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It looks easy, but it isn't... Cody Berndt (left) and Tim Turley compete in the keg roll - a new event added to the fun competitions held during the Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally. Saturday's poker run drew 181 bikes, filling up the ARA with a good crowd. - Courtesy photo

Arnold EMS Receives State Recognition for Pediatric Readiness

Lincoln, NE – Arnold EMS was recently recognized by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for pediatric readiness to provide emergency care for children in Nebraska. The DHHS Emergency Medical Services for Children program recognizes pre-hospital providers across Nebraska for advocating for the unique needs of children, ensuring children in our state have timely access to essential medical care, and providing safety, injury, and prevention initiatives.

In 2024, approximately 7.05% of emergency medical transports in Nebraska were pediatric patients, equaling 11,513 children. Many of these pediatric patients were treated and transported to rural and frontier emergency departments. Essential skills like airway management and IV placement by prehospital providers have a higher complication or failure rate in pediatric patients versus adult patients. Additionally, children have unique physiological, psychological, and

developmental needs that are especially relevant in emergencies. “Arnold EMS is committed to ensuring we are equipped and trained to provide high-quality emergency care to children when it matters most,” said EMS Captain Tammy Weinman. “Prioritizing readiness reduces anxiety and turns uncertainty into effective care.” Arnold EMS has shown their commitment to excellence in pediatric care by:

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Bike Rally Has One of the Best Turnouts

Saturday's beautiful weather resulted in one of the best turnouts ever for the Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally at the Arnold Recreation Area. One-hundred-eighty-one bikes registered for the poker run, consisting of 160 miles through Dunning, Sargent, Broken Bow, Callaway, and back to Arnold.

Poker run winners were: Stan Daniels with a Full House (3 K and 2 10s); 2nd Vicky Doty with a Full House (3 Q and 2 2's); 3rd Duane Lonowski with a Full House (3 10s and 2 4s). These top three poker hands were awarded prizes, but the 4th place also had a full house, making it a super close one.

The DDMR event started Friday night and continued into Saturday with contests, food, a silent auction, and live music to raise money for local organizations.

Show & Shine winners were: Best Custom Bike – Glen Peterson; Best Stock Bike – Ed Boston; Best Old School Bike – Brad Patterson; Best Overall Bike – Clay Weinman.

The Miss Devil's Den winner went to “Celeste,” and the Biggest Beer Belly in Devil's Den went to Judd Dickman.

“Our numbers aren't in yet, but we definitely had a great turnout – I would say one of the best,” said Devil's Den Motorcycle organization member Heather Hagler.

The list of Devil's Den officers is: President, Tim Turley; Vice-President, Tammy Weinman; Treasurer, Heather Hagler; Secretary, Kendra Nelson. Board members are: Kevin Edwards, Tory Edwards, Carma Edwards, Clay Weinman, Cody Berndt, Aaron Edwards, and Darren Weinman. Along with the official roster, most of the spouses join in and help. Two new members, Phil Koubek and Dalton Swopes, signed up at this year's rally to be on the board.



Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally board members (back, l-r) Darren Weinman, Clay Weinman, Tim Turley, Cody Berndt, Tory Edwards, Aaron Edwards, Kevin Edwards; (front, l-r) Heather Hagler, Tammy Weinman, Kendra Nelson, and Carma Edwards. - Courtesy photo

Open House Set for New Equine Clinic

Dr. Morgan Hecox will be serving area

By Janet Larreau

Last week, Dr. Morgan Hecox was looking forward to her upcoming open house to unveil the new building that houses Sandhills Equine Veterinary Services, 15 miles west of Arnold on Highway 92. She describes the location as “absolutely perfect.”

“The proximity to Highway 83 and 92, plus the parcel size of 16 acres, makes it very easy to access and offers plenty of room to grow. I am very grateful to the family that sold it to me so that we could pursue our dream,” she said.

Construction of the 30x98' building with a barn/treatment side and an office side, began in July of 2024 and concluded at the beginning of July 2025. The barn and treatment room are specifically designed to be comfortable, safe, and cleanable for the equine patients. From rubber flooring, to waterproof walls, to remote-access cameras for monitoring overnight cases, Dr.

Hecox said she tried to think of everything. The office side consists of a comfortable lobby/waiting area, front desk, doctor office, bathroom, and lab/pharmacy.

“My goal was a warm, comfortable clinic that I would be happy to spend many hours in. The crews involved did an amazing job, and I am so thankful to have such great craftsmen in our neck of the woods,” she said.

Dr. Hecox lives in Stapleton with husband Skip, who runs the Pioneer dealership in Stapleton and works as a crop consultant, and daughters Dani (15), Linda (2), and Betty (1). She was born and raised in Ainsworth, and after graduation, attended the State University of New York at Plattsburgh for her undergraduate degree, and Cornell University College of Veterinary for her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DMV) degree. After graduating vet school in 2016, she worked as a mixed animal veterinary in Ainsworth until the summer of 2017. At that point,

she took a job as a mixed animal vet in Gothenburg and worked there until September of 2021 when she got married. After leaving Eastside, she pursued continuing education in acupuncture and chiropractic, and upon completion, started her own veterinary service in 2022. She offered these services exclusively until fall of 2023 when she attended refresher education in dentistry. At that point, she added dentistry to her services and began planning on pursuing a general equine practice with the build of a haul-in facility.

She said there is a significant demand for more equine specific veterinary services, and she plans to offer basically all things equine. She will continue offering acupuncture, chiropractic, and dentistry. Additionally, she will be adding reproductive services, including artificial insemination and embryo transfer. Other services include basic lameness, surgery, medical workups

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Dr. Morgan Hecox will be unveiling her new equine facility located 15 miles west of Arnold on Highway 92 at an open house on July 19 from noon until 5:00. - Courtesy photo