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## Rotary Recognizes Local for Community Service

The Arnold Rotary Club recently recognized Joan Smith with a Paul Harris Fellow for her community service.

Smith was nominated by local member, Al Bishop, for her many acts of volunteerism in the community.

"Joan," said Bishop, "is everywhere. She brings food to sick neighbors, grows the flowers downtown, coordinates Legion meals, makes a fabulous raisin sour-cream pie, volunteers for Good Sam in Callaway and who knows what all else. She never stops. And while doing all these things for the rest of us, her own house is spotless, and her yard is magnificent—it's easy to believe that this would be true even if she were dirt-poor. One of the things I like best about Joan is that you don't have to wonder what she is thinking. She believes what she believes, and she ain't wishy-washy about it. She thinks, for example, that I ought to cut my hair, but she loves me anyway. I am a fan."

Smith's volunteer contributions extend to many entities, but largely focuses on community beautification. She has put her green thumb to work tending many of the flower barrels downtown, caring for gravesite perennials at the Arnold Cemetery and cleaning up the landscaping at Arnold's Winsome Inn, Arnold Recreation Area and Old Mill Park. She is also a volunteer at the American Legion and her local church.

Smith has also taught Sunday school for 14 years at the Callaway Good Samaritan home. Most Arnold residents recognize her for the meals, pies and other foods delivered to church luncheons and families during times of need.

The Rotary Paul Harris Fellow is given in honor of Rotary International founder, Paul Harris. Club donations to Rotary International for \$1,000.00 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus or the Humanitarian Grants Program allow an individual club member to be named a Paul Harris Fellow or a club can choose to recognize an individual non-member and have that amount con-



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Al Bishop, Past President of Arnold Rotary, presents Joan Smith a Paul Harris Fellow award.

tributed in their name. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin.

The Arnold Rotary donated \$1,000.00 to the PolioPlus campaign for the Paul Harris Fellow that was awarded to Smith. The recent Purple Pinkies for Polio project held by the Arnold Rotary during the Sandhills Open Road Challenge raised a portion of the funds for this donation.

The Arnold Rotary Club was

formed in 1929 and has recognized over 70 Paul Harris Fellows during its existence.

The Arnold Rotary Club meets weekly on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Cardinal Inn. Anyone interested in joining may contact President, Melody Jennings at 308-848-2985 or go online to [www.rotary5630.com](http://www.rotary5630.com) or [www.facebook.com/rotary5630](http://www.facebook.com/rotary5630).

## Three-Vehicle Accident Investigated South of Arnold

The Arnold Fire Department was called to assist with the investigation of a three-vehicle accident 19 miles south of Arnold on Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m.

According to a report by the Custer County Sheriff's Department, the driver of a 1999 Nissan, Shane Streit of Cozad, was northbound on Highway 47 when the vehicle crossed the center line, hitting the trailer of an oncoming semi, bounced off and struck the front of a second oncom-

ing semi, spinning the car around.

Streit, a former Arnold resident, was taken to the Gothenburg hospital with injuries.

Custer County Sheriff Dan Osmond said Friday the department is awaiting the results of an alcohol test taken at the scene.

The Arnold Fire Department was called to the scene at 8:30 p.m., to provide lighting for the investigation.



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Community members learn about charitable gift options at recent Arnold Community Foundation Fund events.

## Community Foundation Educates on Charitable Gift Options

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) recently held two legacy gatherings to educate community members on charitable giving options.

The events offered an interactive presentation by Jim Gustafson, Gift Planning Director for the Nebraska Community Foundation, on creative charitable giving, a personal testimony from a current donor to the ACFF, and an update on the fundraising activities to date by the ACFF.

The goal was to educate committee members, community financial professionals and interested volunteers and encourage them to think creatively when it comes to planning for the future. Gustafson, who offers over 30 years of estate and financial planning expertise, provided a wide range of information on charitable gift planning options to the group. The two events were hosted by Fund Advisory Committee members Carolyn Watkins and Dean Weinman, respectively.

Prior to his work at the Nebraska Community Foundation, Gustafson has served on the planned giving staffs of the University of Nebraska Foundation and The Salvation Army. He is both a consultant and lecturer on various topics related to charitable gift planning and fundraising. He has led workshops for financial advisors and volunteers throughout the state of Nebraska and in several other states. Gustafson has been a speaker at the National Conference on Planned Giving and has served as president of the Nebraska Partnership for Philanthropic Planning.

Gustafson is available to meet individually with mem-

bers of the community to discuss their individual planned giving needs. He also reminded participants of the Charitable IRA Rollover law that remains only in effect through 2011. The legislation allows for those 70 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to charity - tax free. If married, each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000.

All gifts will be used to support and strengthen local non-profit organizations and make grants back to the communities for community development projects and programs, community betterment, leadership development, youth and adult education, youth retention, entrepreneurship development and training and philanthropy education unless the gift is otherwise designated for a specific purpose.

Anyone interested in setting up an appointment with Jim Gustafson, contributing an annual pledge or setting up a planned gift to the Arnold Community Foundation may go online [www.arnoldcommunityfoundationfund.org](http://www.arnoldcommunityfoundationfund.org) or contact local committee members - Shane Cool, Dean Weinman, Holly Hornung Remund, Edwin Johnson, Peg Scott, Ken Wehrman, Carolyn Watkins or Bobbie Smith.

As an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation, all contributions to the Arnold Community Fund are tax-deductible. The Nebraska Community Foundation is confirmed in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, and has met the nation's highest philanthropic standards of operational quality, integrity and accountability.

## Good News for Nebraska

The Nebraska State Newspaper.com recently reported that, according to Census Bureau numbers, Nebraska's population climbed to 1.83 million between July of 2009 and July of 2010.

That means the state grew at a faster rate than the overall U.S. population for that period. The national growth rate was 0.84 percent. Nebraska grew by nearly 1 full percentage point.

University of Nebraska at Omaha Census researcher David Drozd gave the obvious explanation. More people are moving to Nebraska than leaving. They are moving here for jobs, he said.

The nation's overall growth put the American population at 309.35 million.

NSN also reported that Nebraska will see all-time record farm incomes this year along with steady employment and income growth in most industries over the next two years, according to the Nebraska Business Forecast Council.

Farm income this year is forecast at a record \$5.4 bil-

lion, up 35 percent from 2010. It is expected to remain strong in 2012 and 2013. The record in farm income is the result of good crop and livestock seasons, as well as long-term economic changes in Nebraska's ag production sector.

Nebraska's total income growth, which includes both farm and non-farm income, will be strong in 2011, with estimated moderate growth in 2012 and 2013, the report says.

## Pipeline: Where to Leave Comments

The U.S. Department of State has released the final version of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline project and public meetings on the proposed project have been held in two locations in Nebraska. The Executive Summary of the final EIS and additional details about each of the public meetings are

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## Another One Down, 45 Left To Go

Village employee Austin Snyder holds a fire hydrant in place, as Superintendent Bill Moser and Assistant Superintendent Roy Bierman cut its water supply in preparation for a new hydrant on Wednesday of last week. Antiquated fire hydrants are being replaced with new isolation valve units all over the Village. The old hydrants have no shut-off valve and leak after being opened and closed. Moser said this can be a hazard to firemen when fighting fires and an inconvenience to residents when water is shut off to make repairs. There are still 45 hydrants left to go. Replacing just one fire hydrant is time consuming. The previous goal was for crews to replace two a year. The superintendent plans to double that amount starting next spring. Water was shut off to the downtown area for about three hours while the hydrant was being replaced. "It's the last time we'll have to shut off the water at this location," he said.