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The Imperial Theatre was a busy place the past two weeks. The No. 3 movie at the box office after this weekend, “Heaven Is For Real,” was shown on its nationwide opening day, through Easter weekend, and this past weekend.

“Heaven Is For Real” is based upon the book of the same title authored by Todd Burpo of Imperial. It chronicles the story of son Colton’s visit to Heaven during emergency surgery as a child.

One half of the proceeds from the volunteer-run concession stand, or \$1,034.88, has been donated by the theater board to Travis Wheeler and his family. Wheeler is receiving treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia in Denver.

In addition, a raffle for a movie poster signed by the Burpo family, netted \$1,363.85, also donated to Wheeler. The poster was won by Vivian Todd. She is giving it to granddaughter Laura Parde of Lincoln, who bought the raffle ticket.

A special showing of “Heaven Is For Real” was made possible for residents of Imperial Manor last Friday afternoon, thanks to City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland and the theater board.

She opened the theater, ran the concession stand, then showed the movie to about 20 Imperial Manor residents.

The residents enjoyed popcorn and their own private viewing of the popular movie.