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Cemetery Sees Improvements Since Spring



When the Arnold Township appointed a new Arnold Cemetery Board last winter, Dena Mills not only took on the role of president, but as chairman of maintenance and grounds as well. Dena had several goals in mind to improve the cemetery, and with help from community volunteers and the Village, the following projects have been checked off the list:

Junk iron that was thrown in a pile and buried up to 2 ft. deep at the east end of the cemetery has been cleaned up. Using a Bobcat to get it all dug out, workers ended up with a pickup load. They also dug out a lot of buried concrete. Eric Holmberg and Ethan Furne helped load three dump trailers full and hauled it to the city concrete pile.

Struggling new trees were on the list. Dena drilled 3-6 holes around each tree, 1” diameter and 18” deep. Hayden Myers, who works for Mills Hardware, used funnels and filled each hole with tree fertilizer. Dena then ran a small sprinkler on each



(Above) Helper Jamie Tickle stands beside a pickup bed filled with debris from the old burn pile on the east end of the cemetery. (Inset) The east end is now cleaned up of debris and junk iron that was previously removed. - Courtesy photos

tree for 12 hours, three different times through the summer, and will be doing it again next week. She reports that since April, the diameter of each tree has grown.

Terry Mills sprayed all of the cemetery road edges to keep growth from taking over and to prepare for future road repair.

Scott McDowell and Don Buckley installed a new culvert for a large east entrance to be more accessible for larger equipment when working on roads, digging graves, and placing stones. Eric Holmberg

shredded the extended ditch to the new driveway, so now it can be mowed with the cemetery.

David Leach has spent numerous hours digging and searching for all road markers and marking them, preparing for road work and getting the roads straight.

Mike Harvey and Mary Becker trimmed some trees and cut down dead ones.

Dena and Hayden tackled the cemetery’s shed, which was full of everything under the sun, and required use of face



masks. Jamie Tickle, who works for Mills Hardware, is fixing the door and replacing 2, 2x12s in the rotten floor that covers the pit.

Dena has weed trimmed the west bank several times.

Jamie and Dena cleaned up a tree that fell over in the north fence line and cleaned up the old burn pile and hauled it away, so the entire east end is now cleaned and can be hayed.

Merle Bierman took out the north and south sides of the old chain link fence and it all looks better.

The South Loup 4-H Club helped clean up the cemetery after Memorial Day.

The next goal and projects are to look into finishing the white fence on the north and the south. If anyone is interested in donating to this project, talk to one of these board members: Dena, Holly Remund, Kristi Dvorak, Becky Dailey, or David Leach.

Upcoming Goals & Projects

Legion has purchased and plans to install a large, very nice flag pole

and new flag by the monument.

The building’s electrical is outdated, so a new box will be put in, and new wire will be trenched to the podium stand, flag pole, and gazebo, so there will be good sound for Memorial Day services. Dena is working on this now, so it will be completed before winter.

Road repair will be done next summer.

The mowing contract is over, and bids will be tak-

en for next year.

Arnold Tree Board member Mary Becker will be in charge of planting new trees at the cemetery using grant monies received by the Village.

“I feel very strongly about having respect and honoring our veterans and loved ones by keeping the cemetery looking nice year-round. It is our responsibility. I love seeing the flags flying,” said Dena.

Tickets Now on Sale for Arnold Housing Tour

Arnold Chamber will be hosting a housing tour on Saturday, November 1. The day begins at 12:00 p.m. at the Arnold Community Center with a salad luncheon. The tour starts at 1:00 p.m.

Tour locations include the homes of Terry and Dena Mills, Bryce and Kenzie Kulp, Stephanie Peters-Delp, and Chris Kuczynski, and new construction duplexes by Design Homes.

Ticket purchase includes the salad luncheon and home tours. Advanced tickets for \$25.00 per person can be purchased at Four County Boutique, First State Insurance, BrewBakers Coffee House & Gifts, Kreative Edge, and Arnold Economic Development.

At the door price is \$30.00. Advanced ticket sales end October 30 at 12:00 p.m. and must be paid for before the day of the event, or will be charged at the door price.

Sign Updated at Old Mill Park



A new red and white sign now guides people to Old Mill Park. The sign was designed by Bryn Schwarz as part of her Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) internship last summer, and when finished, it was erected by Village employees Eric Holmberg and Tory Edwards.

- Debbie Connelly photo

Cattle Prices Are Hitting All-Time Highs

For the first time in a long time, cattle producers are getting paid for their efforts and are in the drivers seat.

“We are in an unprecedented market right now due to historically low cattle numbers. The summer video sale season started off with a bang in July and we only saw an increase in demand through August and September,” said Jay Nordhausen, owner/manager of North Platte Stockyards.

Nordhausen went on to say he hopes that the market can hold at these

levels as the market gets into a seasonal increase in supply.

“Barring any major event, we see these prices holding strong for some time,” he said.

Summer video price ranges at North Platte Stockyards were:

400-499# steers \$475.00 to \$562.50
500-599# steers \$421.00 to \$520.00
600-699# steers \$407.50 to \$474.00
400-499# heifers \$452.50 to \$510.00
500-599# heifers \$390.00 to \$510.00

600-699# heifers \$397.50 to \$425.00

Broken Bow Livestock Sets Records

According to livestock reports, Broken Bow Livestock set multiple records on August 21, posting its top eight-all-time sales in the 9-weights class. From 922 lbs. at \$339.00/cwt to 994 lbs. at \$319.00/cwt, Broken Bow stamped its mark with an unmatched run of heavyweight steers. It added even more records beyond that, posting its top two 8-weight sales ever, with 28 head at 821 lbs. bringing \$357.50/

cwt and 17 head at 802 lbs. at \$352.00. The 7-weights followed suit as 12 head at 738 lbs. reached \$366.00 and 20 head at 777 lbs. hit \$362.00, the two highest 7-weight sales on record at the barn.

Lighter cattle were just as impressive—37 head at 667 lbs. soared to \$414.00, setting the all-time 6-weight high, while the barn also logged its top three 5-weight sales: 16 head at 589 lbs. at \$445.00, 12 head at 535 lbs. at \$440.00, and 24 head at 577 lbs at \$432.50.



Buyers bid on a group of cattle at North Platte Stockyards. Across the board, feeder cattle prices are setting records. - Courtesy photo