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Hippies Invade The Town Clock Turns Back to 1969 at Arnold Fall Festival

Hippies converged on the city park last Saturday for the annual Fall Festival. Following this year’s theme of “Woodstock,” children, their parents, and grandparents were having a groovy time dressing up and enjoying all of the events offered. The fun started at 11:00 a.m. with the parade, as spectators lined the route to catch candy and view a great line-up of entries emceed by the always-entertaining Tim Rosentrater. Once the parade was over, the 100-plus participants in the parade and the crowd formed a long line to enjoy the barbecue prepared by Joel Morgan. And then they were off... taking in the talent show, petting zoo, rock climbing, bouncing, and taking turns playing games in and around the park into the late afternoon.

Organizers RT Green, Della Dailey, Robin Dailey, Allison Goodenow and Kenzie Kulp, and a long list of sponsors made the festival possible.



Best Themed Float: *The Arnold Sentinel's* flower child Kenzie Connelly sat up her campsite to enjoy three days at Woodstock on the float titled “This Way to Groovy.” Her dad, who is hiding in the tent, streamed music from Woodstock all along the parade route.



Best Decorated Float: The Pinnacle Bank gang of Aaron Coleman, Patty Goode, Jessica Fletcher, Carma Edwards, and Trish Vickers, with Dagen and Charlea Fletcher riding along, were promoting “Join the Community Banking Revolution.”

Best Hippies



Miss Hippie and Mr. Hippie winners: Barb Gunther drove her Nails for Starz entry, and Brad Nansel rode the Nansel's Best float. Brad said he showed his stylist his senior picture and told her, “Make me look like that!” She succeeded.

Is It a Grant or a Loan?

Arnold’s promised grant now under new federal guidance requirements.

A \$222,770.00 grant from the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Funding that was awarded to Arnold is now up in the air. At the Village’s September 11 meeting, Arnold Economic Development Corporation Director Cheryl Carson told Board members that an update was received from the director of Nebraska Department of Economic Development, his staff and Governor Pillen’s office that they have been trying to find a solution to the changes in federal guidelines after the grant funds were awarded. Arnold was one of 12 communities that was awarded a grant.

“The state realizes the plan that they wrote at the time of application isn’t going to work as they envisioned with the new federal guidance requirements,” said Carson. “Originally, this program was to be a grant, but with the updated federal guidelines, the federal government wants their money back, which now makes this a loan program. At this point in time, the state has only come up with what they term a partial solution and are trying to find a full solution to get everyone back to where they want to be with RWHL. Currently, they do not see any way to eliminate the federal interest as the program is written. They are working on options to amend the idea to get these dollars into housing in Nebraska hometowns, but it will not be as written and it will not be immediate.”

As of August 22, AEDC has not received any other updates or advertisement of how it will handle the upcoming September 15 deadline.

Increase in Wheeling Charges

Board members learned that the Village will see an estimated \$6,000.00 yearly increase in wheeling charges from Custer Public Power District (CPPD). April Gross, manager of customer services for CPPD, said that the last rate increase was in 2016. This involves two different charges – the submission line charge to deliver the power and the sub-transmission transformation to step down to the Village’s voltage once it is delivered. CPPD will consider the proposed rate change at their September meeting.

Concerns Over Rural Dumpster Fence

Karen Hough was at the meeting to express her concerns on Rotary’s project of installing a fence around the rural dumpsters. She said that the fence will collect leaves

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Dunking the Principal



With the promise of homework passes if you dunk the principal, a kid’s aim was good and Allison Goodenow takes the plunge. The dunk tank was one of the most popular games at the festival, starting Friday night at the football field and continuing into Saturday across from the park. Dave Berni, Brad Atkins, and several teachers also took a turn, then the kids dunked each other.

Homecoming Royalty



2023 South Loup Homecoming Royalty were crowned Friday night following the football game. (l-r) from Arnold: Pedro Flores, Grace Bierman; from Callaway: Joey Sallach and Maggie Birkel.