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Arnold Golf Association officers Austin Snyder (left, secretary) and Joe Bob Atkins (right, president) are shown with two of the six Yamaha golf carts that are now available to rent at the Arnold course.

## Golf Association reorganizes, makes changes

The Arnold Golf Course will be seeing several changes and improvements in the 2021 season. New officers were elected in January included Joe Bob Atkins, president; Gary Blevins, vice-president; Ron Cool, treasurer; and Austin Snyder, secretary. The officers sent surveys out to members for their opinions on the course, and changes were made from the responses.

One of the biggest improvements will be the addition of six new leased Yamaha golf

carts for golfers to rent. The carts are sponsored by Arnold Insurance, Crop Tech, Gateway Chevy, Kubota of North Platte, AKRS of Broken Bow and North Platte, as well as Bill Summers Ford. Ken Wehrman and Bill Miller also donated their carts to the course for rentals.

The rentals will be great for visiting golfers to the course and for bigger groups, such as when family reunions are held in town.

Joe Bob, who is owner of Arnold Insurance Agency, said, "I felt obligated to sponsor the carts since I got the ball rolling on this. We got out of town business that have Arnold ties for the rest. The community supports the course in so many ways, I didn't want to ask them for any more."

Blaine and Kris Hagler, owners of The Exchange, agreed to be the location to rent the carts. Joe Bob said they are open seven days a week and they are

the perfect fit. The carts are stored in the south shed.

Three new leagues - Seniors on Monday night, Women's on Wednesday night, and Couples on Friday - have been added.

Hole #4 has been changed to a Par 4 and tee boxes were moved up on Hole #4. The Association started mowing the greens shorter and two used reel fairway mowers were purchased. The current fertilizer program was increased to follow the recommendations of Site One

after samples were pulled off greens and fairways.

The course will now be on the GHIN system. With this, the course gets ten free members on a first come basis. Go to the Nebraska Golf Association web page and apply for your GHIN number and select Arnold as your home course.

It's looking like it will be a great season for golf. As of April 20, treasurer Ron Cool picked up the green fees and the course had already had over \$800.00 of non-member play so far this year.

Contacts for the various leagues follow:

Seniors - Larry Moran - 308-870-3741.

Men's - Joe Bob Atkins - 308-520-3019.

Women's - Sheryl Holt - 308-870-2524.

Couples - Tiff Varney - 308-546-9340.

## Donations sought for fireworks display

Money is short for the 2021 fireworks display in Arnold. Barb Gunther, who places the order each year, said she has been told that there will be an increase of 15 to 30 percent in the cost of fireworks this year.

"There's a shortage. They're not coming over from China. I won't be able to study the fireworks like I have before, so we can't guarantee the same type of show that people are used to. Because of SORC's generous sponsorship, it's been a long time since we've asked for the public to help. We are asking for people's donations to help the city's fireworks display this year," she said.

Donation cans have been set up at Nails for Starz (located in Four County Boutique) and at the bank. Residents may also make a donation directly into Chamber's Pinnacle Bank account. Please specify "fireworks account" if donating into the account.

## DHHS COVID-19 Weekly Update

LINCOLN - The Department of Health and Human Services is reporting 1,745 new COVID-19 cases this week, compared to 2,522 last week. The daily average of new positive cases in the last week was 249. Averages for positive cases are now based on specimen collection instead of lab report dates, which provides a more precise view of COVID-19 cases. Data from previous days is updated as lab results are received.

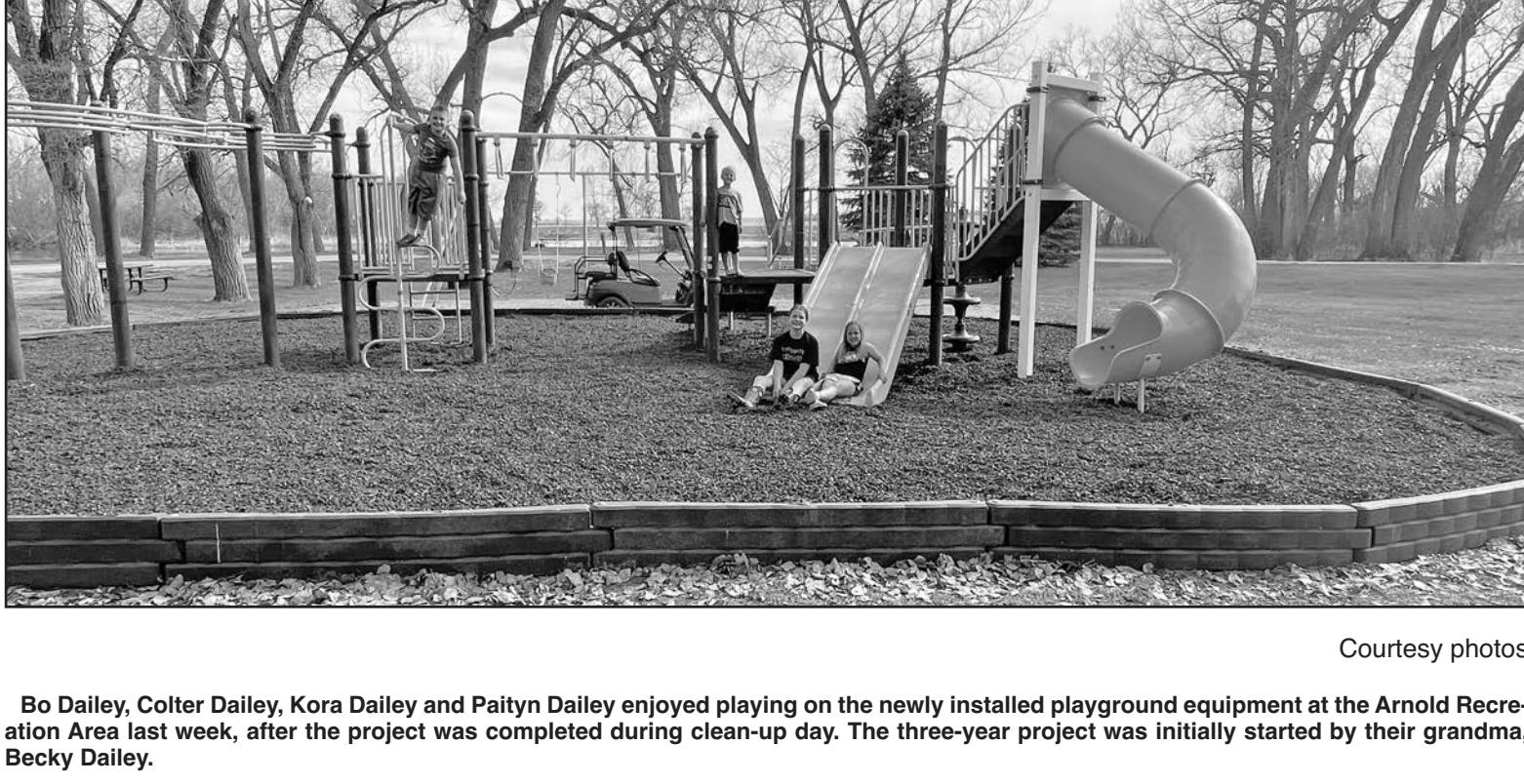
As of Tuesday, the latest statewide total of positive COVID-19 cases is 219,341, with a total of 169,256 of Nebraskans recovered. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths reported within the state to date is 2,242.

Cumulative hospitalizations in Nebraska due to COVID-19 number are at 6,496, with 130 patients currently hospitalized. More men than women have been hospitalized to date, and those aged 65-74 have the highest rate of being hospitalized (22%), followed closely by those 75-84 (20%) and those 55-64 (19%). Nebraska's main goal remains protecting hospital capacity.

Nationwide, more Americans age 18 to 64 have gone to emergency departments for COVID-19 complications. This increase of mainly younger adults is because most of them have not yet been vaccinated and may be more susceptible to new variants. The number of elderly Americans getting hospitalized or dying from COVID-19 has decreased as they were vaccinated first, and remain more likely to be vaccinated.

Variants continue to increase in the state. To date, a total of 594 variants of concern have

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Bo Dailey, Colter Dailey, Kora Dailey and Paityn Dailey enjoyed playing on the newly installed playground equipment at the Arnold Recreation Area last week, after the project was completed during clean-up day. The three-year project was initially started by their grandma, Becky Dailey.

## ARA Playground: a three-year project comes to fruition

The new children's playground is now completed at the Arnold Recreation Area. Yet to be added is the merry-go-round that will be transferred from the city park to the ARA later.

This has been a three-year project with nearly all labor, material and equipment donated. It started when Becky Dailey saw an ad for used playground equipment for sale to the highest bidder in North Platte. Becky, who is a director on the Arnold Community Foundation Board, asked the foundation to purchase the good used playground equipment at a competitive bid for \$2,300.00. Three Arnold men - Shane Cool, Duane Bowers and Joel Morgan - spent a full day digging up the playground equipment, disassembling it, chipping the cement off the posts and delivering it to Arnold. Plus, a used enclosure

slide was found in Gothenburg for \$300.00.

Becky is also a Rotarian and the Rotary Club led the volunteer labor effort that was headed by non-Rotarian Clay Mohr to reconstruct the playground equipment at the ARA site. It was a real challenge. Clay had no real blue print, only some old photos of the playground and a drawing from the makers of the playground equipment. Rotarian volunteers helping with the project were: Brent Garrison, Irv Jennings, Ron Cool, Al Bishop, and Charlie Busch. Others helping Clay were his shop class and some of his school house graphics class. Senior boys helped during the Arnold clean-up day last week.

Rotary also donated \$500.00 to the project. The ground rubber base was donated from collections received from donors

of the city park playground. SORC donated much of the estimated 80 cubic feet of cement mix, bolts, and other material

that were used.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the completion of the project possible.



Clay Mohr took on the challenge of heading up the ARA playground equipment project for the Arnold Rotary Club.