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Arnold Students Connecting to Careers

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If you have been around Blake Brown for very long, you will realize that he likes to work on vehicles. He has been known to fix his friends' vehicles, motorcycles and even a boat, or at least take a look.

So, it is not a big surprise that Blake Brown is doing his internship at Sand-

hills Motors. He is mentoring under Chad Garcia on the business and office side of the business and working under Wayne Bierman and Drew Bowers on the mechanics side.

Blake chose this particular internship because he wanted to learn more about running a business. He has been participating in his internship for around four weeks. He goes to Sandhills Motors every week.

Blake has enjoyed learning about the business side of the shop. He doesn't care for the days when there is not a lot to do because he likes to keep busy.

He has been interested in the mechanics field most of his life. He credits his dad for instilling the love of using his hands and working on cars and trucks. Diesel motors are his favorite to repair.

Blake feels that he has learned a lot in the short time he has been interning. He has enjoyed learning the different elements that exist with running your own business and the variety of mechanic repairs that he has seen.

Blake plans to attend Mid-Plains majoring in diesel mechanics.



Photo/Diana Coleman

Intern Blake Brown (left), gets some hands-on experience in vehicle repair from Drew Bowers (center) and Wayne Bierman in the Sandhills Motors shop at Arnold.

Annual Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 15-18

Nebraska's Wild Bird Habitat Stores are challenging everyone across the state to count the birds they see during the 22nd Annual Great Backyard Bird Count, February 15 to 18, 2019. You don't have to be a bird enthusiast to participate in this free four-day bird count.

Birds are everywhere we look and anybody can easily recognize our most common birds that live among us all year long.

So take the challenge. Count the birds. Count them in your yard or at your bird feeders. Venture out into the rural countryside or wildlife area and count birds. You can spend as little as 15 minutes to count the birds. You can count the birds on one day or all four days. Every bird counted and reported is valuable. Once you have collected your data enter it online at birdcount.org. When the count starts you can view real-time online results of the bird count in progress. Just remember on February 15 to 18 to count the birds.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this bird count no matter what age you are or level of birding experience you have. It doesn't matter if you only count the five birds you recognize or the 75 bird species you identify on a

walk through a city park or wildlife refuge. Every bird counted matters. This is a great opportunity for schools, families, organizations and individuals to become citizen scientists. It's free and your data will make a world of difference for our birds.

There has been a negative impact on birds and bird populations, with a changing climate, continuing loss of habitats, and expanding human activity on a global scale. So the data provided by citizen scientists counting birds is proving to be invaluable. It helps to adopt on the ground conservation practices and policies. It helps to understand how weather impacts our birds and changes in their movements and migratory patterns especially in winter. And just as important your data provides many answers to biologists about birds while providing additional insights and raising new questions.

For information about the Great Backyard Bird Count and how to participate just go to birdcount.org at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. If you do not have Internet access you can still participate by calling (402) 420-2553 for more information.

Stuck Vehicle Results in Drug Bust South of Town

Transporting illegal drugs on a minimum maintenance road south of Arnold in the dead of winter turned out to be a bad idea for three individuals. According to the Custer County Sheriff's Office, Dennis Farrell, age 39, of Bismarck, North Dakota, called 911 to report he was buried in a snow drift on Road 794 off of Highway 40 on January 24 at 10:51 a.m. Deputy Braxton Kociemba and Deputy Lawrence Stump responded to the scene, and observed a vehicle bearing California license plates. Also in the vehicle were Timothy Murphy-Martinez, 31, and Adam A. Houn, 22. All three were arrested for the possession of a controlled substance.

“Basically, the three individuals got lost and became stuck and called us for help,” said Custer County Sheriff Dan Osmond. “When the individuals were

found, it lead to an investigation that resulted in finding drugs and the three were arrested. The three individuals were charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and more drugs were found after the initial arrest.”

All three are still in jail. The drugs found were methamphetamine and heroin.

Speeding while possessing drugs in your vehicle, isn't a great idea, either. On February 2, at 8:00 a.m., Deputy Stump conducted a traffic stop on Highway 92 near mile marker 258 for speeding. As a result of the traffic stop, Michael A. Schafer, age 28, was cited for 2nd offense possession of marijuana less than one ounce.

Kearney Woman Injured In One Vehicle Accident

A one vehicle accident north of Arnold on Sunday afternoon resulted in a Kearney woman being taken by ambulance to Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

According to a report by the Custer County Sheriff's office, Deborah Darrach, age 52, was traveling southbound in a 2010 Nissan Murano on the Dunning road when the vehicle crossed the center line. The vehicle went off of the roadway left and entered the east ditch. It struck and completely went through a barbed wire fence and came to rest in a pasture, traveling 222 feet from where it went off the roadway. Darrach was unconscious at the scene and was transported to North Platte by the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department.

Restraints were in use and four airbags deployed. The vehicle was to-

Two South Loup Wrestlers are State-Bound

Senior Tayten Eggleston and sophomore Logan Peterson will be competing in the Nebraska State Wrestling Meet this weekend at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha after qualifying at the District meet held in Fremont last weekend. Live coverage of each weight class finals in all classes begins Saturday, February 16, at 2 p.m. (CT) on NET.

Speech/Quiz Bowl Season Begins

Arnold's speech team began their season at the very competitive Blue and Gold Speech meet in North Platte on February 9. A full report is inside this issue.

The high school quiz bowl team will

begin their season on Wednesday, February 20, in Broken Bow. The junior high team kicks off their season on

Thursday, February 21, in Broken Bow.

Jensen Inducted into Eight Man Football Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame

Two coaches, fourteen players, and one contributor have been named to the 2019 Eight-Man Football Hall of Fame. They will be inducted during ceremonies to be held Saturday, June 15th at The Tom Osborne Family Sports Complex in Hastings, Nebraska.

The hall of fame is presented by the Nebraska Eight-Man Football Coaches Association and sponsored by Pinnacle Bank of Nebraska. Induction ceremonies will be held at halftime of the 42nd Annual Sertoma Eight-Man All-Star Game played at Hastings College. Kickoff for the game will be 6:00 p.m.

Members of the Class of 2019 include: Players- Casey Beran (Sargent), Clint Eikmeier (Dodge), Cory Eikmeier

(Dodge), John Howell (Mullen), Matt Ickes (Orchard), Paul Kosch (Humphrey St. Francis), Steve Kriewald (North Loup-Scotia), Billy Legate (Clearwater), Eric Ryan (Overton), Steve Simon (Falls City Sacred Heart), Glen Snodgrass (North Loup-Scotia), and Andy Zeisler (Butte); Family Legacy- Joel and Jeff Makovicka (East Butler); Coaches- Doug Goltz (Falls City Sacred Heart), Gordon Pilmore (Dodge); Contributor- Bob Jensen (Huskerland Prep Report).

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to celebrate the history, growth, and success of Nebraska Eight-Man Football. For more information regarding the Hall of Fame please contact Bob McEvoy at bmcevoy@clarkson.esu7.org.



Courtesy photo

Good Instincts

Calving season has begun, and with bitterly cold temperatures continuing, area ranchers are checking their cows regularly. Unfortunately, some calves make it, and some don't if the timing isn't perfect. The first-calf heifer pictured above had good instincts, keeping her calf alive in 10 degree weather, with wind chills factoring it below zero. "She unexpectedly calved early and kept her calf alive without assistance. It really is amazing and almost unheard of for a first-calf heifer to keep a calf alive in that weather," said Kendra Veirs, who farms and raises cattle with Nate Mills. "Nate said he would have given an older cow maybe a 50 percent chance of keeping it alive out in the open on a pivot like that. A first-calf heifer that doesn't know would have less than a 10 percent chance. Good genetics plays a part. We have worked hard to raise better cows with better instincts. It was an 80 pound calf, which is large for a first-calf heifer to have, let alone take care of it so timely."