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Arnold Museum Renovation Reaches One Year

At the one-year anniversary mark of purchasing the old Archie's Cafe, the Arnold Area Historical Society (AAHS) is celebrating progress and expressing gratitude for the tremendous support for the project to date.

Local history whispers through every weathered brick on the corner of Highway 92 and Walnut Street in Arnold's downtown. Through meticulous brick-by-brick restoration, AAHS is ensuring that the 1914 building remains intact for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. As stewards of Arnold's history, it is fitting that this architectural legacy is reimagined as a future museum and gathering place.

Just as the preservation is happening brick by brick, the funding for the project is happening dollar by dollar. Thanks to generous contributions and grant awards towards the initial \$175,000 goal, the historical society is making significant strides in the renovation. This growing support reflects the community's commitment to preserving Arnold's rich history for future generations.

Grant applications have

been awarded from the Arnold Community Foundation Fund for \$50,000, Custer County Foundation for \$12,000, Humanities Nebraska for \$2,000, Custer County Tourism Visitors Committee for \$10,000, and Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) for \$780.

Arnoldites are known for backing community-driven projects and fifty individuals or families have directly donated to the Cornerstone Campaign. Individual donations have been received through Arnold Community Foundation Fund, the local AAHS account, and the Give 4 Custer County donations and match pool.

Supporters include four Legacy Families (\$10,000-\$24,999), with two donors committing to \$1,000 annually for ten years starting in 2023. Additionally, there are four Founding Framers (\$5,000-\$9,999), twenty Heritage Builders (\$1,000-\$4,999), and sixty Museum Builders (up to \$999), forty of which contributed over \$100.

Local businesses including Carroll Street Designs, Mills Hardware, Pinnacle Bank, Reeds Food Center, Westbrook Audio,



Standing on scaffolding on the north side of the old Archie's Cafe building, a skilled mason chisels out mortar between the old bricks. By the time he is finished with the restoration of the walls and entry, he will have touched every brick in the future home of the Arnold Area Historical Museum. - Debbie Connelly photo

Arnold's Winsome Inn & Suites, CropTech Solutions, Agri-Affiliates, Sennett, Duncan, Jenkins & Wickham, and MJK/CPA have also supported the Cornerstone Campaign by contributing donations, banners, or equipment and labor. Many others have given through the calendar sales, beef raffle, and chicken noodle

dinner event.

In addition, memorial donations have been made in honor of community members Doris Bowers, Michael Lucas, Maureen (and Darrell) Olofson, Betty McKain, Sue Beshaler, and Bill Witthuhn. However, love and appreciation for the town of Arnold expands way beyond our city limits

and surrounding county borders. To date, 29 out-of-town donations have been received, including out-of-state contributions from California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The farthest away donors come from across the oceans in Hong Kong, Australia, and Alaska.

Having met the \$175,000 fundraising goal through donations, fundraisers, and grants, the society is now focused on raising an additional \$100,000 to continue its mission. Next week, the launch details of their latest fundraising endeavor will be revealed.

The Arnold Area Historical Society will see MUSEUM, page 2

Special Delivery!

Baby simulators added to the anatomy classroom

Advanced educational tools in the form of two newborn simulated babies are now in the hands, or should we say arms, of science students at Arnold High School. The infant simulators are life-like replicas of human newborn babies that have electronic capacity to mimic a range of infant behaviors. The simulators are being made possible by two generous donors - Callaway District Hospital and the John Russell Applegate Fund for Teachers at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, based in North Platte.

Science teacher Melissa Sandager said the Anatomy Infant Simulators Project will benefit students in three ways.

Through hands-on training, the simulators allow students to practice various medical procedures and gain practical skills in a controlled environment. In realistic training, students can simulate scenarios related to childbirth and neonatal care, preparing them for real-world situations they may encounter in their future careers. Ultimately, the project tools will contribute to the career development of aspiring healthcare professionals.

"I am very excited to be able to offer this learning opportunity to all students taking high school anatomy. The baby simulators will be used as a final for my anatomy classes' reproduction unit," she said.



Ivy Tullis holds a baby girl simulator that is benefiting all high school students taking anatomy at A.P.S. - Courtesy photo

Fall Festival Set for Saturday, Sept. 14

Hippies congregated in the town last year for Woodstock; this year, the unsophisticated will reign as Arnold Fall Festival organizers RT Green, Della Dailey, Robin Dailey, and Ali Rosentrater present the theme of Hillbilly Bash. It'll all happen this Saturday, September 14.

Always the main event, the parade will start at 11:00 a.m. with the route slightly changed to avoid entries jamming up at the end (see map on schedule, page 8). Line-up will be 10:30 a.m., at the Methodist Church. Judging for

best decorated float and best dressed hillbilly will take place at 10:45 a.m.

If you haven't already planned an entry, throw one together, line up, and have some fun.

A free-will donation lunch will follow the parade at the city park. A fun run/walk in the morning and new games in the afternoon will all revolve around the hillbilly theme.

Vendors are encouraged to set up in the northwest corner of the park.

Turn to page 8 to see the full schedule.

Aardvark Hunt Starts Today

The pre-Festival Aardvark Hunt begins today, September 12, with no permit required. Tiff Varney has hidden the elusive aardvark somewhere on public property, and to

give everyone a chance at finding it, a clue has been hidden inside this issue.

The prize winner will be announced in next week's issue.



German exchange student Sara Latieque has visited many interesting places and met a lot of people since her arrival here in August. - Courtesy photo

German Exchange Student Settles In With Host Family

Todd and Sarah Phelps welcomed 16-year-old German exchange student Sara Latieque into their home on August 3, and ever since, she has been enjoying meeting new people and learning a new culture. She has joined the junior class at A.H.S. and will be growing and learning with them until the end of the school year.

In Germany, Sara lives with her mom, dad, and a younger brother. Her parents are originally from Venezuela, but moved to Germany in 1999. Her father was an exchange student himself when he was Sara's age.

"My father encouraged and helped me to also become one," she said. "We know a lot of other for-

mer exchange students who had different, positive experiences. I am also very interested in American culture and wanted to experience it myself. We were told that it was very probable that I would be in a rural area, and I am glad I'm here."

Sara said that attending school in America is very different than in Germany, where they don't get to choose their classes. Students there have 16 set subjects that are assigned to the class based on the teacher's schedule, and in her German school, they also don't work with computers as much as here. She also mentioned that they don't have something like the Pledge of Allegiance. So far, her fa-

vorite subjects at A.H.S. are history, earth science, and band. She has joined the volleyball team and is interested in one-acts.

With the Phelps family, she has already visited multiple museums, and took in the Sandhills Open Road Challenge, where she met a lot of people.

"Arnold is a wonderful community, and I love how tight-knit it is," said Sara. "Everyone is really nice and welcoming. The school is definitely different, and I have to get used to it, but the students are all super nice and helped me a lot. Everyone in volleyball is really supportive."