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“Forever Young”

A.H.S. alums gather for annual reunion.

By Darlene Rimpley

There were nearly 300 persons - consisting of alumni and guests - who went away from the Arnold School feeling “Forever Young” following the 2023 A.H.S. Alumni Banquet and Program.

Class reunions started off the weekend with two classes celebrating on Friday night, several holding Saturday get-togethers, and a couple even extending their happy times into Sunday.

A delicious meal of pork loin, with all the trimmings, was served to 265 guests, which came close to our anticipated 300. Ali Rosentrater Goodenow was in charge of the meal, assisted by many. Desserts were furnished by Alumni members, as they are every year.

Before I go any further, I am going to jump ahead to give

some important information. Our oldest alumni present this year was 101-year-old Mildred Bailey Smith, Class of 1939, who will turn 102 on August 9. What a privilege to have Mildred with us.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and Bob Hough, Karen Cole Hough, and Melody Jennings led in a memorial moment for those of the honored classes and those deceased in the past year. Bob then sang the moving song, “Forever Young.”

Holly Hornung Remund gave a report on the Arnold Community Foundation Fund’s activities for the past year and their hope for the former Archie Café building to become a museum.

President April Mills Tickle, who along with Ali Goodenow, was appropriately attired in rolled down hose and gray hair,



Alumni were promised some shenanigans and they got it, as co-emcees Dallas Beshaler (left) and Ty Phillips (‘92) open up the 2023 A.H.S. Alumni program testing their kazoos for “who’s telling the worst joke” time. Watch next week’s issue for photos of the honored classes. - Jessica Tickle photo

and who I am told arrived on skateboards to keep in tune with the theme, introduced the double duo of masters-of-ceremonies, Dallas Beshaler and Ty

Phillips, both members of the Class of ‘92, who regaled us with laughter as they joked their way through the evening. The 2023 honored teacher was Jane McDowell Hornung, a 1963 graduate of A.H.S., who taught at Arnold from 1970-1997, as well as teaching at several other schools to fill the void for them.

Door prizes, honored classes, and “The Price is Right” with

emcee Debbie Bean Brosius, took over the program.

First, I will tell about the honored classes because everyone waits for news about them.

The Class of 1943 has only one member still living, and she was present to celebrate with us. Alice Hagler Conner, who now lives at the Good Life Center in Callaway after living

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A Daughter’s Tribute



Mary Beshaler, flanked by Legion member John Phillips and husband John Beshaler, who hold her father’s encased Medal of Honor and folded flag, was speaker at Monday’s Memorial Day services at the Arnold Cemetery. Mary’s father, 1st Lieutenant Donald K. Schwab, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions in Lure, France, during WWII. It is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. According to the Nebraska Medal of Honor Foundation, 73 Nebraskans have received this award since the Civil War. During her speech focusing on her father and her Uncle Virgil, who was KIA, Mary said that now that her mom has died, the family is still considering moving the remains of her father, mother, and their infant daughter to Arlington National Cemetery in DC. “We are not certain what we want, but we feel it is best, especially for future generations, and just how strongly we feel he deserves to be honored each and every day,” she said. - Jessica Tickle photo

Enhancing Highway 92

Downtown Improvement Committee members Krista Eggleston and Jodi Carlson were busy planting nine large planters along Highway 92 through Arnold last week.

“We’re trying to attract some attention to the area that people might notice, slow down, and check out what Arnold’s got,” said Krista, who is project leader of a sub-committee whose focus is beautifying Highway 92.

The containers, flowers, and plants were purchased thanks to a grant from the Arnold Community Foundation Fund.

For now, both Krista and Jodi will maintain the planters, and will get some volunteers to help through the summer and fall.

The container project is the first of three projects planned to beautify the highway as people come into town. Other Highway sub-committee members are Diane Sanford and Holly Remund.

The Downtown Improvement Committee was formed as a result of the Arnold Community Foundation community visions meeting held in March of 2022.



Downtown Improvement Committee members Jodi Carlson (left) and Krista Eggleston were beautifying Highway 92 with new large containers last week. - Debbie Connelly photo

Historical Committee Announces Purchase of Old Archie’s Cafe for Museum

The Arnold Area Historical Society has announced that it will be purchasing the old Archie’s Café building in June as the future home of the Arnold Area Historical Museum.

“We are excited to revitalize this corner of our downtown and will be launching our Cornerstone Campaign at a community event in late June to raise funds for this important endeavor and share our vision for capturing the story of Arnold and its surrounding area,” said committee member Renee Bubak.

New committee members are welcome. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Contact Renee Bubak or another board member if you would like to become involved with this project. Other board members include: Jason Jenkins, Nicole Badgley, Rick Peterson, Carlene Lanham, Berni Crow, Karen Horst, Barb Peterson, Kim Beshaler, Carolyn Watkins, Holly Remund, Becky Dailey, Jason Wehnes, Mo Sanford, and Karen Hough.

Village Board Will Host Special Meeting on Nuisances

Residents who are concerned about nuisances and abatement procedures in the town are encouraged to attend a special meeting on Monday, June 5, at the community center meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Nuisances, essentially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, or tends to depreciate the value of the property of others. If you have a concern, this is the meeting to attend.

Arnold City-Wide Garage Sales Set for Saturday

Everyone is encouraged to get an early start on their bargain hunting this Saturday, June 3, as there are 23 locations on the map, with some multiple families, for the annual Chamber-sponsored City-Wide Garage Sales. The sales will start at 8:00

a.m. and go until 4:00 p.m.

Maps are available at Reed’s Food Center, BrewBakers, Mills Hardware, and The Exchange. You may also find the listings and map by going to the Facebook page @ Arnold City Wide Garage Sales.

Removal of Flowers Policy Common at All Cemeteries

Another Memorial Day has now come and gone and the aftermath of people remembering loved ones at the Arnold Cemetery can be quite daunting. Some take great care of individual plots, going to much expense; others decorate for just that day with a flower or two and never return. The result is a large amount of flowers and decorations blowing around the cemetery in the days after.

At the Arnold Cemetery, it is posted that all flowers must be removed before June 10 so that things can be cleaned up. By June 20, everyone is free to put their flowers and decorations

back out and they won’t be disturbed the rest of the year.

Arnold Township Board member Tony Eggleston said most all cemeteries have a policy to remove the flowers by a certain date or they will be disposed of.

“We have the 4-H kids go out and clean it up, and there’s no way to distinguish who takes care of their flowers and who doesn’t. We can’t make a judgment call on the high dollar decorations. We end up with multiple garbage bags full of stuff. The only way to be fair is to ask everyone to remove their flowers and decorations,” said Eggleston.