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KENO, School and Village Board Decided



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Voting as a family: The Smiths (from left) Lonny, Candace, Lanny, Lindy and Landry, were recognized as having the most family members voting together at the Legion Hall on Election Day. Lonny's wife, Bre, stopped in to vote later in the day.

Election Turnout Sets Record

Mirroring the nation, voter turnout for the November 3 General Election was very high in Arnold and Custer County. After results of the election were certified last week, Custer County Election Commissioner Constance Gracey reported that a record was set, with 477 out of 580 registered voters in Arnold Village, Arnold Rural, and Hayes II casting a ballot for an 82% turnout. The percentage was 75.5 countywide. Compared to the nation, most residents chose to put on a mask and vote in person.

Local issues and race results follow:

Lottery Issue

The Arnold Lottery issue - which would have allowed KENO to be played in Arnold - narrowly failed to pass, with 184 voting for and 208 against.

School District #89

Out of the five candidates that filed, incumbents Eric Nelson and Duane Bowers and non-incumbent Justin Strasburg were elected to the Arnold School District #89 Board. The race was close, resulting in a tie between non-incumbents Strasburg and Jennifer Dalrymple before Lincoln and Logan County results came in.

Following are the results:
Eric J. Nelson395
Duane L. Bowers392
Terence A. Schacher133
Justin Strasburg.....292
Jennifer Dalrymple.....282
Write-In Totals5

Arnold Village Board

With two positions open, incumbents Glen Bowers and Aaron Olson were re-elected to the Arnold Village Board. Results follow:

Dusty Stutzman.....155
Glen Bowers261
Aaron Olson285
Write-In Totals4
Arnold voters favored Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump over Joe Biden, with 420 residents voting for Trump and 44 for Biden.

For U.S. Senator, Republican Ben Sasse received 379 votes, Democrat Chris Janicek received 40 and Libertarian Gene Siadek received 24.

For Congress, District 3, Republican Adrian Smith received 407 votes, Democrat Mark Elworth, Jr. received 41, and Libertarian Dustin C. Hobbs received 16.

Turn to page 4 for results of how Arnold voted on the proposed amendments and initiative measures

CC Treasurer's Office, Staff Members Test Positive for COVID-19

Temporary Expanded Service Options

After receiving notice of staff members testing positive for COVID-19, the Custer County Treasurer's Office is now closed to counter traffic until Monday, November 16, 2020. This time frame is consistent with both physician's recommendations and the CDC Guidelines. All employees affected are in quarantine and are experiencing mild symptoms.

The Custer County Treasurer's Office staff will move to offering services through the reopening of our drop box on the west side of the Courthouse, mail, email, telephone and online options. The office will not be open during regular Courthouse hours as to minimize the exposure to the public and other employees. We will make every effort possible to accommodate each constituent's needs in a safe and timely manner.

Please refer to the options below to complete your business.

• Real estate and personal property taxes:

- Pay online through <https://custer.gworks.com>. Debit, credit and e-check are

the available options of payments.

- Pay through the mail with your payment coupons by check, money order or cashier's check.

- If taxes are on a tax sale certificate, please contact our office for assistance.

- Contact our office to obtain the amount due if you don't have a statement. Pay by debit, credit, check, e-check, money order or cashier's check. You can leave a voice mail or email and we will reply to your request.

- Financial institutions, title and escrow companies and attorneys-contact the office for assistance with paying real estate, personal and inheritance taxes.

- Refer to the contact information below.

• Motor vehicle and boat renewals:

- Mail in renewal notices or complete online renewals through <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/services>.

- New motor vehicles with or without a title inspections-call the office. We will work with

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Community Joins In Honoring Our Veterans

Due to the pandemic, for the first time in memory there will be no Veterans Day program this year in Arnold. This week, businesses and residents join in to thank our veterans for their service in thought and words of thanks.

The history of how Veterans Day became a federal holiday follows:

World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect

on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

BrewBakers draws well over 1,000 Nebraska Tourism Passport Participants to Town

Nebraskans take to the road to have their passport stamped at 70 locations over five month period.

By Janet Larreau

With people encouraged to not leave the state since the COVID-19 pandemic started, the Nebraska Tourism Passport Program was the perfect way for people to travel and stop in communities they had never seen before. BrewBakers Coffee House & Gifts was one of 70 stops for the 2020 season, where 1,323 guests signed the book and had their passport stamped. It couldn't have come at a better time for owner Jodi Carlson.

"I had applied to be a stop last year and was not accepted. Disappointed, yes, but I am thankful that on my second application we were accepted out of over 340 applicants for the season. It was a huge encouragement for our business to have the extra foot traffic after such a lean spring with the shutdown and quarantines," said Jodi.

The passport program committee selects 70 locations throughout the entire state in several categories. BrewBakers was listed under the "Sip and Shop" category, but also enticed participants with the historical intrigue of the building. Once accepted, the business cannot reapply for four years. "People came from all over

the state. Literally, from every corner of Nebraska and in between," said Jodi. It was such a pleasure to meet and visit with the pass-ports. Many were families enjoying exploring the state and some of its hidden gems. Many were skiddish about traveling out of state for their vacation and this was an opportunity to take a vacation and enjoy Nebraska. Many others did 'digital' stamps after hours or on days we were closed."

The passport season usually starts May 1 and goes through September 30; however, with this year's challenges with Covid restrictions, the start date was moved to June 1 and the program continued through October 31.

About 75 percent of the people purchased a beverage and a few novelty items. BrewBakers gave out goodie bags that contained a free sample of their Piper & Leaf tea that they sell at the store, a coupon for 20% off merchandise purchased and other coupons from businesses around Arnold in an effort to spread the revenue.

Jodi said participants and history buffs were very complimentary on the renovations of the historic building, the selection of gifts, the goodies and coffee bar selection. It was common to hear them give ac-

compliments to Arnold and how impressive it was for a small town to have so many businesses and friendly people. A lot of them said they had never been to Arnold or this part of the state and enjoyed seeing what it offers and would enjoy returning some day.

"In all, I believe the passport program benefitted the village by travelers eating at local restaurants, fueling at the local gas station and buying miscellaneous items at the grocery store and more. When asked what else there was to see or do in Arnold, we would direct them to all the other hidden gems around our town. Arnold has much to be proud of and surprisingly, several interesting sites," she said.

Madison Schlake, Passport Program Coordinator for the Nebraska Tourism Commission said the program had already broken last year's record and 1,076 participants made it to all 70 stops.

"That number is going to climb even more in the next week or so as we continue to receive prize entry sheets. With all that is going on this year, the program has been an incredible way for people to see our great state and spend quality time with those they love," she said.



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A Nebraska Tourism Passport Program participant signs in at BrewBakers. Well over 1,000 people stopped in at BrewBakers from June 1 through October 31 while traveling the state, searching out the 70 stops accepted in 2020.