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Despite extremely hot temperatures, Design Homes, Inc. was continuing construction on one of two new duplexes the latter part of July. Owner Lane Chesley said the plan is to have both units dried in by the end of September. - Debbie Connelly photo

Combo Hunter & Bowhunter Course Scheduled at Arnold

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has approved and will manage a combo Hunter/Bowhunter Classroom course in Arnold. The combination course will provide instruction from knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer instructors in the safe use of firearm and archery equipment, fundamentals of hunting, shooting and hunting techniques, game identification, conservation management, as well as hunter ethics. The Arnold organizer will be Dusty W. Stutzman.

The courses will be held August 25, 26, and 27. Friday's course will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday's course will be from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday's from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Classroom activities will be located at Triangle Lanes and range activities will happen at the Arnold Gun Club. Please bring your own drinks and snacks to the training.

All registrants for this event must be 11 years of age by August 27, 2023. To be certified for this event, you must be at least 11 years old by the last day of the class.

At the first session, everyone under 18 years of age must give the instructor a signed, completed Parental Release Form (<https://www.register-ed.com/events/register/201654>)

All students under 19 years of age should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the first session to ensure appropriate information is received on dates, sessions, and additional requirements.

You must cancel your registration before Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. CDT.

New Housing Is Taking Shape

By Janet Larreau

What started out as a difficult, complicated and lengthy acquisition for the Arnold Economic Development Corporation is finally materializing. Two new duplexes are in the process of being constructed on lots south of the post office by Design Homes, Inc., and AEDC Director Cheryl Carson said that both she and the Board are pleased.

“There are many moving parts and often unexpected road bumps that need to be navigated with projects like these. It takes time, patience, and persistence, but it has been well worth all the work and effort put in by all who were involved,” said Carson.

The project of creating new housing started in 2021, when the AEDC purchased three lots. After the purchase, they were surveyed

into four equal lots. The properties were totally cleared in July and August of 2021. Lane Chesley, owner of Design Homes, Inc., then purchased the lots from the AEDC.

“When Lane expressed interest in purchasing the lots, we were pleased. Being a local home builder, Lane has built many homes over the years in the area and is known for the quality of his builds. This is a big investment into our community on his part,” said Carson.

“Housing shortages in small towns are a major problem. Every town in Custer County struggles to alleviate this issue. I wanted to help do something to correct this ongoing situation,” said Chesley.

The agreement between the AEDC and Chesley was to build two twin homes. Each was to have two sellable units. The twin home units are zero entry (no steps) on

slab. Carson said that Chesley chose the footprint of designs that were originally presented to the Board, only enlarged the plan a bit. Scott McDowell of Loup Valley Construction started dirt work around June 1, and the design can now be seen as sheeting is going up on the roof of one twin home.

Each 1,400 square ft. unit has a 25' concrete drive to the garage, and a covered entry at the front or access to the unit through the garage. The master bedroom suite has a walk-in closet and the bathroom features a 5' walk-in onyx shower. The kitchen features an island with standard laminate, and the cabinets will be standard laminate. There will be an option to have granite or quartz for an upcost. The kitchens also have a pantry closet. There is a 2nd bedroom and full bath off the living/dining room area. Each unit has a sliding patio door to access the

8'x12' covered concrete patio. The walls and ceilings will be painted in off-white eggshell. The units have standard oak trim and baseboard, along with six panel solid core oak doors.

Chesley said the completion date depends on the sale of the units. Both twin homes will have roofs on, windows in, and interior walls framed by the end of September. The duplexes are for sale immediately. There are some options that can happen, i.e. moving a wall or upgrading the kitchen cabinets and countertops. Pricing and options can be discussed by contacting Lane.

“To see the duplexes going up means housing progress for our community. Not every project like this may work out and move this far, so it's a great accomplishment and progression for our community, and that is what is important,” said Carson.

Arnold Residents Lend a Hand

Aftermath of storm leaves Callaway overwhelmed by devastation.

By Janet Larreau

Arnold residents woke up to find damage to trees on Saturday morning, July 29, but it paled in comparison to neighbor Callaway. Arnold experienced high winds, some small hail, and received a good rain of over an inch. Callaway, on the other hand, experienced

total destruction, with straight line winds clocked at over 100 miles per hour as two storms reportedly converged over the town during the night. Portions of roofs were torn off, giant trees were uprooted, and residents were without power.

“When it hit, I woke up and looked outside and thought it was a hurricane. I had never heard

anything like it in my life. In the morning I didn't want to go outside and see what had happened,” said Callaway resident Tim Rosentrater.

Arnold resident Casey Connell heard the news over the radio that morning while going to fix fence. He contacted Jarod Rush, who said he had it handled, but everyone else in town needed help.

Casey turned around, grabbed sons Jace and Trey, and Shaylee Christner, and some saws, and headed for Callaway. Through a text message to Ken Pitkin, Casey knew where to go and ended up helping at three properties.

“(When we approached Callaway,) there were trees laying across the highway and branches

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Fair Photos Welcome

The Custer County Fair wrapped up today (August 3). Local 4-H participants are welcome to submit photos by the deadline of August 8. Photos must be high quality, full resolution (sent at original size).

Please e-mail to: arnold-sentinel@gpcom.net with the subject of “Fair Photo.”

Fair Starts Early With Local 4-Hers Competing In Dog Show



(From left) Rae Hagler (with Gypsy), Kaitlyn Kulp (with Whiskey), Claire Kulp (with Chip), Leader Mike Lehmkuhler, Abigail Stutzman (with Buddy), Matelyn Zutavern (with Jess), Ruby Hagler (with Josie), and Aubree Stutzman (with Diamond and Hoss) line up for a picture before competing at the Custer County Fairgrounds on August 22 – a full week earlier than normal. “They moved the fair's dog show up because in year's past, they started at 5:00 and it was 12:30 or 1:00 in the morning before they were done,” said their leader, Mike Lehmkuhler. “I agree with that, that it was late, but the fair hadn't really started, so we didn't have the spectators that we usually do. Some of the kids didn't feel like it was fair.” The kids started practicing a little late this year, but they had a lot of success at the fair. At practices, the 4-Hers learned dog obedience, care, agility, grooming, and showmanship with their canine friends. Some of the kids are planning to show at the state fair at the air-conditioned Heartland Event Center. “It's quite a different atmosphere,” said Lehmkuhler. Fair results in all events will be in an upcoming issue. - Courtesy photo