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Koubek Will Be RYLA "Gatekeeper"



Amanda Koubek (right) and Kali Blevins (left) served as senior counselors at the 2014 RYLA Camp at Halsey. This year Amanda will serve as the official registrar for RYLA. (Courtesy photo)

Arnold Rotarian Amanda Koubek has a new job, and she's looking forward to it. She has been selected as the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) official registrar for District 5630.

This is the second year that Amanda has been involved with RYLA. Last year she served as a senior counselor and was one of the speakers at the annual, week-long camp at Halsey National Forest. Her speech was on Ethics, and she felt it made an impact on the kids. She'll be a senior counselor again this year, and will most likely speak.

As RYLA registrar, Amanda will be the "paperwork gate-

keeper," making sure that background checks are made on adult volunteers and that paperwork for campers is complete.

"Basically, you are the file cabinet system for the event," she said.

Each district sets up their own RYLA camp, but not all districts do. This will be District 5630's 24th year. Arnold Rotarian Ken Wehrman started RYLA for the district and was one of the founding directors. Amanda said Ken is still an active Rotary member, coming to meetings most every week.

"Next summer the district will celebrate the 25th anniversary

of RYLA. For me, it's quite an honor to be able to continue the long tradition of Arnold being involved in RYLA and to work with such amazing students from across the district," said Amanda.

About 70 high school juniors and seniors attend RYLA each year at the Halsey 4-H camp. Arnold sends students from both Arnold and Callaway.

"Callaway doesn't have a Rotary club, and since the two schools work so closely together, we might as well open up that opportunity for those students," she said.

Last year Arnold Rotary sponsored Sully Lewis and Brandon Moninger from Arnold, and Karni Doyle and Emma Badgley from Callaway.

This year's camp will be held

July 19-24. Students are there for a full week and learn about leadership, team building, ethics, trust building, some personal finance, and most of all, they learn about the Rotary model of "Service Above Self."

"It's fantastic to watch these kids grow," said Amanda. "Many of them start out the week as unsure of themselves or introverted, and by the end of the week, they are just taking charge and stepping up and letting their voices be heard. It's easy for us to feel down on students because a lot of what we see is students grabbing headlines for sensational actions, but when you get to spend a week in the wilderness with 70 kids who are leaders among their peers, it really re-energizes you and gives you hope."

Arnold Rotary can send as many students as there are spaces for. If students are interested in applying, they can talk to any Rotary member or Kelli Blevins, who with Al Bishop conducts the RYLA interviews. There is no cost for students to attend; expenses are picked up directly by the sponsoring club in the district.

Ground Zero Fundraiser

The Ground Zero Student Ministry Youth Group fundraiser will be held on January 21, 2015, at the Baptist church. The Chili Feed will be a free will donation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the functioning costs of youth group.

AEDC Seeks New Director

The AEDC is currently accepting applications for a new director, after the position was recently vacated by Sandy Hicks, who resigned to care for her aging father.

"Sandy will be greatly missed, not only by the AEDC, but by many people and organizations in the community," said AEDC President Andrew Tickle. "Sandy's work and enthusiasm for Arnold was impressive and felt by many."

Resumes for the position will be accepted until January 26. An employment ad on page 7 describes the person the AEDC is seeking, the duties involved and how to apply.

“2014 Babies” Feature Coming Soon

Parents and grandparents of babies born in 2014 are reminded that the annual "Babies" feature will go to press soon. The feature is open to any baby born in 2014. All that is needed is a photo and information, including baby's name, date of birth, parents and grandparents.

The deadline to submit is January 16. Please e-mail us at arnoldsentinel@gpc.com.net or mail to: PO Box 136, Arnold NE 69120. Photos and information may also be dropped off at The Sentinel office.

TeamMates Appreciation

January is mentor appreciation month and Arnold's TeamMates will be recognized at half-time of the Girls Basketball game in Arnold on January 22. The game starts at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Leron Bierman at 308-379-2398.

4-H Council Meeting Set

The Custer County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the 4-H Building in Broken Bow. The meeting will begin with a dinner for 4-H Council members and spouses/guests. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. A meeting agenda will be posted at the Custer County Courthouse and Nebraska Bank, in Broken Bow, after January 12. The business meeting is open to the public.

Dates Set for Parents Night

Parents Night for basketball will be Saturday, January 17, in Arnold. Parents will be announced between the boys' JV game and the girls' varsity game.

Parents night for wrestling will be Friday, January 23, in Callaway, during the South Loup Invite. Parents will be announced right before the finals start.

Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs
Cooperative Weather Observer

WEATHER STATION

LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP,

ACROSS FROM

ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
6	36	7	0
7	27	0	0
8	13	0	0
9	43	11	0
10	22	4	0
11	37	8	0
12	33	11	0

Western Riders Open House

Western Riders will be holding a 4-H open house on Sunday, January 18. Please turn to page 8 for more information.



Snow and More Snow

Residents on the north end of town have been watching the snow pile higher and higher for the past several weeks, as the white stuff drifts and blows onto their front doorstep, only to be moved to the side for more to come. The home of Ralph and Karla Nansel (pictured above) is taking it particularly hard, with north views nearly blocked. Karla, who called the Sentinel saying, "If you want to see some snow, come up here," said that it's been years since they've seen snow like this.