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Village Board Will Let Residents Decide on Abortion Ordinance

Water feature will be built at Koubek Gardens

By Janet Larreau

Should Arnold become a sanctuary city for the unborn? At their regular meeting held on August 8, Village Board members decided that residents of Arnold should make that decision for themselves at the November General Election.

Lori Stutzman appeared before the board that night regarding a petition to outlaw abortion in Arnold. The petition, which was signed by 81 registered voters, stated: To the Village Board and Clerk of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska: The undersigned qualified voters of Arnold, Nebraska, hereby propose an ordinance outlawing abortion, declaring Arnold a sanctuary city for the unborn, making various provisions and findings, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date be submitted to the

Village Board to either pass and adopt or call an election in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The village clerk said that Village Attorney Mike Borders had some concerns with the ordinance in how it reads. It states that “Mayor” shall mean the Board Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arnold, Nebraska. Mayor and Chairman of the Board operate under different forms of government. The attorney said the entire ordinance will need to be on the ballot.

Stutzman introduced Mark Lee Dickson, director at Right to Life of East Texas, to discuss the ordinance. Dickson said that 50 cities throughout the United States have passed similar ordinances - two of them are in Nebraska. He said that even though the chairman is not the mayor, it is understood that he/or she is the one that signs

documents. Nebraska law says that the entire title of the ordinance will need to be on the ballot; the whole ordinance would not have to be on the ballot. Dickson said that a letter was emailed to the clerk from an attorney who will represent the Village of Arnold at no cost to the Village or its taxpayers in any litigation that results from a decision to enact the proposed citizen initiative either by a vote of the Village Board or by a majority vote of the citizens of Arnold in an upcoming election.

Board member Donnell DeLosh asked Dickson, what is the reason for this ordinance since abortions are not performed in Arnold? Dickson said the reason is that the Biden Administration promised to make abortion access available to every zip code in America.

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School Votes to Purchase Greenhouse

By Janet Larreau

Arnold School Board members approved the purchase of a 30'x60' greenhouse at their regular meeting held on August 9. The truss-style greenhouse will be built on a new concrete pad with a drain system north of the fenced-in playground. The greenhouse will take about 2 ½ months to be delivered, giving the school time to get everything set up. The greenhouse is being purchased through Schoolhouse Gardens and the science program. The total cost, including the pad and drain system, will be \$85,000.00. Superintendent Joel Morgan said the main cost will come out of the special building fund, but the school is confident that it will obtain grants. REAP dollars will also help offset the cost. Some residents have also offered to contribute.

“I’m really excited about the educational opportunities this

will offer for the students,” said Mr. Morgan.

Board members also approved the EduRoam Grant Project. The program is trying to push wireless connection across school districts and colleges state-wide. Students will be able to log-on to a universal connection if they go to other schools, and connectivity will also be expanded across the school grounds. The school has allocated \$8,000.00 to promote the connection, which will be managed through ESU10.

In other business, board members:

- Approved the Athletic Director Interlocal Agreement with Callaway. The new AD is Heath Berkil, principal at Callaway.

- Approved the South Loup Activity admission and pass prices, and the 2022-2023 meal prices, which will both remain unchanged.

- Approved substitute teacher rate increase to \$135.00 per day plus lunch.

Classic vs. Modern

SORC showcases something for everyone.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Arnold’s main street was packed with race cars, drivers, navigators, and fans on Friday afternoon for the 22nd Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge Car Show. Peeking under hoods, inside the cars, and taking pictures, people had the chance to compare classic vs. modern sports cars, including two Chevy Corvette Stingrays. Car #63, which by chance was a ‘63 model, was brought to the race by Maryia Schneider (driver) and Terri Schneider (navigator) of Nebraska. Car No. 85 - a 2020 model - was driven by Barry Konken of South Dakota, with Kellie Bork navigating. Events began with the Loup2Loup on Thursday morning, the Mile and Half-Mile Shoot-Out on Friday morning, parade and car show in the afternoon, and the event all look forward to: the open road challenge from Arnold to Dunning and back again on Saturday morning. Festivities ended with hundreds of people gathering at the city park for a barbecue and awards ceremony.

SORC Race Director Josh Cool said for the first time, there were no accidents in the Loup2Loup, and there were next to no delays in Saturday morning’s open road race. With the extreme heat, everyone was thankful for that, as people got on and off the road as quickly as possible. There was a great turnout, with lots of newbies racing.

Each year, there is a waiting list to enter the SORC, and one of the ways racers are guaranteed a spot is to volunteer on the course the year before. “That way, we get more racers to town. We’ve been doing that for a few years now. At first we were worried that too many would take us up on it, but it’s a handful, and works pretty well.” he said.

Local Amateur Photographer Displays His Work at Gallery Showing



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Arnold resident Garald Horst’s first photography venture was black and white with a Brownie 620 borrowed from his mother – which he still has. Over the years, he moved on to try out new technologies at the time, like 35 mm and Polaroid. He now uses a Nikon 810 with a variety of Nikon lenses to capture opportunity landscape photos from his home high on a hill in Arnold and the surrounding area. His work was on display in the Hotel Custer lobby for three days last week.

By Janet Larreau

Local amateur photographer Garald Horst was welcoming guests to his gallery showing in the lobby of Hotel Custer last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On display were a variety of canvases and 11x14 prints that capture his favorite subject – the natural world that surrounds him.

Horst, a retired Emeritus Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, is originally from a farm in Northeast Nebraska. After 48 years of living in large cities of four states, the chance to rediscover rural Nebraska came with another career change, and a move to Arnold with wife Karen. The couple built a home north of town, presenting Garald with dynamic photo opportunities through rapidly changing landscapes and wildlife habitat in Central Nebraska.

Over 300 of his pictures are showcased on the Pictorem website, where they can be purchased in sizes up to wallpaper in types such as canvas, metal, wood, and acrylic. The site also lets you see your choice in a different room. The vast majority of these images are opportunity landscapes around his professional and retirement locations.

Garald said he is always on

the lookout for a photo opportunity. It is not unusual for the couple to be driving down the road, Garald will see a shot, turn around, take the picture, and continue on their way.

He said the most difficult pictures to take are of sunsets.

“The photo opportunity lasts for such a short period of time. I did spend many evenings watching the sun set on a land formation northwest of our home. We call it the saddle, and I wanted to get the sun as it set ‘in the saddle,’” he said.

Locally, Garald’s pictures can be found in Pinnacle Bank and Grazer’s, TEAM Physical Therapy, the Callaway District Hospital, and the Callaway Hospital Senior Life Center. He also has photos in the Mullen Art Center. He has entered in shows at the Carnegie Art Center in Alliance, the Willa Cather Center in Red Cloud, and the Thedford Art Center. He just finished a show at A Most Unlikely Place in Lewellen.

Just recently, Merri Jo Halstead placed Garald’s pictures in her new store, A Few Things. They are also for sale in Mullen and A Most Unlikely Place. BrewBakers has notecards and postcards. Of course, anyone can contact Garald directly to set up an appointment to view his catalog and order pictures. To view his photographs online, go to: <https://garaldhorst.pictorem.com>.