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## You've Been Junior Bombed!

Junior class president Tristan Johnson (left) and vice-president Morgan Eggleston display one of two "Prom Bombs" that have been making rounds to Arnold residents' yards during the month of October. Principal Dawn Lewis and prom sponsor Ashley Meyer came up with the fundraising idea after the TeamMates toilet bomb fundraiser proved to be such a success. "We were going to use ugly Christmas decorations, but (junior) Lanny Smith had tractor tires, so the whole class went out and decorated them," said Tristan. When residents find a bomb in their yard, they are instructed to call either Tristan or Morgan and pay \$5.00 to have it removed, \$10.00 to move it to someone else's yard, \$5.00 to find out who moved it to their yard and \$15.00 for total immunity from the bomb ever returning. The juniors said the bombs have been moved at least 30 times, sometimes two or three times a day, and sometimes they never get it out of the pickup before the resident hands them money to take it elsewhere. The bomb campaign goes through the month of October, and so far, the class has raised somewhere over \$300.00. "Bobbi (Barnes) and Sadie (Christensen) have been crucial - they have the pickup and live in town," said Tristan, who added that the class needs the dough for a successful prom.

## Arnold School District Proves to Be One of the Best in the State

Arnold School Principal Dawn Lewis reported good news when state test scores were released to the public last week. Arnold School District is ranked #2 in Reading test scores in the state, second only to Elkhorn. Arnold Elementary Writing scores, in which 4th grade is assessed, are #2 in the state, second only to Bloomfield by .05 of the point. She said 8th and 11th grade scores are not released this year due to technical issues.

Arnold District is #12 in Science, moving up from #30 last year.

Arnold District is #30 in Math, moving up from #82 last year.

There are 248 districts in the state of Nebraska, making this a tremendous accomplishment.

"I am tremendously proud of the efforts that our students and teachers make on a daily basis, and it is especially gratifying to see evidence that we have one of the very best schools in the state of Nebraska. I am so proud to call Arnold my own!" she said.

Regardless of the performance of Arnold's students on these assessments, APS and all schools across the state have received a NOT MET status according to federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measures. The 2014 testing year was the deadline set by the government to reach 100 percent proficiency.

"This is the first year that Arnold has missed making the AYP target ever, and we are not alone," said Mrs. Lewis. "What we can celebrate is that our scores improved in EVERY area assessed! We can see that through cooperation with teachers, students, parents and the community we can accomplish anything."



## Time Change Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

## Halloween Activities Planned for Friday

It's Friday, school's on break and it's Halloween. It's the perfect combination for all ages to have fun, and there's plenty planned.

The day will start with the Kids Costume Contest and Carnival, including a parade through downtown businesses. The carnival starts at 9:00 a.m., at the community center. The committee has planned several new games and prizes have been added.

Judging of costumes is at 10:00 a.m. prompt, with age groups ranging from under 2 to 10 and older. There will also be a "Best Themed Family or Group" award and three "Best Dressed Adult" awards.

Everyone is also encouraged to bring their pumpkins for the Best Decorated Pumpkin Contest. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups.

The parade through downtown businesses will follow judging.

Lunch will be served by the Western Riders 4-H Club, with proceeds going to the Arnold Roping Arena Restoration Project.

And for the adults, Arnold Insurance Agency and Atkins Auction Service has issued a challenge to Arnold businesses to dress in costume. The two businesses will sponsor a Business After Hours Party starting at 5:00 p.m., at Farmhouse Antiques. Fun for adults will continue with Cosmic Bowling and a costume party at Triangle Lanes.

## Election Draws Near

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 4, to cast their ballots for the General Election. Arnold Village, Arnold Rural and Hayes II will vote at the Arnold Legion Hall. Delight, Custer, Elim, Triumph, Grant and Wayne will vote at the Callaway Senior Center. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Of special interest to Custer County voters is a Bond Tax Levy Election to build a new county judicial center facility and to pay for the facility with proceeds of the bonds. The bond would be issued in an estimated principal amount of \$3 million dollars, with a maximum maturity date of 20 years. County residents will vote for or against said tax.

The General Election sample ballot, with details on the bond tax levy, appeared in the October 23 issue of *The Sentinel*.

## Arnold Resident Honored by National Sod House Society

Doris (Shields) Lynch Bowers was recently honored by the National Sod House Society. In the society's publication, "Sod House Tales," Doris is shown holding Solomon Butcher photo #308.

Solomon Butcher was the photographer who made it his life's purpose to record the pioneer families of Custer County in the 1880's through the early 20th Century by photographing these families. Considered a failure in his life time, Butcher is now seen as a man of great foresight who preserved a way of life (the sod house pioneer families of Custer County) that was quickly coming to an end.

Around 1918, Butcher sold all of his prints and negatives to the Nebraska State Historical Society for only \$300.00. Today, these negatives and prints are invaluable - their worth cannot be estimated in monetary sums.

Doris was additionally honored for having the original photo of her grandparents, James and Clara (Fox) Swisher in her possession. According to authorities, very few family



Doris (Shields) Lynch Bowers (left) and daughter Carolyn Lynch Duponcheel hold the original Solomon Butcher photo #308. It is rare for families to be in possession of an original Butcher sod house family photo. In the Butcher photo are Doris' ancestors, James and Clara (Fox) Swisher, Lonnie, Cecil, Clara, James, Elry and Farris. Not pictured is oldest son Ervin, oldest daughter Alvine (mother of Doris) and not yet born, Laura. (Courtesy photo)

members or persons in the Butcher families now have possession of the original Butcher photo of their family. For those who love genealogy as Doris does, it is impossible to calculate the value of such a photo.

Throughout her life time, since being born in a sod house approximately seven miles west of Arnold along the Lincoln-Logan county line until the present time, Doris was the child who "listened" to family history stories, thus becoming the family genealogist and passing this "listening" and love of genealogy on to her daughter, Carolyn (Lynch) Duponcheel. Doris and Carolyn are among the 13 charter members of the Arnold Kinseekers Genealogy Society.

In addition to the Butcher photo of the Swisher family, Doris also has Butcher photo #742 of Anselmo, Nebraska, which was owned by her first husband, Lawrence Lynch's father, Leo Lynch, and Butcher photo #1573 of Old Plumb Creek, Nebraska.