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The Year in Review

Multiple earthquakes, improvements to the Arnold Cemetery, building restorations, businesses changing hands, and big fundraisers, donations and events made the news in *The Sentinel* in 2018. The community of Arnold continued to “Grow Great Things, accomplishing what many might think is impossible in a small town. Following, we take a look back at the 52 issues of *The Sentinel* and the year that was:

JANUARY

With the arrival of the new year, local funeral home owner and mortician, Tiff Varney, sold his business to Grant Chapin and Doug Gaston of Govier Brothers Mortuary in Broken Bow. Tiff bought the Arnold and Mullen Funeral Homes from Gerry Tickle and Gene Ryan in 1979. Tiff had operated his business from his home in Arnold.

School board members and administrators held a workshop to discuss adding an early childhood education program to the public school.

Falconer Tony Head returned to his temporary home in Arnold from his main residence in Montana for the seven-month falcon hunting season.

Colbi Smith won the school competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee.

The first meeting of the new year for the Arnold School Board brought discussion of the possibility of building a Makerspace.

Talented Arnold Public School students Jadeyn Bubak, Landyn Cole and Kylee Lehmkuhler took on the challenge of covering Arnold High School sports for *The Sentinel*.

The South Loup Watershed Plan was accepted, and funding was available for management practices.

FEBRUARY

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department received a grant to purchase EMT jump bags.

Brady Weinman received a 1st place trophy for being points champion in the IMCA Hobby Stock Division.

Diane Sanford underwent a state-of-the-art surgery to restore her hearing.

Darlene Rimpley took her turn being interviewed for the feature “They’ve a Story to Tell” which was her “brainchild.” Darlene was born simply to serve her community.

“Get To Know Your Hometown Businesses” featured Reed’s Food Center, with an interview of owner John Reed. John started in the grocery business when he was 14-years-old with his dad’s store in South Dakota.

The Devil’s Den Bike Rally made generous donations to local organizations from the proceeds of their poker run. The two local groups that were chosen this year were “Autism Awareness” and “TeamMates.” “Out of the Darkness” has been the steadfast charity for the six years of the rally. The total amount donated to the area groups was \$6,450.00. Tayten Eggleston brought home the 6th place medal from the State Wrestling Meet.

A proposed housing development was brought up at the Village Board meeting. Ron and Shane Cool informed the board that the Arnold Economic Development Corporation has intentions of applying for a rural Workforce Housing Grant of \$200,000.00. Ron Cool said that this is a matching grant, and he is willing to donate the \$200,000.00 for the match.

MARCH

The Hauser family was reunited with a daughter and sister 60 years after Sandy Japp had been adopted out because of hard times.

The Custer County clerk reported that Joe Cool was the only school board incumbent to refile for election. Non-incumbents Merle Bierman and Shane Cool had filed for the school board. For the Arnold Hospital Board, none of the three incumbents whose terms were expiring re-filed. Non-incumbent Gary Larreau filed for a position. Don Olson refiled for Supervisor District #5.

“They’ve A Story To Tell” featured Stan Pearson, titled, “Home After Years on the Road.” Stan was born in a boarding house that was located across from where Mills Hardware now stands.



“Get To Know Your Hometown Businesses” highlighted Carroll Street Designs, a t-shirt printing business owned by Brandi and Shawn Corbin.

Madison Smith was crowned Miss Nebraska Preteen at the International Junior Miss Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska state pageant.

The projector at the Rialto Theatre was deemed a total loss due to a power surge.

The Bobcat boys’ basketball team earned a spot at the state basketball tournament for the first time in Bobcat history.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet. Receiving plaques were: Donnell DeLosh, Fireman of the Year; Cassy DeLosh, EMT of the Year; Andrew Tickle, Runner-up EMT of the Year; Duane Gibson, Runner-up Fireman of the Year. Nancy Cool was awarded a clock for her retirement gift for her 29 years of service as an EMT and EMS instructor.

The Village of Arnold received \$100,000.00 from the Edna B. Peterson estate. It was to be used for maintaining and upgrading the fire and rescue department, for the care of the cemetery and for any other services or benefits which the village has been providing to its residents and those people in the surrounding area.

Tatum Cool, Toni Oberg, Sofia Atkins, Cooper Atkins, Jarret Buchholz and Dawson Hanna-Miles were headed to

Kearney for the State Speech Meet.

Mandi Rosentrater became the new owner of The Arnold Exchange.

A new projector for the Rialto Theatre arrived from Belgium and was installed to get the theater operating again.

APRIL

Thirty firemen from Arnold, Stapleton, Callaway, Merna and Broken Bow responded to battle an early morning blaze at Jim’s Bar.

The first phase of improvements to the Arnold Cemetery was completed when Arnold Principal Joel Morgan and Clay Mohr organized a group of high school volunteers and rounded up the equipment needed to take out the old fence, preparing for the installation of a new two rail-white fence.

Computers were lined up and ready to go to the Philippines with Pastor Irv and wife Melody. The community donated over 30 computers for pastors and missionaries to use overseas.

Arnold area residents felt the effects of a 3.3 earthquake with the epicenter 1.8 miles SSW of Finchville near Arnold, about 3.1 miles below the earth’s surface. There were many that followed this first one.

Mighty Mart owner, Bob Nielsen was featured by Pepper Werner in “Get To Know Your Hometown Businesses.” He was celebrating 30 years of doing business in Arnold.

Tatum Cool received 3rd place at the Nebraska State Speech Meet in Humorous Prose.

The Custer County Foundation awarded a matching grant of \$775.00 to the Rialto Theatre to be used for the purchase of new window coverings and a ductless heat pump for the projector room to increase energy efficiency.

Arnold senior Avery Atkins gave Arnold freshman Alex Streit a prom proposal by using a series of posters.

The Arnold Public Schools music department received \$3,000.00 in memory of Marion Fuller-Nelson. This gift was used to purchase guitars, a set of hand drums and new rhythm instruments.

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Deadline Approaching for Market Facilitation Program

(Broken Bow, Nebraska) December, 20, 2018 – Custer County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Mauler is reminding producers that the deadline to apply for the Market Facilitation Program is Jan. 15, 2019.

The Market Facilitation Program (MFP) was designed to assist farmers in response to foreign market trade disruptions. FSA is administering MFP. The program provides payments to producers of almonds, corn, cotton, dairy, hogs, sorghum, soybeans, fresh sweet cherries and wheat.

Mauler said the application period runs through Jan. 15, 2019; by that date producers must complete part D of the CCC-910 MFP application. Producers have until May 1, 2019, to complete the remainder of the application, which includes certifying their 2018 production totals.

Mauler said she also wants to remind producers of hogs/dairy that they may be eligible for this program, depending on dates of production and/or ownership of the livestock. Mauler encouraged producers of hogs/dairy to contact the county office with eligibility questions.

Producers are encouraged to contact the Custer County FSA office at (308) 872-6877, extension 2, to make an appointment to begin the application process.

There also is an option to print the application, fill it out and then fax, mail or email it. For more details on the Market Facilitation Program and the various options for enrollment, visit www.farmers.gov.



Photo/Renee Bubak

Arnold’s National Honor Society chapter inducted seven new members on Wednesday, December 19. From left are: Bailey Schwarz, Kylee Lehmkuhler, Kacee Dvorak, Landyn Cole, Jadeyn Bubak, Kenna Rogers, and Cole Gracey.

Seven students inducted into A.H.S. National Honor Society

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on December 19 in the high school gym. Students and faculty members attended the celebration as well as family members of those being inducted.

Students inducted include Cole Gracey, Kenna Rogers, Jadeyn Bubak, Landyn Cole, Kacee Dvorak, Kylee Lehmkuhler, and Bailey Schwarz. The inductees join NHS members Leighton Bubak (president), Lydia Connell (vice president), Tatum Cool (secretary) Jarrett Buchholz, Logan Coleman, and Cooper Taylor.

Lindsey Divan, the guest speaker from the Custer County Foundation, focused

on the importance of the NHS ideals in building a stronger community. Those ideals include academics, character, service, and leadership. Divan stressed that character often plays a role in how the community views individuals so students should strive to do their best to build a reputation of being kind and working hard. The reputation that an individual develops often plays an important role in recognition as students apply for scholarships and internships or jobs. Service and leadership often go hand-in-hand because individuals develop leadership skills as they focus on serving the community and improving the features that citizens value in it.

“The NHS will have a busy remainder of the year. We will be excited to see what ideas the new members want to concentrate on. Many of the new members expanded the paper and bottle recycling last year. Although the annual food drive was completed before induction, we still have a few more service projects in the works. The Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society plan to work together on several projects to benefit students at the school... especially in the halls, kitchen, and playground. They will continue to be active in making Arnold Public School and the Arnold community proud!” said NHS sponsor Debby Moninger.