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Fire department members have a little fun after the Sandhills Open Road Challenge Burn-Out Contest on Broadway Street last Friday afternoon, shooting a stream of water to cool kids down. "It's a great way to promote the fire department and have some fun," said Andrew Tickle, who took the photo with his drone. "A lot of people weren't aware that we did it last year. Gregg Tickle and Eric Nelson pulled up in the truck and acted like they were going to 'burn out,' but instead turned on the water."

Sandhills Open Road Challenge Named One of Top 100 Automotive Events on the Planet

By Janet Larreau

Last week's Sandhills Open Road Challenge is now in the record books, drawing 40 percent more drivers than the year before. The number of drivers wanting to enter the race will undoubtedly grow next year, as the SORC is now listed as #79 in the top 100 events around the globe by MotionU.

Lirel Holt, CEO of MotionU, has competed in the SORC the last three years, driving a 2009 red Dodge Viper.

"The company was formed out of frustration to know about the wonderful vehicle events around the planet," said Holt. "I have traveled the globe, and everywhere I go, I'd like to know what races are there - car races, motorcycle shows, tractor racing... Basically anything with a motor and wheels. I could never find one place that could give me the answers, so we decided to do it."

Holt and other company members have been making the effort to identify the top 100 events, and only made the list public in large part this year. The company now has 150,000 followers, and has done no marketing.

The criteria used by the committee to select the MotionU top 100 automotive events demands the event be defined by two or more of the following:

- Shock and Awe: is dangerous, scary, thrilling, adrenaline, extremes, risk of death, challenging.
- Attendance: Large numbers of people are at the event site, or viewing.
- Participation: How many or

few people "doing" the event or how rare, limited or costly is it to participate?

• Uniqueness: The event is different, carries novelty, oddity, prurient interest or variations to norms.

• History: The age, length of run, tradition or historical significance establishes the event as meaningful.

• Scope: What does the overall breadth, span of geography, length of time, effort or "bigness" contribute?

• Location: Scenic beauty, unique geography, changing geography, ease of access, difficulty of access.

• Prestige: Exclusivity, elegance, limited or social barriers of access.

• Speed: Level of action involved with the event.

• Fun: The amount of enjoyment people have attending or participating in the event.

The company tracks events all over the globe: Australian events, European events, the 100th Anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. In all, the committee has tracked 165,000 events, and the SORC came out #79.

"Looking at the top of the criteria, this event is unique. There are very few events that are ran on public highways in the U.S. Very few that are community sponsored. And the location is right in the middle of the U.S., with scenic beauty and unique geography. It is easy to access from anywhere in North America. It is also difficult to access, because there are no five star hotels in Arnold, Nebraska, although the community has



A sparkling red Lamborghini drew a lot of attention at last Friday afternoon's Sandhills Open Road Challenge Car Show, where high performance cars lined the streets before competing in the open road race from Arnold to Dunning and back again on Saturday morning. Over 140 cars were driven or trailered from all over the U.S. to Arnold to enjoy all of the activities involved with the 16th Annual SORC. (Janet Larreau photo)

thrown their doors wide open to invite and host the drivers and navigators from all over North America, said Holt.

He said the event also has prestige.

"It is exclusive. It's hard to get into, and those that have done this before understand and want to be early registrants. It's an exclusive club to get into," he said. "The last two are perfect fits. It has speed and fun. This is one of the most delightful, caring, and especially real events on the planet."

As a SORC participant, Holt said he was not involved in ranking the SORC in the top

100, with five other committee members making that decision.

Holt plans to bring his Viper back in 2017, and he plans to win.

"I've been involved in open road racing for the past 18 years, and I've won every one of the races in some bracket. At the SORC, I've been nowhere near that podium. I'm going to fight my way to come back, because I want to win the toughest race in the country," he said. "It's unbelievable what you do. A community coming together like that. It's astounding. Hats off to everyone who is involved and participates."

Excellence at Fair



(Pictured, left) Holding her standard size hen, Western Riders 4-H Club member Antonia Oberg happily displays her Grand Champion and Grand Champion Overall Awards after judging at the Custer County Fair. (Above) Jadeyn Bubak ties her goat in 10.29 seconds to be the Grand Champion in the Junior Division. These girls, and other Arnold 4-Hers did their hometown proud at fair this year, winning numerous awards. Please turn to page 4 and 5 for complete results and more photos. (Courtesy photo)

School Board Passes Resolution to be Named in Lawsuit

At the August 9 Arnold School Board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Dawn Lewis read a resolution from the Attorney General's office in its entirety to advise the board to be named in the lawsuit filed against the federal government for declaratory judgement on whether or not the directives given to school districts last May (2016) were enforceable by federal law. The directive indicated that schools were to allow transgender students to use any restroom or locker room facility they chose, regardless of anatomical gender, or else federal Title IX monies would be withheld. Attorney General Doug Peterson filed the lawsuit in the best interest of ALL Nebraska students for the purpose of physical and emotional safety concerns, and the legality of such a directive. The board members all voted in favor of passing the resolution to be named in the lawsuit.

All board members voted to pass an initiative to serve locally raised beef in our school lunches. The specifics of the NDE and USDA requirements were discussed, and a committee was formed that will inspect beef donations prior to being sent to process. The Arnold Community Foundation will accept donations of beef or monetary gifts on behalf of the school. The Steakmasters processing center in Elwood, which meets the USDA requirement that an inspector is on site from slaughter to process, is the locker that was discussed to be used. They are working with several schools on such initiatives. It is estimated that 3-4 beefes will be used throughout the school year. A kick-off event will be hosted at school in the near future.

In other business, 18 board policies which were generated by legislative activity this spring were adopted on second reading, and the four earlier-mentioned policies were re-adopted. Changes made to the Student/Parent handbook, the Teacher handbook, and the Para handbook were minimal this year. Only the list of teaching staff members changed, and the calendar dates for the 2016-17 school year.

The inter-local agreement to share the Athletic Director Jarod Rush was approved for another year. The General Fund Budget Hearing and Tax Request Resolution for the 2016-17 Budget were set to be held on September 13 at 7:40 p.m. and 7:55 p.m. respectively.

Dr. Lewis reported on Administrator Days, summer project completion, and mentioned that an updated preschool list indicates Arnold Public School is now in the minority for not having a publicly funded PK program. There are 211 approved programs out of 249 school districts in Nebraska.

The next regular meeting time and date was set to be September 13, 2016, at 8:00 p.m., with the earlier mentioned Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing to be held in advance of the regular meeting.

Preceding the meeting were required public hearings on the Student Fees Policy, the Parent Involvement Policy, the Anti-Bullying Policy, and the Student Attendance Policy. A Budget Workshop followed the public hearings, and concluded at 8:00, when the regular meeting began.

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