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Matt and Jessica Fletcher, with kids Traven, Taylie, Dagen and Charlea, are making it a family affair, purchasing The Body Shop and renaming it Same 24 Fitness. Their goal is to help people balance family and fitness.

Fletchers purchase body shop

By Janet Larreau

Same 24 Fitness, is the new name, and “Balancing Family and Fitness 24 Hours at a Time” is the new slogan Matt and Jessica Fletcher chose after purchasing The Body Shop from Aaron Olson on May 13. Located along Highway 40, north of the community center, the couple have a lot of plans to update the shop itself and the building.

“We once heard the best gift you can give to yourself or people around you is a chance to be happy and healthy with who you are. This business gives us the opportunity to maybe give back to a small town that has given us so much support and a place we can always call home,” said Jessica.

Matt and Jessica said their #1 priority is offering a place that family and fitness can go hand-in-hand, and they already have a kids area set up for members.

Renovations have been started on the roof and outside of the building, and there are many more things to come.

Included with memberships, Same 24 Fitness - a 24 hour key card access gym - offers fitness assessments, goal setting and tutorials on proper use of equipment. They plan to expand and update equipment as needed and offer fitness classes and boot camps for all ages. Gym memberships and tanning rates have remained the

same.

“Our members have appreciated the services they have received from The Body Shop throughout the years,” said Jessica. “The Colemans and Olsons have established a fantastic facility for our community and surrounding area. We have heard nothing but positive words of encouragement and support for us in the future.”

There's a better way

Appliances with Freon being dumped at Village Landfill, Legion Trailer

At the Village Board meeting, discussion was held on a problem with the improper disposal of large appliances containing Freon. There is a roll-off container available for disposal, and people know it, but Superintendent Doug De Laune said they sneak into the landfill and dump and run with Freon still in the appliances to avoid paying the \$10.00 charge. The village then has to pay to dispose of the appliances.

“We are having a real issue with it, and it is costing the village money. A lot of the stuff is breaking the truck down,” he said.

Broken Bow will take the appliances free of charge from the village if the Freon is properly emptied and there is a sticker on the appliance indicating that it has been emptied. The Village charges \$10.00 per appliance - again, if the Freon is first removed.

Mike Harvey and Legion members are also having a problem, as people are putting their appliances on the Legion recycling trailer without emptying the Freon. Mike has offered to take and recycle freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners on the Legion's scrap trailer free of charge as long as the Freon is emptied and there is a sticker. Legion asks that residents first check in their appliance at the city of

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Village Board Discusses Litter, Weeds Ordinance

Among other business items, Village board members listened to a complaint from a resident and discussed a problem with the disposal of appliances at their regular meeting held on June 10.

Complaint regarding lot

A resident attended the meeting regarding Section 6-304 of the Arnold Municipal Code (offenses; weeds, litter, stagnant water). He mentioned that he had talked to a couple of board members two years ago to ask the village to enforce the ordinance on a lot full of junk south of him, but nothing was done. He asked if there was going to be anything done about it. He noted that the ordinance has been enforced through the years on other property owners, including someone who

had to build a fence around their lot that was filled with old cars. He said varmints live there and come into his property. Bowers said he has talked to the owner of the property, which is a commercial business area. After much discussion, the Board directed Clerk Patty Lamberty to send the owner a letter, giving him 30 days to clean up the lot.

Comments from the floor

Becky Dailey requested that the Village consider purchasing more of the blue picnic tables for the Arnold Recreation Area at budget time. She said the tables are spread out between the city park and the ARA during SORC when they are needed. She asked that the Village consider ordering 25 tables so there will be one for each

camping spot at the ARA. Her suggestion was to use some of the Peterson estate money, but Chairman Glen Bowers said the money is already committed to projects. The tables cost \$692.00 each and are assembled free of charge.

AEDC Update

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson said there is one business loan application out. She gave a report on all that was involved with preparing for the Nebraska Rod & Custom Association's stop in Arnold, and said that a little over \$2,500.00 was raised for the new merry-go-round for the city park through free-will donations, pre-orders of donuts and extra sales that day. She noted that the NRCA's stop - bringing over 400 cars to town - had a really good eco-

nomic impact on the town in just a short amount of time, and thanked everyone involved.

The AEDC will have the assistance of two interns in June and July. Both are from UNL and will be available for one day per week to help with planned projects. The interns will be paid by UNL.

She also reported on the Body Shop changing hands and the opening of Grazer's Bar & Grill.

In other business, the board:

- Approved SORC's request to pass resolutions for temporary use of the state highway and to block off streets for SORC events.

- Voted to purchase a 55 gal. tractor mounted sprayer from Country Partners for up to \$1,350.00.

- Voted to pass resolutions for the sale of Village property to Max and Joan Smith and Margie McDowell.

- Voted to purchase a trash truck for \$197,852.00, and to issue a check for the down payment and finance the balance with Pinnacle Bank.

- Voted not to put culvert work at Old Mill Park out for bids as the project will be done by the time bids come in.

- Decided to bid on used dumpsters on the Big Iron Auction for up to \$500.00 a lot.

- Heard a report from the utilities superintendent. De Laune said that IES needs to rewire the transformers.

Chesnutt Pleads Not Guilty In District Court

Jane Chesnutt, who was bound over to district court at a preliminary hearing in the Custer County Court on April 25, pleaded not guilty to all three counts of 2nd Degree Arson, Criminal Mischief, and Burning to Defraud, at an arraignment hearing held on June 13. The charges stem from a fire started at Jim's Bar on March 27, 2018.

A progression conference, which is the management of a case before it comes to trial, has been set for June 20. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for September 19, and the trial date will be sometime in October.

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Arnold has many volunteers who serve the community. This week, the Governor's office is encouraging nominations for Outstanding Volunteers for ServeNebraska's 2019 Step Forward Awards. For more information, on how to nominate a volunteer, please turn to page 2.



Photo/Charissa Busch

“Peanuts” characters come to life

Crane River Theater Company actors draw children into their performance at the Arnold Community Center during last week's presentation of “You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!” The production - brought to town by Finch Library as part of Summer Reading - gave local kids the chance to meet Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and the whole gang. Finch Library Director Marcy Lucas said the number of kids who attended was way down from the company's previous visit to town, but those who did show up really enjoyed it. “It was small enough, that the actors really interacted with the kids,” she said. The company's musical performances draw hundreds when they perform in Kearney, with the actors coming from all parts of the U.S. The investment was large for the library, and the turnout was small, but bringing Crane River's Page to Stage exposed these kids to the performing arts in a fun way.