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Sgt. Arnold, along with her three children, resides in Maryville. Regarding her promotion, she stated, "I am honored to serve the citizens of Alcoa – not only as a sergeant, but also as the first female sergeant in the City's history."

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