

“Prom” theme of 2018 Alumni Banquet

The Annual A.H.S. Alumni Reunion and Banquet is set for this Saturday, May 26, in the school’s auditorium. “Prom” is this year’s theme, and the Alumni Association Board is encouraging everyone to come dressed in theme for a night of fun.

Serving of the banquet will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Desserts are still needed, and anyone willing to donate can contact April Mills Tickle at 308-529-1354.

President Bev Harding Engleman, Class of 1964, will introduce this year’s Mistress of Ceremonies, Holly Hornung-Remund, Class of 1988.

In her letter published in the 2018 issue of the *Arnold Alumni News*, Remund said she left here feeling destined for great things and a great future. She has all of that today, but little did she know that her big wide world was perfect right here in Arnold. It just may have taken her over 20 years to figure that out.

After graduating from Hastings College, Remund moved to South Dakota and began a career in sales, marketing and development of ag-related businesses. Remund’s employ-

ment career culminated with the development of an agribusiness consulting company that contracted mainly with the State of South Dakota. Remund and three other close friends, who were all raised on the ranch in small towns, put their “intellectual capital” together and set out to help others with the same passion for small towns and agricultural entrepreneurship.

However, her destiny for great things and a great future was revealed when she and her husband decided to move back to Arnold to raise their two children here.

“I feel like all those big dreams I had after high school were just building blocks to the life we were meant to have here in Arnold,” stated Remund.

Today, she is putting those experiences to work helping her family and her hometown stay successful. She and her family have a cow-calf herd, they manage and own a few real estate properties, including the Arnold Winsome Inn, and she volunteers her time as the organizational leader for the Western Riders 4-H club and serves on the Arnold Community Foundation Board.



Alumni Mistress of Ceremonies
Holly Hornung-Remund

The program will include a memorial service, introduction of honored classes, and entertainment titled “Arnold Alumni - Got Talent.”

Alumni Secretary Patty Purcell Goodenow will be selling meal tickets and collecting dues at the Rialto Theatre on Thursday, May 24, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, May 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Grants, volunteers make Arnold cemetery improvements possible

Last summer, the Arnold Cemetery was nothing for the community to be proud of. It had unsightly trees, leaning stones, an ugly fence and weeds. Not anymore. The cemetery will look different this year thanks to several workers - mostly volunteers.

A wind storm last summer and another this winter found Shane Cool and his employees, plus some other volunteers, using their big equipment, chain saws and hard work to fell approximately 30 to 40 cedar trees. Some of the trees were fallen from the wind, others were rotten inside and ready to fall.

The Arnold Foundation has elected to pay for and plant up to 20 trees to replace the ugly cedar trees. Trees selected are:

- Two Burr Oaks: This species - that grows to 50 ft. tall - is native to Nebraska so it should do well.

- Three Greenspire Lindens. With a height of 35 ft. and a spread of 25’, this species is noted for being more disease resistant than other types of Linden trees.

- One Royale Red Maple. While maples are noted to be fast growing trees, this is the hardest of the maple species. This tree was chosen to add some visual interest to the cemetery.

- Five Royal Raindrops Crabapple. These trees, that grow about 20 ft. tall and have a spread of 15 ft., do not have apples on them; rather, they have small berries that do not normally fall off, but stay on for birds to eat.

All of the selected trees fall into the category of slower growing trees, which means they are stronger. With Nebraska’s gusty winds and inconsistent rainfall, the focus was on trees that would be hardy, strong and not thirsty.

The chain link fence around the cemetery was needing repair. The Arnold Community Foundation decided to put a new fence on the west and south side of the cemetery. Volunteers tore down the old fence and money from the Edna B. Peterson estate paid for installing the new two-rail fence. Tyler Long, local fence builder, installed the fence purchased from Country Estates in Cozad. The cost of the fence was approximately \$12,000.00.

The Arnold Community Foun-

ation also chose to repair the oil road. This 5,000 square ft. project will cost from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Many of the headstones had settled, and some of the marble tops had fallen over. It is estimated that 75 headstones were needing repaired. Volunteers and some paid workers spent several hours straightening these headstones and glueing the marble tops that had fallen. The worst of the headstones are

straight now, and all of the tops have been glued.

The Arnold Foundation also wants a speaker stand for Memorial Day and Veterans Day services. The Foundation will purchase and build a gazebo for these services. The gazebo may also be used by families visiting the cemetery wishing to be protected from rain and other related issues. The cost of the gazebo and construction will be from \$3,000.00 to



Volunteers Blake Schwarz, Landon Furne, Cade Connell, Roger Bierman and Dwight Sheets repair a headstone at the cemetery. As many as 75 stones were in need of repair. Not pictured is Ron Cool.



A new white fence was installed in April, replacing the old chain link fence, on the west and south side of the cemetery.

Memorial Day Services

American Legion Post 130 and VFW Post 6157 will conduct Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 28, 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:

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| 9:45 a.m..... | Honor Guard Commanded by Mike Harvey |
| 10:00 a.m..... | Post Colors at Memorial Monument |
| Welcome..... | John Phillips |
| National Anthem | Arnold School Band |
| Invocation | Chaplain Gary Halstead |
| Address | Senator Tom Brewer |
| Presentation of Wreath | Max Smith |
| Salute to Fallen Comrades | Honor Guard |
| Taps | Doug Lanham |
| Benediction..... | Chaplain Gary Halstead |
| Presentation of Memorial Wreath to those who died at sea at Loup River. | |
| Salute to Our Fallen Comrades | Honor Guard |
| Dismiss Honor Guard | |

Ret. US Army Colonel Sen. Tom Brewer will speak at Memorial Day Services

Sen. Brewer will be the special speaker at Monday’s Memorial Day services at the Arnold Cemetery. The senator is a retired US Army Colonel. He served our nation in uniform for over 37 years.

He began his career as an enlisted man in the Nebraska Army National Guard. Sen. Brewer attended college at Doane University in Crete on an ROTC scholarship.

Sen. Brewer was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in

1982. He later graduated from the toughest school in the Army and became an Airborne Ranger like his father before him. He later attended US Army Flight School and became a helicopter pilot. Sen. Brewer commanded an Air Cavalry Troop and served in a number of staff assignments including serving with the Secretary of Defense on the National Airborne Operations Command Center at Offutt AFB.

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APS Foundation receives \$25,000 from Erikson Estate

The Arnold Public School Foundation is pleased to report that they have been named as a beneficiary in the estate of Donzel Erikson in the amount of \$25,000.00. Mr. Erikson is a 1941 graduate of Arnold High School , and the Foundation was very pleased to learn that he had remembered Arnold in his will.

Mr. Erikson joined the Arnold School system in his middle school years and became part of the class of 23 students who graduated in 1941. Bobbie Smith believes he is the last living member of that class.

While in high school, Mr. Erikson was the business manager for the annual staff and was in the band and pep band.

“The time that he spent in Arnold must have been very enjoyable for him to remember Arnold and to honor our school and community with this very generous bequest,” said Foundation board member Bev Engleman.

The School Foundation awards two \$1,500.00 scholarships each year to seniors in the

graduating class. One scholarship goes to a senior who plans on entering a vocational college, and one scholarship goes to a senior who plans on attending a college or university. Because of Mr. Erikson’s generosity, the Foundation will be able to continue offering these scholarships for a very long time.

Foundation board members will be available at the Arnold Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 26, if anyone would like information on how they can help support the school’s foundation programs.

It is because of people like Mr. Erikson who valued his time spent in Arnold Public Schools that the Foundation is able to continue to support the young people in our school system.

Members of the Arnold Public School Foundation Board are: Kathy Schweitzer, Bev Engleman, Linda Grabenstein, Penny Allen, Diana Coleman and Aleta Ambler Pelster. If you have any questions about the Foundation, please contact any board member.