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Fall Housing Tour Held Saturday

One-hundred-thirty-three ticket holders enjoyed a salad luncheon at the community center and a full afternoon of touring three local homes and rural cabins last Saturday, as Chamber hosted its Fall Housing Tour.

Participants enjoyed a tour of Evan and Kellsy Beshaler's classic mid-century ranch-style home. Built in 1963, the home features a brick exterior, cedar shake roof, and circular driveway. One of its most distinctive features is the sunken family room, complete with a brick fireplace, vaulted ceiling with exposed wood beams, oak floors, and rich wood paneling. The home is the fourth residence built on the property, where the family's history began in 1886 with a sod house. Today, Evan and Kellsy and their family proudly carry on the legacy as the fifth generation to call this family land home.

The home of Dalton and Sarah Greeley was completed in 2026, and the couple says it was truly a labor of love. Sarah said while there are so many things they love about their house, what makes it most special is the amount of work Dalton put into building it himself. From the concrete and siding to hanging drywall, painting, trim work, and countless other details, his hard work can be seen throughout every corner of the home. The couple designed the layout themselves with their children and entertaining in mind. From the open floor plan with plenty of room for the kids to run, to the large kitchen island where family and friends can gather, and even the outlets along the roof line for Christmas lights, every detail was thoughtfully planned with memories in mind.

Shawn and Brandi Corbin achieved their dream and life goal of 18 years in July, 2025, when their hand-drawn floor plans on a piece of paper was coming to life. The weekend before Thanksgiving, 2025, the family moved into their country home with a combination of modern, rustic, and industrial looks throughout.

Participants also enjoyed a tour of Neil and Diana Coleman's cabins northwest of town, which are truly unique. The three buildings were moved in to undergo remodeling by the couple. A larger cabin was remodeled in 2019 with a rustic/hunting theme, a smaller unit was completed in 2021, and the third is in the early remodel stage. Diana said the cabins, which have heating and air, TV, and internet, provide a quiet place to stay if accommodations are full in town, or for people who need to get away and relax. The scenic area has trees, grass, and springs that flow into the South Loup River, and plenty of wildlife, including turkeys, deer, and bobcats. The Colemans said they enjoy meeting with the people who stay with them.

Tour guests traveled from surrounding communities to enjoy the day.



Holiday cheer and fresh baked cookies welcomed visitors to Sarah Greeley's beautiful new home during Saturday's housing tour. Participants gathered around her spacious kitchen island to enjoy a festive sneak peek of the season. Pictured: (from left) Barb Peterson, Caro Lehmkuhler and Sarah Greeley.
- Debbie Connelly photos



Housing tour participants take in the scenic views from the sliding doors of a Colman cabin. Rich in local history, this structure was originally the Helen Dunn Rutz home located east of town on Pleasant Hill. It was later moved into town near the former Cardinal Inn (now Arnold Insurance Agency), before the Colemans relocated it to their property about a decade ago.



Owner Kellsy Beshaler (left) shares a moment with her mother-in-law, Mary Beshaler, in the 1963 home's distinctive sunken family room. The house is the fourth built on the property since the family first settled the land in 1886. Kellsy and her family proudly represent the fifth generation to carry on the historical legacy.

Ballot Shortages Disrupt Local Voting



Casting a ballot for the first time were Jade Bierman and Evalynn Wonch.

General Election Day 2026 will be one to remember for both poll workers and voters in the Village of Arnold.

For long-time poll worker Rose Bierman, it was the busiest she has seen. Right before the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., there were already a dozen or so people waiting, and all that day, with the exception of 3:30 to 3:45, there was someone voting.

"I've never seen that before. Usually there's a slow time during the day," said Rose. "We had eight voting sleeves that people put their ballot in, and we had to wait until we could get those back for the next group of voters. They only sent us four voting booths, so we set up two tables, just to keep those voters moving."

The workers knew by 2:30 p.m. that they were going to run out of ballots and contacted the courthouse to notify the election commissioner of the need for more ballots. The call was mistaken for Ansley, and ballots were delivered to that town. At 5:30, the workers ran out of ballots. Voters were moved to the express vote computer, but they ran out of those ballots at 6:45. Luckily, Rose's son, Wayne, was coming home from work just outside of Broken Bow. He turned around, picked up more ballots for Arnold and arrived at the Legion Hall at around 7:15 so more people could vote that last 40 minutes. Twenty voters were waiting and more were coming in.

By the close of the polls, 330 people had cast a ballot out of 585 registered voters in the Village, for a 56% in-person turnout.

"Some people were not able to vote because they didn't want to wait until more ballots arrived. Everyone was really nice about it. We apologized for the wait time and inconvenience," said Rose.

Delay in Arnold

Village Board Results

After the polls closed and unofficial election results started coming in on-line, the local race for Arnold Village Board was missing from the list. On Wednesday, Custer County Election Commissioner Kelly Jacobson reported that it was identified that the Arnold Village Board contest was inadvertently included on the ballot for voters not residing within the Village of Arnold. The election commissioner's office was working closely with the secretary of state to ensure that only results

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Lyle Suhr was the oldest in-person voter at age 90.



FIRST IN LINE: Eager to cast their ballot at the Legion Hall, this line of men was patiently waiting for the polls to officially open on election day. With the exception of one 15 minute lull, poll workers were kept busy from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as voters came in. - Courtesy photos