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With Mike Nelson speaking into the mic on stage, Justin Zoerb holds the decorated guitar that he won in a raffle at Saturday's Devil's Den Bike Rally. This year's poker run was dedicated in memory of his father, Dan.

Rec Area “Perfect” Venue for Devil’s Den Bike Rally

The Arnold Recreation Area made the perfect venue for the 7th Annual Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally last weekend, as motorcycle enthusiasts from near and far gathered to enjoy a poker run, contests, live music and time with good friends. All but two events were moved from the previous location of the parking lot of the Arnold Community Center to the shady, lake-side spot. An LED sign greeted visitors at the entrance to the park, announcing the weekend's schedule, the north portion of the park was barricaded off, and a stage was set up for contests and bands.

"It was excellent, perfect, the best spot. There was shade all afternoon and evening, and we heard nothing but positive comments. Everyone could camp and walk right over," said Mike Nelson.

Saturday's poker run drew 138 participants and some 200 people enjoyed the evening concerts.

This year's poker run was in memory of Dan Zoerb, who was a big supporter of the rally. Nelson said a highlight of

this year's rally was when Dan's son, Justin, won the guitar raffle.

"A lot of people, including Justin's grandma and grandpa, bought a lot of tickets in his name so that Justin would have a better chance of winning it," said Nelson. "I called Justin up to the stage to present the guitar to the winner, and (Justin's) own ticket was drawn out by a band member. It was meant to be."

Artwork on the guitar - donated by Michael Holmberg - included a picture of Dan.

Last year's rally raised \$6,500.00 for charities including Autisms Awareness, Out of the Darkness and TeamMates Mentoring Program. The amount raised this year will be reported on in a couple of weeks. The event also helps other organizations raise money, including the After Prom Committee, who served breakfast both Saturday and Sunday at the community center, the Arnold Golf Association, the Christian Motorcycle Association and Guardians of the Children.

Board Approves Parade Route for Upcoming Festival

By Janet Larreau

Plans are underway to bring back the Arnold Fall Festival, and the first official step in organizing the event was taken at last week's village board meeting when Shavonne Schacher asked permission to block off streets for the parade on Saturday, September 15. She reported that the parade route will be from the Methodist Church to the post office. Highway 92 will not be closed. Lawrence Stump has volunteered to direct traffic for the parade. She also requested permission to block off a portion of the 100 block of South Walnut for a street dance on September 15. The board granted both requests.

ARA Improvements

Board members discussed making improvements at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). The improvements include purchasing additional hydrants, adding additional electrical hook-ups, camping spots and purchasing crushed concrete for the camping spots. A vote was taken to issue a check to Municipal Supply, Inc., for \$1,675.56 for ten hydrants from the Edna B. Peterson estate. A vote was also taken to pay for the improvements from the Peterson estate.

City Park Improvements

Cheryl Carson informed board members that the play structure for 2- to 5-year-olds has been ordered. The remaining items needed include: a merry-go-round at a cost of \$6,447.00 and a single bay frame for toddler swings in the amount \$985.40. Fifty percent of the cost of rubber crumb mulch will be \$6,267.50. With shipping costs, the total amount needed to complete the improvements will be \$14,403.90. Board members discussed contributing to the project from the Edna B. Peterson estate, but this decision will have to wait until the cost of improvements on the Arnold Recreation Area is calculated.

MOU Approved

The board approved the Off Site Operations Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinics, which will allow the hospital and medical clinics to access the Arnold Community Center and resources to provide medical services to the community. The community center has the physical space and resources, such as a kitchen and restroom facilities, to carry out the agreement.

Ordinance Will Limit Number of Animals Allowed

At the request of a resident, the board passed an ordinance that will codify the number of animals allowed within the village limits. The ordinance also codifies the distance that animals are allowed to be from other structures. The concentration of animals, including horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, alpacas,

cows, sheep, goats, ostriches, emus or rheas, will not exceed five animals per acre per enclosure, and the distance from residential structures or a place of business has been set at within 100 feet. The ordinance in its entirety can be read on page 6.

Results of NDOT Traffic Study

Correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding the traffic study on the south side of Arnold was discussed. Shavonne Schacher was at the meeting regarding the matter. According to the letter, the initial results of the study did not support lowering the speed limit on the south of Arnold. NDOT is continuing to monitor speeds at different times of the year by vehicle type. Discussion was held on installing speed display boards. Aaron Olson volunteered to speak with the Custer County Board of Supervisors to see if there are grants available for the boards.

Sign Will Be Posted for Off Road Vehicles at ARA

Chairman Glen Bowers told board members that there was an incident on July 5 at the Arnold Recreation Area involving a four wheeler "cutting cookies" in the mud. Discussion was held on banning off road vehicles at the ARA, but the board decided instead to put a sign up that states the rules for all powered vehicles, including powered vehicles

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8th Annual River Battle Is Saturday

Contestants of all ages will be navigating the South Loup River in canoes and kayaks this Saturday, July 21, at the 8th Annual Arnold River Battle.

Registration will begin at 12:00 noon at Hidden Valley Campgrounds for two classes - adults and youth under the age of 18. Adults may bring their canoes and kayaks and youth can compete in kayaks. Start time will be 1:30 p.m.

The river battle is a timed event, and it's up to the competitor how fast or how slow they want to go down the river. Each team will start at different times and prizes will be awarded.

A noon cook-out is open to the public at the campground, with proceeds going to the campground.

If you are interested in participating, call Della Dailey at 308-520-5905 or Michelle Preston at 402-984-1921 or log on to <http://www.arnoldne.org/pages/arnold-river-battle> and download the registration form. The river battle can also be found on Facebook.

Get To Know Your Hometown Businesses Touch of Grace Massage Therapy

Eleventh in a monthly series on what businesses and services the community of Arnold has to offer.

By Janet Larreau

The best spot in town to relax, let your mind go and heal your body is located in Hotel Custer, where licensed massage therapist April Tickle has created a quiet and warm environment to do the work she loves.

Born and raised in Arnold, this hometown businesswoman only left town for a nine month period and came right back - but that's not what she had in mind while in high school.

Young and dreaming of her future, April Mills had plans from 8th grade on to go to massage school and travel the world doing massages on cruise ships. Her plans changed the summer of her junior year, when she met her now husband Andrew Tickle. A 2009 graduate of A.H.S., April and Andrew dated all through her senior year.

Starting in September of 2009, April attended Ancient Wisdom College of Healing Arts in Council Bluffs, Iowa, graduating in May of 2010. She took her massage boards in July and opened her massage business, Touch of Grace Massage Therapy, in Arnold in September of

2010. On top of getting her own business going, she worked at a massage place in North Platte for a few months.

It was a busy time for April. While still in massage school, she and Andrew were engaged on January 1, 2010, and were united in marriage September 4, 2010.

Celebrating eight years of serving the Arnold community this September, she offers a wide variety of services, but her favorite - and most popular - is deep tissue massage.

Touch of Grace offer 30, 60 and 90 minute massages, hot stone, pregnancy massage, foot baths, paraffin wax dips, and sells Biofreeze. April just added a new service, foot detox, which is a 20 minute session. April said when doing foot detox, she likes to do three sessions back-to-back within a month's time and continue monthly after that.

With two girls, Zeva, 6, and Zoelle, 3, and two twin boys, Zoyer and Zicah, 5 months old, April and her husband stay plenty busy. April's main focus and first priority is always God and her family, but her second passion is massage.

"I have a true passion and really enjoy



Courtesy photo

Touch of Grace Massage Therapy business owner April Tickle will be celebrating eight years of serving the Arnold community this September.

massaging. Although it is tiring and tough on the body, you find ways to make it work," she said.

With four kiddos, April's hours are on Tuesdays for now, from 10-8. Normal hours once her kids get older will be Monday, and Tuesday, 10-8, and Friday and Saturdays, 10-5.

She has weekly, every two weeks and monthly clients. A 30 minute massage allows time to work on a problem area

and 60 minutes is a full body massage. She can range from light to heavy pressure depending on the clients preference.

"It might sound weird, but I enjoy giving 90 minute massages the best. It allows me to get through the whole routine plus work on problem areas," she said. "It is recommended to stay regular with massage instead of waiting

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