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Arnold Supporters Put Golf Course “In the Black”



Landscaping on hole #4 is one of many improvements that have been made to the Arnold Golf Course over the years. In addition, 1,600 trees were planted last summer. (Sentinel photo)

By Janet Larreau

With league play over and tournament winners celebrating, the Arnold golf course greens and fairways are still being mowed, and golfers are enjoying some pretty spectacular weather to play the 9-hole course located southeast of town.

All is well now, but According

to Arnold Golf Association President Ron Cool, three years ago it was a different story.

“Several members were prepaying their annual dues in December so the club could pay their end of the year expenses,” he said. “We let some agronomic needs slip because of budget deficits. Some of our greens were nearly unplayable.

We asked the Arnold Foundation, SORC and the Devil’s Den Motorcycle group to help, and they did.”

In July of 2017, “Friends of Arnold Golf” was formed to obtain recurring funds that have been needed for several years. Cool said they found that 19 and counting businesses and individuals were willing to step

up and help the golf association. With Cool heading up the project, sponsorships were sold, offering a sign, hole sponsorship and credit for flag prizes. School House Graphic Products created attractive signs, designed by the students under Clay and Julie Mohr’s guidance.

So far, over \$5,400.00 has

been raised.

“In most cases, the reaction from fundraisers has been positive,” said Cool. “These fine people of our community feel it is good to have a grass green golf course in Arnold and want to support it. (The fundraiser) is ongoing and will hopefully continue for years and years. Annual billed donations are due each year in July. Of course, sponsors can drop out at any time and hopefully more will be added annually.”

Current “Friends of Arnold Golf” sponsors include: Pinnacle Bank, Reed’s Food Center, Carlson’s Pioneer, Beshaler DeKalb Seed, Ron and Nancy Cool, Shane and Lana Cool, Country Partners, First State Insurance, Suzy’s Bar, Clint Lewis, Arnold Insurance, Robbi, Shelley and Colbi Smith, Bobbie Smith, Dave and Tami Smith, Team Physical Therapy, Nansel’s Best Service, Arnold Funeral Home, and Sandhills Ag.

Arnold Golf Course is a 501C7 tax exempt club, so the sponsors can deduct their annual donation.

Strong Membership

The Arnold Golf Association has 84 members now, and about 300 green fee paying golfers each summer. A women’s league plays on Thursdays and the men’s league on Tuesdays, with 54

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Finch Library Receives CCF Grant



(From left) Library board member Rose Bierman, AEDC Director Cheryl Carson, library director Marcy Lucas and story hour organizer Jessica Tickle received a \$5,000.00 presentation check from Custer County Foundation Executive Director Lindsay R. Divan last week. The grant was used for new sidewalks in front of and leading up to the library. (Fallon Gibson photo)

Gilligan Wants His Own Island

(Editor’s note: As reported in the September 28 edition of *The Sentinel*, Matt Fletcher wasn’t the only Arnold resident who had a part in a movie in North Platte. A four-legged, furry “resident” was also behind the scenes.

By Janet Larreau

Gilligan the cat leads a pretty leisurely life, living in an apartment in Arnold with his companion, Julie Barton. In September, his normal routine of napping the day away was turned upside down, when he was loaded into a cat carrier and taken to North Platte to play in a scene in the upcoming movie “The Substitution.”

Julie said she spotted Gilligan at the grand opening of “Fur the Love of Paws.” He was one of those harder to adopt cats than the others. He didn’t like other cats, other dogs and didn’t like being around large groups of people. The organization also didn’t think he would do well in a house with a lot of small children.

Julie said she wrestled with the idea of getting a cat and finally made the decision to adopt Gilligan in April, when the organization kept sending out

his profile on Facebook. He had been picked up as a stray, and had once had a family because he was declawed.

“They advertised and put up fliers, trying to find his family to no avail,” she said. “Several people fell in love with him and wanted him, but either had pets or small children at home. I just knew he would be a good fit for me, and it was a big plus that he had already been declawed. I wanted an older cat, or at least one that wasn’t going to be real needy. When I saw him at the grand opening, he seemed to have the typical ‘couldn’t care less’ attitude and pretty much ignored everyone. I figured he would be a perfect cat with very low maintenance. I was wrong.”

Meanwhile, the facilitator at “Fur the Love of Paws” received an email asking if there was a kitten that could be used in the movie. There was, and the organization was later asked if they had an older cat that the kitten would look like when it was older. They didn’t, but the facilitator thought of Gilligan and sent the producer a picture of him. He was a perfect fit.

Gilligan only had one scene, which Julie said was kind of a sad scene. She was



Gilligan the cat, with companion Julie Barton, recently received the “star treatment” while being filmed in a movie.

later told that the scene may or may not be in the movie which will air in mid-March on Amazon and Netflix.

“I wasn’t back there when they shot the scene, so I don’t know how he did, but I had a feeling he wasn’t being very cooperative,” she said. “He hissed at one of the assistants who is known for her love of cats. While he may not have liked all the commotion, he now thinks he deserves to be treated like the ‘star’ he is. He is pestering me to find him an agent, a lawyer, and he wants his own island.”

Course History

1970s: The Arnold golf course moved from Bud and Pat Parks’ pasture east of town to Darrell and Pat Crow’s pasture south of town. The course is now owned by Al Crow.

1996: Volunteers installed automated underground water pipe and sprinklers, built grass greens, repaired bridges, seeded greens and fairways and bought equipment. Golfers were playing on the course with no debt one year after the project was started.

2007: Donations were collected for a clubhouse and cart house on the course. Volunteers then built the building.

2016: Volunteers planted approximately 1,600 trees with drip tubes. Now have 80% survival. The Association plans to build a sand bunker trap this fall.

Bubak Places in Congressional Art Competition...Again!



Leighton Bubak (left) receives a certificate of special congressional appreciation in recognition of his participation in the Congressional Art Competition from Congressman Adrian Smith at an assembly held at the school. (Leta Connell photo)

By Leta Connell

On Thursday, September 21, Arnold Public Schools welcomed a familiar face back to its halls. Congressman Adrian Smith made a morning visit to congratulate and present junior Leighton Bubak with the runner-up award in the Congressional Art Competition.

His work “Rivers Glass” will be displayed in Smith’s Washington D.C. office. Bubak also participated in the competition last year and placed 4th with his work titled “Webbed Ladder”. This piece was displayed in Smith’s Grand Island office.

Julie Mohr, Arnold’s art instructor, commented, “This competition is a great support of all arts. The submitted work can be photography, painting, pencil sketches or any two dimensional art.”

The project is submitted digi-

tally in the spring, is screened, and if chosen as the winner, the actual piece is picked up from the school. The artist must frame his or her own piece of art. Any project winning first place will be displayed in the Capital building. The entire family is also given a paid trip to Washington D.C. for the awards ceremony. Leighton and Mrs. Mohr both hope a first place finish is in the cards for next year.

Congressman Smith stayed for a short assembly after the presentation and opened it up for questions from students afterwards. Smith stated that he arrived early and took a scenic drive around our small town of Arnold, Nebraska.

“Arnold is great, you can see the local beauty and local vi-

brance. You are quite lucky; a

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