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Donations Sought for Veterans Memorial Project



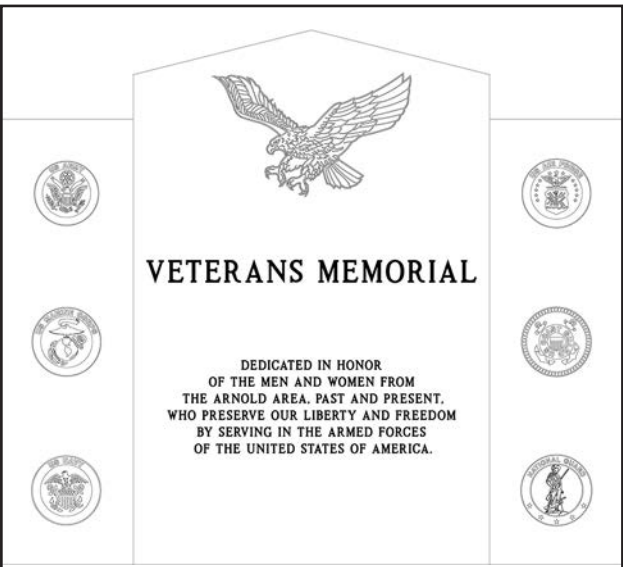
Pictured above is an image that will give everyone an idea of the layout of the planned Arnold Veterans Memorial at the intersection of Highways 92 and 40. The memorial will be in a circular pattern as shown, but the main wall will be different (pictured, above right). Legion Post 130 will be working with North Platte Monument Co. on the final design.

American Legion Post 130 is planning to build a veterans memorial on the corner of Highway 40 and 92. The large memorial will consist of at least four 6'x3' inscribed monuments listing the names of at least 300 local veterans. The names of Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 130 members will be listed on the back of each monument.

An inscribed, taller monument will be located in the center, with flags surrounding the circle. Legion Commander Mike Harvey said that the names of veterans who have a block inside the Legion Hall will all be listed, but any veteran's name can be added to the list – even if they are from outside of Arnold. Harvey said the location

of the intersection of the highways was chosen so that it will be a focal point for anyone coming or going on the two highways. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$50,000.00-\$70,000.00. Legion Post 130 is currently seeking donations from anyone who would like to help. “We are planning to get the pad in by this fall and

complete the project by early spring of 2025,” said Harvey. Donations may be made to the Veterans Memorial fund checking account at Pinnacle Bank or given to any Arnold Legion member. For more information, call Mike Harvey at 308-530-1065.



The above drawing, provided by North Platte Monument, shows the memorial's main wall with the columns and service emblems. The three to four block walls with service members' names will be around the outside.

Fun Activities Planned for the 4th of July

An aardvark hunt, free swimming and games at the Arnold Pool, a horseshoe pitching contest, and a public fireworks display at Old Mill Park are all planned for the 4th of July in Arnold. Details on the hunt (see below), pool activities and fireworks can be found in an ad on page 2. The horseshoe pitching contest will start at 7:00 p.m., at Old Mill Park.

See If You Can Find Him...

Aardvark clue inside this issue

Aardvark hunting permits are now available for a 4th of July holiday hunt. Anyone holding a \$5.00 permit can find the clue hidden inside this issue and join in the search. The winner will receive an \$80.00 bounty offered by sponsors Tiff Varney, Pinnacle Bank, First State Insurance and Arnold In-

surance. The aardvark will be hidden the morning of the 4th only on public property. Permits are available at Pinnacle Bank, Four County Boutique, Brew-Bakers, and First State Insurance. Proceeds will go to Arnold Little League Baseball.

Seniors Continue Working on Their Legacy Project

As part of their Senior Legacy Project, National Honor Society Class of 2025 members Anna and Ivy Tullis, Danah Baldwin, and Realta Leach, have been working on their second community mural project - this one at the city park. With permission from the Village Board, the girls went to work, creating interactive murals for kids, adults, and groups on the north, west, and east sides of the exterior bathroom walls. A QR code has been added to direct visitors to the Arnold Economic Development website.

NHS Sponsor Debby Moninger said that the organization had funds available for the community beautification project. For each Senior Legacy Project, the students meet with school administrators, community leaders and business owners. “We have an awesome community that is always willing to help the youth achieve their goals,” said Moninger. Future NHS members will check the murals and the recently completed mermaid mural at the pool for any chipping or fading.



The Bucket List Babes get a group photo while competing at the Ragnar Colorado Trail Relay held in June. Pictured are: (back, l-r) Amanda Moser, Amanda Drews, Alisa Keiser, Lyndsee (Ross) Clifton; (front, l-r) Reba Kirby, Leron Bierman, Helen Cool, and Ariel Broekemeier. - Courtesy photo

Bucket List Babes Take Off Running in Colorado Mountains

By Janet Larreau

Leron Bierman and seven of her cohorts tested their will and determination to the max June 7-8, competing in the Ragnar Colorado Trail Relay held in Snowmass Village, Colorado. The race is part of the Ragnar series of trail and road relay races, which is celebrating its 20th year. The race is a relay involving a team of eight. Each team member runs three trail loops for a total of 15 miles per runner, 120 miles per team. Teams run around the clock until their last runner completes their last loop – 24 loops in all. Teams camp out in tents and take turns running and cheering each other

on and attempting a couple minutes of sleep. There were around 200 teams registered for the June event, with some teams doing an Ultra Ragnar which means four runners complete the 120 miles. “Ragnar is an event that is common in the running world. I heard about it years ago,” said Leron, who makes her home in rural Arnold with husband Merle, and their six kids: Paxton, Lyla, Maverick, Jack, Waylon, and Rosilyn. Although Ragnar was on her radar, Leron didn't feel she was ready for the challenge until fellow runner Lyndsee (Ross) Clifton messaged her a year ago.

“Lyndsee asked me if I wanted to attempt Ragnar Colorado. To her relief, I immediately said ‘No thank you!’ But after a week of not being able to get it off my mind, I messaged her back and said, ‘I need a goal to work for. Let's do it!’” said Leron. “The two of us thought we'd try to put a team together, secretly hoping we'd fail and be off the hook. I contacted a couple of runner friends who contacted a couple of runner friends and after begging my sister-in-law Reba (Bierman) Kirby, we had our team of eight put together. We settled on the name ‘Bucket List Babes’ since most of us had this race on our bucket list.” The group included

Leron, Lyndsee (Ross) Clifton of Merna, Helen Cool of Gothenburg, Reba (Bierman) Kirby of Comstock, Alisa Keiser of Gothenburg, Ariel Broekemeier of Colon, Amanda Drews of Yutan, and Amanda Moser of Sioux Falls, Iowa. Now firmly committed, Leron began the challenge of training for an unknown terrain in the mountains on the plains of Nebraska. She personally followed a training program that Ragnar supplied on their website. “We committed to the race in July, so we had 11 months to train. I followed the program, running any hill I could find, See Bucket List Babes, Page 2



Danah Baldwin paints an interactive butterfly on the east side of the city park bathrooms as part of the 2025 Senior Legacy Project. - Debbie Connolly photo