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## Happy 4th of July

### A Win For Arnold

Arnold scores a big win thanks to the  
‘Be A Game Changer’ fundraiser

By ACFF Intern  
Gracie Neth

Just under \$7,000 was raised on June 22 at the Community Center at this Give 4 Custer County event. The money will make a big impact on improving Arnold. It will help improve the roads at the cemetery, redo the basement at the library, buy doors and windows for the museum, and build multi-bay garages at the Riverview Apartments. The eight teams who competed, along with the 106 people who were served at the meal, are the donors who provided this money. This crowd had a fun-filled night.

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund is matching the collected money dollar for dollar. With their help, \$14,000 will be split among the Arnold Area Historical Society, Arnold Cemetery, Finch Memorial Library, and Riverview Garage Project. Each entity will be closer to meeting its goal.

Each round of the Team Trivia Contest had six different mini-rounds to keep the game players guessing. From team rounds to writing down as much as they know in a specific category to a Final Jeopardy round, teams had to think quickly on their feet. The Bubak/Watkins team, composed of Joe Watkins, Bonnie Watkins, Ted Bubak, and John Watkins, won the Team Trivia Contest with 45 points.

In the Jigsaw Puzzle Race, teams worked together to solve the one-of-a-kind puzzle — with vintage pictures of Arnold — as fast as they could. The Oakbrook team (Molly Magill, Josh Magill, Ethan Furne, Heather Furne, and Ella Cool) put together the pieces of victory and won the Jigsaw Puzzle race with a time of about 34 minutes.

On every table in the Tabletop Escape Room competition, there was a box with three sets of locks on them. The teams

had to decipher clues and solve puzzles to be the first to unlock their box. The Aargh team - made up of Summer Morash, Ed Tullis, Adalei Tullis, Holly Tullis, Cindy Tullis, Ryan Tullis, and Luke Tullis - snatched the victory with a time of 36 minutes and 5 seconds. The Aargh team also won the Triathlon, which combined the scores of all three events.

“It was so fun to see all the different community members of all ages come together to have some fun. I was pleasantly surprised with each activity and loved to see everyone’s competitive side come out,” Anna Tullis, who played on the Interact team, said.

Mills Hardware, Interact, the Endorphins, and the 1980s were the other teams that competed and helped make this night successful.

“The games were challenging. The food was good and the laughter was loud. All in all, it was a fun night,” said Eli Rogers, another member of the Interact team.

Bryn Schwarz, a Hometown Intern who helped organize this event, commented on the preparation of this event. “It’s a lot of fun to see the other side of putting on an event like this. Normally we would volunteer to help set up chairs or even

just attend, but by doing this, we were a part of every step. It really made me appreciate the people of Arnold who put on these events for the community. It’s very special.”

Bryn Schwarz organized the Jigsaw Puzzle Race, and anything to do with graphic design. Gracie Neth organized the Team Trivia Contest and Delaney Rogers was in charge of the Tabletop Escape Room. They worked together to organize the marketing. They got out posters, flyers, articles, and even a radio interview. The museum, library, cemetery, and Riverview committees were in charge of organizing the meal. All of the food, supplies, and fees were donated by individuals involved with each of the four participating organizations.

“We are really honored to be part of helping these important establishments around our community. We really appreciate everyone who helped us and made this day a reality!” said Hometown Intern Delaney Rogers.

Seven Junior Honor Society members participated in this fundraiser by watching five children while their parents competed at the event. They all enjoyed playing games while their parents enjoyed the adult game night.

### Activities Planned for 4th of July

The 4th of July holiday is right around the corner, promising a three-day weekend for many. The fun in Arnold starts at 1:00 at the pool with free swimming until 5:00, and games, including the cannon ball contest, mermaid swim contest, penny scramble, and relays. The pool will reopen for regular night swimming from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Starting at 8:00 p.m., the South Loup Wrestling

Team will be serving hot dogs and chips and snow cones by the fire hall. Gunther Fireworks will start setting off the public fireworks display at dusk at Old Mill Park, with the Posting of Colors by American Legion, and music provided by Mills Hardware.

SORC has donated \$2,500.00 towards the fireworks, and other donations are appreciated.



Working on a scenario where an 8-year-old boy is stung by a bee, Arnold EMTs and lifeguards go over steps in what could be an emergency response at the annual training at the pool. - Courtesy photo

### Working Together

By Tammy Weinman

Each summer the Arnold lifeguards collaborate with the Arnold Fire Department and train together. This gives the lifeguards and EMTs a chance to work together to prepare for a real emergency if one should occur.

This year, the lifeguard went over their first steps in an emergency, which includes using their whistles to alert other lifeguards that an emergency is occurring. The other lifeguards would begin clearing the pool and calling 911. Once 911 is activated, the Arnold Fire Department would be dispatched. The lifeguards then would use their training to respond to emergency and render aid until EMS arrives.

We had three scenarios for the training. Scenario One is a 4-year-old child who is pulled from the deep end of the pool by

a lifeguard. The child is submerged for approximately 45 seconds. When removed from the water, the child is coughing weakly and lethargic, but has a pulse. Scenario Two is a 7-year-old girl who dove into the shallow end of the pool and struck her head on the bottom. She is floating face-down, conscious but unable to move her arms or legs. Lifeguards have stabilized her in the water. The third Scenario includes an 8-year-old boy playing near the pool who is stung by a bee. Within minutes, he develops hives, facial swelling, and difficulty breathing. His caregiver says he has a known allergy but no EpiPen is available. We typically think of pool emergencies being only water related emergencies, but often a medical emergency can happen at the pool, so it’s always good to be aware of those, also, and know

what to do.

The EMTs and lifeguards were divided up into three groups and rotated to each of the scenarios. It is important for both groups to see how each group handles the emergency, what their role is, and also very important for the two groups to work together once EMS arrives at the pool.

Bexley DeLosh, Decker DeLosh and Grayson Schacher were the patients for the training. EMTs who attended the training were Jane Lashley, Cassy DeLosh, Heather Hagler, Jackie Meyer, Amanda Wehnes, Tanner Pehrson, Tammy Weinman, and Andrew Tickle. Lifeguards that were in attendance were: Shavonne Schacher, Serenity Borah, Amaiya Carlson, Aliyah Carlson, Tysen Schacher, and Adalyn Carlson.

## Fire Dept. Purchases New Grass Rig

A new grass rig is in use by the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. The 2025 Ford F-550 chassis crew cab will improve communication between the driver and department members on the back with a new Bluetooth headset system that will cut out the surrounding noise. It’s something the department’s other rigs don’t have.

The 400 gallon rig, manufactured by Fyr-Tek Inc. out of Gothenburg, came with a \$179,093.20 price tag and was funded by tax dollars that the Arnold Fire District collects.

“SORC has been huge in helping the department with equipment needs, and grants are used, so it frees up our money to buy other equipment. Upgrades are always needed to keep up with changing standards,” said Fire Board member Harvey Foran.



A 2025 Ford grass rig is now in use by the Arnold Volunteer Fire Department. - Courtesy photo