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## He Is Risen...Happy Easter



### Kids Get Their Eggs-ercise at Annual Hunt

Gale force winds didn't stop parents from bringing their kiddos to the city park last Saturday morning for Chamber's annual Easter Egg Hunt. As the inflatable Easter Bunny took cover behind the awning, participants in four age groups pushed forward with the goal of finding the prize winning gold and silver eggs.

Winners were:

0-2 years old: gold, Wajer Flint; silver, Alden Snyder.  
2-4 years old: gold, Elliott Safranek; (silver did not claim their prize)

5-7 years old: gold, Trevor Patterson; silver, Oli Goodenow.

8 & older: gold and silver finder was Reese Hagler.  
Gold winners received a large stuffed animal and silver received a medium.

Winners are pictured on page 10.

The hunt was organized by Macy Koubek, and National Honor Society members and their sponsor, Kelly Morgan, filled and hid the eggs.

### Stack Up On Happiness Rotary Hosts Annual Pancake Feed



(Above) Behind the scenes, Val Daly and Mary Becker were stirring up the pancake batter.



Kay Lohmiller assists a group of soccer kids with their toppings. - Debbie Connelly photos

Arnold Rotary's 40th annual pancake supper was successfully enjoyed by 260 patrons at the Arnold Community Center on Friday, March 26. Supper

was served by 15 Rotarians and five Kiwanis Club members from North Platte, who have a pancake grill that serves pancakes hot and fresh.

This year, Rotary provided a live broadcast of the Nebraska-Iowa basketball game, thanks to President Buzz Lohmiller. Entertainment was provided by Nebraska Humanities

performer Dan Holtz, a retired professor from Peru State University. Dan sang 30 songs in one hour. He wrote the songs himself about life in rural Nebraska over the last 50 years.

The supper grossed \$1,875.00. Most of the profits will be used to fund the youth soccer program, which is composed of 90 youth from the Arnold area. Most of the cost is

providing shirts for the soccer players and other needed supplies. Rotary has sponsored the soccer program for over 30 years.

### Three AVFD Members Receive Firefighter 1 Certification



Arnold Volunteer Fire Department members (from left) Dalton Swopes, Andrew Tickle, Grady Lashley received their Firefighter 1 certification. The last several months they have been completing the requirements for their Hazmat Operations certification. They passed their skills test first then written test. Once this certification is done it completes the requirements for their Firefighter 1 which had been completed earlier. - Courtesy photo

### Sign Up For Community Clean Up Day

A reminder that there's still time to get on the list for community clean-up day. Adult volunteers, APS students and faculty, and American Legion will be on hand to help clean up properties. Contact the Village office to be placed on the list.

### Village Board Holds Special Meeting

At a special meeting held on March 23, Arnold Village Board members voted to recommend to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the issuance of a Class "C" liquor license with a catering endorsement to JM Bass Enterprises LLC, dba Grazers Bar & Grill. A public hearing was held prior to the vote, with no objections from the floor.

In other business, the Board adopted a proclamation to proclaim April 24, 2026, as the day of celebration of Arbor Day. Tree board member Mary Becker said that the tree board will collaborate with Arnold Public

Schools for an Arbor Day celebration on April 24. Western Nebraska Community Forestry Specialist Chrissy Land will meet with the third graders for the celebration. At Becker's request, a tree for the city park as part of the celebration.

The Board also voted to issue a check to National Sports Products for \$1,060.00 for tennis posts, sleeves, tennis net, adjustable center strap and a center pipe anchor for the Carroll Street Courts project, and accepted a quote of \$13,900.00 from Landmark Implement for a used zero turn mower.