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Arnold Fire Department Hosts Extrication Training

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department hosted an Extrication Training on Wednesday, July 15 and Saturday, July 18 in Arnold. The class was taught by instruc-

tors from the State Fire Marshall's Office. Instructors teaching the class were Brian Busse, Chuck Hoffman, Steve Oseka, Scott Kuehl, Luke Nied-

ballski, and Nick Coble.

To meet Personnel Training Standards with the State of Nebraska an emergency medical service must provide training every two years for its members that includes extrication, so this training will help the departments meet the training standards set by the state. Local fire departments attending the training were Arnold, Merna, Broken Bow, and Mason City. AVFD also like to do this type of training close to SORC in preparing for the road race.

The process for extrication consist of several steps. These steps are scene size-up, scene stabilization, battery management, glass management, peel and peek, gain entry, patient removal and EMS care and transport. One of the main reasons for these steps are to maintain safety on calls for EMS providers and their crew, the patient, bystanders and the media.

Wednesday evening attendees received 3 1/2 hours of classroom training and on Saturday they received 6 hours of hands on training. On Saturday, each group went through three sta-

tions which included hand tools, hydraulic tools and stabilization. Sandhills Motors allowed the hands on training to be held under their awnings to allow shade for this training due to the predicted hot temperatures. Local residents along with Myers Construction donated several vehicles to be used for the extrication training. Fire Chief, Eric Nelson organized the training, retrieved all of the vehicles used for the training and set up the vehicles on tarps in preparation for the training.

Those in attendance from Arnold were Eric Nelson, Gregg Tickle, Austin Snyder, Cam Meyer, Darren Weinman, April Tickle, Brady Weinman, Justin Mousel, Jacklyn Sonnenfeld, Tammy Weinman, Andrew Tickle, and Susan Nelson. Attending from Merna were Joshua Christen, Jason Lamb, Ernie Johnson, Dewey Maring, and Justin Potter. Attending from Broken Bow were James Bissonette, David Baltz, Jeremiah Daugherty, Troy Mack, Cody Neville, and Jerred White. Christopher Walker attended from Mason City.



Photo/Tammy Weinman

Firefighters Darren Weinman and April Tickle undergo training using the hydraulic tools in an extrication training held last weekend.

Loup Basin Prepares to Move to Next DHM Phase

Lincoln - Each local health district continues to evaluate its progress in the fight against COVID-19. The Governor's Office and DHHS have started conversations with local health department districts about moving to Phase 4 Directed

Health Measures.

Based on recent data trends, the Loup Basin Health Department jurisdiction is prepared to move to Phase 4 DHMs as of Friday, July 24, 2020. Loup

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Notable Quote

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

- Elizabeth Andrew

Public Hearing Set for Placing KENO on Election Ballot

Placing KENO on the General Election ballot was brought up at the Arnold Village Board's regular meeting held on July 13. Jesse Halstead attended the meeting to ask board members to consider it.

A public hearing will be held on July 27 at 7:00 p.m., at the community center's meeting room to hear public input regarding putting the following question on the ballot: “Shall the Village of Arnold, Nebraska, establish and conduct a lottery (KENO) pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for the purpose of community betterment as defined in the Act?”

Gen. Election Filings Received for Village Board

There are two open positions on the Arnold Village Board for the November 3 General Election. The terms of Glen Bowers and Aaron Olson are up and both re-filed by the incumbent deadline of July 15. Non-incumbent Dusty Stutzman, has also filed.

SORC Set to Celebrate 20th Year

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2020 in a big way. Drivers will start arriving in town on August 5 and the event will end on August 8.

Events have been added, including a 4-Person Golf Scramble at the local course. Participants can start anytime from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a \$50.00 entry fee, with proceeds going towards new playground equipment for the Arnold Recreation Area. The Loup 2 Loup Race is also set for the 6th.

On Friday, Main Course Catering will be serving breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at the One Mile Shootout location. Spectator seating will be provided 12

miles north of Cozad on Rd. 421 or 1 mile west of Callaway and 16 miles south on the Cozad-Callaway County Road. Callaway Chamber will serve lunch at 12:00 p.m.

One of the changes for Friday's line-up will be a route change for what will now be called a race car cruise. The cruise will start on Haskell Street east of the Baptist Church, move up to Madison Avenue, on to Lincoln Avenue, down Broadway Street, over to West 2nd Ave. and end at Walnut Street in downtown Arnold, where there will be the usual car show. The cruise will start at 2:30 p.m. Children will not

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School Board Schedules Special Meeting to Discuss Coming Year

Amid a pandemic, what will the new school year be like as teachers and kids return to the classroom in 2020? School Board members will evaluate and take action on a return to school plan at a special board meeting set for July 27 at 8:00 p.m. The date was set at the board's regular meeting held on July 14.

“There is a lot of conversation going on right now in terms of what school should look like as far as wearing masks and social distancing between students and staff. There will be some important decisions that will put plans in place. The Governor has said he will not impose any specific health measures; schools will work with their local health departments,” said Joel Morgan, who moved up from the position of principal

to Arnold's superintendent on July 1.

Parents will have the chance to give their input on return to school plans by filling out a survey on their Schoology account.

In a non-action item, board members discussed the CAPABLE membership. CAPABLE is looking for a new executive director and will be going through that process in the coming weeks. Discussion of whether or not Arnold School wants to continue the program has been tabled to the August meeting.

In action items, board members approved a contract with TEAM Physical Therapy for the coming school year.

“Physical therapy was normally ran through ESU10 with special services. ESU had hired

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Courtesy photo

Finch Library board members, Carlene Lanham, Rose Bierman, Penny Allen and Cindy Tullis, with Marcy Lucas (director) and Cindy Ahrens (employee) gather around the new historical marker placed on a brick pillar at Finch Memorial Library. Not pictured are: board members Lana Pearman and Bev Engleman, and employees Joanie Knight, Deb Hall and Jessica Tickle.

Finch Library Receives Historical Marker

Another historical marker has been placed at Finch Memorial Library by Rotary project organizer Berni Crow. The marker reads as follows:

Finch Memorial Library - 1924

(Library locations are italicized.)

In February of 1913, eight ladies met at the Wm. Jennings home to organize a club called the Arnold Women's Improvement Club AWIC. They elected officers: Mrs. Fred Brittan president, Mrs. Jennings, vice-pres-

ident, Mrs. Tom Backes treasurer, and Mrs. Chas. Beardsley reporter. Others present that day were Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Mrs. T. L. Jones and Mrs. A. J. McCants. In 1914, they decided to start a private library club and each member donated a book. In 1917, they opened to the public and each member took their turn at running the library. Mr. Wheeler, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, allowed the use of the west room in the new bank building as a library, open on Saturday afternoons

only. George DeMetz, an employee of the bank, borrowed the first book. (The entire library collection was contained in one small bookcase.) In the summer of 1918, when the Farmers Bank became the Arnold State Bank, the little library was moved to the ladies lounge because the new officers needed the west room for themselves. (This move thereby eliminated the male half of the population from be-

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