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## Flower Girl Opens for Business

There were a lot of well-wishes and even some hugs, as Arnold native and current North Platte resident Traci Peterson unveiled her new store, Flower Girl Floral and Boutique, on Arnold's Main Street last Friday. One of the hugs came from Traci's former school bus route driver, Ruth Yanken (pictured above with

Traci), who was looking over the selection of cards.

Traci has spent the last several weeks painting and redecorating the store and setting up new coolers to fill with fresh flowers. The store saw a steady stream of residents coming in to browse, with only about a ten-minute lull.

Good friend Lindee Doyle of

North Platte, who helped Traci during the opening, said Arnold is an awesome town. "It's so nice to see how the people of Arnold have come out and supported Traci. She has made a significant investment. If you opened a store in North Platte, you wouldn't have this happen."

The products that the store of-

fers went over well with customers, and they had some welcome suggestions as to what type of products they want the store to carry. Traci said she is starting out small and will work her way up as she finds out what the town desires.

"I totally enjoyed the day. I love this town!" said Traci.

(Janet Larreau photo)

## Annual Community Clean-Up Day Once Again a Success



No job was too big, as teams tackled trimming trees for residents during the annual Community Clean-Up Day. (Pictured right: Morgan Eggleston and Kacee Dvorak clean up leaves. (Melody Jennings photo)

Sixty Arnold students came marching out of the school on a beautiful spring morning in April to participate in the annual town clean-up project. The students, some with rakes and tools in hand, walked in an orderly fashion down the street to the community center, where they immediately started setting up tables for the Alan Daille funeral dinner. Melody Jennings, who is clean-up day organizer for Rotary and was at the community center where clean-up day tasks were assigned, said it was video-worthy, as the line of kids came down the street towards the community center, filed in quietly and immediately got to the task at hand.

When asked why the kids were so well behaved when they had been set free to the great outdoors from a day in the classroom, Principal Dawn Lewis said it was a piece of cake, to be honest.

"I told the students to walk

down to the community center together, and I was about five minutes behind them. I told them that we needed to help set up for the funeral, and we would feed them Donna's (Larson) donuts when they were finished! And that is exactly what they did! I hope everyone realizes what great kids we have!" said Mrs. Lewis.

This was the school's fifth year that it has completed some sort of community service project, and it was the third year with the community clean-up.

"The kids look forward to this day every year. They enjoy helping out and seeing the rewards of their labor!" said Mrs. Lewis. "I have never once heard them complain. It is truly wonderful."

Mrs. Lewis worked closely with Melody Jennings and Patty Lamberty to get the 32 adults and 60 students, and their chores, organized. Either a teacher or a Rotarian was assigned to each group of about

five students, and the chores were tackled one by one until everything was finished.

Teams picked up branches at the Arnold Recreation Area, cleaned up the alley behind Koubek Gardens of sand and trash, picked up trash around the storage units by the Arnold Medical Clinic, picked up trash along the railroad right-of-way, picked up branches and trash at the tennis courts, Old Mill Park and ball diamond, and around the wastewater plant.

In addition, about 30 locations downtown and in residential areas were on the list, where yards were raked, branches were picked up, flower beds cleaned out and debris and sometimes furniture were hauled away. Two main areas where teams helped with landscaping were at the community center and Koubek Gardens. Village crews operated loaders where needed, such as bringing in mulch to these two locations.

Rotarians pitched in, painting all of the picnic tables at both the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA) and at the city park, with the village paying for the paint, and with some help from students. Meanwhile, another student team painted the

playground equipment at the ARA, and it is suggested that residents take a drive out and look at their artistry.

Fourth graders were also involved, picking up trash along their designated highway for the adopt-a-highway program.

Chamber paid for and provided lunch for 90 volunteers at the community center, serving sloppy joes, baked beans, salads and desserts, with some of the latter two donated by residents.

The village provided a roll-off

free of charge during the entire month of April so that residents could spruce up, and Legion members were busy picking up metal from anyone who called.

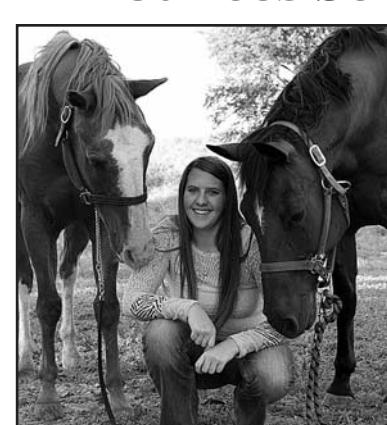
Legion member Mike Harvey said members picked up quite a bit of metal on the day of the clean-up, but overall an amazing 16 tons were picked up during the month.

"We really appreciate everyone supporting the Legion fundraising project," said Mr. Harvey.



A load of mulch is dumped at Koubek Gardens for a landscaping crew that was working there. (Kendra Veirs photo)

## Arnold Public School Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners



Brooke Blowers, Vocational Scholarship Winner



Grace Magill, College Scholarship Winner

The Arnold Public School Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2015 scholarships.

After receiving applications from all the members of the 2015 graduating class, they

were scored on the APSF grading system and two students were selected.

Brooke Blowers, daughter of Chip and Kerri Blowers, will receive the Vocational Scholarship and Grace Magill,

daughter of Jack and Dru Magill, will receive the College Scholarship.

These two scholarships are in the amount of \$1,500.00 and half will be dispersed at the beginning of the first semester and the other half will be given at the start of the second semester.

The Arnold Public School Foundation is totally supported by donations and memorials given by Alumni and other individuals who wish to be a part of the continuing support of the students at the Arnold Public Schools.

If anyone wishes to be a supporter of the Foundation, you may contact any of the current board members. They are Kathy Schweitzer, Betty Yeargain, Carlene Lanham, Bev Engleman, Linda Grabenstein or Diana Coleman.