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Lights, Camera, Action!

Arnold resident Matt Fletcher plays extra in movie

When Arnold resident Matt Fletcher's wife, Jessica, excitedly told him that she read about a call for auditions for a movie being filmed in North Platte, Matt wasn't interested.

“Jessica said we should both give it a try and see if we got in - that it might be fun,” said Matt.

Although Matt didn't participate in the regular audition, he did, however, send in a head shot. To his surprise, he was later e-mailed and told that he was cast as an extra in a courtroom scene and picked randomly by the director to play the part of Juror #5.

The movie, titled “The Substitution,” tells the story of a substitute teacher that possibly had questionable relations with a student. It will air the middle of March for viewing on Amazon and Netflix.

The director, Bob Byington, is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, and wanted to film a movie in Nebraska that had a



Matt Fletcher (left) with actor Jack Marshall, who is enjoying his first ever Nebraska runza. (Courtesy photo)

small town feel to it. He chose North Platte,” said Matt.

Matt showed up for filming of the courtroom scene on



A filming crew gets sound ready for the juror scene for the movie “The Substitution.” (Courtesy photo)

Wednesday morning, September 23, at the Lincoln County District Courthouse. He was given three lines to speak, playing Juror #5.

In addition to the director, Matt met actors Keith Poulsen (playing the role of the husband) and Jack Marshall (playing the lead detective role).

“The whole process of how a movie is made - sounds, takes, how the director and producer see things - made me realize how little we see of the big picture of what goes into televi-

sion entertainment,” said Matt. Although a lot of scenes are cut and edited in a movie, Matt said he was told by the director that his scene will definitely make it in.

“I guess we will see when it comes out. I won’t hold my breath!” he said.

Matt, 36, who is a 2nd shift line set-up employee in the glass department at Becton Dickinson in Broken Bow, said he was paid in runzas and experience!

Sixth Grade Project Helps Hurricane Victims



Arnold sixth graders pose in front of a trailer loaded with donations collected for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Pictured are: (back row, l-r) Izaiah Hessler, Charli Vickers, Macy Atkins, Gracie Neth, Delaney Rogers, Dawson Doggett, Logan Recoy, Rio Remund, Madison Smith, Cache Gracey, Harmony Borah; (front row, l-r) Grace Bierman, Bryn Schwarz, Trey Connell, Tahnna Nokes, Brendan Striet, Noah Hunt, Samantha Wonch.

When a hurricane hits Texas - affecting thousands - how can you reach out and help from the state of Nebraska?

Sixth grader Madison Smith wanted to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey and came up with a community project that

turned out to be very successful.

Madison and her mom, Tami, first contacted the Orphan Grain Train out of Norfolk, a 501c3 nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources

with needy people in America and around the world. The organization had already sent semi-loads of supplies to Texas, but another shipment was scheduled to leave Norfolk very soon.

Madison presented the idea of

organizing a donation drive to her classmates, and with only a one-week timeline left before supplies left Nebraska for Texas, her classmates were on board.

Colorful posters were made and hung around town and a Facebook page was created for everyone to share. An enclosed trailer was placed at Winsome Inn & Suites, and the response was overwhelming.

In a matter of days, the trailer was completely filled with a variety of needed supplies...hygiene items, socks and underwear, blankets and clothes, toiletries, non-perishable items and cleaning supplies - all donated by Arnold residents and businesses.

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge donated \$250.00 for rebuilding supplies—including tarps and tools—that were purchased at Mills Hardware.

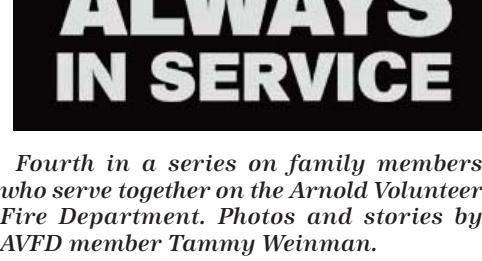
“The trailer was locked at night, and a sign-in sheet was attached to the trailer so the kids can send everyone thank you notes,” said Tami.

The trailer was taken to the Norfolk warehouse, and in the end, some of the items went to Texas and some to Florida, where items were still needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

And in the famous words of President Ronald Reagan, the sixth grade class learned that, “We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”



Supplies from Arnold residents were taken to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse located in Norfolk, where the items were loaded and shipped to hurricane victims in Texas and Florida.



Fourth in a series on family members who serve together on the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. Photos and stories by AVFD member Tammy Weinman.

Volunteer Service: It's All In The Family

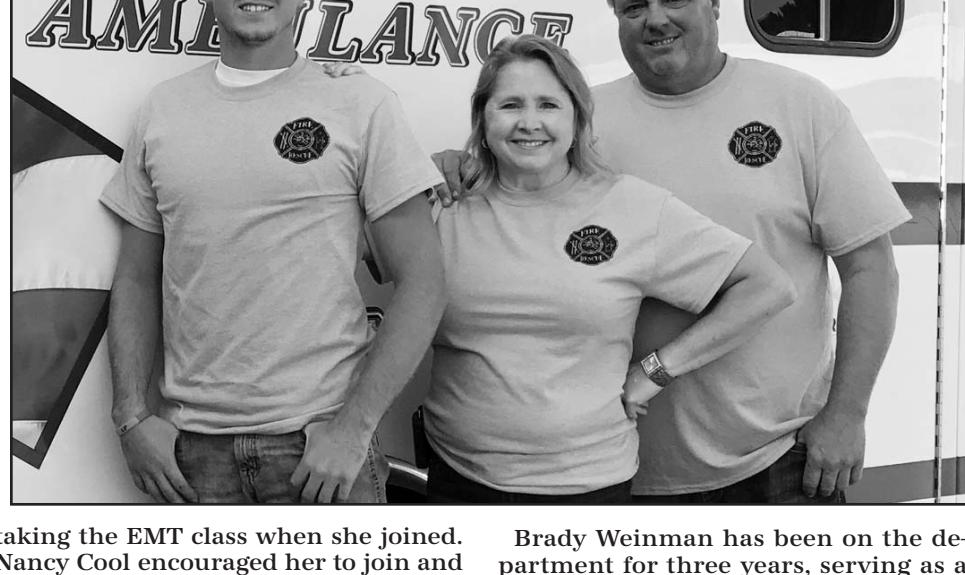
From left: Brady, Tammy and Darren Weinman

Darren Weinman joined the Arnold Fire Department in 1999 when he was asked by a friend to join. He is a fireman on the department and was a first responder for several years. He serves on the department with his wife Tammy, son Brady, niece April Tickle and her husband Andrew.

Darren said, “I like having family members on the department with me and knowing we all have the same goal - to help someone in need.”

Darren believes the most rewarding part of being on the department is helping others, because some day he might be the one needing the help.

Tammy Weinman joined the department in 2000. She was in the process of



taking the EMT class when she joined. Nancy Cool encouraged her to join and was also her EMT instructor.

“Nancy was one of the best instructors in the state and was a great mentor to me,” said Tammy.

Tammy joined the department to also give back to the community, adding, “I enjoy working on the fire department with family members. We know we can count on each other and watch each family member grow in different areas in EMS. Each one has an important role on the department and it’s neat seeing each one excel.”

Tammy has served as the secretary/treasurer and assistant rescue captain. She is currently serving as the rescue captain.

Brady Weinman has been on the department for three years, serving as a fireman. Brady joined the department because his mom and dad had been on the department for many years, and he likes having the opportunity to help others in any way he can.

“I like serving on the fire department with family members because it makes going on difficult calls a little easier when you have family there with you. The most rewarding thing about being on the department is just knowing the community is thankful for the fire department members and that I have the chance to help others and give back to my community.”

Rotary Club Sets Goals for New Year

By Ron Cool

Rotary met Thursday evening with Todd Thompson sitting in for President Irv Jennings, who had a speaking engagement in North Platte. This article outlines our internal goals. Next week will identify our community goals.

The club has been working on the year's goal since July and has finally identified the most important internal and community goals. The following is a thumbnail sketch of what Rotary intends to accomplish this year.

• Internally increase membership by at least one person. We plan to develop a workable plan to achieve the following goals.

• We plan on participating in Rotary International's goal of eliminating polio worldwide. Last year 37 cases of polio were found all in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Since Rotary and the World Health organization took on polio, it is estimated 16 million people worldwide have been saved from paralysis.

• Have 100 percent participation in Rotary International Foundation. The Arnold club and Minden club are the only clubs in the district that have

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