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## Filing Deadlines Nearing for Primary

Filing deadlines are nearing for the upcoming primary election, with several terms expiring on local boards. Terms that will expire follow:

School District #89: Joe Cool, Tony Eggleston and Rick Beshaler.

Arnold Village Board: Tim Turley, Brent Kulp and Scott McDowell.

Arnold Hospital District: Bruce McConnell, Kim Beshaler and Geri Webb.

Custer County Supervisors District #5: Don Olson.

Arnold Township: Kent DeLosh, Roger Bierman and Ron Cool.

Custer County Clerk Conni Gracey reported last Thursday that Olson has re-filed for Supervisor District #5, and Kent DeLosh has re-filed for the Arnold Township.

Filing deadlines for school board, hospital district and county supervisors are February 15 for incumbents and March 1 for non-incumbents.

Filing deadlines for village board and township are July 15 for incumbents and August 1 for non-incumbents.

All interested persons can file at the Custer County Clerk's office.

## Donations Sought for Cemetery Improvements

The Arnold Foundation voted recently to apply one-half of the proceeds from their 2017 annual fundraiser to the repairs and refurbishing of the Arnold Cemetery. The fence around the cemetery is an eyesore and needs replaced, trees need to be planted and stones need to be stood up straight.

A committee has been formed by the Arnold Community Foundation to take action on the above items. They met recently and decided to purchase a two-rail fence from Country Estates in Cozad. Tyler Long was given the contract to construct the 1,600 foot fence. They will look into planting 8 foot (approximately 2-inch diameter) hardwood and cedar trees.

Also discussed was top dressing and repairing potholes in the road within the cemetery.

The Arnold Foundation donation is very welcome, but will probably not cover all the needed repairs and improvements. Additional donations are being sought for this purpose. Donations can be deposited at the Pinnacle Bank to Arnold Township.

## Sasse Staff to Hold Mobile Office in Arnold

Arnold, NE - U.S. Senator Ben Sasse announced that a member of his staff will be hosting a mobile office on Thursday, February 8, in Arnold.

These office hours will provide Nebraskans with a face-to-face opportunity to speak with a member of Senator Sasse's staff about federal government-related issues. A constituent services representative will be on hand to offer guidance and aid to Nebraskans who require help navigating Washington's federal bureaucracy.

The same services are offered by the Senator's staff in each of his state offices. Constituent services representatives can be reached at 402-476-1400.

Who: All are welcome.

What: Mobile office hours in Custer County.

Where: Arnold Community Center meeting room, 205 South Carroll Street, Arnold.

When: Thursday, February 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## They've a Story to Tell

21st in a Series on Arnold's "Young at Heart" Residents

*Editor's note: Starting in January of 2015, 20 of Arnold's senior residents have been featured in The Arnold Sentinel's "They've a Story to Tell." The feature was the brainchild of Darlene Rimpley, who wanted to interview and tell the stories of these beloved people before they pass on. The only requirement, Darlene said, was that the interviewee had to be older than her. Well, now it's Darlene's turn. It took some doing, but we convinced Darlene that she, too, has "a story to tell," and here it is...*

By Pepper Werner

Darlene Rimpley was born in a sod house 15 miles north of Arnold on November 5, 1934. At six months old, her family moved to Colorado for ten years before returning to Arnold. Other than a five year stint in Missouri, Arnold has been her forever home.

Having five children is considered her greatest accomplishment, but she continues to find fulfillment and contribute to the Arnold community on a daily basis. She has one son living in Arnold, another in Amherst and a daughter in Big Springs. Our small village has the benefit of her presence, knowledge, experience and commitment.

After graduating from Arnold High School in 1952, Darlene taught school for three years at various one-room school houses in the area. The first year she taught 11 students in grades K-5 in Comstock. The second year she started with five students and ended the year with a single student at a school on the Callaway road. It was a time that families moved in and away for farm work. Her third year was the biggest with 22 students, and she had all of the grades except 7th. After being gone from Nebraska for five years, she taught a final year with eight students at a small country school 22 miles north of Arnold. At the time, a college degree wasn't required to teach, but when the state laws changed, she decided to remain at home with her children instead of pursuing fur-

Darlene Rimpley was simply born to serve her community.



Darlene Rimpley has a wealth of knowledge about the Arnold community, its organizations and history. Ask her anything, and she will most likely know the answer. (Pepper Werner photo)

ther education.

In 1970, Darlene took a position with *The Arnold Sentinel*. She worked for Bill Crosland writing articles, typing stories at home on her manual typewriter and doing secretarial work at the still existing newspaper location. Although she left after three years, she continues writing articles for the paper to this day.

She is an incredible source of information for the Arnold community and has a wealth of knowledge and experience for the youth. She provides a Christ-like example to many.

One of Darlene's favorite places has always been the library. She enjoyed visiting the Finch Memorial Library as a youth and started working there as an aid in 1981. By 1983, she was the full-time director. She will forever be grateful to Sarah Finch for her \$25,000.00 contribution in 1925 to build the library and

share her love of reading with Arnold residents.

"The Finch family settled the area of Finchville on the Arnold River Road," said Darlene. "They owned the first

drug store in Arnold and when Ephraim passed away, Sarah wanted to donate to the community that she loved so much. Not having had children, Sarah chose to make the donation that would change Arnold for the better - a library."

During her directorship, Darlene was asked to be an aid at the Arnold School. She had to get special permission from the board to take on this task in addition to her responsibilities at the library. She remained at the school for 15 years, where she started with the third grade class and ended her tenure with kindergarten.

Over the years, Darlene has seen tremendous change in the number of books, the community usage and the added technology to the library. While director, she started the summer reading program. It was held for six weeks each summer - two hours per week - and ended with a sleep over at the library. There were as many as 60 children at the event from four-year-olds to sixth grade. Deanna McDonald was the story hour lady, and Darlene helped with the activities. Things have changed at the library since her retirement in 2015, but she is so proud of the mission, the activities that they offer and where they are headed.

Darlene has held a presence with the Rialto Theatre as well. The theater sat empty and abandoned for nearly 20 years. **Continued on page 2.**

## A Surprise "Toy"

As Finch Memorial Library director, Darlene provided a box of toys for children to occupy their time so that the parents could enjoy the library and view the books to be checked out. It was standard practice that the toys had to be picked up before that child left the library. On one particular occasion, the toys were left strewn on the floor, and Darlene picked them up in haste to move on to the next task. Toys, figures, books, a bat and other items were placed in the box. A week or so later, a family came in to the library and before leaving, the father was helping the children put the toys where they belonged. The father noticed the bat and discovered that it was a REAL bat. Not a toy. Not the type used for hitting a ball, but a real, dead bat! Darlene was speechless. She had actually put that bat into the box herself a week prior where it stayed for so many days. It was never revealed how or where that bat came from. They are known for carrying disease, and Darlene was beside herself.

"I couldn't believe that I touched a real, dead bat. I was in such a hurry to clean up that I just tossed it into the toy box and went about other business," she said.



Arnold EMTs (from left) Tammy Weinman, Susan Nelson, Lawrence Stump, Renee Sommer, Andrew Tickle, Heather Hagler, Cassy DeLosh and Chris Hough are pictured with the recently purchased jump bags that can be used until an ambulance arrives. The bags were purchased with grant money. (Courtesy photo)

## AVFD Receives Grant To Purchase EMT Jump Bags

On June 2, four Arnold EMTs, Tammy Weinman, Andrew Tickle, Susan Nelson and Cassy DeLosh, volunteered their services at the Cattlemen's Ball held near Anselmo. These EMT's volunteered to work at the first aid station at the event. Grant money was offered to services that helped with the

event. Tammy Weinman applied for the grant money on behalf of the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase EMS jump bags for the EMTs.

"Andrew Tickle had made the suggestion of the jump bag project, and we knew this would be a great way to help

fund the project," said Weinman.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$1,000.00 in grant money towards their jump bag project. The bags have been purchased along, with supplies to fill the bags. Included in the bags are items such as stethoscopes,

blood pressure cuffs, advanced airway and other airway supplies, bandages, splints, pulse oximeter, glucose, and other supplies an EMT might need to care for a patient until an ambulance arrives.