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New Junior AEDC Member Starts Work

Haley Jacobson, a senior at Arnold High, will begin serving as the new junior member of the Arnold Economic Development Corporation in 2012. Haley is the second high school student who will represent youth of the community on the board. The first was Dayna Larreau - now a freshman in college.

AEDC Director Heidi Kulp said she has a lot of projects that will keep Haley busy, including helping maintain the organization's Facebook page and helping analyze the business needs of the community through a recent survey. Together, Heidi and Haley will find the consistent needs and determine how those needs can be met. Haley will also be writing stories for *The Arnold Sentinel* about businesses that have obtained low interest loans and will be working on AEDC/school relationships. Another interesting project she can take on is housing advertisements for the Web site movebacktonebraska.com. Haley also has some ideas of her own.

"Haley wants to hold a career fair at the school this spring with local businesses," said Heidi. "She wants to see what business needs students can provide after they graduate and if they return home."

Haley said she only knew



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Economic Development Director Heidi Kulp (left) and new junior AEDC member Haley Jacobson met last week at the AEDC office.

about the AEDC position because of Dayna. When both Heidi and AEDC member Carlene Lanham spoke to her about being a junior member, she decided to go for it.

"It will be a really good learning experience and a chance for me to give my input in the

community," said Haley. "It will also be a good way to learn more about the community. Writing articles for the newspaper will be beneficial for me, because I'm thinking about majoring in journalism."

AEDC Plans New Tourist Event, "Kegs & Corks"

Heidi Kulp, Director of the Arnold Economic Development Corporation, said last week that the AEDC will be sponsor of a new event in Arnold.

"Kegs & Corks," a wine and beer festival, is set for February 11, at the community center. The event will include tasting of Nebraska-made wines and micro-brewed beers and a variety of food and merchandise vendors.

Heidi said two local businesses - DownHome Emporium and Nebraska Farmhouse Antiques - plan to create tabletop centerpieces that will be offered for sale. Vendors of all kinds are welcome to sign up.

"We want it to be a Valentine's Day gift event, where most everything you

see is for sale," said Heidi. "We'll be setting it up as a place to relax, enjoy friendships and listen to music, while enjoying what the vendors have to offer. We want this to become a yearly tourist event that will draw out-of-town people and benefit all of the businesses in town."

Heidi added that the event will be well advertised, and in order to get the event off the ground, support from the Arnold community will be extra important the first year.

The festival will be held from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., on February 11. Vendors interested in signing up are encouraged to call Sandy Hicks at (508) 650-4414. There will be limited spots available.

Colorado Woman Happy to Start New Business in Town

Arnold residents are welcoming a new business in Arnold - Tonya's Hair Care - owned by Tonya Hoelting, and located in Sue's Beauty Shop.

Tonya, who is engaged to Justin Stockall (grandson of Betty McDowell), moved to Arnold after living in Colorado for 15 years.

"I wanted to get out of the city and come back to the good life of the small town," Tonya said.

Tonya grew up in Wellfleet, Nebraska, graduating from Wallace and attending college at Omaha St. Mary's. From there, she moved to Colorado and earned a hair license. In Colorado, she worked as a rodeo queen consultant, hence the need for a hair license. She then owned a salon in Colorado for 15 years.

With 18 years of total experience, Tonya offers family haircuts, shellac manicures, pedicures, highlights and color to anyone.

"I'm happy to be in Arnold



Tonya Hoelting

and enjoy the small community. I appreciate the cozy, welcome feeling everyone has given me," she said. "Sue (DeLosh) has also been extremely welcoming and gracious to let me rent a space in her business."

Tonya's daughter, Paige, is a second grader at Arnold Public School. In her spare time, Tonya trains barrel horses, gives riding lessons and is involved in rodeo.

"My goal is to enjoy the small town and meet new people through their hair care needs. And walk-ins are always welcome," she happily commented.

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Weinman Elected to Custer County FSA Committee

Ryan Coleman, County Executive Director of the Custer County Farm Service Agency, announced that Leon Weinman of rural Arnold, Nebraska, has been elected as a County Committee member for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2012, on the Custer County FSA Committee.

The election was held on December 12, 2011. Mr. Weinman will represent the producers of the following townships: Hayes, Victoria, Arnold, Cliff, Triumph, Elim, Delight, Wayne and Grant. The 1st alternate is Ramona Geiser of Merna.

County Committees are a unique system that offers producers participating or cooperating in federal programs a chance to administer the programs that affect the well-being of all producers in their jurisdiction. One of the reasons the Farm Service Agency is recognized for delivering its programs so well is because County Committees give FSA local expertise and guidance on information such as yields, productivity of the land and local farming methods and practices. The County Committee will hold its annual Organizational Meeting on January 11 at 9:00 a.m.

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Open House Scheduled on Arnold Lake Project

Two Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation and Angler Access Projects are underway in Custer County, each sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC). Each project will improve fisheries at Arnold Lake, just south of Arnold, Nebraska, and Victoria Springs Lake, located six miles east of Anselmo, off Nebraska Highway Spur 21A, both which have insufficient depth to support a fishery and failing outlet structures. Planned

improvements have been established by EA Engineering, Science, and Technology of Lincoln, Nebraska. The project is funded through the NGPC's Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Program and the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

A Public Open House will be held on January 12, 2012, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center, located at 205 South Carroll Street. Drinks and snacks will be provided. The public is encour-

aged to attend to learn about each improvement project and provide feedback on the conceptual designs. This meeting has been re-scheduled from December 13, 2011.

Any questions or comments regarding the open house or lake improvements should be referred to Mark Porath, NGPC Aquatic Habitat Manager, at (402) 471-5583 or Jon Trombino, P.E., EA Project Manager, at (402) 476-3766.



Arnold Fifth Grade

What are your hopes, dreams and wishes for the year 2012? Arnold fifth grade teacher Clint Lewis asked his students this question before Christmas break, and this is what they had to say:

I hope that I will have a good wrestling year and win a lot. I hope next year I will go on more hunts with Dan and someday take over Hidden Valley Outfitters and do that for a living. I hope we have a good vacation in Colorado skiing.

I dream someday I will get a dog Huskie. I wish that our families health will be good this year. Someday we might build a house in the country. It would be very fun. I hope this year we will go to Hidden Valley Outfitters Double T camp ground a lot this summer and we get a water trampoline. I wish that our family will be happy. I dream that someday I will go to Hawaii and have a lot of fun. Maybe this year we can go to a water park or an amusement park. I hope that this year will be a lot of fun. I dream that I will have a lot of fun this summer, and go hunting a lot. I hope I will have a good birthday and some good presents for Christmas.

Cole Gracey

I hope I can get a deer and I hope I can go skiing. I also hope I can get a coyote. I dream about my family getting a new house. I would love for

everyone to have his or her own bedroom and bathroom.

I wish I could get modern warfare 3 and to get a play station 3. I would also like to get grand theft auto. I also wish for a 4 wheeler, a dirt bike, and an Xbox 360. I wish I could get a new shotgun and a new 270 rifle, and a gun case and a new bb gun and a bike and a new 22 rifle.

Blake Brown

My hopes, dreams, and wishes for the New Year are I am wishing that I could finally go down to Goodland to see my cousins at their house. When I was eight we had a really good time at their house the last time I was there.

I am really hoping that my grandpa gets better. I haven't seen my grandma and grandpa Taylor for a long time. The last time I saw them was when my grandpa was in the hospital. They live on a farm in Kansas. Their farm is a really fun place.

I want to go to Florida and shoot another wild hog. That was so much fun shooting that big wild hog. Another reason I want to go to Florida is so I can go back to the N.A.S.A. that is a really, really fun museum. If you plan on going to a museum go to N.A.S.A. I fully recommend you go to that museum.

Cooper Taylor

My hopes dreams and wishes for the New Year are, That my mom will get better so she can

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go on more trips and stays healthy. I dream that all of my family will meet more often this year. I also wish that my family could go on a skiing vacation this year. I hope that my sister Kerri will have a safe trip to Turkey and back and that she will have a good time in Turkey. I dream that our construction of the Usta-Be-a-Lumberyard-Gym will go great. Someday I wish I could have a beagle. I dream that someday I can go to a Green Bay Packers game. I hope that my dad and I can go hunting for turkeys.

Logan Coleman

My hopes and dreams the New Year I hope to make new friends next year. I hope my sister's husband Cole in the army gets home safely to Washington, to my sister Janell. My brother Shawn is married to a woman named Brandy now. Brandy is pregnant and I hope the boy/girl is going to be all right. I hope my grandma Helen is feeling okay in North Platte. I hope my Aunt Cristy's arm feels better from her fall. I hope our Christmas party at the Community Center is really

fun. Matthew Corbin

My hopes for the New Year are to get A's in all subjects. I also hope to understand 6th grade. I hope my entire family stays healthy too. I dream that my family will also win the lottery and that my Uncle Chris and Sarah have a very healthy baby. I want my grandma to fly in an airplane so all of my family will have flown in an airplane. I wish to finish the Harry Potter series. I also wish to have 150 Accelerated Reader (A.R.) points by the end of the school year. Next year I hope the Bobcats win every game they play. The New Year will be a great year and I can't wait for it.

Jarret Buchholz

I hope that my family and I can go to Colorado again. I also want to go to Island Oasis again. I hope to get the new Karen Hoover book that is coming out in February. In August I hope that I can get a purple ribbon in fair with my horse and my calf. Also in Colorado I hope we can go ski-