



Celebrating Easter

Sunrise Services - Arnold United Methodist Church - 7:00 a.m.

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Board Approves Purchase of Lots for Housing Development

In the last couple of years, residents saw what LB840 funds could do for the future housing development, when lots were purchased south of the post office, cleaned up, and new housing went in. Two more underdeveloped lots have been identified for sale, and at a special Village Board meeting held last week, the Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) was given permission to purchase the real estate.

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson requested the Board's permission to purchase the parcels at the March 18 meeting. The two lots consist of .34 and .40 acres and are located inside the city limits, north of the west daycare facility. She said the goal is to purchase and secure ownership of the lots, remove unsafe existing structures, clear overgrown vegetation, level the lots and plan for future housing development that will be beneficial to the community.

“The lots are close to the park and downtown, and there is easy access to all needed services. The two lots are zoned for residential, and the comprehensive plan suggests future use of these lots should remain residential,” Carson said in her report.

The current infrastructure is not sufficient for future development of the block, and Carson said the AEDC would like to work with the Village to develop a plan to make up-grades to the water main and street. Superintendent Doug DeLaune gave an estimate of \$162,500.00 to upgrade the main (to be included in the 2024-2025 budget) and \$153,735 to asphalt the street (to be included in the 2025-2026 budget).

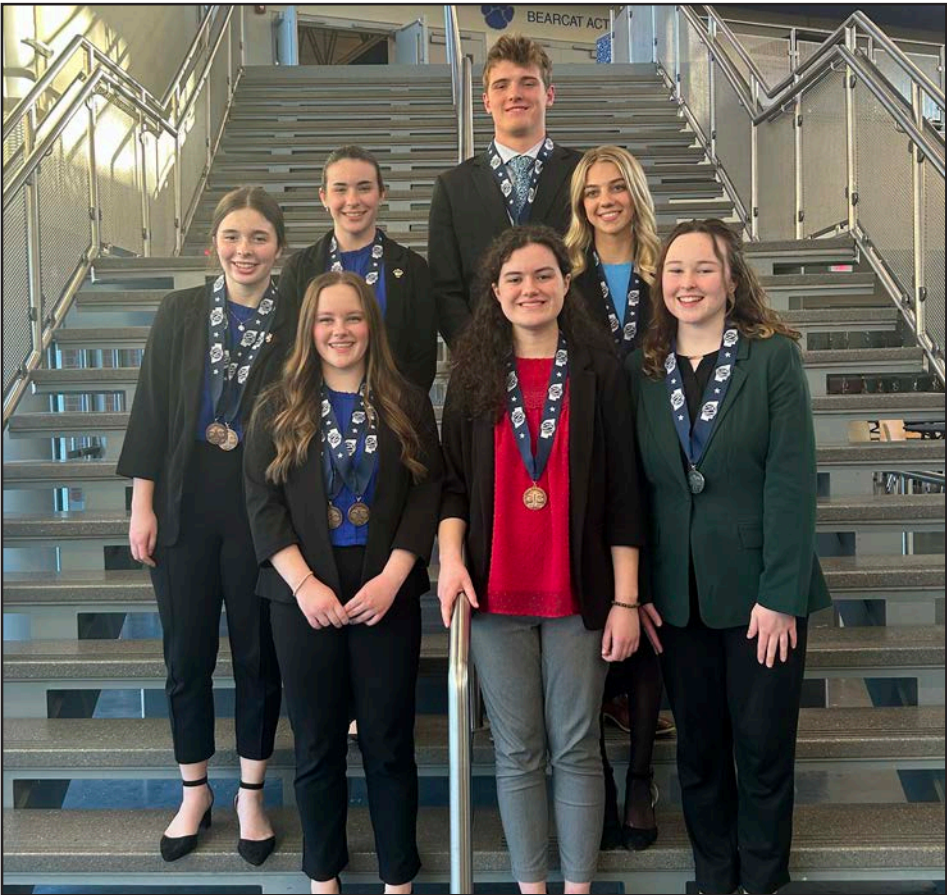
With its approval, the Board voted to issue a check to the AEDC from the Economic Development Fund for \$50,000.00 for the purchase and to pay other costs to prepare the lots for development, including securing a legal title, inspection fees, demolition of dilapidated structures, disposal fees, surveys, and site preparation.



Using LB840 funds, the above map shows the surveyed real estate approved for purchase for future housing development in Arnold.

The AEDC Board said that if any funds are received from the future development of the lots, the proceeds will be placed back into the AEDC land account, which is monitored both by the AEDC and the Village to be used towards future land acquisition. According to Arnold's Economic Development Plan, sites and facilities may be sold or leased at a price at or below current market values.

The target date to begin clean up of the property is June 2024, or sooner if possible.



Speech Team Breaks School Records at State Meet

Arnold High's Speech Team members, (back row) Anna Tullis, Ivy Tullis, Rio Remund, Ella Cool; (front) Danah Baldwin, Gracie Neth, and Réalta Leach, brought home the most medals in the school's history. Rio and Ella were named state champions in duet acting, helping lead the team to an overall 5th place finish.

Please turn to page 4 to read all of the results on the day.

Bound for Girls State

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 is pleased to announce they will send two delegates to Girls State, which will be held June 2-8 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Riata Remund, daughter of Holly and the late Scott Remund, and Anna Tullis, daughter of Edward Tullis and Darci Barnes, juniors at Arnold High School, were very impressive at the Girls State interviews. Their activities and experiences are very similar.

Both girls are members of the National Honor Society, were in one-act, and are participating in the speech program at this time, with both winning awards, and participated in volleyball. Riata is in track, and Anna is a member of Rotary Interact.

Riata is planning to attend Mid-Plains Community College for her basics,



Juniors Anna Tullis (left) and Riata Remund have been selected to represent Arnold at Girls State.

and Anna is uncertain of her plans following high school graduation. American Legion Auxiliary is certain that Riata and Anna will make Arnold proud.

Easter Egg Hunt Moved to this Saturday

Due to cold and windy weather, Chamber's Easter Egg Hunt has been moved to this Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m. All kids are welcome to gather at the city park for the hunt and find the gold and silver eggs for prizes. The Easter Bunny will be hopping around for some extra fun.

Topped With Syrup and More... Rotarians serve up pancakes at 50th annual fundraiser

Arnold Rotary reports that they fed 320 people at their 50th Annual Spring Pancake Feed held March 21 at the Arnold Community Center.

The event grossed \$1,830.00. With Rotarians donating about \$400.00 of expenses, the net ended up at about \$1,430.00.

Most of the profits will be used for youth soccer t-shirts and RYLA Leadership camp for high school juniors.

Rotary wishes to thank Clay Moore and his 8th graders for setting the tables and chairs prior to the meal. Rotary also wants to thank the community for their support of this annual fundraiser that supports community projects.



Rotarian Mary Becker serves pancakes to Jo Ann Keyser and an unidentified guest at Rotary's pancake feed held last Thursday at the community center.



Aden and Avery Corbin spice up their pancakes with a selection of toppings. Young soccer players and their families came up from Old Mill Park to help make the event a success.

Notice of Primary Election Inside This Issue

Nebraska's Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 14, when voters will cast their ballot for nominating, and in some cases, electing candidates to serve various offices.

Of local interest, four candidates have filed for three open positions on Arnold School District 89 board. This race will not appear on the Primary Election ballot but will advance to the General Election in November. Filing were received by incumbents Justin Strasburg and Duane Bowers, and non-incumbents Bryce Nansel and Kenneth L. Goodenow, Jr.

Notice of the Primary is published on page 6.