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Sixty Percent of Arnold Voters Cast a Ballot

Majority say yes to adopting Sanctuary City Ordinance

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Poll workers were kept busy at the Arnold Legion Hall on November 8, with 329 voters casting their ballot in person. Election Commissioner Conni Gracey reported 60% of registered Arnold Village voters cast a ballot, which she described as “very good.”

Of local interest, the proposal to adopt an ordinance outlawing abortion within the Village of Arnold, declaring Arnold a sanctuary city for the unborn, passed with 151 residents voting “for” and 99 voting “against.” The proposal was placed on the ballot after a petition drive collected enough signatures to take it to the Village Board, who then voted to let the residents decide on the controversial issue.

Six cities in Nebraska, including Paxton, Brady, Hershey, Wallace, and Curtis voted on this Ordinance on Election Day. All cities, with the exception of Curtis, voted in favor. Stapleton, Hayes Center, and Blue Hill’s councils already passed the ban, and more communities are gathering signatures. A



Bill Miller
Oldest male voter



Sue Beshaler
Oldest female voter



Lillian Fletcher
Youngest female voter



Caleb Bigee
Youngest male voter

total of 61 cities across the U.S. now have an Ordinance in place. The city of Athens, Texas, added restrictions on abortion, prohibiting abortions performed on Athens residents, regardless of what state those abortions take place in.

Other results:

Three positions were filled on the Arnold District #89 School Board, with Merle Bierman receiving 294 votes, Joseph Cool receiving 320 votes, and Jen-

nifer Dalrymple receiving 294 votes.

Three positions were also filled on the Arnold Village Board. Jason Jenkins received 198 votes, Zach Hagler 211, and Donnell DeLosh 209.

For Supervisor District 5, Chip Blowers received 587 votes.

For Arnold Township, Tony Eggleston received 249 votes, Daniel Blowers 266, and Roger Bierman 295.

Voter turnout in Custer County was 58.14%, with a total of 4,524 ballots cast. The majority of residents voted Republican, with Rep. Adrian Smith garnering 3,698. For Governor, Jim Pillen/Joe Kelly received 3,562 votes and won the election statewide.

Nebraska citizens approved Initiative Measure 432, amending the Constitution to require qualified voters to present a valid photographic identifica-

tion. They also approved Initiative Measure 433 to establish a minimum wage increase from \$9.00 an hour to \$15.00 per hour by January 1, 2026. The minimum wage will slowly increase from January 1, 2023, up to the full amount in 2026.

The neighboring town of Callaway voted 154 to 108 for a bond not to exceed \$4 million for a new swimming pool in the Village.

Area Students Inducted Into Newly Chartered Central Nebraska Interact Club

Club has distinction of being only third of its kind in the state.

Over 60 people showed up Sunday evening, November 7, to induct 24 students into the newly chartered Central Nebraska Interact Club - only the third active group of its kind in the state.

November 5th was the 60th anniversary of Interact, a service group that is an off-shoot of the adult Rotary International Clubs. Young adults from all over Custer County: Arnold,

Anselmo-Merna, Ansley, Arcadia, Broken Bow, Callaway, Dunning, Oconto, Sargent, and Stapleton were invited to participate.

"We are still accepting membership until December 1st for the year, so if you have someone in mind that would like to join please share this with them and have them contact any Interact member or Nicole Badgley," said Ron Cool, presi-

dent of the Arnold Rotary that hosts the Interact.

Rotary dignitaries came to help the new club celebrate, including: the current District Governor Deb McCaslin; Former District Governor Bob Mayber, RYLA Co-chair and Rotoract District Chairman Kierstyn Lange; and Laney Badgley, Kearney Area Rotoract President.

"This group focuses on build-

ing leadership and serving the community," said District Governor Deb McCaslin of Broken Bow.

The students have already elected their governing group and accepted the new bylaws in a Zoom meeting on October 16th.

Delaney Rogers of Arnold High School, who took the lead in asking for this group to be formed, became the founder

and president. The girls that were also present at RYLA last summer, and excited to get this going, became the rest of the

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ACFF's Annual Fundraising and Auction Event Is Nov. 19

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund will host its 13th Annual Fundraising and Auction event on Saturday, November 19, at the community center.

The Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., with a cash bar provided. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., featuring a menu of Steak Oscar w/shrimp, cheesy potatoes, green beans with caramelized onions, apple lettuce salad w/poppy seed dressing, cheesecake bites, and a roll. The live auction will follow at 8:00 p.m.

A highlight of the event will be recognizing this year's Philanthropist of the Year.

Proceeds will help build the ACFF's unrestricted endowment - an account that provides a steady stream of resources for community needs, projects, programs, and opportunities forever.

If you do not wish to attend, but would like to bid on items, contact any board member (listed below). A list of auction items can be provided or e-mailed to you ahead of time.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at First State Insurance in Arnold or from these ACFF Advisory Committee members: Becky Dailey, Jen Dalrymple, Gary Blevins, Cord Hesseltine, Shane Cool, Joel Morgan, Holly Remund, and Renee Bubak. You may also call 308-848-2522 or e-mail: arnold-communityfoundation@gmail.com

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

School Board Votes to Purchase Track Timer

School Board members unanimously voted to purchase a track timing system at their regular meeting held on November 8.

"We've been discussing a timing system for a number of years, but we felt this was the time to make it happen. It will help us improve the efficiency of running the meet and it will

give more precise times throughout the year," said Superintendent Joel Morgan.

The system is just under \$15,000.00, and the school is also looking at pairing a video board with it to display real time results. Mr. Morgan said the best thing about this project is that the cost is covered by donations from SORC, Lane

Chesley, Ron Cool, and the Arnold Booster Club. By going to the timing system, it will eliminate the need for 16 pickers and timers during the running events.

"Our facilities have always been some of the best around for hosting given how we have everything arranged within the confines of one area. This tim-

ing system will just enhance the experience people have when they come to a meet hosted in Arnold. Keeping meets here keeps the crowds coming in, which in turn, leads to more money being spent in town on those days. I feel it's a win for both the school and the

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APS Students Honor Our Vets



Six students stepped up to honor our veterans at the Veterans Day program held on November 11 in the school auditorium. From left, Ella Cool, Anna Tullis, Gracie Neth, Lance Jones, Delaney Rogers, and Ivy Tullis played “The National Anthem” after the Posting of the Colors by Legion and Sons of the American Legion members. This year’s speaker was Bill Shadd (pictured right), who spoke about his time in the U.S. Army. Highlights of the program were the kindergartners leading the Pledge of Allegiance, first graders singing a song, sixth graders folding the flag, and the presentation of certificates to 8th grade VFW essay winners Evelyn Wonch and Josie Christensen. In the days leading up to the program, students and their teachers did their part to honor the veterans. A large handprint flag, created by pre-school students, was placed on the wall at the gym entrance, and Ms. Berglund and her elementary and high school art students displayed several Veterans Day themed art projects around the gym. Third graders wrote essays and fourth graders wrote veteran metaphors and acrostic poems that were posted on the “Veterans’ Wall” next to their rooms.



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