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Greeleys Bring New Business, Community Spirit to Town



Dalton and Sarah Greeley, with kids Colten, Spencer, and Lyla, are enjoying their newly-built home on Koubek Avenue. With the move, the couple brought their business, Greeley Concrete, to Arnold.
- Debbie Connelly photo

Dalton and Sarah Greeley were looking for a place where they could put down roots, raise their family, and grow their business. They found it in Arnold, and couldn't be happier.

"Arnold felt like a great fit because of the small-town atmosphere and

the sense of community here," said Sarah. "We also loved the opportunity to build a home and establish our business in a community where we could really become involved and contribute."

The Greeleys were living in Sutherland at the time they put out a post

on Facebook letting people know they were looking for a lot in the area to build on. AEDC Director Cheryl Carson reached out to the couple with information about a lot.

"She was fantastic to work with and helped us every step of the way, from permits to answer-

ing questions and helping us navigate the process. She even put together a 'Welcome to Arnold' package for us, which was such a thoughtful gesture and really made us feel welcomed from the beginning. We really appreciated how helpful she was throughout the entire pro-

cess," said Sarah.

The Greeleys also give credit to several other people who helped them.

"We purchased the lot from Rod and Elizabeth Gracey, who were incredibly kind and wonderful to work with. They genuinely wanted to see the community grow and were so supportive of us throughout the process. Eric (Holmberg) and Patty (Lamberty) were also a huge help by answering numerous questions and helping get the road in front of our house built up and in better shape. We really appreciated everyone who took the time to help make the process a little easier for us," said Sarah.

With the move, they brought a new business to town: Greeley Concrete. The family-owned business provides residential, commercial, and agricultural concrete, along with dirt work and steel buildings.

"We sell and erect steel buildings and enjoy being able to provide our customers with everything from the foundation and concrete work to the building itself," said Sarah. We take a lot of pride in doing quality work, treating our customers right, and building relationships in the communities we serve."

One of the Arnold projects they have already been involved in was Carroll Street Courts. The Greeleys said they really enjoyed being a part of the project.

"It was especially re-

warding to help build something that our community can enjoy and use for years to come," said Sarah. "Knowing that our own kids (Colten, age 8; Spencer, age 2; and Lyla, age 1) will be able to enjoy the courts makes being involved even more special to us. We're grateful for the opportunity to contribute to a project that brings something positive to the community."

The Greeleys showed their community spirit in August by sponsoring a "Last Pool Day of the Summer" event. The business paid the admission fee for everyone to get in, and handed out a total of 68 ice cream sandwiches and 146 popsicles.

"One of the things we love most about living in a small town is that everyone has the opportunity to make a difference," they said. "We want to be a business and a family that gives back to the community that has welcomed us. Whether that's sponsoring events, helping with community projects, or simply showing up and supporting other local businesses and families, we're excited to continue finding ways to be involved. We have really enjoyed living in Arnold. Everyone has been so welcoming. We're very happy we chose Arnold to build our home and business, and we're excited to continue being involved in the community and raising our family here."

Shooting Range Is Back In Business

Village agrees to lease site to newly formed LLC

At a special meeting held in August, Arnold Village Board members agreed to lease the Arnold Shooting Range to DL Shooters, LLC., which is good news for shooting enthusiasts in the area.

Due to insurance issues, the range had been shut down since last spring. Leading up to the closure, Arnold Gun Club membership was down to about half of what it had been running in previous years. Financially, the club could not pay insurance and continue to make improvements to the building and the range, so the gun club's

board made the decision to turn the range back to the Village. The club ran through the end of the membership year in March, and the Village took over and shut the range down. The gun club had its final meeting on September 1st to close out business.

"For the Village to operate the range, there had to be a range officer on site any time the range was open," said Lori Stutzman, who served on the gun club board. "The Village isn't staffed to be able to provide that. We were faced with losing the range completely and

it being torn out. I had the idea of taking over the range and asked a few board members their thoughts before starting to research what it would take."

Lori learned that a private entity taking on the range was the only way to keep it available to the community area. The LLC was her idea, but she and husband Dusty discussed it at length before setting it up in the spring.

"It gives a layer of protection to my family and Nebraska Shooters who Dusty and I are instructors with," she said.

Through the lease agree-

ment with the Village, the LLC will pay the insurance, take care of the upkeep, and operate the range for day-to-day operations.

"Right now, we will get it cleaned up and back to operational. It has sat all spring and summer without anyone out there. We hope to get it up and running shortly after September 1st when we officially begin the lease. The only plan for any change in the immediate future is going from a hot range light to a flag system," said Lori. "We don't know how many people have interest in the range at this point.

It will no longer be a club, so it won't be a dues system. Individuals will be able to purchase daily, monthly, or yearly passes. Any money collected from passes will go back into helping offset the expense of insurance."

Individuals will be able to shoot handgun, rifle and shotgun. Classes that will be offered include hunter education, conceal carry, off body carry, and a variety of other firearms classes. The Stutzmans will be offering a free-will donation rifle sight in day, October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Targets and assistance



will be available.

"I am excited to be a part of being able to continue to have a range available to the area and classes to educate current and future firearms enthusiasts," said Lori.

AVFD Installs 50 Smoke Detectors in Local Homes



Heather Hagler writes dates on new smoke detectors, while Brett Halstead preps them before installation in a local home on Sunday. The free service was provided by the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department and the Red Cross.
- Debbie Connelly photo

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department spent Sunday afternoon, August 30, helping make local homes safer by installing smoke detectors for area residents.

At approximately 3 p.m., seven members of the department traveled to nine different locations throughout the community, installing a total of 50 smoke detectors.

Members participating in the effort included Robbi, Brett, Heather, Andrew, April, Tammy and Gregg.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department partners with the American Red Cross approximately every 10 years to pro-

vide smoke detectors to residents in the community. The program provides an important opportunity not only to ensure homes have working smoke alarms, but also to visit with residents about fire safety and emergency preparedness.

During the visits, firefighters were able to discuss the importance of having a family fire escape plan, knowing multiple ways out of a home and having a designated meeting location outside the residence.

The department encourages all residents to check their smoke alarms regularly and make sure the alarms

are working properly. Families should also have a clear escape plan and make sure everyone in the household knows what to do if a fire or other emergency occurs.

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the American Red Cross for its continued partnership and, most importantly, the department members who gave their time Sunday afternoon to help make the community a safer place.

A working smoke detector and a well-practiced escape plan can make a life-saving difference when seconds count.