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## Harvest Changing With the Times

Harvest is upon the area, as many fields were put up for ensilage this past week. Spotted in the area was Mike Pandorf operating this Claas Jaguar 10-row ensilage cutter with four trucks hauling away the feed. The modern cutter is much different than the old two-row cutters many people are familiar with. Running at five plus miles per hour, this machine not only takes 10 rows of irrigated corn at a time, but is equipped with a high power magnet that detects any metal picked up and shuts the machine down automatically to prevent any damage; a double mill to grind up the corn, cobs and stalks for better cattle consumption; and an inoculant system. Unheard of many years ago, ensilage is now inoculated with a blue microbial inoculant that speeds up the fermentation process, thus making it a much more efficient process and eliminating any waste ensilage that cattle will not consume. Although these machines require a lot of maintenance and have a lot of high output parts that often need replaced, ensilage harvest time is cut down to hours per field, compared to the old machines that would take days to harvest the same amount. (Kendra Veirs photo)

## Gubernatorial Candidates will Debate Issues October 2 Live on NET

LINCOLN (September 18, 2014) – Voters can learn more about the two candidates vying to be Nebraska’s next governor during a live broadcast of an upcoming debate between Democrat Chuck Hassebrook and Republican Pete Ricketts.

The NET News production “Nebraska Gubernatorial Debate 2014” airs live from the NET Studios Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. CT on NET Television’s NET1 and NET Radio. It will also be streamed live on the NET website (netNebraska.org) and via the NET Nebraska App.

The 60-minute debate is being presented by NET News in cooperation with the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. Each candidate will answer questions from a panel of Nebraska journalists, and the debate will be moderated by NET News Director Dennis Kellogg.

The debate is part of “Campaign Connection 2014” election coverage presented by NET News. The project includes in-depth “Signature Stories” on NET Radio reporting on the campaigns, candidates and issues, as well as election resources available online at the

NET News “Campaign Connection 2014” website at netNebraska.org/campaignconnection2014.

The debate will repeat several times on NET Television during October, including Monday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m. on NET2 World and at 9:00 p.m. on NET1. It also repeats on NET2 Sunday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Monday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Broadcasters Association has a long tradition of sponsoring candidate debates.

## Village Board Approves 2014-2015 Budget

The Arnold Village Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$2,251,580 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at the special meeting held on September 15. According to Village Clerk Patricia Lamberty, the property tax request is \$74,640.00 for fiscal year 214-2015. This is the same property tax request since fiscal year 2009-2010. The levy for Arnold will be .404740. Property taxes are split between the General and Street departments. The General includes parks, swimming pool, community center and general govern-

ment.

The largest capital improvement budgeted for is \$325,000.00 for electrical upgrades. This includes Phase II of the Voltage Conversion & Line Rebuild Project. Phase 1 was completed in fiscal year 2012-2013.

Approximately 22 percent of the budgeted expenditures (\$500,000.00) is for electricity purchases from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and Western Area Power Administration.

A total of \$89,000.00 has been budgeted for community improvement. The clerk said this money comes from the 1 percent local sales & use tax. The Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees on how this money is spent.

One-hundred-thousand dollars has been budgeted for capital improvements/capital outlay from the Edna B. Peterson Estate. Lamberty said the village has not received the money as of yet, but it is included in the budget so that it can be spent when received. How the money will be spent will be up to the village board.

Another \$70,000.00 has been budgeted for the Arnold Roping Arena Project. This amount is contingent upon donations.

Other capital improvements include: \$27,500.00 to armor coat the streets and \$25,000.00 for a CIPP liner for the sewer system.

Capital Outlay expenditures include: \$29,500.00 for the annual payment on the loader; \$80,000.00 for generators; \$75,000.00 for a used trash truck; \$10,000.00 for dumpsters; and \$14,000.00 for lawn mowers.

## Rotary Donates Freezer to Food Pantry

Local food pantries normally stock non-perishable items for families in need, but Arnold Food Pantry Director Rhonda Gilland has been receiving more and more generous donations of meat. Gilland was keeping the meat in her home freezer and in the refrigerator freezer used by the local youth group Ground Zero, but freezer space was at a premium as donations of hamburger and cubed steaks kept coming in.

In December, Gilland gave a presentation on the food pantry and how it operates to the Arnold Rotary Club. During the presentation, she mentioned the need for a freezer.

Each year, Rotary clubs across District 5630 decide on a project that will benefit their community, district or an international effort. Grant money is available at all levels, and a proposal is submitted.

“When it came time for the grant proposal, we decided purchasing a freezer for the food pantry would make the greatest impact on the community right now,” said Arnold Rotary President-Elect Amanda Koubek.

Then-current Rotary President Becky Dailey and Koubek wrote the grant, and the club was awarded \$1,000.00 for the project. Part of the criteria of receiving the grant included the local club matching 1/4 or \$250.00, resulting in a total of \$1,250.00.

Koubek said the food pantry space, located in the basement of the Finch Library, didn’t have an electrical outlet, so part of the money was used to hire Bailar Power Systems to do the wiring. After paying for electrical and purchasing the freezer,



Rotary President-Elect Amanda Koubek (left) and Arnold Food Pantry Director Rhonda Gilland (right) stand by a new freezer that Rotary recently donated to the pantry to store non-perishable food items. (Courtesy photo)

Rotary now has \$450.00 left over to stock the freezer.

“There are kids in the community now where the only warm meal they receive is at school,” said Koubek. “With this donation, maybe kids could have a more balanced diet and we will have a healthier community overall.”

Gilland said those who use the food pantry really appreciate the meat.

“I think it’s pretty awesome! It’s quite an asset to our food pantry,” Gilland said of the freezer donation.

The Arnold club currently has 15 members, and Koubek said residents age 18 and older are welcome to join.

“We are always looking for members who are interested in joining,” she said. “Rotary is about helping others to make our community and world a

better place to live. Internationally, we are part of the effort to eradicate polio world-wide. It’s a great organization to be a part of, and I’m really grateful to be a part of Rotary.”

The food pantry is open the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. To fill out an application, residents may contact Gilland at 848-2835. All information is kept confidential.

## Weather Summary

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

DATE	H	L	M
16	73	58	0
17	80	56	0
18	86	59	0
19	79	62	0
20	91	64	0
21	85	56	0
22	76	52	0