

Fundraising Begins to Build Garages at Riverview Apartments

Arnold Rotary takes on community service project

Arnold Rotary may be taking on its biggest community project yet. The organization recently agreed to help Riverview Apartments with its goal of adding garages onto the independent living facility.

“Twelve residents have indicated a need for an eight-car garage, which they think would be sufficient,” said Ron Cool, who has been chosen to head the project. “Riverview has some vacancies, and a garage for cars is sometimes a factor in getting new residents. Weather in Nebraska is hazardous to cars that sit outside in hail and the hot sun. Excessive heat and cold ruin paint and interiors. Everyone needs a garage for their car.”

The garage would be located on the east side of Riverview on the north end facing south. Residents chose that location since it is only a few feet away from the apartments and would not interfere with the residents’ view to the east. The proposed building would be all metal with a concrete floor. Each unit would have light and two plug-ins. Riverview Apartment board members have indicated rent would be very low, if at all.

The estimated cost of the project will be about \$100,000.00, and Riverview is looking for donations. About \$43,000.00 has been promised to date.

Grants to the Arnold Community Foundation and Custer County Foundation will be written this month and the next. Riverview and Rotary are seeking additional do-



Riverview Apartments residents are currently limited to parking their vehicles outside of the facility. Arnold Rotary has agreed to help find the ways and means to help Riverview build eight garages for the independent living facility. - Debbie Connelly photo

nations from interested citizens now. Any money donated from June 16 -30 will be matched an estimated 25% by the Custer County Foundation in a separate program known as “Give 4 Custer County. Please contact Ron Cool at 308-529-2665 or any Arnold Rotarian with your pledge. Of course, any money pledged would be fully returned if the garages are not built. All donations will be fully deductible.

“This is our chance to make these fine residents an eight-car garage that they really need,” said Cool.

Puttin’ on the Ritz



Class D2 State Champs

Danah Baldwin (left) and Ivy Tullis took home state championship medals in Duet Acting from the NSAA State Speech Meet held March 29 at Kearney. Danah was a double champion medalist, winning in Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose. See more results on page 4 of this issue. - NSAA photo

Seventy three Arnold and Callaway juniors and seniors and their dates, and 16 servers and their dates were dressed up to the nines on Saturday night, March 29, as they dined and danced the night away to the 2025 Prom theme “The Great Gatsby” at Arnold High School.

The decorated gymnasium was open for viewing at 6:45, and at 7:15, family and friends got the chance to see all of the kids in the grand march - held indoors this year due to chilly weather.

Superintendent Joel Morgan catered a meal of steak, chicken, baked potato, salad, and a roll. The kids danced the night away in the gymnasium, and then changed clothes and venues for after-prom activities, including an inflatable cash cube, at the community center.



Arnold senior boys (from left) AJ Starr, Jamie Tickle and Ethan Furne, and AJ’s date, Charli Pandorf from Callaway, hang out together at their classmate Ella Cool’s home before going up to the school for prom pictures on Saturday evening. A large group of Arnold and Callaway kids enjoyed the night’s activities. - Jessica Tickle photo

Benches Installed at Veterans Memorial Site



Members of three organizations - American Legion Post 130, Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of American Legion - gather around one of two engraved, granite benches that were recently installed at the site of the Arnold Veterans Memorial. This bench, purchased with veterans memorial funds, is dedicated to both American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion. Pictured are: (from left) Max Smith, Joan Smith, Wilda Foran, Melva Phillips, Clay Mohr, Brad Atkins, and Mike Harvey. - Debbie Connelly photos



Ron and Nancy Cool purchased a bench for the memorial in memory of their son, 2nd Lt. Scott B. Cool. The beautiful benches were ordered through Palmer Monument Co.

Mike Harvey, who is in charge of the vets memorial project, said last week that the flag poles will be installed soon, and the center monument is almost finished.