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## Summer Reading Fun



Jessica Tickle photos

Children who attended the June 2nd Summer Reading Program session had the chance to interact with six baby goats brought to Finch Library by Paxton Bierman and his mom, Leron. The activity tied in with this year's fun theme - "Tails & Tales."

Children - ages 3 through 5th grade - have been enjoying Summer Reading Program sessions at Finch Memorial Library in June. In fact, it's been a great turnout, with 26 kids registering for the first session on the 2nd and 32 registering on the 16th.

For the kick-off of "Tails & Tales," proud owner Paxton Bierman and his mom, Leron, brought his six bottle-fed baby goats - ranging in age from 1 to 3 weeks old - to the library. Smiler, Mandy, Yodel, Licorice, Rain, and Pipsqueak were all transported in one dog kennel.

"We let the kids guess how many were in the kennel and then let them go. They are bottle fed and it was time to eat, so they all ran right to the kids and tried to suck on their fingers," said Leron.

The kids were also taught how to tell the difference between goats and sheep. Although they are about the same color, goats' tails are up and sheep tails are down. Leron also mentioned that baby goats are bottle fed when the mother has too many and can't feed them all or when the mom decides she doesn't want anything to do with them.

June 16th's special guests were Laura Garrison and her service dog, Nutmeg, who specializes in working with the elderly.

Two more sessions of Summer Reading are planned on the 23rd and 30th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Booker Kulp feeds Nutmeg, Laura Garrison's service dog that specializes in working with the elderly, at the June 16th Summer Reading session.

## Fundraising Starts for CC Flooring Through Give 4 County

Director Cheryl Carson reports that the AEDC will be participating in the Give 4 County to raise money for the replacement of the Arnold Community Center flooring. The fundraiser started on June 15 and will continue through July 15.

Give 4 Custer County is a fundraising campaign/event to support the work of nonprofits in the county. The minimum online donation is \$10.00, but every gift grows with added match pool funds and incentive prizes. Nonprofit organizations will receive a proportional share of the \$47,500.00 Challenge Match of funds. The proportional share will be based on the total dollars raised by the individual participating organization in relation to total dollars raised by all participating organizations. For example, if the participating organization raises 3 percent of total funds raised by all participating organizations during Give 4 Custer County, it will share in 3 percent of the matching pool.

Pre-giving started on June 15. Cash and checks can be dropped off at the Arnold Economic Development Corporation, mailed to AEDC, P.O. Box 376, Arnold, NE 69120 or dropped off at the Arnold Village office.

Online donations open July 13 at 12:01 a.m. and continue through July 15. Online donations must be made to <https://give4cc.asimobile.net/-/view/13200> or delivered in person to the Custer County Foundation office on July 15. Checks need to be made payable to Custer County Foundation and accompanied with a giving form or the nonprofit organization's name in the memo line.

## Goodwill Truck Here Until June 29

A reminder that the Goodwill Truck will be located south of the city park through Tuesday, June 29. Virtually anything in your home or garage is accepted, but due to limited storage space, large items, such as furniture, cannot be accepted.

## Village Board Gives Couple Extension on Cleaning Up Property

Village Board members decided to give an Arnold couple a little more time to clean up their property at their regular meeting held on June 12.

Village Attorney Mike Borders was at the meeting to discuss enforcing a section of the Arnold Municipal Code regarding weeds, litter and stagnant water, saying that the Board had previously agreed that the condition of the property located at 105 N Hillcrest violated the ordinance. Notices were sent out on June 3, 2020, and another notice was sent on May 17, 2021, stating that the property was in violation of the code. Borders said that since the couple has not complied with the notice to remove the litter, the Village does have the authority to have the work done. Board members noted that costs and expenses of work by a third party could cost anywhere from \$2,000.00 to \$6,000.00 and will be paid by the property owners. Borders said that if the amount owed is unpaid for two months, the Village can file a nuisance lien on the property; however, the Village could also allow another extension.

The property owners spoke during the meeting and after discussion, the Board voted to give the couple until July 12 to comply with the code. A roll off container will be delivered to

the property and will be at the owners' expense.

### 30x30 Land Grab

Carol Watson was at the meeting and gave a presentation on the 30x30 land grab through Presidential Executive Order 14008. The 30x30 references the section that states 30 percent of the nation's land will be placed in conservation by 2030. Watson asked board members to consider adopting a resolution opposing 30x30. Board members will wait and see what the Custer County Board of Supervisors is going to do. Village Clerk Patricia Lamberty will contact the village attorney.

### Speed Display Signs

The Village is considering placing speed display signs to control traffic entering town. The clerk said that an Application for Placement of Traffic Control Device within the state right of way will need to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Transportation and a quote for the device will need to be attached. A separate application form is required for each post mounted sign. Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune said that he has received several quotes of NDOT pre-approved traffic control devices. Aaron Olson volunteered to help him go through the

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## Serving Together

Several Arnold couples are currently serving together on the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. This week - in the last of the series on these couples who donate so much of their time - long-time members Darren and Tammy Weinman are featured.

Darren joined the department in March of 1999 as a fireman, then later became a first responder. In February of 2000, Tammy joined the department while taking the EMT class in Broken Bow.

Their children were 11, 5, and 2 at the time.

"It always had to be a group effort to juggle going on calls. We always had to make sure one of us was around to stay with the kids or have someone available to watch them when we both were needed to go on a call. We had a lot of family, neighbors and friends that were there to help out when needed," said Tammy.

Darren usually went on fire calls and Tammy went on the ambulance calls. When the kids got older it was easier for both of them to leave when the pager went off.

"The kids learned quickly, when the pager went off, mom and dad were going to help someone in need. One kid would grab our shoes, one would get the garage door open and the other would grab our coat to help us go out the door quicker! If it wasn't for our children's support and understanding of what it means to



Courtesy photo

Married couple Tammy and Darren Weinman are serving side-by-side on the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department.

serve your community in this way, we wouldn't have been able to make this life-long commitment. It's a sacrifice for everyone," said Tammy.

Darren commented "It's great to have a common goal to help people and be committed to doing it together throughout our married life."