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70 Year Honored Grads

They will most likely tell you that it seems like only yesterday, but 70 years ago, the Class of 1941 received their diplomas from Arnold High School. On May 28, five of the surviving classmates were honored at the annual AHS Alumni Banquet and Program. Pictured after introducing themselves during the program are: (l-r) Betty Pinkston McDowell, Sarah Simms Peterson, Bobbie Smith, Helen Jacobson Koch and Floy Auble Summers. The remaining six classes honored during the evening are featured inside this issue.

18th Annual Blues Festival set for July 8-9

The 18th Annual South Loup River Blues Festival is set for Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, at the Old Mill Park in Arnold. Once again, the festival organizers have a full slate of outstanding musicians.

The weekend starts on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. when the Mike Adams Trio from Kearney takes the stage. This band consists of talented musicians who share a love of Americana and folk rock. Friday's show is free and sponsored by KBBN 95.3 FM "The Thunderbird."

Saturday, July 9, starts at 11:00 a.m. with the Melvin Running Bear Band, a group of musicians who call Central Nebraska home.

Next on stage will be the Matt Cox Band from Omaha. Whether you crave the guitar driven jams of the Allman Brothers, the story telling of

Dylan or the country charm of Willie Nelson, the Matt Cox Band is sure to deliver!

The Lil' Slim Blues Band from Lincoln will take the stage at 2:00 p.m. This group is considered one of the best blues bands in the Midwest and they bring a vast knowledge of Chicago blues to the festival.

Up next that afternoon and back by popular demand is the Kris Lager Band. These guys have dedicated their lives to playing soulful, original music, traveling the country and honing their craft. It's undeniable that the Kris Lager Band is the real deal - good people, good music and a real good time!

At 7:00 p.m., the early evening headliner, Earl and Them, will be welcomed. They hail from the beautiful Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. With

more than a combined 150 years of playing experience, Earl and Them bring electricity to the stage that is grounded by a rich history and lasting tradition of the blues. This band provides a smokin' hot show with the widely acclaimed guitar mastery of Earl Cate, the distinct guitar sounds and soulful vocals of Jason Davis and the tight grooves laid down by Mike Murray on bass and Terry Cagle on drums. And, joining them that evening for a great jam session will be Lil' Slim!

This year's festival will close with Super Chikan and the Fighting Cocks from Clarksdale, Mississippi. James "Super Chikan" Johnson is an award-winning American blues musician, artist, guitar maker and nephew of fellow blues musician Big Jack Johnson. "Super Chikan" has

toured and performed at festivals around the world and was recently nominated again by the Blues Foundation for the Blues Music Awards for Entertainer of the Year and Traditional Male Blues Artist. And, last year he won the BMA for traditional Blues Album of the Year for *Chikadelic*.

This year's festival promises to be another great time. Don't miss out on an opportunity to see some of today's best blues musicians perform live in Arnold.

Tickets may be purchased at Jim's Bar, Mighty Mart and Nebraska Farmhouse Antiques in Arnold. For more ticket locations where advance tickets can be purchased, ticket prices or other festival information, please call David Birnie at KBBN-FM (1-800-584-9336) or visit the Web site at www.southloupbluesfest.com.

City-Wide Garage Sales are Saturday

Arnold residents will be offering bargains from their garages, front yards and back yards, this Saturday, June 11, as the Arnold Chamber hosts the annual City-Wide Garage Sales. In addition, there will be a sidewalk sale downtown at Classic Coyotee and home-based businesses will be offering their products at Triangle Lanes. The sales will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maps are available online at www.arnoldne.org and at local businesses this week.

Out-of-State Alumni Registry

The following alums attended the recent AHS Banquet and Program from out-of-state:

COLORADO: David and Ardelle Dillon Sheets, Loveland; Nola Leach Rosentrater, Aurora; Harold Halouska, Aurora; Pam Garrison Speck, Denver; Bo Dell Gracey, Longmont; Paul Holt, Denver; Harold and Barb McMahon Westman, Denver; Bill and Carol Trobee, Eaton; John Mills, Centennial; Carolyn Cole Geiser, Loveland; Kathy Fuller Kral, Louisville; Dan Nansel, Bennett.

MINNESOTA: Lloyd and Jean Beltz, Burnsville.

MONTANA: Darrell Dillon and Cheryl Neale, Billings.

CALIFORNIA: Cliff and Travi Parks Ross, Seal Beach; Hannah Purcell Johnson, San Clemente.

FLORIDA: Don Shreve, Naples.

IOWA: Earl and Pat Keyser Leach, Carter Lake; Linda Beest Baker, Arkeny.

TEXAS: Jerry Potter, Celeste; Lorane Wiley Mitchell, Keene.

WYOMING: Darrell Dillon, Casper; Dick and Jeanine Steele Vandal, Torrington; Sharyn Overton Mischke, Cheyenne.

MISSOURI: Darry and Dolores Weber, Grandview.

NEVADA: Allan Baxter, Reno; Dean Harwager, Las Vegas.

WASHINGTON: Melissa Cumpston, Tacoma.

MARYLAND: Floy Auble Summers, Temple Hills; Clinton Summer, Hautin; Marion Mirehouse, Temple Hills.

ALASKA: Kerry Potter, Wasilla.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Wes and Jeanette Chesley Jensen, Bristol; Dee and Marilyn Best Scott, Rapid City.

TENNESSEE: Kathleen Halstead Nobbman and Kristi Nobbman, Memphis.

KANSAS: Lynette Christensen Karg, Smith Center; Robert and Elise Bassett Kubish, Andover.

LOUISIANA: Roger and Sulin Harter Best, Alexandria.

GUATEMALA: Susan Romans Rhodes, Guatemala City.

Raffle Will Benefit VBS

Mills Hardware has donated a bench (pictured right) to help raise money for the 2011 Community Vacation Bible School. A raffle ticket can be purchased for a \$5.00 donation at Reed's Food Center, Mighty Mart and Mills Hardware. VBS will kick-off June 26 at the Methodist church.



Great Plains Communications to Add Big 10 Network

On June 1, the Big 10 Network will be available in Arnold, Broken Bow, Callaway, Oconto and Stapleton.

Airing Big 10 Conference content 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Big 10 Network shows more than 350 live sporting events each year including about 40 football games, 105 Men's Basketball games and dozens of Big 10 Championship games. In the 2008 football season, 86 out of 88 Big 10 football games were nationally televised. The BigXII had approximately 70 percent of their games televised nationally.

The addition of the Big 10 Network was in response to high demand created by the recent move of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to the Big 10 Conference. It will air on channel 23. Please call Great Plains Communications' Customer Response Center at 1-888-343-8014 for more information. Also, visit the Big 10 Network Web site at www.bigtennetwork.com.

"With UNL moving to their new conference, adding the Big 10 Network was an easy decision. This new channel will provide a one-stop destination for all the 'Husker'

information and programming our customers want to enjoy," said Casey Garrigan, Marketing Specialist at Great Plains Communications.

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 traditional 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.

Preston Receives AAM Award

PFC Jeffrey A. Preston recently returned from WAREX training in Fort Hunter Liggett, California. At this training, Preston and his unit set up and maintained shower facilities for the 700 people on FOB Milpitas. PFC Preston received an AAM award from Colonel Larry M. Cruz, before returning home with the 1013th QMCO on May 20.

"Without his expertise, both the sustainability and operations of the FOB would not have happened. This reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army," said Col. Cruz about PFC Preston's achievement and hard work.