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## Deciding On a Career Path

Arnold seniors participating in school’s internship program

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The jovial Pedro Flores walked into Pinnacle Bank one day and jokingly said, “I’m gonna rob you guys with these burritos!” The staff responded with, “Instead, why don’t you just work for us?” That’s how the Arnold senior ended up interning there this school year. Pedro is among six seniors who are participating in Arnold School’s internship program for the 2023/2024 school year, and there’s always something to gain as they venture into the world of business.

The program was first started by Custer Capable as a school/business partnership, and when it dissolved, APS decided to adopt the program on its own in approximately 2019.

The internship is available to seniors, who have a choice to participate with area businesses or travel outside of Arnold.

“In Arnold, we have many opportunities, but there are some we do not have so we try to reach out to surrounding areas such as Broken Bow, North Platte, Callaway, and Gothenburg,” said Guidance Counselor Ashley Nansel. “In the past, we have had students interested in doing an internship, but have no idea what direction they would like to go. With this, we often have them try different businesses in or around Arnold.”

The remaining seniors reached out and chose internships that they felt suited their interests.

Rio Remund was accepted as an intern with Agri Affiliates, Lashley Residential because he is interested in real estate and

agriculture.

“I job shadow them, and am learning the ins-and-outs of real estate business and learning the real estate process,” he said.

Sam Wonch is at the North Platte Opportunity Center, filing, entering data, and learning bookkeeping.

“I have thought about bookkeeping, and this internship teaches me good skills that I will need for that career,” she said.

Delaney Rogers is interning at Four County Boutique.

“It’s an intro to business,” she said. “I’m learning about marketing, stocking shelves, and helping at the cash register.”

Tahnna Nokes can be found at BrewBakers, learning to be a barista and helping with the business side of things.

“I wanted to get into business and see how busi-



Arnold seniors involved in this year’s internship program are: (top, l-r) Gracie Neth, Samantha Wonch, Rio Remund; (bottom) Tahnna Nokes and Pedro Flores. Not pictured: Delaney Rogers. - Courtesy photo

nesses are ran. I like doing the barista thing, making new drinks and learning new ways to make coffee. I just thought it would be a fun experience and be a good way to get into the real world,” she said.

Gracie Neth is interning at both the Arnold Sentinel and Finch Memorial Library. At the Sentinel, she’s gathering information for stories and plans to do some writing. At the library, she’s helping with various projects,

like sorting out all of the old books, checks in/out books and shelves books.

She said, “I’m interested in books and writing, and they are both great opportunities to learn more about my interests.”

The interns are responsible for letting the employer know if they are going to be gone, and they also have a set time they are supposed to report for their internship.

Some students may spend quarter 1 at an in-

surance office and quarter 2 at a boutique; others may go for a longer period of time, say one day a week. Ms. Nansel said she tells the students they will always get something out of the internship. They will figure out if it is a career they want to pursue or something they do not want to do. They learn job skills and communication skills throughout the process.

## Village Board Discusses CC Flooring, Homebuyer Project

### Scrap tire collection grant approved

Village board members looked over a report on the current condition of the community center’s gym floor at their regular meeting held on January 9, and it looks like more headaches are in store. In the report, Alan Fagan of Midwest Floor Covering said that in February of 2022, the company was notified that a pipe had burst at the community center and flooded the floor. At that time, they suggested that the Village contact its insurance company and

work with a local professional to dry out the floor.

The suggestions were followed, but sometimes time is the true test.

“Oftentimes, water issues do not present themselves for months or even years,” Fagan wrote in his report. “During our recent visit, with Doug DeLaune’s permission, we opened up the floor to inspect at three locations. We saw very wet conditions and even standing water under the floor. At one location near a volley-

ball sleeve, water actually squirted out of the seam when it was opened. This is most likely caused by water getting under the floor, around the perimeter during the flood.”

The floor is a total loss, and Fagan recommended that the flooring be removed and 100 percent of the adhesive be scraped by hand and removed as well. After that, he suggested allowing the concrete to dry out for three to four weeks, and to employ a local restoration

company to aid the dry-out process with fans and dehumidification. After this, Midwest Floor Covering would test the concrete moisture and decide on the next step. Due to the saturation of the slab, the Village most likely will be required to install an epoxy moisture control system to expedite the installation of a new floor. Fagan said that without this, it may take months to get the floor to moisture levels adequate for the installation of a new floor.

The company will work with the Village’s insurance company on the cost associated with the replacement if this is the direction the Board decides to go.

DeLaune told the Board that an epoxy moisture control system would cost approximately \$70,000.00, and was asked to get more information. Patricia Lamberty said that EMC Insurance Company’s field adjusters estimate for the flooring in the gym, minus recoverable depreciation, will be \$75,318.12 Actual Cash Value. The

Village can claim the depreciation holdback of \$15,962.22 once the repairs are completed and final invoices have been submitted to EMC Insurance. The epoxy moisture control system would not be covered by insurance.

### Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Cheryl Carson of the AEDC and Amber Ross of CNEDD presented the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund as an opportunity for the Village to construct two single family homes. Ross informed the Board that funding is available for municipalities for homebuyer projects that are designed to finance new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing units and/or

provide homebuyer assistance in the form of down payment and/or closing costs. Projects must serve eligible homebuyers that make at or below 120% median income. In other communities, the first house is built and the proceeds from the sale are used to build the second house. Proceeds that are left after the sale of the second home can be used to start a revolving loan fund to address housing in the future. Carson said that the matching fund of \$50,000.00 would come from the Economic Development Fund. Housing is an eligible activity of LB 840.

Ross said that a pre-application is due by March  
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## SL Youth Football Program Awarded Grant

The South Loup Youth Football program has been awarded a \$1,000.00 grant from the Custer County Foundation to upgrade football equipment and to ensure adequate safety of the kids while keeping the sport affordable to all participants. The organization is now over 10 years old and equipment is showing normal wear and tear. The new equipment would include shoulder pads, helmets, and pants.

Over the years, the program has received some donations and income from t-shirt sales, but not enough to cover the full cost of the project. A few parents have already pledged funds to help pay for some of the expense, but the organization will also be passing around letters for more donations.

Program organizer Terence Schacher (pictured left, with Custer County Foundation representatives Andrew Tickle and Lindsay Cook) said there were 28 kids out for football in 2023 and the program continues to have strong participation year after year. There are coaches who continually dedicate their time to the kids and the community.

## “Way Beyond” Cold

### Arctic blast cancels most everything

January 12th’s temperature in the mid-20s with a slight breeze made for a relatively nice day to get out and do things before the forecasted arctic front and more snow hit the area. In the next few days, lows dipped to -15 degrees with dangerous wind-chills, keeping everyone who could inside. School, high school sporting events, church, and most meetings were cancelled.

Following is Cooperative Weather Observer Dell Cerny’s summary from the 8th through the 14th:

JANUARY:				
8	30	13	.38	
9	34	13	0	
10	42	11	0	
11	26	0	.17	
12	26	-14	0	
13	-3	-15	0	
14	-3	-15	0	
3” of snow fell on January 8 and 2” on January 9.				

## ACFF Offering Hometown Internship

College students have the opportunity to apply for a Hometown Internship with the Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) during the summer of 2024.

A Hometown Intern is a current college student who has completed at least one year of schooling and lives at home for the summer. The intern and their supervisor will begin their summer together attending an educational

retreat where they will connect with their peers and be immersed in Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). Over the course of the summer, Hometown Interns will work alongside the supervisor and other members of the ACFF on a mission to discover and unleash the assets in their community. Students will be compensated for their work, but housing will not be provided. Travel reim-

bursement and lodging for peer retreats and other events will be provided.

The internship program is made available through matching funds from the Nebraska Community Foundation.

The deadline to apply is March 15, 2024. Contact Holly Remund at 605-350-0064 for more information.