

# The Arnold Sentinel

“Serving the South Loup River Valley”

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## One-Act Performs at Community Night

Behind a prop created by industrial teacher Todd Phelps, seniors (from left) Ella Cool, Rialta Leach, Ivy Tullis, Anna Tullis, and Danah Baldwin perform a jail scene during Arnold High’s presentation of the one-act play, “Marching On,” in the school auditorium. Before the story of how a group of young women joined the suffrage movement in 1912 was told, Head Coach Lana Cool and the ensemble gave a demonstration of Arnold’s “culture” that has led them to a state runner-up trophy, and four consecutive state championships. The three tricks, including unison lines, hubbub, and freezing, has become a formula Arnold is known for. - Jessica Tickle photo



## Arnold Foundation’s Annual Fundraiser & Auction Is Saturday

The 2024 Arnold Community Foundation Fund’s Annual Fundraiser & Auction is set for Saturday, November 23, at the community center. The social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. A long list of businesses and individuals have donated items for the silent and live auction that begins at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 if purchased by November 22 and \$35.00 the day of the event, and are available at First State Insurance or the following ACFF members: Gary Blevins, Renee Bubak, Melanie Chesley, Aaron Coleman, Becky Dailey, Holly Remund, Shelley Smith, and Jason Wehnes.

To see updates and auction items, follow the Arnold Community Foundation Fund on Facebook. If you see an auction item you wish to bid on but cannot attend the auction, you may place a bid with an ACFF member.

The proceeds from this event will help build the ACFF’s unrestricted endowment—an account that provides a steady stream of resources for community needs, projects, programs, and opportunities forever.

Arnold Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

## Village Board Decides on Agreement, Requests

A proposed agreement with Sal’s Dog Grooming/Pawsome Hotel to impound dogs running at large, abandoned and stray dogs, was amended at the regular Village Board meeting held on November 11. The original agreement said that Sal Hilderbrant will lodge the dog for a maximum of five consecutive days and then the dog would become property of the Village. After the five days, the Village will try to re-home the dog; if it cannot be re-homed, the dog will be euthanized at Bierman’s Vet Clinic. At Eric

Holmberg’s suggestion, board members voted to add two extra days to re-home the dog. The board discussed the vacancy job position at the Village, and decided to wait until January to advertise. Code enforcement will be included in the job description.

**Tree Board Requests**

At Arnold Tree Board chairman Mary Becker’s request, the board voted to change the Arnold Municipal Code (Tree Board) from members must be citizens and residents of the municipality to members living in the 69120 zip

code area. Becker also asked about removing dead trees from the Arnold Recreation Area. City employee Holmberg said that Scott McDowell estimated a cost of \$2,500.00 for tree removal, contingent on Village employees helping to remove them. Becker said there is \$880.00 left in the tree board budget that could go towards the cost. Board members voted to contract with Scott McDowell for tree removal up to \$3,000.00, with \$880.00 coming from the tree board and the balance coming from the Vil-

lage Park account. Board member authorized the tree board to apply for Tree City USA status, and gave its authorization to apply for a Nebraska Forest Service grant to cut down dead and diseased trees in town and plant new ones both in town and at the ARA. Board members Glen Bowers and Donnell DeLosh volunteered to help the tree board with a long-range plan for the ARA.

**Rotary Project**

Representing the Arnold Rotary Club, Mary Becker

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## Hopes Dashed for Walking Trail Grant

In her monthly update to the Village Board of Trustees, Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson reported that notification was received on October 31 that the Village walking trail grant was not selected for award in the Rural Community Recovery Program. Carson said there were nearly 50 applications submitted requesting more than \$43 million dollars. The Village of Arnold’s application was not among those selected for funding, due in part to the significant response to this program. She thanked Robbi and Shelley Smith, and community members who submitted letters of support.

## Official Local Election Results

Custer County Election Commissioner Constance Gracey reported official General Election results for Arnold Village Board and School District #89, including Lincoln and Logan County votes, on November 14. Following are the results:

**Arnold Village Vote for Two**

Austin Snyder.....270  
M Glen Blowers.....190

**Arnold Public School #89 Vote for three**

Justin Strasburg.....432  
Duane Bowers.....429  
Bryce Nansel.....382  
Kenneth L. Goodenow, Jr. ....359

The official count of registered voters who cast ballots in the Village of Arnold increased by 1 point to 87%.

## Residents Invited to Take Housing Survey

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is conducting a survey through December 10, focusing on housing and community development. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and is anonymous. The survey is for any individual, household or organization in Nebraska. Questions may involve programs, services, or funding not currently available. The purpose of the survey is to assess affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions.

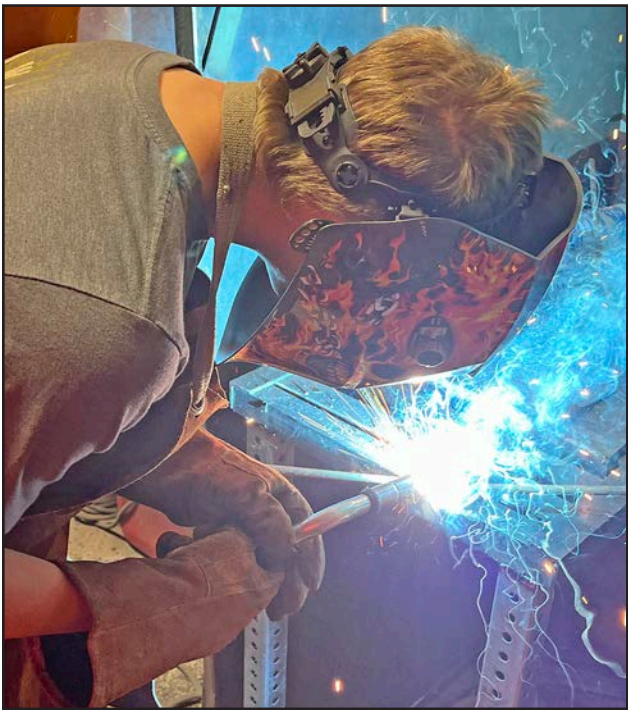
You can skip any questions you are not comfortable answering.

The Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) will have a Facebook post soon which will provide a link for those interested in participating in the survey. If you need a printed copy, contact the AEDC office. You are wel-

come to share this survey with your friends, family, and colleagues.

To take this survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FW2SRHD>.

The results of this survey will inform decision-making for funding priorities in the next five-year planning cycle (2025-2029). DHHS will use the results of this survey to inform funding priorities including, but not limited to, funding made available to the state via annual grants through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD makes available federal funds, which are described in the State of Nebraska’s Consolidated Plan, to support housing and community development initiatives and the availability of public services. Nebraska DED and DHHS implement programs to support local initiatives.



Callan Witthuhn



Asher Evans

## Working Behind the Scenes

Six freshmen boys enrolled in Mr. Phelps’ welding class had a great project to work on this fall, when they took on creating 11 large snowflakes for Downtown Highway Improvement committee member Krista Eggleston.

Eggleston said she saw one of the snowflakes at the Nebraska State Fair.

“I wanted to try to do something different this winter season with the barrels, so I asked Mr. Phelps if one of his classes would be interested,” she said.

Using old well rods that Eggleston found on her and husband Tony’s place, and a pattern from the internet, the boys worked on the project most all of October and into the first week of November.

“The kids did really seem to enjoy it. It gave them something real to weld. I think that was a great project, as it helps them develop a sense of community,” said Mr. Phelps.

“They did a great job, and they were quick. The snowflakes will last for years,” said Eggleston.

Students who worked on the project were: Austin Davenport, Asher Evans, Brody Green, Alex Hoskins, Tyson Schacher, and Callan Witthuhn.



Brody Green