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Tiles Removed: Phase I

Arnold Community Foundation Fund donates \$5,000 to library roof project.

By Janet Larreau

It was long, hot, dirty work, but a special tile crew out of Scottsbluff had the paper and temporary shingles covering the Finch Memorial Library roof on by the time it rained on July 9. In Phase I of the project, the workers removed the old clay tiles – some dating back 100 years – stacked and lowered them to the ground, where Ryan Tullis of Weathercraft Roofing counted and sorted good from bad under a tree near the building. One-hundred-year-old dirt blew through the neighborhood as the crew swept off the sheeting, where some unexpected damage was found. Finally, paper went on and temporary, mismatched shingles were installed. The shingles, left over from other Weathercraft jobs, were sold to the library “dirt cheap,” saving a lot of money.

For an extended period of time – estimated at about six months – the temporary shingles will protect the roof until tiles are manufactured to replace those that were chipped or broken.

In only two months of fundraising, the library is getting closer to its goal of \$14,270.00 for the project. A generous \$5,000.00 donation was received from the Arnold Community Foundation Fund and many individuals have purchased tiles. The total of tiles sold as of July 14 is 807. Because of the structural damage found and the fact that the lawn will need to be addressed after heavy equipment has driven on it, more money will be needed.

Tiles may be purchased for \$15.00 each by dropping a check off at the library, or mail to: Finch Memorial Library, PO Box 247, Arnold NE 69120. If mailed, please memo the check “tile purchase.”



Photo/Jessica Tickle

On a very hot July day, a special tile crew out of Scottsbluff pack tiles that were removed from the library's roof into a container. Once this process was done, the crew papered and put on a temporary shingled roof until new tiles that need replaced due to being broken or cracked are manufactured.

Village Board Approves Proposal for Comprehensive Study, with Contingency

At their regular meeting held July 11, Village Board members approved the proposal from Hanna: Keelan Associates, P.C. to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan, a review of the current Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and a comprehensive Community Housing Study. The proposal – which will not exceed \$40,000 – will be contingent on acceptance from the state.

A separate steering committee made up of five members met prior to the meeting to evaluate the proposal and made their recommendation to the Board to accept it.

Approval Given to AEDC to set up separate account

Board members considered and approved allowing the Arnold Economic Development to set up a separate account from proceeds from the sale of real estate for future real estate purchases.

The Village clerk said that according to AEDC's fund, the

board can grant the necessary funds for land purchases to the AEDC. She contacted the Village auditor and Village attorney about allowing the AEDC to set up a separate account with the proceeds from the sale of real estate (Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) Block Six (6) Original Town). Both the auditor and attorney said the AEDC would not have to return the money for the Fund and could set up a separate account.

Feral Cats Discussion

Courtney Evans, Lois Johnson, Shavonne Schacher, and Dolores Weber were at the meeting to discuss a problem with feral cats roaming about.

Evans, who is Riverview director, said that the cats are a problem at Riverview Apartments, and said that she has had complaints from the tenants, the neighbors, and the health inspector. Riverview could lose its funding if something is not done.

Board members said there is no ordinance on feral

cats. The suggestion was made to live trap the cats and relocate them to farms. Evans said that she is going to put a letter to the editor in *The Arnold Sentinel* regarding the issue.

Broadband Grant

Ian Taylor, senior district manager with Great Plains Communications, was at the meeting regarding an application for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act Grant.

The Nebraska Legislature passed legislation in 2021 creating the Act allocating \$20 million a year in broadband grants administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

The resolution states that high-speed broadband access to the Internet is essential to the well-being of all residents and businesses in Arnold, and that the Village of Arnold strongly supported Great Plains Communication's application for a grant administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission and urges the application

be approved.

A notice of the resolution, which was passed, will be sent to the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Trash Truck a Total Loss

Village Superintendent told board members that the 2006 Peterbilt trash truck, which caught on fire on April 24, 2022, is considered a total loss. Board members discussed two options from EMC Insurance, and decided to accept a net settlement of \$45,000.00 where EMC would take possession.

The \$45,000.00 settlement can be used towards the purchase of a used truck, which DeLaune will start looking for.

Pool Vacuum Could Go Robotic

Board members Donnell DeLosh said that he and Aaron Olson met with pool personnel, and the Board needs to discuss getting a new vacuum for the pool. The vacuum is 17-years

old.

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Filings Update

Deadline for non-incumbents to file is Aug. 1.

The Custer County Clerk's reports that as of July 18, there have been three filings for a seat on the Arnold Township Board. Incumbents Tony Eggleston, Dan Blowers, and Roger Bierman all filed by the July 15 deadline.

All filings remained the same for the Arnold Village Board by non-incumbent Jason Jenkins and incumbents Zach Hagler and Donnell DeLosh. Incumbent Brent Kulp did not re-file by the deadline.

The deadline for non-incumbents to file for the November General Election August 1.

Write-ins will only be counted if a Notarized Write-In Affidavit is signed in the Clerk's office. This changed last year in Legislation.

Village Clerk Enjoying Whole New Workspace



It's been a long wait, but Village Clerk Patty Lamberty finally got new desks in her office.

“I do not remember ever having a new desk, and I have been here since 1983,” she said. “The U-shaped desks give me so much more room to work, and I love having everything in one area!”

The process of completely updating the office space began clear back in January of 2022. The office was painted on the weekends so that the office could remain open. A Mitsubishi Ductless HVAC system was installed after the painting, replacing a window AC unit that was above the door – and dripped. New ceiling tiles and crown molding was put up, and the office was closed on March 18 so the Village employees could install the flooring. Furniture was delivered and installed on June 20.

The office has been painted over the years. Back in the early 90s, small updates were made for storage when the A.H.S. shop class built cabinets and an office island that are still in use.

Patty started out part-time, became full-time in 1987 when Betty Nelson became ill, and was appointed Village clerk/treasurer in 1988. After all this time, she's well deserving of a total update to her workspace.

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