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A Good Time to Celebrate

Rialto thanks SORC

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge will celebrate its 20th anniversary in August of 2020, and with the movie “Ford v Ferrari” available and now showing, the Rialto Theatre Board thought it was a perfect time for a celebration. The event was held last Friday evening, starting with hors d’oeuvres and socializing at the Sandhills Motors showroom.

“We wanted to thank (SORC) for their generosity to the community,” said Rialto Board President Mary Becker Harvey. “They donated \$1,000.00 to the theater this year. We had a new roof put on, and that money paid the deductible. It was perfect timing, and we didn’t ask. This isn’t the first year they have donated to the theater.”

Mary said the showroom worked very well to start out the night.

“That is such a great facility for our community. The guys are so nice and accommodating. There was a lot of space, and there were a lot of different conversation groups.”

When the movie started at 7:00 p.m., many of the people crossed the street to watch the movie, with SORC board members receiving free passes.

“It was just a comfortable evening, informal and relaxed. It was one of those gatherings that I was glad that I was a part of,” said Mary.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

SORC board members Becky Dailey and Aaron Olson choose from a great selection of hors d’oeuvres in the Sandhills Motors showroom last Friday evening. The event, hosted by the Rialto Theatre Board, included socializing and going across the street to the movie “Ford v Ferrari.” The celebration was planned to honor SORC on its upcoming 20th anniversary and to thank all involved for their many contributions to the community.



Courtesy photo

Sam Cool and Kylee Lehmkuhler are among APS students who are excited to be using new microscopes in the Science lab, purchased with an Applegate Fund grant, matched by the Arnold Booster Club.

New Microscopes Purchased for Science Lab

By Janet Larreau

Arnold Public Schools has ten new microscopes in use in the science lab.

An Applegate grant provided half the needed amount and the Arnold Booster Club generously offered to cover the other half.

In the grant application, Science teacher Mrs. Sandager said that APS is now offering the opportunity for students to learn more about science through a new anatomy class, in which these microscopes are greatly needed. Unfortunately, new classes are expensive to start, with tools and materials.

This project will not only directly benefit the anatomy class but will benefit other biology-based classes such as junior high and the 10th grade biology. An estimated 40 students will use the microscopes in the 2019/2020 school year, along with any future students who join the classes in the following

years.

The Microscope Project will provide the rural students of APS a critical hands-on opportunity to learn a skill that is so very important in any future biology or medical careers. The microscopes will also help increase student engagement and creativity.

“The kids are beyond excited to use the new microscopes and develop skills that they will need if they pursue a career in the science field,” said Mrs. Sandager, whose goal coming in was to update the lab.

It is interesting to note that the lab’s old microscopes were from 1976 and older.

The project was partly supported by funding from the John Russell Applegate Fund for Teachers at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, based in North Platte.

“Both myself and the students want to thank the Applegate Fund and the Arnold Booster Club for making it possible to purchase the microscopes, said Mrs. Sandager.

Calling All Babies of 2019

The Sentinel’s annual “Babies” feature is coming up. Parents and grandparents are invited to submit a photo of any baby born in 2019. Details of information needed, how to submit and the deadline can be found on page 8.

Secretary of State Rolls Out a New Website

LINCOLN- Secretary of State Evnen announced the roll out of his new website, in time for the New Year.

“The website has an updated design and is user friendly,” stated Secretary Evnen.

The home page displays a photo of Chimney Rock together with a well-placed voter registration button. Users will find easy access to business searches and other business services, elections, international resources, rules and regulations, records, forms and filings.

“The new look says Nebraska proud,” Evnen said.

To view go to <https://sos.nebraska.gov>

Recruitment Will Be Main Focus of New Chamber Officers



Arnold Chamber has reorganized, and in 2020 will be led by a group of young women who are planning changes in the year ahead. Leading Chamber as president will be April Tickle, who said the organization has several goals for the coming year. One of those goals has already been achieved, with three other young women elected to office, including Allison Goodenow now serving as vice-president, Brandi Corbin as secretary, and Debbie Connelly as treasurer.

“The biggest thing is just getting the younger generation in there for officers,” she said. We want to also get more young and established business owners and community members to become involved, so it’s not the same 10 people that show up every meeting.”

Recruitment will be the main focus in January and February, when Chamber will send out its regular dues flyer, and recruit door-to-door downtown and in the residential areas to get more people involved.

The next goal will be writing up guidelines, by-laws, and a mission statement. April said they have had some instances where those need to be in place.

Along with the traditional events, Chamber will focus more on promoting Chamber businesses and getting their names out there.

(From left) Chamber reorganized in November, with the following new officers now leading the organization: (from left) April Tickle, president; Allison Goodenow, vice-president, Brandi Corbin, secretary; and Debbie Connelly, treasurer. This group of young women is looking forward to continuing on with traditional events, recruitment, and promoting businesses that serve the community.