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Snow Brings Perfect Weather for Eating Chili



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Returning music artist, Rascal Martinez provided entertainment for all ages at the 33rd Annual Chili Cook Off sponsored by the Arnold Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 5.

As the eight teams prepared their pots of chili on Saturday, March 5, for the 33rd Annual Cook Off, snow was falling - something the area hasn't seen much of all winter long. Despite the snowstorm, some 150 people warmed up by tasting a good variety of chili made by the contestants. Chicken noodle and potato soup was also served by Chamber, and the St. Agnes women curbed everyone's sweet tooth by selling pie by the slice.

Rascal Martinez came back to Arnold, entertaining the crowd with a mix of rockabilly, folk and country.

Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, an 3rd place chili, People's Choice, Mr. & Ms. Congeniality, and Best Decorated Booth.

To help pass the time while their chili was cooking, contestants competed in a corn hole tournament early in the day.

Please turn to page 8 for full results of all prizes that were awarded.

Ali Goodenow chaired the event for Chamber.



Spring Forward

Residents are reminded that daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022, when most Americans will spring forward an hour at 2:00 a.m. local time. When does the time change again? You won't move your clocks back until November 6 when daylight saving time ends for the year.

RT Gets a \$3,000 Haircut at SORC Winter Party

Proceeds split 50/50 between Fall Festival and Fire Department



Courtesy photo

After the SORC Winter party, RT Green (pictured with festival co-organizers Della Dailey and Robin Dailey) sported a crazy clipper haircut for about two weeks before getting it detailed. The haircut raised a total of \$3,000.00 at auction - half going to the upcoming Fall Festival and half to the AVFD.

An auction at the Sandhills Open Road Challenge Winter Meeting held at Lincoln on February 12 resulted in a surprise financial bonus for both the Arnold Fall Festival and Arnold Fire Department.

Arnold driver RT Green came up with the idea of putting a haircut up for auction to help this year's fall festival. The members agreed to let him hold the auction with the understanding that half of the proceeds would be going to the fire department for emergency equipment and the remaining 50 percent could be used for festival expenses.

"I thought maybe I'd be able to raise \$400.00 to \$500.00 for the haircut. Well, the guys teamed up and the bid ended at a total of \$3,000.00," said RT.

Several of the guys were in on the bidding, including Robbi Smith, Joe Shown, Chad Christensen, John Schmidt, Denny Powell, Lyle Ekberg, and Alex Varney (and maybe a couple of

others). A couple of the bidders took a pass through RT's hair with the clippers.

RT rocked his messy clipper haircut for two weeks before having Makenna fix it at Four County Boutique. He was in need. He admits not having had a haircut since September of 2021.

With the 50/50 split, the Arnold Festival committee will now be assured that there will be a bouncy house, and money will be available for the rock wall and Redneck Olympics.

As an additional fundraiser, Fall Festival t-shirts were sold at the Chili Cook-off last Saturday, and can still be purchased by contacting RT. The cost is a suggested donation of \$25.00.

Chili Cook-off participants were also given the chance to vote on this year's festival theme, and the winner was: "80's Slogans."

A date of September 17, 2022, has been set for the festival.

Fire Department Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at Grazers on Friday, February 25, with 20 of its members in attendance.

Al Bishop of Arnold was this year's speaker. He spoke to the group on leadership and shared stories about leaders

that have inspired him in his own life. The group was reminded how important their role is to the community.

Lee Eastburn was recognized for his 40 years of service to the department. He was presented with a beer stein with his name and years of service engraved

on the lid. It also included a Maltese Cross on the front.

Jane Fieldgrove was recognized as EMT Rookie of the Year and Grady Lashley was recognized as Fireman Rookie of the Year for their willingness to step in and volunteer to do the ambulance and fire truck

inspection and maintenance on all emergency vehicles. This task is done on a monthly basis and is very time consuming. They have been very active since joining the department in 2021.

Fireman of the Year was awarded to Robbi Smith and Runner-up Fireman of the Year

went to Cam Meyer. EMT of the Year was awarded to Andrew Tickle and Runner-up EMT of the Year was Cassy DeLosh.

Retired fire department members that were in attendance were John Phillips and Nancy Cool.

A great meal was provided by Grazers.



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Award winners at the annual AVFD banquet held on February 25 were: (front, l-r) Grady Lashley and Jane Fieldgrove, Fireman and EMT Rookie of the Year; (back, l-r) Cam Meyer, Runner-Up Fireman of the Year; Robbi Smith, Fireman of the Year; Andrew Tickle, EMT of the Year; Cassy DeLosh, Runner-up EMT of the Year.

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Revision Meeting Is March 16

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund will host a Community Vision Meeting on March 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center.

Jana Jensen of the Nebraska Community Foundation will be

the moderator. Anyone who loves Arnold and wants to see a healthy community for years to come is encouraged to attend.

For those attending, a \$1,000.00 Chamber Bucks give-away will be held.