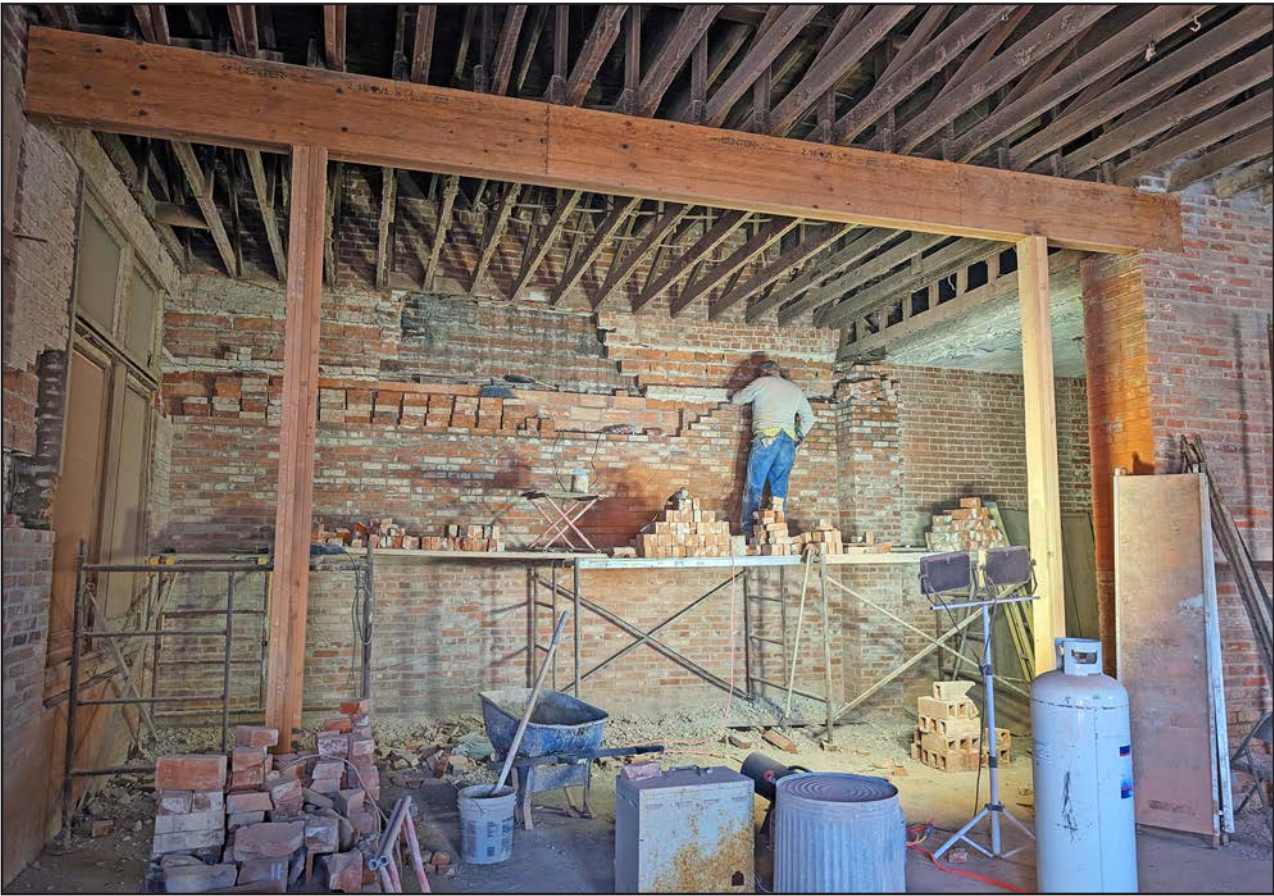


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Reaching the Top

The above photo captures the Arnold Area Historical Museum’s mason as he gets closer to nearing the top on the adjoining wall between the museum and BrewBakers. He has now moved on to finish the east upper wall and will then move on to smaller interior parts. Completion of the interior brick-by-brick renovation of the 1914 building is to be completed by the end of May. Next on the list is brick work on the entire exterior. “He’s highly skilled. This would not have happened without him,” said AAHM President Renee Bubak. - Courtesy photo



Mon., April 28

April’s here, and all residents have the opportunity to get your name on the list to have your property cleaned up on Community Clean-Up Day, Monday, April 28. Volunteers from the school, Rotary, Legion and the Village will be available to help. Please call Patty at the Village office at 848-2228 or Becky Dailey at 848-2522 to sign up and for more information.

Don’t forget! A roll-off container has been placed near the city shop to use free of charge now through May 15. Please remember that the following items are not accepted in the roll-off: tires, construction rubble, and hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste is accepted on the pallet by the dumpster at the street shop, 120 S Broadway. For a list of items accepted and not accepted, call the village office.

Call Mike Harvey at 308-530-1065 to ask for help in picking up almost any type of metal curbside during the month, or you can drop off your items at the trailer parked at Mike’s shed.

A meal for all the volunteers will be provided by Legion and organized by Chamber.

The storm date for clean-up day is May 5.

Ordinance Passed at Special Meeting

Allows new butcher shop to discharge firearm within municipality

About 20 residents turned out for a special meeting of the Arnold Village Board on March 25, to hear the Board’s discussion on passing an ordinance to allow Black Sheep Meats to discharge a gun within city limits. Chairman Zach Hagler opened the meeting by saying that Ordinance No. 488 would amend a section of the municipal code with provisions of who may discharge a firearm within the municipality. If passed, the ordinance would allow the Board to issue written permission to a butcher shop to discharge firearms for the sold purpose of butchering an animal, and it must be done inside the business.

Some residents’ concerns were heard on safety issues. Black Sheep Meats owner Casey Cozad assured everyone there that the animal would be killed inside. Casey, who plans to open the new meat market with wife Nicole at the southwest end of Walnut Street, next to the post office, said there is a walk-in cooler that acts as a barrier between the shop and the post office, and the animal will be contained in a steel cage surrounded by three brick walls. They are also checking into a captive bolt gun and a silencer.

Board member Donnell DeLosh said that he had someone call with concerns about property values and cleanliness. Casey and Nicole said that the holding pens outside of the building will be enclosed, and they will keep it as clean as possible.

One resident commented that they are glad to see another business coming into town, which means more people are employed, and their spouses might be able to work at other businesses in town.

USPS Interim Manager See **Ordinance Passed**, Page 2.

A Rare Encounter

Who’s watching you?



A young bobcat stares down from a tree in the backyard of Arnold rural residents Rick and Kim Beshaler. - Jason Doty photo

It’s rare to spot a bobcat in the wild and even rarer to see one up close, but that’s what happened to Arnold resident Jason Doty one day this past March. Doty, who was taking care of Rick and Kim Beshaler’s rescue dog at their rural home southeast of town, was watching “Renny” chase rabbits in the family’s backyard by the tree strip. A rabbit darted past Renny and went up a tree that Doty was standing right under. He looked up, to see the rabbit go right into the jaws of the bobcat. Renny barked wildly, leapt up at the tree, and the bobcat dropped the rabbit.

“The bobcat was up there just staring at Jason, and he got a great picture with his cell phone,” said Kim, who added that Doty thinks the young bobcat is one of a set of little twins he spotted down by the gravel pit earlier this year.

Doty’s photo shows why bobcats are considered one of the most handsome of Nebraska’s wildlife species. With evidence showing that there has been a surge in their numbers, more people might get lucky enough to see one in their natural habitat – but most likely not as close-up as Doty did that day.

AI Transports Kids Back to the Roaring 20’s



With the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, faces of Arnold senior girls (from left) Dolores Duponcheel, Danah Baldwin, Riata Remund, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Ella Cool, Ivy Tullis and Anna Tullis, are generated into a flapper “tea party” set in the Roaring 20’s.

By Janet Larreau

Each year, students take a piece of memorabilia away from their junior/senior prom. Usually, it’s something like an etched stemmed glass or a pressed corsage, but in 2025 their memento was, as they would emote, “mind blowing.”

This year’s Arnold/Callaway Prom theme of “The Great Gatsby” was carried over to Post-Prom at the Arnold Community Center. The kids were surprised by the Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated photos of themselves as

they would have looked in the Roaring 20’s.

The mom behind the surprise was Traci Logsdon, who has a junior this year and a nephew who is also a junior. Traci came up with the idea to create the images as a member of the Post-Prom committee. “We’ve been using AI a lot at work. At first, I thought of Photoshopping, but then I thought if I used AI, I could do it so much faster,” said Traci.

When she was finished with her project, Traci printed 11x17 posters of the seniors for a wall display and individual images of the juniors and

mixed groups for the tables – all for the kids to take home.

Traci said the students got a kick out of seeing themselves and their friends dressed up in 1920s fashion. Combined with the rest of the decor, the vintage-style pictures and posters brought the Gatsby theme to life in a creative and engaging way.

“Since prom, I’ve heard several comments about how neat the pictures were, and have also seen them popping up on the Facebook feeds of other moms in the community,” she said. “It’s real-

ly neat, but also a little scary, to see how believable these AI-generated images turned out. I loved seeing what my daughter Madelyn would have looked like as a flapper and the uncanny resemblance that my nephew Crew has to my dad. On the flip side, it proves just how easily scammers can make realistic content. The good news is that AI has flaws, so you’ll often see extra legs or fingers in an AI-generated image, making it easier to spot a fake.”

Easter Egg Hunt Is Saturday

Arnold Chamber and the National Honor Society will be hosting the annual community Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m., at the city park.

Kids are asked to bring their own bags to collect eggs. There will be a tote at the park to donate eggs back for next year and a tote at Mills Hardware to donate eggs for one week after the hunt.

Macy Koubek is once again organizing the hunt.

A rain date of Saturday, April 19, has been set.