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Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally Donates \$12,950 for 2026

The Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally Committee met Sunday, August 30, to distribute donations to local charities and organizations that help make the rally possible.

This year’s rally was another great success, drawing a record 210 poker run entries. After expenses, the committee allocated funds to its charities and community programs. To date, the Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally has donated \$102,300 to the Arnold community - an achievement made possible by the generous support of numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations.

Supporting Students, Families, and the Community

The committee set aside funds for several important causes:

\$1,000 for a scholarship awarded to an Arnold Public School senior.

\$1,000 for the Arnold TeamMates Chapter’s scholarship program.

\$1,000 for suicide prevention and assistance

for families affected by suicide or a mental health crisis.

\$5,000 for the Autism Awareness Fund, bringing its balance to \$27,600.

The Autism Awareness Fund will eventually support a major project at the school. One possibility under consideration is playground equipment designed with autistic children in mind.

Additional donations will be made to the South Loup Cheerleaders, After Prom, Arnold Golf Association, Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA), and HonorBound.

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Sitting under the Arnold Recreation Area picnic awning, Devil’s Den Bike Rally participants enjoy a barbecue after the poker run. The July event raises money for several great causes in the area. - Courtesy photo

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Rescue Bar & Grill; Team Physical Therapy; and Touch of Grace Massage. Rally vendors also donate 10% of their sales. The committee extends its sincere appreciation to

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School Releases Enrollment Numbers

Arnold Public Schools has released its enrollment numbers for the 2026/2027 school year. The total enrollment in Pre-K through 12th grade is 210.

Following is a breakdown by class in all grades:

Pre-Kindergarten

Teacher: Brittany Payne

2 Year Out (a.m.)

Girls.....4

Boys.....5

Total.....9

1 Year Out (p.m.)

Boys.....5

Girls.....7

Total.....12

Kindergarten:

Teacher: Emma Stelling

Boys.....11

Girls.....7

Total.....18

First Grade:

Teacher: Erin Wyckoff

Boys.....4

Girls.....4

Total.....8

Second Grade:

Teacher: Jessica Vohs

Boys.....5

Girls.....5

Total.....10

Third Grade:

Teacher: Jamie Neth

Boys.....9

Girls.....4

Total.....13

Fourth Grade:

Teacher: Sadie Rotherham

Boys.....8

Girls.....9

Total.....17

Fifth Grade:

Teacher: Kevin Neth

Boys.....8

Girls.....4

Total.....12

Sixth Grade:

Boys.....9

Girls.....9

Total.....18

Seventh Grade:

Boys.....5

Girls.....6

Total.....11

Eighth Grade:

Boys.....9

Girls.....10

Total.....19

Freshmen:

Boys.....7

Girls.....9

Total.....16

Sophomores:

Boys.....10

Girls.....8

Total.....18

Juniors:

Boys.....8

Girls.....6

Total.....14

Seniors:

Boys.....5

Girls.....10

Total.....15

Pre-K Total:

Boys.....10

Girls.....11

Total.....21

K-5 Total:

Boys.....45

Girls.....33

Total.....78

Grades 6-12 Total:

Boys.....53

Girls.....58

Total.....111

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

PRE-K-12210

Downtown Airbnb Opens During Summer

Visitors to Arnold now have a new option of where to stay while in town, with the opening of an Airbnb right on main street. Listed on the Airbnb site as “The Office” in Arnold, Nebraska, it’s getting some 5 star reviews.

The building formerly housed Cloudfire Services on the east side of Walnut St. The owners, Adam and Melani Wonch, closed the HVAC/appliance sides in June of 2025 due to their move to Central City, Nebraska, where they say God opened doors for them and their kids to have the unique opportunity to be part of Nebraska Christian Schools, with Adam as director of operations and maintenance, Melani as music/drama teacher, and the kids as students.

“We had talked about an Airbnb even prior to our move, noting how handy it would be to have a shower and sleeping quarters for ourselves, but the change of residence was the push we needed to make it a reality,” said Melani. “We considered selling the building, but didn’t want to lose our ‘roots’ in the Arnold area. We really wanted a place for our family to land if needed, and an Airbnb seemed like the perfect entrepre-

neurial move. We hoped that it could help, not only us, but also bring visitors who could add to the economy of our community.”

Making sure everything was within city code and within legal boundaries before proceeding, the Wonches kept the business name Cloudfire Services as a property management company and began their project of creating an Airbnb. Adam made many weekend trips to put in the new facilities, making it functional for guests. Melani made the spaces cozy, putting in furniture, linens, and décor needed to make it private and functional for overnight guests. It wasn’t always easy going in the antique building, and it took about a year of planning and weekend work to have it fully ready for guests in June of 2026.

On the main level, guests walk into the living room, where the plush couch turns into a queen bed. To the back of that side is the master bedroom, also with a queen bed. As guests walk in and turn to the left, there is a baby grand piano in the ‘music room’ next to the dining room table, and moving up to the back, is a kitchenette and a shiny new bathroom with shower.

Walk up the stairs, and there’s a loft with two beds: a double and twin sized. Canvas photos and original art of Nebraska areas with sunsets and clouds were used for the wall décor.

“We have been pleased to host four times this summer since it’s opening and have had some wonderful guests who gave us reviews. We are always looking to improve, so it has been good to hear all of their thoughts,” said Melani. “We hope that this new business is a way to stay connected to this community and people that we care about, as well as adding to the value and beauty of it. We want to see Arnold grow and thrive, and this is one way we hope we can still do that even from afar. We



You found the aardvark clue! Fred Ziffel’s pet pig - most generally, but not this time. Look hard cuz it’s odd.



The Wonches created a cozy living room right as you walk into the main level of their Airbnb on Arnold’s main street.

encourage residents to check it out, reserve early for special events, and reach out to us if you have questions.”



Up the stairway (left), the Airbnb’s loft features a tin ceiling and beds to sleep three.