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Another phase of Cemetery Improvement Project completed with erection of gazebo

Eleven new trees planted

By Janet Larreau

A beautiful, new gazebo now graces the Arnold Cemetery thanks to the Arnold Community Foundation Fund. It is one more step in a project to improve the cemetery that started in the spring of 2018.

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund pledged half of the \$50,000.00 raised at last fall's annual banquet and auction to the Cemetery Improvement Project. A Cemetery Improvement board was formed that includes Gary Blevins, Becky Dailey, Ron Cool, Bobbie Smith, Joan Smith and Mary Becker.

“We picked random people to serve on the board for their input, a few were recommended, and I made some calls,” said Blevins. “This board looked at several styles of gazebos before choosing the right one, and had Frank Hauser install it.”

The gazebo can be used for the speaker at Memorial Day services, and for families visiting the cemetery to protect themselves from the elements.

Blevins said the ACFF's original plans were to use some of the money for the new fence, but the Arnold Village Board designated money from the Edna B. Peterson estate for the fence. The ACFF then designated its money to the gazebo and new trees.

Old trees and stumps were taken out, and 11 new trees have been planted so far. Each tree has an automatic drip system. Blevins credited ACFF board members, Junior Honor Society students and SORC members for helping out with planting the trees.

Not all of the designated \$25,000.00 will be spent on the gazebo and trees, and Blevins said ACFF board members have a couple of ideas on how to spend



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Another step in the Arnold Cemetery Improvement Project has been completed with the erection of a gazebo. The Arnold Community Foundation Fund paid for this project, as well as planting new trees with drip systems.

the rest of the money.

“It's getting quite exciting, seeing each step being completed,” he said.

The next project phase will be improving the cemetery's oil roads. This will be done when road crews come to fix the town's roads in the fall.

A recap of the trees selected follows:

- Two Burr Oaks: This species - that

grows to 50 ft. tall - is native to Nebraska so it should do well.

- Three Greenspire Lindens. With a height of 35 ft. and a spread of 25', this species is noted for being more disease resistant than other types of Linden trees.

- One Royale Red Maple. While maples are noted to be fast growing

trees, this is the hardiest of the maple species. This tree was chosen to add some visual interest to the cemetery.

- Five Royal Raindrops Crabapple. These trees, that grow about 20 ft. tall and have a spread of 15 ft., do not have apples on them; rather, they have small berries that do not normally fall off, but stay on for birds to eat.

Weinmans Receive AKSARBEN 2018 Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award



Courtesy photo

A large representation of the Weinman family was present last Saturday evening to celebrate receiving the AKSARBEN Pioneer Award at the Lincoln County Fair. Pictured are: back row, l-r: Cam Weinman, Dean Weinman, Hunter Weinman, Jim Weinman, Glen Weinman, Darren Weinman, Brady Weinman; middle row, l-r: Katie Weinman, Kaedyn Weinman, Amy Merritt, Leon Weinman, Jean Thunker, Connie Weinman, Tammy Weinman; front row, l-r: Hayden Weinman, Makenna Weinman, Delanie Weinman, Nickie Weinman and Quinlee Weinman

The AKSARBEN Foundation recognized Nebraska farm families who have consecutively held ownership of land in the same family for at least 100 years at the Lincoln County Fair on Saturday night, July 28. Local residents Jim and Nickie Weinman were among Pioneer Award honorees receiving a plaque and gatepost marker as a permanent recognition of this milestone.

The interesting history of how the farm, located southwest of Arnold, came to be was provided by the family to AKSARBEN, and is reprinted here:

Fayette Solomon Long was born at Morganville, Clay County Kansas - 12 February 1878. His father was Wilks Noah Long, and his mother was Cora Dottson.

His family was farming while living in

Kansas. Fayette Long got tired of the wind blowing in Kansas and moved to Garfield Table in the northeast area of Lincoln County, Nebraska, and worked for farmers.

Fay heard this land was for sale the following year in the Kilmer Valley in the northeast corner of Lincoln County so he bought the 480 acres of land for \$17.00 an acre on 10 April 1917 and a year later married Nancy Belle Johnson on 31 October 1918, at North Platte, Nebraska. Nancy was born 23 April 1886 at Garfield Table in Lincoln County Nebraska.

The ground he bought was part farm land and the rest was pasture. He farmed corn and oats and back then, the corn was husked and left on cobs. He had horses and some Hereford cat-

tle.

The first house that Fay and Nancy Long lived in was an old school house that Fay moved in. The house was added on to a few times. They had two daughters: Marjorie, born 3 July 1920, and Irene, born 6 January 1922, both of Arnold. One of the vehicles that Fay had was a Model T car.

In the mid- to late 20s, Fay and Nancy were gone. On the way home a blizzard started. When they got home, Fay was starting the wood stove and caught the house on fire. The family sat in their vehicle during the storm and watched the house burn. It also caught the barn on fire that was located southeast of the house a ways. Fay then built a basement home and lived in it for a while. A few years later, a tornado hit Arnold, so Fay

and his hired help tore down homes that were damaged from the tornado and built the house that is now standing.

There was also a small shed to the southwest of the house by the cistern. Fay met a man, and he had no place to live, so Fay let him stay in the little shed for nothing for several years. After the man left, Fay hired Paul Weinman, and that is where he stayed until he married Fay's daughter Marjorie.

During World War II, every eligible man, woman, child and baby in the United States was given War Ration Books. The blue stamps were for any kind of canned or bottled fruit and vegetables, canned or bottled juices and soups, frozen fruits and vegetables and dried fruits. Red stamps were used for meats. Fay and Nancy were given these books.

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Fay and Nancy bought a trailer to live in and let Paul and Marjorie have the house in 1943 after they got married. Marjorie's sister had gotten married a couple years before that. Paul worked for Fay for a few years before Fay retired and then Paul took over the operation. After Paul married Marjorie, they took the porch and turned it into a kitchen and made a nice bathroom. The house was added on to six to seven times.

In the 40s, Fay bought a quarter section for \$50 an acre, plus a few other acres. Fay and Nancy bought a trailer and would travel to Old Mexico and Arizona for the winter and then come home and park in the northwest corner of the yard by the house for the summer and help, if needed.

Paul was the first to put in a well and have running water to the house. The well was being drilled when he brought home Marjorie and the twins, April 14, 1954. The twins, Jean and Jim, had three brothers at home: Leon, 10; Glen, 8; and Dale, 14 months. At the same time, he put a well out west of the house for farming. He replaced the dryland with a hand moving sprinkler system.

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