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Courtesy photo

In period clothing, Berni Crow stands by the historical marker placed at the Center School building that she and husband Dave moved to Arnold to create a museum.

Story of Center School Told With Historical Marker

Historical markers continue to be placed on buildings in Arnold by Rotary project coordinator Berni Crow. The latest is at Center School, which was moved to its new location west of the old Baptist Church by Berni and husband Dave to serve as a museum. The marker reads as follows:

Center School - District 185 1892

In 1892, Center School District 185, was located about 4 1/2 miles southeast of Callaway, Nebraska, and about 3 miles north of the site of the old village of Lodi. It stood on the south side of the South Loup River in the west-central portion of Custer Township or Precinct. The country school was in the "center" of Section 17, Township 15, Range 22, hence, its name "Center". In 1910, J. E. Martin was the

teacher when Director Arthur Scott took the school census. The 24 students at that time were: Mary, Florence, Lettie, Clare, Laura, Ethel, Thomas, and Hattie Deal; Wyatt, Avery, Ethel, and Daisy Nichelson; Reaka, Mary, Matilda, Willie and Fred Lang; Florence and Elva Jones; Glen, Clifford, and Blanch Coutier; Elmer Anderson, and Lionel Wise. The historic old Custer Township, was not only where Center School was located, but was also possibly where more history was made than any other specific area of Custer County. The school was about three miles west of where the first courthouse of Custer County stood on the old Milo and Frank Young Ranch. (That log courthouse is now located in the Callaway City Park.) Custer Precinct was also the area where Print Olive seized

Luther Mitchell and Ami Ketchum. He then took them to Devil's Gap just southeast of Center School where they were hung and their bodies were burned. It is said that the Olives made their own laws and forced many settlers, some with families, homes, and crops, to leave their homesteads. Some of the families served by Center School circa 1905 were Al H. Wise, C. M. Wise, Melvin K. Jones, Anna M. Tyrel, William C. Deal, Edward R. Koch, Eliza E. Ford, Minnie L. Carter, and others. In 1928, the pupils attending Center School were: Wayne Henry, Verle Landreth, Wilma Ogg, Frances Chad, Lenna Deal, Mamie Koch and Alice Estergard (mother of my classmate Jerri Ann Maxwell and her sister Donna Glendy). The 1931 school cen-

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School Board Reorganizes

The Arnold School Board held its annual organizational meeting on January 11 at the APS East Campus. The following officers were re-elected: Duane Bowers, president; Joe Cool, vice-president; Eric Nelson, treasurer; and Shane Cool, secretary.

Current committee assignments also remained the same, as follows: Negotiations - J. Cool, Bowers, S. Cool; American Civics - J. Cool, Bierman, Nelson; Transportation - Bowers, Bierman, Nelson; Buildings and Grounds - S. Cool, Strasburg, Nelson; Personnel - Bowers, J. Cool, Strasburg; Foundation Board Representative - Bierman; South Loup Coop Board Representatives - Bowers, S. Cool; Beef Boosters - Bierman, Bowers; Makers Space (listed on website, but

not in policy) - Nelson.

Superintendent Morgan reported that the new walk-in freezer has been installed and there is no longer a need for the old one. The freezer was disassembled without issue, so he felt confident in listing it for sale. Members voted to list it for sale on Big Iron.

After discussion, board members voted to approve the playground fence project estimated at just over \$13,000.00. Mr. Morgan had shared the project quote with the Board in December during discussion of the track fence project. He is hoping to have both the playground and track fences installed in early spring.

"By fencing in the playground, it will reduce risk and provide more controlled access for vehicles," said Mr. Morgan.

Village Board Approves Signing Documents for CDBG

At their regular meeting held on January 10, Village Clerk Patricia Lamberty informed Village Board members that the Village was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) up to the amount of \$37,500.00 for the preparation of an updated comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances and to conduct a comprehensive housing study. Collyer Cronk, Community Development Specialist with Central Nebraska Economic Development District, was at the meeting regarding the special condition documents for the CDBG, which were approved and authorized to sign by the chairman.

Code Enforcement

Discussion was held on code enforcement. The Clerk told board members that the cost of serving the person with a citation will be added to the fine. The attorney fees are at the Village's expense. Board members directed the clerk to have Village attorney Mike Borders send warning letters to the person or persons involved on written complaints outlining the process involved if ordinances are not followed.

AEDC Update/Hearing

Village Board members heard an update from AEDC Director Cheryl. She reported that current members on the Board are: Vicki Ambler, Liam Atchison, Brent Garrison, Karen Horst, and Andrew Tickle.

During the meeting, a public hearing was held for the discussion of the six-month review of Arnold's Economic Develop-

ment Program. Carson previously attended the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting and gave an update to that committee. There were no comments from the floor and the hearing closed.

In other business, the Board: Voted to donate the Village's radio equipment to Municipal

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Address Changes Needed for A.H.S. Alumni Directory

It's the last call for address changes for the new A.H.S. Alumni Directory that will go to press in the near future. If you graduated from Arnold High and have moved, please notify Darlene Rimley by calling 308-848-2527 as soon as possible.

Letters Sought for The Alumni News

A.H.S. alumni - especially honored class members - are encouraged to submit a letter for the 2022 edition of *The Alumni News*, telling a bit about their lives since graduation, or a great memory from high school.

Please submit letters by March 1 to: Arnold Alumni Association, PO Box 121, Arnold, NE 69120. Letters may also be e-mailed to: arnoldsentinel@gpcom.net with the subject "Alumni Letter."



Courtesy photo

National Honor Society members: (seated, l-r) Devin Peterson, Annalee Starr, Reagan Cool, Faith Bierman, Shayla Tickle, Talianna Martin; (standing, l-r) Bryn Schwarz, Trey Connell, Gracie Neth, Colbi Smith, Carly Gracey, Rio Remund, Delaney Rogers, Lance Jones, Charli Vickers, Clay Witthuhn, Halie Recoy. Absent (not pictured): Silas Cool.

NHS Welcomes New Members

By: Colbi Smith,
APS Senior

Jan. 12-On Wednesday afternoon, Arnold High School's National Honor Society welcomed seven new members into the organization. These members included Gracie Neth, Trey Connell, Rio Remund, Delaney Rogers, Charli Vickers, Bryn Schwarz, and Annalee Starr. President (Faith Bierman) and Vice President (Reagan Cool) of the National Honor Society ran the induction ceremony and swore in the new members. Both Arnold Public Schools and the National Honor Society are looking forward to seeing what these new faces bring to the table of the organization. NHS is looking forward to bringing new projects and ideas to both the school and community of Arnold.