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Chili Chili Bang Bang Wins Top Prize at Cook-Off

Ten Teams Compete

Chief cook Ali Rosentrater and assistants Kenny Goednow and Christa and Julio Ponce cooked up the best chili at last Saturday's Chamber-sponsored cook-off, winning the top prize with their "Chili Chili Bang Bang" recipe. This team also won Best Decorated Booth honors.

Judges Vicki Gracey, Julie Barton, Rita Workman, Mitch Geiser and Mike Nelson sampled chili from the ten teams entered, and went on to award the second place prize to the A-1 Auto sponsored team, "Exhaust Works." Chief cook was Josh Bernt, assisted by Renee Bernt and Ray Pearman.

Sandhills Classic Arms' "Sniper Chili" placed third. Chief cook was Jeff Bowers and his assistant was Debbie Bowers.

The People's Choice award went to Dyna Gro's "Just Chillin'" chili. Chief cook was Tory Edwards, who was



Chief cook Ali Rosentrater stirs Saturday nights' winning chili, as her assistants look on. The entry also won best decorated booth. (Rose Bierman photos)

assisted by Rusty Wyckoff, Derrick Bowers and Charlie Blowers.

Julio Ponce was voted as Mr. Congeniality and Carma Edwards, Ms. Congeniality.

Over 125 people attended the event and were served the soup of their choice, as well as sampling the contestants' chili.



Decked out in a St. Patrick's Day theme, fourth graders (from left) Anna Tullis, Taylor Hanna, Ivy Tullis, and Riata Remund, sold pie by the slice at the cook-off.

Fire Department Fights Three Fires Last Week, Threat High

The Arnold Fire Department was called to the scene of three fires last week, starting on Tuesday, March 7, 1 1/2 miles south of Tallin Church. Fire Chief Eric Nelson said the fire started from a tree pile that was burned in January. Hot coals in the bottom of the pile were uncovered from high winds and some of the embers were blown into the grass and started the road ditch on fire. The fire crossed the

road and moved into a shelterbelt, where it was protected from the wind and couldn't advance any farther. Only about five acres were burned before the fire was contained. Nine Arnold fire department members responded in the middle of the afternoon and were on the scene until about 10:00 that night to extinguish the trees. The Callaway fire department was also at the scene.

On Thursday afternoon, March 9, department members were called to the scene of a grass fire 14 miles south of Arnold on Highway 40. This fire was caused by a 4-wheeler on a cattle drive, and over a two-day period, burned approximately 400 acres in the Arnold, Gothenburg and Brady fire districts. Nelson said the fire burned into a heavily wooded area with cedar trees and sharp canyons, where it was pro-

tected from the high winds and limited its spread.

"We were in some very rough terrain, and it was hard to suppress the fire. We couldn't get to it with trucks," said Nelson.

The first day, approximately 200 acres burned, and fire department members were there until about 10:00 p.m. On Friday, the wind changed to the opposite direction, the fire rekindled, and the AVFD was

called out again at about 12:45 p.m. Fourteen Arnold firefighters were there until about 9:00 p.m., with another 200 acres burned.

"The fire danger is going to be extremely high into the middle of April until we've got some green vegetation," said Nelson. "There is a lot of fuel, and we are in hot and dry conditions for March. Rain or snow won't really help until the season changes. Anybody that has

burned trees over the past four months needs to be cognizant of that and recheck their piles for embers. Make sure to stir the fire up and that the fire is cold and out. It's not uncommon for tree piles to smolder for three to six months. To be responsible, people need to check their piles."

March is Youth Art Month

Outstanding Elementary Artists Named; Middle, H.S. Students Earn Awards



Hunter Weinman (center) earned a Gold Key in the regional program of the Scholastic Art & Writing with his digital art titled "Political Unrest" and has now moved on to national judging. Also pictured are Dylan Nelson (left) and Dawson Hanna-Miles, who have also received awards for their artwork at other competitions. In addition, Leighton Bubak (pictured in this issue) was awarded a Silver Key in the Scholastic Art & Writing contest. (Courtesy photo)



that placed in the show were:

Kacee Dvorak: First Place - Photography - "Triangles."

Sophia Atkins: Fourth Place - Photography - "U.S. Composition."

Cecilia Wonch: Second Place - Drawing - "Sandhills River Ride."

Kirby Corfield: Honorable Mention - Mixed Media (ceramic pottery with traditional Huichol bead work on the inside).

Senior High MNAC Results

Toni Oberg (sophomore): First Place - Photography - "Stalked." Toni also received Honorable Mention with her photograph titled "Icicles in Blue."

Leighton Bubak (sophomore): Fourth Place - Photography - "Seeds of Tomorrow."

Hunter Weinman (freshman): First Place - Graphic Art - "Political Unrest."

Dylan Nelson (freshman): Fifth Place - Graphic Art - "Protect No More."

Dawson Hanna-Miles (freshman): Honorable Mention - Graphic Art - "I am Inside the Outside."



Ella Cool holds her artwork titled "Sun Up to Sun Down." The drawing is also on display at the State Capitol during Youth Art Month.



Sofie Lewis holds her crayon artwork titled "America the Beautiful," which will be on display at the State Capitol.

Elementary Awards

Second grader Sofie Lewis and fourth grader Ella Cool will represent Arnold at the State Capitol Youth Art Month Celebration that features a K-12 art exhibition. Both girls will be recognized during the reception and ceremony at the State Capitol on Saturday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Art instructor Julie Mohr said Sofie's crayon drawing, titled "America the Beautiful," and Ella's colored pencil and marker drawing titled, "Sun Up to Sun Down," were selected from the local elementary art show. The artwork of all elementary students was hung in the elementary hallways, and high school art students

helped with the selection process. Outstanding artists in the local exhibit were:

Kindergarten: Claire Kulp, Ryker Atkins and Jacob Myers.

First grade: Delanie Weinman, Corrie Luerra, Adalee Tullis and Brayden Kendall.

Second grade: Josie Christensen, Elijah Cool and Sofie Lewis.

Third grade: Paxton Bierman, Eli Hunt and Crew Wirthuhn.

Fourth grade: Ella Cool, Ivy Tullis and Taylor Hanna.

Fifth grade: Cache Gracey, Bryn Schwarz, Samantha Wonch, Charli Vickers, Alivia Robbins and Gracie Neth.

Scholastic Art Awards

Arnold High School artists have placed in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards—the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12.

Last year, students submitted nearly 320,000 works of visual art and writing to the Scholastic Awards; more than 85,000 works were recognized at the regional level and celebrated in local exhibitions and ceremonies. The top art and writing at the regional level were moved onto the national stage, where 2,500 works earned

national medals.

Arnold freshman Hunter Weinman earned a Gold Key in the regional program for his digital art titled "Political Unrest." Gold Keys are automatically sent on for national judging. National medalists were announced on March 14.

Leighton Bubak earned a Silver Key in Photography for his work titled "River's Glass."

Freshman Dawson Hanna-Miles earned Honorable Mention for his Graphic Art titled "I am Inside the Outside."

MNAC Art Show

With their outstanding artwork, five students placed Arnold in third place at the conference art show.

Jesse Connell placed Best in Show at the junior high conference art show.

Jesse built a pinhole camera, shot a picture with it, developed the photo and then edited it in Photoshop. His photo is titled "The Neighbors." It featured a bench located in Marvin Larsen's backyard facing the playground.

Other junior high students