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## Rise In E-Scooter Use Prompts AVFD to Give Safety Presentation

There's a significant surge in kids riding electric scooters across the nation, and on any given day in Arnold, you'll most likely see kids whizzing by on these fun two-wheel vehicles. It's great seeing them all outside having a good time, but there is growing concern about safety.

Last week, the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department met with students at Arnold Schools for a presentation on electric scooter safety.

"We had been asked by several community members if we could do a presentation for the kids in the community. After talking to Principal Ali Goodenow, she supported the idea and set up a date. Officer Dan Osmond was also invited to help with the presentation," said EMT Captain Tammy Weinman.

With a theme in mind of Ride Smart, Stay Safe, Have Fun! AVFD Fire Chief Andrew Tickle and Weinman came up with

ideas for the slideshow presentation. Key points were: Scooters are fun, but accidents can happen, Safety Gear, Rules of the Road, Ride Safely, Be Aware of Others, Safety Checks, Ride on the Right Side, Follow Traffic Signs, Emergency Tips, and Safety Reminders. Cassy DeLosh demonstrated and encouraged the use of hand signals for turning right, left, and stopping.

They also pointed out that these rules not only apply to electric scooters, but also bikes, electric bikes, motorcycles, golf carts, or any other motorized means of transportation the kids might be riding around Arnold.

"With the warmer weather, it's a great time for these reminders. We are happy to see the kids out enjoying the outdoors, but we want them to be safe," said Weinman.

"When talking with the students, it was apparent that the ages that kids are riding electric scooters



Students listen and observe, as AVFD EMT Captain Tammy Weinman gives part of a presentation on electric scooter safety last week.

are junior high and under. We were able to remind the high school students that are driving vehicles

that they can also help by watching for kids on scooters and being aware of your surroundings

while driving. We hope that by raising awareness, it will make kids be more cautious while using

scooters, and it will help avoid accidents. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!"

## Reed's and the Town Wish Debbie a Happy Retirement

By Janet Larreau

Reed's Food Center was busier than usual last Friday, as residents stopped in to wish long-time employee Debbie Brosius a happy retirement.

On Debbie's last day, owner John Reed said a heartfelt goodbye to Debbie with the rest of the staff.

"What she has meant to the business is really hard to put into words," said John. "She's my right hand person. She could do everything I could do. She seemed to know what I was thinking. She's just a really, really, really good employee, but she's paid her dues," he said.

Debbie started working at the grocery store clear back in 1988, just two years shy of 40 years ago.

"I was mowing lawns and cleaning houses. I came in for a cold pop and John offered me a job," she said. "I was a cashier at first, but in this business you

soon learn there is a lot more to it, like facing, and cleaning floors, coolers, and windows."

She's seen a lot of things change and made easier over the decades. Back in the day, everything was unloaded off the truck one piece at a time. Now it comes off with a pallet jack and a lift. Price changes were done one can at a time. Technology changed that. Now they're put in the computer and change instantly. And the freezers and coolers have changed a lot. Defrosting is so much different.

Debbie, who is well known for her quick quips that make customers laugh, could probably

tell grocery store stories for hours, but chose one in particular, recalling, "A lady called and said she didn't get her lettuce. I remembered putting it in her sack. The next time she came in, I asked if she'd found it. She said, 'Yes, in the freezer.' And kids, of course, the things they've said that I'm sure the parents didn't want to share."

And what was Debbie's favorite part about working at Reed's?

"I was fortunate to have a very good boss, my co-workers are like an extended family, and of course the customers, who also become like family," she said.

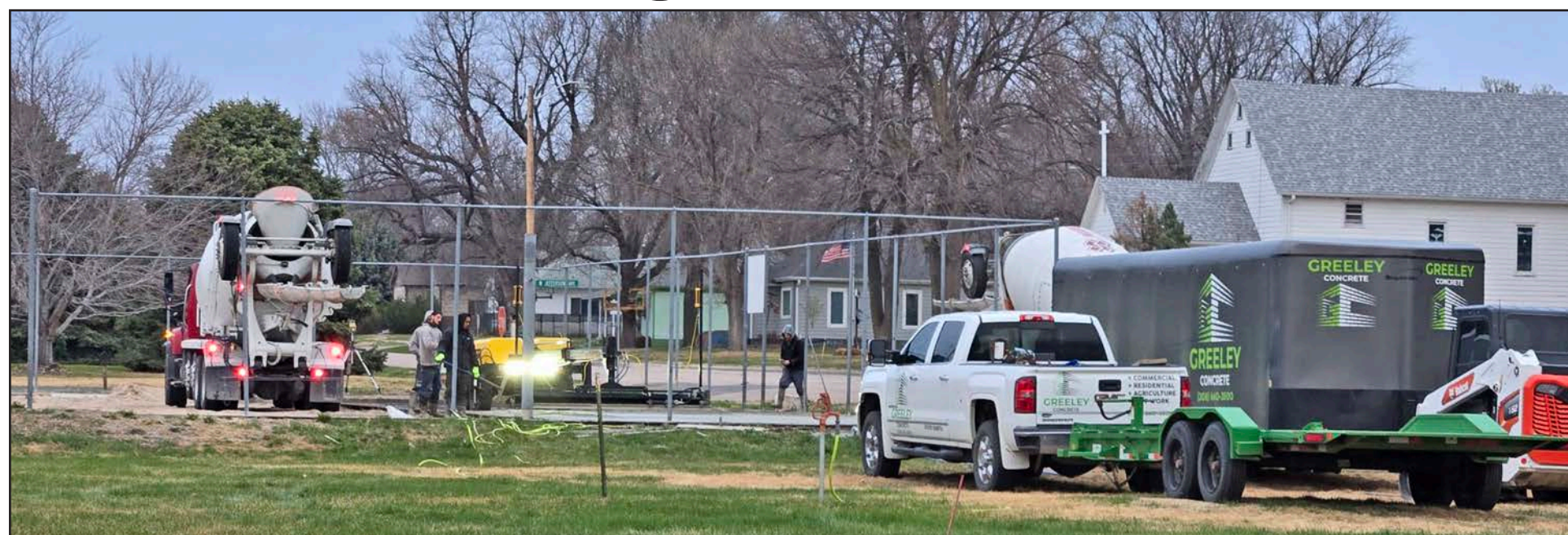
## Hospital Gala Is Saturday In Arnold

The Callaway District Hospital Foundation will host its Legacy of Care Gala on Saturday, April 18, at the Arnold Community Center. The event is being held to support the project of building a new clinic in Arnold. For details on times and how to purchase tickets, please turn to page 2 of this issue.



Reed's Food Center owner John Reed and employee Debbie Brosius have weathered the grocery store business a long time together. In 1998 (inset) they were honored by the Arnold Rotary Club with the Employer of the Year and Employee of the Year awards. - Recent photo by Debbie Connelly

## Concrete Phase Begins on Carroll Street Courts



Greeley Concrete workers pour a new slab of cement at the Carroll Street Courts site at the beginning of April. When completed, the new courts will be accessible for playing pickle ball, tennis, or basketball. - Debbie Connelly photo