one string or you are The Griswold's and your entire house is wrapped in lights, from the lamp post to the rooftop, all are able to admire the sight.

Enjoy a drive around Arnold to see the light shows on display this Christmas-time.

Board Reorganizes For New Year

Newly reelected board members Glen Bowers and Aaron Olson were administered the oath of office at the regular village board meeting held on December 12. Bowers was nominated and reelected chairman and appointed 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.

Patricia Lamberty was appointed village clerk/treasurer, Harvey Foran was appointed water commissioner, Mike Borders dba Borders Law Office was designated as the village attorney and Tom Werblow dba as T.C. Engineering was designated as the village engineer/street superintendent.

The *Arnold Sentinel* was designated as the official newspaper for publication of all

the village business.

Bowers, village superintendent William Moser and Dell Cerny were appointed to the board of health. Alternate to Moser is Doug DeLaune.

Bowers volunteered to be one of the village representatives to the Arnold Economic Development Corporation and appointed Aaron Olson as the alternate representative.

Sharon Forrester, whose term on the citizen advisory committee expires this month, was reappointed to the committee. Patricia Lamberty explained that the committee is a “watch dog” committee, and members do not play a role in the decision-making process in regard to where the economic development funds are spent. Bowers volunteered to be the ex-officio member of the committee.

John Phillips was reappointed to the committee.

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School Board Members Report on Conference

The Arnold School Board had an early morning meeting on December 13, with much discussion on several items.

Board members reported on sessions they attended at the recent state education conference. During this time, Bowers talked about a change he is interested in making to how the superintendent is evaluated. Eggleston learned new ways to make Arnold's local beef initiative more successful and also reported on the use of social media and how some

schools are incorporating this type of media. Nelson reported on what he learned in a session about the FLSA regarding teachers and coaches, and Beshaler reported that in the session on legislative action, they basically asked board members for ideas, stating they really have no idea how to fix school funding. Coleman enjoyed the student panels during which kids from across the state shared their experiences in different settings of Nebraska high schools.

Addendum Approved

Board members approved the addendum to the superintendent contract for salary during the 2017-18 year. The addendum and contract have been posted on the APS and CPS school websites for the public to view as required by the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. The interlocal agreement was also approved to continue to share the superintendent. Both of these measures passed unanimously.

Heating and Cooling

Discussion was held about the heating and cooling of the speech room which was built within the elementary SPED room this summer.

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Early Deadline Notice

The *Sentinel* is requesting an early deadline of Friday, December 23, at noon for all news and advertising for the December 29 issue so that employees can take an extended break. Any items turned in after this Friday at noon will be included in the January 5 issue. Please use the slot in the office door and items will be retrieved. Have a Merry Christmas, everyone!



Mentors and mentees of the Arnold TeamMates organization are pictured with members of the Devil's Den Motorcycle organization after receiving a \$2,000.00 donation raised from last summer's motorcycle rally. (Courtesy photo)

Devil's Den Motorcycle Organization Donates \$5,000 to Charities From Rally

The Devil's Den Motorcycle organization held their fifth annual rally and poker run this past summer in June. After bills were paid, donation amounts tallied \$6,400.00 with the three main charities receiving \$5,000.00.

Students at Arnold Public Schools benefit from the \$2,000.00 donation to TeamMates activities and for the purchase of special items for the SPED department, also totaling around \$2,000.00. These items are also available for use by the entire

staff.

The third charity “Out of the Darkness” received a \$1,000.00 donation, part of which will be kept locally to help families in need.

Other groups receiving donations included: Bobcat cheerleaders, Arnold Golf Association and for students

who attended the Washington, D.C., trip.

Money was also sent to the couple who had an accident during the rally to help defray medical costs.

Organization members pictured in the TeamMates

photo include: Mike Nelson, Tammy Weinman, Tim Turley and Berni Crow. Other members not pictured include Kendra Nelson, Dave Crow, Darren Weinman and Heather and Zach Hagler.