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Denver Resident Finds Her Roots In Arnold

By Janet Larreau

There's not too many people who can say that their descendants actually founded a town, but Shelby McGuire can. Late in June, the Denver, Colorado, resident decided to take a drive to see the town her relatives were making a fuss about, and she wasn't disappointed.

Shelby is the great-great-granddaughter of Richard E. and Lovira Lydia Allen, who are considered Arnold's founders. They were the first homesteaders in the area, arriving in May 1880 and settling near the South Loup River. R.E. Allen also served as the first postmaster of the town.

"I didn't know my dad's side of the family until I was in my early twenties," said Shelby, who is now in her early 30's. "Since then, I have built a great relationship with Dennis and Susan McGuire. They, along with my Aunt Cindy and Susie, are very passionate about our family history. I guess you could say their enthusiasm wore off on me, and it made me curious about

where and whom I came from."

Before making the trip, Shelby made contact with Arnold Economic Development Director Cheryl Carson, who promised her the full tour based on suggested sites from Dennis McGuire. There was a hiccup getting here, as Shelby drove 6.5 hours to Burwell to spend time on Rowse 1+1 Dude Ranch. Unfortunately, there was a tornado warning accompanied by tennis ball sized hail and her car got totaled. A friend drove from Colorado Springs to rescue her and also gladly accompanied her to Arnold on the way back to Denver.

Once in Arnold, Shelby appreciated seeing the town and its history firsthand, and her tour guide.

"I really loved seeing what the community in Arnold has done to preserve history," she said. "I enjoyed seeing some of the older buildings and imagining things such as where the old family home used to sit. I've seen many photos, and it was pretty cool to bring those photos to life in my mind.

I also appreciated the veteran's memorial and what the community is doing to honor our veterans.

"Cheryl is very passionate about Arnold. It's one thing to have someone show you around; it's another to be shown around by someone who truly cares about the community and enjoyed the history of it. Her enthusiasm made it even more exciting for me. It is obvious that Cheryl is proud to be a part of Arnold and is a huge part of its growth and preservation."

After spending a couple of hours with Cheryl, Shelby was almost sold on moving to Arnold and starting a new, slower life.

"I'm impressed by how much there actually is to do. If I lived there, I could see myself spending time at BrewBakers, maybe too much, and going to the lake," she said. "I enjoyed the small town, community feel. The community is doing so much, and I am looking forward to coming back and seeing the ongoing evolution. Also, my mocha at BrewBakers was probably one of the best mocha's I have had."



Shelby McGuire, great-great-granddaughter of Richard E. and Lovira Lydia Allen (Arnold's founders), visits where the old family home used to sit, currently the location of the Arnold Winsome Inn & Suites. - Debbie Connelly photo

Public Swim Lessons Wrap Up This Week



Lifeguard Amiaya Carlson instructs Mason Sandager during the first session of swim lessons. Her sister, Adalyn Carlson, is beside her learning the ropes of swim lessons. (In back) Lifeguard Josie Koubek works with a swimmer on a pool noodle. - Courtesy photo

The last session of public swim lessons will conclude this Friday, July 11. The first session was held June 16-20. The Salvation Army - Custer County

Branch - donated \$500.00 to keep lessons affordable for the community. The cost of lessons ended up at \$20.00 per child per session or \$15.00 per child

per session with a season pass.

Pool Manager Shavonne Schacher reports around 40 kids registered for both sessions this summer.

Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally Is This Weekend

The Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally is set for this Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12 at the Arnold Recreation Area (ARA). The gates will open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday for free events, including biker games, cheap drinks, food, music by Craig Furne Experience, and Karaoke.

Saturday's schedule starts with registration from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Bikes will be lined up for Show & Shine from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Kick

stands will go up for the poker run at 11:00. The first card will be drawn at Grazers Bar & Grill, followed by The Spur Bar & Grill at Dunning, The Rescue in Sargent, Kinkaiders in Broken Bow, Henry's in Callaway, and finally, ARA. A barbecue meal will be served after the poker run. Events will include a burn-out pit, beer belly contest, Miss Devil's Den, a live auction, and live music by HOOKT and Twisted Chrome.

Admission for the poker run, which includes the meal and concert, is \$30.00, couples are \$50.00. Admission for the barbecue and concert only is \$10.00. Proceeds from the rally go to a scholarship for an Arnold student, Arnold TeamMates, suicide prevention, autism, South Loup cheerleaders, Arnold Golf Association, Christian Motorcycle Association, Honorbound Association, and youth DC trip.

Preliminary Numbers Show Give 4 Custer County Raises \$325,9621

The Custer County Foundation announced last week that the 43 non-profit organizations that signed up to participate in the Give 4 Custer County fundraising campaign, and their donors, raised

an impressive amount of money in a short amount of time. Donations were accepted June 16 through June 30.

The Custer County Foundation will provide \$50,000 in matching funds

to the participating nonprofits. The match pool will be distributed proportionately to participating nonprofits based upon the total amount raised. See Preliminary Numbers, page 2

Celebrating the 4th of July at Old Mill Park



Xander Schwarz was in total amazement as he watched the fireworks display. He is the grandson of Danette Lehmkuhler and the great grandson of Dwaine and Caro Lehmkuhler (pictured right).



The South Loup Wrestling team sold grilled hotdogs with chips, candy, pop, and snow cones at Old Mill Park, during the public fireworks display.