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TAMMY WEINMAN PHOTO

"Best Decorated Booth" prize winner at Saturday night's Chamber-sponsored Chili Cook-Off was the Arnold Insurance team of (from left) Sheila Preston, Sarah Buchholz and Heather Hagler. The girls' "Best of the West" chili earned third place.

## AHS Qualifies Seven For State Speech

Six Arnold High seniors and one sophomore will be competing at the State Speech Meet on Friday, March 25.

"All of the girls qualified for state, and the boys each medaled at districts, which is fantastic, since they are a little younger and still have years to gain more experience," said Coach Debby Moninger. "I was amazed at how they handled the district nerves."

Qualifying for state were:

The Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) team of Cindy Nisolle, Kali Blevins, Korrie Miller and Casandra King, performing "Y'All."

The Duet team of Sarah Magill and Hannah Magill, performing "Spies."

Rachelle Preston in Serious Prose, performing "My Sister's Keeper."

District medalists and making it to finals were:

Ian Beshaler in Entertainment, performing "Peanut Butter."

The OID team of Michael

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## Best Chili Decided Saturday Night

Eleven teams set up their booths and cooked up their secret recipes on Saturday afternoon to vie for prizes in the 23rd Chamber-sponsored Chili Cook-Off.

Judges Eric Nelson, Rick Beshaler, Tony Head, Merle Bierman and Terrance Schacher gave Forrester's Dodge City's "People's Choice" chili the nod for first place. Team members were Zach Hagler, Wayne Bierman and Clay Weinman, assisted by Grace and Faith Bierman.

Second place prize went to the Crazy Curly Q's "Hawaiian Delight" chili. Team members were Amanda Strasburg, Ashley Meyer and Esther Ryan.

The Arnold Insurance Agency "Best of the West" chili placed third. Team members were Heather Hagler, Sheila Preston and Sarah Buchholz.

People's Choice award went to First State Insurance Agency's "Jump Start Your Fart Chili." Team members were Della Dailey, Robin Dailey, Amy Seda, Katie Thorson and Michelle Preston. "Best Decorated Booth" honors went to Arnold Insurance Agency. The Crazy Curly Q's won a new award for "Most Creative Booth."

The father-daughter duo of Tim Rosentrater and Mandy Strasburg were voted Mr. and Ms. Congeniality.

Remaining teams competing were:

Cool-Magill-Cool, with their "Angus Steak Chili." Team members were Josh Cool, Josh Magill and Shane Cool.

Weinman Tractor Repair, cooking up "Old School Chili." Team members included Shavonne Schacher, April and Andrew Tickle.

All Points Cooperative, "Gator Chili," with team members Tim Rosentrater, Erica Breuer and Lee Morrison.

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus, "St. Patrick's Chili," with team members Dan Eastburn, Jeff Kreikemeier and Charles Foran.

Loup Valley Construction, "The Good Stuff," with team members Scott McDowell, Jim Daly, Margie McDowell and Chris Pierce.

Jim's Bar, "Tossed Together Chili," with team members Brent Kulp, Travis Kussman and Claire Kulp.

Hangar 22, "After Burner Chili," with team members Dawn Witthuhn, John Witthuhn and Joe Dickman.

Co-chairperson Pat Turley said the community center filled up, when residents turned out for public serving

of a variety of soups and tasting of the competition chili. The crowd was treated to entertainment, when the Minute-To-Win-It competition began. Four teams: Shavonne and Terrance Schacher, Ali Rosentrater and Blake Patterson, Eric Strasburg and Heidi Connell, and David Blume and Melanie Morrison, made it to level eight, with Rosentrater and Patterson winning the prize. Audience members Duane Bowers, Brad Atkins, Rick Peterson and Dave Crow were also called up to compete.

Turley said the crowd was generous, dropping a total of \$954.00 in the donation jar for Chamber activities. All chili winners turned their prize money back in.

## Arnold Man Dies in Head-on Collision

Daniel Miles, 63, of Arnold, died at the scene of a head-on collision on Nebraska Highway 10, just south of Pleasanton, on Thursday, March 17, at around 3:30 p.m.

Miles' passenger in the pickup, 42-year-old Judy Shook, also of Arnold, was taken to the Kearney hospital. The driver of the other vehicle, a 40-year-old Pleasanton woman, and her nine-year-old daughter, were also taken to the Kearney hospital.

The accident is being investigated by the Buffalo County Sheriff's office.

Services for Miles were held on Wednesday, March 23, at Odean Colonial Chapel. A complete obituary appears on page 6.

## Village Board Hears Recommendations on Electric System

By Kendra Veirs

The regular Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 14.

Garrett Kline, of Olsson Associates, attended the meeting to discuss recommendations on the village's electric system.

Kline gave board members a package containing map updates, reviews of the system and recommendations.

Kline said recommendations remain the same as in 2005. His long-term vision is that the village should operate completely on 12.47 KV system. Currently, half of the town is still on the 2.4 KV system, while the other half is on the 12.47.

He cited the biggest decision the board will face is determining what to do with the power plant, which houses two generators - capable of running one-half of the village.

Repairs to meet EPA standards are not feasible, as one generator can not be updated and the other would cost \$62,000.00, worst case scenario. This, combined with the cut made on the village contract for generated power, does not work anymore.

"Not from a financial aspect, but the plant is a nice asset," Kline said. "I have never heard someone say, 'I wish we wouldn't have kept the plant.'"

Discussion was held on bringing in a portable genera-

tor if needed in an emergency situation. Discussion was also held on how many portable units are available to run on the 2.4 KV system compared to the 12.47 KV.

Fifty-thousand dollars has been budgeted for capital improvements. The board will look into the possibility of making a loop with Custer Public Power to use in emergencies.

### Volume Usage Electric Discount:

The ordinance involving a volume usage electric rate discount to the General Service Summer rates for users who use over 1500 kW passed on a 4-1 vote. Board member Glen Bowers was the no vote.

Bowers raised concerns that the village would lose around \$5,000.00 in revenue over the four-month period each year.

Cool said that it was less than one percent of the total electric revenue.

Bowers also feared that residents who use over 1500 kW will request the same discount. He also cited a loss of \$5,000.00 in state aide as another hit to the village and he was concerned with the loss of revenue in different areas.

### Sunday Liquor Sales:

Keane Lohmiller, future owner of Suzy's Pizza in Arnold, attended the meeting regarding Sunday liquor sales.

Lohmiller, who is a Wisconsin native, has been

coming to Arnold for 29 years and said he wants to be here.

With the radius in the area and lack of food, especially on Sundays, he feels being open would benefit the community and the business - in what he refers to as a "win-win situation."

He also said he is not looking for enemies, but just looking at opportunities and giving Arnold another option for eating on Sundays.

Cool said the board put the issue to a special election vote in 2000, with approximately 150 votes "no" and 70 votes "yes."

Members discussed that people take business out-of-town and this could keep business in town; whether or not there should be a special election; package sales and hours of operation.

Cool said that it is hard for businesses to make it and someone is investing in a business in Arnold and who should tell him when to be open. Many people have to work on Sundays.

The issue will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

### In other business:

A discussion will be held at the April board meeting on the AC/DC sirens with battery back-up and one-way radios.

Dave and Joan Birnie received permission to hold the 18th annual Blues Festival at Old Mill Park.

Eileen Moser was hired as

the swimming pool manager; Sarah Magill and Rachelle Preston, assistant managers; Hannah Magill, lifeguard;

Betty Yeagain, WSI Instructor. More lifeguards are still needed for this summer.



KENDRA VEIRS PHOTO

With frost going out of the ground, village streets are breaking up. The Village Board said now is a critical time to keep loaded semi trucks off the residential and side streets.

## Loaded Trucks are Tearing Up Streets

Drivers are urged to keep loaded semi trucks off as many of the village side streets and residential streets as possible.

Village Board Chairman Shane Cool said especially when the frost is going out of the ground, the extra weight tears up the streets. The next few weeks is a very critical

time to keep extra weight off of those streets.

Street repair is extremely expensive, so this cooperation can save the village money and save the streets.

A designated truck parking area is also being looked into by board members for next year.