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The Chili Cook-Off's Best Decorated Booth honors went to the Zone 45 team of: (from left) Tyann Nansel, Kirk Nansel, Jeff Witthuhn and Nicole Witthuhn. (Michelle Parson photo)

## Chili Cook-Off Draws 175-Plus to Community Center

A crowd of 175-plus people turned out on Saturday night for the St. Patrick's Day themed Chili Cook-Off. The evening was full of fun, as everyone enjoyed a variety of soups served by Chamber, sampled contestants' chili, and viewed the decorated booths of competing teams. As always appreciated by those with a sweet tooth, Mrs. Crow and her fourth graders served pie for their annual fundraiser.

Preparations for the cook-off began weeks in advance, with organizer Patty Lamberty putting out a call for teams. The response was great, with 12 teams signing up by the weekend. Cheryl Carson decorated the community center in a St. Patty's Day theme the day before, and by morning, teams were decorating their booths

and began cooking their secret chili recipes.

At 7:00 p.m., emcee Deb Broeck announced the following winners:

Mr. and Ms. Congeniality: Tony Miller and Heather Haugler.

Best Decorated Booth: Zone 45, sponsored by Kirk Nansel. Chief Cook: Tyann Nansel, assisted by Nicole Witthuhn and Jeff Witthuhn.

First Place Chili: Sponsor: Jim's Bar. Team name: Jim's Chili Chili Bang Bang. Chief Cook: Liz Brown, assisted by Jason Wehnes, Amanda Koubek and Blake Brown.

Second Place Chili: Sponsor: Aurora Meat Block (Brent and Andrea Winfield). Team name: Chillin' Chili. Chief Cook: Harvey Foran, assisted by Amanda and Paul Lopez.

Third Place Chili: Sponsor: Sue's Beauty Shop. Team Name: The Singing Trio. Chief Cook: Kent DeLosh, assisted by Pam Long and Sue DeLosh.

Judges were: Bobbie Smith, Mike Nelson, Becky Dailey, Ann Griebel and Ray Pearman.

## Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday

Chamber will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 19, at the Arnold City Park. The event will start at 11:00 a.m. The hunt is organized by the Ministerial Association with help from the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. Storm date is Friday, March 25, at 11:00 a.m.



(Left to right) Brady Weinman, Karl Jones, Eric Nelson, Dell Cerny, Duane Gibson, Sherman Miller, Kirby Corfield, Susan Nelson, Gregg Tickle, Nancy Cool, John Jones and Randy Connell were part of the recent installation of 182 smoke detectors in Arnold. The program was sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. (Tammy Weinman photos)

## Life Saving Smoke Detectors Installed in Arnold Homes

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department, along with the Red Cross, Rotary and JNHS, installed 182 smoke detectors on Saturday, March 12, in Arnold.

The alarms were installed in residents' bedrooms, outside the sleeping areas and on each level of their home. The alarms were also installed at Riverview.

Special alarms for the hearing impaired can also be installed. The alarms will last

8-10 years, then will need to be replaced.

It was reported by John Jones of the American Red Cross that there has been 71 lives saved with these alarms since the program has started. The Red Cross left 100 smoke alarms with the fire department for anyone who still might need them. If you need alarms installed in your home, contact Eric Nelson or Tammy Weinman.

Those who helped with the installation were Rotarian Ron Cool, JNHS members Lydia Connell and Kirby Corfield, Red Cross volunteers John Jones, Karl Jones and Sherman Miller, and fire department members Gregg Tickle, Andrew Tickle, Dell Cerny, Duane Gibson, Brady Weinman, Susan Nelson, Eric Nelson, Nancy Cool, Randy Connell and Tammy Weinman.

## Local Beef May be Served for School Lunches

The regular meeting of the APS Board of Education met on March 8 at 7:00 p.m., after a two-hour workshop. The workshop focused on summer facility changes, with nothing decided during the regular meeting, and the scoreboard at the football field. The Community Foundation was present to share in the discussion about the scoreboard, indicating that perhaps a board that would work for track meets as well as football games might benefit the community the most. Jarod Rush, AD, was present to share a price quote and discuss selling advertisements to local businesses to help pay for the project.

During the regular meeting, the board discussed serving locally raised beef in APS hot lunches. Many areas schools have taken advantage of this movement. Donations of beef, and money to process the beef could be accepted on behalf of the school by the Community Foundation, and would be tax deductible. The beef would need to be processed in a facility that has a USDA inspector on hand to approve of the entire process, from slaughter to completed processing. Dr. Lewis will visit with the cooks to make sure any extra work would not be viewed as too burdensome to proceed with the project. The board expressed a great deal of support for the idea.

Dr. Lewis and Mr. Morgan presented the board with the need to hire a new Title I staff member, and allowing Mrs. Nansel to be a full-time guidance counselor. The reasons were many, but most notably, Mrs. Nansel has a strong desire to grow her program and reach more students as the counselor, while already doing an excellent job, and the amount of students needing assistance as part of the Title I program has doubled in the past year alone. Concerns over the size of elementary classes, student needs and the requirement of the federal program that all students involved spend half an hour daily with the Title I teacher swayed the board to move to add this new position, while concerns that new legislation may limit the amount of growth that budgets may experience in a given year prompted them to act quickly. The vote was unanimous, and Mr. Morgan is advertising the position. Dr. Lewis thanked the board for making a wise decision to support the education of the students, making a true impact on learning at APS.

The board moved to purchase a new copier for the school staff from Eakes for about \$9,900.00.

The calendar for the 2016-17 School Year, developed by Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Brown, was approved.

An agenda item regarding a staff member was tabled, with no action taken.

Dr. Lewis reported on a trip with area teachers Clay and Julie Mohr, Jason Reed, Darrin Max, and CAPABLE director Jenny Fox to tour the Innovation Campus and Maker's Space in Lincoln. Many new ideas for SHGP are developing as a result of the visit, field trips for the summer and fall for students are being planned, and connections were made with the director of the Innovation Campus to collaborate on future projects and classroom instruction.

### Principal's Report:

Principal Joel Morgan reported that State Assessments for Reading, Math and Science are being scheduled. The assessment window runs from March 21 to May 6. Mrs. Nansel and Mr. Morgan attended a conference on March 2 for online scheduling through PowerSchool. They will be having students submit class requests online in the next couple of weeks and build the schedule based on those requests.

He also reported on how kids are doing in extracurricular activities, the Tower Gardens and some upcoming dates, including the MNAC Music Contest in Arnold on March 29. The entire building will be used that day, so school will not be in session.

Thirty-nine kids are out for track and seven are out for golf. Sign-up for anyone interested in cheerleading will take place after spring break.

Parent-teacher Conferences were well attended, with 97 percent of K-5 parents attending, and 78 percent of 6-12 parents there. Grades 6-12 attendance was lower compared to the 85 percent attendance in October, while K-5 had an attendance rate of 96 percent.

### Next Meeting

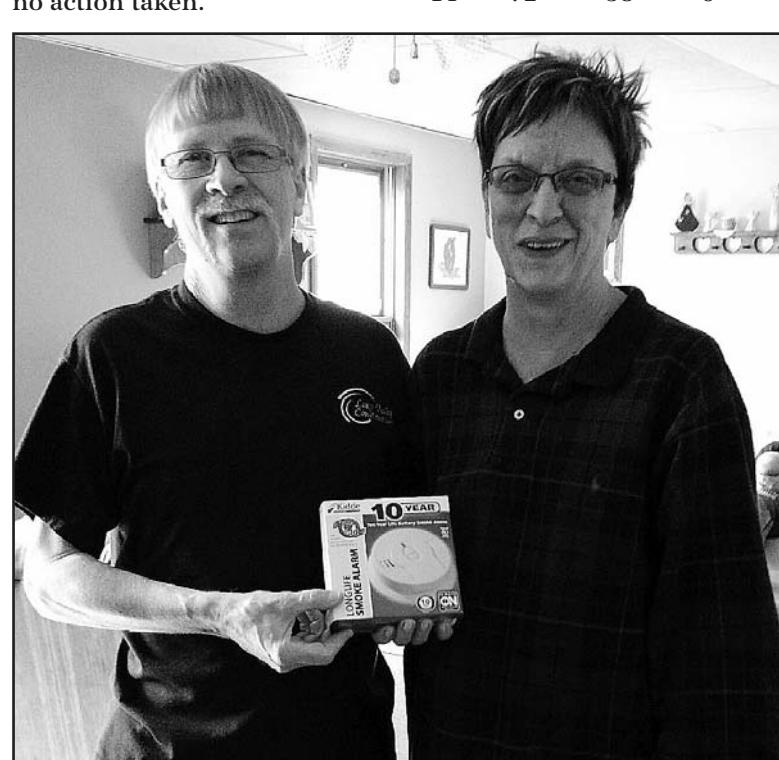
April Board Meeting date was set for April 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary Resource Room, and the date for the May Board Meeting was set as May 10 at 7:00 a.m. in the HS Library to accommodate the Spring Concert on the evening of the same day.

## Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs

Cooperative Weather Observer  
WEATHER STATION  
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP,  
ACROSS FROM  
ALL POINTS CO-OP

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Mark and Cindy Preston are safer now that new smoke detectors have been installed in their home. The couple is holding one of 182 detectors that were installed in Arnold homes on Saturday.