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"Young at Heart"  
Residents

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When I asked Sue Beshaler if she would let me interview her for a story for The Sentinel, she replied that she really didn't have any information that would do for a story, and "besides," she said, "I was not born here, so I am kind of an import." Well, since she has been "a local" since 1952, I thought she would qualify for story material.

Ellen Grosse, hereafter called "Sue", was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 4, 1929. Her maternal grandfather, who had poled his way down the Missouri River to Vincennes, Indiana, which was the first capital of the Northwest Territory, lovingly blamed Sue for "the crash", which occurred one week later.

Her growing-up years were ones of living in a number of different locations and attending a number of schools. Her parents separated when Sue was still very young, and she and her mother moved to Chicago when Sue was 5 years old. She was a timid child and was afraid of the school regime, so she first attended a private Catholic school. Her first communion breakfast was at Walgreens, just off of Lincoln Park.

**Sue was a PBX operator in Troutdale in the Pines. She got to talk to Bing Crosby on the phone while working there.**

## They've a Story to Tell

Destiny brings Sue Beshaler to Arnold.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

If you want good conversation, have a seat with Arnold resident Sue Beshaler. She's always ready to enjoy a good cup of coffee with friends.

They moved back to Vincennes when Sue was in the 7th grade. She attended school there through high school, with the exception of part of her senior year spent in Phoenix, Arizona. Sue's mother had remarried to Homer Molyneux, and they were living in Phoenix.

Her father, John Grosse, lived in New

York City, and Sue would spend some of her summers with him and his new wife. Living there was "big", as they attended parties and went to shows that featured big names. She got to see the "Velvet Fog", Mel Torme, and saw many plays that featured famous actors. She also learned to drive in New York City -

WOW! - and ate her first pizza and saw her first TV while there.

The summer after she graduated, she went to Troutdale in the Pines in Colorado, where she was a PBX operator. She got to talk to Bing Crosby on the phone while working there. That winter she went to Tucson, Arizona, and worked as a telephone operator. She enrolled at the University of Arizona at Tucson where she joined the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, was a theater major, and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree. She was offered a screen test in Hollywood, but felt she did not have the confidence to do it.

Her mother and stepfather had moved to Broken Bow, Nebraska, where Tom Varney had encouraged Homer to develop a country club and golf course. Sue had heard rumors that there were only dirt roads, no indoor plumbing and hardly any cars on the road in Broken Bow. She did know for a fact, however, there were no Indians. She was pleasantly surprised when she arrived in town and found it civilized.

She came to Broken Bow to spend the summer, and when her friend was dating a guy from Callaway, she talked Sue into going along on a blind date, where she met a guy named Ferd. Letters, phone calls, and trips back and forth led to a wedding between Ellen Grosse and Ferdinand "Bud" Beshaler on February 25, 1952, at St. Joseph's Church in Broken Bow. And so Sue became a local.

Bud was a farmer, and they settled into a home six miles east of Arnold on the Callaway road. It was a little house that Bud's great-grandfather, Jacob Beshaler, had built using lumber from old

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## Fun Fact About Sue

Sue drank her first coffee at the age of 36. With so many kids, how did she get through the day?

## Village Board Schedules Budget Hearing

Proposed \$2,532,840.00 budget includes electrical upgrades

The Arnold Village Board of Trustees will hold a budget hearing on Monday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m. The proposed budget is \$2,532,840 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Approximately 20 percent of the budgeted expenditures (\$500,000.00) are for electricity purchases from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and Western Area Power Administration. The largest capital improvement budgeted for is \$400,000.00 for electrical upgrades. This includes Phase 4 of the Voltage Conversion & Line Rebuild Project. Phase 1 was completed in fiscal year 2012-2013. Phase 2 was completed in fiscal year 2014-2015, and Phase 3 was completed in fiscal year 2016-2017.

Other capital improvements include the following:

- \$40,000.00 for Street Improvements.
- \$98,000.00 - Install 8" Water Main on 500 & 600 Block of N Haskell.
- \$30,000.00 - Park Improvements (contingent upon donations).

Capital Outlay Expenditures include:

- \$15,000.00 - Dumpsters.
- \$15,000.00 - Lawn Mower.
- \$12,000.00 - Bobcat Compact Track Loader (Trade In).

• \$18,000.00 - Loan Payment - John Deere Utility Tractor.

• \$70,000.00 - Down Payment - Trash

Truck.

Some of the other expenditures include:

• \$70,200.00 - Professional Fees (attorney/auditor/engineer).

• \$73,165.00 - Insurance & Bonds.

• \$10,000.00 - Wastewater Plant Expense.

• \$16,500.00 - Tipping Fees at Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency.

• \$15,000.00 - Crack Sealant of Streets.

• \$15,000.00 - Sewer Main Maintenance.

• \$55,100.00 is budgeted to spend from the Edna B Peterson Estate.

A total of \$132,630.00 has been budgeted for Community Improvement. 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 used.

The property tax request of \$95,950.00 is the same as the prior year tax request. The proposed 2018 tax rate would be .390556. The 2017 tax rate was .399202. Property taxes are split between the General and Street Departments. The General includes Parks, Swimming Pool, Community Center and General Government.

The proposed budget hearing will be held on Monday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the Arnold Village Hall.

## New School Cooks Learning the Ropes



Photo & Story by Diana Coleman

Rose Bierman, head cook at APS, and assistant cook Lea Ann Edelman are new faces greeting kids as they go through the lunch line.

The kitchen at Arnold Public Schools is serving up delicious meals thanks to the new lunch ladies who have hit the ground running. Rose Bierman was hired as the head cook, replacing long time cook Shar Peterson, who retired, and Lea Ann Edelman, who replaced Donna Corbin.

Rose made the decision to apply for the job after the suggestion was made to her at a TeamMates event. After much thought and support from her husband Roger, she decided to apply. Lea Ann had worked at Anselmo-Merna School for the past seven and a half years in their lunch room. She said she is thankful for a job close to home and not driving in bad weather anymore.

Rose and Lea Ann attended a two-day training in Kearney over the summer to help prepare them for the many meals they would prepare and serve to the stu-

dents.

The biggest hurdle so far for the ladies has been determining the amount of food to make every day.

"We don't want to run out of food. Those kids can eat up there!" said Rose.

Knowing what items and how much to order for the following week has also been challenging. She said that the job is overwhelming due to the different aspects of the job. She always needs to be planning and thinking about the following week and what needs to be ordered on what day for it to be delivered on time. So far, they have only had a few mishaps, but everyone was very understanding. Shar has offered to share her expertise when needed, for which Rose and LeaAnn are very grateful. They are both still getting familiar with the

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## Fall Festival Offering a Day of Fun

Sign up now for parade and "Olympics"

As promised, *The Sentinel* is providing more details on the upcoming Fall Festival. Set for September 15, the day will start out with a parade at 10:30 a.m. Entry forms are available at Mills Hardware. Dena Mills, who has become an expert at lining up a parade, is the contact person. Businesses, classes, organizations and surrounding communities are encouraged to enter early by picking up an entry form at Mills Hardware or calling Dena at 308-530-1386.

During the noon break, Arnold's eating establishments will be open and ready to serve everyone who is in town for the day.

Kids games at the park are scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. So far, the committee has lined up miniature golf, the National Guard bounce house and yard games. A food truck and snow cone vendor will be in town.

The Sandhills Automotive Show & Shine (S.A.S.S.) is a new, separate event organized by Margie McDowell and Sal Hilderbrant. Participants will be encouraged to arrive early and enter the parade. See page 2 for contact information and more details.

April Tickle is organizing the free barbecue at the city park, where pulled

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