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A.H.S. Alumni Will Gather This Weekend for Reunion

A.H.S. Alumni will reunite this weekend for individual honored class reunions and for the big banquet and program set for May 28. The banquet menu will include broasted chicken, catered by The Exchange, potato salad, macaroni salad, steakhouse baked beans, a dinner roll, and dessert bar. Serving is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the school auditorium. During the program, honored classes will be recognized, there will be a memorial, and entertainment, with Darlene Hagler Rimpley in charge, will follow.

This year's theme will be "Vintage," and past articles and photos will be placed on the tables.

The 2022 president is April Mills Tickle, Class of 2009; 1st Vice President is Ali Rosen-trater Goodenow (2009), 2nd Vice President is Josh Magill (2004), and secretary/treasurers are Kenny Goodenow (1983) and Patty Purcell Goodenow

(1982). Tammy Milne Weinman (1986) and Carolyn Blowers Bowers (1981) will prepare the meal.

Courtney Beshaler Evans (2000) is a new member, and other Association board members helping are: Caro Keyser Lehmkuhler (1970), Bev Harding Engleman (1964), and Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher (1972).

In the 2022 edition of the *Arnold Alumni News*, April really encouraged everyone to come back and experience reuniting with alumni of all ages.

"I can't really stress enough to get back together and come back "home" for Alumni. We need to come together and stay connected as these younger generations, because as time goes on, Alumni will be no more if we don't. Numbers have gone down and class sizes have shrunk, so there are less and less attending the Alumni reunions," she said.

During the program, April will introduce emcee Donna

German Bisbee, Class of '87, who graduated with a class of 17 members. After high school, she participated for two years in the Miss Nebraska Pageant, and played volleyball and basketball while attending Mid-Plains Community College where she graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business. She went on to finish school at UN-L, and graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. While there, she met her husband John, and they have raised two children, Aaron and Racheal.

Donna has been an elementary para educator for the last 17 years, and in the last two years, she became a health coach. She has lived in Kearney for 26 years now, but said it is always good to come home to Arnold.

The Alumni Association Board is hoping for a great turnout, with alumni filling the auditorium.



April Mills Tickle,
Alumni President



Donna German Bisbee,
Program Emcee

Ticket Sales

Kenneth Goodenow will be at the Rialto Theatre on Friday, May 27, from 9:00 to 4:00, and Saturday, May 28, from 9:00 to 12:00 to sell meal tickets and collect dues. The newest edi-

tion of the Alumni Directory, dated 1913-2022, will be available to purchase. Tickets can also be purchased, dues paid and directories purchased before the banquet in the school's hallway.

American Legion Post 130 Will Host Memorial Day Services

Legion Post 130 will once again be hosting Memorial Day Services starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Arnold Cemetery. The program will include presentation of the Colors, a welcome by John Phillips, playing of The National Anthem, invocation and benediction by Post Chaplain Gary Halstead, and laying of the wreaths by Max Smith at the cemetery and at the river in memory of those who died at sea.

This year's special speaker will be Bill Schaad, who graduated from Callaway Public High School in 1974. He served in the U.S. Army as an armored crewman in Germany and Fort Hood, Texas from 1975 to 1979. He then furthered in education, graduating from Mid-

Plains Community College in 1981 with an associate's degree in Building Construction. He owned and operated W.R. Schaad Construction for 10 years. Schaad re-entered the Army as a combat engineer in 1991 and served in Germany; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Camp Howze, Korea; and completed combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan before retiring in 2008.

He is highly decorated, receiving numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star.

Bill continues to serve in the American Legion as Post 49 Adjutant and Custer County Vice Commander. He is a member of DAV chapter 41 and served as Chaplain and Junior Vice



Memorial Day speaker Bill Schaad

Commander.

In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the Baptist Church.

SL Athletes Return Home From State With Medals

The South Loup Bobcats brought home several medals from the state track meet. Both the boys and girls competed last Friday and Saturday in Omaha.

The boys' 4x800 relay team of Cache Gracey, Trey Connell, Logan Recoy and Silas Cool, finished 2nd in Class C. Rick Peterson's in-person report on this race (see page 4) gives everyone who couldn't be there the chance to experience the excitement.

Gracey ended up earning three medals.

Other medal winners were: Reagan Cool, Abby Stallbaumer, and Tallianna Martin.

Tiles Will Be Sold This Weekend for Library's Fundraiser

Finch Memorial Library's "Raising the Roof" fundraiser will kick-off this weekend, when tiles will be sold at the Rialto Theatre. Scheduled times are: Friday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Tiles can be purchased for \$15.00 each, with a goal of \$14,270.00. If donations are made in memory of a loved one, their name will appear on a plaque at the library.

So far, the library has received \$850.00 in direct donations which buys 56.67 tiles for the historical building.

Large Historical Marker Tells History of Arnold

Rotary marker documents time period from town's beginning to establishment of services



Courtesy photo

Harvey Foran, long-time village employee, and Glen Bowers, chairman of the board, stand beside the large historical marker created by Rotary Marker Project Coordinator Berni Crow and School House Graphic Products. The marker has been placed on the village light plant office building, documenting the history of the town and the progression of its services. Harvey, who started working for the Village on August 15, 1979, and continues working part-time to this day, has seen and been a part of many of the changes at the light plant that are pictured on the bottom of the sign. This August will mark his 43rd year of service to the Village.

Rotary's Historical Marker Project Coordinator Berni Crow recently completed one of the largest markers to date, documenting the history of the Village and the progression of its services. Placed on the Village's light plant building, the marker reads as follows (due to its length, the content of the marker will be printed in *The*

Sentinel in parts):

Village of Arnold - 1883

EARLY ARNOLD HISTORY
In 1875, George Arnold had located in the vicinity of the future village of Arnold, and then in 1877 became cattle business partners with Sam Richie. They were two of the earliest settlers in the area. The men moved their operations to the South

Loup Valley filing on two quarter sections located one half mile southeast of where Arnold is presently located. Mail addressed to "Arnold and Richie Ranch, C/O Postmaster" was brought twice weekly by horseback from Plum Creek (Lexington). The original site for the village was located on land that had been homesteaded by

Richard Eliada (R.E.) Allen, who had made his first appearance in the Arnold area by wagon during the last days of May 1880. Allen had erected a small sod house on his homestead located just west of the present swimming pool. In 1882, R.E. Allen established a store in his home. By 1883, he proved up on his homestead,

after building a nice log home with pine lumber he'd procured from Pine Canyon northwest of Callaway. In the fall of 1883, he platted the original town of Arnold on the famed South Loup Valley, and in 1884 he platted R.E. Allen's addition to Arnold. S.E. Edwards soon erected a large building, one of the first buildings in Arnold, that was occupied by Blum Brothers as a general store. Elder Landis Correll, George Arnold, and Richard Allen all met at Allen's soddy to decide on a name for the post office. Allen offered to have the post office in a small corner of his kitchen. Since Correll and Allen both preferred not to have the Post Office named for them, George Arnold offered the name of "Arnold". The name for the town was sent to the Postal Department in Washington and R.E. Allen was named postmaster on March 21, 1881. As an influx of settlers began to arrive two years later, Allen platted 16 square blocks of his homestead for the purpose of providing services that a village could provide. In 1883, it seemed that the post office name was also the best choice for naming the new village, "Arnold". In 1884, Ben Hardin grandfather to George, Don, and John established a general store (Pinnacle Bank). Other early stores included Wm. Ray - blacksmith; R.A. Probert - hardware; C.L. Long - drug store; S. Leland & Sons - flour mill; and Dr. J.H. Murray started his medical practice. Other stores added by 1886 included John Finch and Virgil Cannon - drug store; Alex Robertson - bank; and Miss Mary Robertson - millinery. By 1891, the population of

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