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Ready, Set, Go!

With high hopes, a group of five- to seven-year-olds takes off to fill their baskets and sacks at the annual Chamber-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt last Friday morning at the city park. For the first time in recent memory, Mother Nature blessed the event with lots of sunshine, temps near 70 and no wind. The turnout was more than anyone expected. Originally scheduled for the previous weekend, but delayed due to a blizzard, loads of kids were at the park. "This was way more than we've had any other year. It could have been since it was Good Friday and more kids were in town visiting grandparents," said Debby Moninger, sponsor of the National Honor Society and Arnold Junior Honor Society, who helped organize the event. She also added that they plan to have more eggs next year in the event that there is a big turnout again. Gold and silver egg finders received prizes donated by Triangle Lanes and had their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, who had hopped into town. Winners in their age division were: Under 2: Uriah Schweitzer and Colter Dailey; Ages 3-4: Aiden Corbin and Ryan Long; Ages 5-7: Zeva Tickle and Isaac Jarmin; Ages 8 & Up: Brody Green and Claire Kulp.

Celebrating Arbor Day Friday, April 26



A tree has roots in the soil yet reaches to the sky. It tells us that in order to aspire we need to be grounded and that no matter how high we go it is from our roots that we draw sustenance.

- Wangari Maathai

Volunteers Will Spruce Up Town April 29

Volunteers from Arnold Rotary, Arnold Chamber, Arnold Public School, American Legion and village personnel will be helping make Arnold shine this coming Monday, April 29. After the extremely hard winter and flooding, volunteers will be needed in several locations.

On clean up day, the village will be providing donuts, coffee, milk and juice in the morn-

ing and bottled water for all volunteers. Arnold Chamber will provide a meal for the volunteers.

Legion members will be available to pick up almost any type of metal. Call Mike Harvey at 308-530-1065 to schedule a pick up.

The entire month of April has been designated as community clean up month. A roll off container has been placed in front

of the Arnold Pool for your convenience when cleaning up your property. There is no charge for village residents to use the container during April. Not accepted in the container will be tires, construction rubble, appliances, batteries, computers and household hazardous waste.

A rain date of May 6 has been scheduled in case of inclement weather.

The last class

Mrs. Crow will retire after 34 years of teaching

By Diana Coleman &
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It's April 17, 2019, and the countdown to the end of the school year has begun. Fourteen 4th graders are eagerly waiting to have a picture taken for the newspaper with their beloved teacher, Berni Crow. They are all smiles, as they gather around her. It's the 29th 4th grade class that Mrs. Crow has taught, and her last. On May 16th, she'll pack up years of memories from her classroom and move on to retirement and a new chapter in her life.

Mrs. Crow has taught a total of 34 years - 5 of those in Title Math - and substituted for several years at APS before moving here.

She actually grew up in the Redfern Table Schoolhouse after her family moved and remodeled it into a home. Her childhood was spent growing up on a farm 9 miles southwest of Callaway.

Mrs. Crow's mother had some



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Mrs. Berni Crow (center) pictured with the 29th - and last - 4th grade class she will teach at Arnold Schools before she retires: (back, l-r) Miranda Tucker, Josie Christensen, Josie Lehmkuhler, Evalynn Wonch, Neal Scott, Malachi Neth; (front, l-r) Jade Bierman, Asa Starr, Piper Strasburg, Elliott Brast, Wacey Schultz, Sofie Lewis, Gracee Downing, Elijah Cool, Walter Bierman.

influence on Berni's decision to become a teacher, having gone through the normal training to become a teacher herself. However, her father was probably the bigger influence.

"My father was my 'teacher' in the strongest sense of the

word," Berni said. "He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. If he didn't know the answer to something, he'd research until he found the answer. He certainly instilled that in me."

She graduated from Callaway

High School in 1970, and attended Chadron State College.

Mrs. Crow has always believed in teaching by discovery as much as possible. Her goal was to take children from where they were and encourage them to develop the desire to "find

their own answers." She wanted them to be responsible for their own learning.

She has seen a lot of changes in education over the years - technology being the biggest and her favorite.

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