



2015 OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
ARMA'S 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL V-J HOMECOMING  
ARMA, KANSAS

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

7:30 P.M. - REGISTRATION FOR HOME RUN DERBY. McDonald field. Sponsored by Northeast Volleyball Team. Chairperson: Russ Cramer. Entry fee: \$10. Proceeds to Northeast Volleyball program.

8:00 P.M. - HOME RUN DERBY. Age groups: 8-12 years, 13-16 years, 17 years & over. Bats will be provided. Pitches will be done by a pitching machine. Each batter will get 15 pitches; top three will advance to the next round. Jock's Nitch gift cards for top two winners in each age group.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

7:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT - ARMA/NORTHEAST ALUMNI REUNION -  
PRESIDENT JOHN LEVRA  
PITTSBURG MIRZA SHRINE TEMPLE  
CLASSES HONORED:  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - 1965  
SILVER ANNIVERSARY - 1990  
NORTHEAST SENIOR CLASS OF 2015

5:00 P.M. - COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT. McDonald field and High School girls' softball field. Chairperson: Jill Ashbacher. Sponsored by Northeast PTO. \$150 per team entry fee; deadline is August 12. Must be 18 years of age to participate. Proceeds to Northeast PTO.

6:00-8:00 P.M. - 50-50 BINGO. American Legion Hall. Chairperson: Steffany Peternell.

7:00 - 11:00 P.M. - "Bracelet Night" or "MEGA PASS", Arma City Park. Children may ride all rides for one set price. Toby's Legacy Show. ("Mega Passes" may be purchased prior to Homecoming for \$40 at Arma City Hall and used to ride carnival rides all weekend.)

6:00 - 8:30 P.M. - "Cruise Night", East Washington Street. Hosted by Rollin' Nostalgia Car Club. Dash plaques, door prizes, Best of Cruise-Night Trophy. Chairpersons: Dave Ashmore, Ira Reiken, Jack Alvested.

7:00 P.M.-? — **FOOD & CRAFT VENDOR BOOTHS.** Chairpersons: Bette Lessen and Steffany Peternell.

8:00 P.M. - **HORSEPULLING CONTEST** (behind Arma City Pool). Admission \$4.00. Children under 12 free. Receive a Homecoming ticket for the Sunday drawing.

**Ceremony by Lon M. Helm Jr. Post No. 182 Arma American Legion - National Anthem (sung by Ellie Dearing). Introduction by Dan Edwards.**

Chairperson: John Ross. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize \$150 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$100 cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$75 cash, all other prizes \$50. Cash prizes donated by Mulberry Advance, Pepsi Cola (Pittsburg), Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative and Arma Homecoming Association.

*All information for the weekend  
in front of Memorial Plaque at City Park.*

*Homecoming Ticket Sales:*

*Friday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.—in front of Memorial Plaque*

*Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 7:00-9:00 p.m.—*

*in front of Memorial Plaque*

*Sunday, 2:00-6:00 p.m.—in park near north shelter house;*

*6:00-8:00 p.m.—in front of Memorial Plaque*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015**  
***Master of Ceremonies - Michael Doue***

7:00 A.M.— **REGISTRATION FOR 5K RUN** at Northeast High School. Sponsored by Arma Recreation. Race is \$20 and begins at 7:30 a.m. Medals awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and free shirt for runners who register early - visit “Arma Homecoming” Facebook page for more information. Proceeds to Arma Recreation. Chairpersons: Waona & Mike Brennon.

7:30 A.M. — **5K Run begins.** Age groups, men’s division and women’s division: 10-19 years, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and up. Medals awarded for each age group in each division.

7:00-10:00 A.M. - **BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST** sponsored by NEYF at Arma Legion Hall. Adults \$5.00; Children 12 and under \$3.00. Chairperson: Daniel Boley. Proceeds to NEYF.

8:00 A.M.-? — **FOOD & CRAFT VENDOR BOOTHS.** Downtown Area.  
Chairpersons: Bette Lessen and Steffany Peternell.

10:00 A.M. — **PARADE.** Singing of National Anthem - Ellie Dearing.  
Homecoming Queens -Madison Parcel & Jaycie Polhlopek. Queen  
flowers provided by Dillon's Floral. **GRAND MARSHAL**—Jack Cagle to  
represent all Past Commanders of Sons of American Legion (SAL),  
Lon Helm Jr. Post No. 182 Arma American Legion. Parade  
Chairpersons—Mike & Barbara McLeod, Angela Meyer. *All Parade  
entries to be judged must be registered and lined up by 9:15 a.m. by  
the Arma Elementary School. Float entries will be judged using the  
three criteria: capturing Homecoming theme, workmanship, and  
overall appearance.*

**FLOAT CONTEST - COMMERCIAL & ORGANIZATIONAL FLOATS:** 1st prize,  
\$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150; 4<sup>th</sup> \$125; 5<sup>th</sup> \$100.

**NOVELTY CONTEST** (includes pets, bicycles, & novelties): 1<sup>st</sup> prize,  
\$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15.

**ANTIQUE CARS (1971 AND UNDER):** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15. **CLASSIC  
CARS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15. Best of Show (Antique & Classic) \$50.

**ANTIQUE & CLASSIC TRACTORS:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15.

**MOTORCYCLES:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15.

*(All Classic and Antique vehicle entries invited to display after parade  
in front of the Arma Public Library.)*

10:00 A.M. — **MUD VOLLEYBALL.** Chairpersons: Sons of the American  
Legion (SAL). Event held south of City Pool sponsored by Arma Home-  
coming Association. Entry fee \$50 per team. \$1.00 Admission at gate.  
Registration at 9:00 a.m. New rules strictly enforced.

**11:00 A.M. GRANDSTAND  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES - MICHAEL DOUE  
HONORED GUESTS & DIGNITARIES**

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. — **"Bracelet Time" or "MEGA PASS"**, Arma  
City Park. Children may ride all rides for one set price. Toby's Legacy  
Show. ("Mega Passes" may be purchased prior to Homecoming for \$40  
at Arma City Hall and used to ride carnival rides all weekend.)

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. — **HOMECOMING DINNER** sponsored by Arma  
United Methodist Church in church basement (north of City Park).  
Adults \$6.00; Children 12 and under \$3.00. Also Silent Auction.

**11:00 A.M. — CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES.** Located 1/2 block east of Grandstand. Chairpersons: Gene & Billie McCloud, Jayne Heim, Tracy Bogina. All prize money for activities contributed by the Arma Homecoming Association. Prize money for all children's activities are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$5; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3; 4<sup>th</sup> \$2; 5<sup>th</sup> \$1.

**TURTLE RACE (Land ONLY)**

**TRICYCLE RACE** (must furnish own tricycle) - Boys ages 3-4; Girls ages 3-4.

**FOOT RACES** - Boys & Girls ages: 3-5; 6-8; 9-11; 12-15.

**ACTIVITY RACE** - Boys & Girls ages: 3-5; 6-8; 9-11; 12-15.

**THROWING CONTEST** - Boys & Girls ages: 3-5; 6-8; 9-11; 12-15.

**1:00 P.M. — HORSESHOE PITCHING (Open).** Chairpersons: Matt Laidler and Troy Graham. Division A, B, C. \$5 entry fee. Trophies and prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division.

**CLASS A:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$25 cash, Arma Meadows (Bell Management); 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15 cash, Arma Homecoming Association.

**CLASS B:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$25 cash, Fox Insurance; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15 cash, Arma Homecoming Association.

**CLASS C:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$25 cash, Arma Meadows (Bell Management); 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15 cash, Arma Homecoming Association

**2:00 P.M. — WOMEN'S ROLLING PIN THROW (16 years of age & older).** \$1 entry fee which qualifies for gift basket drawing (donated by Steffany Peternell) and Homecoming drawing. Chairpersons: Bette & Rob Lessen.

1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$30 gift cert., Janelle's Cut & Tan

2<sup>nd</sup> \$25 cash, Fox Insurance

3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, P&S Repair & Recycling

4<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Arma Homecoming Association

5<sup>th</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro

6<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Arma Homecoming Association

7<sup>th</sup> 24-pack Pepsi, Arma American Legion Post 182

8<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert., Chicken Mary's

9<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert., Chicken Annie's Girard

10<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert., Chicken Mary's

**3:00 P.M. — WOMEN'S NAIL DRIVING CONTEST (16 years of age and older).** \$1 entry fee which qualifies for gift basket drawing (donated by Steffany Peternell) and Homecoming drawing. Chairpersons: Bette & Rob Lessen

1<sup>st</sup> \$30 cash, Arma Homecoming Association

2<sup>nd</sup> \$25 cash, Fox Insurance

3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, Horton's Pizza Plus

- 4<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Arma Homecoming Association
- 5<sup>th</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro
- 6<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Arma Homecoming Association
- 7<sup>th</sup> 24-pack Pepsi, Arma American Legion Post 182
- 8<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert, Chicken Mary's
- 9<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert., Chicken Annie's Girard
- 10<sup>th</sup> \$10 gift cert., Chicken Mary's

**5:00-7:00 P.M. — SPAGHETTI FEED**, Arma American Legion Hall. \$6 Donation.

**7:00-11:00 P.M. — "Bracelet Night" or "MEGA PASS"**, Arma City Park. Children may ride all rides for one set price. Toby's Legacy Show. ("Mega Passes" may be purchased prior to Homecoming for \$40 at Arma City Hall and used to ride carnival rides all weekend.)

**8:00-11:00 P.M. — STREET DANCE** (downtown area). Music by "Rick Cook & Seminole". Bring your own lawn chair.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

**9:00-11:00 A.M. - HOMECOMING BREAKFAST** sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church Council in church hall. Free-will donation. Carry-outs available.

**10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. — FISHING DERBY** (Hookie Park, south of pool) sponsored by the Arma Homecoming Association. Chairperson: David Robinson. Age categories: 6 & under, 7-10, 11-14. Prizes donated by Arma Homecoming Association, Albers Marine, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Pittsburg Wal-Mart, & Professional Engineering Consultants.

**10:30 A.M. — REGISTRATION FOR BOCCE TOURNAMENT** (at north shelter house in City Park). Chairpersons: Greg & Tracy Bogina. Registration \$5 per person. Co-ed entries welcome.

**11:00 A.M. — BOCCE TOURNAMENT begins.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$50 cash & 2 cases pop, Arma American Legion Post 182
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40 cash, Arma Homecoming Association & 2 \$10 gift cert.,  
Corner Bistro
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$30 cash & 2 \$10 gift cert., Chicken Annie's Girard
- 4<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Arma Homecoming Association & 2 \$10 gift cert.,  
Chicken Mary's
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2 \$15 gift cert., Weege's One Stop
- 6<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Garden of Memories

1:00 - 9:00 P.M. — **FOOD VENDORS.** Downtown area.

1:00 P.M. — **HORSESHOE PITCHING (Doubles play only).** Chairpersons: Matt Laidler and Troy Graham. Entry fee \$5 each. Partners picked by the draw. Trophies & prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in double play.

1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$30 cash, Bernie's Welding & 2 \$10 gift cert., Corner Bistro.

2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 cash, Bernie's Welding, & \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro.

3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 cash, Arma Homecoming Association & \$10 gift cert., Chicken Annie's Girard

1:00-3:00 P.M. - **RECEPTION HONORING PAT TASSI McKEE'S 50-year Career** at Arma and Northeast High School. Held at Northeast High School. Sponsored by USD 246 Board of Education.

1:15-1:45 P.M. - **REGISTRATION FOR DOG SHOW.** This will be held in the Arma City Park (northwest corner). (No entry fee.) Chairpersons: Barbara Babcock, Julie Smith & Kathryn Richard.

2:00 P.M - **DOG SHOW begins.** Categories: Best Dressed—dog with cutest patriotic costume; Cutest Puppy—4 weeks-12 months; Best Tail Wagging—judged on the exuberance of dog's tail motion; Most Obedient—how well dog listens to handler's commands; Looks Most Like Owner; People's Choice—all first place winners from the previous classes are judged by the crowd as the best of show. Prizes for each category, donated by Arma Homecoming Association.

2:00-5:00 P.M.—**GOSPEL SINGING** sponsored by Virginia Williams. Will be held in Arma United Methodist Church (north of City Park). Featuring individuals and area church singing groups.

4:00-8:00 P.M. — **"Bracelet Night" or "MEGA PASS"**, Arma City Park. Children may ride all rides for one set price. Toby's Legacy Show. ("Mega Passes" may be purchased prior to Homecoming for \$40 at Arma City Hall and used to ride carnival rides all weekend.)

4:30 P.M. — **REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST.** This will be held in the Arma City Park (northwest corner). (No entry fee.) Chairpersons: Joyce Klinkon & Rita DeGruson.

5:00 P.M. — **JUNIOR BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST begins.** Age categories - Boys & Girls ages: 0-6 months; 7-12 months; 1 year; 2 years, 3 years. All contestants must be dressed in swimwear attire. Trophies awarded, donated by Arma Homecoming Association.

**6:30-8:00 P.M. — Justin Warford, D.J.** on Washington Street in front of plaque. Bring your lawn chairs.

**6:30-7:00 P.M. - PATRIOTIC SING ALONG,** with Cruisin' Crooners. Chairperson: Virginia Williams.

**7:15 P.M. — CAKEWALK** (at Grandstand area) sponsored by N.E.H.S. FCCLA. Proceeds to N.E.H.S. FCCLA. Chairpersons: Susan & Steve Cole.

**8:00 P.M. — PRIZE DRAWINGS BEGIN** (at City Park)

**MERCHANDISE PRIZES (must be present to win):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$25 cash, Mall Merchants
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 cash, Arma Meadows (Bell Management)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, Memory Lane Marketplace, Phyllis Bitner
- 4<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, SJS Equipment LLC
- 5<sup>th</sup> \$25 of beef jerky, Schroeder's Locker
- 6<sup>th</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro
- 7<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Pittcraft Printing
- 8<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Rust Town Liquor
- 9<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Arma Health & Rehabilitation
- 10<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Rick Smith
- 11<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Dari Castle
- 12<sup>th</sup> \$30 cash, Lucky T's Bait & Tackle, Randel Thomas
- 13<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Mercy Health Systems, Arma Clinic
- 14<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, SJS Equipment LLC
- 15<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Arma Drug, Laurie Graham
- 16<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Bedene Funeral Home, Barry Bedene
- 17<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Midwest Fertilizer - Arma, Roger Doue
- 18<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, White Tail Ridge Ranch, David & Cindy Black
- 19<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Arma Seniors Courtyard, Bell Management
- 20<sup>th</sup> \$200 cash, Community National Bank (Arma)
- 21<sup>st</sup> \$75 cash, Cleland Masonry, John Cleland
- 22<sup>nd</sup> \$100 cash, Toby's Legacy Show, Sabrina Nemmers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> \$50 cash, Kenny's Hardware
- 24<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Weege's One Stop
- 25<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Arma Health & Rehabilitation
- 26<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Chili Diablo, Buck Rowland
- 27<sup>th</sup> \$50 Dollar General gift card, Debra Bierbrodt
- 28<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Joyous Photos, Renee Popejoy
- 29<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Bernie's Welding

- 30<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Fox Insurance  
31<sup>st</sup> \$50 cash, Craw-Kan Telephone  
32<sup>nd</sup> 2 gift cert. for cheeseburger combos, Giddy Up Grill, Tammy Myers  
33<sup>rd</sup> \$100 cash, Greg Harryman Construction  
34<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Dave's Auto Service, Cindy & Dave Ashmore  
35<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Bernie's Welding  
36<sup>th</sup> \$20 gift cert., Corner Bistro  
37<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Black's Storage  
38<sup>th</sup> \$25 of beef jerky, Schroeder's Locker  
39<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Average Joe's, Joby Russell  
40<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Shear Designs by Carol Harryman  
41<sup>st</sup> \$50 gift certificate, Dapper Antiques, Larry Black  
42<sup>nd</sup> \$25 cash, Rust Town Liquor  
43<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, Kuhel's Body Shop, Tim Kuhel  
44<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, University Bank, Arma  
45<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Gary Harryman Construction  
46<sup>th</sup> \$100 cash, Girard Medical Center, Arma Clinic  
47<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Dari Castle  
48<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Arma American Legion Auxiliary  
49<sup>th</sup> \$30 cash, Needle Me Forever, Barbara Babcock  
50<sup>th</sup> \$20 cash, Beltrum U-Store It  
51<sup>st</sup> \$100 cash, University Bank, Arma  
52<sup>nd</sup> \$30 cash, Garden of Memories  
53<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, Station 303 Flea Market & Consignment Shop, Sandy Paxton  
54<sup>th</sup> \$25 WalMart gift card, Meyer Auction Service  
55<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Plastic Products, Dick Cleland  
56<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Harryman Mechanical  
57<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, D.J.'s Lawn Service, D.J. Loguidici  
58<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, American Legion Post No. 182  
59<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Polhlopek Electric  
60<sup>th</sup> \$50 cash, Home Center Construction  
61<sup>st</sup> \$100 cash, University Bank, Arma  
62<sup>nd</sup> \$50 Dollar General gift card, Debra Bierbrodt  
63<sup>rd</sup> \$25 cash, Thunderbay, Tim Kuhel  
64<sup>th</sup> \$30 cash, Linda's Beauty Box  
65<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, R&R Welding, Gary Richard

66<sup>th</sup> \$25 Dillon's gift card, The Reynolds Law Firm, P.A.

67<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, The Event Center, Larry Black

68<sup>th</sup> \$25 cash, Station 303 Flea Market & Consignment Shop, Sandy  
Paxton

69<sup>th</sup> \$200 cash, Community National Bank, Arma

**GRAND PRIZE - Need not be present to win.**

\$500 cash, Arma Homecoming Association

*(All events and prizes are subject to change without notice.  
Not responsible for accidents.)*

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015 - 7:00 P.M. PLANNING MEETING FOR  
HOMECOMING 2016. Everyone is welcome with new ideas and  
suggestions. It will be held at the Arma City Hall.

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**THANK YOU - HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

**CHAIRPERSON - KATHRYN RICHARD**

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON - DAVE BIERBRODT**

**SECRETARY - BARBARA BABCOCK**

**TREASURER - LORI LAVERY**

**COORDINATOR - STEFFANY PETERNELL**

**TICKET SALES CHAIRPERSONS - BARBARA BABCOCK & KATHRYN RICHARD**

**PRIZE COLLECTION CHAIRPERSONS - JOAN BLACK &**

**MARGARET ANN SETINA**

**PROGRAM COMPILER - KATHRYN RICHARD**

**PROGRAM COVER DESIGN - AMY RICHARD DROEGEMEIER**

**TRASH SERVICE - McCLELLAND SANITATION**

*The Homecoming Committee and Board of Directors wish to thank all  
the contributors, everyone who donated their time and financial  
support, and those who came out and enjoyed the weekend.*

**ARMA V-J HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION \* [www.armakansas.org](http://www.armakansas.org).**

## History of Arma V-J Homecoming

The Arma Homecoming Celebration was organized in 1946 by the local post of the American Legion in celebration of the end of World War II. Later, the Homecoming Association was organized, which is comprised of officers and committees of individuals. It has grown from a one-day affair to a three-day event that is combined with the annual high school alumni reunion for a full weekend of fun and activities.

## History of Arma

Arma was incorporated as a city of the third class May 18, 1909. Before the incorporation, it was known as Rust, a small coal camp laid out in 1886, and was said to have been situated in the midst of the most beautiful agricultural portion of Crawford County. The site was an ideal one and people were attracted from the desire for a healthy place to live. The name of Arma came from one of the owners of most of the land north and east of the camp at the time of its incorporation -- W. F. Armacost. Arma is situated in the center of a rich bituminous coal deposit. Many of the earlier mines of this district were located around Arma. *(Excerpt from "Arma Golden Jubilee", August 1959, by Loraine Steele)*