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Photo/Jessica Tickle

Donna German Bisbee reacts, after Josh Magill (right) lifted her blindfold to reveal that she was holding a live baby rat during Saturday night's entertainment at the A.H.S. Alumni reunion, where some 250-300 people gathered. "The Beshaler Boys", including Aaron Beshaler (left) organized the competitive guessing game between the "Cardinals" and the "Bobcats." Photos of the honored classes will be featured in next week's issue.

A.H.S. Alums Reunite on Saturday Night

By Darlene Rimpley

The 2022 Arnold High Alumni banquet and program is now a pleasant memory, the Alumni Board will begin work on the 2023 banquet, and A.H.S. graduates will begin making plans to attend, or so we hope.

Class get-togethers in the afternoon was a fun time of remembering the special moments of when they were in school and catching up on the lives of each member.

A delicious supper of broasted chicken, salads, and desserts (which were furnished by Alumni members) was prepared by Tammy Milne Weinman '86 and Carolyn Blowers Bowers '81 and served with a lot of good help. Members of the Junior and Senior National

Honor Society (and future Alumni members) were able helpers to carry filled plates and drinks, refill drinks, and pick up the empty plates.

During the interval between the meal and the program, door prizes from the generous businesses and local residents were distributed.

President April Mills Tickle '09 called the program to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The memorial for deceased Alumni was led by Terry Mills '75, who closed the time with prayer.

Three reports were given: Josh Magill on the Alumni Association, the Arnold School Foundation, and the Arnold Community Foundation, which plays major roles in the many activities of the town. For sev-

eral years now, the ACF has paid the postage, allowing the Alumni Association to mail an Alumni paper to every member.

The mistress of ceremonies, Donna German Bisbee, '87, was then introduced. The next morning, she revealed to this writer that she was a little nervous but got over it.

Next on the program - and one of the most important of any Alumni program - was the introduction of the honored classes. Although not a member of an honored class (other than the longevity of her years), Doris Shields Bowers, who was a member of the Class of 1938, was present as she has been for all but two of the Alumni programs.

The Class of 1942, an 80-year

class, stands out because they had two of the remaining four members present and they both came from out of state. Virginia Brown Geiser, who now lives in Norton, Kansas, with her daughter, Deb Wyett (who was also in an honored class, along with Virginia's son, Greg) reports her eyesight is about gone. Also from the Class of '42, Jean Nelson Beltz from Rochester, Minnesota, traveled here with a daughter and son-in-law. Jean's husband, Lloyd, was a great supporter of Alumni and never missed one. Jean comes every time she is able. So to Jean and Virginia, thank you for gracing our Alumni program.

The Class of '52 had six members left out of 23 graduates: Lorane Wiley Mitchell of Celeste, Texas; Dee Scott of Rapid City, South Dakota; Jim Croghan of Broken Bow; Ardith Nansel Clark of North Platte; Jo Spargo Keyser of Callaway; and Darlene Hagler Rimpley of Arnold. They were all present, which gave them a 100% attendance.

The Class of 1962 had 29 graduates, with 17 still living. They had eight present, which is 47% and takes second place. Following close behind with 46% was the Class of '72 with 46%. Jim Koubek came from Virginia to join with his Class of '82, that had seven of the 25 members attending. The Class of '92... what can you say about this class? Well, it had Ty Phillips in it and that says it all. It took him a while to remember his name and after that they still didn't have the highest attendance - seven out of 25, with Mike Hough coming from Minnesota. The Class of '12 only had seven members and none

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Community Garage Sales Sat., June 4

Bargain shoppers will have plenty to choose from this Saturday, June 4, as 22 sales are lined up for the Community Garage Sales. The garage sales will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maps and garage sale listings will be available at Arnold businesses.

A reminder that the Goodwill Truck will be in Arnold on June 3rd (after noon) through the 10th or until the trailer is full.

Village Board Holds Special Meeting

At a special meeting held on May 23, the Village Board of Trustees voted to amend Arnold's Economic Development Plan to allow a qualifying business outside of the Arnold School District to participate in the Economic Development Program as long as the activity or project is of benefit within the territorial boundaries of the Arnold School District. After a unanimous vote at a previous meeting, the amendment was recommended by the Citizen Advisory Committee. An ordinance to amend the plan will be on the June 13 meeting agenda.

Board members also voted to accept Myer's Construction proposal of \$38,500.00 to remove the exterior cooler, and the four engines from the power plant. Superintendent Doug DeLaune said that when everything was switched over to 7200 volts, only one back-up generator can produce what the village needs.

"Most times, by the time we get the generators started, Custer Public Power has the power back on because it's generally them that is the problem," he said.

Some of the back-up generators have been in use since at the light plant for decades and are the same as submarine engines used during World War I. They will be cut apart for removal.

NRCA/BRAN Will Be In Arnold Next Week

Hundreds of people will be arriving in Arnold next week. The first wave will be members of the Nebraska Rod and Custom Association (NRCA) Tour driving event. The drivers will gather at the Arnold Community Center on Sunday morning, June 5, around 9:15 a.m. to take a break before heading out on the road at 10:30 a.m. Rotary will be in charge of the morning snack of donuts and beverages.

The second wave will come on June 7, when some 300 Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska participants will cycle into town around noon. They will then move onto Callaway, where they will spend the night.

Tickle Awarded Firemanship Award at State Fire School

Six Arnold Volunteer Fire Department members attended the 85th Nebraska State Fire School at Fonner Park in Grand Island, May 20-22.

At the opening ceremony, Arnold Fire Chief Andrew Tickle was awarded the Firemanship Award. This award was presented to ten individual firefighters who have rendered exceptional service to their department and their community for a minimum of five years. The award is based on leadership, organizational abilities, civic activities, and responsibilities. Each award winner received a plaque and a check for \$50.00.

Leadership - would include activities important to their fire department, community, church organizations, business and development.

Organizational - abilities should include their department, business, employment and community efforts.

Firemanship - shall include participation in trainings, schools, meetings and fire emergencies.

Civic activities - pertain to community scouting, business, church groups, policies, etc.

Outstanding activities - would be their performance in projects, whether departmental or community.

Responsibility - shall include dependability, trust, family, friends, business, and community.

Tickle was nominated by Tammy Weinman, Rescue Captain, for this award.



Andrew Tickle was awarded the Firemanship Award at the Nebraska State Fire School.

"When I nominated Andrew, I knew he was deserving of this award because of not only what he does for the fire department, but what he does for his family, church, the Arnold community and Custer County," said Weinman.

Those attending fire school and the classes they took were: Andrew Tickle - Resources for the New Chief & Officers; Tammy Weinman - Fire Prevention Live; Cassy DeLosh - Intro to Firefighting; Justin Mousel - Fire Investigation; Grady Lashley - Intro to Firefighting; and Jane Fieldgrove - Nebraska Fire Happenings.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Working Together to Remember the Fallen

Eli Rogers sets a cross on a veteran's grave at the Arnold Cemetery on May 27. He was among honor society and other youth volunteers who helped Legion and Auxiliary members decorate. Eli, who is a 9th grade Junior Honor Society member, said he came up with the idea of honor society members helping after visiting the Broken Bow cemetery last year, where he and his mom saw Legion members picking up flags. "We asked if they needed help and they said, 'We always need help,'" said Eli. "We asked Mrs. Moninger if we could help at Arnold and she said it was a good idea. We hope to make this a yearly honor society project and everyone will help us out."