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(From left) Bryn Schwarz, Charli Vickers and Hudson Vickers were among children telling Santa their Christmas wishes during the annual Chamber-sponsored Christmas Around Town Saturday at the community center. (Jessica Tickle photo)

## Chamber Hosts Christmas Around Town

Chamber hosted its annual Christmas Around Town on Saturday, offering shopping, a free movie, Santa's visit and a free soup and sandwich supper.

"We had a good day," said Mills Hardware owner Dena Mills. "We had 160 buying customers and a lot more who just stopped in."

A good turnout of kids enjoyed the free movie "Finding Dory" at the Rialto, with the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society providing free childcare during the showing.

Santa came to the community center for one hour after the movie and a reported 85 treat bags were handed out

to the kids.

Patty Lamberty, who has organized the free soup and sandwich supper for several years, said attendance was down from previous years but estimates close to 185 people went through the line. After the supper, cleanup was done in no time with a great crew helping out.



Shavonne Schacher stocks toys in her new business location on Walnut Street last week. The move to a larger building allowed her to expand her line of merchandise and to add a coffee shop. (Janet Larreau photo)

## Flowers by Shavonne Owner Moves to New Location, Expands

Shavonne Schacher has purchased the building previously occupied by Flower Girl on Walnut Street, and is open for business. Shavonne has been operating her business out of a storefront on West Arnold Avenue since January of 2015, but said she made the move mainly because of the convenient location and to expand into several new merchandise lines, a smoothie and coffee shop and focusing on a well-rounded gift shop.

Shavonne will be focusing on having bouquets pre-made or loose bouquets that are made up and ready to put in your vase at home. On Fridays she will have specials on flowers. The whole month of January will be a customer appreciation

month to appreciate all of the businesses' current and potential customers. There will be different specials each week and the coffee and smoothie shop will open. During the summer, old-fashioned malts and shakes will be served.

In order to expand and start the coffee shop, Shavonne applied for a business loan and accompanying grant through the Arnold Economic Development Corporation.

"We decided to apply for the AEDC loan to keep it local, knowing that the interest goes back to the community and because of the grant," she said.

The Schachers plan on doing some small renovations to the building to in-

crease energy efficiency over the next couple of years.

"We hope to make this a long-term home for our business and help make downtown lively again," she said.

Shavonne's new business hours are Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She plans to hire a part-time person to help with the coffee shop, during holidays, and also during times she is busy with flowers for events or funerals.

Shavonne said she is also looking forward to her kids being involved, as she remembers being young and her parents owning their own small business.



(From left) Finch Library board member Carlene Lanham, library director Marcy Lucas and board member Rose Bierman were thrilled to sell over 200 baked items at a fundraiser held on Saturday for the library's exterior tuck point project. (Jessica Tickle photo)

## Library's Bake Sale Brings in a Whopping \$1,317.70

Finch Memorial Library's bake sale—held Saturday to raise funds for the building's exterior repairs—was a surprising success. Two hundred twenty-five baked items were donated, and all but ten items were sold for a total of \$1,317.70 raised in one day.

"Brownies, pies, breads, cinnamon rolls, chocolate covered peanuts, homemade caramels, cookies, muffins, bars, toffee, fudge, krispy treats and potatoes sold con-

tinuously all afternoon and during Chamber's appreciation supper," said library board member Rose Bierman. "Of the ten items remaining, four plates of cookies were donated to the Methodist church for a funeral dinner the next day."

Donations for the tuck point project also came in during the week from Sara Buchholz, Bobbie Smith, Karen Olson, Bob and Penny Allen and Doug and Carlene

Lanham, totaling \$1,655.00. Added to the proceeds from the bake sale, the week's total added up to \$2,972.70.

Rose also reports that the Methodist Women's Society donated \$400.00 for the purchase of Christian books, and recently, Arnold Insurance Agency donated a printer/copier.

"It was a great week for the library," said Rose.

## Worldwide Candle Lighting Is Dec. 11

On December 11, 2016, The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting will unite family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

TCF's WCL started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance but has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance of children

who have died but will never be forgotten.

Local organizer Barb Varnay encourages residents to light a candle in their home this year and to view the me-



morial tree at the community center. A full program will be held next year at the community center on the second Sunday in December.

## One Act Places Third at Districts

Arnold students performed their one act play "Murder at the Banquet" at districts on November 30, placing 3rd behind Thedford (1st) and Loomis (2nd).

"The kids had probably their best performance yet. We were very proud of them," said one parent who was there to see the kids perform at Thedford.

Honorable actor awards were earned by Toni Oberg, Leighton Bubak, Dylan Nelson and Tatum Cool.

"The parents set a fantastic mood for the day by decorating the bus and sending a breakfast of donuts and fresh fruit," said acting coach Debby Moninger.



Tatum Cool was one of four Arnold actors receiving awards at the district competition.