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Spring Forward

Residents are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour this Saturday night before retiring. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11, at 2:00 a.m.

More Filings Received for Local Boards

The Custer County Clerk's office reports that two more filings for local boards were received by the non-incumbent deadline of March 1 since *The Sentinel's* last report.

Shane Cool has filed for a position on the Arnold School Board. Previous filings were made by incumbent Joseph Cool and non-incumbent Merle Bierman for the three open positions.

Non-incumbent Gary Larreau filed for a position on the Arnold Hospital Board. None of the three members whose terms are up filed by the incumbent deadline.

South Loup Competing at State Tourney

After drawing a wild card, the South Loup boys basketball team is playing at the state tournament today (Thursday, March 8) at Lincoln Southeast High School. The Bobcats, seated #6 with a 21-3 record, are playing #3 seated Hastings St. Cecilia (22-3). The winner of that game will play either #2 Yutan (24-1) or #7 Arcadia-Loup City (22-4), March 9 at the Devaney Sports Center.

The championship game will be played March 10 at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. The third place game will be played March 10 at Lincoln East.

Equipment Failure Forces Rialto to Cancel Showings

The showing of "Paddington 2" at the Rialto Theatre was cancelled last weekend and again this weekend due to equipment failure. It is believed that a power surge that occurred on Saturday, February 24, damaged the projector. Rialto Theatre Board President Mary Becker said that upon inspection, the IT person deemed the projector a total loss.

The projector is covered by insurance, and Becker has spoken with both the insurance agent and an adjuster. Hopefully, the decision of whether or not insurance will replace it will be made quickly.

Becker said last Friday that the showing of "Hostiles," starting on March 16-17-18, will be possible, but there are no guarantees. "Paddington 2" is paid for, so if the projector can be replaced, it can be shown in the future.

Inside...

Arnold Speech Team brings home nine medals from conference tournament.



Fun Times at Chili Cook-Off

There was a lot of laughter, great food and entertainment at Saturday night's Chamber-sponsored Chili Cook-Off. "Flavor Country" chili, cooked up by (above, left to right) Head Chef Derrick Bowers, and assistants Hannah Powell, Brady Weinman, Travis Garret and Drew Bowers, received the 1st place prize. (Left) Pastor Lee Wonch (2nd place winner) faces the challenge to blow three ping-pong balls across nine cups of water within a minute in the "Minute to Win It" game. More photos and results from the cook-off are inside this issue.

Photos by Tammy Weinman and Pepper Werner

Smith Crowned Miss Nebraska Preteen



Courtesy photo

Madison Smith was crowned Miss Nebraska Preteen at the International Junior Miss Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska state pageant at the Ramada Tropics in Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday, February 24th, 2018. Madison is the daughter of David and Tami Smith. Madison will represent her state at the International Finals in July 2018 alongside contestants from all over the world.

International Junior Miss is one of the most prestigious pageants for young women 4 to 24 years old. Delegates compete in interview competition allowing each judge to personally speak with each delegate and get to know them a little better, evening gown competition to keep the tradition with pageantry's grace, poise, and stage presentation, and fun fashion to give each delegate a chance to express her personal sense of style and fashion.

The 2018 International Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held July 2-7, 2018 at the beautiful Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio, Texas. Scholarships will be awarded up to \$10,000 per division! Recognition is given for academic achievement, volunteer service and spirit of participation. Additional scholarships are provided for excellence in talent, modeling, public speaking, and other optional categories totaling nearly \$2,000. Additional scholarship opportunities allows International Junior Miss to award up to \$72,000 at this year's International Finals.

Govier Brothers Mortuary Purchases Arnold & Mullen Funeral Homes

New Funeral Home Directors Committed to the Families They Will Serve

By Pepper Werner

Starting in the 1900's, there has been a funeral home in Broken Bow serving area residents. It began with Schneringer & Johnson Funeral Home, then transitioned to Govier Brothers Mortuary in 1950. Doug Gaston began working with Govier Brothers in 1983 and Grant Chapin in 1994. In the mid 1990's, Grant and Doug along with Todd Eberle, purchased the business. The three funeral directors have kept the same location, same name and have expanded their services. One of the expansions is the purchase of the Arnold & Mullen Funeral Homes in January of 2018.

Grant said, "We have been in business for quite some time and provided funeral services to a variety of communities. It was just a natural transition to acquire the Arnold and Mullen locations when Tiff Varney retired. We will use the same fa-



Govier Brothers Mortuary owners Grant Chapin (left) and Doug Gaston (right), along with Todd Eberle, are the new owners of Arnold & Mullen Funeral Homes. (Pepper Werner photo)

cilities, keep the same telephone numbers and provide the same great service."

In Arnold, Tiff Varney will continue to reside at the location and be available as needed;

however, the business officially has new owners. Doug and Grant will be the faces of the funeral home for the residents in Arnold and Mullen.

All pre-arrangements that were made in Arnold or Mullen will be honored. Grant and Doug will be available at the three locations to serve families. There are a wide variety of services available from the initial call: arrangement conference, funeral service, legal paperwork, death certificates, working with the veteran's administration or life insurance. Govier Brothers Mortuary has an onsite crematory in Broken Bow. Your loved one never leaves their care. Grant and Doug pride themselves on providing compassionate care and professional service at a difficult time.

A new service that will be available for the Arnold/Mullen families' will be the funeral home's website. Giving people the option to read obituaries and leave condolences. Govier Brothers web site is www.govierbrothers.com.

Arnold & Mullen Funeral Homes-Govier Brothers Mortuary can be reached at 308-848-2246 in Arnold, 308-546-2260 in Mullen or 1-800-354-6340.