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Hometown Girl Purchases *Sentinel*

Lacy McCarthy Wants to See Town's Positive Growth Continue



With the purchase of *The Sentinel*, Lacy McCarthy is the new keeper of historical bound archives dating back to the early 1920s, and antique printing equipment used to print those issues. (Sentinel photo)

Lacy McCarthy became the new owner and publisher of *The Arnold Sentinel* effective November 1, purchasing the newspaper and building from Creative Printers, Inc., owner Audrey French. Lacy, who lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was born and raised in Arnold, graduating from A.H.S. in 1999. Although she lives over 1,200 miles away, she has always wanted to give back to the community.

“The purchase of *The Arnold Sentinel* was perfect, as I love my hometown and want to contribute to the town's success and positive growth,” said Lacy, daughter of Bob and Karen Hough of Arnold.

Lacy started getting her weekly paper all the way up in north Idaho after graduation from college.

“*The Sentinel* is an excellent newspaper publication. It is a great read!” she said. “I always look forward to seeing what is happening in the community, school, and with individuals in the area of Arnold. I have always appreciated a publication that gives accurate reporting of events and news stories, and *The Sentinel* delivers just that. I also like how balanced the paper is, covering many different topics and stories.”

Lacy said buying the newspaper publication hinged on knowing that she could trust the new management and excellent staff to keep the paper running smoothly. She also believed in the town's support of *The Sentinel* as their source of local information and advertising.

“I also know the success of the paper is due to the local community as a whole - all the way from sponsorships to information to photo submissions from very talented local photographers. These

contributors all breathe life of all community members onto the pages of *The Arnold Sentinel*,” she said.

She said the future of the paper is a “bright” one for the South Loup Valley area. The paper will have added features, and at the same time still provide the same excellent coverage of the community events, activities and local news.

In the coming weeks, readers will see some informative changes. The paper itself

will have up to date information on weekly weather forecasts, a crossword puzzle, comics and something for the kids.

She said she is very excited that the office will be bringing in a brand new color printer and a laminator that will provide a needed service in downtown Arnold. The office will also be stocking office products. The products purchased will be tailored to what local businesses, organizations and residents need

and buy most often. This service will be a learning process in the coming weeks, as office staff learn what the community's needs are and place orders.

“These services will be so convenient for the community to use. They will be closely located with excellent customer service and quality print,” she said.

Lacy is a business owner with husband Rob in Coeur d'Alene, handling many aspects of real estate. In addition to purchasing the newspaper, she is also taking on the renovation of the late 1920s building that is in

need of major repair.

“I wanted to keep and restore the building because it is a beautiful piece of history to the town,” she said. “A newspaper publication has been at that location for 84 years. There is a legacy and a story there. Although it is costly to restore, this is all part of the ‘giving back to your hometown.’”

The building will be under construction for a couple of months, as it undergoes restoration. A nice open storefront with great workspace for staff and the growing office services will be

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Housing Tour is Nov. 12

Tickets are on sale for the November 12 salad luncheon and housing tour in Arnold. The luncheon begins at noon at the community center, and the tour begins at 1:00.

The homes of Gary and Kelli Blevins, Gary and Merri Jo Halstead and Gary and Margaret Ann Mills, and Berni Crow's schoolhouse are on the day's schedule.

Advanced tickets can be purchased from the AEDC Office, First State Insurance or Kreative Edge. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the tour.

General Election Nearing

A high turnout is expected at the polls next Tuesday, as citizens vote for the next President of the United States. On the ballot are: Donald J. Trump (R), Hillary Clinton (D), Gary Johnson (L), and Jill Stein by petition. On the Congressional Ticket, Republican Adrian Smith is running unopposed for another two year term to represent District 3.

Locally, there will be four candidates on the ballot for three open seats on the School District #89 board. Incumbents running are Duane Bowers, Eric Nelson and Diana Coleman. L.A. German is a non-incumbent candidate.

For Arnold Village Board of Trustees, M. Glen Bowers and Aaron Olson are running unopposed for the two open seats.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Arnold Village, Arnold Rural, and Hayes II will cast their ballots at the Arnold Legion Hall. Delight and Custer, Elim, Triumph, Grant and Wayne will vote at the Callaway Senior Center.

Attorney General will Visit Arnold Thursday

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson will be in Arnold on Thursday, November 3. He will be speaking to students in grades 6-12 about the role of his office, the U.S. Constitution, internet safety, and other issues facing Nebraska from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the gym.

Superintendent Dr. Dawn Lewis, who organized the visit, said the public is welcome to attend.



Library's Silent Auction a Big Success

Jake Gilland contributed to the 303 bids that were made on 98 items at Saturday's silent auction to raise money for Finch Memorial Library's tuck and point project. Bids raised totaled \$2,621.00. Adding cash donations of \$221.16 received in the jar, the total came to \$2,842.16. Last week's check donations made directly to the fund came from Lana Pearman, Jane Horning and an anonymous donor, totaling \$470.00, for a grand total raised in one week of \$3,312.16. (Kendra Veirs photo)

Up, Up and Away for Camp S'Morgan

School's Principal Spends Night on the Roof

By Leta Connell

All it takes is a great challenge coupled with willing participants to spread excitement throughout the halls at Arnold Public Schools. The school has been utilizing the accelerated reader program for many years. Students select books to read that are categorized by reading level, when finished they take a quiz and earn points according to how they scored.

Mrs. Moninger, the school librarian, read an article about the Ansley principal spending the day on the roof last April. She approached Arnold principal; Mr. Joel Morgan, about expanding off of this idea, only with an added twist, and “Camp S-



Arnold Principal Joel Morgan waves to the students from atop the school's roof before settling in for his camp-out. (Leta Connell photos)

Morgan” was born. Mr. Morgan accepted the challenge, while Mrs. Moninger and Mrs. Badgely, Arnold English teacher, put their heads to-

gether to tweak the final details. The entire K-12 student body was challenged to achieve 2,500 accelerated reader points by October 13,

the end of the first quarter. If the goal was achieved, Mr. Morgan would spend the entire night on the school roof.

Bulletin boards, Schoology and the school website were updated with their weekly progress. Although Mr. Morgan thought he was fairly safe, a night under the stars was meant to be. When the final numbers were tallied, not only did they meet the 2,500 point goal, but also blew it out of the water with 3,503.86 points.

On Wednesday, October 26, at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Morgan made good on his promise. Up, up and away to the roof he ascended, staying there until the start of school Thursday morning. Not only did Mr. Morgan invite all to drive by and check in on him throughout the afternoon and night, he posted on Twitter and Facebook with hourly updates. Many visitors took him up on his offer,

climbing the ladder to bring him Mt. Dew, F'real shakes, goodies and great conversation to get him through Camp S'Morgan.

Mother Nature was even on board, as the overnight temperature only dropped to right around 45 degrees.

Mr. Morgan said, “I am very proud of the kids for not only meeting the goal, but blowing it out of the water. I am looking forward to what Mrs. Moninger comes up with next.”

He also wants staff, students and community members to know they can now breathe a huge sigh of relief, as the suspected wildlife on the roof was not an opossum. Turns out it was simply a Sasquatch headed to a front row seat in the grandstands for the Bobcat's Thursday evening football playoff game.



After completing the challenge of meeting and far exceeding their AR goals for the first quarter, Arnold students line the sidewalk to watch Mr. Morgan carry his camping equipment to the top of the school's roof.