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Graduation Is Saturday

The 105th Annual A.H.S. Commencement will be held this Saturday, May 12, starting at 2:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

The class salutatorian and valedictorian will give their speeches, scholastic awards will be presented, and Dr. Dawn Lewis and Tony Eggleston will present the graduates their diplomas.

The seniors, who are being congratulated by several Arnold businesses, are featured inside this issue.

Primary Election Is May 15

Residents are encouraged to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 15, to cast their ballots in the Primary Election.

Polling locations are:
Legion Hall- Arnold
Arnold Village/Arnold Rural/Hayes II.
Callaway Senior Center
Delight & Custer/Elim/Triumph/Grant/Wayne.
Oconto Community Hall
Woodriver Precincts.
Winter Memorial Library - Anselmo
Victoria/Hayes I Precincts.
Polling locations are open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cuttings Planned

Arnold Economic Development Corporation will be hosting Lt. Governor Mike Foley and Sen. Matt Williams in Arnold on May 18 for the ribbon cuttings of Sandhills Motors and Jake's Horses & Harleys Grille. The public will be invited to attend the events held at the businesses. Watch for more details in the May 17 edition of *The Arnold Sentinel*.

Sign Up For Garage Sales

The city-wide garage sales will be Saturday, June 2. Registration forms are due May 17 and are available on-line at www.arnoldne.org or can be picked up at Mills Hardware.



Second grade students are attentive, as soon-to-be retiring Arnold teacher Melva Geiser gives them a spelling test last week in her colorful and interesting classroom.

Melva Geiser counts down to retiring from a life-enriching teaching career

By Diana Coleman

“All children can learn” is the teaching philosophy of retiring second grade teacher Melva Geiser. Growing up as one of ten children on a wheat farm in the Maywood/Wellfleet area, Melva learned at a young age how to work and do chores, instilling in her a great work ethic. Being the second oldest, she was always “teaching” and reading or telling stories to her younger siblings.

“I remember wanting to be a doctor, lawyer or teacher growing up. Don't all of us want to be teachers because we can make a difference?” she said.

Following high school graduation

from Maywood, Melva attended McCook Community College for two years majoring in pre-law. She switched her major to teaching. She completed the two-year teaching program in one year. Melva was a young 20-year-old when her teaching career began in Sutherland, teaching second grade for one year. She had 29 students, no para, no Title 1 services and P.E. and music were each one day a week. All of the elementary teachers had to have a “lesson plan” for one of the two recesses held every day. She met her future husband, Dennis, through a college friend, fell in love, married and

moved to the Arnold area.

Melva's children and husband all graduated from Arnold High School. She feels privileged and honored to have had her tenure at a school that offers excellent education, is on the cutting edge and always looking for the best practices in teaching and serving students and our community.

Her daughter graduated high school in 1989 and they both began classes at Kearney State College. Melva graduated with her elementary education degree and then began working on her master's degree. She made the decision to go back to college after all of her children

had graduated from high school, so she wouldn't have to “juggle” the 90 mile drive to Kearney along with handling all of the activities and responsibilities that come with raising a family.

After graduating with her degree in education, Melva accepted a position with Thedford Public Schools as their kindergarten teacher and also teaching fourth grade for a half day. The second year at Thedford, she continued to teach kindergarten with Title 1 being added for the next two years. She then taught first and second grade for the remainder

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Get To Know Your Hometown Businesses

Sue's Beauty Shop

Ninth in a monthly series on what businesses and services the community of Arnold has to offer.

By Pepper Werner

In the middle of Arnold, in a little green house appropriately decorated for the season, sits a beauty shop where you can count on fresh, hot coffee; a big smile; warm conversation; and a great haircut. Sue's Beauty Shop has been in operation since March 1995; however, that is not the beginning of the story. The adventure began 45 years ago for Sue DeLosh.

In May, 1970, the Lamberty family moved to Arnold from North Platte. Sue graduated from A.H.S. in May 1972, and entered beauty school in June of that year at the North Platte Beauty Academy. By August of 1973, Sue and several family members traveled to Lincoln for her state boards where her mother, Joyce, acted as her model for the test. Sue had to do a finger wave, roller set and preparation for a perm (terms the youth of today probably are not familiar with). Sue passed with flying colors.

The first two-and-a-half years were spent working with Kitty Vogel at her business in Arnold. Big changes were in store when Kent DeLosh took Sue as his bride, and she began working with Lucille Peters - a career that lasted 19 years, even beyond the passing of her beloved boss. While working in the basement of Lucille's house, an opportunity came to purchase a location near her home that could be transformed into a beauty shop of her own. Sue jumped at the chance to buy the little house on the corner in October 1994 with the doors opening to Sue's Beauty Shop in March 1995. With a complete paint job, new flooring and widening a doorway, the cute, little shop was ready for business.

As for repeat clientele, Sue has ladies that return weekly for their beautification, men that schedule trims every five to six weeks and the occasional drop-in that is just passing through



Sue's Beauty Shop owner Sue DeLosh always welcomes customers with a big smile and a hearty laugh - even after being in the business 45 years in June. (Pepper Werner)

town and has ten minutes for a cut. There aren't many little children that frequent her business these days, and she has lost eight dear customers over the last year - four to death and four moved away for health reasons to be closer to family. Regardless of who you are, you are always welcome at the green house on the corner.

One of the great things about Sue DeLosh is her upbeat personality and love of her profes-

sion. As they say, “Love what you do and you never work a day in your life.” After cutting someone's hair for years, Sue said they become like family. The majority of her clients are the older generation and have been faithful with their business.

Sue was quick to add that, “I really love what I do. I have never grown tired of cutting hair. My goal is to say, ‘I've been doing it for 50 years. Can you

imagine that?”

Fast forward 45 years and Sue is still offering shampoo sets, blow-drying, perms, eyebrow waxes, men's hair cuts and beards trims, highlights and coloring. Without a computer in sight, armed with a pencil, spiral-bound schedule book and her flip phone, Sue is available Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to fill your hair care needs. She sets her limits at some of the latest trends.

She stated, “I just won't do pink hair. I can't get into that style.”

Outside of the beauty shop, Sue enjoys camping with her family. Kent, Sue's husband of nearly 42 years, was born and reared in Arnold. They have two children and three grandchildren. There is an annual camping trip to Valentine, Nebraska, every Labor Day that everyone looks forward to.

“With Kent's health, we try to live each day to the fullest, not take anything for granted,” Sue offered. “Life will pass so quickly with our grandchildren so we want to enjoy every moment.”

In addition to cutting and camping, Sue is involved with St. Agnes Catholic Women, Arnold Chamber and volunteering with the Rialto Theatre. At the end of the day, relaxing at home is a welcome respite.

When asked what the next five years look like, Sue hopes to continue the services that she provides to her customers, spend more time with her family, spoil her grandkids, and camp.

For appointment setting, Sue's Beauty Shop can be reached at 308-848-3325.