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Chamber officers April Tickle (left) and (right) Tammy Weinman (along with Ali Rosentrater, Becky Dailey and Lacy Kramer - not pictured) are looking forward to a new year of promoting businesses and hosting community events.

## Chamber Will Be Focusing on Business Promotion in 2023

Arnold Chamber will have a new focus going into the new year.

“We will be changing our angle. Instead of being event focused, we will be looking more into business promotion through advertising, although the events will still be there. We’ll be discussing ways to do

that coming into the new year,” said President April Tickle.

A strong membership is important to the continuation of the organization. Secretary Tammy Weinman said that everyone should be looking for the membership mailing to be coming to their mailbox at the end of January.

Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at the Touch of Grace building at 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

Other officers elected for the new year include Ali Rosentrater, vice-president, and Becky Dailey and Lacy Kramer, co-treasurers.

## Arnold Comprehensive Planning Program Surveys Underway

The Village of Arnold, Nebraska is conducting a Comprehensive Planning Program. The Planning Program will include an update of the Community’s current Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and a Community Housing Study.

The Comprehensive Planning Program will be conducted by the Village of Arnold Planning Commission, Arnold Economic Development Corporation and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, with the assistance of Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., a Nebraska based community planning and research consulting firm. Hanna:Keelan works extensively in central Nebraska preparing comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, housing studies and downtown and redevelopment plans.

The Arnold Comprehensive Planning Program will include an important citizen participation process, consisting of a “Community Opinion Survey” for all residents of the Commu-

nity, as well as a “Workforce Housing Needs Survey” for local employed persons. Each Survey will identify most critical issues associated with land development/use and preservation, economic development and the housing needs and wants of local citizenry for a 10 year planning period. These Surveys will be available on the Arnold Community Website at [arnoldne.org](http://arnoldne.org), Village of Arnold Facebook, Arnold Economic Development Corporation Facebook and at the Village of Arnold Office as hard copies, beginning January 6th through January 23rd.

Any questions or comments regarding the Arnold Comprehensive Planning Program can be directed to Patty Lamberty, Village Clerk/Treasurer, at 308-848-2228, or [arnoldvillage@gpcom.net](mailto:arnoldvillage@gpcom.net), or Cheryl Carson, Executive Director, Arnold Economic Development Corporation, at 308-848-2211, or [aedc@gpcom.net](mailto:aedc@gpcom.net).

## Foundation Awards Grants

(Custer County, NE) The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending October 31, 2022 and they are awarding a total of \$42,100 to 11 Custer County organizations and a \$1,000 scholarship to a non-traditional student.

“It’s always an exciting time when we get to announce our grant recipients,” said Lindsay Cook, Executive Director of the Foundation. “The generous support we receive from our donors through our annual Gala & Auction enables the Foundation to continue to have a county wide impact through the grants we are able to award.”

The Foundation Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following awards:

**Ansley Food Pantry - \$3,750:** To help with supplies for the food pantry and backpack programs.

**Ansley Township Library \$4,000:** To help replace carpet in the library.

**Arnold Community Foundation Fund, \$4,500:** To help with the downtown renovation project.

**Arnold Public Schools - \$5,000:** To help with the greenhouse project.

**Broken Bow Area Rotary - \$2,000:** To help with Truckers Against Trafficking educational trailer.

**Comstock Community Garden - \$300:** To help with the garden in Comstock.

**Custer County Diamond Youth Organization - \$3,250:** To help with a backstop at Tyke Arnold field.

**Finch Memorial Library - \$4,000:** To help with library renovations.

**Mason City Rural Fire Protection - \$10,000:** To help upgrade to a new grass rig.

**Merna Volunteer Fire Department - \$2,400:** To help purchase AED’s so all their fire trucks are equipped with one.

**Spartan Youth Foundation - \$2,900:** To help purchase a pitching machine.

The next grant application period ends April 30, 2023. Applications may be accessed online at [www.custercountyfoundation.org](http://www.custercountyfoundation.org).

The mission of the Custer County Foundation is to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Call the Foundation at 308-872-2232 for more information.



## First Historical Marker of 2023 Will Go Up at H&O



Four historical photos have been included on the H&O marker. This is the H&O Motor Co. as it looked in 1963.

The historical marker for the H&O Motor building is in the process of being created this week and will be the first to go up in 2023.

Following is the history of the building as researched by project coordinator Berni Crow:

### H & O Motor - 1932

The block where the H & O Motor Company building is still standing was also the original location of other previous businesses beginning in the early 1900s to the present. Circa 1902, Marion Allen’s Livery business was in the barn that had been built by Henry Imboden (Nansels Best). Imboden’s Livery Barn was perhaps the first building on that corner. Later, Marion Allen moved north across the street after building his “Checkered Front Livery” which remained on the (H & O Lot) corner until 1912. Will Judkin’s purchased the Livery Barn (Nansel Corner) in 1908 keeping it until 1911, selling it to his brother-in-law Pleasant Phifer. (The two livers were directly across the street from one other.) In 1912, Pleasant Phifer acquired Marion Allen’s Livery from Ross Lohr and Lace Hoffman, dis-

mantled it, and moved it to his farm, where he rebuilt it and it lasted for years. The year 1913 was a perfect time for Lace Hoffman to buy the site just west of Frank Anson’s Blacksmith shop in order to put up his brick garage (H & O). After Fred Brittan got busy at the light plant, he and partner Hoffman sold their garage to Elmer Siebolt. Ford Fever hit and in Siebolt’s first week of business, May 1916, he sold ten Fords in six days. Then during ten days in August, he sold twelve cars, and averaged one a day the rest of the year. In 1919, Siebolt sold his garage to R.R. Haught and his father J.E. Haught. The Haughts bought Anson’s Blacksmith shop on their east side, tore it down in 1920, and built a garage on the east side of Siebolt’s (formerly Hoffman) garage. This extended Haughts’ building to the corner. Haughts’ Garage had a “newfangled” hand-powered gas pump boasting that a car could drive up and fill the tank with no waste. “Homer Hardin and Alf Stockall would have kept their car’s upholstery from burning if they’d have used the new pump, instead of a lantern, to fill Hardin’s new

Ford from a can.” In those days, people didn’t “drive” their cars, they “motored” or “autoed” them! With the advent of cars that “motored”, numerous roll-over accidents occurred in Arnold. The first auto fatality in the community occurred in 1917. Most folks who rolled their cars were able to flip them back on their wheels and continue on. “Parking in the center of the east/west streets was allowed in Arnold until 1946. It was hard for patrons to stop this new habit, because people kept taking down the “No Parking” signs.” In 1930, Harry Luman’s Motor Company business was in the Red White & Blue Building located on the lot just SW of D&K Lumber Yard (Same24 Fitness). The Red White & Blue garage was badly damaged by fire in 1930, so Harry Luman built his own building across the street in 1931. The Luman building remained there, just south of D&K Lumber for years. “First name?” Fisher became the owner of the Luman building in 1938 from a sheriff’s deed; the original owner had not paid taxes. Harry Duttrow arrived in Arnold in 1947. The

Luman building remained vacant until Duttrow purchased it from Fisher. It was located just south across the street from D&K Lumber. Later, Duttrow purchased Claude Kimball’s auto service in the former Haught Garage (H & O). He got the franchise for Chevy cars and employed more people (seven) than any other business in Arnold. Four of his employees were Francis Schloatman, Vurl Strasburg, Glen Myers, and Signa Harter. When Duttrow closed in 1961, Otis Larreau, new owner of the building, opened a feed store, while Vurl Strasburg and Norris Harding started a car repair service in Larreau’s building. Near this same time, Doug Engleman worked with Vurl Strasburg in his repair shop. Leo Harwager used the west side of the building as a recreation parlor for a short while. By 1962, Larreau’s garage on the H & O block had been sold to the Huer - Olin Motor Company. Harlan Olin had originally opened his business in the garage they had purchased from Harry Luman. The Huers, parents of Marion Olin,

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