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The Arnold Exchange owners Blaine and Kris Hagler (center) cut the ribbon for their new restaurant and convenience store on Highway 92, with Lt. Gov. Mike Foley (third from left), employees (all not in view) and family members helping to hold the ribbon at a celebration held on September 2. Ribbon cuttings were held at three locations. (Courtesy photo)

Lt. Gov. Foley Returns to Town for More Ribbon Cuttings

By Janet Larreau

On this third visit to Arnold for ribbon cuttings for new and expanding businesses, Nebraska Lt. Gov. Mike Foley said things just keep getting better.

The Lt. Gov. said he started his day off with a good breakfast at a business that he would later officially visit for a ribbon cutting.

"I had breakfast at the new Arnold Exchange, and wow! What a beautiful, impressive restaurant and convenience store that is," he said.

He then met with a core group at the Arnold Economic Development Office. Present there were: Ashley Rice-Gerlach from the Department of Nebraska Economic Development; Brittany Hardin from the Governor's office and the

Department of Economic Development; Deb McCaslin from the Custer County Economic Development; Cheryl Carson, Arnold Economic Development (AEDC) Executive Director; Andrew Tickle, AEDC Board President; Lisa Nelson, AEDC Board Treasurer; Glen Bowers, Arnold Village Board Chairperson; Dena Mills, Chamber President; and Sean Carson, driver, photographer and security.

The group's first ribbon cutting stop was at the new location of Arnold Insurance Agency. Owners Joe Bob and Randi Atkins recently remodeled the former Cardinal Inn building, and the Lt. Gov. said it was impressive.

"What impressed me is that they have fiber optic service provided by Great Plains Com-

munications, which is critical, for rural areas, and it is a paperless business," he said. "With all of the electronics and latest technology, they can run a very successful business."

The Lt. Gov. then toured the new location for Agri Affiliates, and spoke with building owners Tony and Krista Eggleston. The couple recently remodeled and created office spaces in the east side of the former Model Cafe building. The west end of the building was previously remodeled for Krista's business, The Kreative Edge salon.

"The Egglestons brought this older building up to snuff. This is a great new location for the real estate and agricultural appraisals business. It was very, very impressive," said Lt. Gov. Foley.

Arnold Exchange owners Blaine and Kris Hagler and manager Jessica Fletcher welcomed the Lt. Gov. on his last stop. The restaurant and convenience store located on Highway 92 now employs 13 people, and draws good crowds.

"It's a really neat business in a high traffic location," said Lt. Gov. Foley.

The group moved to the dining area of The Exchange for lunch, and honored three businesses with certificates for their longevity and service to the community.

Third generation business owner Brad Forrester represented Forrester's Dodge City, which has been operating in Arnold for over 80 years.

Another third generation business operated for over 50

years, was Nansel's Best Service, represented by Ralph Nansel.

Accepting an honor for celebrating 20 years of business was Dena Mills of Mills Hardware. A second generation is currently helping operate the store.

"It was a great day of celebrating businesses and being with the people of Arnold," said the Lt. Gov. "Arnold has a real 'can-do' attitude that will serve them very well into the future. The town is doing incredibly well, compared to other communities of this size. It's difficult for small communities to sustain themselves. A lot of it has to do with the determination of businesses to attract people. (Arnold) is kind of a magnet for people of the area."

After lunch, Lt. Gov. Foley toured Mills Hardware to see updates that had been made there.

"That hardware store is very high quality with an extraordinary selection. It would be difficult to find a hardware store that good in a wide area," he said. "It's a good mix of businesses that will attract people from the wider community."

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson, who organized the ribbon cuttings and honors, said she allowed the business owners to have some private time with the Lt. Gov., to tell him about themselves, their business, and to show him around.

"Overall, Lt. Gov. Foley is pleased with how hard Arnold works to keep our community moving forward. This includes new businesses, as well as businesses that are expanding. We are very glad our governor and Lt. governor are focused on Nebraska's growth of communities, and state as well. It's nice to have that support," she said.

Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs
Cooperative Weather Observer
WEATHER STATION
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP,
ACROSS FROM ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
30	76	60	0
31	77	60	0
1	77	48	0
2	76	47	0
3	74	52	0
4	73	62	0
5	79	58	.51
6	86	57	.90
7	68	61	0
8	78	57	0
9	77	55	0
10	72	43	0
11	72	39	0
12	81	49	0

The high temperature in August was 90 degrees, and the low was 41. Total precipitation was .50 inches.



Lincoln County Raceway Track Champion Brady Weinman (third from left), with his pit crew (from left) Austin Snyder, Justin Mousel, Drew Bowers, Jessica Coons and Charlie Blowers. (Courtesy photo)

Weinman is Second Generation Points Champion

Brady Weinman is the 2016 Track Champion at Lincoln County Raceway and Runner Up at Lexington Raceway in the IMCA Hobby Stock Division. Brady is a second generation points champion at Lincoln County Raceway. Brady's dad, Darren Weinman, was Track Champion in 1992 and 1994 in the Stock Car Division. Brady raced 24 races this year and had 22 top five finishes.

Brady's sponsors this year are Arnold Irrigation, First State Insurance, Country Partners, The Body Shop, Loup Valley Construction, Yoli, Weinman Farms, Suzy's Pizza, Touch of Tranquility, JIH Feeders, A-1 Auto, Double J Trucking, Mills Hardware, Blowers Farms, Dyna-Gro Seeds, KOS Construction, Channel Seed, Jacobitz Race Engines, Outlaw Race Products, Toxic Graphics, Nansel's Best Service, E.J.'s Outdoor Sports, The Yellow Rose, Reliable Ag Services, and The Dancer Family.

Brady's pit crew has helped him get ready every week for the races in North Platte and Lexington. Those on his pit crew are Austin Snyder, Justin Mousel, Drew Bowers, Charlie Bowers, Robbie Kosmacek, Travis Garrett, Jason Liemann, Darren Weinman, John Brosius, and Mikey Dancer and crew.