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Nine Graduate at 109th Annual A.H.S. Commencement



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Arnold Public School's class of 2022 prepare to receive their diplomas on Saturday during the 109th annual commencement ceremony. From left: Faith Bierman, Reagan Cool, Jordan Downing, RayLee Downing, Carly Gracey, Jake Halstead, Jayden Hanna-Miles, Colbi Smith and Shayla Tickle.

“Dirt roads raised us and highways will take us.” It was a well chosen motto, on Saturday, May 14, as nine seniors received their diplomas at the 109th Annual A.H.S. Commencement.

Wearing caps and gowns in the class colors of royal blue and silver, the Class of 2022, their family and friends, were welcomed by Mr. Joel Morgan.

Faith Bierman was introduced as class salutatorian. During her speech she said many life lessons were learned, as the class grew up side-by-side into smart, capable young adults.

“When I found out that I had to write this speech, I did what any normal person would do and looked to Google for inspiration. After looking for about 30 minutes, I realized that in 10 or 20 or 30 years, this speech is not what my classmates and I are going to remember. So many memories, tears, and laughs have been carried through these halls by the nine individuals on this stage and those moments are what will remain with us for the rest of our lives,” she said.

Reagan Cool was presented the valedictory medal. Reagan's speech wasn't your typical valedictorian speech, full of the standard list of keys to success.

“My so-called ‘secret weapon’ for success is more than brain cells and hard work. Let me explain,” she said. “I was in Mr. Schwarz's 7th grade math class and had just completely bombed a test. So, of course, I crafted a very dramatic, angry and desperate text to my mother spelling out the full details of my rotten math test and life...and pushed SEND...but instead of going to my mom, the text message was delivered to

the United Methodist Church Women's Group Chat. Those church ladies responded fast and in the most Godly way. Suzanne Jones said, ‘Oh Reagan, we will pray for you.’ Renee Bubak said they would add my name to the list of prayers and concerns on the Sunday bulletin. Another lady said she would get on the phone and start the prayer chain right away. And Patti Schwarz said, ‘Let's just blame that mean math teacher.’ And my mom, well, she was just relieved that I didn't use any swear words.

“Everyone knows that church ladies are a force to be reckoned with and there is no convincing me that these church ladies didn't have a hand in my success in the years to follow. There is nothing they cannot accomplish.

“So, underclassmen, the secret's out. Whatever it is you need, divine intervention to pass Mr. Schwarz's math class or 50 casseroles by noon tomorrow, no project is too big or small for the church ladies.

“All jokes aside, I speak for all of us on this stage when I say we are blessed to have grown up in this wonderfully small community. We are successful because of the love and support of this village that has so lovingly raised us. Our community has encouraged us and taught us the importance of church and family and deep rooted values.”

The following scholarships were awarded by Ms. Ashley Nansel during the ceremony:

Faith Bierman: George and Bernice Halstead Memorial Scholarship - \$750.00; American Red Cross Scholarships - \$375.00; SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00; CCC Tuition Waiver

- \$2,820.00; Central Visit Day Scholarship - \$250.00; Joe D. Giles Scholarship - \$750.00; Haven & Virginia Smith Scholarship - \$3,000.00; Arnold School Foundation - \$2,000.00; Rotary Scholarship - \$750.00; Arnold Teammates Scholarship - \$500.00; Booster Club Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Pinnacle Bank Scholarship - \$500.00.

Reagan Cool: Sam & Adaline Bailey Scholarship - \$250.00; SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Regents Scholarship Full Tuition; Arnold School Founda-

tion Scholarship - \$2,000.00; Jones Scholarship - \$400.00; Pinnacle Bank Scholarship - \$500.00.

Jayden Hanna-Miles: American Red Cross Scholarship - \$375.00; SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Rotary Scholarship - \$750.00.

Carly Gracey: George & Bernice Halstead Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500.00; SORC Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Albert

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A.H.S. Class of 2022 Salutatorian Faith Bierman and Valedictorian Reagan Cool.

Electrical Rate Increase Discussed at Village Board Meeting

Electrical rate increases and the impact it will have on customers was discussed during the Village Board's regular meeting held on May 9. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is proposing a 18.1% increase in the firm demand rate and a 15.5% increase in the firm energy rate. The new rates would be in effect from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. The annual impact to Arnold with the new rates would be approximately \$23,700.00.

Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Board of Directors approved a rate increase effective April 1, 2022. The total increase to Arnold is \$3,902.00 or 4%. The overall cost of monthly transmission service for MEAN's participants is estimated to increase between 3.5% to 3.8% starting October 1, 2022.

Board members agreed that electric rates to customers will have to be increased. A cost of service study was suggested, but no action was taken at the meeting.

Rotary Holding Fundraiser Leading Up to NRCA Visit

Donuts can be ordered up to May 23

The Nebraska Rod & Custom Association (NRCA) will be in Arnold the morning of June 5. Once again, the group of 400 automobiles will be gathered at the Arnold Community Center around 9:15 a.m. to take a break before they head out on the road again at 10:30 a.m.

Arnold Rotary will be in charge of the morning snack of donuts and beverages. Rotary will use this opportunity to welcome and host the guests, but also to fundraise for their Arnold Youth Investment Fund, focusing on the elementary youth soccer program and high school student scholarships.

Rotary will also be taking pre-orders until May 23 for donuts which can be picked up the morning of the car show. If you would like to support them, contact Mary Becker at 308-530-7022 or Becky Dailey at 308-539-6543 for ordering information. A variety of flavors can be ordered.

Volunteers Needed for BRAN Stop

Volunteers are needed to organize services for BRAN (Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska). They will be stopping in Arnold on June 7 and are expected around the noon hour or soon after. BRAN organizers would like to have a grab-and-go snack area north of Arnold and then a central area to stop while in Arnold for a possible meal. They will then move on to Callaway for the night.

Please contact Cheryl Carson at the AEDC office if you or your group are interested in coordinating a stop in Arnold for the riders.

18 SL Athletes Qualify for State Track

Following an outstanding performance at districts, the South Loup Bobcats will be sending 12 girls and six boys, including two alternates, to the state meet at Omaha Burke Stadium this weekend. Please turn to page 4 to read the report.

Annual Campaign Celebrates Emergency Medical Services Professionals May 15-21

EMS Board Revisions Give EMTs added protocols.

The annual EMS Week campaign, which recognizes the professionals who provide emergency medical services in communities across the country, takes place May 15-21 this year. The 2022 theme is: “Rising to the Challenge.”

Arnold is fortunate to have nine EMT's on the roster at this time. Those EMT's are: Tammy Weinman, Heather Hagler, Andrew Tickle, Cassy DeLosh, Rudy Vickers, Susan Nelson, Tom Dennis, Jacklyn Meyer and Jane Fieldgrove.

“These dedicated EMT's have definitely risen to the challenge over the last two years with Covid-19. It has changed the way we run calls, probably for

ever.” stated Tammy Weinman, Rescue Captain.

In March of 2022, the Nebraska EMS Board revived the EMS protocol for Nebraska EMS. These revisions have given EMT's added protocols which includes allowing EMT's to carry nitroglycerin and administer it to cardiac patients. In the past EMT's could only assist the patient in taking nitroglycerin if they had their own. EMT's can now carry glucagon and administer through IM, auto injectors, and intranasal. This change will definitely help care for our critical diabetic patients. Another big change is being able to carry and administer Tylenol (Acetaminophen)

and Ibuprofen for fever and pain relief, which may seem surprising that we haven't been able to carry them in the past but we have only been able to carry Aspirin for cardiac purposes, not pain relief. There has been some changes in what we can use for advanced airways by adding I-Gel airways. EMT's can now use capnography to help monitor the concentration of carbon dioxide in the respiratory gases. This is basically a monitoring tool. With adding more protocols, that means more training for EMT's. Again, the Arnold EMT's continue to rise to the challenge with attending trainings to keep up with the changes. Our

medical director, Dr. Williams, is great about keeping up with these changes also and allowing the Arnold EMT's to continue to add to their skills which allows us to be able to give great quality care to our patients. The EMT's put in a lot of time training and going on calls and do this on a volunteer basis.

If there is anyone that is interested in joining this great team as an EMT or firefighter please contact Andrew Tickle, Fire Chief or Tammy Weinman, Rescue Captain with any questions.