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SORC Seeks Additional Housing for Members of Automotive Media Outlets

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge is calling once more for help from the citizens of Arnold. Additional hosts are needed to house 20 drivers and navigators in the 2011 SORC. The new entrants are members of national automotive media outlets, high performance parts manufacturers and participants from the Speed Channel's "Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational" (OUSCI).

These 20 SORC entrants will serve as ambassadors in promoting SORC to a much larger audience. The Optima spokesman and event director, Cam Douglass, believes it vital to the competition's future for the entrants to experience Arnold's unique hospitality.

Optima Batteries Inc., a corporate sponsor of the SORC, has requested that the SORC become its premiere qualifying event in its global search for the "Ultimate Street Car." Drivers compete at venues across the country to secure a coveted invitation with the top 50 finalists competing in the 2011 OUSCI to determine the winner of the Optima Ultimate Street Car Invitational. The Optima Battery team intends to promote SORC as the largest qualifying event of the year.

Mr. Douglass has competed several times in the SORC and is greatly impressed with the event. In a recent conversation with the SORC Board of Directors he remarked, "There are a number of other racing events we could choose for our biggest qualifying event. However, none of them rival the SORC for community support, safety and fun. That is why it is so important that this year's entrants stay in Arnold to experience first hand the unique hospitality of Arnold."

Contact SORC Housing Director Della Dailey at 308-520-5905 or dellers_25@yahoo.com for more information.

Elementary Students Plan Fundraisers to Help Tornado Victims

A group of Arnold elementary students are planning a fundraiser to help tornado victims in the United States. The original idea was Landyn Cole's, and she is getting help from Jadeyn Bubak, Saffron Phillips, Tatum, Reagan and Ella Cool, Drew and Charli Vickers, Bailey and Bryn Schwarz and William Moninger. This group will also try and include some of their other friends at the school.

The children made posters and donation buckets that they have set out at Farmhouse coffee shop, the bank, grocery store and at Classic Coyotee. Buckets will also be at the school for both elementary and secondary grades.

The children are challenging the students to try and raise more money than the adults do around town. This idea came from the Penny War project that raised money for a local family at Christmas time.

The students will be holding a bake sale at the Methodist church on Sunday, May 8. Each family involved is bringing a baked good. Anyone who likes to bake is welcome to drop something off to sell. The

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Great Plains Communications District Manager Ian Taylor (right) presents Nicole Badgley the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award on Monday at the school.

Arnold Teacher Named Great Plains Communications Teacher of the Year

Arnold Public School teacher Nicole Badgley has been named the 2011 Great Plains Communications Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

During her tenure, Badgley helped in the planning, developing and maintaining one of the first 1:1 laptop initiatives for small schools in Nebraska. Due to her efforts, beginning in 2006, all students in ninth through twelfth grade received their own laptops. Eventually, the program was expanded for students K-12.

In addition to her schoolwork, Badgley is the 4-H leader for the Oconto Club and a member of the Oconto Alumni Committee. Badgley also wrote two FEMA grants for the

Oconto volunteer firemen, earning more than \$275,000.00 in funds for the department.

"Every day I get to watch high school students find their own voice through writing, reading, filming, videos, music production, creative art production, graphic design and so many other methods they have produced from one simple laptop and their own imagination," Badgley stated in her nomination form.

Badgley is currently pursuing a Master's degree in English from the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK). She holds a Master's degree in Instructional Technology and a Bachelor's degree in

Secondary English and Journalism, both from UNK as well.

Great Plains Communications is the largest independent telecommunications company in Nebraska and provides services solely to rural areas. It offers residential services such as digital phone including local and long-distance calling, as well as high-definition cable television. Broadband Internet is available in all Great Plains Communications communities through DSL and cable modem facilities or its partnership with WildBlue Satellite Internet Services. The company also provides business services ranging from tra-

ditional voice and data products to the installation and support of large business networks. Great Plains Communications was founded in 1910 by E.C. Hunt and is based in Blair, Nebraska. Almost half of the company's employees live and work in the rural towns where they provide service.

Funding Sought for Wind Farm

A second informational meeting was held on April 26, on Arnold Wind Farm Management LLC - an organization established to manage two, 10 MW CBed wind projects in the Arnold School District.

Arnold Wind Farm Management LLC is seeking \$150,000.00 to provide funding for the LLC to find the best location, create better communication with NPPD through law firms, conduct a migratory flyways survey and install one Met Tower. Shares are being sold to reach this goal at \$1,500.00 per share.

An operational agreement is available for interested persons to look at through the AEDC office.

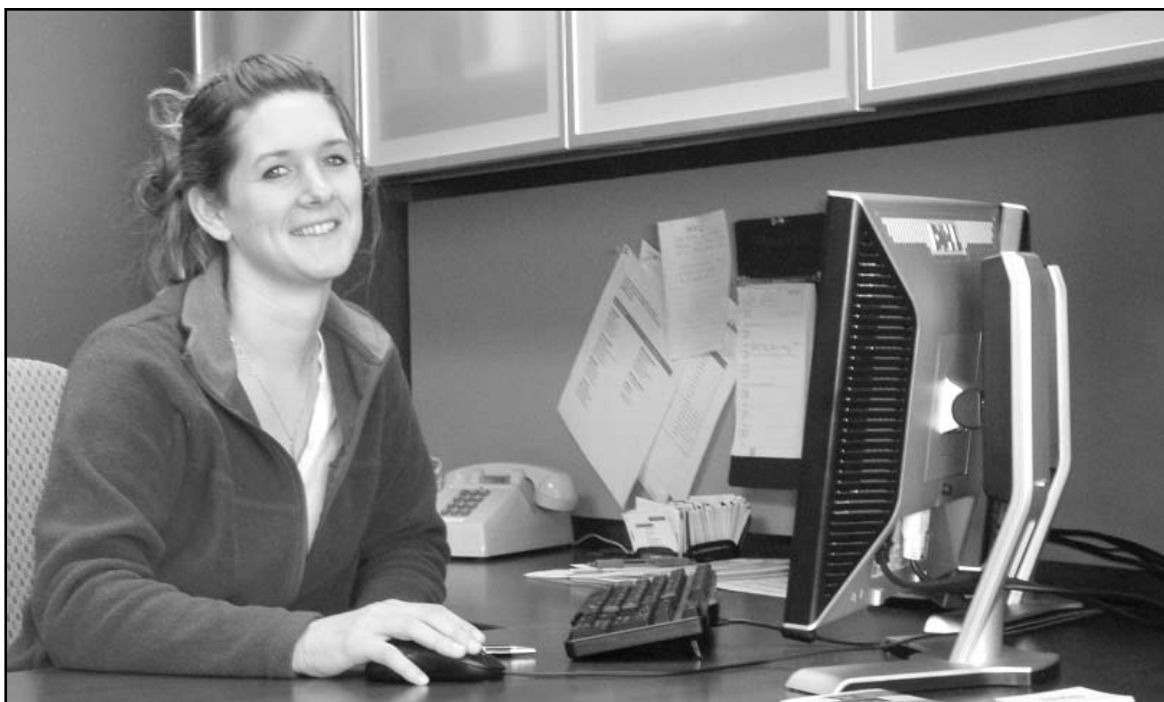
Mike Stienke, executive manager partner with WECC, said that after the busy planting season is over, he will travel to Arnold and meet with individuals or small groups who would like to invest or would like more information on the project.

Weather Summary

Kendra Veirs
Cooperative Weather Observer
WEATHER STATION
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP, ACROSS
FROM ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
25	50	33	0
26	57	30	0
27	52	38	0
28	68	36	0
29	79	39	0
30	57	32	0
1	58	31	0

Kulp is New AEDC Director



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New Economic Development Director Heidi Kulp monitors Arnold's Web site at the AEDC office on Friday of last week.

By Janet Larreau

Heidi Kulp is serving as the new Economic Development Director for Arnold. Her positive outlook on the community will be one of her many strengths, as she continues with the Arnold Economic Development Corporation's (AEDC) goal of preserving and maintaining local business, while encouraging the growth of the town's population.

"I considered the position because I have a true interest in Arnold and firmly believe that Arnold has a lot to offer. I would like to help Arnold maintain its charm," she said.

Heidi moved to Arnold in October of 2006 - one week after she married Brent Kulp. She said the couple decided to move to Arnold because they wanted to get closer to their roots.

"We both have family in the area," she said. "I didn't grow up in Arnold. I was a member of a nearby community and am very familiar with Arnold and its strengths and positive outlook. It is also a great place to raise a family. I have done work in almost every town in greater central Nebraska, and Arnold is, by far, the most accepting and involved com-

munity."

Heidi graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in Science. Her targeted degree was in Social Work. Heidi worked with child abuse/neglect cases and aged/disabled adults. Shortly after her position was cut, she had daughter Claire and stayed home until the AEDC position came up.

She doesn't foresee making any changes to how things have been done by previous directors.

"I think they have done a great job, and I hope to contin-

ue in their footsteps," she said. "I am most excited about being part of the community and helping Arnold not only maintain, but have the chance to grow."

Heidi said the transition with the USDA business loans has been completed. As of this date, all of the original \$50,000.00 has been loaned out. This money has already been at work in the community and is being put back into the revolving loan fund, plus interest, as those original loans are being paid back for continued growth and support of the community. There are still loan funds and grants available to assist businesses, which was the purpose of applying for the USDA grant.

This will be Heidi's first opportunity to be part of a community board. Although she will be an employee that answers to the AEDC and cannot vote, she said she is excited to have the opportunity to work with a board to help the community.

Heidi's husband, Brent, is currently serving on the Arnold Village Board of Trustees. She has signed a confidentiality agreement, which means that she is not allowed to share much of her work with anyone, including her husband.

The AEDC office hours are tentatively set from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by appointment, until school is out. Heidi will then set her summer hours, which will be posted on the door. All calls can be directed to the AEDC office at 848-2211. Messages will be checked and returned daily.