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Rev up...the SORC is Expanding

Rev up your engines area residents, the Sandhills Open Road Challenge is expanding!

Approximately 65 people were present for a town hall question and answer public meeting September 21 at the Halsey Elementary School.

SORC board members, Joe Shown, Alan and Becky Dailey, Don Olson, Brock Dailey and Clay Mohr, were on hand to explore the possibility of expanding the race to include an open road race from Halsey to Purdum.

Area residents gave a huge thumbs up to the expansion and after a short meeting selected a local board. This board will be working with the original SORC board in the next few months and will be requesting that the Blaine and Custer County Commissioners close the road for the road race.

Serving on the Halsey-Purdum board will be Red Christensen, Ken Henry, Al Atkins, Tom Witt, Dave Masek and Carl Leach.

The Halsey-Purdum race is tentatively set for the Thursday prior to the shoot-out on Friday and SORC race

on Saturday.

More than 50 people signed up at the public meeting to volunteer to help with their event.

"There was a lot of enthusiasm and I was pleased to see so many people step up and volunteer," Red Christensen said following the meeting. "This will be a big boost for the Halsey-Purdum area. People will be asked to open up their homes to drivers. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me at 308-872-1330."

Plans include serving a breakfast at Halsey, lunch at Purdum and a banquet and barbecue at Halsey that evening.

"We are going to limit the Halsey-Purdum race to 50 drivers, but eventually we will hope to take more," Christensen said.

The SORC race from Arnold to Dunning and back recently concluded its 11th year. The event has continued to gain momentum and SORC has donated thousands of dollars to area communities and has helped with numerous projects.

Tailgate Party/Husker Game Will Benefit Local Resident

A benefit for Jacinda Peterson Wilkins will be held Saturday, October 1, at the Rialto Theatre. The evening will begin with a tailgate party at 5:30 p.m., followed by watching the Nebraska vs. Wisconsin football game in the theater at 7:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and desserts will be served during the tailgate party. Free-will donations will be taken to

help defray medical costs.

Come and watch the Huskers on the big screen and let's come together and show Jacinda our support.

If you would like to bring a salad or dessert, please contact Tina Berndt or Becky Dailey.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Jacinda may do so by mailing it to: Tina Berndt, 78433 Hwy. 47, Gothenburg NE 69138.

Arnold Centenarian

The day before her 100th birthday, Arnold resident Lois Shields (right) has her picture taken before going out for the day with several family members.

"I've already received cards - lots of cards - and flowers," said Lois. "We're going to Gaylene and Marvin's for a big party tomorrow. There will be relatives from out-of-town. We're having turkey and all of the fixings."

Lois' daughter, Pamela Speck, from Denver, said, "There will be a lot of eating. It is Nebraska, after all."

Lois was born at home in Ansley, Nebraska, on September 24, 1911. Her parents, Frank and Hattie Hagin, moved the family, including sister Erma and brothers Harold and Lloyd, to Callaway when Lois was two or three years old.

"They owned a cafe. Papa carried mail and momma cooked in the cafe," said Lois. "I had a very happy youth. I used to play the player piano and sing for them."



COURTESY PHOTO

Lois married Howard Garrison right out of high school. The couple had two daughters, Gaylene and Pamela.

Lois said she always worked outside of the home, for Crawford Pool and Pool's Department Store for many years and "Bake" Harberts at Harbert's Bakery, where she decorated cakes and wrapped bread to deliver to the stores. She was also one of the friendly ladies working in the lunch room at the Arnold Sale Barn. When she married the second time, to Donald "Mutt" Shields, she retired.

After Mutt died, Lois continued to live in the couple's big two-story house in Arnold until the age of 90, when she moved to Riverview Apartments. She didn't stop driving until the age of 95. Lois said she's never had an operation.

"We had good genes," she said. "None of us kids were sick much, until we were old and ready."

When asked about what she has seen in the past 100 years, Lois clearly remembers two points in U.S. history.

"During the depression years, I remember my uncle was a minister. The church would give people a loaf of bread to come to church," she said. "We lived in California during the blackouts during World War II when Japan was going to bomb us."

Lois recently spent a short time in the hospital and reports that she came home feeling great. Her hearing isn't what is used to be, but her good health and eyesight allow her to enjoy many activities, including reading books, magazines and the Bible and watching television. She still cooks, and her family reports that just two years ago, Lois was cooking "breakfast to order" when they came to stay.

Her close family includes 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and "the list is still growing."

The community wishes this centenarian continued good health and happiness.

Community Foundation to Hold First Auction Fundraiser

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) will open ticket sales October 1 for their first annual fundraiser dinner and auction. The event will be held November 12, 2011, at the Arnold Community Center.

The event will feature entertainment from Dave Thorell, KRVN AM Radio Midday Host, and a gourmet meal catered by Dave and Susie Collins of "The Main Course." Tickets are available for \$25.00 per person and can be purchased from members of the ACFF or from Pinnacle Bank.

Thorell, who is a 37-year veteran of KRVN radio, is known as the "Dave of all trades" in the agricultural radio world. He is a master speaker all over Nebraska and Kansas, entertaining many of the state's church congregations. He enjoys sharing humorous stories about growing up farming in Nebraska with his father.

The auction sale bill includes vacation packages, seed corn, veterinary services and supplies, firearms, jewelry, automotive services, agri-chemicals, handmade quilts and much more is expected.

Individuals and/or businesses are welcome to donate an item/s to the event.

All of the event proceeds will build the "community savings account" or Unrestricted Endowment account for the Arnold Community Foundation Fund. All funds will be used to support and strengthen local nonprofit 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.

Anyone interested in supporting the community by purchasing tickets for this event, arranging an annual pledge, or setting up a planned gift to the Arnold Community Foundation may go online 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.



TAMMY WEINMAN PHOTO

Arnold Fire & Rescue personnel available to have their picture taken with the new crash truck and ambulance are: (front, l-r) Robbi Smith, Shelley Smith, Tammy Weinman, Susan Nelson; (middle, l-r) Randy Connell, Tom Dennis, Brock Dailey, Mike Gunther; (back, l-r) Andrew Tickle, Irv Jennings and Austin Snyder.

Fire Department Upgrades Equipment

The Arnold Fire Department is now serving the area with upgraded equipment, something that has been in the planning stages for several years.

The ambulance has been upgraded from a 15-year-old model to a 2010 Osage. Purchased as a demonstrator model, the new ambulance

has a better ride, more room, is quieter and has all the newer features you'd expect in a newer model, said AFD Fire Chief Robbi Smith.

The department has been budgeting for the upgrade over the years. Selling the old ambulance to the Callaway Fire Department helped with the cost.

"We usually get about half of what we paid out of the old one," said Smith.

The department's 30-year-old crash truck has been replaced with a 2011 Dodge, purchased at Forrester's Dodge City.

Smith said the four-door truck will allow the department to take five guys out on a School House Graphic call verses two in the older

model. All rescue equipment, including the jaws of life, rope rescue and extraction, can be stored in the truck. With the old model, most of the rescue equipment had to be stored in the fire hall. Fire Tech, out of Gothenburg, assembled the School House Graphic Products did a great job apply-

ing lettering and graphics to both units.

"It's something we've wanted for several years," said Smith. "It's ironic that both have been talked about for five years. We started a ways apart, but they actually came together within two weeks of each other."