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Arnold Named Rotary Club of the Year



Courtesy photos

Arnold’s Rotary Club was named “Rotary Club of the Year” at the Rotary District 5630 Conference held in Broken Bow on April 29. Pictured, from left, are: Suzi Howe, Past Rotary International Director of Houston, Texas; Pat Merryweather, Rotary International Director of Naperville, Illinois; Deb McCaslin, District Governor, and Arnold Rotarians, Becky Dailey, Echo Pelster, Nicole Badgley, and current President Ron Cool. Pictured below, right is Nicole Badgley, sponsor of Central Nebraska Interact Club, who received the “Rookie of the Year” award.

Badgley named Rookie of the Year

Becky Dailey, Ron and Nancy Cool, Nicole Badgely, Amanda Badgely, and Echo Pelster attended the Rotary District 5630 annual conference in Broken Bow on April 28-29. Approximately 180 Rotarians from Western Nebraska and their spouses attended.

Arnold Rotarians were pleasantly surprised when it was announced that they had received the “Rotary Club of the Year” award. There are 31 Rotary clubs in the District with 1,000 Rotarians. New Rotarian Nicole Badgely was awarded “Newcomer of the Year” for her work in starting a very active high school Interact Club with 28 new members.

“I am so proud of Arnold I could just bust!” said Rotary District Governor Deb McCaslin. “This is absolutely a club of leaders and doers. It’s a small club, and they make progress and they make change for others. During the Rotary Club Impact Tour, I was blown away with the number and extent of projects that this club had completed. This club exemplifies Rotary’s motto of Service Above Self.”



110th Annual Arnold High School Commencement

Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.
Arnold High School



Class Flower.....White Rose
Class Colors.....White & Arabian Teal
Class Song.....”Don’t Blink” - Kenny Chesney
Motto: “Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well.” - Robert Louis Stevenson
Class Sponsors: Joel Morgan - Ashley Nansel
Class Officers: President - Lance Jones
Vice-President - Clay Witthuhn
Secretary - Devin Peterson
Treasurer - Annalee Starr

Class Role:

*Silas Coleman Cool - MacKenzie Michelle Garen
Lance David Jones - Johnathon David Lamphear
Tallianna Marie Martin - Devin Nicole Peterson
Halie Renee Recoy - Annalee Grace Starr
Clay Daniel Witthuhn*

Attendants: Grace Bierman - Cache Gracey
Processional: Ms. Jeane Breuer
Welcome: Mr. Joel Morgan
Salutatory Introduction: Mr. Joel Morgan
Valedictory Introduction: Mr. Joel Morgan
Scholastic Awards: Ms. Ashley Nansel
Presentation of Class: Mr. Joel Morgan
Presentation of Diplomas

Elementary Field Day Event Schedule

Elementary field day will take place on May 15. Running events at the track will be from 9:00 to 10:00, including the 100, relay, and 400. Relatives will sit in the grandstands, with Mr. Wehnes and Trey Connell announcing.

From 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., field events will rotate, including the 50-yard dash, bottle kick, softball toss, long jump, frisbee throw, obstacle course, jump rope, egg race, and sack race.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 on the field to students, staff and spectators by Mr. Morgan.

At 12:00 p.m., field events will finish up and then students will be released for the summer.

Students will wear color-coded field day shirts so that parents and grandparents can recognize where their children are.

Village of Arnold Continues Energy Efficiency Programs for 2023-2024

Village of Arnold, in partnership with its wholesale electric power supplier, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, will continue to provide cash incentives for a suite of energy efficiency programs. The program year began April 1, 2023 and runs through March 31, 2024.

There are four energy efficiency programs available for residential customers making energy efficient upgrades to attic insulation, smart thermo-

stats, cooling system tuneups and high efficiency heat pumps. There is also a commercial LED lighting program for businesses, churches, schools and municipal buildings to upgrade their lighting system. Each program has its own cash incentive:

Cooling System Tuneup Program

The program provides a \$30 cash incentive to residential homeowners who have their cooling system tuned up by a

HVAC contractor, regardless of what type or age of cooling system (air conditioner or air/water source heat pump).

Smart Thermostat Program

Provides a cash incentive of up to \$100 paid directly to residential customers to help cover the cost of installing a qualifying smart thermostat.

Attic Insulation Program

The Attic Insulation Program provides cash incentives of \$0.15/per square foot with a

maximum incentive of \$300 per existing residential dwelling for attic insulation.

High Efficiency Heat Pump Program

Provides cash incentives from \$400 to \$3,000 to residential homeowners who are installing a new heat pump system to their residential single-family dwelling.

Commercial LED Lighting Program

Provides cash incentives paid directly to commercial cus-

tomers to help cover the cost of lighting upgrades and replacements.

All five programs are available to customers of Village of Arnold. For more information on each program, contact Doug DeLaune, Village of Arnold, (308) 870-5589 or go to mean.nmppenergy.org to download program guidelines and application forms.

Grades 6-12 Concert/Fine Arts Night



Photos/Jessica Tickle

Sophomores Ivy Tullis and Ella Cool perform a flute solo during the Grades 6-12 Spring Concert held on May 1.



New this year to Arnold Schools was a combined Grades 6-12 spring concert and fine art nights. Pictured above is Roy Bierman and his daughter viewing artwork created by students. Pictured below is Head One-Act Coach Lana Cool announcing, as assistant coach Leta Connell presents Pedro Flores his awards.



Public Notice from the Arnold Vol. Fire Dept.

At 1:06 a.m. on May 5th, there was a lightning strike that possibly hit the center and northwest side of town at the same time., which in turn made the siren go off by the trash/recycling area for a short period of time. It was not set off by a person for any threat of a tornado. If it was to be set off for a threat, there are three more sirens in town that would be set off at the same time to warn our village. You will know if our community is under a threat. Sirens are located in each part of town and at the fire department.

Please realize that this is due to a lightning strike and thunder that was out of anyone's control.

All sirens were tested the next day.

Roll-Offs Still Available

Residents are reminded that roll-off containers located near the Village shop are free for residents to use clear through the end of May. As of May 5, the large roll-offs have been filled and taken away four times since the beginning of April.