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Photographer Jessica Tickle recently captured this scene of the Keith and Jodi Carlson operation harvesting corn in a field near Arnold. Farmers state-wide are reporting the best crop they have ever had.

2018 Corn Crop Blows Previous Record Away

By Janet Larreau

With snow falling last week, some area farmers are still in the fields this week, rushing to get this year's crop to storage before winter sets in. Scott Hillius, Country Partners' Vice President of Grain, said last Friday that yields from the 2018 crop are substantially higher than previously recorded.

"Numerous producers have

told us this is their best crop ever. In fact, USDA confirmed today that Nebraska's corn crop averaged 195 bushels per acre. This is a full 10 bpa above previous records that includes both dryland and irrigated. This completely blew the previous record away! Ten bushels is a huge gain, and it is a testament to the ideal weather conditions and improved seed genetics, as well as advanced

farming practices of today. (Farmers) have gotten very good at their trade. U.S. farmers are the best in the world at what they do."

Hillius said the bumper crops and international tariff issues led to a very large shortage of storage space this fall. In fact, it is the first time Country Partners has needed to pile grain on an open ground site south of Arnold.

"Generally speaking, there's normally a strong market for US soybeans this time of year. Moving beans makes much needed space for soon to be harvested corn, as the commercial US grain industry is not built to hold and store both harvested soybean and corn crops simultaneously...let alone the bumper crop our area has experienced this year. It's been a very challenging, yet rewarding

fall. It's definitely a good problem to have, much better than experiencing drought and having many fewer bushels to market," he said.

Fortunately, Country Partners was ready to handle storage for the abundant crops ahead of time. A story on how they took proactive measures is inside this issue.

High Voter Turnout Reported

Local races decided at Tuesday's General Election

By Janet Larreau

Election, with a high turnout reported. County-wide, 4,736 out of the 7,873 voters cast their ballot, for a 60.15 percent turnout. Out of the 506 registered voters in the Village of Arnold, 323 turned in a ballot, for a 64 percent turnout.

"For a non-presidential race, it was a very good turnout," said Custer County Clerk Connie Gracey.

Carlene Lanham, who has served on the election board in Arnold for about eight years, said the turnout was the best she can remember since she started - especially in a midterm election. She wondered if the local races drew voters in because residents had a choice.

"We had 30 voters in the first 30 minutes. That was unusual to me. We had six provisional voters. They really wanted to vote, because they had to sit down and jump through all the hoops," she said.

In local races, there were three open positions on the Arnold Village Board with six candidates on the ballot. Incumbents Tim Turley and Scott McDowell were re-elected, and non-incumbent Donnell DeLosh will join the board at the start of the new year. Results were:

Tim Turley 173

Scott McDowell 202

Lawrence Stump 60

Jason Jenkins 98

Donnell DeLosh 153

Dusty Stutzman 53

Write-in 1

For School District #89, there were three open positions and three candidates. Official results follow, adding votes cast in all three counties of Custer, Lincoln and Logan:

Joseph Cool 386

Merle Bierman 435

Shane Cool 335

For Arnold Township Board, there were four candidates for the three open positions. Incumbents Kent DeLosh and Roger Bierman were re-elected, and Phil Lucas will join the board. Results follow:

Kent L. DeLosh 221



Photos courtesy of Carlene Lanham

Residents of all ages exercised their right to vote on November 6 at the Arnold Legion Hall. Mildred Smith (pictured left) and Virginia Geiser (right) were the oldest registered voters who turned out. Both ladies are in their 90s. Tatum Cool (pictured below) was a first time voter and had the chance to vote for both her grandpa in the township race and her dad for school board. "How often does that happen?" asked poll worker Carlene Lanham.

Phil Lucas 210 Jim Schultz (Lib) 158

Roger Bierman 306 Rep. Congress #3

Ron Cool 171 Adrian Smith (R) 3,955

Write-in 4 Paul Theobald (D) 662

For Elim Township Board there were three open positions. Those results were:

Brad Patterson 39 Ricketts/Foley (R) 3,861

Chip Blowers 45 Krist/Walz (D) 778

Write-in 2

For County Supervisor District 5, Donald Olson (R) received 653 votes. Write-in candidates received 2.

County-wide, all candidates will retain their positions.

Following are county election results for state representatives:

US Senator For 1,409

Deb Fischer (R) 3,797 Against 2,941

Jane Raybould (D) 687



Foundation auction is Saturday

The Arnold Community Foundation Fundraiser is this Saturday, November 17, at the community center. The event includes a social hour, meal, presentation of philanthropy awards and an auction. Please turn to page 6 for more information on the important ways this event benefits the community, times, and where to purchase tickets.