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Flip, Flip, Hooray!

Rotary pancake feed turnout exceeds expectations



Photo/Debbie Connelly

With a long line forming, Bob Hough reaches out for a pancake served by Rotarian Laura Garrison, while Buzz Lohmiller mans the second grill at last Thursday night’s Rotary Pancake Feed held at the community center.

Rotary Club members were flipping pancakes as fast as they could last Thursday night at their annual pancake feed. At least 260 hungry residents formed a long line at the community center, with many families arriving from soccer practice shortly after 6:00 p.m. The word had gone out on Facebook for the 85-plus players, their parents and siblings to support the fundraiser and they did with the line extending clear out the main doors. The result was one of the most

successful pancake feeds to date, with donations grossing \$2,050.00.

Wearing matching t-shirts, members of Rotary Interact were filling and refilling drinks and clearing tables, while Rotarians and volunteers cooked and served sausages and large, fluffy pancakes. “How do you like your pancakes?” “How many do you want?” was heard many times, as people reached the griddles. Toppings offered were blueberries, peanut butter, whip cream, chocolate

chips, and of course, butter and syrup, with some kids loading their pancake, putting the “cake” into pancake.

Arnold Rotary President Ron Cool said the turnout was great. “The line was very long and we plan to make some adjustments to fix that for next year,” he said.

Rotary sponsors Arnold Youth Soccer and proceeds will go towards purchasing the teams’ t-shirts for this year, with money left over for other community projects.

Get Your Name on the List for Clean-Up Day

April 17th is the annual Community Clean-up Day and everyone’s golden opportunity to have volunteers help them clean up their property.

Volunteers from Chamber, Rotary, Legion, and the school, along with village personnel will be cleaning up not only personal property, but community property, as well. A list will be compiled of all requests for help. Contact Patty Lamberty at the Village office to be added to the list. You may also sign up to be a volunteer.

Legion members will be available to take almost any kind of metal, including aluminum, steel, cast iron, wrought iron and stainless steel. This includes items like aluminum pipe, old lawn mowers, washers and dryers (NO refrigerators or freezers), engine blocks, old cars, bicycle frames, and barbecue grills. They will also take old batteries. Mike Harvey said the men can bring their trailer to your home to load heavy items with a tractor for the entire month of April by

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calling him at 308-530-1065 to ask for help. Otherwise, the trailer will be parked at Mike’s shed and you can place metal items on it at any time during the month. Men will pick up at the curb on April 17th.

Clothing in good condition and household items are accepted at the St. Agnes Thrift Shop.

During the entire month of April and May, the Village will provide a roll-off container located near the Village shop.

The Village will provide bottled water for the volunteers and Chamber will provide the lunch.

A storm date of April 24 has been set.

Easter Egg Hunt Is Saturday

Kids are invited to gather at the city park on Saturday, April 1, at 11:00 a.m. for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Bring your own bags to collect the eggs and there will be a tote at the park to donate eggs back to use next year. A tote will also be available at Mills Hardware to donate eggs back for the week after the hunt.

The event is sponsored by Chamber and the National and Junior Honor Society.

Arnold Will Host Prom

Some 85 Arnold and Callaway juniors and seniors and their dates, and servers, are anticipating the annual Prom set for this Saturday night, April 1. This year’s theme is “Casino Night.”

Arnold High School will be the host, with the grand march starting at 7:00 p.m. outside of the school (weather permitting). The dinner and dance will follow.

After Prom activities will be held at the community center after the dance.

Simulation In Motion-Nebraska Truck Comes to Arnold

EMTs receive technologically advanced training.



Tammy Weinman, Jacklyn Meyer, and Andrew Tickle focus on opening the airways of a simulated adult male burn patient during training in a SIM-NE lab. The 45 foot long truck, containing three lab areas, was brought to Arnold for the training. Not pictured receiving training is Callaway Volunteer Fire Department member Mark Buss.



Photos/Debbie Connelly

Tom Dennis, Tanner Pehrson, Heather Hagler, Jane Fieldgrove and Cassy DeLosh receive training caring for a pediatric overdose patient in the SIM-NE lab.

By Janet Larreau

A Simulation in Motion-Nebraska (SIM-NE) truck rolled into town on March 22, with the objective of bringing state-of-the-art, hands-on critical access training to Arnold EMTs. The 45’ long, 4-door, dual-axle, custom-fabricated truck valued at \$500,000.00, and the equipment inside valued at an additional \$500,000.00, pulled into the fire station, where it was set up. Dual slide-out room extensions created a mobile lab, with an emergency department room in the front section, a simulation control room in the middle, and an ambulance module in the rear. Eight

Arnold EMTs and one Callaway EMT entered the truck and began training in two pre-programmed computerized medical and trauma scenarios, guided by two instructors.

SIM-NE offers 60 different scenarios, using high fidelity patient simulators by CAE Healthcare. Simulators can respond to treatment they are given, can talk, breathe, and bleed. The four simulators are: METiman, an adult male; Fidelis Lucina, an adult female capable of giving birth; Pediatric Hal; and Newborn Troy. Each community decides what scenario they want, and these scenarios are tailored to meet their needs. Wednesday’s participants chose two scenarios,

training with METiman and Pediatric Hal. A 6-month post survey is filled out to see if the community has used the chosen scenarios.

“Our simulators are equipped to play a ‘real patient,’ which means participants can get all of their vitals, information, and presentations from the simulator itself. The simulator is programmed for the scenario and vitals, presentation, and outcome is adjusted based on the treatment given,” said CJ Pre-witt, NRP, EMS-I, Northeast Regional Coordinator/Lead Instructor, who was at Arnold’s training.

This was the first time that the SIM-NE truck has been scheduled to come to Arnold.

Four identical trucks are based in Omaha, Kearney, Scottsbluff, and Norfolk to cover regions across the state. All are designed to increase life-saving training opportunities for rural emergency medical providers and hospitals. The training is provided at no cost by SIM-NE which is a program of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The trucks started rolling on August 2, 2017, and since then have put on thousands of miles, stopping in 87 of the 93 Nebraska counties and provided training to some 5,500 people involved in critical access.

“While we are a program of UNMC, we are currently fully funded by grants and donated dollars,” said Douglas Dekker, SIM-NE Program Manager.

“First responders give a lot of time to their communities. SIM-NE understands this; thus, we bring the high-fidelity train-

ing to them. This means that responding first responders do not have to leave their towns to travel for hands-on simulation training, the truck brings it right to their door,” said Pre-witt. “We love training with all different agencies and departments. The EMS participants always seem to have great communication, team-working skills, and trouble-shooting, and Arnold Fire and Rescue was the same. We really enjoyed training with them and look forward to training with them again soon.”

“It’s always fun to bring this type of simulated training to our own fire department. It’s a very realistic training and the instructors made it a great hands-on learning experience. I will definitely request that they come back next year to train again,” said AVFD Rescue Captain Tammy Weinman.