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Nansel's Best Service Moving Into the 21st Century

By Janet Larreau

Early last week, Ralph Nansel watched as two vintage Tokheim gas pumps were removed from Nansel's Best Service. These two outside pumps were installed when Ralph started his business in March of 1967. A third, center gas pump, was also ripped out, dating back to the mid-1980s.

The pumps are a piece of Arnold's history that draws attention from anyone traveling Highway 92 - some are fascinated and love it, while others - mostly young people - are intimidated by how the pumps operate.

“There's still some (Tokheim) pumps being used around the country. They're outdated and not up with the times,” said Ralph's son Brad, who now owns the business with son Bryce. “I decided to either upgrade and stay in the gas business or get out. Nobody's putting pressure on me to do this.”

Nansel's Best Service still offers full service - a rarity these days - and even with the upgrade, will continue to do so.

“We want a place that people want to come and pump their own and if someone needs

Photo/Garald L. Horst

Surrounded by broken up concrete, Bryce Nansel, Denny Olson and Brad Nansel remove one of two vintage Tokheim gas pumps dating back to 1967 at Nansel's Best Service, making way for a modern pump island that will be installed in their place. A third pump that was in use dates back to the mid-1980s.

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\$1,000 Donation Kicks Off Fundraiser

Two grants received.

R.T. Green - a SORC driver from California, who has made Arnold his home-away-from-home - got the ball rolling on a fundraiser for new flooring for the Arnold Community Center recently, when he made a \$1,000.00 donation to the Village.

The donation will go into a sub-fund under the Arnold Community Foundation (ACF) for the community center. The fund will be used for maintenance and upkeep and the minimum to open the account is \$1,000.00.

At their May meeting, Village Board members voted to install Taraflex Sport Flooring, replacing the aging Pulsatic floor that was installed in 2006 when the community center was built. The goal for the fundraiser is \$130,000.00.

Treasurer Patty Lamberty said last week that the Village has received two grants for the new flooring so far - \$15,000.00 from the Custer County Foundation and a \$10,000.00 grant from the Custer County Visitors Committee. AEDC Director Cheryl Carson assisted and advised the Village on the grant applications.

The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit community trust, which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County.

Grants are administered by the Custer County Tourism Visitors Committee which is an advisory board to the Custer County Board of Supervisor. Funds are used to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and tourism facilities within the county. Grant monies are collected from lodging taxes.

The Arnold Community Fund is dedicated to progress and long-term prosperity. A volunteer Fund Advisory Committee works actively to increase charitable giving and award grants to local worthy causes and projects that are addressing emerging needs and future opportunities in the community.

For more information on how to donate to the Arnold Community Foundation sub-fund for new flooring, contact Holly Hornung Remund at (605) 350-0064.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

R.T. Green (right) presents Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune a \$1,000.00 check to open an Arnold Community Foundation sub-fund for new flooring at the community center. “Let's get the ball rolling,” said R.T.

Out of State Alumni Register for 2021 Banquet

COLORADO:

Jerry Fitzgerald Miller, Greeley.

Mark and Jackie Crawley Dillard, Julesburg.

Dan Nansel, Watkins.

Dave Sheets, Loveland.

MINNESOTA:

Lorrain Morrison Bobst, International Falls.

CALIFORNIA:

Scott Crow, Hayward.

JoAnn Sailor Groves, El Centro.

Cliff and Travi Parks Ross, Seal Beach.

John and LuAnn Ahrens, Beaumont.

Kent Kilmer, Camarillo.

ARIZONA:

Duane and Veronica Romans, Mesa.

Mickey Sailor Gray, Phoenix.

ALASKA:

Kerry and Liz Potter, Wasilla.

KANSAS:

Brian and Briana Mills Dick,

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Photo/Jessica Tickle

The last surviving class member of '41

Class of 1941 A.H.S. graduate Bobbie Smith laughs, as Alumni President Allison Rosentrater (with side-kick and emcee Mackenzie Ferguson, far right), interacts with the Class of 1961 during Memorial Day weekend's alumni reunion in the school's auditorium. Bobbie, who was honored that night, is the last surviving member of the class, which had 23 members graduate. All classes that were honored that evening - from several decades - are featured inside this issue.