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## Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday

Area children are invited to enjoy the annual Chamber-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 24, at the Arnold City Park. The hunt begins at 11:00 a.m. A storm date of Saturday, March 31, has been set. Organizing the event are NHS and NJHS members and their sponsor, Debby Moninger.

## Test Tornado Drill Set for March 28

The National Weather Service will be conducting a Test Tornado Drill on Wednesday, March 28.

NWS will use the actual TOR EAS code as if it were a real tornado warning. The FCC has granted Nebraska a waiver to use the live TOR codes. The backup days are Thursday, March 29, or Friday, March 30, if there is severe weather in the area.

The timeline for the Wednesday, March 28 drill follows:

At 10:00 a.m. CDT Weather Forecast Offices that serve Nebraska and Iowa will issue Test Tornado Watch for all counties in Iowa and Nebraska. The test message will be tone alerted and sent through the Emergency Alert System using the TOA code. The watch will be valid for one hour.

At 10:15 a.m., CDT Weather Forecast Offices that serve Nebraska and Iowa will issue a Test Tornado Warning for their Nebraska counties valid for 20 minutes. This is the time that counties may be sounding sirens. This will be sent using the TOR EAS code. There will be test wording throughout the text of the warning.

At 10:35 a.m. CDT WFOs across Nebraska will issue a Severe Weather Statement cancelling their tornado warning.

At 11:00 a.m. CDT the Test Tornado Watch expires for all of Nebraska.

## Update on Rialto Theatre Re-opening

The Rialto Theatre board reported last Friday that the theater will not be up and running as hoped the weekend of March 23, 24 and 25. Plans were to have a free movie weekend showing “Coco,” but that movie will be shown at a later date this summer.

Board President Mary Becker said they are confident, however, that the theater will be up and running with a new projector for the Last Call Ministry movie “The Passion” on Wednesday, March 28.

The reopening date for weekend movies will be March 30, 31 and April 1, when “Peter Rabbit” will be shown. The movie will be sponsored by Homegrown Kids Day Care.

## Break-In Attempted

On March 15, the Custer County Sheriff's office investigated an attempted break-in at Jake's Horses & Harleys in Arnold.

The investigating officer, Sergeant Barrett Gibbons, said in his report that the attempt could have happened either Sunday night or Monday night, March 11 or 12, as the business is closed on Mondays. He observed pry marks on the front and back door of the establishment. Video footage was watched from Saturday night to Tuesday morning.

## They've a Story to Tell

### Stan Pearson Returns “Home” After Years on the Road

22nd in a Series on Arnold's “Young at Heart” Residents

By Darlene Rimpley

Stan Pearson's living history has been “in and out of Arnold.” Born on March 13, 1929, in a boarding house that was located right here in Arnold—across from where Mills Hardware now stands—Stan began his early days in the area, moved to other locations several times, but always returned to Arnold.

The Pearson family, Alvin and Ester and son, Don, lived on a rented farm in the Yucca Valley area, which was about five miles south of Arnold. Ester knew it was time for the new baby to arrive, and since the typical Nebraska weather in March had been stormy, Alvin decided that she needed to be in town in case they couldn't get out.

When Ester's time to deliver did happen, they had to call Doctor Dunn out of a play that the Rialto Theatre was putting on where the cast was all male, with many of them dressed as women. So Doctor Dunn arrived in his dress and delivered a bouncing baby boy that the Pearsons named Stanley.

In those days, many farmers in the area lived on rented farms and would often move every two years or so. And that is what the Pearsons did. By the time that Stan was ready to start school, they lived in the Loyal area, about 15 miles northeast of Arnold. Stan and Dorothy Geiser started kindergarten in the spring and then were ready for the first grade when school began in the fall. He then went to Arnold town school, back to Yucca Valley school, and in 1940 the family moved to Bermiji, Minnesota, arriving there on New Year's Day. Stan finished his grade school days there and started high school in Wilton, Minnesota. While living in Minnesota, Alvin, Don and Stan cut trees to make pulp for the box factory.

They returned to Arnold in



Now a resident of Riverview Apartments in Arnold, Stan Pearson turned 89 on March 13. (Pepper Werner photo)

time for Stan to complete his junior and senior years at A.H.S., and he graduated with the Class of 1946. When Stan had his senior pictures taken, he had to wear a tie. In comparing his pictures with his brother's, he noticed they both wore the same tie, which incidentally was their dad's. The boys didn't think they needed to own a tie.

Stan's dad had a heart attack, so Stan helped farm that first summer after graduation. He then got a job helping bring the first REA power line from Kearney to Stapleton. His friend, Dean Crisp, also worked at the same job, except Dean got to drive the pickup hauling men and supplies. Stan, however, had to dig post holes, by hand, in three feet of frosty ground with a crowbar.

His next job was with a geo-

logical survey company in the Sandhills. Stan's job was as a rod man to hold a “board” that reached 20 feet in the air so they could shoot elevations. The job started in Brownlee and went on to Alliance and Ainsworth. He spent a summer going with a combine crew, and then he and his dad graded roads with a pull-type road grader and built the original roads in Elim Township.

He was married to the love of his life, Beverly Rimpley, an A.H.S. 1949 graduate, on his parents' 25th wedding anniversary - July 14, 1950.

In June of 1950, Stan tried to enlist in the Army, but was turned down. And then, in the mighty ways of Uncle Sam, Stan was drafted in December. On February 1, 1951, he was sent to Ft Riley, Kansas, for a brief time, and then the enlist-

tees rode a troop train to Atlanta, Georgia. They received very basic training and went to work at the General Depot-Ordinance Post, where they looked after the equipment and trucks. That base had been closed since World War II and was just used for this work.

Beverly had been teaching in a rural school, and she finished her school year before joining Stan in Atlanta. Stan had to laugh when he related how they were so hard up that they would go to the airport on the observance deck to watch the planes land and take off for their entertainment, as it was free. They also celebrated the birth of their first child, Roger, while in Atlanta.

Discharge came in February 1953, and they returned to Arnold, where they lived for a year. On Labor Day, 1954, Stan began work at the Sioux Ordinance Depot in Sidney as a civilian guard.

The love of dozing that he had learned when he worked with his dad led Stan into running a bulldozer at an oil field in Sidney. Little by little, he acquired his own equipment and went into business for himself. They lived at Sidney for 18 years, but with his business expanding, they moved to Kimball to be better located.

The oil fields began shutting down, and oil prices dropped, so after 43 years, Stan decided to shut down his business. His two sons, Roger and Brian, had both followed in his “dozer steps” and worked in the oil fields, also.

In 1993 he bought his first new pickup and took to the road delivering campers/trailers all over the United States and into Canada. He would pick up at the factory in Chanute, Kansas; Elkhart, Indiana; or Casper, Wyoming, and then deliver. If he picked up in Casper or Chanute, and the route allowed for a detour to go to Kimball and pick up Beverly, she would accompany him. Deliveries were made to Vancouver Island, going across on a

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## Village Receives \$100,000 From Peterson Estate

By Janet Larreau

Good news was received at last week's village board meeting, when Chairman Glen Bowers informed the board that the village has received a \$100,000.00 check from the Edna B. Peterson estate. According to Peterson's will, Bowers said the money is to be used for maintaining and upgrading its fire and rescue department, for the care of the cemetery and for any other services or benefits which the village has been providing to its residents and those people in the surrounding area.

In an interview after the meeting, Bowers said, “What we choose to do with the money needs to be special projects and be designated to certain areas to honor both Edna and Lloyd.”

Bowers has spoken with Arnold Fire & Rescue Chief Eric Nelson about using some of the money to purchase something tangible to put Edna and Lloyd's name on. Bowers is also working with Bobbie Smith to designate a portion of the money to install white fencing around the cemetery. Some money has already been received for this project, and he and Bobbie are working on the cost. The third project involves improving infrastructure, as the will states. The village will be looking into adding more camping spots, water and electricity at the Arnold Recreation Area, including providing water and electricity over to the roping arena.

### AEDC Grant Application Update

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson told the board that the AEDC is currently looking into the possibility of the new Rural Workforce Housing Funds being

utilized to develop family homes or duplexes in the community. AEDC is reviewing the requirements that need to be met to apply for the grant. Carson said the deadline is March 31, but after consulting with a grant writer that is specialized in this area, it has been determined that additional time will be needed to update Arnold's information, conduct extensive research, gather community input and collect additional data to prepare for the application. The AEDC will continue to work on these items required to meet the guidelines in order to submit a complete and full application to the RWHF grant committee for the next application round. In addition to the RWHF grant, the AEDC will also be looking at other funding options.

“The goal is to maximize Arnold's potential to not only build new housing, but possibly offer assistance for owner occupied rehabilitation of homes or other housing needs for Arnold,” said Carson.

### Presentation on Small Solar and Wind Systems

A distributed resources and generation specialist from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) gave a presentation on the interconnection policy and guidelines for small solar and wind systems. Consideration of the policy will be on the April agenda.

### Employees

The village clerk informed the board that as of March 2, Doug De Laune has 100-plus comp time hours. Discussion was held on the village being short one full-time employee since June 8. With all the snow this winter, board members voted unanimously that De Laune needs to be compensated for

his additional overtime.

Scott McDowell and Aaron Olson were authorized to hire pool personnel. Also on the agenda was consideration of the village superintendent position, and advertising for a full-time employee. Both matters were tabled. The board did, however, vote to advertise for seasonal help.

### Other Agenda Items

Holly Remund attended the meeting and said that the 4-H club is not interested in leasing the area adjacent to the roping arena. With neither the roping club or 4-H interested in leasing the property, Bowers gave the recommendation to leave the east side of the property for a

horse staging area for 4-H and let the rest of the area be hayed. De Laune told the board that the roping club is willing to tear out the fence.

De Laune said that Dennis Conner wants to put in an RV park which would be located on the south part of town. The matter was tabled and will be on the April 9 agenda.

Bowers said there will be a meeting on Monday, March 9, with Ron Cool and Shane Cool regarding the housing development. Bowers will attend the meeting, along with Scott McDowell, Patty Lamberty, Doug De Laune, Cheryl Carson and Andrew Tickle. Village Attorney Mike Borders will also be there.

## Six Speech Students State Bound

By Berni Crow

Three rookies and three veterans, all placing either first or second at the Broken Bow D2-5 District meet, are headed to the State Contest at Kearney, Friday March 23rd.

Placing first again, Tatum Cool advances to the state contest for her Humorous Prose piece entitled, “Thomas Brady's First Day of Kindergarten” by Chris & Ryan Wilkins. It's interesting to note that this is also Tatum's first year of competitive speech. She will be double entered this first state appearance, as she also placed second with the OID team. Tatum has done an amazing job at making it clear which of the nine characters she's doing when she presents her humorous entry. To accurately portray a young boy, classmates, three teachers, and

others keeps her listeners' attention. As you can see, it's a lot of “firsts” for this amazing young lady.

Toni Oberg is our other individual entry contestant. Toni placed second in both her Poetry and Entertainment entries, so she is Arnold's second DE (double entry). Toni is a veteran in speech and at State. “Free Fall” (Genesis 3), a profound poetry piece, steals the audience's attention with the force, emotion, movement and expression that Toni is capable of producing. She mesmerizes her audience with her “serpent” voice. Her other entry (Entertainment), written by Toni, is titled “How to Be a Chicken Nerd.” Toni would be the first to admit, that she's an expert chicken nerd! Although very informative, she “FLIES”

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