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“Serving the South Loup River Valley”

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National Honor Society members Piper Strasburg (left) and Josie Christensen were unloading goods, November 17, at the local food pantry. - Courtesy photo

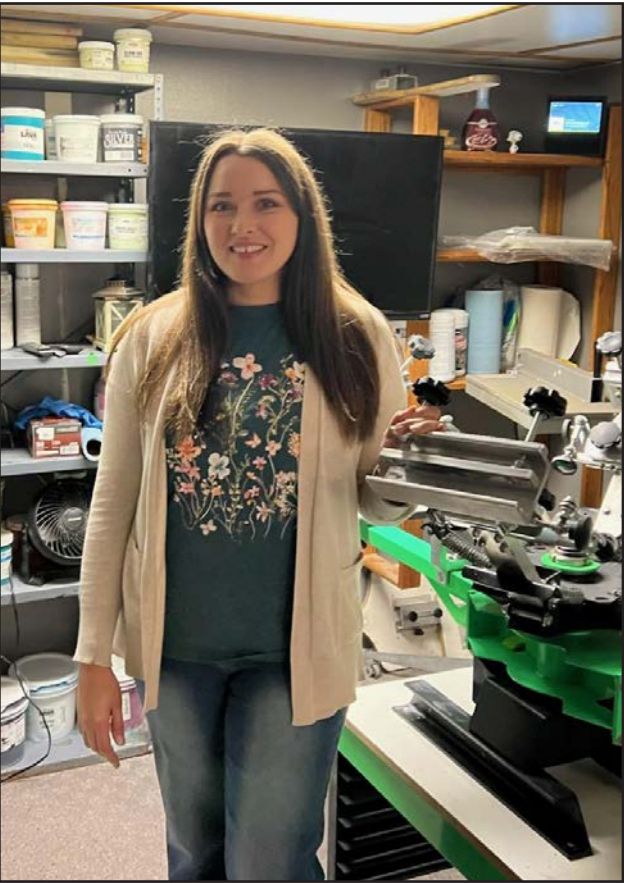
## Arnold Public Schools Staff and Students Demonstrate Remarkable Generosity Through Two Initiatives Ahead of the Holiday Season

The staff and students of Arnold Public Schools once again showed how compassion and community spirit can make a powerful impact. This year, the National Honor Society moved the annual canned food drive earlier than usual in response to the government shut-down and the increased needs in the community. By adjusting the timeline, the group hoped to ensure the community food pantry would be well-stocked through the holiday season.

The National Honor Society set an ambitious goal for K-12 students: Collect 1,000 items. Thanks to the kindness, teamwork, and determination of the students, the goal was not only met but exceeded. In total, students donated 1,039 items. Staff members also joined the spirit of giving with two separate challenges. First, they donated \$20 in exchange for wearing jeans for a week. With that incentive,

\$540 was raised and those funds went to the local food pantry. The staff was also challenged to a second goal for the Arnold Riverview Garage Building Project. Their generosity resulted in a donation of \$610 toward the project. The combined contributions of students and staff reflect the heart of Arnold Public Schools—a community committed to supporting others and stepping up when it matters most.

## Edwards is New Owner of Carroll Street Designs



Carma Edwards pictured with the equipment that she purchased with the business Carroll Street Designs.

By Janet Larreau

Carma Edwards has purchased Carroll Street Designs from Brandi Corbin, making her Arnold's newest business owner. Carma said she became aware of the opportunity at a Devil's Den Motorcycle meeting back in 2024. "Brandi attended a meeting to discuss shirt designs and mentioned the possibility of selling the business as things had picked up for them out at their farm," said Carma. "And that kind of stuck with me. I had been tossing around different ideas of generating a little extra income when she popped into my head back

in March of this year, so I sent her a text message, and we had a quick meeting. I didn't want to jump into the business cold turkey, so I asked that I work with her for a few months on her projects to learn the ropes. She walked me through the computer programs, converting files to be printed and the process of coating screens, burning screens, and then the screen printing itself." The deal became official on September 9, 2025. In the purchase, Carma received a two stations, four color ink press, a conveyor belt dryer, a screen exposure unit, roughly 30 screens, her entire ink

supply, an assortment of shirts, a heat press, vinyl cutter and totes of vinyl, along with all the squeegees and spatulas for the ink. Carroll Street Designs is a going business, with a client list that includes SORC (retail and volunteer shirts), Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally, Callaway Kite Flight, Arnold Volunteer Fire Department, Arnold Public Schools, Arnold Chamber, the Arnold Baptist church, and a number of small businesses in and around town. There are also a handful of smaller personal orders as well. Carma is originally from Gothenburg and met Tory Edwards, an Arnold alum, in 2010 while they were in college. The couple moved to Arnold in 2012 and married in 2013. They have two children, Cali (6) and Tate (2). When they moved to Arnold, Tory found employment at the Village of Arnold, and Carma got a job at Homegrown Kids Childcare Center. After eight years, Carma started working part-time at both Homegrown Kids and Pinnacle Bank and finally transitioned to a full-time position at Pinnacle in 2020. She is also a board member of the Devil's Den Motorcycle Rally. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her little family. Kayaking down the South Loup in the summer is her favorite. "We enjoy watching Nebraska football and volleyball together, and now we will be busy making and designing shirts together!" she said.

## Chamber Presents “Gnome For the Holidays”

Event Dec. 3 In Downtown Arnold

Arnold Chamber will present Gnome for the Holidays on Wednesday, December 3, with lots of main street activities planned by new organizer Jill Kulp. Everyone is encouraged to shop local throughout the day, with businesses offering specials, drawings, treats, and some with extended hours. From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., kids can enjoy a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, concessions by Joel Morgan, a photo booth, and hayrack rides.

Kids will be invited to pick up a game passport at Koubek Gardens and play games. Once completed, the passports can be dropped in a drawing bucket for a chance to win Rialto Bucks. A Christmas Tree Decorating Contest will start at 4:00 p.m., with judging at 6:30 p.m. Registration forms and guidelines can be picked up at Pinnacle Bank. The deadline to sign-up is December 1. There is a limit of 10 entries. Cedar trees will be provided by the Arnold

Chamber, and decorating will take place downtown. Several vendors will be set up downtown by 4:00 p.m. The Arnold Area Historical Society will be selling 2026 historical calendars. Arnold Rotary Club is planning a book signing by Berni Crow for the just released book *A Journey Through Time – Arnold, Nebraska Historical Markers*. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. For all the details of the day's events, turn to page 10.



## Village Submits Nuisance Abatement Application

Arnold Village Board members considered requests, applications, and discussed insurance at their regular meeting held on November 10. Members discussed and answered the following questions that were on the West Central Nebraska Development District application for Nuisance Abatement:

1. Where will the community store vehicles that are towed/impounded as a result of the abatement actions?
- (a) South of Old Mill Park
2. Is the community prepared to hire security and ensure safety is maintained during the abatements?
- (a) The Village will check with Custer County Sheriff Dan Osmond about

providing civil stand by. 3. For abatements, will the community use city/village staff to perform abatements, or abatement contractors?

(a) Abatement contractors

Members then voted to submit the application to WCNDD. Danielle Lamb, doing business as South Fork Design, requested permission to put a food trailer on the street in front of 104 N Walnut. She said the trailer, which will have a certified kitchen in it, will be used until the kitchen is completed at 104 N Walnut. Discussion was held on moving the trailer for snow removal. Members voted to have Village Attorney Mike Borders draw up an agreement to allow Lamb to temporarily park the food trailer at that location.

During discussion of Village insurance with Sara Buchholz with Arnold Insurance, members voted to accept a \$70,000.00 valuation on the ARA bathhouse. It was noted that the quote for the Gun Range Building and liability in the amount of \$1,622.57 gives liability to the Village as owner of the building, but does not give the Village liability coverage for the shooting range. The gun club will have to purchase their own liability coverage for the range. Cheryl Carson said that the gun club is checking into liability policies, but due to the cost, the club may have to disband.

## Oh, so many volunteers New Blood Joins OCC Packing Party



New volunteer Corin Blowers helps Arnold Principal Ali Goodenow pick out items for the first shoebox of the day at the November 17 Operation Christmas Child packing party at the school. With 2025 marking the 13th year for the packing party, coordinator Melody Jennings said new volunteers have been stepping up as others age. Turn to page 4 to read Jennings' full report.. - Debbie Connelly photo