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Back-to-Back Champions

Arnold's One-Act Team Wins NSAA Class D-2 State Title



Photo/Jessica Tickle

On stage, at the Johnny Carson Theater, at Norfolk, the Arnold's One-Act Team claims their victory in the Class D-2 Championship competition on December 8.

By Janet Larreau

Arnold's One-Act team and their coaches once again did justice to the marvelous play "The Diviners" at the NSAA State Play Production Championships held December 8 at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk. Arnold received all first-place rankings from the state judges and was awarded the D-2 Championship trophy for the second year in a row.

Telling the story of a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanted preacher in southern Indiana in the early 1930s, the actors received high praise from the judges.

"You moved me emotionally. So powerful. One of the strongest performances I've seen this season in any class! Young ladies and young men - this was wonderful!" said one judge. Another judge commented, "You just presented

one of the best shows I have EVER seen in my LIFE! I felt every emotion possible. It was an honor to judge you."

Judges #3 and #4 agreed, saying, "Best acting, best temp, best production, best everything!" and "My jaw is on the floor. This ensemble is perfection. So much talent on this stage."

The following Arnold actors received D2 Outstanding Performance Awards: Colbi Smith, Reagan Cool, Lance Jones, De-

Ianey Rogers, Gracie Neth, and Ella Cool.

Reagan Cool received the highest, most prestigious honor at the state level...D2 Outstanding Female Performer of the Year for her role as Buddy Layman, a loveable young boy with special needs as the result of a near drowning.

He is both terrified of water and has the uncanny ability to predict the weather and divine for water. Reagan played the role of Buddy so convincingly that most people, including the judges, did not know that she is a female.

"We called ahead to the NSAA to communicate with officials so they would have the correct information and have her in the proper category for acting awards," said Director Lana Cool.

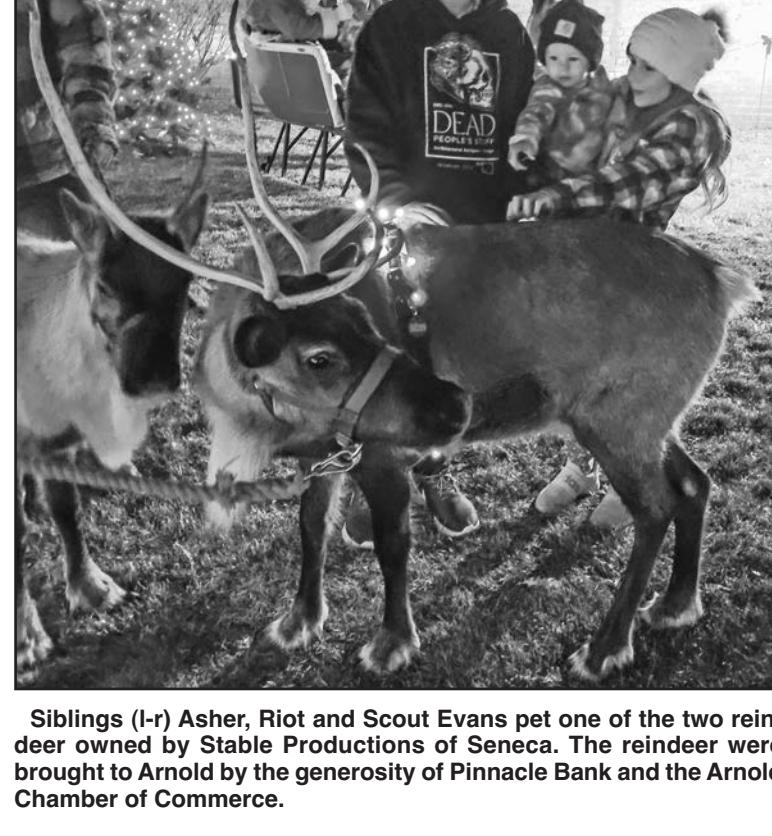
A District judge gave high accolades to both Reagan and

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Adaline Hesseltine, daughter of Kylee and Cord Hesseltine, eyes the big man himself last Wednesday at Koubek Gardens during the Christmas Around Town festivities. Elves Walter Bierman and Piper Strasburg assisted Santa in handing out gift sacks that contained popcorn, sweet treats, and a coloring book with crayons.



Siblings (l-r) Asher, Riot and Scout Evans pet one of the two reindeer owned by Stable Productions of Seneca. The reindeer were brought to Arnold by the generosity of Pinnacle Bank and the Arnold Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Around Town on Main Street was a Success

For the second year in a row, Mother Nature blessed the town with a warm and beautiful day for Christmas Around Town activities that were all held on Main Street. The event, held last Wednesday, December 8, was deemed another success by Chamber organizers and businesses. Those participating enjoyed shopping and dining out, showing support for our local businesses.

Four County Boutique re-

ported a steady flow of shoppers all day and then became really busy between 4:00 and 7:00, when the action started at Koubek Gardens. Santa made his annual appearance, assisted by two elves, Parker Strasburg and Walter Bierman, who happen to be Arnold's new Junior Chamber members. APS eighth grader, Hayden Myers volunteered his time as the Grinch. One-hundred-thirty treat bags were prepared to hand out and

were all gone towards the end of the night. Live reindeer returned for the third year in a row and are still a big hit. Hayrack rides were organized by Gregg Tickle, with Daryl Tickle driving the tractor. Husker Radio was on Main Street, providing a live remote. The Arnold Ministerial Association offered free hot cocoa, serving out of the Rialto. Out of town visitors were seen enjoying everything offered.

The Exchange donated 10 percent of all sales on the 8th to the local food pantry, which came to a total of \$210.00.

Nails for Starz owner Barb Gunther reported a steady stream of customers throughout the whole day and was very pleased with how well her Scentsy fragrance flowers went over. Kids stopped in to color a flower to give as a gift.

Grazers also had a steady crowd throughout the day, but

once the activities were over with, they had a very large dinner crowd for the night.

"We really enjoy having all of the festivities downtown. I've heard everyone really enjoyed the hayrack ride. I've also heard a lot of positive feedback on the live radio broadcast. A lot of people heard the broadcast and so I think that broadcast reached a lot of people," said Four County Boutique co-owner Tammy Weinman.