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Groups Combine, Creating New South Loup 4-H Club

Kids compete at CC Fair This Week

By Janet Larreau

A 4-H club with a new name is representing both Arnold and Callaway at the 2024 Custer County Fair. The South Loup 4-H Club, with 70 kids enrolled, is a combination of clubs previously known as the Western Riders and Tail Twisters. “Western Riders was mainly horse project members and Tail Twisters was livestock, so over 50 percent of our members crossed over to both clubs. A lot of parents were going to both meetings. Combining the two seemed to be an opportunity to create a more cohesive club, and because of South Loup sports, the kids already understood the idea. Both clubs had over 50 members each, so you can see the amount of duplication we had. It’s fairly obvious that we created efficiency,” said Holly Remund, who is one of three organizational leaders, along with Jen Dalrymple and Karla Pandorf. Between the three women, an organizational leader is always available

to support the kids and other project leaders. “We do a really good job just communicating. We decide who might do best in terms of their skill set,” said Dalrymple. This year’s project leaders are: Horse - Lana (Anderson) Phelps; Dog - Heidi Kulp and Heather Hagler; Poultry - Heidi Kulp; and Shooting - Aaron and Sarah Coleman, along with Mike and Ann Lehmkuhler. The entire group meets monthly, alternating the communities of Arnold and Callaway. The leaders said it’s good for the kids to come together, make a larger impact for community service, and be visible. Each year, the club will complete two community service projects in each town. This year, the kids cleaned up Fairview and Wydom cemeteries near Callaway and the Arnold Cemetery. Last year, the club was awarded the Joyce Clark Community Service Award for completing 11 service projects, and they worked hard for it. Any member is being

given the opportunity to give a speech or demonstration of their choice. This is something that has never been done before. “Riata Remund did one about her national shooting competition. It’s good for the kids to get some practice with public speaking,” said Dalrymple. This is the first official year that the kids have participated under the name of South Loup 4-H Club. The group went through a trial period last year and did a lot of the same things; they just didn’t have the name. Once the kids approved the trial period, the group officially changed its name and opened one bank account. The merger includes having co-presidents serve from each town, something the leaders feel provides a nice balance. The 2024 presidents are Riata Remund and Kegan Witthuhn. “We talk a lot about the advantages of kids being in 4-H,” said Remund. “Karla (Pandorf) and I



Showing her dog Scout, South Loup 4-H Club member Kora Dailey interviews with the judge at the Custer County Fair on July 20. - Courtesy photo

really spoke on how, with other school activities, teachers and coaches are involved. It’s not like 4-H. This is so much more about family. Even though we have these project leaders, the learning experiences are so much more significant than other things the kids are

involved in. It’s a great opportunity for the family to be engaged in their development. We would like to encourage more people to be involved.” **FAIR ACTIVITIES** The 4-H Style Judging & Fashion Show was held on July 18 and the 4-H & FFA Dog Show was held

on July 20. Friday will start off with the 4-H Firearms Shooting Match at 7:30 a.m., in Building 18 at the Custer County Fairgrounds, continuing into Saturday. See the full list of events in the July 18th issue of the *Sentinel*.



Addison Dalrymple (4th from left) of Arnold, with team members (from left) Blaise Hartwell (Oakland), McKinley Stoller (Palisade), Payton Scott (Gordon), Adalynn Jones (Syracuse) and Zoey Malander (Belgrade) were named the Champion Junior Steak Team at the National Junior Angus Show held at Madison, Wisconsin.

12-Year-Old Competes at National Angus Show

The family of rural Arnold residents Matthew and Jen Dalrymple, along with 23 other Nebraska families, traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, for the National Junior Angus Show to join 800 other exhibitors from across the U.S. Addison and five other Nebraska Junior Angus members were selected as the Champion Junior Steak Cook Team. They prepared a baseball cut sirloin, with mashed potatoes and asparagus, to a panel of three judges. Cooking was only a portion of the contest. They prepared a kit about the qualifications of CAB (Certified Angus Beef) and decorated a table to serve on. The theme was Survivor, and the team placed 1st in taste, presen-

tation, content of the skit, and in table décor. Since the members were located across the state of Nebraska, they rehearsed their speeches together on Zoom to prepare. “We are so grateful to have one of the best speech coaches, getting tips and feedback from Holly Remund before Addison went to Wisconsin to practice with the group in person,” said Jen. Addison also placed 2nd in class with her steer. Additional contests she participated in were Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Livestock Judging and Team Sales. The Dalrymples said it was a fun-filled week with lots of competitions and networking opportunities.



Restoration Work Moves Up

Brent Urbanovsky and Jadeyn set trusses on the west end of the old Archie’s Cafe building last week in preparation for a temporary tin roof. Work will now continue inside the future home of the Arnold Historical Museum, with more masonry work, and a goal of finishing the east floor before the Sandhills Open Road Challenge. - Debbie Connelly photo

Village Board Incumbent Refiles

Custer County Clerk Conni Gracey reports that Glen Bowers will seek re-election for a seat on the Arnold Village Board, filing by the deadline of July 15. Aaron Olson, whose term will also be up, did not refile by the deadline. As reported earlier, non-incumbent Austin Snyder has filed for one of the two open seats. All non-incumbents have until August 1 to file with the Custer County Clerk.

Gov. Releases Property Tax Reduction Plan

In a July 18 press release, Gov. Jim Pillen encouraged Nebraska citizens to contact their state senators about his sweeping plan for property tax reform. The plan was unveiled at a news conference, where the key objectives of the comprehensive tax proposal were outlined. Turn to page 4 to read the release in full.