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## A Place to Enjoy the View

Some 190 guests from Arnold and surrounding communities were taken on a tour of five homes Saturday afternoon during the annual Chamber-sponsored housing tour and salad luncheon. Pictured above is the contemporary style home of Ron and Nancy Cool. The second story and lower level decks facing east provide a panoramic view of the rolling hills on their land located north of town. The spacious home was built with hosting and entertaining in mind. Please turn to page 2 for more pictures of homes on the tour.

## School Board Sets Date for Superintendent Interview

By Janet Larreau

With the impending retirement of both Arnold School's superintendent and principal at the end of this school year, school board members are focusing in on the search for new administration.

At their regular meeting held November 9, board members discussed superintendent sharing and set the date of Tuesday, November 24, to interview Callaway Superintendent Pat Osmond. Both staff and board members will interview Osmond beginning at 6:00 p.m. At Monday night's meeting, board members reviewed questions they will ask Osmond and indicated they will sit in on the staff interview.

### Principal's Report

Mike Harvey said that he and Jared Rush, activities director for Callaway Schools, are working on the 2010-2011 athletic co-oping schedule.

Harvey said they are focusing on more home activities, with as many as five volleyball and football games scheduled on the same night.

"We can get a lot better crowd and bring in more money with volleyball and football on the same night," he said. "There will be more junior varsity games, and we can use the community center more than we do now for triangulars."

Each activity scheduled is worth a certain number of points, with a regular game

being worth one point and a tournament worth four. The state activities association mandates that the maximum number of points a school can accumulate is 30 during a season. Harvey said they are at 22 points now, and are shooting for a 28 point margin for volleyball and football.

"Hopefully, we can find teams that want to play volleyball and football on the same night, but some schools don't want to," he said.

When asked by board member Diana Coleman, Harvey said no game has been scheduled for Labor Day weekend, but there could possibly be a game scheduled on Friday night.

Sixteen games are scheduled for both the boys and girls basketball teams. All games will be played on the same night, with the exception of one game each being played separately. Four home games are scheduled at Arnold and five at Callaway.

During his report, Harvey thanked Doug Lanham, Duane Bowers and Norma Walker for helping move snow off the football field for the six-man football play-off game.

"We couldn't have done it without those people helping," he said.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bob Brown

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## Board Decides Not to Adopt Emergency Snow Route

### Residents are Asked for Cooperation in Snow Removal

By Kendra Veirs

Twenty some residents and business owners answered the call of the Arnold Village Board of Trustees and attended the regular meeting on Monday, November 9, to discuss the Emergency Snow Route ordinance and excess piles of snow created by businesses clearing their personal property.

After much discussion, there was a consensus among board members, and the Emergency Snow Route ordinance was not adopted at the meeting.

One board member said that any ordinance adopted in the small town will only end up with flaws and will be found that it ultimately does not work. Then there will be an ordinance that is ignored.

There would be two options for the ordinance. It could state "automobiles will be moved to the best of one's ability" or there could be penalties for not abiding by it. Some residents felt that in the past it has been an issue and people will not voluntarily move automobiles.

Yet, the board ultimately decided to not adopt an official ordinance, and with the cooperation of the townspeople, the board feels it will work out. After all, Arnold townspeople always come together during a snowstorm and help remove everyone's snow.

The cooperation and helpfulness of all area people during a snowstorm and the use of millions of dollars worth of private equipment to clear sidewalks, streets and driveways on a voluntary basis continued in the discussion about the excess snow pile "problem."

One resident asked, "What has changed? Why is the snow an issue now, after it has been removed from town for 80 some years on a per storm basis. What's new now?"

Chairperson of the Board, Karin Moore, stated that snow removal is very expensive. A cut-back a couple of years ago lessened the amount spent for snow removal.

Village Superintendent Scott Winfield said they are trying

to eliminate two passes with equipment because of the expense.

Many felt strongly that doing all the snow removal in one pass will not work because of several issues. One is a timing issue. Streets are cleared early in the morning and businesses can not have all their snow out by that time.

A business owner said that sometimes there is just too much snow and it can not be done.

"When there is a lot of snow, the city has to come by and move the snow off the streets, so there is somewhere to pile more snow. With big snowstorms, it is impossible to pile it on the uncleared streets," he said.

Moore said the budget is close, and if it goes over on snow removal, the village could run out of money.

One resident asked, "Some years there is less snow removal, shouldn't the funds carry over?"

It was explained the money gets shifted around in the General Fund from year to year.

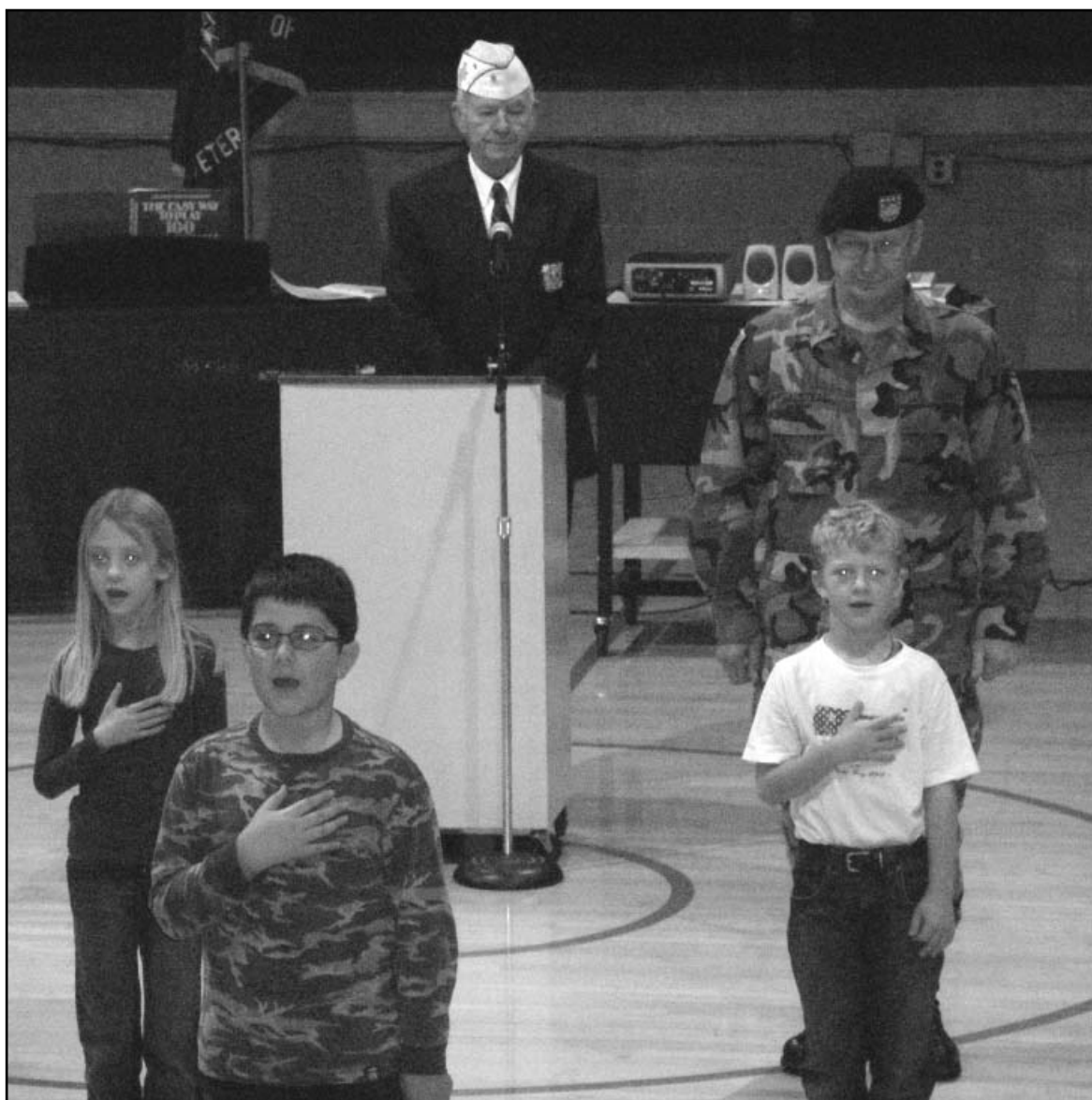
One resident said that money should be shifted again the other way to snow removal when it is a heavy snowfall year.

Many residents said there are many other areas for budget cuts, other than snow removal.

It was reiterated that many do not understand what has changed.

"People love to help with snow removal in the community," one person said. "During any given storm, one million dollars worth of snow removal equipment comes to the streets of Arnold on a voluntary basis. You don't want to lose that and should be appreciative for that. If it weren't for volunteers, the village would have more snow to remove."

In the end, Moore said, "It is the pleasure of the board to be cooperative and we don't need laws (for snow removal). We need the people of Arnold to know that the city needs cooperation when it comes to snow removal."



KENDRA VEIRS PHOTO

Third grade students (l-r) Tatum Cool, Jarret Buchholz and Tayten Eggleston recite the American's Creed under the guidance of their teacher, retired Army National Guard SFC Gary Halstead, as Legion Post 130 Commander Darrell Sheets looks on from the podium at Wednesday's Veterans Day program. The third grade military exercise was part of the program where elementary, junior high and high school students took part.

## "All We Can Do is Remember"

By Janet Larreau

Arnold students and their teachers honored local veterans at an hour-long Veterans Day program held Wednesday, November 11 at the school. It was evident that much planning and preparation went into the students' part of the program, giving veterans and the good crowd of residents attending reason to feel proud of this future generation.

The school band played, the kindergarten led the Pledge of Allegiance, junior Eugene Walker set up a slide presentation titled "Freedom Isn't Free" in honor of soldiers killed at Fort Hood, junior

Rachelle Preston gave a well written speech on Americanism, Gary Halstead led third graders in a military exercise, seventh graders gave readings and first and second graders each had a heart-warming part in the U.S. flag folding ceremony.

Winners of the eighth grade V.F.W. essay contest, Leah Smith, 1st, and Susan Medina, 2nd, gave their essays on "When is the Best Time to Honor America's Veterans."

Organized by Legion Post 130 and the local V.F.W., the program also featured speaker Duane Deterding, a former Marine, who served in

Vietnam. Since his discharge, Deterding served on the North Platte Police Department for 19 years, was the Lincoln County Sheriff for 16 years, and is currently serving as a Lincoln County Commissioner.

"Duane has spent his whole life in public service," said Legion Post Commander Darrell Sheets, who also noted that Deterding was wearing his Marine Corp uniform at the program.

"November 11 is the special day set aside in appreciation and remembrance of all

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