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A.H.S. Alumni will Reunite this Saturday

Out of town A.H.S. alumni are arriving in town this week for the annual reunion set for Saturday, May 24, at the school. This year's theme is “Celebrating Our Veterans”. Individual honored classes will also be getting together at several locations before the banquet and program begin.

Banquet tickets will be sold at the Rialto Theatre on Friday, May 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tickets will start selling at the school at 2:00 p.m. No dues starting this year; meal cost replaces dues.

Serving of the banquet will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the program will follow.

John Rosentrater, Class of '77 will move to the front of the class as he welcomes A.H.S. alumni



John Rosentrater, 2025 Alumni Emcee

as the official master of ceremonies. John retired as director of the Sarasota, Florida, National Cemetery in December of 2020. In the spring of 2021, he moved back to his family farm south of Arnold.

John is looking forward to having a very patriotic alumni as we acknowledge the end of WWII 80 years ago, the end of the Korean War 72 years ago, Vietnam War ending 50 years ago and the building of Arnold's Veteran's Memorial.

Letter to Alumni

My favorite time of the year is approaching! It even beats the birthday weekend and Christmas.

You guessed it - ALUMNI! The time of old - and new - friends, reminiscing and recalling old memories, and making new memories. I'm counting the days.

My memories go back at least 73 years, or a little more. I recall the assembly where Mr. Fuller told us we would have a half hour after school for talking - darn! We got caught!

Then we were seniors and were the “old” ones in school. And then each Alumni was so great and just grew greater as the years went by.

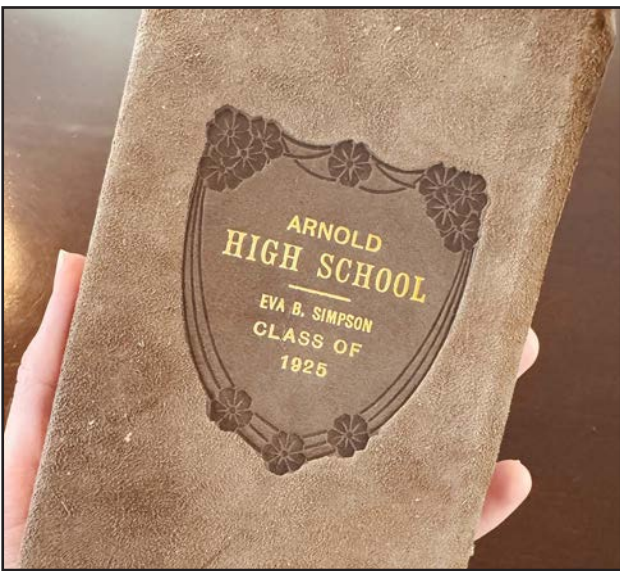
Each year we lose dear friends. This year we add 13 new members and we hope that these 13 become active members.

Talking about active members, we would like to see many more of our graduates become active. This could be as simple as attending the banquet up to taking an office.

This year we are having a social hour from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This will give everyone a chance to wander around and visit with others. I encourage all alumni to attend the social hour, banquet, and program. Try it ONE TIME if you haven't attended before.

Darlene Rimpley

1925 A.H.S. Diploma Finding Its Way Back Home



A 1925 diploma awarded to Eva B. Simpson was found in a box at a garage sale in Central Nebraska by Colleen Williams.

By Amanda Wehnes

The thrill of the hunt, the rush of finding a bargain, and the joy of uncovering hidden treasures are some of the allures of loading up and hitting garage sales early on a Saturday morning.

For news personality Colleen Williams, the opportunity to give second-hand items new life as art or functional pieces in her home has been a

lifelong tradition. She has even launched a business in collaboration with The Barn Festival in Hastings to share her favorite thrifted pieces and share ideas for upcycling second-hand items.

“I did not grow up with much money at all, so finding treasures at garage sales was normal,” Williams explained in a phone interview last week. “I have found a way to elevate living spaces

without spending much money.”

Williams, who spent 27 years of her media career as a reporter and anchor for NTV News before leaving the station in 2024, has a large social media presence through her Facebook page, Colleen Williams presents. Here she showcases good news stories, everyday living tips, and more recently upcycling and thrifting ideas.

It was on a random March evening that Williams made a Facebook video showing her secondhand-items-turned-art wall to the viewers watching on the social media platform. She was expressing her love of thrifted treasures and her gift of repurposing these items into beautiful and unique art for her home.

Tucked into a corner in a frame was a diploma from Arnold High School. Embossed in gold foil on the front of the leather cover - Arnold High School - Eva B. Simpson - Class of 1925.

Williams didn't think much about the diploma when she purchased it at a yard sale “quite a few



Eva B. Simpson, Class of 1925

years ago.” She said it was in a box with a bunch of other items, tucked away and forgotten. Williams thinks she might have paid a few dollars for the entire box.

But when she sorted through the box and came across the diploma, class roster, and other accolades from the day, she knew she had found something unique and historic.

“I knew when I pulled it out of the box, that it was a treasure!” Williams said. “It felt so elegant - it was art to me! This is beautiful craftsmanship - they don't make things like this anymore.”

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Village Board Goes Over Several Agenda Items

The Arnold Village Board had several items to go over at the regular meeting held on May 12. At the recommendation of the AEDC, board members approved a \$2,000.00 grant and accompanying loan to Bowers Small Engine Repair for improvements to the business's building at 103 North Has-

kell. Both the grant and the loan come from the AEDC revolving loan fund.

After passing an amendment ordinance, board members voted to issue written permission to discharge a firearm within the municipality to Black Sheep Meats, and Bierman Veterinary.

Chairman Zach Hagler presented an email that was received from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) regarding the Arnold Lake. Previously, biologist from the North Platte office were tasked with management at Arnold and other water bodies in Custer County. Due

to some recent changes in the boundaries of the NGPC Fish Management Districts, the Kearney office now has fisheries management authority for the Arnold Lake. An agency aquatic vegetation specialist plans to do a vegetation survey at

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Charles J. Delp Honored with the “Celebrating 80 Years of Victory” Medal



Fellow veterans Gary Mills (left) and Dave Chesley (right) presented the “Celebrating 80 Years of Victory” medal and a certificate to Charles J. Delp (center) during a small gathering at his home.

Charles J. Delp recently celebrated a milestone birthday of 98 years in his home on May 9th. Charlie is the husband of Stephanie (Peters) Delp, a native of Arnold and Charlie is a World War II veteran. In addition to the birthday celebration, Charlie was honored with a commemoration medal celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

In 2025 Nebraska Governor Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Offices launched an initiative to recognize and honor Nebraska's WWII living veterans.

A ceremony was held on May 8th at the state capitol for those able to attend, and for those that were

unable to travel to Lincoln the medals were mailed. Family members could chose who they wanted to present the medal. Fellow veterans Gary Mills of Arnold and Dave Chesley of Callaway presented the special medal and a certificate to Charlie in his home surrounded by a small group of family and friends. The “Celebrating 80 Years of Victory” medal was designed with the famous Nebraska Sower on the front surrounded by a laurel wreath which is a symbol of triumph and the wording “Celebrating 80 Years of Victory 1945 WWII 2025”. The back side of the medal reads “On behalf of a grateful state, Thank You

for your service”. At the end of the medal presentation, Officer Charles Delp was saluted by fellow veterans. A Quilt of Valor ceremony followed with Deb Bryner of Broken Bow, a member of the QOV organization, informing the group of the history of this group of quilters and Linda Bomberger of Oconto, retired Custer County Service Officer and Navy Veteran, told the group of Charlie's service history and his career that followed his military service. Special guests present for the day's activities were two of Charlie's sons, Scott and David, both of California.

Charles Joseph Delp enlisted with the US Naval Service on April 13, 1945, while still attending high school in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was assigned to a light cruiser, the USS Oklahoma City (CL91) and served in the Asiatic Pacific (specifically Japan). He separated from the Navy on August 8, 1946, and attended Colorado State University under the GI Bill. He then earned a PhD in plant pathology and went on to have a career in research with the DuPont Company. They allowed him to fulfill his obligations in the Naval Reserves by working on research projects with the University of Maryland during the 1950's. LTHG Charles J. Delp was honorably

discharged on October 30, 1959. In 1985, Charlie retired from DuPont and became a Congressional Fellow through the American Association for the Advancement of Science, studying African agricultural aid for the House of Agriculture and Hunger Committees. He relocated from Delaware to Washington D.C. for that experience. Post retirement, Charlie served as a volunteer in the US Peace Corps from 1998-2000 in Western Samoa where he successfully implemented a taro plant breeding program at the University of the South Pacific in Apia.

Charlie and Stephanie married in 1992 and spent summer vacations at her family farm of rural Arnold. Charlie grew to share her love of the people, the sandhills, and the diversity of the area. For the past 30 years they have lived in Tampa, Florida, where he taught courses in the 'Learning in Retirement' program at the University of South Florida. They recently built a home northwest of Callaway and began spending summers there in 2022. In the fall of 2024 the couple decided to call Nebraska their permanent home.

Charles Delp passed away on May 16. His life and service is a solemn reminder that we should honor all veterans at any chance, especially the aged and ailing veterans who have served our country.

Memorial Day Services	
Monday, May 26, 10:00 a.m.	
Arnold Cemetery	
American Legion Post 130 and VFW Post 6157	
(In case of inclement weather, the program will be at the Baptist Church)	
9:45 a.m.Honor Guard Commanded by Mike Harvey	
10:00 a.m.Post Colors at Memorial Monument	
Welcome..... John Phillips	
National Anthem	
Address.....Sgt. Gary Halstead	
Presentation of Wreath.....Max Smith	
Salute to Fallen Comrades.....Honor Guard	
Taps	
Benediction.....Chaplain Gary Halstead	
Presentation of Memorial Wreath to those who died at sea at Loup River	
Salute to Our Fallen Comrades.....Honor Guard	
Dismiss Honor Guard	



Son Scott Delp (kneeling), Charlie (center) with Quilt of Valor draped over shoulders, son David (standing) and wife Stephanie. - Courtesy photos