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All the Chili You Can Eat Annual Chili Cook-Off Makes a Come Back



Photo/Debbie Connelly

A decent crowd turned out at Saturday's Chili Cook-Off held at the community center, despite not being able to provide entertainment with Covid-19 restrictions and late scheduling. Organizer Allison Goodenow said the turn out was not as great as it has been in past years, with eight teams setting up booths. Around 150 residents lined up for a bowl of soup, including contestants' chili from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year's potato and chicken noodle soup was made by Paula DeLaune. "Reed's Food Center no longer carried the pre-made soups, so my mom (Paula) generously offered to order all ingredients from Reed's and make it all on her own," said Allison. By the end of serving time, the majority of the soup was gone. (Above) Blue Ribbon Hillbilly Chili group members serve the Wonch sisters their sample. This team not only earned the prize for Best Decorated Booth but also received the People's Choice award. All winners in the various categories are pictured on page 8.

Pancake Feed Is Thursday

Arnold Rotary will host its annual pancake feed at the community center on Thursday, March 4. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A free will donation will be taken with proceeds going to community projects.

Men on the Mountain Benefit Concert March 7

The benefit for Darlene Rimpley given by the Men on the Mountain gospel quartet is this Sunday evening, March 7th. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church followed by coffee and cookies.

Next Blood Drive Set for March 15

ARNOLD, Nebraska – March is Red Cross Month, and for more than 130 years, heroic American Red Cross volunteers have provided hope and urgent relief to families in communities across the country.

This March the community is invited to join in the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and be someone's hero by rolling up a sleeve to give blood Monday, March 15, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arnold Community Center. Your donation is essential. In thanks, you'll get an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt when you come to give March 15-26, while supplies last.

According to the Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds to respond to patient emergencies. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all require blood. All blood types are needed.

To make an appointment or to learn more, call the school at 848-2226, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

Loup Basin COVID Update

Burwell, NE - As of Monday, February 22nd, 2,576 COVID-19 cases have been reported by Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD). Due to the low case counts in recent weeks, LBPHD has decreased its frequency to a weekly update to the public on their website (www.lbphd.org) and social media (Facebook & Instagram).

On Saturday, February 27th, the FDA granted it is third Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a coronavirus vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson product is the first COVID-19 vaccine to be a single dose vaccination.

With the approval, LBPHD anticipates an increasing amount of vaccine allocation for the 9-county district. The Health Department encourages everyone, no matter what vaccine priority group they are in, to register via <https://vaccinate.ne.gov>. If you do not have access to the internet, individuals may call the DHHS COVID hotline (833)998-2275 to be assisted with the registration process.

As of February 27th, LBPHD and its vaccine partners have administered 7,532 COVID-19 vaccines. Of the total, 5,171 (69%) are first doses and 2,361 (31%) are second doses.

The Ministerial Association aims for additional donations for local food pantry improvements

By Pastor Lee Wonch

The Ministerial Association wants to thank the community for your support of the food pantry. We are also grateful for the volunteers who help and the people and businesses who donate.

Recently we thought it prudent to fix up the food pantry which is out by the Country Partners Cenex gas pumps. It was decided to fix the floor and redo the shelving. While the budget has funds we can use to pay for this project, we wanted to let the community know in case anyone wanted to donate specifically for this project, so that the general budget may remain ready for any unexpected needs that may arise. The total project will be around \$2,200.00. Any extra funds received will be used for food items and upkeep.

If you feel led to give to this project, you can make your donation out to "Food Pantry" and give it to the bank, mail it to our treasurer, or contact Pastor Bill Williams, Pastor Irving Jennings, or Pastor Lee Wonch. The Food Pantry is a ministry supervised by the Ministerial Association.

Mail to: Heather Furne
715 Woodland Dr.
Arnold, NE 69120

The food pantry is open the first Saturdays from 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. of each month or by appointment. If there is a greater demand and higher use of the Food Pantry, we will open it up to other days and times.

Also, please let us know if there are any in need in our community. Sometimes, the difficulty is being willing to receive help.

John Holman Receives 2020 Breeder of the Year Award



Courtesy photos

John Holman with dogs Meg and Roy - two of the Herding Champions that he has produced.

Former Arnold resident John Holman now of Clay Center, Nebraska, was recently selected as the Breeder of the Year for Herding for 2020 by the American Kennel Club. This award is given annually to only one breeder from the 42 breeds recognized by the AKC as herding breeds.

This award is based on John's long term commitment to the sport of herding and the number of dogs that John has produced that have obtained the Herding Excellent (HX) and Herding Champion (HC) titles. HX and HC are the highest level

of competition within the AKC herding program.

John and his wife Natalie started collies in 1982 and expanded into the AKC program in 1994 where John is a noted judge of herding events. Their travels have taken them all over the lower 48 states, Alaska, and Sweden.

The Breeder of the Year Awards are given by the AKC Performance Event Division of which herding is a part. The award states in part: "the AKC wishes to acknowledge those individuals that have excelled

in breeding dogs that have proven to be outstanding in AKC sports. The commitment to preserve, protect, and improve a breed represents the very essence of the AKC. The Breeder of the Year Award is given to outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the health, temperament and performance of dogs in a given sport."

John has always bred his Border Collies to reach this high standard and continues to compete in all types of herding events.