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Arnold Grads Inducted Into Nebr. High School Sports Hall of Fame



Bob Jensen (left), A.H.S. Class of 1976, and Dan Keyser, Class of 1975, hold plaques presented to them at last weekend's Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame induction at Lincoln's Lied Center. (Courtesy photo)

Sunday was a big day for two Arnold High School graduates, as well as the Arnold community and high school.

Dan Keyser, Class of 1975, and Bob Jensen, Class of 1976, were inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame, Keyser for his superb coaching career, which included six state football titles, and Jensen for publishing his weekly high school sports paper, *Huskerland Prep Report*.

Keyser, who was also a high school star in three sports at Arnold High, credited those around him for helping him be so successful as a coach.

"I was blessed to be surrounded by quality people during my coaching tenure, which allowed for a successful coach-

ing career," says Keyser, who is now the successful Sutherland superintendent of schools. Sort of the Mr. Alvin Story of Sutherland, if you will. "Sharing the induction with Bob doubled the joy of the day. During his acceptance speech he gave due respect to our heritage as Arnold Cardinals!"

As for Jensen, who came up with the idea for *Huskerland* while back in school at Arnold High, he's worked as a sports reporter at the newspapers in Broken Bow, Alliance, Fairbury and Lexington. Later he and his wife, Penni, published the *Callaway Courier* before moving to Central City, where they've published *The Republican-Nonpareil* since 1989.

"This is the highlight of my ca-

reer and another great day to be an Arnold Cardinal. But then every day is a great day to be an Arnold Cardinal," says Jensen. "I have many people to thank but none more so than (former *Sentinel* publishers) Bill and Helen Crosland, who believed in me and supported me as a beginning journalist."

"Bill also changed my life forever when he called me to tell me about a sports writing job at the Broken Bow paper. I applied for and got the job, and it started me on the career path that led to everything that's happened since, including Sunday."

Also among the attendees at the induction ceremony, which was held at Lincoln East High School, were Bill Miller, former

Arnold High School teacher and coach, and his wife Cyd, as well as Carol and Lana Crosland, the daughter and grand daughter of Bill and Helen Crosland.

Miller taught and coached both Keyser and Jensen, with clearly different results, while Croslands were there to be recognized during Jensen's speech, which included a tribute to the Bill and Helen Crosland, who gave him his start in journalism, as sports reporter for the *Sentinel*.

Here are the capsule comments for both Keyser and Jensen, as they appeared in the Hall of Fame program on Sunday:

* Dan Keyser presided over a Cambridge Trojans football dynasty that produced an unprecedented era of success. Keyser's Trojans set a Nebraska 11-man record with 48 consecutive victories and put together a streak of 71 straight regular season wins.

Between 1989 and 2005 Keyser led the Trojans to six undefeated state football championships and two other championship games. Twice he was selected as the Nebraska Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and two other times he received the same honor from *Huskerland Prep Report*.

Keyser also guided Cambridge

to two state track championships, as a head coach in 2005 and assistant coach in 1994.

An Arnold High School graduate, Keyser coached at Lodgepole and Wood River before coming to Cambridge. He finished his 23-year football coaching career with a 198-51 record.

* Newspaper man Bob Jensen filled a void in Nebraska high school sports publications when he launched *Huskerland Prep Report* in 1990.

What started as a weekly provider of statistics reports evolved into a multi-media publication providing exposure to hundreds of athletes from border to border and from the smallest schools to the largest. With limited assistance, his publications, including a pre-season glossy magazine, featured stories on athletes, forecasts, all-state teams and coaches and players of the year.

Prized by athletes, parents, coaches and fans, the publication developed into a necessary recruiting tool for college coaches. Jensen was also an early adapter of online publishing, taking *Huskerland Prep Report* to the internet with message boards, podcasts and other developing media.

- Story by Bob Jensen, AHS Class of 1976

Tools to Revitalize Downtown Buildings will be Presented at Webinar at Arnold

AEDC will Host Free Webinar Oct. 9

City officials, downtown building owners, as well as downtown revitalization advocates are encouraged to attend the Nebraska Main Street Network Webinar hosted by Arnold Economic Development Corporation Director Cheryl Carson, October 9, at the AEDC office. Persons planning to attend need to be at the AEDC office by 11:35. The webinar is free of charge.

The International Existing Building Code (IEBC) is building a code for historic and existing buildings construction that

helps make it more financially attractive and feasible for building rehabs in downtown areas. Building owners and developers are hesitant to undertake substantial and very much needed rehab projects because of the cost. Combined with other tools like the HP tax credits and small local incentive programs, IEBC gives a community a distinct competitive economic development advantage over towns that don't have these tools.

The Nebraska Main Street Network and Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are co-sponsoring the webinar for communities to learn more about the IEBC and how to get it adopted locally.

"The International Existing Building Code (IEBC): Why You Need This Tool in Your Main Street Toolbox" is co-sponsored by the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Joining us for the program are Bob Puschendorf of the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Trevor Fitzgerald, Legal Counsel for the Legislature's Urban Affairs Committee, and Rick Hauffe, Regional Manager State and Local Government Relations for the International Code Council. They will explain what the IEBC is, the economic benefits that result and share how you can advocate to get this adopted in your community if you don't already have it on the books. These experts will also be on hand to answer all of your questions to help you better understand this tool and how it can be used to benefit the rehab projects in your downtown. This will be a non-technical educational program. You don't have to be familiar with building codes or building construction. This webinar is geared toward helping communities understand the benefits to having a tool like this in your downtown revitalization toolbox.

Veterans Can Check Out Job Club October 9

Veterans are invited to come check out the Veteran Job Club, Friday, October 9, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Department of Labor North Platte Career Center located at 306 East 6th Street in North Platte. The Veteran Job Club is a

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The Arnold School gymnasium now reflects the colors and mascot of the South Loup Bobcat sports co-op between Arnold and Callaway schools. Planning for the refinishing of the floor and graphics for the gymnasium took months of planning and work. (Julie Mohr photo)

Gymnasium Floor Reflects University-Style Design

Arnold school's gymnasium has taken on a whole new look for the 2015-2016 sports season, reflecting the blue and black colors and mascot of the South Loup Bobcat sports co-op between Arnold and Callaway.

Clay and Julie Mohr and School House Graphic students were involved with most phases of the project, including helping Melchoir Contracting

out of Sidney strip and sand the yellowed floor down to the bare boards and staining. A crew of students applied graphic lines for volleyball and basketball, and laid out nine panels of stenciling that tiled together to create the centerpiece of the gym - the Bobcat logo. The floor was finished off with new black baseboards. Graphics students, with help from the Mohrs, re-

covered the mats at the end of the gym with the words South Loup Bobcats and a Bobcat. Before the first home game, a large United States flag and Nebraska flag were hung on either side of the stage where the sponsor boards used to be. The boards were then moved to the east wall. From two proposals submitted, and with input from the coaches, the school board

chose a simple design that is being used at many universities.

The Cardinal mural remains on the north wall above the bleachers. Mrs. Mohr said that at some point it will be replaced, but not this school year. A new design will be created or the old one will be updated; however, it will say "Arnold" and not "Cardinals."