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Flags Donated in Loving Memory of LV Conner



Twenty-two new American flags were raised at the Arnold Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend, thanks to a donation made in memory of LV Connor. After his passing, LV's children, Marcia Hill and Brad Conner, donated memorials made in his name to the American Legion, designating it as a flag fund to help the local post replace the faded flags that have been flown for five or six years.

LV was both a V.F.W. and American Legion member. He was stationed in Japan in World War II during the occupation. Marcia said six of the seven siblings in his family served during World War II, including a sister. They all came back home.

“Since there were so many siblings serving, Dad could have opted out, but he wanted to serve,” said Marcia. “Back in the day, Legion and VFW members would walk from downtown to the bridge for the Memorial Day wreath ceremony and on to the cemetery. Dad was so tall, that the other vets joked that he had to carry the American flag so everyone could see it from far away, and he did. Later on in his life, if the three granddaughters were in town for Memorial Day, they helped at the cemetery. That was just part of the deal.”

As we view the new flags, our thoughts turn to LV and all of those who have proudly served their country.

CC Foundation Announces Spring 2025 Grant Awards

The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2025, and they are awarding a total of \$79,376.19 to 20 Custer County organizations.

“It’s always an exciting time when we get to announce our grant recipients,” said Rilee Daffer, Executive Director of the Foundation. “The generous support we receive from our donors, through our annual Gala & Auction in December, enables the Foundation to continue to have a county-wide impact through the grants we can award.”

The Foundation Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following grants:

The Ansley Story - \$1,500 - to restore the storefront on Ansley Main Street into a historical interpretive experience.

The Arnold Community Theater - \$993.51- to request funds to replace the tankless water heater to aid with

renovation.

Broken Bow Ambulance Services - \$3,832.68 - to enhance capabilities using radio communications - to be used for Starlink and the second year of service.

Broken Bow Public Schools - \$9,200 - to aid with purchasing Culinary Arts Equipment - to be used for range tops, fridge, touch screen TVs at kitchen islands, and food prep tables.

Callaway Good Life Center - \$7,500 - to purchase a new wireless radio system to enhance communication capabilities.

Callaway High School CTE Dept. - \$2,000 - to enhance the sewing and textile curriculum by purchasing new sewing machines.

Callaway Teammates - \$1,000 - to fund teammates’ mentor/mentee activities.

City of Broken Bow - Library - \$2,000 - to aid in defraying costs for the Summer Reading Program.

Comstock Rural Fire

Dept. - \$2,700 - to purchase new smoke filters for SCBA masks.

Custer County Children’s Theater Association - \$2,000 - to bring Mis-soula Children’s Theater to Custer County for one week in the fall of 2025, with the stipulation that our name is in the program.

Gate Cemetery Board - \$1,500 - to purchase two more sections of new fencing.

Mason City Community Service Club - \$4,000 - to provide furnishing and fixtures for the remodeled bathrooms.

Nebraska Early Reading Development - \$5,000 - to provide 0-5-year-olds books monthly through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Sargent Community Fair Board - \$2,500 - to aid in hosting Sargent Fair & Chokeycherry Jamboree. Sargent Public Schools - \$7,500 - to aid in replacing

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A.H.S. Drumline

The A.H.S. Drumline comprised of Dagen Fletcher, Paxton Bierman, Jaxsen Schacher and Jaden Baker, opened the alumni program with the American Legion Posting the Colors on May 24.

Honored classes are featured inside of this issue.
- Jessica Tickle photo

Garage Sale Day is Saturday

Arnold Chamber will host its community-wide garage sales this Saturday, June 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chairperson Deb Hall reports there are 21 locations on the map, with some being multi-family sales. Maps and listings are available

at Mills Hardware, Brew-bakers, Four County Boutique, Reed’s Food Center, and The Exchange, or you can print your own from Arnold Community Garage Sales on Facebook. The Goodwill Truck will be at the Arnold City Park, June 9-16, to donate

items after sales. The trailer will be on site after 12:00 p.m., on the first day of the drive and will be picked up by 12:00 p.m. on the last day of the drive. Items can also be donated locally to the St. Agnes Church Thrift Shop.

Arnold Volunteer Fire Department Hosts Firefighter One Class

The Arnold Volunteer Fire Department is always trying to be progressive when it comes to training. When the opportunity came up for Arnold to host a Firefighter One class in Arnold, several department members committed to taking the class. The class was put on by the State Fire Marshall Training Division with Brian Busse as the instructor. Other instructors attended some of the classes to help. The class started December 5, 2024, with an organization meeting and ended April 8. Those taking the class to certify were Andrew Tickle, Dalton Swopes, Cassidy DeLosh, Grady Lashley and Tammy Weinman. Several other department members were able to attend some of the classes when they could. The class was open to other departments and included firefighters from Merna, North Platte, and Mullen.

Topics that were covered in the class, consisting of 21 Chapters, included The Fire Service, Firefighter Health and Safety, Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Service Communi-

cation, Fire Behavior, Building Construction, Firefighter Tools and Equipment, Ropes and Knots, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Water Supply Systems, Fire Hose Appliances and Nozzles, Ladders, Supply Line and Attach Line Evolutions, Fire Suppression, Forcible Entry, Ventilation, Search and Rescue, Salvage and Overhaul, Firefighter Survival, Firefighter Rehabilitation, and Wild-land and Ground Cover Fires.

Participants had to complete the online chapters on their own time and class night consisted of working on the skills that were covered in the on-line material. This took a lot of time and dedication from those who completed the course.

After the class was complete, on April 12, the participants went to the Broken Bow Fire Hall for completion of the skills portion of the testing. All eight participants passed the skills test which consisted of seven skills, live fire simulator, donning and doffing gear, tying knots, turning off and tagging out a gas meter,

extinguishing a dumpster fire, and radio communications.

After passing the skills test, the participants are allowed to take the written exam and must pass with a 70%. All participants were notified by mail that they passed the course.

To receive your Firefighter One certification, you must also complete a Hazmat Operations Class. Tammy Weinman and Cassidy DeLosh completed the Hazmat Operations Class last summer, so they have their Firefighter One Certification completed. The others will be taking a Hazmat Operations class in Arnold in the near future, to complete the Firefighter One requirements.

“I took the class with the intentions of giving AVFD the numbers needed to have the class in Arnold. I knew it was going to be a lot of time and hard work since I had just completed the Hazmat Operations Class. I acquired so much knowledge from the class that will be beneficial to my job as Rescue Captain. EMT’s respond to most of the fire calls also, and



Completing the Firefighter One Class to certify were: (l-r) Chris Chada, Luke Myers, Dalton Swopes, Grady Lashley, Tammy Weinman, Cassidy DeLosh and Andrew Tickle. - Courtesy photo

this class will help me assist the firefighters in their task. I figured out that I could do a lot more than I thought I could. It was very physically and mentally challenging at times,” stated Tammy

Weinman.

Andrew Tickle, Arnold Fire Chief, commented, “It was a good class and it took a lot of time and effort from everyone that participated. I want to thank everyone that took

the time to do that! There are things that we were taught in this class that will better serve our community and surrounding area.”