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## Annual Spring Community Clean Up



Raking and cleaning up pesky cornstalks piled up against the ball diamond fence was more of a chore than it needed to be. Duane Gibson (pictured at fence) got a quick burn permit from AVFD Chief Eric Nelson. On the north side, kids were painting the bleachers, sprucing things up in preparation for the upcoming season of T-Ball and Coach Pitch.



High school students Cade Connell and Blake Schwarz were found on the roof of a residence cleaning out gutters during the community clean-up. Volunteers lent a hand to several residents who needed help with spring cleaning. (Fallon Gibson photos)

The town of Arnold got its annual spring cleaning on Monday, as Arnold Rotarians, APS students and teachers, community volunteers, Legion members and village employees tackled a long list of projects. Using a spreadsheet created by Village Clerk Patty Lamberty as their guide, volunteers divided into groups and were found raking, cleaning gutters and trimming and tearing out bushes in residential areas, picking up trash, painting, sprucing up Old Mill Park, and landscaping at both the community center and Koubek Gardens. Groups were also working at the Arnold Cemetery and Devil's Den Lookout. All totaled, over 40 areas were targeted for the clean-up, with many residents adding their name to the list well in advance. Chamber fed the hungry volunteers at the community center at noon. "Make Arnold Shine" was spearheaded by Rotary several years ago and continues to be a great way for both students and adults to reach out and help their community and its residents. Both students and adults enjoyed getting out on this beautiful spring day.

## Callaway Hospital Receives \$400,000 Grant for Cutting-Edge Diagnostic Tool from Helmsley Charitable Trust

Callaway, NE - Patients at Callaway District Hospital will soon benefit from access to the latest computed tomography (CT) diagnostic technology made possible through a grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust's Rural Healthcare Program.

Helmsley has awarded Callaway District Hospital \$400,000 for a new 64-slice CT scanner. CT scanners provide essential diagnostic images of structures inside the body. A new CT scanner will allow for faster scans that produce high-quality images, allowing medical staff to quickly determine health status and course of treatment while giving patients access to up-to-date healthcare technology close to home.

"This \$400,000 grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust provides our patients and practitioners the added diagnostic ability to detect and diagnose patients we serve in our 694 square mile Hospital District and the additional 60-70 percent of patients who travel to our facility from outside our Hospital District. This generous grant from Helmsley upgrades our current diagnostic ability from a 16-slice leased CT scanner to a state of the art 64-slice Siemens CT scanner that will now be owned by the



A new 64-slice CT scanner will soon be in use at Callaway District Hospital.

Hospital. We truly appreciate the past and current support from Helmsley, which makes a positive clinical difference in the services we can offer to our rural patients," said Marvin Neth, CEO of Callaway District Hospital.

Callaway District Hospital is one of 41 grant recipients across the region to benefit from this round of funding to purchase CT scanners. Helmsley's Rural Healthcare Program has granted over \$30 million to support the purchase of new, 32-slice or higher CT scanners at Critical Access Hospitals in a seven-state region.

"Our goal is to ensure that people who live in rural America have access to quality healthcare as close to

home as possible," said Walter Panzire, a trustee of the Helmsley Charitable Trust. "To achieve this, rural hospitals need to be viable and they need to have up-to-date equipment, so patients can receive essential healthcare services locally. This initiative is one of many that aims to improve healthcare access and health outcomes across the upper Midwest."

The funding initiative was the result of a survey of Critical Access Hospitals in the Rural Healthcare Program's seven-state funding region. Capital equipment, particularly CT scanners, was identified as a top need by many hospitals. In addition, a new Medicare policy went into effect January 1, 2016, that re-

duced reimbursement for certain studies on CT scanners that do not meet specific radiation dose requirements. Since 2015, the Helmsley Charitable Trust has awarded 78 grants totaling over \$30 million to outfit hospitals with new, state-of-the-art CT scanners.

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About the Helmsley Charitable Trust

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting effective non-profits in health, select place-based initiatives, education and human services. Since 2008, when Helmsley began its active grantmaking, it has committed more than \$1.8 billion for a wide range of charitable purposes. Helmsley's Rural Healthcare Program funds innovative projects that use information technologies to connect rural patients to emergency medical care, bring the latest medical therapies to patients in remote areas, and provide state-of-the-art training for rural hospitals and EMS personnel. To date, this program has awarded more than \$500 million to organizations and initiatives in the upper Midwest states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana. For more information, visit [www.helmsleytrust.org](http://www.helmsleytrust.org).

## APS Music Students Compete at Districts

Arnold School music students competed at the District IV music contest held last Friday at Burwell. With ten entries, the kids came home with four 1's, five 2's and one 3.

Results follow:

Jennifer Barraza, alto sax solo. Rating 1.

Grant Jones, trumpet solo. Rating 2.

Trumpet duet: Grant Jones and Jace Connell. Rating 2.

Band: Rating 1.

Jennifer Barraza: soprano solo. Rating 1.

Kenna Rogers, soprano solo. Rating 2.

Lorraine Wonch, soprano solo. Rating 2.

Girls' duet: Jennifer Barraza and Jasmine Nelson. Rating 5.

Girls' Quartet: Jennifer Barraza, Jasmine Nelson, Lorraine Wonch, Kenna Rogers. Rating 2.

Chorus: Rating 1.

## Medicare Changes Topic of Presentation at Arnold

Riverview Apartments and Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will present Medicare Changes in 2017 - "10 Changes You Need to Know" - Thursday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m., at Riverview Apartments.

If you are confused by the 2017 Part B premiums and unsure how other Medicare

changes affect your health care and wallet, please plan to attend this informative program. You will get up-to-date Medicare information from a SHIIP-certified counselor.

SHIIP is part of the Nebraska Department of Insurance and does not sell or endorse insurance products or companies.

## Jr./Sr. Prom is Saturday

Arnold and Callaway seniors will join together for "A Night in Paris" at this Saturday's Junior-Senior Prom at Arnold High School. The promenade will begin at 7:15 p.m. After-Prom will be held at the Arnold Community Center.

## Alumni News Goes to Press

The annual publication of The Alumni News is going to press this week, and will be in the mail soon. The paper will also be on sale the week of Alumni at dues/ticket locations. For more info, contact treasurer Patty Goodenow or email [arnoldalumni@email.com](mailto:arnoldalumni@email.com)