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Cheryl Carson is becoming familiar with the AEDC office after being appointed to the position by the Arnold Economic Development Corporation board. (Janet Larreau photo)

New AEDC Director in Training

Cheryl Carson started her duties as Arnold Economic Development Director on Monday, March 16, replacing Sandy Hicks, who moved to Missouri. Cheryl, who was appointed by the AEDC board, said she has several reasons for applying for the position.

"I enjoy helping people, and it will be great to help new businesses start up or help existing businesses continue and expand. Helping our community grow and bringing new people and families to live in our town will be an enjoyable job," said Cheryl.

Recently, AEDC Board President Andrew Tickle said that Cheryl's history in the banking industry will be a great asset.

Cheryl's resume includes serving as assistant branch manager, department supervisor, working with bank security and privacy practice, customer service, compliance and operations, heading projects, training new employees, reviewing different types of loans and auditing different aspects within the bank.

"The banking environment has quite a few similar aspects to the Director's position," said Cheryl. "I was bound by federal and state laws and general banking policies, and understanding and respecting privacy and confidentiality will be

important to this job. Being the AEDC Director will just allow me to have a lot more creativity."

A resident since 1993, Cheryl said she has lived in Arnold long enough that she has a good feel for the community's needs and a desire to see Arnold remain stable and grow. She said her focus right now will be assisting existing and new business to Arnold, housing questions and any other assistance she can provide. Another focus will be educating the community on the importance of the upcoming vote in July to pass LB840 once again to benefit the growth and economic health of the community.

"I think Arnold is a unique community," said Cheryl. "Our community seems to always find new things to recreate itself and keep moving. We have a fantastic school, businesses that support our community events, fundraisers and activities. I think the people in our community come out to support each other, as well. Arnold's determination to succeed and progress in many areas, has made our community one to look at as an example of what can happen with determination."

Since moving here, Cheryl has chaired and co-chaired several

different events and has joined different clubs throughout the years. She has been a member of the Arnold Cemetery Website wreath committee, where she puts her artistic and creative talents to good use. She has served 10 years as the Service Unit manager for Guiding Star Girl Scout Council and has been troop level leader.

She is married to Sean Carson and they have four children.

Cheryl plans to be in the AEDC office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be able to take calls when not in the office.

AEDC President Andrew Tickle said Cheryl will be a good representative for Arnold.

Easter Egg Hunt Set for Saturday

Arnold Chamber will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt for area children this Saturday, March 28, starting at 11:00 a.m., at the Arnold City Park.

The Hunt is being organized by the Ministerial Association with help from the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society, and will include an interactive story by the Ministerial Association.

A storm date of Thursday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m., has been set in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

Pool May Not Open Due to Lack of Lifeguards

The sound of happy kids playing in the Arnold Pool may be silenced this year unless more applicants step forward for life-guard positions. In the event the pool does not open, no swimming lessons will be offered to area kids for the first time in several decades.

As of last week, there were only two confirmed applicants and at least five are needed. With three lifeguards, the pool can be opened but hours will be greatly reduced.

Village clerk Patty Lamberty said she's not sure residents are aware of how critical the situation is. The number of students eligible to be lifeguards is low right now, but that number will increase in coming years. Competing jobs is also a factor.

Word of the openings has been put out at school and on the school's website, and on Facebook. The village is also advertising in *The Stapleton Enterprise*, hoping there are students

there who need a summer job.

In March, the village board passed a resolution to increase wages for pool personnel, with first year lifeguards starting out at \$9.00 an hour - \$1.00 above the current minimum wage. Wages then increase for second year and above and with additional training. The village pays for training classes and swimming suits for all lifeguards.

Lifeguard positions are open to anyone ages 15 and up, including college students returning home for the summer and adults who would like to make some extra money during the summer. If there are five or six lifeguards, hours can be part-time and flexible.

Eileen Moser will be pool manager, and Liz Brown has agreed to be WSI (swimming lessons) instructor.

For more information on how to apply, please see the boxed classified ad on page 7.

Arnold Featured in Annual Ag Magazine

The town of Arnold is featured in the recently released "Nebraska Agriculture and You" magazine. The four-page spread, titled "Wide Open Spaces," includes photos of the town and interviews with Arnold Public Schools Principal Dawn Lewis, and Arnold *Sentinel* staff Janet Larreau and Kendra Veirs. A photo of the Arnold Recreation Area in the fall is also featured on the contents page.

The magazine is published annually by Journal Communications, Inc., and distributed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Why Arnold was selected to be featured out of all of the small towns in the state was explained by Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Assistant Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

"We were looking for a small community, 600 or less in population, that had some progressive things happening, recognized the important tie agriculture plays in its rural economy, and basically served as a good representative of what rural life is about. We asked around, and Arnold was one of the names that came to the top of the list," said Kriz-Wickham.

The publication is devoted to helping citizens across the state learn about what the state's farmers and ranchers do every day, and the critical role that agriculture plays in the economy, from one end of the state to the other.

"Many people, even in rural communities, are a couple generations removed from the farm," said Kriz-Wickham. "To reach as many people as possible, our goal is to place these magazines in locations where the general public spends some idle time, so waiting rooms at doctors and dentists offices, hair salons, automotive shops, etc., are our targets. The magazines also go out to public libraries, chambers of commerce and any other appropriate location that requests one."

About 15,000 copies are printed annually. The free magazine is supported by generous advertisers. Advertising revenue also supports some direct mail costs to get the magazines to target locations, but there is also great delivery support from agriculture organizations such as extension, FFA and anyone else who wants to assist the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Copies of the magazine will be placed at the library, AEDC office, Farmhouse Antiques and the bank. The magazine can also be viewed online at NEagriculture.com.

Jim's Bar Re-Opens Under New Ownership



Jane Chestnut (left), with husband Eldon (not pictured) are the new owners of Jim's Bar. Jane, with help from employees Aubrey Patton (center) and Wesley Cross, opened for business on Monday. (Kendra Veirs photo)

After being closed for several months, Jim's Bar re-opened for business on Monday under new ownership. Jane and Eldon Chestnut, who purchased the bar from previous owner Lee Eastburn, said they plan to

keep the well-known moniker, and will be offering food service only until their liquor license arrives.

Jane and Eldon live on a ranch outside of Maxwell. Jane will be commuting about 30 min-

utes each way to run the business, while her husband works on a ranch. Jane said she was involved in running a bar at Maxwell for three years, and liked the business end of it. When the couple found out that

Jim's Bar had closed, they contacted Lee in January and asked if he was interested in selling to them.

Until the liquor license arrives in about 45 days, hours will be Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., although Jane said if people are still coming in, they won't be turned away. She will offer a larger daily special, in addition to a sandwich special, and the regular fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers and fries, and a grilled chicken salad, that Jane says is especially good. A kid's menu will also be available.

"It's a start-up menu and it isn't set in stone," said Jane. "We would like people's input and suggestions on what they would like us to serve."

She plans for the west side of the building to be a dining area, and one of her goals is to set up a salad bar in that room.

Jane said help hasn't been hard to find, and the people they have hired seem to be a really good crew, with three full-time and two part-time on the schedule, in addition to herself.

"I would like to thank Dan Nansel, Karla Nansel, Wesley Cross, Aubrey Patton, Dillon Brown and the community of Arnold for all the help and support," said Jane.

Controlled Burn Gets Away

A controlled burn that got away damaged two small buildings and a post pile on property belonging to Loren D. Peterson and Cecil Steel place in Lower Powell Canyon on Saturday afternoon, March 21.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department responded with three grass rigs and one tanker, and Callaway provided one tanker. Aid was also received from a professional fire crew that was burning in the area during the week. The call came in around 5:00 p.m., and department members returned to the station at 7:00 p.m.

Dell Cerny of the AFD said that not many more acres were burned than what was intended.

NWS Focuses on Protecting Lives

March 23-27 is Nebraska Severe Awareness Week. The state-wide tornado drill occurred on Wednesday, March 25, between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. CDT in order for Nebraskans to plan their plan of action. In this issue, *The Sentinel* is publishing information provided by NWS to help area residents be "weather ready."