

## “Serving the South Loup River Valley”

**CUSTER COUNTY, ARNOLD, NEBRASKA 69120**

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A long list of volunteers and willing contractors worked together to hit the goal of opening the track's new concession stand on the day of the South Loup Invitational on April 11. At meets since then, Superintendent Joel Morgan has received nothing but positive feed back.

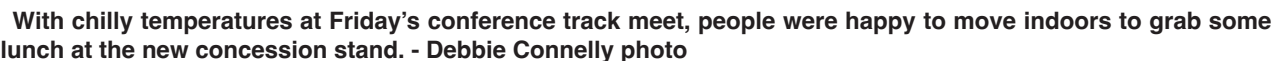
"After our invitation-al, people at the Burwell meet were talking about it. We've received a ton of compliments. They're excited not to use porta pot-ties anymore. We some-times had four or five set up and had to open the school," he said.

The 30'x60' building is located to the south of the old concession stand which became storage. It has a ticket booth, covered concession windows, a breezeway with high-top tables and counters, two 8x10 garage doors, and handicap accessible men's and women's restrooms that has tripled the number of stalls and urinals available before.

The stand is more accessible, allowing people to get out of the elements. The bigger size also makes the stand more adequate for electrical needs.

Mr. Morgan said there was quite a bit of volunteer labor involved in the stand's completion, including Clay Mohr, Mike Harvey, Dan Nansel, Eric Nelson, Dwaine Bowers, Kenny Goodenow, and Todd Phelps and his shop class. He also gave a shout-out to the contractors, Red Fern Electric, Elliott Plumbing, and Scott McDowell.

“They were so quick to get to us. We are fortunate to have the contractors that we have here to respond and prioritize us. The (school) board has been incredible. We had their support when it was in their schedule. We ordered the Central States building through Mills Hardware, and I can’t say enough about Andrew Tickle taking care of things for us. Clay Mohr



was huge throughout the entire project,” he said.

There's still some small things left to do, but they're gaining each week.

In addition to the new

stand, a building was constructed on the top of the hill that now holds the track equipment – an improvement from the run-down storage area in the crow's nest.

"With all of these improvements and our timing system, we have one of the best facilities around, in my opinion," said Mr. Morgan.

Funding for the

\$130,000.00 project comes from the special building fund. No new levy dollars were needed for the project, which began last fall.

ARNOLD - The Arnold Community Foundation Fund hosted a successful community visioning session at the community center on April 23, bringing together residents to

discuss their hopes and ideas for Arnold's future. Facilitated by ACFF and Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), the event sparked meaningful conversations about Ar-

nold's strengths and the opportunities ahead. A separate student session for grades 7-12 was held on the morning of April 24.

The adult session began

with a warm welcome from Holly Hornung-Remund and Renee Bubak, who introduced ACFE and NCF's missions. Attendees then reflected on the achievements and assets that make Arnold a special community, highlighting a long list of accomplishments achieved over three years since the last vision meeting. Arnold's response has demonstrated a strong volunteer spirit and desire to move forward quickly with community-identified improvements and renovations.

Participants engaged in a brainstorming activity to revitalize the vision for the future of Arnold, identifying key priorities such as further developing recreational areas, expanding housing opportunities across all age demographics, enhancing community beautification and infrastructure efforts, supporting cutting edge educational opportunities for all ages, incentivizing business

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Class Flower.....White Peony  
Class Colors.....Royal Blue, Silver, w/Black Accent  
Class Song.....“Good Riddance” by Green Day  
Motto: “Today is where your book begins, the rest is  
still unwritten.” - Natasha Bedingfield  
Class Sponsor.....Ashley Nansel

Class Officers:  
President - Anna Tullis  
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Secretary - Taylor-Hanna Miles  
Treasurer - Ella Cool

Class Roll:  
*Danah Marie Baldwin - Ella Scott Cool*  
*Dolores Carolyn Kiyoshi Duponcheel*  
*Gordon Ethan Josiah Furne*  
*Taylor Jo Hanna-Miles - Sara Fatigue Paolini*  
*Réalta Sheila Lennon Leach*  
*Alexander James Mills - Riata Dawn Remund*  
*Albert Jefferson (AJ) Starr - Jamie Caden Tickle*  
*Anna Dawn Tullis - Ivy Mills Tullis*

Attendants: Haydn Stretesky - Summer Morash  
 Processional - Mrs. Welch  
 Welcome - Joel Morgan  
 Salutatory Introduction  
 Valedictory Introduction  
 Scholastic Awards - Ashley Nansel  
 Presentation of Class - Joel Morgan  
 and Duane Bowers

The Arnold Cemetery board held its monthly meeting on May 1.

Kristi Dvorak announced significant progress for the Arnold Cemetery digital mapping project. The map structure is complete, and the records are being reviewed for accuracy and imported into the mapping system. This integration will match the records with plot locations on the map, making it easier to identify occupied plots, unoccupied plots, and plots for sale. In addition, it will be easier to locate information on loved ones and their final

resting places. However, the project still requires an additional \$1,250 to reach completion.

Thank you for the following contributions that have helped bring the project this far:

- Dennis & Susan McGuire: \$1,000 + \$759 annual fee
- Joan Schuster: \$1,250
- Cool Farms (Shane & Lana Cool): \$1,000
- Bobbie, Robbi, and Shelley Smith: \$1,000
- Anonymous: \$500
- Pinnacle Bank: \$500
- Duane & Carolyn Bowers: \$500

Once the digital map-

ping project is completed, if enough funds are received, the board hopes to update the cemetery directory map on the side of the cemetery building. This will further improve accessibility and information for visitors who may not use a smartphone or computer.

In other board updates, since its formation in February, the board has been learning about existing procedures and budgets while developing a plan of action for improvements. The board members would like to thank Tiff Varney and Arnold

Township Board members Roger Bierman, Tony Eggleston, and Dan Blowers for sharing their valuable knowledge, which has helped the board get up to speed quickly.

Apart from the digital mapping project, the board is currently focusing on formalizing cemetery policies and procedures. These include developing documentation on what is and isn't allowed at the cemetery, procedures for new deeds and changes to deeds, and establishing a fee structure.

Additionally, several

projects have been identified. These include road improvements, general cleanup, mowing contract for the 2025 season, consideration of planting more trees, watering and care of current trees, replacing old chain-link fencing, and weed spraying, just to name a few. Some spring cleanup tasks have already been completed, thanks to the efforts of volunteers and board members.

The Arnold Cemetery will participate in the Give 4 Custer County program in June, aiming to raise funds specifically

for much-needed road improvements at the Arnold Cemetery. More details will be shared soon.

The Arnold Cemetery board is committed to enhancing the overall beautification, maintenance, and accessibility of the cemetery, providing a dignified resting place for our loved ones. Contact a board member with questions or donations: Dena Mills, Holly Remund, Kristi Dvorak, Becky Dailev, and David Leach.