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DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

It's been a busy year for CNEDD. We've welcomed LaNae to the team, facilitated celebrations, attended several trainings and conferences, and worked on many different projects.

The biggest news from 2023 has been the transition of the Executive Director position from Judy Petersen, who is retiring in January, to Carla Kimball. Judy has led the District for some time, and while we are sad to see her go, we are so excited for the future lead by Carla! The team is ready to hit the ground running in 2024!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Chilly Celebrations and Warm Welcomes!

Thursday, December 14, 2023, was a busy day in the District. We celebrated a ribbon cutting and a groundbreaking in Custer County with **K.C. Belitz, Director of Nebraska Department of Economic Development, representatives for Senator Deb Fischer, Senator Pete Ricketts, and Congress Adrian Smith** along with numerous representatives and celebrants for each of the communities.

The first event was a ribbon cutting ceremony in Callaway for the third, and final, **Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund home**. CEDC received **\$524,139** with the assistance of CNEDD. One Custer County family was able to spend Christmas in this home as it sold very quickly.



We traveled to Anselmo for a groundbreaking ceremony in the afternoon. The Village of Anselmo received a **\$442,330 Community Development Block Grant** to renovate the **Village Library**, which serves as the community's gathering and meeting place. Once renovation is complete, the visitors seating area

will offer the following new features: **handicap-accessible bathrooms, handicap-accessible entrances, and a newly renovated kitchen space.**

You can watch the past livestream from both of these events on our Facebook page!



Happy Holidays from all of us at CNEDD!

Carla, Judy, Tish, Deanna, Amber, Rachel, LaNae

