Be A Game Changer Fundraiser Brings in Over $7,000
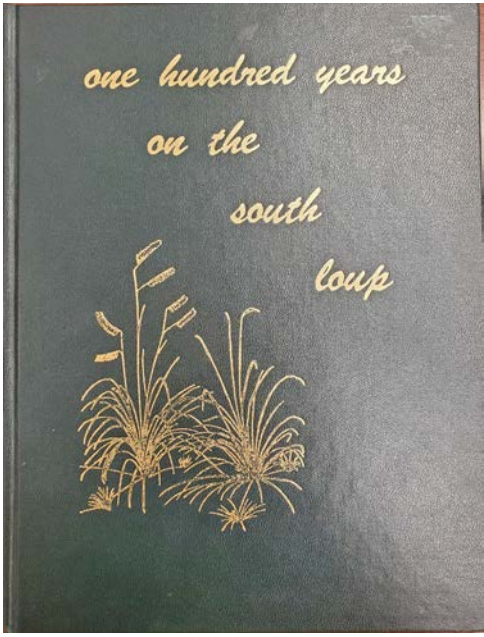
The Arnold Community Foundation and four Arnold entities: the Arnold Cemetery Board, Arnold Rotary Club, Arnold Area Historical Society, and Finch Memorial Library, held their "Be A Game Changer" fundraiser event on Sunday, June 22, at the community center. The fundraiser brought in just over $7,000.00. You still have the opportunity to be a game changer for Arnold by donating at the Finch Memorial Library, Mills Hardware, and the village office by June 30. A full report and winners of the games will be in the July 3 issue.

(Above) Eight 6-person teams competed in 3 different games for a chance to win a payout in each game type, and a triathlon winning team payout. - Gracie Neth photo

Raffle Being Held Now for Rare Copy of "One Hundred Years on the South Loup"
Proceeds going to local projects

A copy of *One Hundred Years on the South Loup* by Norene Hall Mills is being raffled off as part of the "Give 4 County" fundraiser to benefit local projects. The hard-to-find copy has been donated by Dennis McGuire, and the raffle is being sponsored by the Arnold Economic Development Corporation (AEDC). Director Cheryl Carson said if you can find one, the book, which records a century of the Arnold-area's history, can go for $300.00-$400.00 on average.

"I've gone through search engines and can't find one for sale. I can find where they've been sold in the past, but none are for sale right now," said Carson.

Raffle tickets will be on sale now through June 30 for $25.00 for a single ticket, or two or more for $20.00 each at Finch Memorial Library, Arnold Economic Development, from Aaron Coleman, or Becky at First State Insurance. The winner will be drawn at noon on the 30th. At the conclusion of the raffle, funds raised will be divided equally between the Arnold community's "Give 4 Custer County" participants: Finch Memorial Library, Arnold Rotary/Riverview project, Arnold Cemetery, and Arnold Area Historical Museum.

Arnold Little League Action

Booker Kulp focuses in on his target, with teammates Zoyer and Zicah Tickle also on the field, in last Thursday's coach pitch game at Old Mill Park. The three players were among some 40 kids who signed up for Arnold Little League this season. Kids were divided into three teams - t-ball, coach pitch, and baseball. Practices for the six-week program began on May 20 at Old Mill Park, with a great turnout of people to cheer the teams on. League games were played against Thedford, Mullen, Stapleton, and a new-comer, Anselmo-Merna. The first round of tournament play started on June 23, and the second round will be played today, June 26, in Mullen. Turn to page 4 for team pictures. Organizer Justin Strasburg is recognizing the sponsors of Arnold Little League inside this issue. - Jessica Tickle photo

Tree Inventory Being Conducted In Village

The Village of Arnold is receiving help from the Nebraska Forest Service to conduct a tree inventory in Arnold. This includes street trees and public lands. On June 18, over 500 trees were recorded on the north side of town. Arnold Tree Board member Mary Becker said the south side of town and the Arnold Recreation Area are still left and should be finished by the end of July. The data will show exactly what species of trees the Village has and the condition they are in. The information will be used for a management plan and will also help with grant writing.

Give 4 Custer County Deadline June 30
Four Arnold projects on the list

GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY is a fundraising campaign to grow philanthropy and inspire communities to come together to give as much as possible to support the work of nonprofits in Custer County. Donations are being accepted June 16th through June 30th.

GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY provides an additional opportunity for nonprofits to receive contributions, share their mission, and find new donors. Donors are able to learn more about charitable organizations doing important work in our communities. GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY provides an opportunity to grow philanthropy.

The Custer County Foundation will be giving away $50,000 in matching funds and $2,700 in incentive prizes. The match pool will be distributed proportionately to participating nonprofits based upon the total amount raised by each organization. The proportional share will be based on the total dollars raised by the individual participating organization in relation to total dollars raised by all participating organizations.

Here's how you can give:

Online at give4cc.asimobile.net June 16 - 30.

In person by dropping donations off at the Custer County Foundation office at 403 S 9th Ave Broken Bow. Checks must be made payable to the Custer County Foundation with the name of the organization in the memo line. Checks must be received June 16 – June 30.

Attend one of the many fundraising events hosted by the participating organizations.

To learn more, go to custercountyfoundation.org and select GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY under the Giving menu and follow us on Social Media. You may also contact the Foundation office at 308-872-2232 or custerfoundation@gmail.com.

Below is a list of all participating organizations.

Anselmo Merna Foundation
Anselmo Volunteer Fire Department
Arnold Area Historical Society
Arnold Cemetery Board
Arnold Rotary Club
Broken Bow Ambulance Service
Broken Bow Backpack Program
Broken Bow Library Foundation
Broken Bow Lions Club
Broken Bow Music Boosters
Broken Bow Police Department K9
Broken Bow Public Schools Foundation
Broken Bow Rotary
Broken Bow Township Cemetery
Broken Bow Youth Sports Club
Bulldog Education Foundation
Callaway Good Life Center
Crossroads Mission Avenue
Custer County DYO/Legion Baseball/Spirit Softball
County Custer Fair BBQ
Custer County Museum/Custer County Historical Society
Dog Gone Fun 4-H Club
Finch Memorial Library
Gates Cemetery
Healing Hearts & Families
Merna Volunteer Fire Department
Melham Disc Golf Club
Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt
North Park Inclusive Playground Project
North Park Parent Teacher Association
Oconto Fire & Rescue
Prairie Pioneer Senior Center
Sandhills Community Collaborative
Santa Cop
Sargent Area Economic Development
Sargent Community Fair
Sargent Growth Foundation
Sargent Swimming Pool
Sargent Township Library
Seven Valleys Historical Society
Spartan Foundation
Teammates of Broken Bow
Veterans Memorial Board/VFW/American Legion Building