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Country Store Will Open Soon

November 1 is the target date for The Highlander – A Country Store to open its doors in Arnold. Danielle Lamb, who is also the owner of The Highlander convenience store and restaurant, purchased the building on North Walnut Street in the summer of 2025. She has been moving in merchandise since that time while getting The Highlander up and running on West Arnold Avenue.

The western store will be offering major brands, such as Cinch, Wrangler, Ariat, 7 for All Mankind and many more. Lamb is also the Double J Saddlery rep and certified saddle fitter for the region. Lamb travels to different markets, and she plans to keep the new styles in stock, along with the old favorites, too.

She’s currently working on the store’s website, and the plan is to have it ready on opening day.

Ashely Maddox will be the main face of the store. Lamb said Maddox’s knowledge in western wear is extensive, and she is very blessed to have her.

The store will be open on Saturdays, but Lamb said if the restaurant is open and someone needs something, she will gladly go over and let someone in.

Ever since merchandise began appearing in the store’s windows, people have shown a lot of interest.

“Everyone we have told is very excited to have jeans and work shirts available in our town,” said Lamb.



Danielle Lamb hangs the sign on her new store front. The Highlander - A Country Store is set to open in just a few weeks. - Debbie Connolly photo

Village Board Candidate Profiles Start This Week

At the November 3 General Election, residents will be asked to vote for up to three candidates out of the five who have filed. On the ballot will be incumbents Zach Hagler and Jason Jenkins, and non-incumbents Chris Kuczynski, Lori Stutzman, and Matthew Fletcher. To help residents make their decision, the Sentinel will be presenting candidate profiles leading up to the election. This week we start with Chris Kuczynski.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Christopher L. Kuczynski
Age: 62
Position Sought: Arnold Village Board
Non-Incumbent
Occupation: Retired



Biography
Chris Kuczynski moved to Arnold in June of 2019, but had been racing and visiting Arnold since 2002. The SORC race is what brought him to Arnold, and after retiring in 2019, he decided to make Arnold his permanent resident. He is single and decided to build a “barndominium” to enjoy his retirement years. He has a daughter who lives in Las Vegas, and his father, brother, and sister live in Pennsylvania, where Chris was born and raised.

Background
Chris graduated from high school in 1981 in Pennsylvania, attended Thaddeus Stevens College in Lancaster, PA, from 1981 to 1983, played college basketball, and majored in carpentry, graduating with honors in 1983. He enlisted in the Army in 1986, took basic training at Ft. Knox, KY, and was stationed at Ft. Irwin, CA, from 1986 to 1988 as an armor crewman, transitioned over to transportation in 1989 and had his annual training at Ft. Picket, VA. He moved to Las Vegas in 1991 and acquired a job with the Teamsters, from which he retired in 2019.

Why are you running for Village Board?
I decided to run for the Village Board this year because I was actually approached several years ago and declined due to the fact that I had not lived here long enough, in my opinion. I wanted to first learn how things work in Arnold, meet the people, get to know more about the community, its priorities, and learn how small town life is.

Being in the military taught me many things, including teamwork, leadership, and responsibility. I can introduce an outside perspective to the Board and the Village of Arnold. I have a tendency to research things that are brought to my attention. Especially things that will affect myself and those around me. I don’t just make a decision without legitimate reason. I am able to discuss things, and willing to debate for what is best for the community. If elected, there are a few things I would like to see changed and/or accomplished. There are things that I still need to learn, but I have a few ideas that would perhaps save the Village and the taxpayers money. I have an understanding of how government works, and how expenditures work. By the same token, I don’t approve of needless spending. I would like to see the Village thrive and grow as a community I believe that we, (the people of Arnold), need to focus on Arnold and need to make realistic decisions for the betterment of the Village. I believe I would be beneficial because I am a down to earth thinker, yet in depth as well. Thank you!

From the Field to the Dance Floor

Arnold and Callaway schools crowned their Homecoming royalty following the South Loup vs. Arapahoe game played at Callaway on Friday afternoon. Queen and King for Callaway were (left to right) Charli Pandorf and Taytum Weise and crowned for Arnold were Wacey Schultz and Jade Bierman. The traditional Homecoming dance followed.

- Ronda McFate photo



Tickets Going On Sale for Housing Tour

Arnold Housing Tour tickets will be on sale beginning October 12 at the following businesses: Buckskin Brunette, Four County Boutique, BrewBakers, First State Insurance, Team Physical Therapy in Callaway, and First State Ins. in Gothenburg. The Chamber-sponsored event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, with four homes and Coleman cabins on the tour.

Sidewalk Project Rounds the Corner

As work continued on the west side of Walnut Street last week, Paulsen, Inc., rounded the corner to the north side of the future museum building, which is also under renovation. Concrete was also torn out on the west side of the building, paving the way for much needed improvements in that area.

A downpour last week created extra work for the large crew, but they were back on track the next day.

