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Page worth a re-do

Last week, the Sentinel joined local businesses in saluting Arnold's EMTs during National EMT week with a full page. Unfortunately, during the printing process, the photo darkened two shades, leaving us to wonder - if not for the caption - exactly who was in the picture. After much consideration, we decided to run the full page again in this issue - a page worthy of the EMTs and the sponsors.

Garage sales are Saturday

Bargain shoppers will be cruising the town this Saturday (June 1) for the annual city-wide garage sales. The sales will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Maps are available at businesses or online at www.arnoldne.org. Sidewalk sales are also planned at businesses.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska will be holding a donation drive in Arnold beginning May 31 through June 5. People living in Arnold and the surrounding area can drop off their donations at the donation trailer parked at the Arnold City Park.

Park Fundraiser Kicks Off June 1

Four-hundred automobiles will be in town the morning of Saturday, June 1, at the Arnold Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This is a designated stop on the Nebraska Rod & Custom Association's tour.

While drivers are displaying their machines, the AEDC will be holding a fundraiser for a new merry-go-round for the city park. The drivers will be served refreshments of doughnuts and beverages, offered for a free-will donation. The public is invited to come out, see the cars, and join in the fundraiser.

If you would like to make a general donation to the Arnold City Park project for a new merry-go-round, donations can be mailed to: AEDC, P.O. Box 576, Arnold NE 69120.

Shred Event This Week

Residents are invited to gather up their unwanted documents and take them to Pinnacle Bank May 27-30, and the bank will shred them for free on May 31. The items will be kept in a secure area until they are shredded.



Photo/Jessica Tickle

Looking back... Russ Dillon looks on as classmate Gwen Catterson studies a photo taken in the old grade school at the Class of '59's reunion on Saturday afternoon. Honored classes gathered for their individual reunions before the main event of the banquet and program that evening in the A.H.S. auditorium. All honored class members will be featured in next week's issue.

Remembering the Good Ol' Days A.H.S. alumni gather for annual reunion

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I had a real awakening when I sat down to write my report on the annual Arnold Alumni reunion. Except for the Class of 1938, I remember every one of the graduations of all of the following classes. True, the Class of '49 graduated while I was still in high school, but I remember them well. In fact, when I walked into the room where that class was having their get-together, I told them I was going to get even with them for the initiation that they as seniors in the Fall of 1948 put my class, the lowly freshmen, through as our introduction to high school. Would you believe taking us up to Devil's Den and making us walk back to town - in the dark!

They really didn't talk to me very much, but I heard them sharing memories of doing chores before they could go to school, living in small three-room houses for five or six in the family, outside bathrooms, the tub in the kitchen for a bath, and a dad having to take them to school as they did not have a car. The one thing they

all remembered was the Blizzard of '49, where the boys would get out of school to shovel snow if they wanted, and Mr. Fuller had not got the word that one day school was dismissed, so he rode a horse to town from the farm home.

Months and months of planning go into making a success of one weekend, with the Alumni board holding regular meetings. This year we had volunteers to prepare the meal: Marla Koubek Chrisp and Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher, who drove from their homes in Hershey and Thedford for several night meetings. First vice-president Beverly Harding Engleman began looking for program ideas and made many, many phone calls in lining it up; and 2nd vice-president April Mills Tickle, who with Marla and Cheryl, planned the meal and decorated the auditorium.

The Alumni News editor, Janet Cole Larreau, prepared a great edition, and it was put in the mail. Kenny and Patty Purcell Goodenow, our secretary-treasurers, spend the entire year in their job. First off, they have to finish up the current year to see that all bills are

paid, as well as any unfinished business, and then prepare the reminder cards that are mailed out in February. By that time, bills for the next event are coming again.

And then we have the president, Caro Keyser Lehmkuehler, who seems to think she was railroaded into the job. She did such a super job, contacting all of the persons she had to do so the program would run smoothly. I think she should be elected for another year.

Class reunions took up most of the afternoon, with lots of memories shared. After the great meal, which was served to approximately 275 persons, and lots of squeals, handshakes and hugs, it was time for the awaited program.

Caro welcomed the guests, and Natalie Coleman Cool led the memorial with a prayer and reading the names of alumni deceased in the past year. Three reports followed: The Alumni report by Josh Magill, the School Foundation report by Aleta Ambler Pelster, and the Community Foundation report by Gary Blevins.

The mistress of ceremonies, Mary McKain Dymond, Class of '71, was introduced. She shared

a little of her life following graduation; newly retired, she is heavy into volunteer work.

The Person of Honor, Karen Jacobson, was called forward to be honored. Karen, who has been the school secretary for 52 years, retired this year. Most of Karen's family was present to see her honored, and when the students who had been in the school during Karen's tenure stood, it was a good share of the crowd.

She was presented a lovely plaque made by School House Graphics. Karen then received a well deserved standing ovation.

A favorite time of the program was when the honored classes strode across the front of the auditorium telling their names and locations where they live.

All during the parade of classes, Mary shared some (just a tiny teaser) of the antics she had heard about in her visit to their class reunions (oh, to know more).

Mildred Bailey Smith was the only representative of the 80 year class. She shared about living in Arnold all of her life, having three children graduate from A.H.S., two grandchildren.

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Remembering the fallen



Photos/Debbie Connelly

Due to rain the night before, American Legion Post 130 and F.W.W. Post 6157 held Memorial Day services at the Baptist Church on Monday morning to remember the fallen. (Pictured left) Speaker Major Calvin R. King, Legion Commander John Phillips, and Legion Chaplain Gary Halstead salute the U.S. flag, while the Wonch sisters (pictured right) sing The National Anthem.