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Arnold junior Drew Bowers (second from right) presents Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska, Dr. Roger Breed, a plaque made by School House Graphic Products, during Dr. Breed's visit to APS on May 13. Also pictured are Superintendent Pat Osmond (left) and Principal Dawn Lewis.

Nebraska Commissioner of Education Visits Arnold School

The Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska, Dr. Roger Breed, visited Arnold Public School on Friday, May 13, arriving around 10:30 a.m., to tour the school and talk with faculty, school board members and administration. Dr. Breed's main purpose for this rare visit to a rural Western Nebraska school was to hear about Clay and Julie Mohr's trip to the Washington, D.C. Summit on Education, and to field suggestions for improving rural education in Nebraska.

After seeing the Mohrs give a presentation at the State Chamber of Commerce meeting in Kearney two years in a row, Dr. Breed recommended that Arnold represent the State of Nebraska at the National Summit on the Role of Rural Education in Economic Development in Rural America. He was impressed by the work of School House Graphic Products (SHGP) and heard about the good things happening throughout Arnold's school district.

"We are proud to have Arnold front and center at the ECS Conference. I owe the students and staff at Arnold a visit and will pay off this debt in mid-May," wrote Breed in an E-mail.

It was obvious to APS faculty and administrators that Dr. Breed had done his homework on Arnold's district, because he could name many of the programs and projects the school is known for and mentioned them during the discussions. He came to Arnold with an agenda of questions to ask the panel, including how to handle state testing, standards, vocational education, dual credit course offerings, distance learning and the use of technology to aid in creating opportunities for students in rural communities.

Board members addressed state aid and funding, but since that is in the hands of lawmakers, he had little assurance to offer. Dr. Breed said he understands the "Plight of Small Schools" and commended Arnold for their award-winning staff of hard working teachers for their time and dedication, despite the limited funding from the state.

"He was very receptive to the concerns voiced on behalf of small schools, which include record keeping, individualization of student learning, the restrictions placed upon scheduling due to Rule 10, and the need for cooperative work between schools and teachers," said Principal Dawn Lewis.

"He really understood the

differences between urban and rural schools and the students who attend those districts," said Clay Mohr.

Dr. Breed, who has educational experience in small rural settings, spoke with clarity about the differences between schools like Omaha Public District versus rural schools like Arnold. The lack of community is a huge issue in the large districts, whereas in small rural districts, the community surrounds and supports the school.

Dr. Breed mentioned that Arnold will be called upon again to present at different events and to participate in committee work to continue moving education forward.

Drew Bowers, Junior class member, presented Dr. Breed a plaque of appreciation, created by SHGP for visiting, and for his support of Arnold Public School and its efforts to provide the best education for its students.

Information and quotes for this article were submitted by Nicole Badgley and Julie Mohr.

Movie Times

Showing this weekend at the Rialto is "Water for Elephants." Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

AHS Alums Will Reunite Saturday

Arnold High School alums will be rolling into town the latter part of this week for individual class reunions and to attend Saturday's Alumni Banquet and Program. Overseeing the reunion is President Jessica Eastburn, a 2008 AHS graduate.

The banquet will be served in the school's auditorium from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with April Mills Tickle in charge. The banquet is open to alumni and one guest only.

The program, planned by Darlene Hagler Rimpley, will start at 7:30 p.m., and is open to the public for an admission charge of \$4.00.

Secretary-treasurer, Cammy Deterding Amen, and volunteers will take dues and sell tickets the evening of the banquet.

At the program, the president will introduce emcee Glenn Pelster, a 2006 AHS graduate.

After graduating from AHS, Glenn attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in Business Administration. During his time at UN-L, he was a leader in Alpha Kappa Psi, a Professional Business Fraternity, worked as a sales intern for Sandhills Publishing, and was a legal assistant for Vincent M. Powers & Associates, a law firm in Lincoln. He is currently attending law school at the University of Arizona, in Tucson.

"I am excited to come back and be a part of Arnold's Alumni celebration, because of the respect I have for the town and the people who live there," he said. "Realizing my dream of attending law school has, in a large part, been made possible by the lessons I learned while growing up in



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2011 Alumni Program
Emcee Glenn Pelster

Arnold. From the one blinking-red stop light, to the 'grape vine' that enabled my parents to know everything I did before I did it, every aspect of our tiny little town in the middle of nowhere has helped shape who I am as a person.

"I take immense pride in where I grew up, and to this day, when someone asks me where I'm from, I still say 'Arnold, Nebraska.' It doesn't matter that they always respond, 'So is that near Omaha?' I never get tired of explaining where it is. Although I may never actually live in Arnold again, it will always be home to me.

"On May 28, 2011, I look forward to coming back to the town that helped shape me and gathering with the people who have had such an impact on who I am today. I look forward to coming back home."

Alumni may purchase tickets and pay dues downtown prior to the banquet. Please turn to page 3 for more information.

Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 30, 2011

Arnold Cemetery - 10:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m.....Honor Guard commanded by Mike Harvey
10:00 a.m..... Post Colors at Memorial Monument
Welcome.....Darrell Sheets
National Anthem.....Post 150
Invocation.....John Phillips
Introduction of SpeakerDarrell Sheets
Address..... William Lohmiller
Presentation of Wreath..... Marion Scott
Salute to Fallen Comrades.....Honor Guard
Taps.....Post 150
BenedictionJohn Phillips
Presentation of Memorial Wreath to those who died at Sea
Salute to Our Fallen Comrades.....Legion Honor Guard
Dismiss Honor Guard

In case of inclement weather, program will be held in the high school gymnasium. Legionnaires, please be at Legion Hall by 9:15 a.m.

New Baptist Church Will Be Dedicated Sunday



*Without faith it is impossible to please Him:
for he that comes to God must believe that He is,
and that He is a rewarder
of them that diligently seek Him.*

Hebrews 11:6

TAMMY WEINMAN PHOTO

Stained glass artwork of Jesus (above) has been relocated from its place above the Baptismal chamber in the old Baptist church to the new church building. Gene Tullis and crew handled the historical piece of glass carefully during the move, re-installing it in the fellowship hall's vaulted ceiling. School House Graphic Products did beautiful work applying the Bible verse, taken from Hebrews, below the lighted stained glass. The piece was a memorial gift to the old church from George Halstead and daughters in memory of his first wife, Lucille.

American Idol Inspires Arnold's Youth

The First Baptist Church is inviting the public to attend the celebration of the dedication of the new church building on Sunday, May 29.

The need for another building arose from the recognition that the many steps in the old building - built in 1921 - was a physical problem for many of those wishing to attend, along with the repairs that were needed.

Planning for the new building began in 2002. The building was erected and finished in steps, as funding came in. The last major project was completed in 2010, when kitchen cupboards were installed.

Dedication events begin at 9:00 a.m. Rolls and coffee will be served while tours are given and fellowship with friends. A worship service will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The time will include greetings from former members and pastors, music and a brief message. A dinner will be held at noon, and at 1:30 p.m. there will be a short dedication service, followed by a balloon release by the children.

The congregation feels it has truly been blessed.

Editor's note: The following article on the local children's fundraiser for tornado victims in the southern states is told by organizers Jadeyn Bubak, Drew Vickers, Landyn Cole and William Moninger.

Lauren, one of the three remaining contestants of "American Idol," told viewers that a recent tornado went through her small Georgia town, but her family was okay, even though it was very frustrating waiting for news.

While watching the show on Saturday night, Landyn Cole dreamed of being able to help the tornado victims. The following morning, Carlene Lanham taught a Sunday school lesson about helping the community, and Landyn decided to share her dream with the class. She said that she would like to raise \$20.00 for the victims in Georgia. As her classmates listened, one of them suggested they make a lemonade stand to try and raise \$20.00. The kids heard about singers trying to raise

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