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Spring Forward

Everyone is reminded to set their clocks forward one hour this Saturday night before retiring. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 a.m.



Courtesy photo

Custer County Spelling Bee Champion Gracie Neth.

Spelling Bee Champion

Gracie Neth won the Custer County Spelling Bee held on February 13, and went on to compete at the state level on March 2.

“This was the first time in a decade that an Arnold student won at the county level. It was really exciting!” said Debby Moninger, who was one of the judges.

To win the county bee, Gracie survived the eliminations and faced off against one other competitor, spelling 14 different words each. She spelled the word “feline” correctly, and was awarded the championship trophy.

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Photo/Debbie Connelly

Rascal Martinez and Josh Flint point to the crowd to join in as they sing “Sweet Caroline” at Saturday’s Chili Cook-Off held at the community center. Organizers Allison Goodenow and Debbie Connelly said it was a packed house for Chamber’s annual event, with nine teams setting up booths, and residents lining up for a bowl of soup, including contestants’ chili. By the end of serving time, all of the soup was gone. Martinez was a big draw. “We had him booked from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., but the crowd wanted to hear more, so we passed around a basket and raised enough money for him to play another hour. People of all ages sang and danced along. He was great with the kids, and had them do “The Floss” along with a couple of other dance moves,” said Debbie. The band was sponsored by local businesses and individuals. Touch of Grace Massage earned the prize for “Best Chili.” All winners in the various categories are pictured on page 8.

County Supervisors Schedule Public Hearing Concerning Future of Recycling Center

Residents urged to give their input on possible closing

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF - BROKEN BOW, NE - At the December 24, 2018, Custer County Supervisors meeting, the board discussed closing the Recycling Center, located on the west edge of Broken Bow, due to cost.

Concerned citizens are worried about what may happen if the center is closed, including illegal burning, illegal dumping and illegal burying as well as the increased impact on the landfill.

If you want the center to re-

main open to accepting recyclable goods (plastic, aluminum, cardboard), you are encouraged to let your supervisor know.

Attend the Public Hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the third floor Supervisor’s Meeting Room at the Custer County Courthouse in Broken Bow.

You can also contact your supervisor to let them know that you support and use the recycling center and you want it to stay open.

The Supervisors were sched-

uled to tour the Recycling Center at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Read more about the potential closing of the Recycling Center in the February 21, 2019, Custer County Chief, and in a future issue of *The Sentinel* after the hearing is held.

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Rialto Theatre Upgrades Speaker System

\$3,500 project funded by grant, donations



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Custer County Foundation Director Lindsay Divan presented a \$1,000.00 grant to Rialto Theatre Board members (from left) Mary Becker, Patty Lamberty and Lori Stutzman last Thursday morning for upgrades to the theater’s speaker system.

By Janet Larreau

Through a grant and generous donations, the Arnold Rialto Theatre has installed an additional two front speakers. These speakers pick up additional sounds in the movie that were not available with the former number of speakers. The cost of the project was \$3,500.00.

Funding came from the Custer County Foundation (\$1,000.00), Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC) (\$1,000.00), the Sheldon and Jean Wenquist Family Endowment Fund administered by the Custer County Foundation (\$1,000.00), and the Elizabeth Elliott Memorial (\$500.00).

“The Custer County Foundation is excited to award a grant to the Arnold Community Theatre for new speakers. The Rialto provides a great service to Arnold, and we are happy to assist through our grants program,” said CCF Executive Director Lindsay Divan.

Rialto Board President Mary Becker explained that Wisconsin resident Dorothy Wenquist, daughter of Sheldon and Jean, coordinates with the Foundation twice a year to identify projects throughout Custer County. She and her siblings chose the Rialto Theatre’s speaker upgrade as one of their beneficiaries.

“Bob Westbrook was a big

help in the early stages of the upgrade by providing consultation, and then later by wiring the speakers and helping with the installation. Community support is always appreciated,” said Mary.

The Rialto Theatre Board is continually working to provide a comfortable environment for movie patrons and volunteers. With the upgraded speaker system completed, the Board is now considering a couple of new projects, including finding a way for hard of hearing movie goers to enjoy the movies, and finding a way to heat the lobby during the cold winter months and keep it cool in the hot days of summer.

The Board invites folks to come to the movies, which are shown on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

About the Custer County Foundation

The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of the communities. One way the Custer County Foundation achieves this goal is through their grants program. There are two grant cycles each year, with applications being due on April 30th and October 31st. The grant application and guidelines can be found on our website, custercountyfoundation.org.