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Kids line up and wait their turn on the slide last week. The new stairs offer a wider, more stable and potentially safer entry and exit of the pool.

## Pool Opens for the Season

### Village Purchases New Stairs

The Arnold Municipal Pool opened on Sunday, June 1, with at least 60 swimmers showing up for opening day. Pool Manager Shavonne Weinman Schacher expects, on average, 50 swimmers per day based on last year's numbers and attendance so far.

New to the pool this year are two identical stairs purchased by the Village of Arnold. One of the stairs was purchased brand new from RecSupply for \$6,770.73 and the other set was purchased used from the Village of Callaway for \$150.00, along with several buckets of chlorine.

The stairs are designed to comply with ADA guidelines. The solid construction includes entrapment skirts with protective wear strips for increase durability; white non-conductive polymer coated steel handrails, and non-skid gel-coated steps for secure footing.



Bree Blowers, followed by Maddie Nansel and Kora Dailey, eases her way into the pool using the new stairs. - Debbie Connelly photos

## Garage Sale Extravaganza



With 21 registered sales, the Arnold Chamber's Community Wide Garage Sales held on June 7, offered a wide range of items for sale, from household goods and clothing to antiques, collectibles, and more. The United Methodist Church held a fundraiser, selling a meal deal of sloppy joes, chips and a drink, and had tables of items for sale to help assist with building repairs. - Debbie Connelly photo

## Local Organizations Team Up for Give 4 Custer County

By Gracie Neth  
ACFF Intern

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund and four Arnold entities: the Arnold Cemetery Board, the Arnold Area Historical Society, the Finch Memorial Library, and the Arnold Rotary Club's Riverview Garage project, are working together to put on a fundraiser during 'Give 4 Custer County'. The Arnold Community Foundation will match dollar for dollar up to 50% of their goal. The Arnold Community Foundation did this in hopes that it will encourage people to give to all the great projects that are improving Arnold. All the money made will also be matched by the Custer County Foundation.

Entitled 'Be a Game Changer', this fundraiser will be held June 22nd at the Arnold Community Center from 5:00-9:30. It will include 3 rounds of competition: a tabletop escape room, jigsaw puzzle race, and a team trivia contest. Additionally, there will be a free-will donation meal of hot dogs, chips, fruit, and brownies. Teams of 6 can enter and are encouraged to register before the event. More details on how to register will be released in the next issue of the *Sentinel*. The event is a unified opportunity for people to give to the improvement of Arnold through participating in this fundraiser.

Arnold is participating in 'Give 4 Custer County' from June 16th through

the 30th. Each of the four entities involved in the fundraiser has a goal it is trying to reach. The Arnold Area Historical Society's initial goal is \$20,000 for the doors and windows of the museum. However, \$50,000 is the total needed to complete the project. The Arnold Cemetery Board's goal is \$50,000 to improve the roads at the cemetery. The Arnold Rotary Club would like to raise \$40,000 for new multi-bay garages at the Riverview Apartments. The Finch Memorial Library's goal is \$5,000 to help update and upgrade the library's basement. When donating, people can give directly to their preferred cause or split the donation among each of the great projects.

## Hometown Internship Kicks Off

By Gracie Neth  
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The Hometown Intern Program is kicking off for this summer. Bryn Schwarz, Delaney Rogers, and Gracie Neth, accompanied by local Champions Renee Bubak and Holly Remund, attended a training in Norfolk on May 21-22 to start off their internship with the Arnold Community Foundation and the Nebraska Community Foundation.

The Hometown Internship is a program for high school graduates to come back to their hometowns and help their community. Twenty-four interns across Nebraska gathered in Norfolk to start their Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) training. This training is meant to help interns focus on, improve, and uplift already existing assets and strengths in their communities.

"While walking in downtown Norfolk, it was really special to see all the small businesses," said Bryn Schwarz. "Not only did they have vibrant shops, they also had trees and plant beds lining the streets. I loved seeing how much effort and time was put into making their downtown so special."

After the interns finished exploring downtown Norfolk, they were taken to an old building that was going to be knocked down and were asked to come up with ideas of what it could be. The next morn-



2024 A.H.S. graduates Delaney Rogers, Gracie Neth, and Bryn Schwarz are interning with the Arnold Community Foundation this summer.

ing, the interns were split into different groups and presented their ideas to important community members in Norfolk.

"I really enjoyed getting to know interns from other communities. It was a really uplifting environment where we weren't focused on competing with each other, but sharing ideas to help each other," said Gracie Neth.

There were also a lot of fun activities, including an escape room competition and tubing down the Elkhorn River. Delaney Rogers was the only intern from Arnold brave enough to do so in 60 degree weather.

"My favorite part of the trip was tubing down the river through town. It's amazing what the community of Norfolk has done with the river and how they used an asset that was already there to draw people to their com-

munity," said Delaney.

All three interns are involved in a joint effort with the Arnold Area Historical Society, Cemetery Board, Finch Memorial Library, and the Rotary-Riverview Project in the Give 4 Custer County project. They will be helping organize a game night fundraiser - "Be a Game Changer" for June 22. Each intern also takes on a passion project. Bryn Schwarz will be working on putting up new signs around Arnold. Delaney Rogers will be helping to market all the fun things there are to do in Arnold, and Gracie Neth will be initiating and promoting a raffle fundraiser for the Finch Memorial Library. These interns will be busy all summer long investing their time and efforts finding and developing the goodness in Arnold.



These kids had some fun at this year's garage sales. They challenged each other to shop for the perfect outfit for one another. Pictured are: (l-r) Kora Dailey who's ready for some football, Paityn Dailey the Easter bunny, Bo Dailey with a funky outfit, Braxton Nansel in a crop top and leopard print pants, Jett Morgan sporting a gold sequins jacket with a black skirt, Colter Dailey in a long hot pink dress, and Jeremiah Morgan in a short pink ruched bodycon dress. The girls made sure the boys accessorized, including wearing high heels. - Courtesy photo