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Members of the Arnold Area Historical committee, former owners, and descendants of Archie Geiser gathered at the future home of the Arnold Area Historical Museum on Sunday after the Cornerstone Campaign fundraiser: (from top) Roger Best, Nicole Badgley, Todd Steele, Rick Peterson, Jason Jenkins, Mo Sanford, Holly Remund, Becky Dailey, Barb Peterson, Donna Corbin, Jailyn Strasburg, Parker Strasburg, Dagen Fletcher, Charlea Fletcher, Justin Strasburg, Melva Phillips, Jessica Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Jason Wehnes, Renee Bubak, Karen Hough, Berni Crow, Carolyn Watkins, Carlene Lanham. - Debbie Connelly photo

Residents Turn Out for Arnold Area Historical Museum Fundraiser

By Janet Larreau

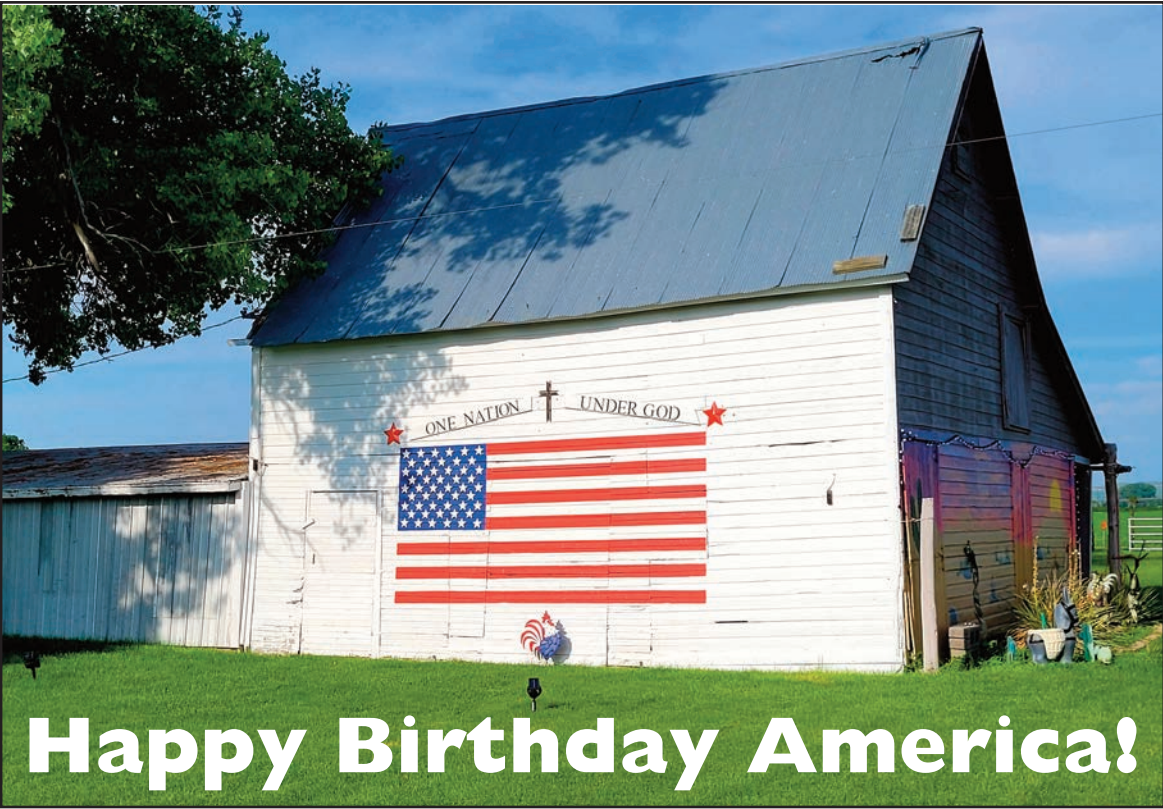
One of the town’s biggest endeavors in years was introduced to residents last Sunday, as the 16-member Arnold Area Historical Society committee hosted a fundraiser at the Legion Hall. Known as the Cornerstone Campaign, the committee presented their goal of restoring the former Archie’s Café building to become the Arnold Area Historical Museum. One-hundred-thirty people turned out at the Legion Hall to enjoy an old-fashioned chicken and noodle dinner and ice cream social that helped raise money for the goal of securing and weatherproofing the structure. They were invited to read about the mission and talk with committee members and were invited to walk down the street to peek into the 1914 building, which has been empty for over 40 years.

Justin Strasburg, who originally purchased the building to

help save it, and has put his own money and sweat equity into it, was on hand to answer questions as residents stepped just inside the door and looked beyond the yellow “Caution Do Not Enter” tape. Justin said it is a good thing that an organization has acquired the building from him, as they will be able to raise money and apply for needed grants. Although he has sold it, he plans to continue to be part of the restoration process.

An estimated \$250,000-plus will be needed to restore the building. Money brought in from the fundraiser, as well as donations received between June 15-30 will have the chance to be spread further through the Give 4 Custer County event, hosted by the Custer County Foundation. The fundraiser will receive a proportional match out of a \$50,000.00 fund. A cash or check donation can

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A barn on the property of Lloyd and Marge German at 713 S Haskell St. would be a great place to drive by as residents get set to celebrate the United States’ 247th birthday with a public fireworks display at Old Mill Park on the 4th of July. The project of creating a patriotic theme on the barn was completed in October of 2022, with Gene Purcell white washing it, Bree Smith lining up the measurements, and Marge painting it. The words “One Nation Under God” have special meaning, as on July 30, 1956, two years after pushing to have the phrase “Under God” inserted into the Pledge of Allegiance, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law officially declaring ‘In God We Trust’ to be the nation’s official motto.

Arnold Little League Wraps Up Regular Season

The Arnold Little League took on three towns during the month of June in a traveling league that took them down to Old Mill Park and to the towns of Stapleton, Thedford and Mullen. Over 30 Arnold kids participated in T-ball, coach pitch, and baseball, with Justin Strasburg serving as head

coach. Other volunteer coaches were Rudy Vickers, Tracey Teahon, Terence Schacher, and Aaron McMichael.

Arnold’s baseball team ended their regular season in a game at Mullen on the 22nd. That game was rained out at the top of the 3rd inning and ended in a tie. Their only loss during the

season came in a game that ended early due to lightning as Arnold was rallying. With a 4-1-1 record, the boys went into this week’s tournament seeded #1.

“We’ve got a great group of kids playing this year and have had some really competitive and fun games and have come

out on top in most of them,” said Strasburg. “We have some younger kids in coach pitch that will be a great addition to baseball next year, and the T-ball kids, well, they’re always fun to watch.”

There were several Little League sponsors this season, including Green Acres Lawn

Service, Crop Tech, Country Partners Cooperative, Pinnacle Bank, Mills Hardware, First State Insurance, and Arnold Insurance. Arnold’s speech team provided concessions at home games.

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Weston McMichael throws to 3rd baseman Bo Dailey to get an out in coach pitch action. - Jessica Tickle photos



T-ball player Kenley McDowell focuses on the next play at Old Mill Park.



Pitcher Hudson Vickers helped lead Arnold’s baseball team to a #1 seed.