



Past NSVFA President Jim Horn of Skylar presents Arnold resident Dell Cerny the president's badge at the recent NSVFA annual conference held at Nebraska City.

## Cerny Takes Over Presidency of State Firefighters Association

Dell Cerny was elected president of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association (NSVFA) last weekend at Nebraska City at the Lied Arbor Lodge. About 200 firefighters and their spouses from all across the state attended the annual conference

Officers of the association include the president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary/treasurer, four district officers and a representative from the National Volunteer Fire Council. Cerny served as 2nd vice president in 2013-2014 and 1st vice president in 2014-2015. Cerny's term as president will be the 2015-2016 year.

The NSVFA serves all firefighters of Nebraska in giving legislative updates or legislation that has an impact on volunteer firefighters. NSVFA has a paid lobbyist to represent the firefighter's association and has a legal advisor that is on paid salary. The association also sponsors scholarships throughout the year, and the large annual fire school held each May that provides training to all firefighters.

"We basically take care of the needs of firefighters of the state," said Cerny.

Cerny said he logged in a little over 3,500 miles as 2nd vice president, 4,200 miles as 1st vice president, and is looking at between 6,000 to 8,000 miles this year to attend meetings across the state.

He became a volunteer firefighter in 1964, serving 10 years at Gordon and 41 years at Arnold, and is still active.

In October, 2012, the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association was awarded a four-year, \$1.96 million SAFER Grant which has been met with a lot of enthusiasm. The intent of this grant is to help retain and recruit more volunteers throughout the State of Nebraska.

The two major components of the grant are the STRIVE, State Tuition Reimbursement as Incentive for Volunteer Emergency Responders program and eight Recruitment and Retention workshops to be held between 2012 and 2016 at various locations throughout Nebraska.

## Rotary Plans Shelter Project at Arnold Recreation Area

Arnold Rotary has chosen to take the lead on building a shelter house at the Arnold recreation area. Rotarians feel with additional electric hookups in the planning, the Arnold recreation may become an even more popular camping facility. The village of Arnold approved the project unanimously and will supply the electricity to the building. The shelter house will be copied after the shelter house at the City Park, only larger and will be built west of the shower/restroom facility.

Arnold foundation voted unanimously to donate \$2,500.00 to the project. Arnold Rotary president, Amanda Koubek is currently applying for more funding to SORC, Custer County Foundation and Mid Nebraska Foundation. Additional donations for the project can be given to any Rotarian or to the Village of Arnold. As with the shower/restroom facility, credit for donated money will be placed on a plaque at the facility.

## Arnold Public School 1st Quarter Honor Roll

TWELFTH GRADE		Kylee Lehmkuhler.....5 1	
A	B	Bailey Schwarz.....5 1	
Merritt Eastman .....3 4		SIXTH GRADE	
Morgan Eggleston.....7 0		Faith Bierman.....5 1	
Olivia Furne .....5 1		Reagan Cool.....6 0	
ELEVENTH GRADE		RayLee Downing.....5 1	
Jasmine Nelson .....7 1		Carly Gracey .....3 3	
TENTH GRADE		Stella Lewis.....5 1	
Cade Connell.....3 5		Colbi Smith.....5 1	
NINTH GRADE		Shayla Tickle .....4 2	
Leighton Bubak .....7 0			
Jarret Buchholz.....5 2			
Logan Coleman .....3 4			
Lydia Connell .....6 1			
Tatum Cool.....6 1			
EIGHTH GRADE			
Jace Connell.....3 3			
Max Werner.....4 2			
SEVENTH GRADE			
Jadeyn Bubak .....6 0			
Landyn Cole.....6 0			
Sam Cool .....4 2			
Kacee Dvorak.....5 1			

## Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs			
Cooperative Weather Observer			
WEATHER STATION			
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP,			
ACROSS FROM			
ALL POINTS CO-OP			
DATE	H	L	M
13	70	37	0
14	80	34	0
15	74	34	0
16	66	34	0
17	62	28	0
18	67	35	0
19	79	35	0
20	83	45	0
21	82	50	0
22	64	49	1.15
23	59	48	0
24	59	38	0
25	62	31	0
26	70	33	0
The first freeze of the year was on October 17 with a low of 28.			

Happy Halloween!

Don't miss the Halloween Carnival, Costume Judging and Parade thru Downtown on Friday! Details on page 3.



Arnold third, fourth and fifth graders holding their pillowcases, with Heather Hagler and Tammy Weinman, Pillowcase Project presenters. The project is provided through the American Red Cross.

## EMTs Bring Red Cross Pillow Case Project to School

Arnold Volunteer Fire Department EMT's Heather Hagler and Tammy Weinman became American Red Cross Volunteers and received training for The Pillowcase Project recently. Heather and Tammy took the training in Broken Bow a few months ago and were excited to begin sharing this program with Arnold 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

The Pillowcase Project was originally created by the Southeast Louisiana Red Cross chapter after Hurricane Katrina. The program was inspired by stories of college students evacuating their campuses, carrying their belongings in pillowcases. Walt Disney gave the Red Cross a grant in 2013 to make the program available nationwide. The Red Cross expanded the program in 2015.

The children were told about how the program was developed. Then, the children are taught the framework of the program. Which is, LEARN how emergencies happen and the best ways to stay safe. PRACTICE what to do during the emergency. Then, SHARE what they have learned with everyone in their household and community.

There is a local hazard presented to the children. This year the winter storm hazard was presented. The children are taught coping skills that can help them stay calm and feel safe during an emergency. A general preparedness section is presented to the kids, which deals with being prepared for emergencies. The students receive a workbook to go along with the program. The workbook contains pages on home fire escape plans and a safety planner. The students are encouraged to take the workbook home and fill it out with the help of the adults in their home. The workbook also contains an emergency communication plan to help family members stay in contact with each other during emergencies with Emergency Contact Cards available. The workbook also contains an Emergency Supply Kit list to have available in your homes in case of emergencies.

The children receive a pillow case with Walt Disney characters on it. The pillowcase also list important items to keep in your pillowcase, such as paper, pens, water bottle, flashlight, and batteries. The students are also taught what emergencies it's appropriate to take time to look for your pillowcase or if it's an "act fast" emergency and they need to leave their pillowcases behind, such as a home fire.

This year, 34 students took part in The Pillowcase Project at Arnold Public School. Amanda Koubek with the Red Cross was also present to help with The Pillowcase Project. For Fire Prevention Week, Arnold Volunteer Fire Department members Dell Cerny, April Tickle, Shelley Smith and Nancy Cool brought the Smoke House, a fire truck and an ambulance to the school and shared fire safety with the kids. The students got to see fire gear worn by the firefighters, the pumper and got to see the inside of the ambulance. They were also shown the lights and got to hear the sirens on the emergency vehicles. All students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade received Fire Prevention t-shirts sponsored by the Arnold Fire and Rescue, Touch of Grace Massage, Mills Hardware, Quad Cloud Photography, Smith Ag, Kramer Farms, Weinman Farms, Arnold Insurance Agency, Forrester's Dodge and Homegrown Kids Daycare.