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Arnold students recently took part in "Revolution" - a grant-funded group that strives to inform teens about the dangers of dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Arnold Students Attend "Revolution" Program

One in three adolescent girls is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. Over 50 percent of parents admit they have not spoken to their child about dating violence. One in three girls between 16-18 say sex is expected from people their age if they are in a relationship - reasons the group "Revolution" does what it does.

Revolution is a grant-funded group who strives to inform teens about the dangers of dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The group members perform a theater dramatization regarding these issues for high school audiences.

After the drama, students in the audience are able to ask questions of the performers while they remain in character. Members of the group are high school and college-aged students who are chosen from many applicants.

"Last year, 13 new members were chosen from over 300 students applying. They have to work very hard and do a great deal of research to write and perform their dramas," Revolution leader, Abbie Tessendorf, told the group. The group works through the Center For Survivors in Columbus.

Arnold High School attended an assembly hosted by

Gothenburg, where the group Revolution performed. Since Nebraska recently passed a law requiring schools to teach students about dating violence, this was a welcome opportunity to help meet that requirement. Students were accompanied by Mr. Jageler, Mrs. Moninger, Ms. Ayres,

Counselor, and Mrs. Lewis, Principal.

"Hopefully, our students were made aware of behavior that is not acceptable in any relationship, and what they can do about it if they are experiencing inappropriate behavior in a dating relationship," said Ms. Ayres.

Christmas Around Town Announced This Week

Chamber will host its annual Christmas Around Town on Saturday, December 10. The day will include Santa's annual visit, a free movie for the kids, free babysitting, a free

soup and sandwich supper hosted by Chamber and an evening movie at the Rialto. Please turn to page 3 to read more information, including what businesses have planned.

Spc. Flint Awarded Army Achievement Medal

Specialist Joshua R. Flint, serving with ACP and Delta Company, TF 1-325 AIR, 2/82 AAB, was awarded the Army Achievement Medal on October 19, 2011, while serving in the Anbar province of Iraq during OND (Operation New Dawn). He has been awarded for exceptionally meritorious achievement as a gunner in support of Operation Red Diesel. Specialist Flint's outstanding performance contributed enormously to the success of the falcon brigade's mission to establish a farp in western Iraq. His performance, dedication to duty and professionalism reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st battalion, 325th airborne infantry regiment, the 2nd brigade combat team, the 82nd airborne division and the United States Army.

Specialist Flint serves with ACP (Assault Command Platoon) under 1st LT Matthew Hanes in 1-325 82nd Airborne Division. His current duty assignment ranges from Driver, Truck Commander, Gunner and Dismount. He has proved he can overcome any obstacle and handle any situation he is given. Specialist Flint, along with ACP, provides personal security for the Brigades main effort all across western and central Iraq during Operation New Dawn during this eight-month deployment.

Specialist Flint's previous awards include: Jump School, Canadian Foreign Jump Wings, Expert Infantryman's Badge and Paramedics School.

Specialist Flint has also won a slot to attend PRC (pre-ranger class) and then attend Ranger School in the spring.

Specialist Flint is from Arnold, Nebraska, and a 2007 graduate of Arnold Public School. He is the son of Jeff Snyder and the late Ronda Flint. His grandparents are Bob and Jean Flint, also of Arnold.

Flint and other members of his company are pictured on page 2.

Christmas Drawings Begin

Do your Christmas shopping and business at home, and you could be a winner in two separate drawings.

Chamber Bucks Drawing

Local businesses began issuing green tickets to shoppers the day after Thanksgiving for the annual Chamber Bucks drawing. With a single purchase of \$10.00 or more at participating businesses, customers are issued one green ticket. A collection box for the green tickets is located under the Christmas tree at Pinnacle Bank.

Drawings for winners will be held on December 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 2:00 p.m., at the bank. A total of 24, \$25.00 winners will be drawn through the holiday season (six at each drawing).

Pinnacle Bank Drawing

Pinnacle Bank will again be sponsoring its Christmas drawing to encourage shopping at home. Receipts from participating businesses, dated from December 1 to December 23, valued at \$10.00 or more, will be drawn at the bank in three separate drawings until they total \$1,500.00. Winners will receive a gift certificate to the original Arnold merchant in the amount equal to the original receipt.

Please turn to page 2 for more information on how to enter.



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This little girl from Arvada, Colorado, was visiting the collection site when Irving Jennings dropped off the boxes. She is pictured here with the 137 gifts from Arnold.

Community/School Involved in 2011 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project

Thanks to generous citizens in Arnold, 137 children will be receiving a Christmas gift through the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project. Their lives will be impacted and changed because of the gift they receive and the knowledge that someone in the world cared enough about them to put their gift together.

There are always the faithful who do this every year: people from each of the churches, plus other interested folks. This year, there was a new segment involved in the gift giving thanks to the encouragement of Principal Dawn Lewis and the imaginative efforts of reading teachers Mrs. Mills

and Mrs. Moninger. Their seventh and eighth grade reading classes are doing a service project each semester. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Moninger worked together to create a truly interesting experience for their cooperative class that tied together the story of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the idea of learning to empathize with others and what they are going through, and the experience of walking in someone else's shoes during a special activity after the boxes were packed.

The teachers bought the boxes and some basic items to put in them and asked the students to bring something to add. Everything was placed in

a common pile and then the students were allowed to pack a gift box choosing from all the combined items. They donated 12 boxes this year and are already planning what they want to do differently next year.

"What a great way to blend learning with sharing and caring about others! Thank you to both the teachers and students for this effort," said Shoe Box coordinator Melody Jennings.

This group of 137 boxes went to the North Platte collection site where they were picked up and taken to Minnesota. From there they can go anywhere in the world. Those who donated online and got a tracking code

will be able to follow their boxes to the end of the journey and know which country received their gift.

Remember, it's not too early to begin planning for next year's boxes. Shopping the after Christmas sales will allow you to purchase gifts for children easily. Some people put together boxes all year long while some do it all in one big rush. Gifts can be sent to Boone, North Carolina, at any time. This is an on-going project all through the year.

"Thank you to each one who gave this year. May your Christmas be brighter as you think of a child opening your gift," said Jennings.