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Arnold One Act Takes 3rd at District One Act Competition

Lana Cool and Berni Crow, directors, were very pleased with the final performance of “Under Jekyll’s Hyde” at district competition held at Theford.

“It was disappointing to get 3rd, because we certainly felt that there was going to be tough competition for the top four spots. However, clearly we pulled off our best performance of the year,” said Crow. “As the 3rd place team was announced, the disappointment was evident from the cast, crew, and directors. I’m very proud of the students’ hard work and enthusiasm in their final performance. Considering the fact that we had only two practices in the final two weeks of the season, they can be proud of their final effort at a chance to go to state.”

The team finished the season with two, 3rd place finishes in the three competitive meets that they attended. Gothenburg, the first of the three, gave awards for best comedy, best drama and best technical production. At that time the team was still recouping from a necessary script change.

The team performed in six public performances throughout the season, but three of them were for public enjoyment and not competitive meets. The team earned 16 outstanding performance awards received by various cast members. Shaylee Jones and Tatum Cool received that prestigious honor in all three competitions. Jarret Buchholz, Kenna Rogers and Leighton Bubak, each received outstanding performance awards in two of the three competitions. Additional cast members that received an outstanding performer award include Dylan Nelson, Landon Furne, Toni Oberg and Grant Jones. Leighton Bubak and



Toni Oberg, playing “Mildred Kidneystone,” marches across the stage wanting to talk to Dr. Hyde about her eyesight, but walks right past him at districts. She was one of six outstanding performance award winners from Arnold at the competition (Courtesy photos)

Shaylee Jones both received an additional award for making the Top Ten at the Gothenburg Festival.

“The judges and other coaches often told us that we had many more cast members deserving of the honor,” said



Dillon Nelson, playing “Lawyer Quill,” discusses writing a new will with “Mrs. Poole,” played by Jesse Connell. Nelson was also an outstanding performer at districts.

Crow.

She went on to say, “Unlike high school sports, there is no scoreboard showing, which team is ahead, or which cast/crew members scored for the team. One Act teams have to rely on their ‘best performance’ impressing the judges to earn that top honor. Human nature and topic preference, on the part of the judges, plays a huge part in what team ‘scores the most points’. We found it

interesting throughout the season how one judge’s opinion could differ sharply from another. (Teams meet individually with all three judges.) We truly have to thank all of the judges for their positive comments, encouragement and suggestions. They have a tough job to do.”

All in all, it was a great season for the 36 members of this year’s “Under Jekyll’s Hyde”.

Christmas Around Town

Community Shows Support For Annual Event

After much planning, Arnold Chamber hosted its annual Christmas Around Town last Saturday. Businesses offered specials and extended their hours. At the community center, Santa’s visit drew 102 kids, where treats were handed out. The free movie “Trolls,” also sponsored by Chamber, drew 70 kids and adults to the Rialto. Free childcare was provided by the National Honor Society and the Junior Honor Society, and concession sales were reported at \$134.00 - also benefitting the theater.

A new event added this year was a cake decorating contest. In the adult category, Darci Barnes’ Rudolph cake placed 1st. In the 6th and 8th grade category, Alivia Robbins’ Santa’s Christmas was the first place winner. Stella Lewis, with Tis the Season, and Shayla Tickle’s Candy Cane Topping Cake tied for 2nd place in this category. First place winners received \$25.00 and 2nd place winners received \$10.00 in Chamber Bucks.



Residents look over the items at the silent auction held to benefit the Rialto Theatre.

(Fallon Gibson photos)

Silent Auction Raises Close to \$2,000

The silent auction to benefit the Arnold Rialto Theatre was a huge success. Held in conjunction with Christmas Around Town events last Saturday, and sponsored by Arnold Chamber, 84 items were donated and \$1,909 was raised for the theater.

“It was a typical auction,” said organizer Patty Lamberty. “Some items went low and some went high.”

The money will be earmarked for monthly operating expenses at the theater.

Since the movies are all sponsored, what additional operating expenses are there?

Lamberty said there are approximately \$850.00 a month costs in operating expenses. These include insurance, utilities - both electric and propane - internet service to run the projector and janitorial services.

Lamberty said the income from the ticket sales and concessions each week have not typically been enough to cover all the monthly expenses.

“Through the generosity of donations, like this auction, the theater can keep running,” she said. “The Rialto Theatre Board is very appreciative of the community support.”



Two-hundred-plus people were served at the annual Chamber appreciation supper held at the community center.



Emmett Conner has his first visit with Santa, and was among over 100 kids lining up at the community center.