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‘71 Grad Will Emcee Alumni Program Saturday

“Graduation Day” is the theme for the 2019 A.H.S. Alumni reunion set for this Saturday, May 25. Honored classes will enjoy their separate reunions before the banquet and program.

Alumni president Caro Lehmkuhler will welcome returning alumni, and encourages those who still have them to wear their caps and gowns. She has asked fellow 1971 graduate Mary McKain Dymond to emcee this year’s program.

Mary said she was really surprised and flattered when Caro asked her to be the emcee.

“The alumni committee does so much work. I’m glad to be a part of this year’s celebration,” said Mary.

Right after graduating, Mary left Arnold for a visit with a former exchange student in Mexico City.

“The only Nebraska border I had crossed prior to this was to South Dakota. What an eye-opener and great learning experience. This led to a life-time desire to travel,” she said.

Mary graduated from Kearney State College in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree.

Her first teaching job was in Elba, Nebraska, where some of the students spoke Polish in their homes. She moved on to teach at a country school south of North Platte for two years, where some of the students rode horses to school. In 1978 she began teaching at Lincoln Elementary in North Platte. In 2015 she retired from the same school. She earned her masters degree in Elementary Counseling, but chose to stop with the job she enjoyed.

She lives with her husband, Frank, in Hershey, and has been married 27 years. She is now in the volunteering stage of life, helping her church and several organizations.

Bev Harding Engleman is 1st vice president in charge of the program, and April Mills Tickle is 2nd vice president, with co-vice-presidents Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher and Marla Koubek Chrip in charge of cooking the meal and decorating.

The team of Patty Purcell Goodenow and her husband, Kenny, serve as secretary and treasurer.

Co-editors of The Alumni News, which was mailed out



Alumni Mistress of Ceremonies
Mary McKain Dymond

the end of April to alumni in all parts of the country, were Janet Cole Larreau and Darlene Hagler Rimpley.

Board members are: Josh Magill, Dru Lyn Smith Magill, Betty Halstead Yeargain, and Allison Rosentrater Goodenow.

Serving of the banquet is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Services

American Legion Post 130 and VFW Post 6157 will conduct Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m., at the Arnold Cemetery

In case of inclement weather, the program will be at the APS Gymnasium.

Following is the program schedule:

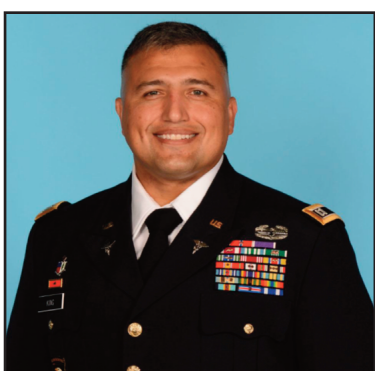
9:45 a.m.Honor Guard Commanded by Mike Harvey
10:00 a.m.Post Colors at Memorial Monument
Welcome.....John Phillips
National AnthemArnold School Band
InvocationChaplain Gary Halstead
Address.....Maj. Calvin R. King, U.S. Army
Presentation of WreathMax Smith
Salute to Fallen ComradesHonor Guard
TapsDoug Lanham
Benediction.....Chaplain Gary Halstead
Presentation of Memorial Wreath to those who died at sea at Loup River.
Salute to Our Fallen ComradesHonor Guard
Dismiss Honor Guard

Major Calvin R. King will speak at Memorial Day Services

The 2019 Memorial Day Speaker for Monday’s Memorial Day service will be Major Calvin R King, U.S. Army.

Major King started his army career as a volunteer enlisted in the Kansas National Guard. During his early years in the Guard, he finished his schooling at Fort Hays State and began a career in teaching. His first job was as a high school English teacher and varsity wrestling coach at Russell, Kansas. After 9-11-2001, Calvin was deployed to Qatar and Iraq 2002-2004 as Platoon Sergeant. He then signed up in the active military and served in 2007-2008 in Qatar as Medical Logistics NCOIC (Non-Commissioned-Officer-In-Charge).

Then Sergeant King attended Officer Candidate School and became a Second Lieutenant and served as Brigade Medical Supply Officer on yet another deployment to Iraq from 2010-2011. He has since moved through the officer ranks and had a harrowing deployment as a captain in Afghanistan,



Memorial Day Speaker
Major Calvin R. King, U.S. Army

where he was wounded by hostile action by an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) and received his second Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Major King and his family, wife, Diana; sons, Ethan and Jax and daughter, Stella, have recently returned from a three year assignment in Germany and are currently stationed at Fort Riley. Calvin is the oldest son of Wade and Leitha (Phillips) King of Ellis, Kansas, and nephew of John Phillips and Melva Phillips of Arnold.

Saluting Our EMTs

May 19-25, 2019, is the 45th annual National EMS Week. In this issue, The Sentinel and local businesses are recognizing the individuals who serve as volunteer EMTs for the community of Arnold and the surrounding area. The ten volunteers made 64 ambulance calls from May 2018 to the present, and put in some 20 hours each of continuing education in order to renew their license every two years. They also gave two CPR demonstrations at last year’s SORC event and at a basketball game.

Please thank these trained volunteers for their vital service to the town during this special week.

Village Board Hears Reports at Monthly Meeting

Several agenda items were discussed at last week’s village board meeting, and discussion was held on flood relief.

Grant Received

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson reported that the AEDC has been awarded a grant from Custer County Tourism Visitors to assist with improvement projects at the Arnold Recreation Lake Area. Some of the funds awarded will go towards the entry sign project. Carson said that Clay Mohr has set a tentative date of June 1 for the entry sign to be installed.

Upcoming Event Approved

Board members gave Margie McDowell and Sal Hilderbrant permission to hold the Sandhills Automotive Show & Shine at the Arnold Recreation Area on Saturday, September 7. The event will be held from noon to 4:00 p.m., with the Rialto Theatre selling concessions at the picnic shelter.

Swimming Lessons Donation

Pool manager Shavonne Schacher reported that Eric and Yvonne Brast have offered to donate \$10.00 per child to help with the cost of swimming lessons. The cost to parents will be \$5.00 for one week and \$15.00 for two weeks. Swimming lessons will be July 8-12 and July 22-26.

FEMA Funding

Fundraising Starts for 3rd Phase of City Park Improvements



Courtesy photo

Mulch for the playground area arrived just in time for students to help unload and spread it during April’s clean-up day. More improvements will be made this week, and fundraising will start for a sorely needed new merry-go-round.

By Cheryl Carson
AEDC Director

It’s visibly apparent the recent changes which have taken place at the Arnold City Park. There’s a sea of newly laid blue crumb rubber mulch, as well as a new play structure specifically designed for the 2-5 year old’s to explore and inspire their imaginations.

Three areas of improvement were identified for this project. First, adding a structure which would be age appropriate for 2-5 year old’s, allowing them to play on equipment specific to their size, age, and motor skill level and adding one bay to the toddler swing area and hanging the bucket seats Arnold had been awarded in a contest. Next, refreshing of the settled crumb rubber mulch originally laid six years ago, as well as ordering enough to cover the expansion area. Lastly, replacing the merry-go-round which had reached its maximum mechanical life.

Phase one of the funding was used to purchase the 2-5 year old’s play structure. The brand new play structure picked out originally cost a total of \$12,720.00, but Sterling West offered 40% off the structure, and a discount of 50% on shipping as well. The final cost for the new play structure would

come in at \$7,512.00 - a significant savings for the community of Arnold. Donations from an outdoor movie family fundraiser held last April, area businesses, individuals, organizations, and a \$1,200 grant from the Arnold Foundation helped pay for the structure in its entirety.

Next, a grant was applied for with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to receive a 50% matching funds to purchase the crumb rubber mulch required under new playground structures and equipment. The grant applied for not only would help purchase one-half of the crumb rubber mulch for the AEDC portion of the Arnold City Park, but help pay for half the crumb rubber mulch to put under a different play structure purchased by Becky Daily, for which she has plans to install at the Arnold Recreation Area south of town with the assistance of Rotary and community individuals. The total cost for both areas combined was \$22,890.00 in which the AEDC received the award of \$11,445.00 to pay for half the cost from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The last matching additional funds for purchasing the crumb rubber mulch was provided by the Village of

Arnold in the amount of \$7,630.00 and the Arnold Community Foundation with \$3,815.00.

On Community Clean Up Day this past April, school students and staff, as well as community volunteers were able to assist in expanding the playground borders, and disbursing two-thirds of the new crumb rubber mulch at the city park location.

This week volunteers from a Farm Credit Services grant awarded to the AEDC, will be on hand to help install the 2 to 5-year-old play structure, and add the last remaining expansion borders and crumb rubber mulch.

This now takes us to the last phase of fundraising to complete the playground project entirely. There is a June 1st fundraiser planned to start getting money together to purchase the new merry-go-round, and complete the toddler bay swing addition.

June 1 Event Will Kick Off Fundraiser for Merry-Go-Round

On the morning of June 1st from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Nebraska Rod & Custom Association will be stopping at the Arnold Community Center with 400 automobiles. This is a designated morning stop on

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