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“Serving the South Loup River Valley”

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Courtesy photo

Baby, it's cold outside!

Bundled up in her winter gear, Holly Jenkins helps a newborn calf stay warm in the cozy barn, as temperatures plummeted to well below zero last Friday - and dipped to a bone-chilling 27 degrees below zero or more (depending on who you talk to) on Sunday and Monday night. The heifer calf's maternal brother is the first bull Twisted J Angus has consigned to a sale later this month. Both Holly and husband Jason have high hopes for her as a cow in the future. Calving season for area farmers and ranchers is well underway, with a forecast of milder weather to come this weekend.

School Board Renews Principal Contract

The 2021-2022 principal contract for Chanc McIntosh was renewed at the regular meeting of the Arnold School Board held on February 8.

Superintendent Joel Morgan reported that the COVID-19 dial is still in the same spot and masks are not required.

He also said that The NSA is going up to 75 percent capacity for events beginning February 12.

Board members approved surplus property for disposal,

including a Delta 12" planer, Powermatic drill press, a milling machine and plotter cutter that are no longer used.

Annual contracts were approved for ESU 10 and TEAM Physical Therapy, and the Board approved renewal of membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for 2021-2022.

The next regular meeting will be March 9 at 7:00 p.m., at the East Campus.

Letters Needed for Next Edition of Alumni News

A reminder to A.H.S. alumni that letters are needed for the 2021 edition of *The Alumni News*. Photos of past programs are also being sought. Letters and/or photos may be mailed to: Arnold Alumni Association, c/o Patty Goodenow, Alumni Secretary, PO Box 121, Arnold, NE 69120, or emailed to: arnoldsentinel@gpcom.net with the subject line reading *Alumni News*. The deadline to submit is March 15.

pended from the Economic Development Fund. A check for \$25,284.22 was issued from the Economic Development Fund on February 4 to the AEDC for the purchase.

Wastewater Plant Improvement

Board members voted to purchase a Vogelsang X Ripper Channel Grinder, after being presented information by Cary Ernst, salesman with Iowa Pump Works.

Just the name sounds impressive. The X Ripper will shred solid and disruptive matter such as wet wipes, etc., and is an efficient means of protecting pumps and system components from clogging - something wastewater plant operator Harvey Foran has been dealing with for years. The grinder will come at a cost of \$27,540.16, but will be well worth getting rid of some headaches at the plant. The X Ripper can't perform miracles. Clogging, blockages and damage occur when people flush items that should not be flushed, and De Laune said for some reason, there has been an increase in disruptive matter that shouldn't be flushed in the past two years. Residents are asked to be mindful of what they flush and the problems it can cause.

Camping Rates Increase

Board members passed a resolution setting the rates for camping fees to \$25.00 for campers/RVs/trailers (using amp connection) per night, including one tent, and \$10.00 for primitive per night. The resolution also limits camping in one spot for more than 14 consecutive days and sets that fee at \$225.00 for electrical sites. Before passing the resolution, members heard and discussed AEDC Director Cheryl Carson's concerns about increasing the rates. She presented a camping fee comparison from other sites in the state, saying that Arnold has had an increase of camper stay nights, which has been the goal with all of the improvements.

"I am concerned that this might potentially scare off the new clientele Arnold has attracted with the \$10.00 per night increase. This could adversely affect the businesses in our community, as well as park revenue," she said.

Board members felt the new rates are in line and decided to stay with the decision they had previously made.

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“The Road Home” wins contest

Recy's entry wins U.S. Senate Fall 2020 Photography Contest

Arnold sophomore Halie Recy has been named a winner in the U.S. Senate Fall 2020 Photography Contest. Art Instructor Miss Berglund introduced and encouraged all of the photography students to enter the contest that called for images of Nebraska scenery. Halie's entry was taken just outside of Arnold on the River Road.

"I chose that spot because the sunrise was extremely pretty, and I wanted to capture the beauty of the reflected sunlight along with the beautiful landscape behind the signs. I named my picture 'The Road Home' because it fit really well with where the picture was taken, and I wanted to show that there is beauty in things that we see everyday," said Halie.

Halie was notified by email that her photo had been selected to be printed and displayed in one of Senator Sasse's four Nebraska offices. The con-



With the above entry of a photo taken on the River Road, Arnold sophomore Halie Recy was named a winner in the U.S. Senate Fall 2020 Photography Contest.

Photo/Halie Recy