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“The End of an Era”

KENDRA VEIRS PHOTO

The Arnold Band plays the school song at the last pep rally of the basketball season. Wearing the school colors of red and white, students, residents and alumni packed the stands for this special rally, as Arnold High School said “so long” to its beloved Cardinal mascot. A slide show set to music, titled “The End of an Era,” took a look back at Cardinal teams dating from the 1950s to the present, and ended with the roar of “The Bobcat,” the new mascot for next year’s combined Arnold/Callaway athletic teams.

Residents Increase Recycling Efforts

Arnold residents recycled a total of 113,430 pounds, or 56.72 tons, of recyclables in 2009. This compares to 101,290 pounds, or 50.65 tons, in 2008.

Recycling of glass went from 18,610 pounds in 2008 to 27,290 pounds in 2009 - an increase of 8,680 pounds. This was due to the village’s purchase of a glass recycling trailer with grant funds in the summer of 2009.

Village clerk Patricia Lamberty said that the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency charges \$36.00 per ton tipping fees to dispose of solid waste. By saving 56.72 tons of waste from disposal translates into a savings of \$2,041.92, in addition to helping the environment.

The village is proud of the citizens of Arnold and the surrounding area, and encourages people to continue to recycle. Recyclables may be disposed of at the trailer located south of the library on Washington Street. The following materials are accepted: glass, newspapers/magazines/phone books, tin and plastic. Cardboard may be placed in the dumpsters located by the recycling trailer.

Following are the recycling totals for the last two years:

| Cardboard | |
|------------|----------------|
| 2008..... | 37,360 pounds |
| 2009..... | 45,610 pounds |
| Newspaper | |
| 2008..... | 59,200 pounds |
| 2009..... | 54,180 pounds |
| Plastic | |
| 2008..... | 2,820 pounds |
| 2009..... | 2,390 pounds |
| Tin Cans | |
| 2008..... | 3,500 pounds |
| 2009..... | 3,960 pounds |
| Glass | |
| 2008..... | 18,610 pounds |
| 2009..... | 27,290 pounds |
| Totals | |
| 2008 | 101,290 pounds |
| 2009 | 113,430 pounds |

Incumbents File by Deadline

Arnold School Board incumbents Kathleen Schweitzer and Gary Blevins filed with the Custer County Clerk by the deadline of February 16. Long-time board member Jerry Cool did not re-file. Non-incumbent Nathan Mills has also filed for one of the three positions. The deadline for non-incumbents to file for the school board is March 1.

Arnold Hospital Board incumbents Geraldine Webb, Dennis Beatty and Bruce McConnell refiled by the deadline. Incumbent Don Olson refiled for a position on the Custer County Board of Supervisors.

Revolving Loan Fund Sees First Closing

Several Local Businesses Have Applied thru AEDC

The Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) closed on its first loan with the new revolving loan fund on February 19.

The loan application of Dell and Chyrel Cerny, owners of the Triangle Lanes bowling alley, was approved by the USDA last week. The Cernys will use the loan to pay for sanding and refinishing the bowling lanes, thus allowing them to become recertified with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC). Dell said the sanding and refinishing needs to be done every few years.

In addition to the USDA loan, the Cernys qualified for a

\$1,050.00 grant from LB840 (1 percent sales & use tax) funds.

“(The bowling alley) just barely keeps its door open as it is, and I couldn’t afford to recertify without this grant and really low interest loan,” said Dell. “I’ll only have to come up with only about a quarter of the cost up front.”

Economic Development Director Kristi Dvorak said since the first of the year, there has been a lot of interest in the program, and she has been swamped with paperwork.

In addition to the loan that has closed, two loan applications are with the USDA now, two loans are getting ready to be sent to the USDA to be approved, there are five outstanding applications, and she has had other inquires from business owners looking into

the program.

Dvorak said most of the loans are between 3 and 4 percent interest. The amount of time required to pay back the loan varies, depending on the amount. The maximum time set to pay back a loan is 15 years. As the business pays off the loan, the money, plus interest, goes back into the fund to be used again.

The AEDC secured a \$50,000.00 grant for the loan fund in August of 2009. If all of

the money is not loaned out within one year, it will be lost.

The LB840 grant has been a big incentive for businesses to apply for a loan, said Dvorak. The amount received is based on the project cost. The maximum grant a business can receive is \$2,000.00.

People who are thinking about applying for a loan are encouraged to contact Dvorak before funds are depleted. The money is loaned out on a first come, first served basis.

Plans Underway for Alumni Reunion

Plans for the 2010 Alumni Banquet and Program are progressing nicely, as the officers are working hard.

At the officers’ meeting on February 15, President Evan Beshaler announced that Denise Ondrak Kass of Omaha, Class of ‘81, has volunteered to take on the office

of 2nd vice president, who is in charge of the meal. Since Denise will do this, the meal will not have to be catered, so the meal tickets will remain at \$8.00 each.

Karla Olson Nansel, ‘58, is

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2009 Arnold Vol. Fire Department Award Recipients

Arnold Volunteer Fire Department members were recognized at the annual Firemen’s Steak Supper and Awards Banquet, Saturday, February 20, at Jim’s Bar. Award winners were: (l-r) Dell Cerny, 1st Responder of the Year; Eric Nelson, Fireman of the Year; Susan Nelson, EMT of the Year; Mike Gunther, runner-up 1st Responder; Joe Bob Atkins, runner-up Fireman; and Tammy Weinman, runner-up EMT. Gunther and Weinman received their 10 years of service pins. Award winners Susan Nelson and Eric Nelson are mother and son.