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Six Teams Signed Up For Chili Cook-Off... So Far

Teams will be cooking up some great chili recipes at the Arnold Community Center this Saturday, March 3. Six teams had signed up as of last Friday, but if the cook-off stays true to earlier years, more will sign up this week.

Setting up early in the day to have their chili and booths ready for judging will be:

Chili Chili Bang Bang: Head chef, Julio Ponce, with assistants Christa Ponce, Kenny Goodenow and Allison Rosen-trater.

Sniper Chili: Head chef, Jeff Bowers, with assistant Deb Bowers. Sponsor: Sandhills Classic Arms, Inc.

Flavor Country: Head chef, Derrick Bowers, with assistants Hannah Powell, Drew Bowers, Travis Garret.

Rowdy Rott BBQ: Head chef, Chris Rossman, with assistant Teagen Rossman.

Blowers Farms: Head chef, Matt Jageler, with assistants Charlie Blowers, Austin Snyder, Tory Edwards and Rusty Wycoff.

Sandhills Motors: Head chef, Chad Garcia, with assistants Thomas McCaslin, Micheal McCaslin and Carolyn Bowers.

Public tasting and serving of contestants' chili, potato and chicken noodle soup will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For dessert, the 4th grade class will be selling pies for the last year.

The awards program will be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. Following will be entertainment of "Minute to Win It!"

For more information on how to sign up, contact chairman Allison Rosen-trater at 308-870-3387. Entry forms are available at www.arnoldne.org.

The cook-off is a Chamber

Filings for Local Boards Reported

Last Friday, February 23, Custer County Clerk Conni Gracey reported that Joe Cool was the only school board incumbent to refile for election. Incumbents Rick Beshaler and Tony Eggleston did not refile by the deadline. Non-incumbent Merle Bierman has filed for election on the school board.

For the Arnold Hospital Board, none of the three incumbents whose terms are expiring refiled for reelection by the deadline. They are Bruce McConnell, Kim Beshaler and Geri Webb. The two members remaining on the board, whose terms have not expired, are Heather Furne and John Phillips.

As previously reported, incumbent Don Olson refiled for Supervisor District #5. No non-incumbents had filed as of last week.

All non-incumbents have until March 1 at 5:00 p.m., to file in the Custer County Clerk's office.

FSA Accepting Enrollment For ARC

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Custer County Executive Director Amy Mauler is encouraging producers on farms with base acres under the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill to stop in now to enroll for 2018 coverage.

Since shares and ownership of a farm can change year-to-year, producers on the farm must enroll in the safety net programs by signing a contract each program year.

If you have not received a postcard for an appointment, please call the Custer County FSA office at 308-872-6877 ext. 2 or email Amy.mauler@ne.usda.gov.

Family United After 60 Years

Arnold Resident Frank Hauser Meets Long-Lost Sister



The Hauser family recently united with daughter and sister Sandy Japp. Family members pictured are (seated, l-r): Marilyn Danhauer, Frances Hauser and Connie Poffenbarger, with (standing, from left) Cheryl Husted, Frank Hauser, Karen Weekley, Judy Schwieter, Steve Hauser, Sandy Japp and Barry Hauser. (Courtesy photo)

By Pepper Werner

I can't imagine reading the words "Dear Birth Mother" and feeling a total sense of peace. That's exactly what happened to Frances Hauser last Fall, 2017. In 1958, times were hard. It was difficult to keep families fed. Already having six children, a seventh one just didn't seem possible. This is where Lutheran Family Services in Omaha stepped in.

Frank and Frances Hauser lived north of Dunning and were raising their family on a ranch. The older six children recall their mother being pregnant but assumed that she had lost the child when she returned home without a baby.

No questions were asked or explanations were given. Until 60 years later.

Parents adopt out babies for a variety of reasons, and most are heartbreaking. With 14 available babies, Sandy was the chosen one. Yes, Sandy Japp was the baby that was adopted 60 years ago from Lutheran Family Services. Frances held her at birth, kissed her goodbye and left a piece of her heart that day. Her wish was that her baby girl would be placed with a loving family and that she would have a good life. Her wish came true.

Sandy was active in many sports. She had an old milk house that was converted into a

playhouse and spent hours there with her cat, dog and sheep. Complete with dishes, she hosted tea parties for her animals and undoubtedly, believed in her happy family. Her grandmother had a big garden and loved growing flowers. She was active in 4-H and learned to can vegetables.

Sandy grew up in Bennington, Nebraska, with a school secretary mother and farmer/seed salesman father. She lived the majority of her life in the Omaha area until her daughter went to college in Texas. With the closeness of the family, Sandy, her mother and daughter all relocated to Texas. Sandy's adoptive mother

passed away, her daughter moved to California with her military husband and Sandy remained.

Sandy also had an adopted brother that was four years older. Not until her teenage years did she discover her adoption papers and confronted her adoptive mother. With confirmation in hand, she waited 45 years to look for her biological parents and extended family.

Her reason for delay was simple, she watched the heart-break that her mother and brother experienced when he began his search for his biological parents and never found them before he passed away. Sandy decided that she didn't want to put her mother through that experience again, so she waited until last year, after the loss of the only mother she had ever known.

It was time to contact Lutheran Family Services again. Sandy sent notification to Wendy, the case worker that helped eventually connect the two. She expressed her desire to find her biological family and the ball was rolling. A letter arrived in the fall from the adoption agency and Frances knew what was in the envelope before ever opening it, even after all of these years. Without communication for 60 years, Frances read the letter three times before calling Lutheran Services. With the case sealed, Frances wasn't given any information about her daughter, so she sat down to write a letter of her own. Frances wrote as many details as she could, provided facts, family history and contact information. Lutheran Family Services never mailed the letter. Frances was told that it revealed too much information, and it was up to the

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Keep An Eye Out For YOUR Survey to Help YOUR Community of Arnold!

The AEDC (Arnold Economic Development Corporation) will be distributing a survey to households within the city limits of Arnold. The AEDC is requesting your participation in completing the short questionnaire. This survey information will be used to:

- Help AEDC update our housing study,
- Identify housing projects that will meet the needs of our community.

• Provide information to pursue funds for housing projects through state, federal and private sources.

Students from Arnold Public School will be assisting the AEDC by personally delivering surveys to the door of each resident in Arnold on March 2. Residents are not required to put their name on the questionnaire, and the information provided will be kept confidential and anonymous. Residents are asked to

please fill out the short questionnaire, seal it in the provided envelope and return by mailing it or dropping it off at Reed's Food Center, Pinnacle Bank or the AEDC office by March 11. You can also call the AEDC office and arrange for someone to pick your survey up if needed. If you have questions, or need to arrange for pickup, please contact Cheryl Carson, AEDC - Executive Director, at 308-848-2211, or come into the of-

fice located at 109 N. Walnut Street, Monday, Thursday, and Friday between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., you can also visit with any AEDC board member.

Remember, this survey is very important in identifying housing needs, projects and funding for Arnold's future, so your cooperation and assistance in this community development planning process is greatly appreciated!

Anti-Bullying "Relentless Tour" Coming to Arnold/Callaway Public Schools March 6

Former Michigan State basketball player Anthony Ianni fighting bullying in schools nationwide

KENESAW, NE - The Kids & Dreams Foundation & McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation will be bringing the "Relentless Tour" - a first-of-its-kind anti-bullying initiative featuring Anthony Ianni - to Arnold and Callaway students, March 6, at 1:00 p.m., at Callaway School.

Motivational speaker Anthony Ianni was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of 4 and was the victim of bullying as a child. He graduated from Michigan State University and became the first known individual with autism to play Division I college basketball. Under legendary MSU coach Tom Izzo, Ianni played with the 2010 and 2012 Big Ten Champion and Tournament Championship teams, and the 2010 Final Four team. He has won a number of awards including MSU's Tim Bograkov Walk-On Award, the 2012 MSU Unsung Player Award, and was named a 2013 Detroit Pistons Community Game Changer Finalist.

Through the "Relentless Tour", Ianni, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Kids

& Dreams Foundation, & McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying. Students with autism are frequently targeted by bullies, with an estimated 65-90 percent of individuals with autism having been victims of bullying at some point in their lives.

The "Relentless Tour" will be brought back to several schools and communities in Nebraska from March 5-7.

The foundation will be hosting a "Heroes, Hoops, Hope" event on Tuesday night, March 6, at the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK). This event will include a basketball game between former UNK and Nebraska football players and community leaders in Central Nebraska. The activities will start at 6:00 p.m. with the game to begin at 7:30 p.m. At half-time, Anthony will share his message to the crowd. There is no charge, as a free will donation will be offered to help support the Kids & Dreams Foundation mission.

The Kids & Dreams Foundation, based in Central Ne-

braska, is excited to bring Anthony back to the state to share his message and help them continue to provide support to those children and families experiencing autism and bullying.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to bring Anthony back to Nebraska. We have received so much positive feedback from the first two years with him and had a waiting list of schools that were interested in Anthony's message. The foundation believes that Anthony will really make an impact again on those that he reaches during his three day tour!"

"Bullying is something we must put an end to, not only in Nebraska but across the country," said Ianni. "Everyone is affected by bullying in some way and students with autism are at incredibly high risk to be victimized. Our hope is that through my story and spreading our message, we can not only inspire kids to take a stand against bullying but also make bullies rethink their actions."

The Kids & Dreams Foundation would like to thank McKenna's Rae of Hope Foun-



Anthony Ianni

ation for partnering with them along with Autism Action Partnership and Keeler & Associates for joining them in this effort to bring Anthony to the state. To learn more about the Kids & Dreams Foundation, McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation, or Anthony Ianni, visit www.kidsanddreams.org, <http://mckennasraeofhope.org/> and <http://relentlesstour.com/>. Contact: Aaron Bly at (308)830-0225 or email: aaron@kidsanddreams.org.