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Second Round of PPP Loans Eclipsing First at Pinnacle Bank

On December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law a \$908 billion relief package. The legislation includes a second round of Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans through the SBA that includes an important update for farmers and ranchers who were mostly left behind in the first round.

Arnold's branch of Pinnacle Bank began processing the second round of PPP loans on January 19, and as of last Friday, the number of applicants is eclipsing the first round. Market President Aaron Coleman said this is mainly due to the very beneficial update to the PPP for farmers and ranchers.

In an interview on January 29, Coleman said 51 loans had been identified. Forty-four of those loans had been approved totaling \$790,334 and more were in process. The vast majority of loan requests were coming in from the communities of Arnold, Stapleton, and Callaway. Eighty-five percent were new applicants and most were farmers.

Previously, under SBA rules, farmers' participation in the PPP was based on 2019 net farm profits (or losses) reported on IRS form Schedule F. This time around, new rules allow them to use their 2019 Schedule F gross income (up to \$100,000.00) when calculating their PPP loan, rather than net income. Farmers and ranchers just need their Schedule F to apply.

“We have a lot of farmers applying this time that didn't get in the first time around because of the rules,” said Coleman.

There is also a second draw PPP loan available. In order to qualify, businesses must show a 25 percent loss in any one of the four quarters of 2020 compared to 2019.

The closing date to apply for the second round of PPP loans is March 31st or whenever the money runs out. Coleman said it is important that those people who qualify stop in and apply very soon.

New Directed Health Measures Take Effect

LINCOLN - On January 29, Governor Pete Ricketts announced that the State is moving from the “blue” to “green” phase of its coronavirus pandemic response plan. As a result, the State of Nebraska is issuing new Directed Health Measures (DHMs) effective 12:01 AM on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The new DHMs change some of the restrictions put in place to help manage the coronavirus pandemic.

Nebraska's pandemic response plan links DHM restrictions to the percentage of staffed hospital beds in Nebraska filled by coronavirus patients. The percentage is below 10% (7-day rolling average), which is the threshold for the State moving to the “green” phase of its pandemic plan.

Moving from the “blue” to “green” phase involves the following DHM change:

- The maximum capacity for indoor gatherings, including youth extracurricular activities, goes from 75% to 100%.

- Organizers of gatherings of 500 or more people (1,000 or more in Douglas County), must still submit a reopening plan to their local health department—and receive approval—before holding their events. Aside from this requirement, there are no restrictions on gatherings/venues in the “green”

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They've a Story to Tell

25th in a Series on Arnold's “Young at Heart” Residents

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It has been 36 years since I was in Apartment #9 at Riverview Apartments, but a nostalgic feeling hit me as I walked in. This was the apartment that my mother, Edna Hagler, who was the first resident to move into Riverview, had lived in.

Changes have been made to the layout of the rooms since that time. Three apartments have been combined to make two, so apartment #9 now has more room, with a dining room, along with kitchen, living room and bedroom.

My mind has wandered from my interview with Delores Weber, who has occupied Apartment #9, along with her husband, Darry (now deceased), since 2012.

Delores Cloninger was born March 18, 1936, in Long Beach, California, with one older brother, James. Her father worked for the Harbor City Department, and her mother was a stay-at-home mom.

Delores graduated from Naborne High School in Harbor City in 1954. She took business courses while in school, which qualified her to begin working as a secretary right after graduation. She went to work for Akro Fireguard as secretary to the CEO, where she worked for 10 years. As was the norm for those days, she continued to live at home and drive back and forth to work.

A young man, Darry Weber, a native of Arnold, Nebraska, who had attended college and served in the military, also worked at Akro. He had been in Nebraska due to the death of his father and when he returned to work, he found a new girl - Delores - working there. And so the young man and the new girl soon became an item and were married on May 16, 1958. They settled down in Torrance, but over the next few years they moved to several towns on location for their work.

After ten years of marriage, they knew that they were not going to have children of their

Delores Weber stays positive - no matter what.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

If there's a card game going on in Riverview Apartment's social room - or most anything in the community - you can bet Delores Weber will be there.

own, so the couple decided to adopt. That was a hard decision, because they felt if God wanted them to have a baby, He would have provided. Then their thoughts became that God would want them to give a home to a child who needed parents.

They applied for adoption through a Christian agency, and after all the interviews that go with the process, they received word that a one-year-old baby boy was available.

“We met him, and were very happy when they told us we could adopt him,” said Delores. “The agency wanted to know what name we would give him. We told the woman, Robert Allen, and it got very quiet on the phone. The woman said, ‘That is his birth name.’ God

does work in mysterious ways and this seemed like proof that they were supposed to have this particular child.”

However, a few days later, the couple received a shocking phone call from the agency informing them that they were over the age limit to adopt and the adoption was going to be cancelled. Darry got on the phone and very strongly stressed that they knew their age when they applied and they would not accept the cancellation. The agency met again and said that since they were so adamant on wanting this child, the adoption would go through.

Life was very good with the addition of their blonde haired, blue eyed son. Darry and Delores made the decision that they wanted to raise him in a

better place. Darry had the opportunity to work for a company selling school buses, so they decided that Kansas would be a “central place”. In January 1978 they moved to Delphes and had several moves in Kansas in the following years with his work.

Delores was a stay-at-home mom for a time. One day she had a grease fire in the kitchen, and although it didn't cause a lot of damage, it was a scary event; however, when the same thing happened the very next day, Darry said, “Don't you think that maybe you should go back to work?” Delores agreed and she went on to work for the president of MR Materials for a number of years.

There were no camping trips as they did not enjoy them, and the only travel they did do was when they went to visit relatives, all in the U.S.

In 2012 they decided to move to Arnold to be near Darry's one remaining brother, Marvin, and Riverview became their home. For Darry it was “moving back,” as he was a 1950 graduate of A.H.S.

In 2018 Darry was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer. He passed away on September 8.

Their son, Robert, lives in Belton, Missouri, and works in air conditioning/heating and electrical work. He has four children: Alexandria, Haley, Robert Jr., and Jessica. Robert has one grandchild, which makes Delores a great-grandma. She watches him grow by viewing pictures on her phone.

Delores has always attended a Nazarene Church and did so in Arnold until the local church closed. She now attends the First Baptist Church, which is just a walk across the parking lot.

Delores loves life at Riverview, as there are many happenings that she is involved in. Residents decorate the social room for the different months, there are card nights (almost every night), and there is always a puzzle waiting to be worked on. She enjoys bowling, writes the Riverview column for The Arnold Sentinel and is just a good neighbor. The last is probably her favorite, as this is a way she can serve God, whom she loves.

Celebrating 100 Days!



Second graders (from left) Bree Blowers (best dressed), Ava Bierman, Jeremiah Morgan and Makenna Weinman arrived at school dressed as 100 year olds to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Each school year, the lower grades celebrate the 100th day of school with fun activities. This year was extra special, as the school didn't even know if it would make it to the 10th day due to the pandemic. With mandates eased, and masks now left at home, the kids had a great time marking the day last Friday.



Kindergartner Kirby Viter and her classmates counted out 100 fruit loops to make a 100 Day necklace.