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NFS Awards Grant for Rotary Tree Project

The Village of Arnold has been awarded a grant of up to \$15,740.00 from the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) for eligible costs associated with implementing the Arnold Rotary Tree Project. Mary Becker, who has been appointed to the newly formed Arnold Tree Board and wrote the grant, gave a report to Village Board members at their July meeting. The project, with the Village named as sponsor, consists of removing ten dead trees in the community, removing stumps, and planting new trees.

Becker said the Tree Board did an inventory of the trees in town and prioritized ten trees that are dead or at risk. In the application, Becker said that all of the ten trees hang over the street, the alley, or next to power lines and offer less to a community than a healthy tree.

The agreement with the NFS will need to be approved and signed at a later date. Once the agreement is signed, the Tree Board will contact the homeowners to get permission to remove the trees and plant new ones.

It is projected that the trees and stump removal will take place prior to October 1, 2024. New trees will be planted in October of 2024.

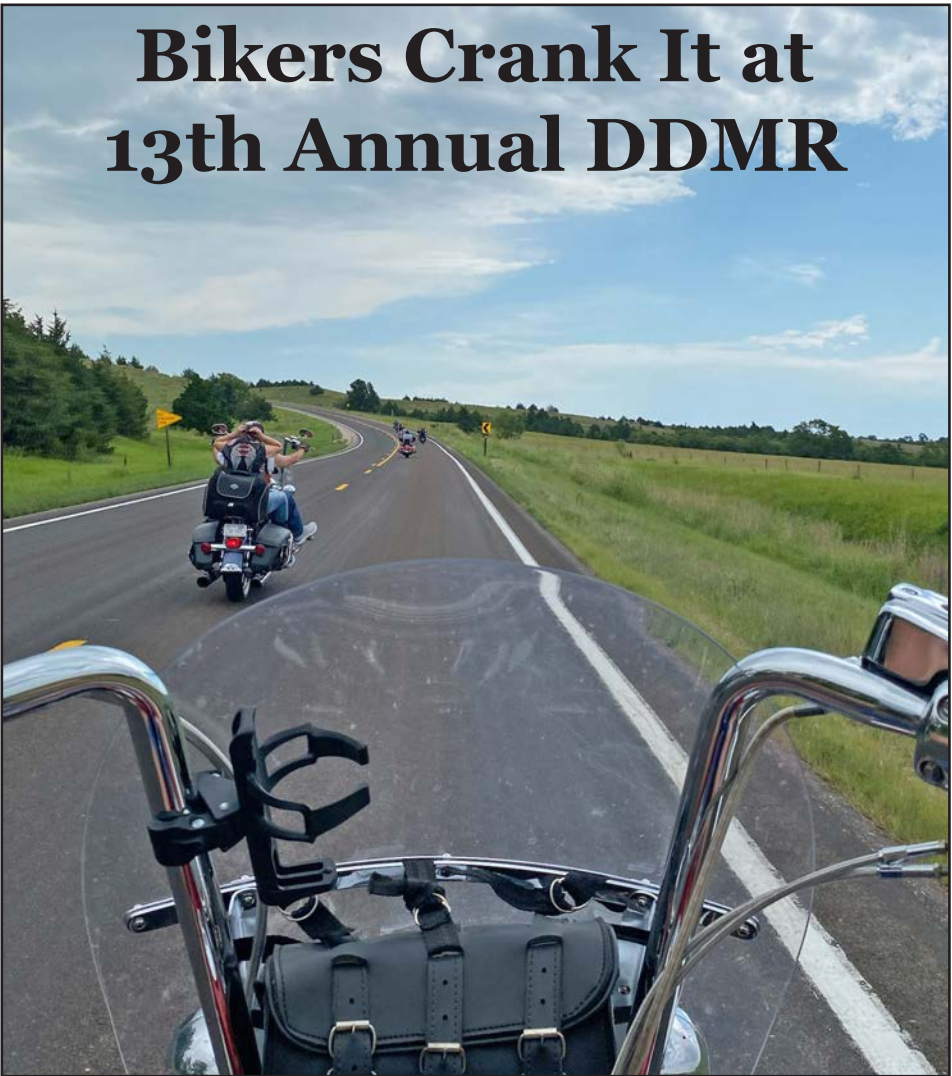
Three Tree Board also submitted a grant application to the Nebraska State Arboretum for ten free trees. If awarded, these ten trees will be planted at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). Arnold Rotary was awarded a \$300.00 matching grant from Rotary District 5630 to go towards planting trees at the ARA.

“There will be a domino effect. Ten new trees will morp into 20 new trees and keep counting. Arnold needs more than ten trees. This will only be the starting line.”

- Arnold Rotary and Tree Board member Mary Becker in the NFS grant application

ABOUT THE TREE PROJECT

The Rotary Tree Project is a joint corroboration between the Arnold Rotary Club and the Village of Arnold. Rotary voted in March of 2024 to begin the process of planting trees in Arnold as a project. The members chose to start this project by asking the Village of Arnold to reinstate the inactive Tree Board. Tree Board members who have been appointed by the Village Board are: Becker, Kenneth Goodenow Jr., Peg Scott, and Linda Olson, who was appointed at the July 8 meeting. The Tree Board can have up to five members.



Bikers head east on Highway 92 to Anselmo’s Furbar after drawing their first card at Grazers, July 13, during the Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally poker run.

There was a lot of action going on at the Arnold Recreation Area last weekend, as the Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally (DDMR) returned for its 13th year. There were plenty of activities during the two-day event, including good food, games, shopping, a poker run, and live entertainment.

Joel Morgan made all the food again this year, providing concessions and Saturday’s barbecue. Arnold After Prom raised money by selling breakfast burritos on Saturday morning.

Brandi Corbin of Carroll Street Design was nearly sold out of DDMR tie-dye or black glow in the dark t-shirts by Friday night. Ziems Premium Leather returned for the second year and had a great

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Village Signs Agreement for Dog Impound Facility

At their regular meeting held on July 8, Arnold Village Board members voted to draft an agreement with Sal Hilderbrant of Sal’s Dog Grooming/Paw-some Hotel to impound dogs at her facility.

At the start of discussion, Superintendent Doug DeLaune said that local veterinarian Merle Bierman preferred not to be involved with providing a facility, but DeLaune had contacted Hilderbrant, who was at the meeting. Hilderbrant said she is licensed with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and the dogs will be under lock and key. The owner of the dog(s) will need to provide her with documentation from the Village office stating that the boarding and citation fees have been paid. The dogs will have to be current on rabies vaccination before the dog is released. More discussion followed on the cost and length of impounding dogs. Boarding fees will be \$35.00 per day. As far

as citation fees, the clerk will check with the village attorney on whether or not citation fees will be kept for dogs running at large. Board members talked about what the citation fees should be, but no decision was made.

The current Municipal Code Book states that each impounded dog shall be kept and maintained at the pound for a period of not more than 72 hours after public notice has been given. The Board decided to increase that to 120 hours, 5 days. Hilderbrant said the dogs will not be released on Saturdays and Sundays.

In other discussion, the clerk said that the village attorney will draft an ordinance to create the position of code enforcement officer, but first he has to check on what the Village will need to do regarding replacing the term of Village Marshall with Code Enforcement officer in the Municipal Code Book.

Tire Recycling Update The clerk informed

board members that 181.92 tons of tires were collected at Old Mill Park during Arnold’s Scrap Tire Cleanup Event. Funding for the cleanup came from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Fund through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Invoices for labor, advertising, and hauler costs will be submitted to NDE-Q for reimbursement.

AEDC Update During her update, AEDC Director Cheryl Carson reported that the land purchase for the Parson lot on N Broadway has been completed. She also mentioned that she was one of several special speakers at the South Central Economic Development District Spring Gathering Session held in Ansley. The topic was housing in Custer County and what communities have been working on. During her talk, she highlighted how Arnold is using LB840 funds to address housing needs.

Custer County Fair Events Start Today

Fashion Show, Dog Show, and Small Animal Pet Show Scheduled

The 2024 Custer County 4-H Public Fashion Show will be held at the Evangelical Free Church in Broken Bow at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. Everyone is invited to attend to watch the 4-H’ers who are enrolled in many different clothing projects model their projects.

The 4-H & FFA Dog Show will be held on Saturday, July 20. The show will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Custer County Farm Bureau Show Ring on the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. Approximately 27 youth will be completing in showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally classes.

The 4-H & FFA Small Animal Pet Show will be held on Sunday, July 28. This show will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Building 18, west of the Grandstand on the Custer County Fairgrounds.

The public is invited to attend these excellent youth shows.

Give Blood on July 24 and Help Trauma Patients

ARNOLD, Nebraska (July 9, 2024) — Donated blood is a lifesaving gift most healthy people can give. The community is encouraged to donate blood on Wednesday, July 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arnold Community Center to help those who have been seriously injured and need blood products to help them recover. It’s the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives.

Every day, the American Red Cross must collect about 12,000 blood donations to meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. While all blood types are needed, type O negative donors are especially important. Because it is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type, type O negative blood is what emergency personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situation.

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Wrestlers Do Their Part

With masonry work completed to the sub-floor area, South Loup wrestlers CJ Quandt and Josiah Coleman help clean up rubble from the old Archie’s Cafe building on July 11. Three girl and three boy team members from both Arnold and Callaway and two of their coaches showed up to help.

“We needed some laborers and got a hold of them,” said Justin Strasburg, who is overseeing work on the future home of the Arnold Area Historical Museum. “They helped clean up the mess from the masonry, shoveling and hauling it out in five gallon buckets to the trailer and sorted some metal.”

“The kids I have now, who are available, are always glad to help,” said boys’ wrestling coach Todd Phelps.

Strasburg mentioned that this was the first load that they haven’t had to go to the landfill with – they got to dump it in the city’s concrete pile.

- Todd Phelps photo