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Courtesy photo

New Flooring Project Completed

Grant awarded from Custer County Foundation

Standing on the new flooring installed during the month of October at the Arnold Community Center, (from left) AEDC president Andrew Tickle, village board member Brent Kulp, village treasurer Patty Lamerty, and village superintendent Doug DeLaune, hold a donation check presented to them by Custer County Foundation Director Lindsay Cook. The Custer County Board of Directors approved the \$15,000.00 grant to the village to replace the flooring. The money raised at the Custer County Foundation's annual Gala & Auction funds the grants program.

ACFF's Annual Fundraiser & Auction Will Be Held Saturday

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund's 12th Annual Fundraising & Auction event is set for this Saturday, November 20, at the community center. Fifty percent of this year's auction proceeds will benefit the community center flooring project that was completed at the end of October. With \$66,143.43 already raised through grants and private donations, the ACFF donation will help move the thermometer up to its goal.

Saturday's event will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. A cash bar will be provided.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the live auction will follow at 8:00 p.m. Philanthropist of the Year awards will be presented by the ACFF.

If you do not wish to attend,

but would like to bid on items, contact any board member. A list can be provided or emailed to you ahead of time. Committee members are: Becky Dailey, Jen Dalrymple, Gary Blevins, Cord Hesseltine, Shane Cool, Joel Morgan, Holly Remund, and Renee Bubak. You may also call 308-848-2522 or e-mail arnoldcommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

Proceeds from the annual event help build the ACFF's unrestricted endowment - an account that provides a steady stream of resources for community needs, projects, programs, and opportunities forever.

Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at First State Insurance in Arnold or from any ACFF Advisory Committee member.

Village Board Approves New Addition to Town

By Janet Larreau

The Village Board of Trustees voted to make way for a new housing development at their November 8 meeting, approving the Harris Addition and plat for the addition. Located south of the post office, the lots were recently surveyed by Jay Gormley, a Nebraska registered land surveyor, who attended the meeting and presented the plat. The Arnold Economic Development Corporation's plans are to sell the divided lots for development of duplex housing. The Planning Commission also gave its approval for the addition.

Grant Application Guidelines

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson

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Enlisting? Stop the Car!

Veterans Day Program speaker Duane Deterding enlists just two days after 18th birthday

By Janet Larreau

Duane Deterding was only 16 years old when he graduated from high school. By then, he had already decided he wanted to serve his country during the Vietnam War.

“My dad and I were driving to North Platte and I told him I wanted to enlist. He immediately slammed on the brakes and it shoved me into the dashboard. He said ‘No son of mine is going to war,’” said Duane.

Well, two days after Duane turned 18 and was an official adult, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and flew off to San Diego for boot camp. His parents didn't find out until they read it in The Stapleton Enterprise. Duane ended up serving two tours before returning home.

“When I look back, I am so proud - proud of being born in Arnold and proud of my service. I'm also proud that both my boys and a grandson have served their country,” he told the good-sized crowd attending last Thursday's Veterans Day program.

As a hometown boy who eventually graduated from Stapleton High School, Duane's speech engaged the crowd of both students and residents. He went on to speak about the Battle for Iwo Jima during WWII, providing first the background, then the actual battle where approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part. In 36 days of fighting on the island, nearly 7,000 U.S. Marines were killed.

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Arnold Public School's little kindergartners did a great job of leading the crowd in “The Pledge of Allegiance” at the November 11 Veterans Day program in the school's auditorium. Students were well prepared to honor our veterans, with almost all students involved. The 3rd grade students wrote essays and 4th graders wrote thank you letters that were posted on “The Veterans’ Wall” next to their rooms. Preschool students colored and wrote thank you cards that were placed at the gym entrance.

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