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Callaway Hospital District Foundation Gala Brings Community Together, Raises Support for Local Healthcare

ARNOLD - The Callaway Hospital District Foundation welcomed 200 guests on April 18 for its Legacy of Care Gala, an evening centered on community connection, and support for local healthcare.

Held at the Arnold Community Center, the event brought together neighbors, businesses, and friends from across the area to celebrate the importance of keeping quality care close to home. Guests enjoyed a social hour, dinner, entertainment, and both silent and

live auctions.

By the end of the evening, the Foundation raised \$56,957 through sponsorships, donations, and auction participation.

“We are incredibly grateful for the support shown by our communities,” said Cassie Penn, Chief Operating Officer and Foundation Officer. “This night was a reminder of how much people care about ensuring access to healthcare in rural areas and supporting the services we all rely on.”

Funds raised will go toward supporting ongoing and future healthcare needs, helping strengthen services and enhance patient care across the region.

The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, and contributed to the success of the evening. Events like this reflect the strength of rural communities and their commitment to caring for one another.



(Left) Tables were filled with 200 guests at the recent Callaway Hospital District Foundation Legacy of Care Gala held in Arnold. (Above) Emcee Kacey Gillis, RN/Case Manager at Callaway Hospital, speaks to the crowd. - Courtesy photo

Arbor Day: It's About Planting a Tree



Third graders (from left) Ian Holmberg, Owen Brown, Lainey Pelster, NE Community Forester Chrissy Land, and Madelyn Nansel use screwdrivers to loosen the root-ball (often called “teasing or root shaving”) of a Jeronimus Cottonwood tree at the city park last Friday. The entire class of 20 students met at the park with Land and Arnold Tree Board members Mary Becker and Kenny Goodenow for an Arbor Day celebration. While Land taught them all about how to plant a tree, they learned that the cottonwood is in fact the Nebraska state tree.

“Arbor Day is not about having trees; it's about planting trees,” said Land.

When describing her job as a community forester to the kids, she asked them to describe a forest. After the class gave all the characteristics of a forest, she asked them, “Is your community (Arnold) a forest?”

The students were a bit puzzled, but thought it could be based off the similarities. She explained to them that most, if not all trees, in a community were planted by humans and her job is to help communities manage trees and green infrastructure.

The already 8' fast growing tree will someday provide shade for the play equipment. - Debbie Connelly photo



Surrounded by 50's decorations, Josie Christensen teaches a group of girls a move at the Prom dance, Saturday night at Callaway High School. - Courtney Espinosa photo



Retro Charm

Prom theme takes kids back to the 50's

Some 100 Arnold and Callaway students, their dates, and sponsors, enjoyed the annual Prom, Saturday night in the Callaway School gym. With decorations set in the mood of the 1950's theme, students sat down to a meal

of choice of steak or barbecue chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, and a salad, catered by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, and for dessert, cupcakes made by Christi Furrow.

The night began with scheduled pictures, a public time to view the decorations, and the promenade.

After the dance, the kids loaded up to travel to the Big Apple in Kearney for After Prom activities.



Preservation Matters

Legion works to secure veterans markers

American Legion members (pictured right, from left) Clay Mohr, Charlie Foran, Mike Harvey, John Phillips, and Kristy Wallace, took on a big project last week at the Arnold Cemetery. John Phillips, who is a Cemetery Board and Legion member, said the group went through the entire cemetery, identifying all veterans graves from a 104 page list of all those buried in the cemetery. Once a vet's grave was identified, their veterans marker was hammer drilled into the concrete base. “Over the years, the markers have just been stuck in the dirt beside the grave and kept getting ran over and destroyed by mowers, and some were stolen,” he said. Some markers didn't have a base, so those markers were placed in the dirt as close to the headstone as possible. As they went through the list, a notation was made of the conflict they served in, if killed in action, or MIA. The list of veterans, totaling 227, will be handed over to Kristi Dvorak to be notated in the digital mapping of the cemetery. - Debbie Connelly photo

