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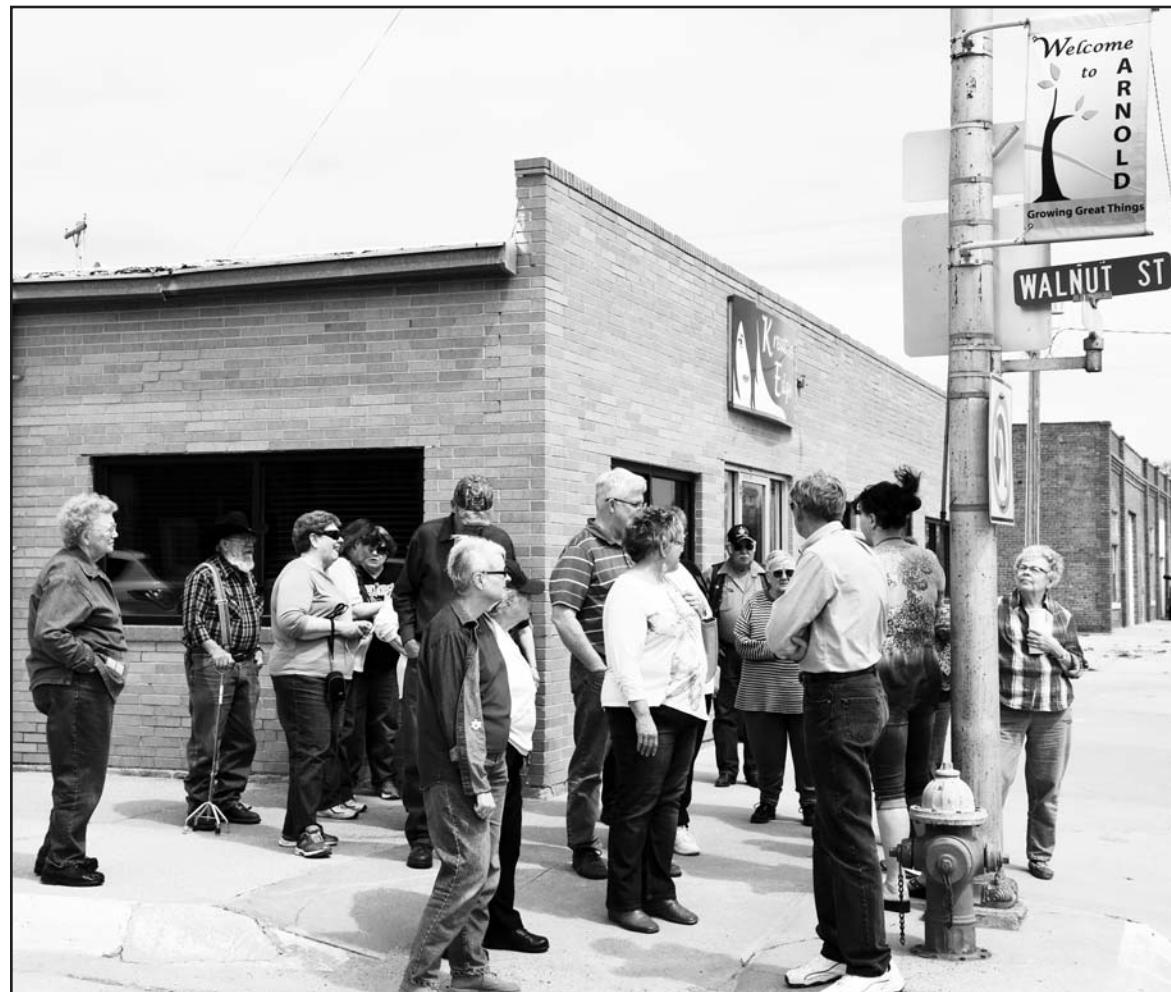
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Historical Tour Makes Stop in Arnold



The former Model Café corner (now Kreative Edge) was one of the stops on the April 23 Custer County Historical Tour. Pictured are a few of the participants who enjoyed a full afternoon learning about historical sites in Arnold. (Courtesy photo)

A bus load-plus of history enthusiasts stopped in Arnold last Saturday as part of the Custer County 2016 Historical Society Tour.

The tour, sponsored by the Custer County Historical Society and Mid-Plains Community College - Broken Bow Campus, was free to anyone wanting to participate.

On its way to Arnold, the tour included stops in areas rich in history, including the Ryno School, Olive Ranch, the first courthouse at Callaway, Redfern Table, Stop Table Cemetery and Morning Star church.

At Roten Valley, tour guests were told the story of the area's six years of murders, including 1886 when Young shot Vincent; 1888 when Haunstine shot

both Ashley and Roten; and 1892, when West shot Millholand.

The tour proceeded on to the present day standing of County Line School, the site of Etna, New Hope community, the old Swedish area of Tallin church and cemetery, and Yucca Valley.

The group spent roughly five hours in Arnold, starting at the community center where they were welcomed by AEDC Director Cheryl Carson and Berni Crow. Participants made their way through a buffet luncheon of ham or roast beef sandwiches, various salads, fruits and vegetable trays and desserts provided by Arnold Chamber. While enjoying their lunch, Crow gave a presentation of how Arnold was started,

the people and interesting stories involved in its formation, and some historical facts about the Hotel Custer and Darrell Sheets' buildings. After Berni's presentation, Carson gave each participant a 28-page booklet that she had made highlighting Arnold. The booklet included interesting facts, and a pictorial timeline of featured sites throughout Arnold that would serve as a guide on the tour of the town.

At the community center, the group was told about the history of the sale barn that once sat at the site. The group learned about the history of several sites, including: Glen and Cathy Bowers' house and the neighboring Eugene and Chris Andre house; the former

Arnold Hospital; Arnold Mill site; Arnold hatchery; the area where R.E. Allen's home once stood on the Arnold Town Hall site; the late Fitz Harris' old building; the creamery site; history of the lots Forresters own; the light and water building and its old power source that is still operational; the bank, grocery store, Koubek Gardens, Rialto Theatre, Farmhouse Antiques and the old bank (Archie's Café building), as well as the former J.P. Rose building and the corner hotel.

"The group went inside the antique store, and it was hard to get them out!" said Carson. "They also went inside the Hotel Custer building and were intrigued by the still remaining floor tiles in the entry."

The group also learned about the history of the Model Café and Fred Hatch's building. The group went inside the building now owned by Darrell Sheets, which is the last remaining of all wood frame structures from the original downtown buildings. The building has had minimal face changes, and is still standing as it was.

"There was lots of interest in the antique tools and hay carriers that Darrell has on display there," said Carson.

The group was also invited into the original site of Finch's drug store, now owned by Echo Pelster, who is remodeling the building. There, they saw the original tin ceiling and the original drip oil lights still hanging.

Next was a tour of the historic Finch Library, and just to the north, the site of the first frame home structure that R.E. Allen built to replace his sod home. The tour passed by the Nazarene church, and went on to Mo and Diane Sanford's.

"They went inside and were told stories about some of the origins of pieces collected and on display in the home," said Carson. "They also went outside to tour the guest house."

On the same block, the history of the homes of Don and Deb Brosius and Gary and Janet Lareau were also talked about.

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Voters will Go to the Polls May 10

A good percentage of voters are expected to turn out for the May 10 Primary Election, as voters go to the polls to cast their ballot on the Presidential ticket.

The polling place for the Arnold Village/Arnold Rural/Hayes II will be the Legion Hall in Arnold. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Delight and Custer/Elim/Triumph/Grant/Wayne will vote at the Callaway Senior Center.

The sample ballot for the election was published in the April 28 issue of *The Sentinel*.

Annual Walk for Life is Sunday

Registration for the 15th annual Arnold Walk for Life will start at the Baptist church this Sunday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. The walk starts at the church, and continues around the recreation area and back.

The annual walk benefits the Women's Resource Center in North Platte, which exists to assist women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistants. Last year's Arnold walk raised over \$6,000.00 with 33 sponsored walkers.

Visit www.friendsofwrc.com to register on-line, or forms are available at any church in Arnold or from John Phillips or Patty Lamberty.

Congressman Smith will Present Art Award at School Assembly

Congressman Adrian Smith will be at the Arnold school on Friday, May 6, to present Leighton Bubak the 2016 Third Congressional District Art Competition award. The approximate 45-minute assembly will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The public is welcome to attend to hear the congressman speak and to see Leighton receive his award.

St. Jude's Ride - a Resounding Success



A large group of St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon riders get set to ride a 10-mile course to raise money for children's research. (Jessica Tickle photos)

By Berni Crow
St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon Coordinator

Arnold's St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon, held in April, raised over \$2,000.00 for the children and families of St. Jude Hospital. This is a record amount raised in Arnold.

Coordinator Berni Crow tallied \$2,193.50, but will add in a few more donation dollars, to help those kids who were just a few dollars short of a prize.

Ethan Furneau raised \$174.00 to earn a t-shirt, backpack and umbrella - all with a St. Jude logo printed on them. Other

winners of a t-shirt and umbrella included: Delaney Rogers - \$137.00; Eli Rogers - \$125.00; Luke Tullis - \$124.50; and Madison Smith - \$100.00.

Students who raised over \$75.00 will also get those two prizes. That group includes: Sam Cool, Jayden Hanna, Silas Cool, Rio Remund, Macy Atkins, Jamie Tickle, Riata Remund, Taylor Hanna-Miles and Jamison Lamphear.

Other contributing riders were: Anna Coleman, Marianne Zuniga, Juan Pablo Zuniga, Walter Bierman, Josie Christensen, Gracee Downing, Josiah Cole-

man, Eli Hunt, Crew Witthuhn, Stokely Lewis, Daniel Zuniga, Trey Connell, Cache Gracey, Alivia Robbins, Mert Aker, Bryn Schwarz, Isaac Tickle, Charli Vickers, Chester Oberg, Johnathon Lamphear, Devin Peterson, Alexis Slavey, Isabelle Zuniga and Alex Streit, for a total of 38 student riders. Riders in the last group, who raised over \$35.00, will earn a St. Jude t-shirt.

The ride also had a record number of adult bike-riding helpers this year, including: Matt and Katie Coleman, Melissa Bierman, Bobbie Jo

Christensen, Amber Downing, Liz Brown, Esther Ryan and Berni Crow. The student rider riding the most miles was Alex Streit. They tell me after he went to the turnaround point and back to town, that he was NOT ready to quit.

Other riders rode 10 miles because they proceeded to Crow's house for the annual barbecue meal served after the ride.

There was a grand total of 85 individuals and two babies that enjoyed the "after-ride" festivities at the Crow home. Other adult helpers included five SAG (Stop and Go) and stationary ve-

hicle drivers, Sadie Christensen, Jessica Tickle (who also served as photographer), Christi Rogers Crew, Holly Remund and Gerry Swingle (roving SAG and mechanic).

Chef and cook helpers were: TK Rogers, Joe Bob Atkins, Melva Geiser, Natalie Cool, RayLee Downing and Leta Connell.

Even though the students had just ridden 10 miles, they still had enough energy to ride the ziplines, and have a good time at the celebration barbecue.

"Thank you, everyone, who contributed to the huge success of this event, which includes food donations of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and buns, from riders' parents and grandparents. We couldn't do it without you Arnold!"



Alex Streit never tired out, riding his red, custom bike.