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## Garden Walk Raises Over \$500 for Theatre



(From left) Betty Cole, Mary Becker and Kim Beshaler enjoy the atmosphere under Barb Gunther's gazebo, as she describes how the gazbo was built using the top from a grain bin. Some 50 women turned out for the garden walk to help raise money for the Rialto Theatre. (Sentinel photo)

Close to 50 women turned out to enjoy a tour of Barb Gunther's unique backyard last Friday night. Barb set a goal of raising at least \$500.00 for the Rialto Theatre through an admission charge and exceeded that goal, raising \$555.00. The highlight of the tour was seeing what was under the grain bin top that peeks above the Gunther's backyard fence.

Barb has been working on her yard since 2002, when she and her husband, Mike, put brick around the tree in the backyard and installed a pond with some tropical fish. Barb says she has always enjoyed antiques, and that is what has really inspired her to add something new to the yard each year since then.

"I absolutely love to just come and sit out here with my coffee in the morning and think about what I could do next," she said.

This year, Barb saw some ideas for using old grain bins to make sitting areas or walk-up bars.

"The problem I ran into was finding one that was close and the right size. I had to really think about that since I don't have a ton of room back here," she said, pointing to the space.

On a drive around town, Barb and Mike spotted a bin that was the perfect size on Frosty Ferguson's property on the south side of town. Barry Ferguson just happened to be in town at the time, so Barb contacted him. A deal was struck whereby they could have the top for free, but the rest of the bin would have to be taken down by Barb and donated to the Legion.

The next step was figuring out how to transport the top from Frosty's to their yard. Zach Hager volunteered his boom truck to help lift and set the top.

The base consists of six, 8' posts with a large metal wheel attached to the bin top. Barb knew it would be hot underneath the sitting area in the summer, so she added a fan to keep the air moving. Patio pavers were installed on the ground. A large spool top with legs added underneath serves as the table, and old and very comfortable tractor seats are the bar stools. Barb also added lights so the area can be enjoyed after dark.

Barb said she has had numerous people comment that they'd love to come over and see her backyard, and after reading the Sentinel article that the Rialto Theatre is struggling, she decided to try to do her part to help out.

"The yard is set up for entertaining, and I enjoy having people over to show them all the work that's gone into everything," she said.

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Second in a series on family members who serve together on the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. Photos and stories by AVFD member Tammy Weinman.

### Volunteer Service: It's All In The Family

(Pictured from left) Gregg, Andrew and April Tickle are featured this week.

Gregg Tickle joined the fire department 11 years ago to get more involved in the community. He is currently serving as the president and assistant fire chief of the department. Gregg serves on the department with his brother, Andrew, and sister-in-law, April.

When asked what it's like to serve with family he said, "Awesome!" and continued by saying, "Being able to help the community is the most rewarding thing about being on the department."

Andrew Tickle has been on the department for six years. He is currently an EMT, assistant rescue captain and fire-



man. He joined the department to help people and give back to the community. "I love being there for people when they are in need," he said.

When asked about serving with family, he said, "I enjoy having family on the department and also enjoy working with the department family I have."

The most rewarding thing about being on the department, Andrew feels, is being able to be there for someone during the hard times and being here for Arnold.

April Tickle joined her husband and brother-in-law on the fire department five years ago and serves as a fire

fighter. She also has an uncle, Darren Weinman; an aunt, Tammy Weinman; and cousin, Brady Weinman, who will be featured in a story later, serving on the department with her.

April says, "It's awesome having family members on the department with you. You feel safe at family events with firemen and EMTs on site!"

April joined the department because she loves helping the Arnold community, being involved and being a support system. April says that the most rewarding thing about being on the department is, "Saving lives and helping!"

**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY**

### Fireworks Display, Events Planned for July 2

The community of Arnold will celebrate Independence Day early this Sunday, July 2, with several events planned for all ages.

On the list are a volleyball tournament at the new courts at the Arnold Recreation Area, swim races and games at the pool, a firemen's sprinkler set up at the fire hall and a horse-shoe pitching tournament at Old Mill Park. Later in the day, a meal of hotdogs, chips and water will be served south of the fire hall to raise money for the Rialto.

All of these events will lead up to a fireworks display at Old Mill Park at dusk. Legion and V.F.W. members will post the colors, Westbrook Audio will provide music, and the display will be set off by Gunther's Fireworks. The Sandhills Open Road Challenge is sponsoring the fireworks.

Please turn to page 8 to see the full schedule and times of events.

### Documentary Will Be Shown at the Rialto

Due to the movie "Megan Leavey" being unavailable to book, the Rialto Theatre will be showing the Disneynature documentary "Born in China" the next two weekends. Please turn to page 7 to read more about this documentary in the Pinnacle Bank sponsored ad or go to the Arnold website to view the trailer.

### Center School Story Airs on "Pure Nebraska"

Berni Crow's Center Schoolhouse story - previously reported on in The Sentinel - has aired on the television program "Pure Nebraska."

If you missed it, you can view the segment by going to: <http://www.1011now.com/content/news/Arnold-One-Room-Schoolhouse-429676993.html>

## RIALTO THEATRE



(From left) Deb McCaslin, Andrew Tickle, Karen Horst, Cheryl Carson, Sen. Matt Williams, Mary Becker, Jodi Carlson and Donnis Hueftle-Bullock gather in front of the Rialto Theatre last Tuesday during Senator Williams' visit to Arnold to promote Drive 150 for Custer County. The Rialto is Arnold's landmark on the drive promoted by the Broken Bow Chamber.

### Senator Williams Visits Arnold, Promotes Drive 150

District 36 Sen. Matt Williams of Gothenburg was in town last Tuesday, taking a look at Arnold's landmark for Drive 150 for Custer County. The senator, accompanied by Chamber Executive Director Donnis

Hueftle-Bullock and Custer County Economic Development Director Deb McCaslin, agreed to be a celebrity driver, to promote Drive 150 that takes a scenic route to eight towns in the county - an idea that came

out of the Broken Bow Chamber to celebrate Nebraska's 150th birthday and gives Nebraska residents a fun way to get out and see this beautiful part of the state.

Arnold Economic Develop-

ment Director Cheryl Carson, who led the group to Arnold's landmark - the Rialto Theatre - said the drive encourages travelers to explore 150 miles of Custer County and the small communities within the county. The event takes place from July 6 and ends August 21. Participants who purchase a raffle ticket must complete eight stops and take a selfie in front of a designated landmark within each community to qualify for the \$500.00 Chamber Buck drawing. Participants can drive the route all in one day, or choose to split up the drive on different days.

Rialto Theatre board member Mary Becker gave the senator, Hueftle-Bullock and McCaslin a tour of the Rialto, telling them about the theater, the renovation process and how it came to be a working, state-of-the-art movie theater ran by volunteers.

New downtown business owner, Jodi Carlson, told the senator about her plans for the renovation of the former Farmhouse Antiques building which will be called Brew-Bakers. The group then enjoyed lunch prepared by Arnold Insurance owner Joe Bob Atkins and staff at his newly-remodeled building before continuing on the route.

Carson said the senator was happy to see things progressing

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