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Four County Boutique owners Makenna Johnson (right) and Tammy Weinman are pictured in the salon area that was created after their official opening in December.



Smooth Aesthetics Spa owner Heidi Horst held her grand opening in the lower level of Hotel Custer, where she has made many improvements to create a relaxing atmosphere for her clients.

Three in one day...local businesses hold open houses

The streets of downtown Arnold were full of vehicles last Saturday, as area residents stopped in at three business open houses to shop, view changes that have been made, and to congratulate the owners. All three businesses were offer-

ing give-aways, door prizes, coupons and drawings.

Four County Boutique, owned by Makenna Johnson and Tammy Weinman, has made several changes since opening in early December, finishing updates inside and adding

more local talent products. The boutique's clothing line has been added to since opening and new spring items are coming in. Makenna created space for her new hair salon and it's now up and running.

"It's going great. It helps with foot traffic, giving customers another reason to come in. Everybody likes the feel of the place; it's open and light," she said.

Makenna and Tammy added to the celebration by holding a ribbon cutting in the morning.

Nails for Starz owner Barb Gunther recently moved her business into a space in Four County and on Saturday was celebrating 20 years of providing services to Arnold.

This was Barb's third move since opening. She started at Sue's Beauty Shop and was there for 12 years. She then moved to The Cutting Crew for one year and was at Kreative Edge just shy of seven. Now at the boutique, she replaced the pedi bench with a new pedi chair, which is secluded.

"I decided it would be a better opportunity for retail sales. There's more room and it's more visible," she said.

The move paid off, with Barb servicing more clients with both manicures and pedicures because of the visibility.

Smooth Aesthetics Spa owner Heidi Horst unveiled her new location in the lower level of Hotel Custer, to a great re-

sponse. The list of improvements Heidi has made to the space is long.

"There's new flooring, paint, a temporary room divider to make two spaces, we added trim, cabinets, new lighting, blinds, and furniture. It doesn't look like the same place. It's going to be an awesome space and I'm pretty excited to be there," she said.

Heidi has been in business for nine years at two different locations in town. She provides all skin care, including facials, dermoplasty, chemical peels, full body waxing, eyelash perms and brow and lash tinting.



Barb Gunther, owner of Nails for Starz, celebrated 20 years of business in her new location downtown on April 17.

Clean-up Day postponed to Monday, April 26

Due to inclement weather conditions the Community Clean-up Day has been rescheduled for April 26. Residents are encouraged to sign up for clean-up day. Volunteers from Arnold Rotary, Arnold Chamber, Arnold Public School, American Legion and village

personnel will be going down the list to make Arnold shine.

To have your name placed on the list, call Patty Lamberty at 848-2228 (cell 308-520-4495) or Becky Dailey at 848-2522.

Call Mike Harvey at 308-530-1065 to schedule a pick up of most any kind of metal.

Arnold Rotary Youth Soccer is underway

Shavonne Schacher and Jami Green have once again stepped up to organize the Arnold Rotary Youth Soccer Program with around 96 kids participating. Practices began at the end of March being held every Tuesday and Thursday. Games are held on Thursdays in the month of April at the Old Mill Park starting at 4:30 p.m. This year there are four preschool and kindergarten teams, two first and second grade teams, and four third through sixth grade teams. (See team pictures on page 8.)

Deadline for Grant Applications Fast Approaching

(Custer County, NE) - The deadline to submit grant applications to the Custer County Foundation is April 30, 2021.

The goal of the Custer County Foundation, Inc. is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of the communities. Any nonprofit organization that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy can apply for a grant from the Foundation. Funds are usually granted in the areas of civic, culture, health, education, environment and social services.

Grant applications are accepted throughout the year and will be considered at the end of two closing dates. The next deadline will be April 30th.

Applications may be downloaded from the Custer County Foundation website: www.custercountyfoundation.org, click on Grants. Or stop by the Foundation office located at 403 South 9th Avenue in Broken Bow.

Applications may be dropped off at the Foundation office.

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Village Board goes over full agenda at meeting

Arnold Village Board members had a full agenda to go over at their meeting held on April 12 and many of the items discussed and voted on will result in improvements to the town.

Community Center Flooring

One of the agenda items was consideration of what type of new flooring to install in the community center. Steve Frailey, president of Specialty Floors, gave a presentation on Gerflor's Taraflex Sports Flooring - the #1 preferred sports floor for major sporting events worldwide. He mentioned that

Taraflex is a great looking multipurpose floor made of vinyl that has a specialized 2.1 mm thick surface and is easy to maintain. Members discussed the Taraflex floor vs. the current pulastic sports floor, which is a pad and pour gym floor. The Board asked for a quote on the Taraflex flooring and for the removal of the existing flooring.

ACF Sub-Fund for Community Center

Holly Hornung Remund discussed the process of setting up a sub-fund under the Arnold Community Foundation (ACF) for the community center. The

fund would be used for maintenance and upkeep. The ACF is affiliated with the Nebraska Community Foundation which charges fees for the administration of the affiliated accounts. There is a \$50.00 fee to set up an account, \$5.00 per month to hold the account and a 3% disbursement fee. Holly said the ACF is willing to absorb the costs. The minimum to open the account is \$1,000.00. Chairman Glen Bowers said that RT Green is willing to donate the \$1,000.00 once an account has been set up. Members voted to proceed with setting up the endowment fund under the ACF.

Discussion was held on setting up a fund advisory committee, but since this fund is strictly for the community center, the Village will only need to fill out a disbursement request form.

Clean Up on Fitz Harris lots

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson gave her update. She said there will be a light clean up of the Fitz Harris lots and exterior debris during community clean up day. Major clean up and demolition is in the process of being scheduled. Later in the meeting, Superintendent Doug DeLaune asked about the Vil-

lage.

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30x30 Initiative, 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Discussed at County Supervisors' Meeting

The Custer County Board of Supervisors said they will look into a resolution after hearing concerns of the harmful effects of the 30x30 Initiative, and the effects it could impose on all landowners and residents of Custer County, at their April 13th meeting.

Farmer and rancher Tim Krause spoke about the initiative, which is part of Executive Order 14008 - Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. Krause read a well-prepared facts and information report on conservation easements, land trusts, water conservation and acres that would be removed from the property tax role.

A large number of landowners

were also there to speak against the initiative that's purpose is to protect 30 percent of U.S. land and coastal waters by 2030. Public concerns centered on the government controlling the land, which in turn controls the people. It was also brought up that the land would not be subject to property taxes, placing a burden on all landowners.

County Attorney Steve Bowers said a balance between landowners and what is best for the county are definite things to look at with conservation easements.

Second Amendment Sanctuary

Bringing petitions with 350 signatures, Lori Stutzman of

Arnold attended the meeting to speak on the Second Amendment Sanctuary. She talked about the red flag law, ghost guns, and fire arm tracking. She requested support from the supervisors in adopting a resolution.

The 2nd Amendment reads, "A well-regulated militia, necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

"Many believe that through federal decisions, they have begun to infringe on these rights," said Stutzman.

Many other people spoke, including retired police department members, veterans, parents, and firearm instruc-

tors, all requesting that the Board adopt a resolution in support of the Second Amendment.

County Attorney Bowers said that resolutions that were created show support for upholding the Constitution, but they do not say they will refuse to follow federal law. He will look into the best options available that will show where the county board stands without opening things up to a possible lawsuit by refusing federal laws.

Board members then adopted Resolution #13-2021, to support the U.S. Constitution, Nebraska State Constitution and the rights and liberties of all Custer County citizens.

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