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Sentinel Earns Three Awards In Better Newspaper Contest

KEARNEY, NE - The Arnold Sentinel came away with three awards in the 2019 Better Newspaper Competition among the newspapers of Nebraska. The awards were announced Saturday, April 6, at the Nebraska Press Association's 145th Annual Convention Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney.

The Sentinel placed 1st in Class A Weekly Feature Photography with the entry "Go, Dog, Go!" by Jessica Tickle. The

photo, taken of the Tickle family's Yellow Lab/Great Pyrenes Mix, Mae, riding on a sled with the Tickle boys, caught the judges' attention. The judges commented, "Hilarious snap and sense of action!"

A story by Janet Larreau placed 2nd in the Single Feature Story Class A Weekly category. The story, titled "Hitting that Monday Deadline!" was written about the talented APS students who took on the challenge of covering sports for The Sentinel. The judge com-

mented, "...Something we take for granted in the news businesses - those stringers. Great idea for a story and well written. Enjoyed reading about the history, the students and their achievements as well as overcoming their shortcomings. Nice."

The Sentinel placed 3rd in the category of Single Feature Story Class A Weekly for a story written by Pepper Werner. Titled "Community Rallies to Help Andre Family," the story told about Eugene Andre's medical

crisis and how family and neighbors stepped in to help him with farming and cattle work. The judge commented, "I enjoyed the story and how the writer reflected between small town life vs. city life. The humanity of Eugene having to reflect on changes he needed in his life and how his neighbors helped plant his crops doesn't happen enough. Good story."

More than 3,500 separate entries, representing 9 dailies and 69 weeklies, were judged by members of the Louisiana

Press Association.

Attendees from The Arnold Sentinel took in the informative sessions at the convention center for the two days, heard outstanding speakers, and networked with journalists from across the state.

The NPA is the state's oldest trade association, which is comprised of all 164 daily and weekly newspapers in Nebraska. "Inspire" was this year's convention theme.



Photos/Renee Bubak



Stag or Traditional...

Prom is all about the night

Wearing a very colorful plaid suit, Arnold senior Jarret Buchholz (pictured above) was happy to go stag, and senior Cole Gracey (pictured left) took his date, Sabra Schmidt, to Prom Saturday night. Over 100 juniors and seniors and their dates from Arnold and Callaway walked in the outdoor promenade, and enjoyed dining and dancing in Arnold High's decorated gym. Jarret, who was one of the star's of the Grand March, chose not to take a date because he wanted to wear the outrageous suit, and didn't figure a date could match.

Residents Can Apply for Disaster Assistance

FEMA Reps In Arnold Last Friday

By Janet Larreau

Arnold Village and Township representatives, and Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson have been attending meetings with FEMA and Custer County Emergency Management on how to apply for assistance for roads, streets, bridges, businesses and residences after Custer County was added to disaster assistance for the state.

The official designation went through on March 30 for losses resulting from the severe winter storm, straight-line winds and flooding in March.

FEMA representatives were in town last Friday, visiting with village and economic development representatives, and going from business to business, asking if there was any damage from any of the above. They were also handing out flyers on how to apply for assistance.

The village and township will be handling their own areas that require assistance. Businesses and homeowners, however, need to report and apply for their own assistance through FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has asked the AEDC to assist them in gathering information on

damage to businesses, residences, and rural homes in the community of Arnold and the surrounding area.

"Even if your damage was minor, under your deductible, and you don't plan on submitting it to insurance, or you're insurance may not have covered damage you received, we would still like to know about it, and what the cause of damage was," said Carson. "The purpose is to get a more accurate idea of how our area was affected by the recent spring weather occurrences of snow/freeze and rain, or flooding from roof and downspout failure to incoming water from above or below. We want to know if you had damage to your home or business, either minor or major, insured or not insured."

Carson emphasized that the reports submitted by residents will only be for a numbers report. The goal is to try to look for ways to help businesses and individuals affected, so reporting damage is very important. Any recovery assistance information given to AEDC as a result of the reports will then be pushed back out through the newspaper and Facebook to inform people.

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Muscle Power

Freshman class shows their stuff

By Janet Larreau

When a truckload of five bunks of five-eighths 4'x12' sheetrock pulled up to Grazer's Bar & Grill last Wednesday morning to be unloaded, it was

time to call in some extra muscle power. Who knew a bunch of freshmen - and mostly girls at that - would pull off helping with the big job?

The former Jim's Bar building is undergoing a total renovation. Jesse Halstead, who is in

partnership with Annie Vettell to reopen the bar, turned to the school for more manpower.

"Jesse gave me a quick text that he had a whole bunch of sheetrock to stock, and wondered if we could bring some kids down to help," said Indus-

trial Arts teacher Clay Mohr. "I knew it was going to be a big job, and they needed help. Jesse wanted football players, but they were testing, so we went down the list and got the freshman class, which is primarily girls. I know all of these kids

are good workers."

A little school bus transported the seven girls and two boys downtown, they piled out, were given their instructions, and pitched right in.

"They really stepped up and did a good job," said Clay. "Most of the kids at the school are really good workers, and we're really fortunate. Our expectations are high, and they really deliver. They just jump in and make things fun to watch and be a part of - if you can say unloading a load of sheetrock is fun. When you expose them and allow the kids to work in some part of construction, they

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Courtesy photos

Freshmen show off their muscles after helping unload a truckload of sheetrock last Wednesday morning at Grazer's Bar & Grill. Pictured from left are: Faith Bierman, Shayla Tickle, Stella Lewis, Reagan Cool, Colbi Smith, Jacob Halstead, Jayden Hanna-Miles, Layla Rivera, and (front) RayLee Downing. Not pictured is Carly Gracey, who had an appointment and missed out on all the fun.

Chamber Will Host Easter Egg Hunt This Saturday, April 13

The annual rite of spring will take place this Saturday, April 13, when area kids gather to hunt Easter eggs at the Arnold City Park.

Sponsored by Chamber, with help from the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society, the hunt will start at 11:00 a.m.

Gold and silver egg prizes will be donated by Triangle Lanes.

A storm date of Friday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m., has been set just in case...