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## Fire Depart. Presents Awards

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department recognized outstanding members and awarded pins at the annual awards night held Saturday night at the community center. Awarded plaques were: (top, l-r) Chris Hough, runner-up Fireman of the Year; Donnell DeLosh, Fireman of the Year; Andrew Tickle, EMS of the Year; and Rudy Vickers runner-up EMS of the Year. (Below, l-r) Awarded five year service pins were: Donnell DeLosh, Andrew Tickle, April Tickle, Heather Hagler and Lindy Dailley; 15 year pins were awarded to Eric Nelson and (not pictured) Shelley Smith. (Jessica Tickle photos)



## Scams and Fraud Becoming More Common Sheriff's Office Offers Top Ten Scams to Watch Out For

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It is becoming more and more common for us at the Custer County Sheriff's Office to receive a report from a citizen in Custer County having been the target or victim of a scam. Scams are not new and have been around for a very long time, but seem to be occurring more and more often.

A Scam is defined as a confidence game or other fraudulent scheme, especially for making a quick profit. Millions of dollars are stolen each year from victims around the globe and the number will keep growing. Most scams are very difficult for law enforcement to track down and sometimes are almost impossible to solve as thieves usually leave very little evidence to follow and have perfected their scams to avoid being caught. Below are the Better Business Bureau's Top 10 Scams of 2015:

1. Tax Scam: You receive a phone call from someone who says they are with the IRS. They claim you owe money in back taxes and will be arrested or face legal consequences if you do not pay (usually by wire or prepaid debit card). The caller ID is spoofed to appear to be a government agency or the police.

If you owe the IRS money, they would be sending you letters to explain the tax debt. Contact the IRS directly before sending any money.

2. Tech Support Scam: You are contacted by "technicians" claiming to have detected a virus or security threat on your computer and, for a fee, can log in and correct the problem remotely. These callers are actually hackers trying to steal money or sensitive computer passwords and/or damage computers with malicious software.

3. Lottery/Sweepstakes/Prizes Scam: You receive a call, letter,

or email claiming you've won some type of prize. It may involve a lottery or a sweepstakes. In order to receive the prize, you are instructed to send a fee to cover expenses associated with delivery, processing, or insurance. The prize is not real; you should never have to pay money to claim a prize you have won.

4. Advance Fee Loan Scam: While searching for loan information, you see an enticing ad and click through to the website. You fill out an application and soon receive an email or phone call advising that you are approved for the loan, but you must first send a processing fee, security deposit or insurance. You pay the "fee," but never see the loan.

5. Fake Check/Money Order Scam: This can happen any time someone is paying you for goods or services (even when you are selling something online). You receive a check in the



mail that is larger than the amount owed, and you are asked to deposit the check and wire the difference. The check is a fake and when it bounces, you're out the money.

6. Debt Collection Scam: You receive a phone call from someone claiming that you have an

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## Bierman, Cool Among Nebraska LEAD Fellows Returning From National Study

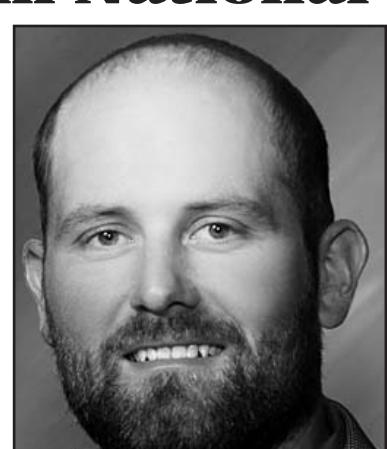
Nebraska LEAD Program Fellows Blake Bierman of Arnold and Jana Cool Jobman, formerly of Arnold and now residing in Gothenburg, returned home after participating in a ten-day National Study/Travel Seminar conducted by the Nebraska LEAD Program, February 3-12, 2016. Dr. Terry Hejny, Director of the Nebraska LEAD Program, served as group leader for the study/travel seminar to Kansas City, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

During the seminar, Nebraska LEAD Fellows met with business, industry and government leaders. Several highlights included visits to: the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 in Kansas City; American Farm Bureau Federation, the Embassy of the Chile, and the Nebraska Congressional Breakfast in Washington, D.C.; NuFarm, the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and EPA Region 5 in Chicago. Also included in this year's experience was a brief and factory tour of the John

Deere operations in Moline, Illinois.

A major objective of the study/travel seminar is to provide participants with the opportunity to meet leaders who help shape local, state and national policy in agriculture and related areas and to create firsthand exposure to varied social and economic conditions/issues that exist in the United States. The mission of the Nebraska LEAD program is "to prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership" and is designed to speed up the leadership process.

The Nebraska LEAD Program includes men and women, currently active in production agriculture and agribusiness. The Nebraska LEAD Program is a two-year leadership development program under the direction of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council and in cooperation with the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Program content, essential to leadership focuses



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on economics, government, human relations, communications, international trade, sociology, education, the arts, social-cultural understandings as well as agriculture.

For more information, or to request an application for Nebraska LEAD 36, contact the Nebraska LEAD Program, 104



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AgCom Bldg, PO Box 830940, Lincoln, NE 68583-0940 or telephone 402-472-6810. For more information about the selection process or to request an application, visit their website at [www.lead.unl.edu](http://www.lead.unl.edu). Application deadline is June 15, 2016.

## Red Cross, AVFD Installing Smoke Detectors in Arnold

The Red Cross and the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department will be installing smoke detectors on Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for anyone in Arnold who may need them. There is no cost for the smoke detectors or installation. The Arnold Rotary and National Honor Society will also be helping with this project as a community service project.

The Red Cross will bring 450 smoke detectors for the project. If anyone would like detectors installed in their home please contact Fire Chief Eric Nelson at 308-520-2391 or project coordinator Tammy Weinman at 308-530-3111. When the detectors are being installed, the resident will also receive information on a Home Fire Safety Plan and a Home Fire Safety Checklist. The resident will also fill out a Service Acknowledgement Form when the detectors are installed, so they will need to be home during the time of the installation.

The Red Cross and the AVFD know the importance of Home Fire Safety and it is important to protect the families in our community. In a home fire, you may only have a few minutes to get to safety so these smoke detectors are an important part of fire safety for every home.

## Solar Eclipse Meeting March 15

A date of Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m., has been set for the solar eclipse meeting at the Arnold Community Center.

Please plan to attend, as it will be determined how far Arnold wants to go with the Solar Eclipse 2017. Arnold is one of three best viewing towns listed.

## Sign Up Now for Chili Cook-Off

Teams are being sought for the 28th Chamber-sponsored Chili Cook-Off set for Saturday, March 12, at the Arnold Community Center.

Entry forms are available online at [www.arnoldne.org](http://www.arnoldne.org) or contact Patty Lamberty at 308-520-4495.

## Next Blood Drive March 7

The next American Red Cross Arnold Community Blood Drive will be on Monday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the community center.

Residents are reminded that the need is constant for blood donations.

Please call Shirley Bassett at 848-3356 or Amanda Koubek at 660-6709 to make an appointment.

## Village Accepts Resignation

With regret, the Arnold Village Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Assistant Village Superintendent Roy Bierman at a special meeting held on February 22. The resignation was effective February 29.

At the meeting, the board voted to begin advertising for a full time utility employee.

In other business, the board accepted Knapp Electric's quote of \$33,513.59 for a standby generator for the community center. The village was awarded a FEMA grant of \$25,135.00 for the purchase and installation of the generator. The remainder of the project cost is the responsibility of the village.