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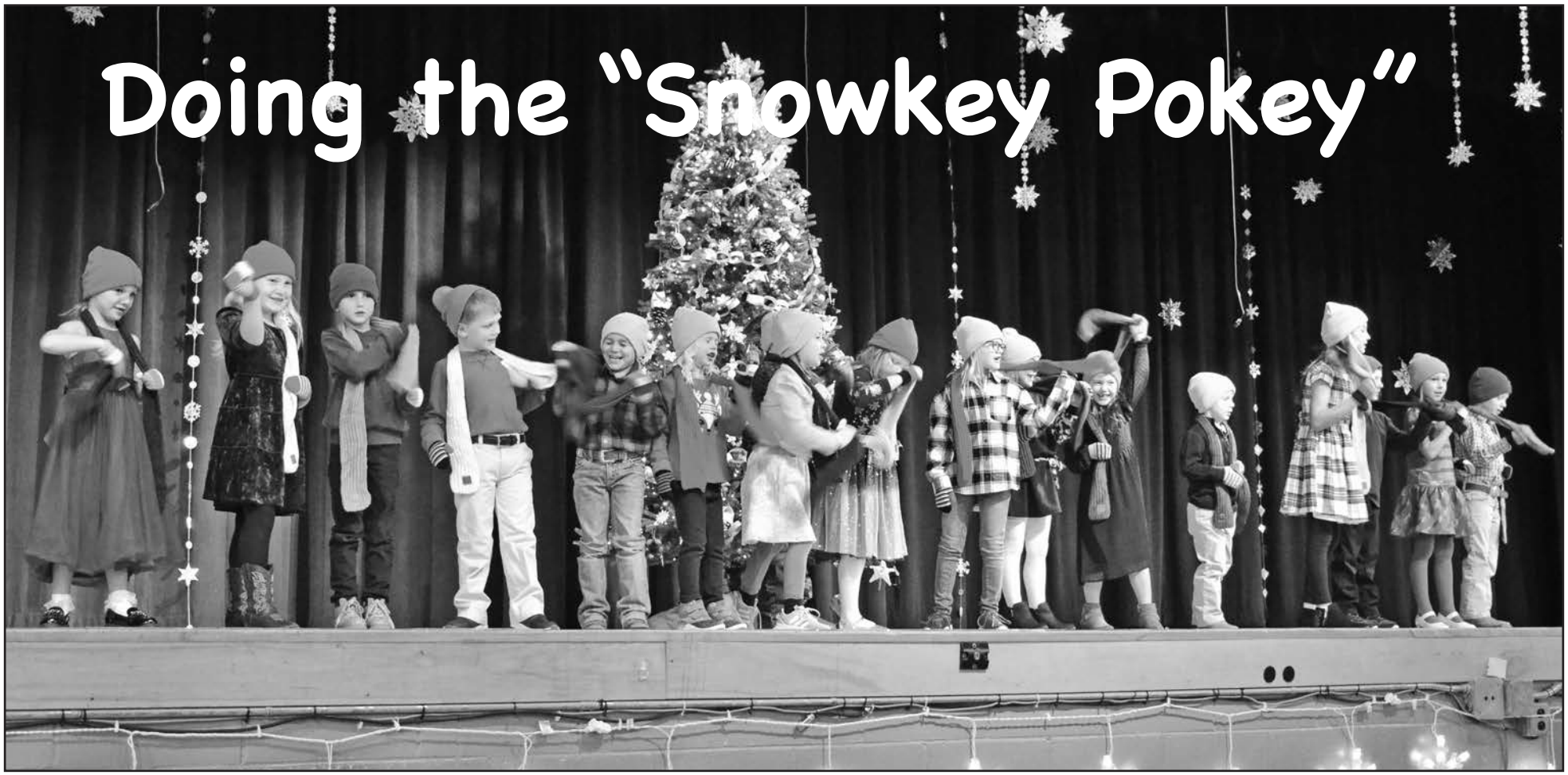
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Photo/Jessica Tickle

Arnold Public School’s music program is alive and well, as revealed at the annual Christmas concert held in December. Hailed by many as “the best” elementary holiday concert in years, students took to a decorated stage to perform for an enthusiastic audience. Kindergarten students (pictured above) performed a memorable “Snowkey Pokey,” 1st and 2nd graders played kazoos, and all Pre-K through 5th graders sang a number of holiday-themed songs. Directing this year’s concert was non-other than Arnold Public School’s Superintendent Joel Morgan, who was assisted by office staff, high school volunteers, and teachers. The 6-12 grade Winter Concert was on December 12, and was also called “one of the best.” Congratulations to Mr. Morgan and all involved for pulling it off in grand style.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Uncovering the Past

As part of Finch Memorial Library’s interior renovation, seven original transom windows have been uncovered over the inner front door and to the west and east. Each transom has six panes of glass, letting more natural light into the building. Library director Marcy Lucas said the drop ceilings that covered the transoms was probably installed during the Carter Administration when heating costs were expensive in the late 1970s. The wood crown molding was also exposed, along with the plaster ceiling, and new lighting was installed. “Because of the building being designated as historical, we wanted to bring it back to what it originally was. This was just one of the steps. It was the perfect thing to do,” said Marcy. Workers involved during the renovation process have been: Brent Urbanovsky, Clay Mohr, Dave Crow, and painters Penny Allen, the late Shar Peterson, Joy Crow, and Angie Crow.

Village Accepts Funding for Future Housing Development

Amber Ross, with the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD), was at the December 12 Village Board meeting to tell members that the Village has an opportunity to partner with the Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) to apply for \$341,843.84 in funding from the Rural Workforce Housing Land Development Program (RWHLDP). The program would allow the Village to purchase and prepare six lots for future housing development.

The project will include site acquisition, surveying, environmental inspections, demolition of current structures, disposal and mitigation of material where applicable, removal of overgrowth vegetation, engineering of elevation, and dirt

work to prepare housing lots for development.

The RWHLDP utilizes funding provided through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Board members voted to partner with CEDC to apply for the funding from RWHLDP. AEDC Director Cheryl Carson was appointed as project coordinator for Arnold for the RWHLDP program by a vote of the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer

Board members discussed the pros and cons of a code enforcement officer for the Village and decided at this time to not contract for an officer. Village Attorney Mike Borders communicated that an official

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CC Foundation Raises Over \$170,000 at Annual Gala

The Custer County Foundation held its 18th Annual Gala & Auction on Saturday, December 10th, at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. The evening was deemed a success! Preliminary numbers show over \$170,000 was raised! The Foundation sincerely appreciates the generosity of the many businesses and individuals throughout Custer County. THANK YOU for making it possible to have a successful event! As guests arrived, they had the opportunity to purchase keys for \$10 each. After all keys were sold, guests tried to unlock one of three boxes containing cash prizes donated by Ag Advisory Services, Nolan, Jacob, & Conrad Hueftle (\$250),

Arrow Aviation, Inc. ~ Casey & Melissa Williams (\$500), and Edward Jones, Gateway Motors/Sandhills Motors, and Palmer Monument (\$1,000).

Other highlights of the evening included the ever popular “Heads or Tails” game. For \$10/bead necklace guests had the opportunity to win \$500 cash by simply choosing either “heads” or “tails” at the toss of a coin. Faith Thomas beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500. Faith generously donated her winnings back to the Foundation.

The evening would not have been complete without the drawing for the choice of a Po-

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