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Finding that perfect FRONT PORCH

Couples choose Arnold to retire



Bill and Cheryl Holt are enjoying retirement, and their front porch in a new home they purchased on South Carroll Street.

By Janet Larreau

Sometimes, you just yearn to come back home in retirement. That's the way it was for Bill Holt and Julie (Olofson) Young when they and their spouses were looking for their forever home. Both Bill and Julie were raised in Arnold and graduated from A.H.S. Bill in 1971 and Julie in 1973. Their spouses, Cheryl, who graduated from Burwell High School in 1972, and Ted, who graduated from Callaway in 1971, were on board with retiring in Arnold. Bill and Cheryl were married July 30, 1977. Knowing they were going to be married, Cheryl

was living in Arnold after graduating from nursing school. She accepted a job at the Callaway District Hospital, and Bill was working for the Village of Arnold. They lived in several houses in town. Bill began working for Great Plains Communications in 1980, and in the spring of 1986, he was given the opportunity to transfer to the Callaway office. With Cheryl still driving to Callaway to work, they took the opportunity to move to Callaway so neither would be driving. They lived there for 39 years, continuing to work for Great Plains and the hospital, and raised their family of two children, Brandon and Megan. After 35 years of service

with Great Plains Bill retired in 2015. Cheryl retired in 2020 after 43 years at the hospital. Bill belonged to the Arnold Golf League in Arnold, so he was driving up several days a week to golf, as well as helping out with machinery and maintenance. Cheryl began golfing more frequently in Arnold, so both of them were spending a lot of time on the road. “Throughout those years, Bill would mention wanting to move back to Arnold,” said Cheryl. “The Yeargain property came on the market and really spiked his interest more. In April I decided that we had a house to sell before we could buy. The market in Callaway was



Ted and Julie Young are enjoying their front porch in a home they built on the west side of town. - Debbie Connelly photos

not booming, so thinking it would take a while to sell, I decided to text the Human Resource director at the hospital and ask if she had any staff that traveled and would be interested in buying a house in Callaway. With the help of staff at the hospital who knew what our house was like and encouraged the COO, who drove from North Platte daily, to look at our house, the whirlwind began. We received an offer the next week to purchase our house! We had looked at the Yeargain house earlier, and it was still on the market, so we made an offer, which was accepted. We sold and bought a house in a month time frame. We have so many friends here in Arnold and the Stapleton area, and it is wonderful being closer to all of them.” Bill and Cheryl still golf in Arnold and play many tournaments throughout the summer with their friends. Bill continues to work at the golf course as needed and putters at home. Cheryl enjoys go-

ing to coffee with friends at BrewBakers. There may be a few more deck gatherings or around a table with friends as well. They attend the United Methodist Church in Arnold, and Cheryl enjoys bible studies. They try to take a few weeks in February and venture somewhere to stay and golf and just relax. They also enjoy following the activities of their four grandchildren. “Arnold is a great town and was always home to Bill,” said Cheryl. “We began our lives here in 1977 and returned to spend our Golden Years, as they say. Comparing wrinkles and aches and pains is better with friends!” **Youngs Decide to Build** Julie and Ted have been a couple for a for a long time. After living together for 20 years, they finally got married on September 1, 2006. In 1989, Julie decided to go back to school, and in 1993, she graduated nursing school as a registered nurse. “That was a good career

decision! I worked six years at the Callaway hospital before we moved to North Platte,” she said. They spent the most time in North Platte, living there for over 26 years, where Ted worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as a carman. He officially retired in December 2018. Julie worked at Great Plains Health in the ER for 20 years, and has now put in 5 ½ years at the VA clinic in North Platte, but hopes retirement is in the near future. The Youngs always thought they would move back home again when they retired, plus they wanted to move closer to Julie's son, Travis Eastwood, who lives in Callaway. They looked for homes to buy in both Arnold and Callaway. Eventually, they decided to build instead and felt like Arnold was the place. Brad Atkins helped them find and buy the lots in Arnold. “We love the small town

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In Search of Treasures Junk Jaunters make stop in Arnold



Two book dragons happily go through a box of books at Finch Library on Saturday during the Nebraska Junk Jaunt. Well over 1,000 titles were offered in the library's basement to travelers - and locals. Through free-of-cost donations, the library made about \$800.00 that will most likely go to basement repairs. Several locals donated books to the cause. “Usually the cookbooks just linger there, but this year, we had people asking,” said library director Marcy Lucas, who sets up each year. A total of twelve vendors signed up this year in Arnold, with most everyone reporting a good turnout and good sales. Jaunters rolled into town from several states over four days, including Colorado, South Dakota, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas. - Courtesy photo

Village Passes Budget

The Arnold Village Board of Trustees heard key provisions of the proposed \$2,688,480.00 budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 at a budget hearing held on September 22. Village Clerk Patricia Lambert said the total operating budget will increase by 5.61 percent from last year's budget. The floor was then opened up for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Andrew Tickle asked about the downtown sidewalk project, and discussion followed. With no other comments from the public, the ten-minute hearing closed. At the conclusion of the budget hearing, a special hearing to set the final tax request was held. The 2025-2026 property tax request is \$141,400.00, compared to the prior year request of \$129,381.00. The tax rate for 2025 is .350436 per \$100.00 of taxable valuation. With no public comments from the floor, the hearing closed, and a special meeting followed where board members approved an ordinance to adopt the budget. An ordi-

nance setting the salaries of all employees and elected officials of the Village was also approved, as well as a resolution setting the tax request. Tessa Eggleston and Mark Rempe of Custer County Emergency Management, were at the meeting regarding the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). After discussion, the board passed a resolution to approve the plan. Kristen Morrison was at the meeting to request permission to keep sheep in the roping arena corral at the Arnold Recreation Area. The board said that she is welcome to use the arena to train her dog with sheep, but the animals cannot remain in the pen overnight. In other business, the board: Agreed to sign an engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company for auditing services not to exceed \$17,750.00, with other out-of-pocket expenses estimated at \$775.00. • Voted to accept the quote from EJS Supply for 36, 3-yard side load containers for \$25,570.00.