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Notable Quote

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo. “So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

—J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 4. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Races to be decided at Nov. 6 General Election

Residents are encouraged to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6, to cast their ballots in the General Election, when the state's next U.S. Senator, District 3 Congressional Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, and county positions will be decided.

Citizens will also vote on proposed Legislative Measure 427 that will decide if Medicaid eligibility should be expanded in the state.

In local races, the following six candidates will be on the ballot for three open positions on the Arnold Village Board: incumbents Tim M. Turley and Scott McDowell, and non-incumbents Lawrence D. Stump, Jason A. Jenkins, Donnell DeLosh, and Dusty Stutzman.

Candidates vying for three open positions on the Arnold Township Board are: Kent L. DeLosh, Phil Lucas, Roger Bierman, and Ron Cool.

Candidates for three open positions on the Board of Education District #89 are: Joseph Cool, Merle Bierman, and Shane Cool.

Donald Olson is running unopposed for County Supervisor District 5.

For more detailed information, refer to the sample ballot that was published in the October 25 issue of *The Sentinel*.

Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Locations are:

Legion Hall-Arnold

Arnold Village/Arnold Rural/Hayes II.

Callaway Senior Center

Delight & Custer/Elim/Triumph/Grant/Wayne.

Oconto Community Hall

Woodriver Precincts.

Winter Memorial Library-Anselmo

Victoria/Hayes I Precincts.

Polling locations are open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Boys advance to 2nd round of play-offs

The South Loup Bobcat football team advanced to the 2nd round of Class D1 play-offs, shutting out Ansley-Litchfield, 38-0, at Arnold on October 25. They will move on to play Dundy County-Stratton in Callaway on Wednesday, October 31, at 6:00 p.m.



Photo/Jessica Tickle

Easy does it!

Using strings, Angel Mills, with her little brother Andrew looking on, carefully guides a marble up a game board to get it to the winner's circle at the top before dropping it at last Friday's annual Halloween Carnival & Costume Contest held at the community center. The Chamber-sponsored event drew some 100 kids and their parents, totaling well over 200 people enjoying the morning's activities. Kids enjoyed playing several games at the carnival before being interviewed by emcee Holly Hornung-Remund. Judges Lois Withuhn, Carlene Lanham and Geri Webb had a tough job selecting the top three winners in several categories. “People really stepped up for the group category this year, and that was good to see,” said Rose Bierman, who co-chaired the event with Kendra Veirs and Katie Weinman. After judging, the kids and their parents trick-or-treated through the downtown businesses. Rose said many volunteers made this another successful carnival.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Bright and early last Thursday morning, Principal Joel Morgan goes through the first phase of “Fort Morgan Bootcamp” by getting shaved by his son, Jeremiah Morgan, and Jami Green.

Mr. Morgan Meets Another Challenge

Students meet AR goal, send principal to boot camp

By Janet Larreau

Arnold Principal Joel Morgan has taken on some big challenges to encourage kids to read in the two previous school years, camping overnight on the roof of the school and plunging into the cold Arnold lake in costume. In 2018, he took on the biggest challenge of all: “boot camp.”

“This year we called it the ‘Fort Morgan Boot Camp Challenge,’ said Debbie Moninger, who is in charge of the accelerated reading program at APS. “Students needed to reach 2,500 points in the first quarter to send Mr. Morgan to boot camp. It took the entire nine weeks because they were still 260 points short with four days left in the challenge. In the final four days, students earned 635 points for a grand total of 2,875 points.”

Mr. Morgan started his boot camp early last Thursday morning in the school gym by getting a crewcut and shave. Wearing sweat pants and clothes he purchased through sites that benefit veterans’ causes, he traveled to each

classroom and did a physical challenge based on the average AR points for that room.

The kids voted on what they wanted him to do - jumping jacks, push-ups or sit-ups. The highschoolers chose burpees - a very challenging full body exercise. On that one, he could only do half as many as he was supposed to, said Mrs. Moninger.

Whatever room Mr. Morgan wasn’t in, six Arnold veterans stepped in to read a chosen book to the kids and talk about their military service. The vets were Mike Harvey, John Phillips, Dave Crow, Gene Tullis, Kent DeLosh and Ed Tullis.

While junior high and high school students watched a military movie, elementary students had the chance to test themselves in boot camp challenges. The veterans were still involved, teaching the kids how to march and timing runs.

All students in Grades K-12 had the chance to test their physical fitness in the National Guard Boot Camp Inflatable Obstacle Course. SSG Edward Alvizar, a National Guard recruiter from North Platte,

brought the course to the school and briefly spoke to the students.

“He congratulated the kids on meeting their goal, and gave a speech. He said that everyone knows that physical fitness is important to enter the military, but academics and mental fortitude are equally important to keep people safe,” said Mrs. Moninger.

And then the big moment came when SSG Alvizar was scheduled to give Mr. Morgan a physical training challenge. Looking Mr. Morgan over, Alvizar decided to start with the boot camp challenge.

“Mr. Morgan went through the course the first time to get his time and really hammered it up,” said Mrs. Moninger. “He challenged (senior football player) Cooper Taylor to see if he could beat him. Even though he tried tackling the senior, Cooper still handily won that challenge.”

Just to show that he wasn’t cut out for the military, Mr. Morgan then ate what is considered one of the “least gross” MREs for lunch. Mr. Morgan said the biscuits and gravy would have

probably tasted a lot better if he was out in the field like a real soldier.

“Least gross is probably an understatement,” he said.

On the other hand, he could see soldiers bartering for the chocolate banana muffin top that was included in the MRE.

By the end of the morning, Mrs. Moninger said everyone agreed that it would be best to leave Mr. Morgan out of the military and in the position he’s at - academics.

“The kids learned a lot through the whole process, and it was part of the reason we decided on a boot camp,” she said. “A little bit before Veterans Day, we want the kids to know how the vets protect our country and realize on a deeper level what Vets Day is. It was the inspiration. Not only to motivate reading, but allow them to learn in a fun way the valor and the service veterans provide to our country.”

Mrs. Moninger said the 2018 Fort Morgan Boot Camp Challenge raised the bar.

“We’re going to have to come up with something really good for next year,” she said.