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Village employee Tory Edwards (right) lowers a big tire off a trailer, as the last two loads of recycled tires came into Old Mill Park last Friday.



The pile of scrap tires was growing Friday afternoon at Old Mill Park, ready to be hauled away the following Monday.

## Village Rounds Up Scrap Tires During Two-Day Event

Village employee Tory Edwards was manning the Village's scrap tire collection site late into the day on Friday, May 29, only accepting small amounts as the total tons collected was nearing its quota. Starting Thursday morning, May 28, semi loads of used tires were being taken down to Old Mill Park as people from Arnold, Callaway, Dunning, Gandy, Stapleton, and surrounding rural residents got serious about cleaning up their scrap tires.

Funding in the amount of \$26,487 was made available to the Village of Arnold from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Fund through the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Envi-

ronment. The grant was written for a total of 150 tons and could not exceed that. It was a numbers game as the collection came to a close.

“I put an extra 4 tons on in case of rain, which would make the load heavier,” said Village Clerk/Treasurer Patty Lamberty, who wrote the grant.

On Monday, June 1, the winning bidder for the scrap tire haul, Resource Management Co., Inc., out of Brownell, Kansas, started their work. The company recycles any tires that are able to be utilized for the available markets at that time – this includes feed bunks, side-wall rings for silage cover weights, pryolysis feed-

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Cover for Landfills. Tires that cannot be recycled are processed and disposed of in landfills, annual retail business sales fees, and fees assessed on the sales of new tires.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program is funded by fees on solid waste disposed of in landfills, annual retail business sales fees, and fees assessed on the sales of new tires. The Litter Reduction and Recycling Program is funded by fees charged to certain manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of products that commonly contribute to litter, and a fee assessed on the sale of new tires.

In 2026, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment awarded over \$7 million

in grants to support 126 waste and litter reduction projects across the state.

The grants will help fund waste and litter reduction projects, recycling programs, pay costs for scrap tire cleanups and collections for household hazardous waste, electronic waste, and pharmaceuticals. Funding is also provided to support public education programs on litter reduction and recycling through a variety of school and community activities. Cleanup grants provide funding for Nebraska residents of all ages who pick up litter and debris along Nebraska's highways, waterways, recreation lands, urban areas, and other public use areas within the state.

## Garage Sale Day Is Saturday

Arnold Chamber will host its community-wide garage sales this Saturday, June 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chairpersons for the event, Deb Hall and Jill Kulp, report that there will be 17 locations on the map, with some being multi-family sales.

Maps and listings are available at Mills Hardware, BrewBakers, Punchy Poppy, Reed's Food Center, The Highlander, and Touch of Grace/Oakbrook PT, or you can print your own

from Arnold Community Garage Sales on Facebook.

### Goodwill Truck Will Be Here

The Goodwill Truck will be at the Arnold City Park, June 8-15, to donate items after the sales. The trailer will be on site after 12:00 p.m. on the first day of the drive and will be picked up by 12:00 p.m. on the last day of the drive.

Items can also be donated locally to the St. Agnes Church Thrift Shop.

## CC Foundation Announces Spring 2026 Grant Awards

(Custer County, NE) The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2026, and they are awarding a total of \$43,521.33 to 10 Custer County organizations.

“It's always an exciting time when we get to announce our grant recipients,” said Rilee Daffer, Executive Director of the Foundation. “The generous support we receive from our donors, through our annual Gala & Auction in December, enables the Foundation to continue to have a county-wide impact through the grants we can award.”

The Foundation Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following grants:

Ansley Public Schools - \$2,500 - to replace the current weight room bench press, incline bench press, barbells & weight sets.

Arnold Rural Fire Department - \$5,500 - to improve communication and tracking with Starlink and tablets.

Broken Bow Girls Wrestling - \$140 - to purchase climbing ropes.

Callaway Good Life Center - \$6,302.96 - to purchase 8 new adjustable beds, with compatible mattresses.

Central Nebraska Animal Rehousing Helper - \$3,000 - to purchase kennels for foster dogs.

Custer County Ag Society - \$3,500 - to repair air conditioning in the shooting sports/paddock building, and a new window air unit for the beef barn concessions stand.

Prairie Pioneer Center - \$5,000 - to purchase a new

dishwasher.

Sargent Recreation Committee - \$10,850 - to purchase benches and picnic tables for the beautifying project, with the condition of a plaque attached denoting the donation from the CCF.

South Loup 4-H Club - \$4,940.37 - to add archery to the shooting sports program.

Village of Callaway - \$1,788 - to purchase and install 2 push/pull plates to the exterior doors.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2026. Applications may be accessed online at [www.custercountyfoundation.org](http://www.custercountyfoundation.org). When submitting applications, it is important to complete all the requested information and submit a complete application. Incomplete applications may not be funded. Please reach out to the Custer County Foundation with any questions when filling out the grant application.

The mission of the Custer County Foundation is to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Call the Foundation at 308-872-2232 for more information.



## Gone In a Flash

Using his CAT excavator, Scott McDowell demolishes one of the town's oldest frame structures in a matter of minutes last Thursday. Located on the east side of South Carroll Street, property owner Mary said she remembers some of the people who lived in what today would be called the “tiny house” - most notably Caryl Hughes, a long-time resident who gave kids cookies for mowing her lawn.

Mary said that after she and her late husband, Maurice, purchased the property, the building was used for storage.

