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A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Friday, October 16th in Broken Bow to celebrate the Custer Economic Development Corporation's (CEDC) new housing construction project. CEDC received a **\$500,000 grant** to initially **build 3 spec homes that will be for sale in Broken Bow.**

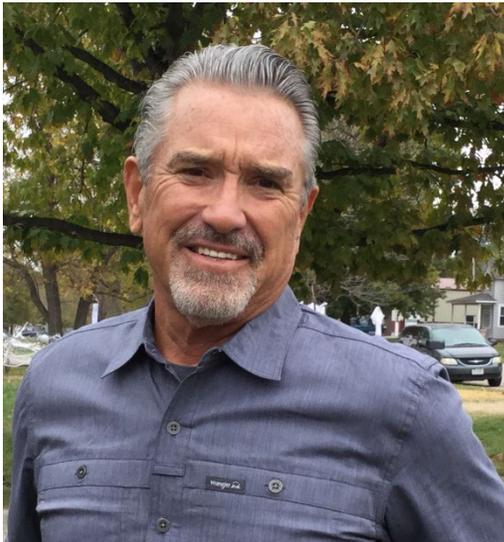


Grant funds were received through the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Once the 3 homes are built and sold, proceeds of sales of the homes will be revolved into the construction of **additional spec homes throughout Custer County**, expanding the number of new homes available to Custer County's workforce. Lt. **Governor Mike Foley** was present, as well as other state and local dignitaries. CNEDD assisted CEDC by writing the grant application for the funding.

"Everyone Must Take Time to Sit and Watch the Leaves Turn." – Elizabeth Lawrence

Welcome New Team Members

We want to give a warm welcome to the newest members of the CNEDD family, **Makala Hebbert** and **Collyer Cronk**, who are now working as Community Development Specialists. Thanks to CARES Act funding, we were able to add additional team members to address projects to grow, develop, and benefit our district. Some of these projects include improving broadband, exploring the expansion of localized livestock processing, providing small business training, and developing business resiliency and disaster recovery strategies. When you see them around the district, make sure to stop and say hello!



Collyer Cronk recently moved back to his hometown of Ord after an extensive career which took him to California and Colorado. His wealth of knowledge will come in handy for cultivating our region.



Makala Hebbert moved back to Stuart from Lincoln this spring. She has a diverse background in the engineering field and possesses a variety of skills to help improve the district.