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Local Artisan Saves the Day

Chubby Dailey says yes to creating windmill awards for ACCF



With his still steady hands, Chubby Dailey uses his special silver solder to create windmill awards for the Arnold Community Foundation Fund.

- Photos courtesy of Josh Magill

Chubby Dailey of Stapleton is known far and wide for crafting spurs, bits, and horseshoes – hundreds, in fact, since 1956. Dailey, who just celebrated his 90th birthday on the 4th of July, wasn't too sure about it, but took on a new project last year, saving the day for the Arnold Community Foundation Fund.

Since 2012, The Arnold Community Foundation Fund has presented engraved windmill awards to the philanthropists of the year at their annual fundraiser: one for an in-

dividual and one for an organization, group, or business. There have been 13 individual and group awards handed out since that time. No awards were presented during the 2020 COVID year.

Those windmills were made by a company out of Marion, Kansas, called Trace of Copper. Unfortunately, that company permanently closed.

Josh Magill joined the ACCF in 2024 and took on the windmill project as his initial contribution to the board. Finding a company or simply someone



Chubby displays four of the finished windmills in his Stapleton shop, where he has created hundreds of bits and spurs. At 90 years old, he still enjoys his craft.

to create the windmills proved challenging.

“Everyone who looked at the job either did not have enough experience with copper or thought the job was too tough and intricate. I talked with everyone from hobbyists to professional machinists,” said Josh. “The name Chubby Dailey had been mentioned several times during the ACCF’s search process. Chubby had donated

some of his signature handmade spurs to the foundation auction on several occasions. We were worried he didn’t want to take on another job. I eventually reached out to him, and he said he didn’t think he could handle it. I saw him several times over the course of the month and kept bothering him. He eventually gave in and said he would give it a try.” Chubby said he had to

make several prototypes. He almost gave up on several occasions, but he eventually got the design down.

All of the metal pieces used to make the windmill are purchased from Amazon. Chubby uses his special silver solder to put it all together. All of the metal pieces are copper and bronze rods, as well as copper plates. The wooden bases have been made by the Arnold Pub-

lic School shop class, and APS graphics engraves the awards.

The cost involved, with some donations of time, labor and material, is generally guesstimated just north of \$150.00 per each award.

Chubby has made 24 windmills at this point and the plan is to get to around 40 – giving the ACCF assurance that the awards will be presented well into the future.

Red, White & BOOM!



(Above) Jessica Tickle photo; (Below) Debbie Connelly photo



The community of Arnold celebrated the 250th anniversary of the U.S.A. on the 4th of July at Old Mill Park, with a great fireworks show put on by Gunther Fireworks.

(Left) April Tickle and her kids, and a friend settled in to watch the show from the back of a pickup truck. Everyone also had the chance to enjoy concessions at the site, although a brief rain dampened the set-ups. Another good rain was received Friday, making for a good night for everyone to set off fireworks.

Devil’s Den Bike Rally Returns This Weekend

Bikers will be gunning their engines this weekend as the Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally celebrates its 15th anniversary at the Arnold Recreation Area. In celebration, organizers have booked the band Semi Sober for Friday night.

“Having a live band on Friday night is new for us. We wanted to do something a little different because of the anniversary,” said Heather Hagler. “It’s a band a lot of people around here have heard, and they were recommended.”

Even with the live band, Friday night is still free. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m., and there will be biker games, cheap drinks, food, and vendors. Saturday will be a full

day of events, starting with show ‘n’ shine and the poker run. Bikers will draw their first card at Grazers Bar or The Highlander, and make stops at Anselmo, Sargent, Broken Bow, and Callaway. The final card will be drawn at the Arnold Rec Area. The day will continue with live music by Twisted Chrome and Whiskey Bent, biker games and a burnout pit, barbecue meal and a cash bar, a live auction/fundraiser, the crowning of Miss Devil’s Den, and a beer belly contest. Vendors will be on site. No bike is needed to join in the fun.

The rally is a nonprofit organization, and all proceeds go to local charities, causes, and student scholarships.

Filing Deadlines Nearing for Incumbents

The filing deadline for the upcoming General Election is nearing for incumbents on the Arnold Village and Arnold Township boards. All have until July 15 to file.

The terms of Donnell DeLosh, Zach Hagler, and Jason Jenkins will expire on the Village Board. The terms of Dan Blow-

ers, Roger Bierman, and Tony Eggleston will expire on the Arnold Township Board.

According to Custer County Election Clerk Dawn Raber-Goodwin, none had refiled as of July 2.

All non-incumbents for these open positions have until August 3 to file.