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Mock Disaster Drill

Custer County emergency personnel receive training

By Janet Larreau

Multiple Custer County agencies participated in a full scale exercise on October 13 at the Custer County Fairgrounds. The scenario for the exercise was an active shooter at a concert.

Twenty-eight volunteers were the patients for the drill. In total there were 108 participants in the drill including all Custer County EMS, numerous fire departments, the Broken Bow Police Department, the Custer County Sheriff's Office, Callaway Hospital, Jennie M. Melham Memorial Hospital and several emergency managers from around the state.

Participating from the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department were EMTs Tammy Weinman, Heather Hagler, and Susan Nelson. Two new members of the AVFD - Lawrence Stump and Renee Sommers - serve dual roles in emergency management in Custer County. Stump participated in the drill with the sheriff's department, and Sommers with the Broken Bow Fire Department.

Taking an Arnold ambulance, Weinman, Hagler and Nelson waited to participate in the exercise in "real time," waiting 35 minutes after the pager went off to arrive at the scene at the Custer County Fairground's horse barn. There, they treated two victims with minor injuries, and transported them to the Broken Bow hospital.

"A mass casualty incident is very chaotic and hard to manage, but drills like this make you realize the areas you need to work on," said Weinman. "It



Mona Weatherly Photo/Courtesy of Custer County Chief

Arnold EMTs Tammy Weinman and Susan Nelson take a patient down the hallway to the ER at Melham Medical Hospital during a disaster drill on Saturday, October 13, at Broken Bow. Mock victims were transported from the Custer County Fairgrounds, where emergency responders and multiple agencies from Custer County received training on how to respond to a shooting incident with multiple victims.

was good to see everybody work together as a team. Communication always seems to be a problem in those incidents, so practice helps correct those problems."

Custer County Emergency Management Director Mark Remp said this was the first large exercises that Custer

County has hosted and organizers feel it was very successful and are already planning for another one in 2019.

"Organizers would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone that participated and helped to make it a success," said Remp.

Halloween Carnival and Parade/Craft Show Set for Friday and Saturday

Kids will be parading through the business district in costume this Friday, October 26, after participating in the annual Kids' Costume Contest & Carnival.

The fun event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the community center with a free carnival. Organizers said the carnival will include last year's fun games, plus a few new ones. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The parade will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Because of the large number of young children expected, nine age groups will be judged, including under 2, 2-3 year olds, 4-5 year olds, 6 year olds, 7 year olds, 8 year olds, 9-10 year olds, and 11 through high school. The top three winners in each age group will receive large prizes.

Families and adults can also vie for "Best Themed Family or Group" award and one of three "Best Dressed Adult" awards.

A best decorated pumpkin contest will also be part of the activities.

Sponsored by Arnold Chamber, organizers are Kendra Veirs, Katie Weinman, and Rose Bierman.

Craft Show on Saturday

On Saturday, October 27, 15-plus vendors will be set up at the community center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for the annual Chamber-sponsored craft show organized by Barb Gunther. Home-based businesses and crafters will be offering some unique merchandise. The Arnold Junior class will be selling concessions of pulled pork sandwiches, chips, a slice of pie and water as a fundraiser.

Arnold Girl Scout Troop Is Growing

Girls earn their first badges

By Janet Larreau

Fifteen girls are having lots of fun, but also learning lifelong skills along the way in Arnold's Girl Scout organization.

"There are so many opportunities that come with being a Girl Scout. We want to give the girls that chance and the skills to be great leaders!" said Michelle Preston, who is in her first year as being a troop co-leader.

Michelle was in Girl Scouts from 1st grade until she graduated.

"I want to give the opportunities to my daughter that my mom gave me by being a leader," she said.

Alicia Tucker is in her second year as co-leader, and has her two older daughters, Tahnna and Miranda, in the troop.

"We did a lot of fun things two years ago," said Alicia, "The girls did various projects, including putting together a taco supper and a dance for their parents. They were so nervous about it, but they did a great job! They helped serve food and cleaned up at the Arnold Housing Tour, and traveled to a UNK volleyball game, and all got to go out onto the court before the game with the players for warm-up. They had the biggest smiles the whole time. They also had a "bring a friend" meeting and baked cupcakes."

This year's troop has eight Daisies in Grades K-1; two Brownies in Grades 2-3; three Juniors in Grades 4-5; and two Cadettes in Grades 6-8. The Senior (Grades 9-10) and Ambassador (Grades 11-12) levels currently do not have any members.

The troop meets one to two times a month.

"It is a multi-level group. Most troops have co-leaders for each age bracket. We are lucky because we get the chance for the older girls to be great leaders for the younger ones. We try to do everything together. Even though the Daisies may not get a badge, they are still learning those skills," said Michelle.

So far, it's been a busy year for the troop, as they walked in the Fall Festival parade, and earned their first badges.

With help from the Arnold Fire & Rescue department, troop members earned their First Aid Badge. On September 11, Donnell DeLosh met with them and taught fire safety, showed them equipment on the fire trucks, explained what



Courtesy photo

At the Fall Festival parade, Arnold Girl Scout Troop 892 members wore t-shirts designed by contest winner Addison Dalrymple and donated by Carroll Street Designs. "All the girls voted," said co-leader Michelle Preston. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Jamison Lamphear, Addison Dalrymple, Bree Blowers, Avery Corbin, Zeva Tickle, Paityn Dailey, Ruby Hagler; back row, Michelle Preston, Serenity Borah, Rae Hagler, Paisley Witthuhn, Berklee Preston, Kora Dailey, and Miranda Tucker.

happens when the firemen are called out, showed them his gear and let one girl try it on, and showed them the fire truck and grass rig. Then on October 9, Cassy DeLosh and Heather Hagler spoke to the girls about what EMTs do, showed them equipment, talked about calling 911, taught the girls CPR and let them practice on a mannequin, showed them the ambulance and answered a lot of questions, and finally, showed them braces and let them listen to another one's heartbeat.

"All three fire department members took the time to teach these girls and answer all of their questions, and we can't thank them enough," said Alicia.

To finish their badge, the girls had to create Check. Call. Care. posters that can be seen in a few places around

town. Part of Girl Scouts is to take action and make the world a better place.

"This is involving themselves in the community, and was just a small piece of education they put out for others to know the steps in case of an emergency," said Michelle.

They also practiced calling 911 with each other, so that if they are ever put in that situation, they will know what to do, and they each made personal first aid kits.

"There is a lot of work to earning badges, but the girls really do learn something from them and they have fun along the way," said Michelle.

A few of the Daisies attended a day camp October 20 in North Platte at the Girl Scout Lakeview Cabin. There, they earned a Journey Badge that has three

awards to it, and the Good Neighbor Badge.

"The Daisies are working to earn all of their petals. This is teaching them the foundation of Girl Scouts. Each petal is a piece of the Girl Scout Law," said Michelle.

The troop also sold fall products. In person sales ended October 21, but if anyone is interested, they can contact any Girl Scout to make an online purchase of peanuts, candies, candles, magazines and cups up to November 11. This winter, they will be selling Girl Scout cookies.

Michelle and Alicia said new girls are always welcome to join. For questions, contact either co-troop leader.