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A mountain of waste tires was being carried away on Monday, June 3, after area residents had taken full advantage of a three-day free tire collection event made possible by the Village of Arnold.

The Village was awarded a grant of \$24,248.00 through the NDEE's Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Fund for the clean-up. The NDEE's scrap tire funds are generated from a \$1.00 fee on new tires purchased in Nebraska. In 2024, enough funding was awarded across the state of Nebraska to clean up 5,461 tons of scrap tires. Funds will also be used to partially reimburse the cost of many products made from recycled scrap tires, such as artificial turf football, soccer, baseball, and softball fields, athletic running tracks, and playground surfacing.



Waste Tire Collection Hits the Limit

Resident Scott McDowell dumps a load of waste tires as Village employee Tory Edwards stands by with a loader last Saturday morning during the Village of Arnold's three-day tire collection event at Old Mill Park. Although rain was a hindrance on both Friday and Saturday, it didn't stop the loads from coming in from the surrounding area. Early on day 3 of the collection, incoming tire drop-offs were stopped due to weight estimates hitting the 150-ton limit. - Debbie Connelly photo

Foundation Announces Spring Grant Awards

Finch Library, Arnold Area Historical Society among recipients

(Custer County, NE) The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2024, and they are awarding a total of \$49,600.00 to 14 Custer County organizations.

"It's always an exciting time when we get to announce our grant recipients," said Rilee Daffer, Executive Director of the Foundation. "The generous support we receive from our donors, through our annual Gala & Auction in December, enables the Foundation to continue to have a county-wide impact through the grants we are able to award."

The Foundation Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Direc-

tors approved, the following grants:

4 County Indians Club Volleyball Team - \$1,000: To purchase lightweight volleyballs for youth volleyball clinics.

Anselmo-Merna Public School - \$3,000: To help with workout room enhancements.

Ansley Public School - \$6,000: To help with track upgrade project.

Ansley Rural Fire Protection District #1 - \$4,200: To aid with replacing outdated protective gear.

Arnold Area Historical Society - \$12,000: To purchase trusses for a new roof.

Broken Bow Legion Baseball/DYO - \$3,500: To purchase concrete for the

dugout.

Broken Bow Swim Club - \$500: To buy training equipment for youth.

Callaway Public School - \$6,000: To purchase a shot clock.

Custer County Children's Theater Association - \$2,000: To aid with funding for the fall production.

Finch Memorial Library - \$4,000: To help with replacing storm windows.

Sandhills Community Collaborative - \$2,900: To aid with financial literacy and tenant education classes.

Sargent Fair & Chokecherry Jamboree - \$1,500: To help with activities for the Sargent Fair.

Spartan Foundation - \$1,000: To help purchase StoryWalks, Exercise & Nature activities.

Wild Rose Gallery - \$2,000: To bring a National

Art Speaker to art classes.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2024. Applications may be accessed online at www.custercountyfoundation.org. When submitting applications, it is important to complete all the requested information and submit a complete application. Incomplete applications may not be funded. Please reach out to the Custer County Foundation with any questions when filling out the grant application.

The mission of the Custer County Foundation is to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Call the Foundation at 308-872-2232 for more information.

Garage Sales Just Around the Corner

Arnold Chamber will host its community-wide garage sales this Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. Fifteen locations are on the map, with some being multi-family sales. Maps are available at Mills Hardware, Brew-Bakers, Four County Boutique, Reed's Food Center, and The Exchange, or you can print your own from Arnold Community Garage Sales on Facebook. Deb Hall is this year's chairperson.

Residents will have the chance to donate items after the sales. The Goodwill Truck will be at the Arnold City Park, June 10-17. The trailer will be on site after 12:00 p.m., on the first day of the drive and will be picked up by 12:00 p.m. on the last day of the drive. Visit www.goodwillne.org to learn about what items can be donated.

Items can also be donated locally to the St. Agnes Church Thrift Shop.

Filing Deadlines

Two open positions on the Arnold Village Board will be decided on in the November General Election. Custer County Clerk Conni Gracey reminds residents that filing deadlines are July 15 for incumbents and August 1 for non-incumbents.

The positions held by

Glen Bowers and Aaron Olson will be up, and neither had re-filed at this reporting. Gracey said non-incumbent Austin Snyder has filed.

Any registered voter who wishes to file for a position can fill out a form at the Custer County Clerk's office.

NHS Senior Legacy Projects In the Works



Senior National Honor Society members Riata Remund, Ivy Tullis, Anna Tullis, and Taylor Hanna-Miles were in the process of painting a mural of a mermaid on the baby pool's wall last Wednesday, May 29. The members plan to paint more murals to beautify the community by the end of June. - Debbie Connelly photo

One of the National Honor Society's Senior Legacy Projects for 2024 got an early start on Memorial Day, as members who could be there power washed, scraped, and filled damaged mortar on the baby pool's south-facing wall. In the following days, the primed and then painted a large mural of a mermaid. It was step 1 of more murals and other projects the seniors are planning.

"When brainstorming ideas, our class thought it would be fun to do something to beautify the town," said Anna Tullis, who is co-chairing the mural project with Taylor Hanna-Miles. "(AEDC Director) Cheryl Carson gave us the idea to paint murals around town, as well as a list of places that would be options. Our first priority was the city pool. We all have spent a lot of time there, so it was important to make it fun for current and future swimmers."

Although all of the kids loved the Finding Nemo mural next to the baby pool, after many years of weather and sun, it was pretty faded. Pool manager Shavonne Schacher told the kids she is planning a mermaid theme for the pool, so they began

brainstorming and came up with a design. NHS members Riata Remund and Taylor Hanna-Miles redesigned the image using a computer program so that it could be projected on the wall to prepare for painting.

NHS members will be attending the June Village Board meeting to share their plans for painting murals on the outside of the city park's bathroom walls. The goal is to have all of the murals painted by the end of June.

"We basically had a week to actually complete the pool mural and had timing issues with Memorial Day. This is where the group really showed their drive and passion," said NHS Debby Moninger. "The project sounds simple, but behind-the-scenes, the pre-project phases are part of what make the projects successful. The Senior Legacy Projects started in 2010, and each year we focus on having a project that members can complete in one year, allowing them to learn the whole process. We have an awesome community that is always willing to help the youth achieve their goals in both in the community and the school."