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Arnold Fire Department Presents Awards Fireman/EMT of the Year Announced



Photo/Tammy Weinman

Receiving awards at last weekend's AVFD Annual Awards Banquet were: (from left) Cassy DeLosh, Runner-up EMT of the Year; Andrew Tickle, EMT of the Year; Lee Eastburn, Runner-up Fireman of the Year; and Robbi Smith, Fireman of the Year. Other members receiving awards are pictured inside this issue.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 23, at the Arnold Community Center.

Those receiving years of service pins were: firemen, Darren Weinman, 20 years; Jason Jenkins, 5 years; Brady Weinman, 5 years; and EMT/fireman: Chris Hough, 5 years.

Two firemen were honored with clocks and years of service pins because of their many years of dedication and service to the Arnold Fire Department. Dell Cerny has served 45 years on the department, and Robbi Smith has served 40 years.

Both men have held many offices on the department and both are still active members.

One group of EMT's, Heather Hagler, Cassy DeLosh, Renee Sommer and Tammy Weinman, and Fire Chief Eric Nelson, were given a special award for a CPR Save that occurred on the morning of February 10.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department was called to a car accident north of Arnold. Enroute to the hospital, the patient coded. The EMT's administered CPR then applied the LUCAS device. An automated defibrillator was also used.

With the help from the North

Platte Fire Department ALS paramedics, the patient's heart started again and the patient started breathing on her own. Within a few days the patient was dismissed from the hospital.

“In EMS we do not get to see a lot of saves, so experiencing a save is very exciting. One of the biggest advantages to saving someone in a cardiac arrest is witnessing the arrest and taking immediate action and administering CPR,” said Rescue Captain Tammy Weinman.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department has been active in sharing CPR skills by doing

CPR demonstrations in the community. They have done one demonstration during SORC and recently have done one at the Arnold School during half-time of a basketball game.

The department was busy in 2018 with a total of 65 calls, which is higher than an average year. Every year the department members vote on someone they feel has done an exceptional job for the year as an EMT or Fireman. This person usually goes on the majority of the calls, is active in

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Annual Chili Cook-Off Is Saturday, March 2

Rascal Martinez will entertain crowd

The 31st Annual Arnold Chili Cook-Off is set for this Saturday, March 2, at the community center.

Organizers said that as of Monday, 11 teams had signed up to compete. The event is usually open to a maximum of ten teams due to space, but an exception was made to let everyone join in and have fun.

Teams will start setting up and cooking their chili in the afternoon. Team chili, chicken and noodle, and potato soup will be served to the public from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Girl Scouts will be set up to sell cookies.

Prizes in various categories will be awarded from 7:00 to 7:20 p.m.

Rascal Martinez, an Indie-Folk/Country singer/songwriter, and his brother, Marcello Sanchez, will be per-

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SL Boys Advance to Districts

The South Loup Basketball Team defeated Cambridge in a very close game in sub-district action last Thursday. They went on to play in the District Finals on Monday night, February 25. Due to The Sentinel's print schedule, a report on how the boys did at Districts will appear in next week's issue.

SHGP Donates to SORC Winter Party

Proceeds come back to community fire departments



Photo/Julie Mohr

Kacee Dvorak (left) and Kylee Lehmkuhler (right) designed and applied graphics to two sets of corn hole boards that were donated by School House Graphic Products for the SORC Winter Party auction.

The computer screen behind the girls shows Kylee's design of black and white checkers with the letters SORC and its logo.

By Janet Larreau

The 15th Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC) Winter Party was held in February at Lincoln, raising approximately \$10,000.00. One-hundred-seventy tickets were sold, drawing drivers and their family members from Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, and California. Participants were treated to a great day, starting with a tour of Memorial Stadium, a catered meal, and auction.

Aaron Anderson and Chad Christensen, both from Lincoln, organized the party for the 2nd year in a row.

Bruce Younglove and John

Schmidt came up with the idea, and organized it for 13 years. They started it because a whole year goes by between the race and everyone wants to see their buddies. Eventually, the party grew into a fundraiser for safety equipment for community fire departments. It's very beneficial to all. Everyone gets to see each other, and raise money. It's a win-win,” said Anderson.

Both the 2018 and 2019 parties were held at Stevenson's Truck Repair - a building that has a big open area that is perfect for the meal and auction.

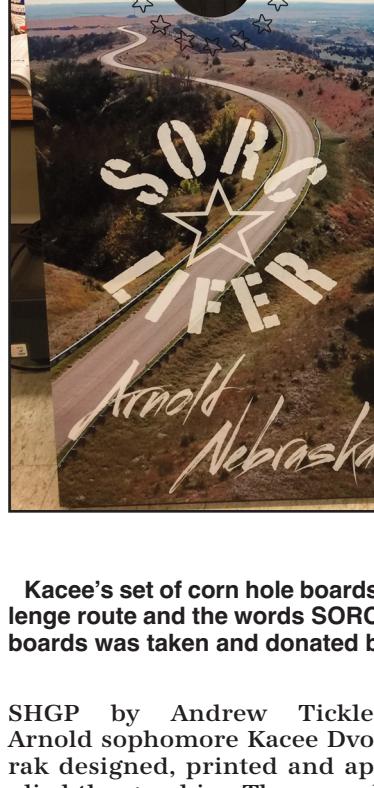
Starting out, Anderson said touring Memorial Stadium was

a neat opportunity for the people who support the race.

“It's a fixture of the state,” he said.

After the meal - this year catered by Famous Dave's BBQ - everyone enjoyed the auction. The highest items auctioned off were two guaranteed entries into the 2019 SORC, bringing in \$1,700.00 and \$1,500.00.

Arnold's School House Graphic Products donated two sets of corn hole board games that brought in several hundred dollars at auction. The SORC Lifer game featured graphics of an overhead view of the actual open road challenge course, taken and donated to



Kacee's set of corn hole boards featured the actual open road challenge route and the words SORC Lifer. The aerial photo used for the boards was taken and donated by Andrew Tickle

SHGP by Andrew Tickle. Arnold sophomore Kacee Dvorak designed, printed and applied the graphics. The second game featured black and white checkers with the word SORC and its logo. Sophomore Kylee Lehmkuhler worked on this project.

“They were amazing,” said Anderson. “When Clay Mohr unboxed them, I was amazed at the high quality. They spent a lot of time making those look nice.”

SHGP also created a dartboard with an image of SORC race driver Joe Shown's face.

“Joe donated the dartboard. He was convinced it was going to bring a million. Ted Hughes bought it, and anyone had the opportunity to throw darts at Joe. There's a likelihood that the dartboard could show up at this year's SORC,” said Anderson.

Later on, most everyone competed in the Christmas Tree

Drag to see who had the quickest reaction times. A husband and wife were the quickest, with the wife winning.

“Out of 170 tickets sold, what are the odds that it came down to a husband and wife?” asked Anderson.

All proceeds from the auction are donated back to the fire departments that donate their time to the SORC. After the party, organizers reach out to all the community fire departments and ask what they need. Anderson said the departments respond with a list. If the party organizers can fulfill everyone's request, they do it.

Bruce and John really deserve a lot of credit for starting this thing. They raised tons and tons of money over the years, but got tired of it. Chad and I took it over. We'll see if we have 15 years in us,” said Anderson.

The 19th Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge will be held August 7-10, 2019.