

# The Arnold Sentinel

“Serving the South Loup River Valley”

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## Street Project In Progress

A Gomaco cement paver working on a block just east of Mills Hardware has been drawing a lot of attention as crews have been working to pour a ten-inch deep slab that will solve water issues that have been plaguing the street for years.

Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune said this has been the city’s biggest street project in a long time.

“Water collects from clear up by the school and comes down into that area. That much water flow breaks down the asphalt. Because of the dip at the intersection of Carroll and Highway 92, trucks go around, and their weight was breaking it down, as well,” he said.

The block was supposed to be poured at eight inches, but that varied because of rain.

The pour was a learning experience for some of the kids at the school, as they were bussed down to watch the Gomaco and the workers in action.



Workers screed cement after a Gomaco cement paver pour on Tuesday, April 30, east of Mills Hardware. The street project is replacing asphalt, which was breaking down due to water flow coming from the north. - Janet Larreau photo

## One-Third Complete

School sets goal of fully functioning greenhouse by end of summer

The structure of Arnold Schools’ new greenhouse is up and running, with one-third of the internal project currently completed.

The greenhouse is divided into three major parts - the planting/sale, an indoor raised community garden, and aquaponics.

The planting/sale area is complete. Students have been able to raise plants from seeds and take care of them in the garden, freeing up space in the Science lab. The sale area was used for last Saturday’s plant sale. Money raised from the sales will go back into the classes’ fund to help pay for future projects.

Throughout the school year, Mr. Mohr’s welding class has been building the raised garden beds for the back of the greenhouse. Two beds have been completed. These beds will be used by the Applied Science Class and will provide food for the school lunch program.

Any extras will be donated to the food bank or to Riverview Apartments. Over the summer, Mr. Mohr and some of his hired students will complete the eight remaining raised beds and install the aquaponics system.

“The kids are very excited for this project and have worked really hard to raise money for it,” said Science teacher Melissa



Juniors Taylor Hanna-Miles (above), Danah Baldwin and Realta Leach (right) care for plants in the school’s greenhouse.

Sandager. “It was not expected to be implemented until a few years into the project due to costs, but thanks to a donation from Ron Cool and the support of the school board, the students will be getting it right away.”



## Sentinel Wins Several Awards In NPA Better Newspaper Contest

A fictional 1901 edition created and published by the *Arnold Sentinel* staff for Arnold’s play production of “Anne of Green Gables” received 1st place in the Nebraska Press Association’s 2024 Better Newspaper Print Contest. The Best Program/NIE (Newspapers in Education) plaque was among six awards that the *Sentinel* won for its entries published in 2023. Members of the South Carolina Press Association judged 2,569 separate entries in the contest, which

included all classes from dailies to weeklies.

The *Sentinel*’s fictional the “Avonlea Advocate” was judged among all classes of newspapers in the state that submitted an entry in the Leadership category.

The judge commented, “This is a standout NIE example that showcases the cooperative effort between newspapers and schools to promote literacy and learning. The *Sentinel*’s Janet Larreau and Debbie Connelly demonstrated

able ingenuity through the “Avonlea Advocate,” researching, creating and delivering a fictional 1901 edition. So much heart and creativity was put into this effort! A shining example of the way newspapers should serve their communities and how newspapers deliver today and throughout time.”

Among the other awards that *Sentinel* staffers Janet Larreau and Debbie Connelly won in Class B were:

- 2nd place for General Excellence, which is considered one of the top awards in the NPA Better Newspaper Contest. The *Sentinel* submitted issues from May 25, June 1, and October 26 for an overall evaluation by the judges. A judge commented, “Great storytelling on the front pages. Loved the true community columnists, sharing the happenings with lots of names.”
- 1st place in the Reader Interaction category with

its entry of “Thank You Readers,” featuring just a few of the *Sentinel*’s loyal subscribers reading the paper in mailed hard copy and with today’s technology. The judge commented that the captions and photos conveyed a connection between the readers and the paper, and that it was great to see multiple generations included.

- 1st place in Youth Coverage, submitting three separate articles on Delaney Rogers giving testimony to the Nebraska Legislature on the Halsey Forest fire, Rio Remund’s student-led wrestling room project, and Ethan Furne’s Arnold Lake project of installing aeration fountains. The judge said, “Good news about children doing good things. Nicely put together with context on why it matters to everyone.”
- 2nd place in Headline Writing with “Grape Fire Results in Some Really Juicy News” to catch



readers’ attention about its “Dough: We All Need It.” The judge commented, “Cute series about the different ways young people work to make money during the summer months. Nice variety of articles.”

- 3rd place in the Fea-

ture Series category with its “Dough: We All Need It.” The judge commented, “Cute series about the different ways young people work to make money during the summer months. Nice variety of articles.”

## 111th Annual Arnold High School Commencement

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.  
Arnold High School

Class Flower.....Wood Carnation Rose (from Lisa Nelson)

Class Colors.....White, Light Blue & Silver

Class Song.....“Yellow” by Cold Play

Motto: “The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. - FDR

Class Sponsor.....Ashley Nansel

Class Officers: President - Delaney Rogers, Vice-President - Rio Remund; Secretary - Gracie Neth; Treasurer - Logan Recoy

Class Roll:

*Delaney Rose Rogers - Rio Don Remund*  
*Harmony Anne Borah - Tahnna Lynn Nokes*  
*Charli Lane Vickers - Bryn Loree Schwarz*  
*Grace Marie Bierman - Brendan Connor Streit*  
*Trey Quincy Connell - Cache Collier Terrence Gracey*  
*Logan Ryan Recoy - Gracie Mae Neth*  
*Pedro Ricardo Flores - Isaac Thomas Tickle*  
*Samantha Lucille Wonch*

Attendants - Ivy Tullis and Ethan Furne

Processional - Mrs. Welch

Welcome - Joel Morgan

Salutatory Introduction

Valedictory Introduction

Scholastic Awards - Ashley Nansel

Presentation of Class - Joel Morgan

## Cast Your VOTE in the Primary Election Tuesday, May 14

Polling places for Arnold, Arnold Rural, and Hays II will be at the Legion Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The last day to request an early voting ballot to be mailed out is close of business on the second Friday preceding the election. The Monday before Election Day is the last day to cast an early voting ballot at the County Election Office.