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Notable Quote

The richest man is not he who has the most, but he who needs the least. - Unknown

Glow Run successful despite rain

The 1st Annual 5K Glow Run & Walk ended early on Saturday night due to rain moving in, but the event was a success. Held at the Arnold Recreation Area, event included kids games, a bonfire and making s'mores.

“We played cornhole and a beachball game that was extremely difficult, but the kids loved it,” said organizer Sal Hilderbrant.

Planned as a fundraiser for Chamber, the event drew 20 entries - with 15 showing up - at least 15 kids, and quite a few grandmas and grandpas who came out to watch their kids run.

Three runners actually finished the 5K before the rain moved in.

Those who participated were extremely generous, with \$460.00 in donations received, plus the registration fees.

“We had a really good time, and plan to run it in conjunction with the S.A.S.S. next year,” said Sal.

Farm Credit Services Makes Generous Donation

New merry-go-round fund is growing, more needed



Photo/Diana Coleman

Farm Credit Services volunteer Jen Dalrymple (center) presents a \$750.00 check to AEDC Director Cheryl Carson (left) and Heather Hagler (right) to help with the purchase of a new merry-go-round at the city park. In May, Jen organized a group of volunteers from her office in Broken Bow to come to Arnold to help put the new little tots play structure together (pictured), add the last borders and spread mulch. “If they had enough staff volunteer to help, Farm Credit Services corporate office would also make a monetary donation. Since they had enough of their staff from the office to come help, Jen was able to put in a request for additional funds,” said Cheryl Carson. With this, and other recent donations, the new merry-go-round fund has grown to \$5,309.60, with a goal of \$7,836.40. Anyone who would like to donate to the merry-go-round project can contact Cheryl Carson at the AEDC office, or mail checks to AEDC, PO Box 376, Arnold, NE 69120. Please denote playground on your donation.

ARA check-in station, bull riding event discussed at Village Board meeting

At last week’s Village Board meeting, members voted to issue a check to Premier Portable Buildings for \$3,429.50 for a new check-in station at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). AEDC Director Cheryl Carson said that the AEDC was awarded a grant for improvements at the recreation area from the Custer County Tourism visitors Committee. The funding for the grant comes from the Custer County Lodging Tax. The AEDC will issue a check to the Village for the check-in station.

Bull Riding Event

Matt Fletcher was given permission to hold a bull riding event at the Arnold roping grounds on Saturday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. Trey Kerner will be helping with the event that will benefit Tyler Long. Chairman Bowers said that a special event policy listing the Village of Arnold as additional insured will need to be obtained.

Appliance Disposal Fees

Board members continued their discussion on the disposal fee for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. The disposal fee for refrigerators and freezers is \$10.00 and

\$5.00 for air conditioners. Appliances must have a sticker indicating that the freon has been removed by a certified technician. Adam Wonch of Cloudfire Services can properly drain the freon for a fee of \$10.00 per appliance. Board members decided against waiving the disposal fee. Superintendent Doug De Laune said that Mike Harvey is still having problems with people leaving freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners on the Legion’s scrap metal trailer. The Board recommended that a sign be posted at the trailer.

In other business, the board:

- Heard an update from AEDC Director Cheryl Carson. She reported on the ARA check-in station, the new Custer County Tourism website, and the welcome bag project.
- Accepted Country Partners Cooperative bid for propane.
- Discussed the Waste Water Operator Certification Program. Bowers said that NDEQ has been receiving a lot of complaints about the exam. Nationwide, only 7 percent pass the test. NDEQ is in the process of revising the exams.

- Reviewed the preliminary budget for the water, sewer and solid waste department and discussed rates. More discussion will be held at the special meeting/budget workshop on Monday, August 26. The Property Tax Request will also be on the agenda for the special meeting.
- Agreed to leave electric rates as is.

During the meeting, R.T. Green thanked the Village Board and employees for all their help with the SORC.

Pancake Feed, Live Auction Benefit planned for Arnold resident Tyler Long

Friends of Arnold resident Tyler Long are planning a benefit pancake feed and silent auction on Saturday, August 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center.

Tyler was injured in a bull riding accident in Wayne, Nebraska, on July 25. This injury hospitalized him for an extended period of time, also resulting in surgical reconstruction.

Tyler lives in Arnold, where he owns and operates Long’s Precision Fencing. He is known for always being the first to lend a hand, his hard work ethic, a dedicated and loving father to Lane, Callie and Ryan, and known for being one of the most down to earth, genuine guys.

Many items have already been donated for the silent auction, and there’s still time to donate

by contacting Amanda Fletcher or by going to the Pancake Feed and Silent Auction for Tyler Long Facebook page.

Tyler’s friends are also planning a benefit bull riding event at the Arnold roping grounds on Saturday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. Matt Fletcher and Trey Kerner are organizing the event. More details on this event will be in a future issue of The Sentinel.



Tyler Long, with his youngest son, 3-year-old Ryan.

First-Year Sport Pulls Good Numbers

A preview of the upcoming Cross Country season

By Landyn Cole
APS Junior

“Treat each other like family. Have team unity. Support each other.” Each are goals the head cross country coach, Nicole Recoy, and assistant coach, Susie Campbell, have set for their cross country team.

Cross country is a new sport for South Loup athletics. Cross country is a race in which athletes run 5 kilometers, or 3.1 miles, on open terrain - typically a golf course.

“Due to growing enrollment numbers, the South Loup co-op board members recommended that another activity be offered to students,” said Principal

Morgan.

Both the Arnold and Callaway school boards approved the addition of cross country as a sport in the Arnold and Callaway co-op.

As a first-year sport, there are obstacles. “We’re an inexperienced team; they’re all first-year high school cross country athletes,” said Coach Recoy.

Despite lack of cross country background, many of the athletes are chasing success.

Coach Recoy’s daughter, a promising member of the team, has realistic goals for her freshman season. “My goal for the first meet is just to finish. I just want to see improvement as the season goes on,” said Halie Recoy.

While the athletes may have slim-to-none experience, Coach Recoy is a knowledgeable head coach. She ran cross country in college, and coached the sport at Stapleton Public Schools.

Despite being the first year that cross country has been offered to SLB athletes, the team has a respectable-sized roster. Out of the nine total students out for cross country, two are on the men’s team and seven are on the women’s.

Whether it’s because they enjoy running, want to stay in shape for upcoming sports, or simply wanted to experience something new, all these athletes made the bold choice to test the waters of the new sport. For others yet, cross country

was appealing because of the supportive feel of the sport.

“Cross country has a super positive atmosphere. Practice is a fun time because everyone is working hard together while still having fun,” said Lila Bloomer.

The cross country roster includes: Silas Cool, Halie Recoy, Tanner Brown, Hagen Ell, Jade Evans, Sophia Doyle, Megan Donegan, Heidi Donegan and Lila Bloomer.

A total of six regular meets are scheduled, followed by districts and state.

Weekly cross country meets will be covered in the Arnold Sentinel. We wish the runners the best of luck in their first cross country season!

Early deadline notice for Sentinel’s Sept. 5 issue

So that we may take an extended holiday over Labor Day weekend, the deadline for all advertising, news and public notices for the Sentinel’s September 5 issue will be Wednesday, August 28, at noon. The issue will be sent to press on Thursday, and the office will be closed on Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2.

Thanks to all of our readers and advertisers for your cooperation.