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(Above) Zach Hagler (left) gives the go ahead to Nate Slagle of Ansley competing with his “Rat Rod” - a 1946 Ford pickup. In a matter of seconds, the entire street is engulfed with smoke.  
(Right) Winners, organizers and volunteers of the 2023 SORC Burnout Contest: (l-r) volunteer Heidi Kulp, volunteer Val Daly, organizer Jim Daly, first place winner Nate Slagle, organizer Brent Kulp, second place winner Ryan McFadden of Lexington, and third place winner Juan Ramirez of Lexington.  
Photos/Debbie Connelly

## Return of the Burn-Out

A long list of sponsors, a dedicated Board and countless volunteers make the SORC possible. This year, five sponsors stepped in to bring back the burn-out – a contest that had been dropped from the schedule. The promise of relatively big prize money found ten people lining up to burn off their tires, and a pretty big crowd of spectators to watch. In years past, the few who entered just received a prize of some sort.  
Entering is easy: just show up, give your name, and get in line.  
“Last year, when there wasn’t one, I thought, ‘This just isn’t right,’” said Brent Kulp, who gave Jim Daly all the credit for the big push to raise the money and entice people to enter. “The drivers usually don’t participate. We are trying to bring some people in just to have fun. The first four businesses we called immediately said yes.”  
Contest sponsors were: J & V Firearms, Arnold Insurance Agency, Nansel’s Best Service, Myers Service, and Dowhy Towing & Recovery. J & V Firearms bought the giant check and the trophy.

## SORC: An Outside Perspective

By Janet Larreau

Last Friday afternoon, the driver of a shiny black tractor-trailer encountered a small traffic jam as he entered the village of Arnold. Heading west on Highway 92 at a snail’s pace, his vantage point from high above gave him the opportunity to view all of the activity going on around him. Sleek, expensive race cars lined both sides of Walnut Street, as hundreds of people strolled up and down the middle, admiring the cars and picking out their favorites. On the sidewalks, vendors were selling everything from t-shirts and caps to cool treats, as the temperature rose to nearly 100 degrees. Spectator vehicles filled every possible

parking space in the town, and people were popping in and out of a couple of shops and peeking in an old brick building on the corner. East of a small bowling alley, there were more spectators, as a Rat Rod burned its tires out, filling the street and sky above with thick smoke. With a look of appreciation and a big smile, the semi driver glanced down at a couple of gals who were zipping around in a golf cart – a vehicle that made getting around a bit easier. With that, he increased his speed and headed out of town to parts unknown.  
In case he hadn’t noticed the large banner at the entrance to the town, the driver had just witnessed some of the events at the 23rd Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge – a 3-day event that is unique to not

only Nebraska, but in the entire U.S.  
**The Event**  
Close to 150 entrants were accepted into this year’s SORC. Drivers and navigators came from states across the nation and even into Canada. Ninety-eight cars started Thursday’s Loup2Loup race, 110 cars tested their maximum speed in the mile and half-mile shoot-out near Callaway on Friday morning, and 139 cars started Saturday morning’s main event – the open road challenge held on a temporarily closed county road from Arnold to Dunning and back again.  
Not everyone who wants to can get in the SORC. This year, 180 entries were received, and close to 150 were accepted. If someone  
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## Purple Ribbon Winners

With a smile on her face and a grooming comb in her back pocket, Kirby Viter shows Snowball in the Charolais Market Steer Class at the Custer County Fair. She and Snowball earned a purple ribbon in that class, and Kirby received a blue ribbon in Pre-Junior Showmanship. This was her first year participating in 4-H (previously a Clover Kid). See inside for the full results of our local 4-H youth. - Courtesy photo

## New Principal Has Solid Roots In Arnold

In 2009, Allison Rosentrater was walking the halls of Arnold Public Schools as a senior. After years of continuing her education, she is now greeting Arnold students as “Mrs. Goodenow” - the new Pre-K-12th grade principal. Although the first day of school started today (August 17), she officially started her new duties on July 24. She will now be handling the day-to-day in terms of instructional guidance, scheduling, student regulations, staff and student supervision, curriculum, data and analysis, as well as some staffing.  
“I had seen the posting on Teach In Nebraska. I love this community and love what this school provides for our children. I wanted to be able to play a part in that,” she said.  
Allison studied hard to be where she is today. She obtained both her teaching degree and her master’s from Wayne State College. She began getting her Master’s in Administration in the fall of 2019. At that time, she had just given birth to Oli, and Bo was 4 years old. She was teaching 4th grade, coaching middle school

volleyball and basketball and was pregnant with little Kenny when she graduated with her master’s in December of 2021. At the time of starting her master’s, Allison had not legally changed her name yet, so the name on the certificate is listed as Allison Nicole Rosentrater. Her teaching experience since her college graduation includes a position at the Youth Rehabilitation Center in Kearney for a summer, teaching 4th and 5th grade in North Platte, as well as working as a principal in North Platte prior to being employed at APS.  
Her life changed for the better when she moved back to Arnold in the summer of 2016.  
“I moved back because I wanted to raise my only child at the time in this community because of the life I was given growing up here. When I split from Bo’s dad, I tried living in Kearney for a few months, but my soul kept feeling like I was being pulled back to Arnold, so I listened, and, I made the move, and I will forever be grateful for that,” she said.



In September of 2018, Allison married Kenny Goodenow. Their children include Bo Allen, age 7, a 2nd grader; Oliana Thomas, age 3, 1st year preschool, and Kenny LeRoy, age 2, who will be getting spoiled rotten at his grandparents’ houses while his siblings are in school.  
Her main goal as principal will be to continue to build a solid school culture, as well as reminding students and staff that school is a fun place to be and that learning can be enjoyable.  
“The school has a wonderful group of staff, and I am excited to now be a part of their team and to be a part of the growth that we will show from year to year,” she said.