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## Celebrating the Real Reason for Season

While community members load up in back, (from left) Ray Holt, Weston Johnson, Pastor Irving Jennings and Michael Johnson get set for the chilly hayride around town on December 15. Ray provided his team and wagon as part of a Christmas celebration hosted by area churches. A live nativity was set up behind Riverview Apartments, where residents enjoyed viewing the scene and petting a variety of animals. Residents also enjoyed caroling and were offered hot chocolate and cookies at the Baptist Church.

## Rialto Theatre Board will Host Celebration of SORC

In 2020, the Sandhills Open Road Challenge will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The Rialto Theatre will be hosting a community-wide gathering on Friday, January 3, to honor the SORC.

The event will start at 5:30 p.m., at the Sandhills Motor's showroom where hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. After the reception, everyone is invited to cross the street to watch the movie "Ford v Ferrari" which starts at 7:00 p.m. Regular admission prices will apply.

"This event is to express our appreciation for SORC's generous contributions to our community," said Arnold Community Theater Board President Mary Becker. "Please come and enjoy good conversation and community spirit in recognition of 20 years of SORC."

## Rogers Advances to State VFW Essay Contest

Delaney Rogers, winner of the local VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, went on to win the regional VFW contest. Her essay is now being sent on to the state level. She has been invited to read her essay at the district banquet on January 12 at 2:00 p.m.

## AEDC/Village Plan For New Arnold Website

Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson gave her monthly update at the December 9 village board meeting. She said the AEDC was recently notified that as of May 2020, the current Arnold community website will be shut down. The business that developed the platform that the site

is built on has notified clients they intend to shut everything down in May. Arnold will need to build a new website on a new platform if it wants to continue to have a website.

"This is a great opportunity to make some needed changes to the current layout of our site with new template options,"

said Carson. "One of the top areas for desired changes is the business directory. We would now be able to go in and utilize a nich-based categorization, rather than the current alphabetized layout of business names."

There will be a new overall look and current content will

be reviewed, then rolled over and utilized where possible, and should reduce the cost significantly and save time. Kristi Dvorak will work on option estimates for consideration that will be made available to the AEDC and village board for review and further discussion.

She also gave an update on

the portable electronic speed limit sign that continues to collect data. The sign was previously placed for monitoring incoming traffic on Highway 40 from the south, and is now monitoring the incoming traffic from Highway 92 incoming from the west.

## Josie Christensen Wins Geography Bee for Second Year



Photo/Lyndee Rogers



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Josie Christensen listens closely to one of the questions in the finals round of the GeoBee school competition. Sometimes the little details in the question give clues to the final answer. Josie ended up champion in the competition.

Students from Arnold Public School participated in the school competition of the National Geographic GeoBee on Friday, December 13th. Josie Christensen, a 5th grade student, won first place, with Gracie Neth, an 8th grade student, winning second place and Riata Remund, a 7th grade student, finishing third place.

Prior to the school bee, there were individual class competitions to determine the finalists from each class.

The school competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Questions cover not only geography, but also ancient and world civilizations, cultures, and physical features.

The National Geographic Society developed the GeoBee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people

in the United States. Over more than three decades, more than 120 million students have learned about the world through participation in the GeoBee.

School champions, including Josie, will take an online qualifying test; up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State GeoBee. The winners of the State GeoBees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the GeoBee national championship in Spring 2020. Students will be competing for cash prizes, scholarships and an all-expenses-paid

Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavour II. Learn more at [www.nationalgeographic.org](http://www.nationalgeographic.org).

In addition to the GeoBee, National Geographic also offers classroom resources, student experiences and professional development opportunities for educators.

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