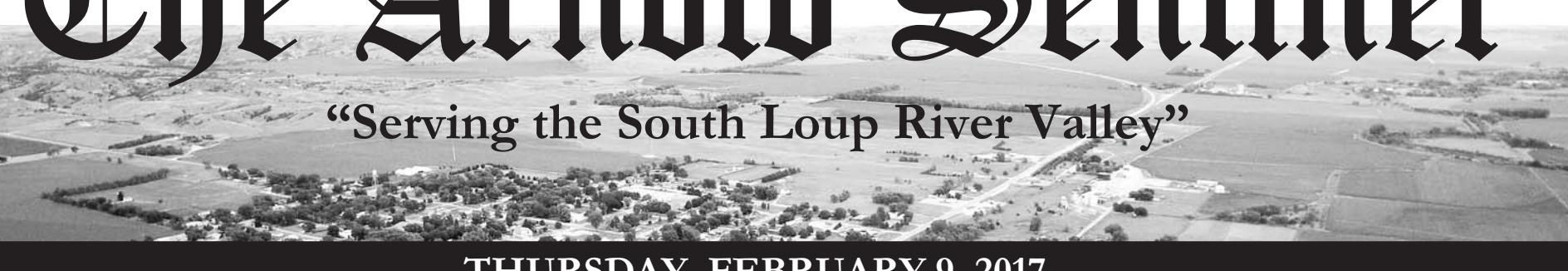


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Notable Quote

“I think... if it is true that there are as many minds as there are heads, then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts.”

— Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Pancake Feed Is Thursday

Arnold Rotary will host its annual pancake feed on Thursday, February 9, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., at the community center. Free-will donations will go towards community projects.

Chemigation Training Scheduled in Broken Bow

Chemigation training will be held Monday, February 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Broken Bow. Chemigation training is a requirement for ag producers to apply chemicals through their irrigation systems, says Troy M. Walz, Nebraska extension educator. The Nebraska Chemical Act requires anyone that applies chemicals through an irrigation system, whether that be through gated pipe or center pivot systems, to take the Chemigation training and become certified.

In order to become certified producers need to register at their local extension office, attend training, and pass a written test. It is recommended to review the chemigation materials prior to coming to the class, as passing the written test is a requirement of certification. To register for the training in Broken Bow call the extension office in Custer County at 872-6831.

School House Graphic Products Prepares Students, Builds Communities

The following story-written by Kristi Dvorak-was published on Nebraska Rural Living's website on February 1, and is republished here with permission. Kristi said the article was written towards an audience that is new to the concept of this student-run business, and the response has been positive. To read more rural success stories and to view some beautiful Nebraska photography, go to: nebraskaruraliving.com.

By Kristi Dvorak

Arnold High School students are getting more than just an education. They're getting a leg up in the business world with hands-on experience through an award-winning student-run business.

Born to the dynamic duo of Clay and Julie Mohr in 2002 is a business that provides unique learning opportunities for Arnold's youth. Appropriately named School House Graphic Products, this school-owned nonprofit business is a class and a business wrapped into one. It's a student-run graphics company that functions as a real business fulfilling the needs of businesses and consumers for graphic design, laser printing, signage, engraving, and more.

Clay Mohr is the industrial arts teacher; Julie teaches K-12 art. Combining their talents was a natural extension of what they do every day as husband and wife. With a shared passion for teaching youth, entrepreneurship, and their community, Clay and Julie set the bar high for themselves and their students.

“During the year, high school students can take School House Graphic Products as a class,” said Julie.



The above photo of Schoolhouse Graphic Products students and instructor Clay Mohr placing numbers on a Sandhills Open Road Challenge race car—and many more—were featured with the Nebraska Rural Living article.

“They must apply and interview just as they would for any job. They can also be fired if they are not performing well. Their grade is their pay.”

But because in real life business doesn't break for summer, students may apply as paid interns to keep the business productive, also earning themselves college credit. By working year-round, School House Graphic Products produces enough to financially support itself.

School House Graphic Products provides students the opportunity to learn practical skills, preparing them for entry into the business world. The innovative educational curriculum encourages students to combine their artistic, technical,

business, and leadership skills under the mentorship of teachers and business leaders.

Students work in different departments, while some also serve as department heads for areas such as CNC, printing, design, laser, and production. General manager and bookkeeper are also positions filled by the students.

“We teach the kids everything from the ground up,” said Clay. “They meet with the customer to gather information on the project, develop a plan, execute it, and bill it.”

This includes everything from creating concepts to actual creation of the product to installation, oftentimes working with professional contractors or suppliers. They also offer

support to other sign shops when they need an extra hand.

Students as young as sixth grade get an introduction to the business by learning basic skills like drafting. Once they enter high school, they begin to learn the business end, including working with customers, meeting deadlines, profit and loss, how to avoid product waste, etc.

Because of the wide range of services offered at School House Graphic Products, the students learn how to use tools and technology found in many businesses today. Students work with computers, digital cameras, vinyl plotter-cutters, a wide-format solvent ink printer and

laminator, a laser-engraver, welders, and a 4' x 8' 3-axis CNC router. Computer programs used in the business are Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Correl Draw, Flexi-Sign, Vellum 3D CAD, Vectrics Aspire, and QuickBooks.

Over the lifespan of School House Graphic Products, students have completed many interesting projects:

• Built and installed 911 road signs for the counties of Custer, Logan, Grant, Thomas, Hooker, and southern Cherry, as well as the villages of Thedford and Halsey, and replacement of damaged signs in Sutherland.

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What Is in My Heart?

Unedited



Derek Rodriguez

My heart is full. First, I love my mom and dad. They are sweet. Second, my heart is full of my little brother and sister. I love them and they love me. Last, my dog makes me happy. Her name is Prinnes flowers. Clearly, my heart is full.

Corrie Luera

My heart is full of many things. First, my heart is full of my family. I love my family because they are sweet to me. Second, I admire school. I love school because I learn more. Last, I adore my dogs so much because they love me. As you can see, my heart is full of many things.



Delanie Weinman

I have a lot of stuff I love that you can find in my heart. First, I love my family because they give me food and I admire my friends because they sometimes help me. Then, I love my brother because he lets me ride him. I think the world of my cat because she lets me play with her. Also, my heart is full of cows because they let me feed them. Clearly, I have a lot of stuff I love that you can find in my heart.

Shane Gibson

My heart is full of love. First, Minecraft is my favorite game. I enjoy playing Minecraft after school. Then, I love my brother because he plays with me. Next, I like going to my cousin's house. I play two games at their house. As you can see, my heart is full of things I love.

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Life flight was called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident, February 3, eight miles west of Arnold. (Logan County Sheriff's Department photo)

Fatality Reported in Two-Vehicle Accident

On Friday, February 3, a two-vehicle accident six-miles west of Arnold on Highway 92 near mile marker 244 resulted in the death of an 8-month-old girl. The Logan County Sheriff's Department was called to the scene at 7:14 a.m. The Custer County Sheriff's Department, Arnold Fire and Rescue, Stapleton Fire and Rescue and Troop D of the Nebraska State Patrol also responded to the scene.

Logan County Sheriff Sean Carson reported that Matthew Plunk, 30, of North Platte was eastbound on Highway 92 in a 2002 Chevrolet Impala when he struck a deer on the roadway causing the car to slide sideways into the west bound lane when he was struck by

Alison Rosentrater, 27, of Arnold, who was westbound and driving a 2008 Chevrolet Equinox. The Equinox then spun 180 degrees.

Plunk had two passengers with him: Stacy Shannon and Isabella Plunk of North Platte. Isabella was ejected out of her car seat and out of the back window of the Impala. She was life flighted to Great Plains Health where she later died.

Plunk, Shannon and Rosentrater were taken to Great Plains Health with non-life-threatening injuries.

Carson said Friday night that it is uncertain whether the car seat malfunctioned. The Nebraska State Patrol is investigating the accident.