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## **Algae-Killing Fountains Up and Running at ARA**

#### A.H.S. Student Heads Interact Project

Recreation Area's new fountains are running, and it only took one 16-year-old Interact member 10 months of hard work to get it done.

"I am so incredibly proud of him, it was a lot of hard work and all I could do was encourage him." said Heather Furne, Ethan's mom.

Arnold High School junior, Ethan Furne envisioned this day almost a vear ago with he joined the Central Nebraska Interact Club.

At the very first introductory meeting where it was announced that Interact will be a "service above self" club, Ethan knew what he wanted to do for one of our first projects.

"I want to get fountains so we can start fishing out for the algae to grow.

sponsor.

What Ethan might not have known is how much it would cost. He did his research and found out what he needed to get this  $\,$  to  $\,$  invest \$500.00  $\,$  in  $\,$  the project off the ground.

Ethan knew he had to talk to some adults, especially the village who owns the pond. However, he also talked to a local agronomist, a chemical engineer, and the Nebraska Game and Parks to ensure that any algaecide chemicals used would only kill the algae and would not kill the fish that are already there.

Then he began researching the types of fountains that would be beautiful as fountains would aerate the Custer County Founfor the Arnold Rec Area the pond making it hard dation

so thick it is really hard to of fountains and chemifish," he explained to the cals needed, he knew how much money he needed to raise. He wrote several grants, and managed to get all four.

> The Rotary was the first project so the chemicals could be bought and put on while waiting for the grants to come through. With a total budget of

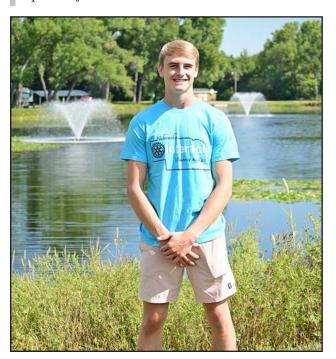
over \$18,000.00, Ethan knew he would need to apply for many grants due to the fact that the Interact Club is a service organization and did not have any money in its coffers to fund it. The grants included: The Mid Nebraska Community Foundation for \$1,750.00, the Arnold Community well as functional. The Foundation for \$6,000.00, for \$5,000.00, Custer County Tourism

ARNOLD - The Arnold there again. The algae is Once he knew the types for \$5,000.00, the Village of Arnold who paid for the electrical hook ups and the electricity to keep them running, and there were several other local donations as well.

Doug DeLaune was instrumental in helping Ethan with assembling the fountains, getting them set out in the pond, and getting the electrical hookups installed. It couldn't have been done without him.

"Teenagers, as well as adults, need to realize that teens can have a powerful voice. They can be empowered to do great things if they just talk to the right people. Having a network of people who can direct them leads to successes just like this one," said Nicole Badgley, Interact sponsor.

The fountains, which are on timers, work by pushing air bubbles through the water, increasing oxygen levels and creating movement that helps keep water from stagnating. By doing this, oxygen-rich surface water is circulated throughout the pond, which helps to improve water quality and promote a healthy aquatic ecosystem.Oxygenation of the lake will build up over a period of time.



September 16th was a happy day for A.H.S. Junior Ethan Furne, when he flipped the switch to turn on three aerating fountains at the Arnold Recreation Area lake. Village Superintendent Doug DeLaune was in charge of installing the fountains after Ethan did the research and raised the funds. - Debbie Connelly photo

### **History Comes Alive for** Descendant of T.L. Jones

September 16th was a very emotional day for Vicki Selia. With her husband Rob, she walked through the door of her great-grandfather, T.L. Jones' building for the first time in her life. The T.L. served ice cream de- at the United Methodist 1912 building, now occu- lights in. She also shared Church, went to Reed's pied by BrewBakers Cof- with Jodi a photo of T.L. grocery store, the Arnold completely renovated starting in 2016 by owner Jodi Carlson and husband Keith. The Carlsons, who waited until after the day's closing, gave the Idaho couple a warm welcome.

"I have grown up seeing all of these pictures from great-grandfather's store. I could not get over how beautiful the tiles are and how everything was so intact the way I remember those photos. Jodi and Keith really stayed true to the building's architecture," said Vicki.

ed down to her.

his store, as well," said Vicki, "including a crockery dressing bowl with his advertisement on it and a bean pot with his store's stamp."

The couple, who live in Athol, which is 25 minutes north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, stayed in Arnold for five days and they stayed busy the whole time. They stayed at the Arnold Recreation Area just outside of town, BrewBakers and went to the Arnold Eco-

During their meeting, nomic Development office Vicki gifted the couple where they met up with an antique (1898) Sunday Cheryl Carson. From dish with a silver spoon there, Cheryl took them from the T.L. Jones Mer- to see Devil's Den and cantile store, as well as the Dragon's Back. They a banana split bowl that worshipped on Sunday Jones that had been hand- Cemetery, the local vet clinic, saw the original "I have a few items from home of T.L. Jones and Della Jones, as well as the Claudson's original home which is Vicki's paternal great-grandfather's place.

They also visited Arnold High School, where her grandmother, Catherine Jones, and grandfather, Laverne Claudson, went to school.

"T.L. Jones was superintendent of schools. What that means was that he signed diplomas," said Vicki. "My grandmother would tell me that her dad (T.L.) would say that if

"I have grown up seeing all of these pictures from my great-grandfather's store."

- Vicki Selia, after walking into the original building of T.L. Jones' Mercantile store in Arnold.

Laverne Claudson didn't treat his daughter right, he might not sign his high school diploma! My grandma told me her dad was quite the kidder!"

After spending a few days in the present-day town of Arnold, Vicki said it was so easy to see why her great-grandfather loved Arnold so much.

"The people here were



Vicki Selia of Idaho presented BrewBakers building owner Jodi Carlson antique items from her great-grandfather, T.L. Jones' Mercantile store while she was in Arnold. A photo of the original T.L. Jones store front is hanging on the wall above the two women.

- Debbie Connelly photo

incredibly kind, warm, and genuine. And after meeting all of these people, it was so easy

to see why they planted deep, deep roots in Arnold," she said.

# **Arnold Resident's Odometer Clicks to 100**

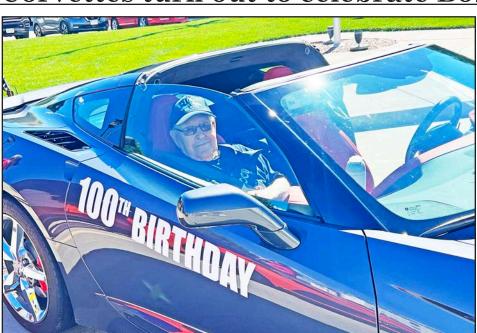
#### Residents, Corvettes turn out to celebrate Bobbie Smith's milestone.

By Janet Larreau

On September 21st, Bobbie Smith walked into his favorite Chinese restaurant, the Mongolian Grill, with his son, Robbi and daughter-in-law ley. Wearing a black and white cap that read, "100 Never Looked So Good," the trio sat down for a quiet birthday celebration before gearing up for the big celebration set for the coming Sunday, where everyone - and we mean everyone - was invited.

Bobbie was a passenger on this trip, but last fall, it was a whole other story. Shelley recalled, "Before he got sick last November, Bobbie would occasionally sneak away from the farm and make a road trip to North Platte. His Normally, when Bobbie would just smile and say, band, father, grandfather, first and only stop was the Mongolian Grill for an early (10:45-11:00) lunch. We had visited with him about our need to know his whereabouts, as well as suggesting that he not

drive farther than town.



Bobbie Smith celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday with a Corvette ride in Gothenburg. Twenty-plus Corvettes formed a parade behind him and his driver, son Robbi. - Courtesy photo

would drive to North 'I went to lunch!"" Platte, we would receive a call or two from friends or family regarding his location and/or driving skills. Most times after he returned, we would ask him known for defying his age. Arnold and was involved

This fun, crafty guy has member, friend, and belived a full life. Born to lieve it or not, a Corvette Mynor and Cecil (Nansel) owner (three times over) Smith on the family farm and a race car driver. He in 1923, Bobbie is well lived his life just west of where he had been and he He's been a farmer, hus- in the family farm into

supportive community

his 90s. At the age of 99, he tions that come to mind settled into Stone Hearth Estates assisted living in Gothenburg where he would celebrate the centenarian milestone that only under 1 percent of the U.S. population reaches - and the largest percentage of those are women, by far.

Thursday's quiet celebration gave Shelley and Robbi a chance to ask Bobbie some interesting ques-

when you're talking to a 100-year-old... Like, what is your earliest memory? For Bobbie it's riding his Shetland pony to school. And, if you hadn't been a farmer, what would you have been instead? Well, an outlaw!

Bobbie's favorite farming memory is combining from Texas to North

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#### American Life in 1923

- · The Model T was still one of the most popular cars in 1923
- The film industry boomed, and both Warner Bros. and Disney were founded.
- · Radio was just starting to become king in
- · Clarence Birdseye invented frozen food in 1923, forever changing the way Americans eat. The first issue of TIME Magazine was print-
- In 1923, more Americans lived in cities than villages or farms for the first time in the country's history (51%). Today, that number is 83%.
- Around 1923, homes started to become more mechanized, with devices like refrigerators taking the place of ice boxes.
- · Men had a life expectancy of 56.1 years, and women lived an average of 58.5 years