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It was a happy time, as the Class of '61 introduce themselves during last Saturday's A.H.S. Alumni Program where a crowd gathered to enjoy the banquet and program and honor two sets of classes from each decade ending in '00 and '01. Due to the number of honored classes, you might see them split into the next two issues - or one. At this time, The *Sentinel* staff isn't sure how the pages will lay out!

## Rolling Out the Red Carpet for A.H.S. Alumni

By Darlene Rimpley

**And then there was...** laughter, hugs, "Hi!" "How are you?" handshakes, joy!

And then there was...May 29, 2021...Arnold High Alumni!

Yes, it happened! After a one-year hiatus, the Arnold Alumni came to life again with a large crowd in attendance and so much happiness it is hard to describe.

The weekend began with class reunions on Friday night, with several of the 2021 honorees

inviting the class preceding theirs who did not have a gathering last year to join them. And many get-togethers on Saturday with one beginning in the morning and continuing after the program.

Many door prizes, donated by our great businesses and other residents, were given out as we prepared to start the program.

A delicious meal of Husker Chops with great side dishes, prepared by Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher and Marla Koubek Chrisp, both Class of '72, was served to 275 guests and served

on tables decorated by April Mills Tickle, 2009, assisted by her husband, Andrew. Different residents from the community provided the desserts.

Members of the Junior and Senior Honor Society did a great job of helping senior citizens and others, carry food to a table and picking up plates and utensils, under the watchful eye of N.H.S. sponsor Debby Moninger.

(Back to the meal preparation...Both Cheryl and Marla, who have volunteered the last two years to prepare the meal,

will be in an honored class next year, so we need to be thinking about some new cooks. Any volunteers?)

Alumni President Allison Rosentrater Goodenow, '09, welcomed the guests and led the crowd in giving the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our 2020 Teacher of Honor, Berni Crow, then appeared, escorted by her three sons (due to illness she did not wish to be in a crowd, so was present for only a short time). Berni, who was wise enough to marry an Arnold alum, Dave Crow, began her teaching career in Arnold as the Title I teacher in 1983, was "promoted" to fourth grade, where she spent her remaining years in the Arnold School system. She also coached volleyball, track, basketball, and drama at various times. One of her favorite pastimes was riding her bicycle and she rode in BRAN (Bike

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## V.F.W. State Commander Speaks at Memorial Day Services

Residents were grateful to be at the Arnold Cemetery last Monday morning to remember the fallen in the traditional way. In all her wisdom, Mother Nature made up for last year's missed service, allowing Legion and V.F.W. members to host the service at the cemetery. The morning's speaker was Danny Kramer, of Stapleton, who is the current V.F.W. State Commander.

Kramer served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1974 in Vietnam. He worked as an engineer for Union Pacific Railroad until he left due to Parkinson's disease. Over the years he has worked to help other veterans and as the only supreme commander ever from Nebraska, took on a special project of refurbishing the water system at the National Home for Children in Michigan.

Both Legion and V.F.W. members decorated local cemeteries before the services, placing flags and crosses at each veteran's grave.

## Community Fishing Event Set for June 10

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will be hosting a Community Fishing Event at the Arnold Recreation Area on June 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A family fishing trailer will have loaner rods and reels, bait and fishing instruction - all free to participants. These events will be held at venues across the state. Mike Olson is organizing Arnold's event.

This is the perfect opportunity for people of all ages who have never been fishing or haven't fished for years to learn. All participants ages 16 and older need a fishing license. For permits, go to [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).

## Fire Dept. Will Host Special 4th of July Event

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an open house on the 4th of July at the fire hall from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., followed by s'mores at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is then invited to enjoy the fireworks display at Old Mill Park.

More information about what will be offered at the open house will be in an upcoming issue.

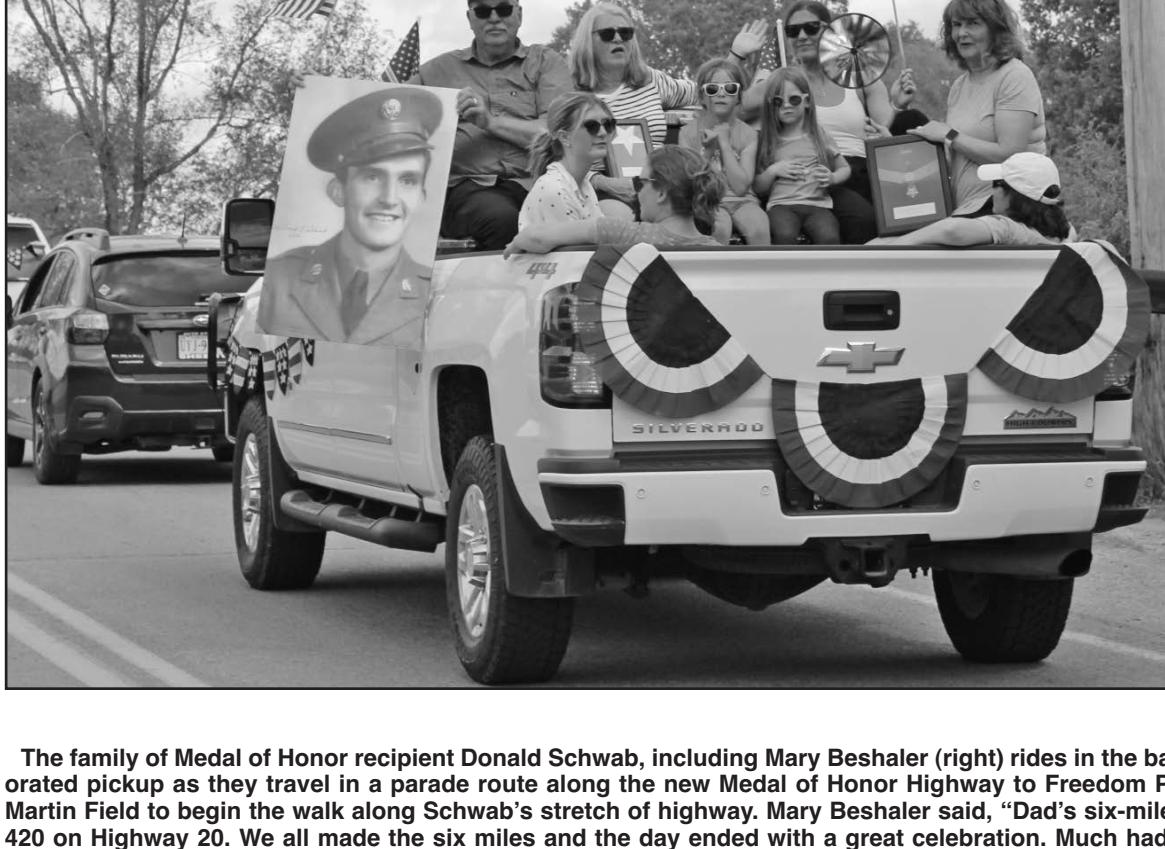
## Community Garage Sales Are June 5

Arnold's community-wide garage sales will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maps are located at Mills Hardware, The Exchange, Mighty Mart, Reed's Food Center, and Four County Boutique. Maps can also be accessed online at [www.arnoldne.org](http://www.arnoldne.org) or Arnold Chamber's Facebook page.

## Schedule Change for Goodwill Donation Drive

Due to several requests to have the Goodwill Truck come to Arnold after the community wide garage sales, the donation drive has been moved. The truck will be at the city park starting after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, and through noon on Tuesday, June 29 (or until the trailer is full).

Virtually anything in your home or garage that you no longer use is accepted. Due to limited storage space, furniture, televisions, mattresses and large appliances are not accepted.



Courtesy photos

The family of Medal of Honor recipient Donald Schwab, including Mary Beshaler (right) rides in the back of her son Evan Beshaler's decorated pickup as they travel in a parade route along the new Medal of Honor Highway to Freedom Park. Beforehand, the family met at Martin Field to begin the walk along Schwab's stretch of highway. Mary Beshaler said, "Dad's six-mile stretch is from Mile Marker 414 to 420 on Highway 20. We all made the six miles and the day ended with a great celebration. Much had to do with the fact that we had 18 Schwab family members together. The hope is that this memorial will continue to expand along Highway 20 into other states." Pictured to the right is the Medal of Honor Highway sign.

## Highway 20 in Nebraska christened as Medal of Honor Highway

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — An event that both celebrated and remembered lives lived and lost by serving their country.

"We don't do enough for our veterans these days, I just think sometimes we overlook how great they are and how courageous and how strong they were," said Mary Beshaler, daughter of a Medal of Honor recipient.

People chose to come out and walk to honor not only their family members, but all who have received the Medal of Honor.

"We're out here in honor of all the Nebraska Medal of Honor winners, including our father," said Beshaler.

"Memorial Highway plan for

Highway 20 and a stretch of the road was going through the road of Jackson, so we came up here today to walk those six miles with the people who coordinated all of this and we are very honored to be a part of this," said Dale Hansen, grandson of a Medal of Honor recipient.

The two men who helped put this together walked 432 miles across Nebraska in just 12 days.

"We made a 12-day sacrifice, but you got to remember our men and women of the armed forces, they keep a vigil over this country 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," said Ken Hanel, Highway 20 walker.

"We just finished a 432-mile trek, which will actually end in Freedom Park. Every six miles

we walked we dedicated it to a specific Medal of Honor recipient," said Daryl Harrison, Highway 20 walker.

Once they arrived in South Sioux City, the celebration of Nebraska's largest Veterans Memorial at Siouxland Freedom Park began.

"That wall over there that you folks have got up, God bless you. That wall will keep those men and nine women alive forever," said Medal of Honor recipient Jim McCloughan.

As the memorial was christened, so was Highway 20, which stretches from Oregon to Massachusetts.

"To do that again, a humbling experience and to be able to say that marks the fact and that marks that this particular

length of the highway is a Medal of Honor Highway," said McCloughan.

As things came to a close, there was one thing McCloughan wanted to end with.

"And on a final note, I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today, 'cause there ain't no doubt I love this land - God bless the USA," sang McCloughan.

If you want to donate to the Nebraska Medal of Honor Foundation, you can visit [braskamedalofhonorfoundation.org](http://braskamedalofhonorfoundation.org).

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