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Notable Quote

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

- James Madison

Nebraska Pioneer and Heritage Farm Award Applications Now Available

Omaha, Neb. (January 20, 2017) - AKSARBEN Foundation is currently accepting applications for the annual Nebraska Pioneer and Heritage Farm Awards. Sponsored by AKSARBEN Foundation and Nebraska Farm Bureau, the program honors farm families in Nebraska whose land has been owned by members of the same family for 100 years (Pioneer) and 150 years (Heritage). To date, more than 9,000 families in all 93 Nebraska counties have been honored at their respective county fairs. Each farm honoree receives one engraved plaque and one gatepost marker as permanent recognition of their milestone.

Application details must be verified by the county fair board in which the land is located prior to submission to AKSARBEN Foundation. The 2017 Nebraska Farm Award applications are due to county fair boards no later than April 21, 2017. Application forms can be obtained:

Online: <http://www.aksarben.org/p/coreinitiatives/agriculture/264>

Email: Jody Siedelmann at Siedelmannj@aksarben.org
Phone: 402-554-9600, ext. 107

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Forrester Chosen as State Finalist in American Miss Nebraska Pageant



Arianna Forrester will compete in the National American Miss Nebraska Pageant March 18-19 in Omaha. (Courtesy photo)

Arianna Adesina Forrester, age 15, of Arnold, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Nebraska Pageant to be held March 18-19, at the beautiful Ramada Plaza in Omaha. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 through 15.

The newly crowned Miss Jr. Teen Nebraska will receive a

\$1,000.00 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. She has the chance to represent the great state of Nebraska for the entire year. She will also tour Hollywood.

Pageants are held for girls ages 4 to 18 in five different

age groups. Contestants will compete in four overall categories including formal wear modeling, personal introduction, interview and community service project. National American Miss also offers optional contests such as the top model search, talent, actress and more.

National American Miss is dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young ladies nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The National American Miss Pageant System is the largest in the nation. The focus of this organization is to create future leaders and to equip them with real-world skills to make their dreams a reality. The program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation and offers an "All-American spirit of fun for family and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence and learning new skills, such as good attitudes and about competition, as well as setting and achieving personal goals.

Miss Forrester's activities include dance. Her business sponsors include Arnold Insurance Agency, Reed's Food Center, Pinnacle Bank, Flowers by Shavonne and Mills Hardware.

She is the daughter of Raine Pelton and Brad Forrester.

Three Qualify for State Wrestling

The South Loup Bobcats qualified three for the state wrestling meet this weekend. Qualifying were Tayten Eggleston, Seth Pearson and Marshall Still. A full report can be found inside this issue.



Fallon Bailey has joined the Sentinel staff and is looking forward to covering community news. (Sentinel photo)

Gibson Joins Sentinel Staff

Fallon Gibson has joined the Arnold Sentinel staff as a part-time employee and has been learning the ropes the past few weeks. Last week she was spotted taking pictures at parent-teacher conferences and at Rotary's pancake feed, and along with learning how to proofread, lay out pages and all about circulation, she has been working on pages for the new A.H.S. Alumni Directory that will go to press soon.

The daughter of Rick and Jody Bailey, Fallon graduated from Arnold High in 2001 and studied media arts and video production at Hastings Central Community College.

"I took a year off before starting college," said Fallon. "I was only 17 when I graduated, so I wasn't ready to go off on my own right out of high school."

Fallon is married to Duane Gibson and they have two sons, Shane, age 7, and Conner, 4.

The Gibsons have made Arnold their home since

2007. Fallon previously served as an assistant manager at The Exchange before accepting the position at The Sentinel.

"I really like working here," she said. "Janet (Larreau) is a really great person to work with. Learning the computer programs has really been fun. My favorite thing so far has been laying out the 'Babies of 2016' page and working at getting it just right. I'm looking forward to getting more experience to start writing some stories. Right now I feel really new."

"Fallon had only worked a few days before we moved from the main office to our temporary space at Hotel Custer while we remodel, and she did well in all the confusion," said Janet. "She has a very positive 'can-do' attitude, and has learned a lot in her short time here. I'm looking forward to watching her grow and learn more about all aspects of the newspaper."

Annual Pancake Feed Raises Money for Rotary's Community Projects



(Above) Dell Cerny and Bill Williams pour pancake batter onto the griddles at the annual Rotary pancake feed held last Thursday night. There was a good turnout at the community center for the event, with \$963.00 raised for Rotary's community projects. Ten Rotarians and some great volunteers were on hand to welcome residents. (Fallon Gibson photos)



Residents gather round the tables at the community center to enjoy pancakes and sausage and good conversation.