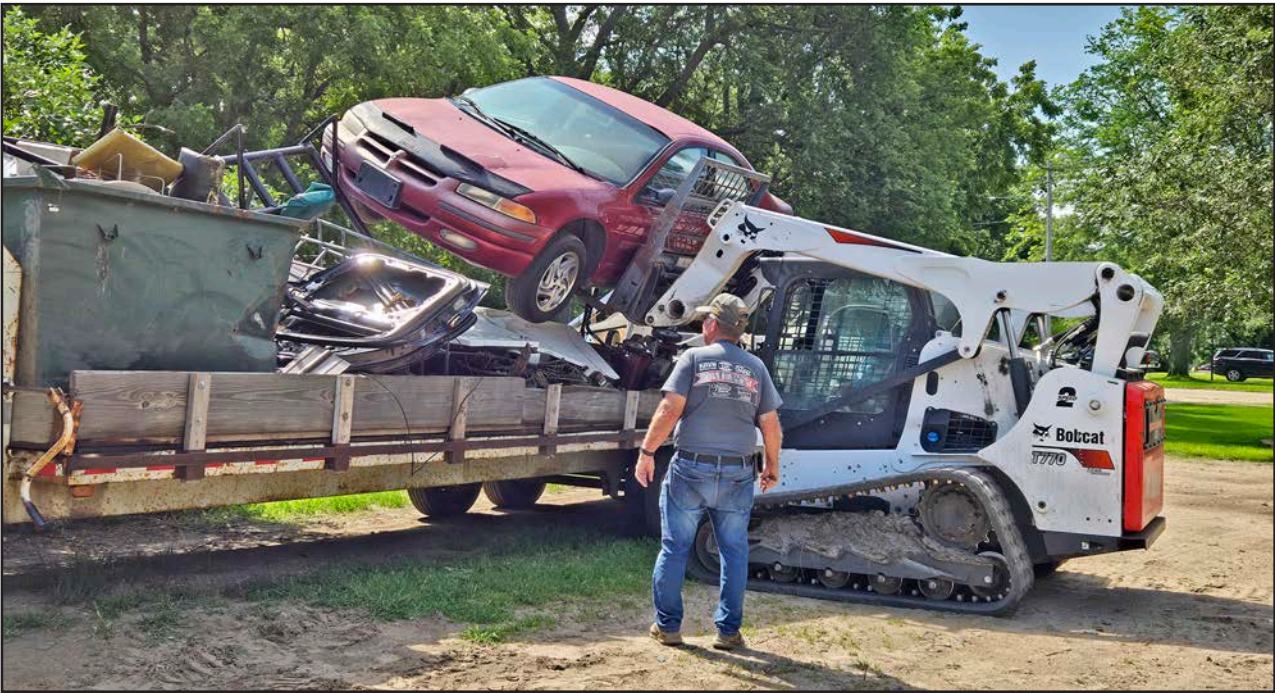


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Legion Commander Mike Harvey looks on, as an abandoned vehicle is loaded onto a scrap metal trailer to be recycled. Legion has been reaching out to the public to donate their abandoned vehicles, with all proceeds going to a planned veterans memorial in Arnold.

Legion Seeks Out Abandoned Vehicles

A couple of weeks ago, American Legion Post 130 members hauled away a full trailer load of metal to Meyer's Salvage in Broken Bow. Helping to make it a full load was an abandoned vehicle donated by Doug and Bev Engleman. Money gained from the recycled metal went directly into Legion's new account specifically designated for the construction of a veterans memorial in Arnold.

The suggestion of Legion approaching people about collecting their abandoned vehicles came from Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson. Legion Commander Mike Harvey said Legion thought providing the service would be a good idea, and members have been talking to people – both in town and rural.

“Unless they have some way to do it, it's difficult for people to haul abandoned vehicles away. We're trying to be a service to the community. It improves the appearance of the community and is going to a good cause,” he said.

Harvey said the price of steel has been going down. It was up to \$160.00

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Aardvark Found In Record Time

“I come and go. I like to tour around. But, it's always good to be home.”

Going on the above clue hidden in the June 27 issue of *The Sentinel*, a permit-holding team of one adult and three kids set out to hunt down Ardie the Aardvark on the 4th of July. They found his hidden location in relatively no time at all.

Tammy Weinman, who purchased a permit for the team consisting of herself, grandsons Tysen and Jaxsen, and nephew Van Doggett from Grena, said they started their hunt a little before 11:00

a.m. and were successful by 11:36 a.m.

When they read the clue, their minds were thinking home-run and baseball, but they didn't find it at Old Mill Park. Then they thought it had something to do with coming to Arnold. Two of the boys looked on the sign next to the motel; meanwhile, Tysen spotted a shape taped to the mile-marker sign on the highway. He called out that it looked like some kind of a dog; Tammy yelled, “It's there!” Bryce Nansel was over by the bowling alley, honked, and yelled, “Did you find

it? Yes! Good job!”

“I showed the boys a picture of the permit, and they didn't have any idea other than that what they were looking for,” said Tammy. “We had so much fun. The boys thought it was great!”

After the boys repaid Tammy for the \$5.00 permit, they split the remaining \$75.00 bounty between them. Proceeds from the holiday hunt, sponsored by Tiff Varney, Pinnacle Bank, First State Insurance, and Arnold Insurance, will go to the Arnold Little League baseball program.



Cousins (from left) Van Doggett, Tysen Schacher and Jaxsen Schacher point out where they found the hidden aardvark on the morning of the 4th of July. - Courtesy photo

Bike Rally Is This Weekend

The Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally will be coming to Arnold July 12-13, offering several activities during the two-day event.

The gates will open at the Arnold Recreation Area at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Events include biker games, cheap drinks, food, and the Craig Furne Experience karaoke. There is no admission charge.

Saturday's schedule begins with registration for the poker run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Show & Shine from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The poker run starts at 11:00 a.m., with the first card drawn at Grazers. Evening events include a barbecue meal, burn-out pit, entertainment by Craig Furne Experience, and live music by HOOKT and Phil Koubek Project.

Admission for the poker run includes the concert and meal. Kids 10 and under are free. Minors 14 and under must leave the ARA by 9:00 p.m.

The rally is hosted by the Devil's Den Motorcycle Organization. Proceeds go to local charities.

Teen Brings New Year-Round Service to Town



Asher Evans details the interior of a customer's car on July 2, just a few weeks after opening his own business, Superior Shine Detailing.



The soon-to-be freshman at A.H.S. works on the exterior of the car outside of his dedicated shop. - Debbie Connelly photos

Making some extra cash in the summer isn't unusual for most teens, but 14-year-old Asher Evans' plan is much bigger than that; he's started his own year-round business, and is working out of a building, no less. He opened Superior Shine Detailing on June 18, polishing a Chevy Suburban to perfection.

He's detailed roughly ten cars since, and going into July, he had seven more on the schedule.

“I came up with the idea to open a detailing shop when I realized I did not have a lot of money, and I figured out quickly that you need money for pretty much everything,” said Asher, who will be a freshman at A.H.S. this year.

Starting at about the age of 9, Arnold's new entrepreneur got his experience in auto detailing at his dad's dealership in Lincoln. He's had plenty of support from both of his parents, Brent and Courtney, in getting his shop up and running.

“I had to ask my dad for

some of his equipment and cleaning supplies. The rest I had to buy myself from saving my birthday money. I needed a location to detail out of. A family friend put her shop up for sale, and my mom purchased it. She said I could use it as long as I pay for the cost of utilities,” he said.

Asher got the word out to the community mostly by making a Facebook post, but a lot of his business has come from word of mouth. He said there's really not any vehicle that is too small or too large, but if he gets someone asking to have their semi truck cleaned, it would probably cost a little extra. He plans to keep detailing through the school year and grow his business, which is a needed service in town.

“My business goals are to eventually upgrade my equipment and possibly hire some help. I also want to make custom clothing to advertise my brand more,” he said.