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Dan Blowers operates a trencher, as Tony Eggleston and Roger Bierman check the depth on a new line going in on the east side of the Arnold Cemetery. Looking on is Tiff Varney. - Debbie Connelly photo

## East Project Underway at Cemetery

Arnold Township Board members Tony Eggleston, Roger Bierman, and Dan Blowers have completed work to extending water lines to the east part of the Arnold Cemetery and are making plans to add asphalt millings to the main existing roads as well as extending the

millings east on the main roads. Eggleston said that although the grass covers them up, the roads to the east are already there and appear to be raised and graveled. Scotty McDowell will be assisting with the road resurfacing. “There are already lots

that have been sold east of the last (asphalted) road. We’re extending the water lines and asphalt to get this area consistent with the rest of the cemetery,” he said. Blowers Farms is donating the use of machinery for the water lines, and the three board members

provided the labor. Tiff Varney and Rusty Wyck-off assisted in location of the plot markers. A dedicated cemetery fund was established some years ago to house funds donated specifically for cemetery improvements. Eggleston said there are funds available for com-

pletion of these projects. “People have been very supportive of the cemetery improvements. Just by telling people about our plans, we’ve received an increase in donations,” he said.

## Blood Drive Meets Goal With 23 Units

The Arnold Community blood drive was held July 24 at the Community Center. Even though it was fair week and many donors were unable to attend the blood drive, the goal of 23 units of blood was still achieved. There were 20 donors who came to donate – four of them donating a power red (previously called double red), which counts as two units toward the goal. This helped to make up for the three donors who did not come in for their appointments. Donors hitting milestone donations at this blood drive were: April Tickle, 4 gallons Clifton Bowers, 2 gallons Robbi Smith, 1 gallon Jade Bierman, first-time donor Jason Wehnes made biscuits and gravy for the morning donors and sloppy joes for the lunch-time donors. He also provided the manual labor to set up and tear down the tables and chairs for the blood drive. The next blood drive will Sept. 19 in Arnold. Due to repairs on the community center floor, a location has yet to be determined. The Arnold High School

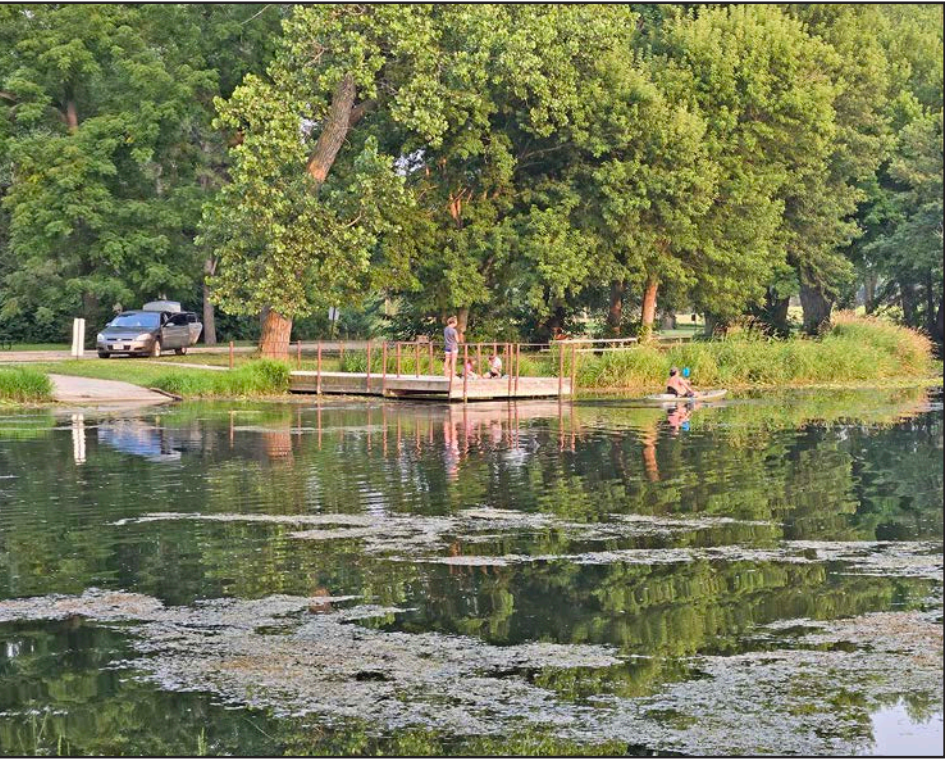
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## ARA Is Asset to Town

Take a drive around the Arnold Recreation Area pretty much anytime of the year, and you’ll find both locals and visitors enjoying the great outdoors. Campers can pick from one of the 29 sites available, people are fishing and boating on the 22-acre lake, having a family gathering or party under the covered pavilion, playing volleyball on the court, or simply getting their exercise or taking a drive. Sometimes, there’s an event going on, or some organization is taking advantage of the large, 10-acres of green space. Many people use the natural backdrop for individual or group photos. The park is maintained by the Village of Arnold, with employees keeping

acres of grass mowed down, checking hook-ups or the new fountains in the lake, and making sure the bathhouse is clean. Visitors are unaware that many of the amenities offered are due to organizational and individual projects that have been completed over the years. The lake that they are casting their rods in is stocked periodically with fresh fish by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. Some 250 campers - hook-ups and primitive - register at the ARA each year on a first-come, first-served basis. They have come from area towns and several states, including Colorado, Kansas, Florida, Utah, South Dakota, Arizona, Nevada, Ore-

gon, California, Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Texas, Montana, and even as far away as Canada. The result is hundreds of people bringing their business into Arnold, only a half a mile up the highway. Mills Hardware is one of their stops. Owners Dena and Terry Mills, along with the rest of the community, appreciate the fact that Arnold has a nice recreation area close by. “They come in for fishing worms and camping stuff. They just love our big hardware store, and they’ll browse for an hour. The guys love the Milwaukee area. They love coming to Arnold because it’s a quiet and clean community,” said Dena.



A family enjoys some evening fishing and kayaking at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA) last week. The park, located south of town, draws hundreds of locals and visitors each year. - Debbie Connelly photo



Tanner Pehrson and Cody Berndt work on cutting a vehicle frame to do a full roof extrication at a recent AVFD training. - Cassy DeLosh photo

## Hands-On Training

Members of the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) have been doing some hands-on training in extrication the past couple of weeks. Some 11 members turned out for the first training and six members were there the second week. “We’re trying to practice real-life scenarios,” said AVFD Fire Chief Andrew Tickle. “I’m a firm believer in creature of habits, so trainings are important. We practiced different angles and getting the tools in people’s hands, especially the newer ones, letting them experience it without being under pressure. Some of the people will be on the crash truck Thursday and Saturday at the Sandhills Open Road Challenge, so they need to practice. We’re always training and trying to stay on top of things. We train once a month, and attend others. I appreciate their time. It’s important to train when you have a call.” Tickle also mentioned that the vehicles for extrication are donated. The fire department tears them up and then hauls them away for scrap. Donated cars are always welcome for trainings.

## 24th Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge Aug. 8-10

On August 7, more than 140 high performance cars will converge on Arnold, Nebraska for the 24th Annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge. The event will begin on Thursday, August 8 with the 22-mile Loup 2 Loup Open Road Race between Halsey and Purdum, Nebraska. Friday, August 9 will start with the One Mile Shoot Out held 14 miles north of Cozad, followed by an afternoon car show in downtown Arnold. Cars and drivers will line up in Arnold on Saturday, August 10 for an 8:30 a.m. start of the 56-mile open road race between Arnold and Dunning, Nebraska. The event will culminate in the evening with a free-will donation barbeque and award ceremony in the Arnold Community Park. Event schedule details can be found at [www.sorcrace.com](http://www.sorcrace.com). or turn to page 6.