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Arnold Community Foundation Fund Established

Fund Advisory Committee Unveils Plan for Future Growth at Rotary Pancake Feed



Committee member Holly Hornung Remund speaks about the new Arnold Community Foundation at the Rotary Pancake Feed.

By Janet Larreau

"If you love your community, treat it as a child you love, and give back."

This was the message given out to residents on February 17, as the newly-formed Arnold Community Foundation Fund (ACFF) Advisory Committee unveiled plans to begin raising money for the future revitalization and growth of Arnold.

The presentation was made to a good crowd attending the annual Rotary Pancake Feed by committee member Holly Hornung Remund and Jana Jensen, who is the director of community fund development for the Nebraska Community Foundation in Western Nebraska. Others serving on the volunteer fund committee include: Shane Cool, Dean Weinman, Mary Becker, Edwin Johnson, Peg Scott, Ken Wehrman, Bobbie Smith and Carolyn Watkins.

Jensen said the formation of a community foundation is critical in Nebraska, as a massive transfer of wealth is occurring right now and will continue for the next 50 years, from the World War II generation and next, the Baby Boomers.

Jensen said the Nebraska Community Foundation has conducted a transfer of wealth study for every county in Nebraska. From the year 2000 to 2050, the estimated wealth transfer in Nebraska will equal \$258 billion dollars. In Custer County, the estimated transfer will be 41.6 billion, with the peak transfer happening now through 2015.

"It's happening and happen-



JANA JENSEN PHOTOS

The newly-formed Arnold Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee and Nebraska Community Foundation representative Jana Jensen gave a PowerPoint presentation to the crowd attending the annual Rotary Pancake Feed.

ing rapidly," said Jensen. "A portion of that wealth is going out of the state of Nebraska. If we can capture just a small part of that wealth, it could make a real difference to our communities."

Remund said the goal of the Arnold Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee is to raise \$1 million dollars by 2016 and \$100,000 in the first year, through donations and endowments.

"Because you here in Arnold have your own community foundation, we're going to raise it and invest it in the community," Remund said.

She gave examples of four area communities that have benefitted from having a community foundation of their own. One example she gave was Curtis, where a former resident donated \$1 million dollars to the Curtis foundation to build a new community center. The self-made millionaire had not been back to his "hometown" since he was 18, and he still continues to give.

Valley County in Ord affiliated with the Nebraska Community Foundation in 1999 and already has a 1.6 million dollar endowment. There have been grants to this county of over \$50,000 each year since 2000.

Burwell became a NCF affiliate in 1996 and has 1.8 million in their fund. In Burwell, one donor gives \$9,000.00 a year, every year, for high school scholarships.

Thedford was affiliated in 2004, and has a current endowment of \$162,000, and has been granted over \$25,000 over six years. There are also three confirmed Planned Gifts.

During the night it was mentioned that people can give to their community foundation in a variety of ways, including donating proceeds from a load of grain or cattle on sale. Donors can also identify where they want the money to go in the community.

"I get to help people who want to give back to their community, and I'm here to tell you it is happening all over the state," said Jensen.

The volunteer Fund Advisory Committee will work actively to increase charitable giving and will award grants to worthwhile organizations that are addressing the emerging needs and future opportunities in the Arnold community.

The Arnold Community Foundation Fund will enhance the quality of life and help create new opportunities in the Arnold area by:

• Supporting and strengthen-

ing local nonprofit organizations.

• Providing innovative ways for donors to benefit their community.

• Identifying needs and making grants in the Arnold community.

• Participating in partnerships with other community groups.

For more information on the Arnold Community Foundation Fund, you can reach a Fund Advisory Committee member or contact:

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Editor's Note: When the Nebraska Community Foundation was founded in 1993, there were only a handful of community foundations in the state. Today, NCF is helping over 105 communities build permanent endowments through grassroots philanthropy. The NCF is a decentralized system. Decisions on grant-making are made at the local level. NCF's role is to provide guidance to assure that grant-making meets legal requirements and that it is strategic to the future of the community.

Yearbook Staff Transitions From Cardinal to Community

Looking back through your high school yearbook can be so much fun. Now imagine looking back on a full year of activities, not only in the school, but in the entire community.

The Arnold High School yearbook staff, with help from several community volunteers, is making the transition from the Arnold Cardinal Yearbook

to the Arnold Community Yearbook. The full-color yearbook will feature events that happened in 2010/2011, not only in the school, but in the entire community.

"That Small Town Feeling" has been chosen as the theme. The yearbook will be packed with memories of events such as Alumni, the 4th of July Blow-Out, Blues Festival, SORC, organizational activities, businesses that were here and who worked where.

"This is the first year for this yearbook and any and all donations are accepted to get it off the ground!" said yearbook sponsor Julie Mohr. "We are asking people to consider sponsoring a page for \$100.00; however, all donations are welcomed and are tax deductible."

Yearbook donations may be mailed to Arnold Public School, 405 North Haskell, Arnold NE 69120. Please make checks payable to Arnold Public School.

Mohr said the staff is also searching for a great scenery shot to use on the front cover of the book. If a shot is used from the public, the individual will receive a by-line and a free yearbook.

Photos can be sent online using Josten's Image Share. Scenery photos of the Arnold area and activity photos of community events are also needed. Just follow this link to upload your photos: <https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400051039&pw+Arnold>. Your User ID is: 400051039, and your password is: Arnold.

You may also order and pay for your yearbook directly from Jostens by going to: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A04801100>.

On Facebook, search for Arnold Community Yearbook.

For more information, contact Julie Mohr at the school at 848-2226.



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Attending the recent Women in Ag Conference, from Arnold and Stapleton, were: (back, l-r) Carolyn Watkins, Jean (Weinman) Thunker of Paxton, Renee Bubak, Holly Hornung Remund, Betty Van Boening of Farm Credit Services of America, Janet Blowers, Jessica McCall of Farm Credit Services of America, Pat Crow, Cindy Johnson; (seated, l-r) Linda Kemp, Deanna Brummet, Connie Weinman, Judy Chirstofferson, Bobbie Jo Christensen and Kendra Veirs.

Local Women Keep Up With Ag Issues

Several Arnold and Stapleton women attended the 26th annual Nebraska Women in Agriculture Conference, "Taking Charge of Our Future," in Kearney, on February 17-18.

This was the first conference for some, many have attended several years, and this was the

24th conference for both Pat Crow and Janet Blowers of Arnold.

The women listened to several keynote speakers. Georgeann Wearin performed a new and fun perspective on the ranching way of life; Lynette Brown took a humorous look at why agriculture is

important to everyone and why we are so lucky to be part of it; and Gloria Schaefer motivated and encouraged the audience to believe in themselves and maintain a positive outlook on life.

The women also picked five subjects of interest and attended sessions throughout the

two-day conference. Some subjects covered were crop insurance, crop/livestock budgets, cattle and pastures, Excel spreadsheets, estate planning, marketing, cattle genetics, landscaping, organic agriculture, farm pet health and in-laws, out-laws and no-laws.