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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship application deadline is **February 1st**. For available scholarships and to download the application, go to custercountyfoundation.org. and select the scholarship heading.

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Foundation raises over \$170,000 at Annual Gala & Auction!

The Custer County Foundation held its 18th Annual Gala & Auction on Saturday, December 10th, at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. The evening was deemed a success! Preliminary numbers show over \$170,000 was raised! The Foundation sincerely appreciates the generosity of the many businesses and individuals throughout Custer County. **THANK YOU** for making it possible to have a successful event!



As guests arrived, they had the opportunity to purchase keys for \$10 each. After all keys were sold, guests tried to unlock one of three boxes containing cash prizes donated by Ag Advisory Services ~ Nolan, Jacob, & Conrad Hueftle (\$250), Arrow Aviation, Inc. ~ Casey & Melissa Williams (\$500), and Edward Jones, Gateway Motors/Sandhills Motors, and Palmer Monument (\$1,000).

Other highlights of the evening included the ever popular “Heads or Tails” game. For \$10/necklace guests had the opportunity to win \$500 cash by simply choosing either “heads” or “tails” at the toss of a coin. Faith Thomas beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500. Faith generously donated her winnings back to the Foundation.

The evening would not have been complete without the drawing for the choice of a Polaris Ranger Side by Side OR an \$8,000 travel voucher with \$1,000 cash, sponsored by Ag-Land ATV and Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters. And the winner was... Darlene Moser! Darlene chose the Travel Voucher.

There always seems to be a fun element of surprise during the evening and this year was no different! Dave Birnie challenged Lindsay to an arm wrestling match with a friendly wager.

One aspect of the Gala that makes this event unique is that every community in Custer County was represented, by auction items donated and guests attending. It’s a true reflection that the Custer County Foundation is a county wide organization.

Proceeds from the evening will be incorporated into the funds of the Foundation and returned to Custer County in the form of grants for charitable organizations and scholarships for non-traditional students. (Gala photos courtesy of Custer County Chief.)



2022 Fall Grant Recipients

The Foundation awarded \$43,100 to 11 Custer County organizations and one non-traditional scholarship this Fall. Following is a list of organizations selected to receive a grant:

Ansley Food Pantry - \$3,750: To help with supplies for the food pantry and backpack programs.

Ansley Township Library - \$4,000: To help replace carpet in the library.

Arnold Community Foundation Fund, \$4,500: To help with the downtown renovation project.

Arnold Public Schools - \$5,000: To help with the greenhouse project.

Broken Bow Area Rotary - \$2,000: To help with Truckers Against Trafficking educational trailer.

Comstock Community Garden - \$300: To help with the garden in Comstock.

Custer County Diamond Youth Organization - \$3,250: To help with a backstop at Tyke Arnold field.

Finch Memorial Library - \$4,000: To help with library renovations.

Mason City Rural Fire Protection - \$10,000: To help upgrade to a new grass rig.

Merna Volunteer Fire Department - \$2,400: To help purchase AED's so all their fire trucks are equipped with one.

Spartan Youth Foundation - \$2,900: To help purchase a pitching machine.

Any nonprofit group that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy is eligible for making a grant application to the Custer County Foundation. Guidelines and the application form can be found at custercountyfoundation.org. The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of the communities. The Foundation is, and will continue to be, a leader in meeting the needs of this county head on. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year and will be considered at the end of two deadline dates: April 30th and October 31st.



Sixpence received a grant in the spring of 2022.

New Scholarships Available

The Custer County Foundation is excited to announce four new scholarships that were established for high school seniors and college students. Please visit our website: custercountyfoundation.org to view all the scholarships available and to access the application. Below is a list of the new scholarships available. Thank you to the individuals who recently established these scholarships.

Class of 1982 Scholarship, \$500

- Senior at Broken Bow High School.
- Must demonstrate a financial need.

Custer County Nursing Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be entering their junior or senior year in college.
- Student must be a graduate of a Custer County High School.
- Must be pursuing a degree in Nursing.

Judith Kay Blakeman Scholarship, 2 at \$960

- Must be a senior at a Custer County High School.
- Must be pursuing a degree in Education.

Joyce Lomax Memorial Scholarship, \$800

- Senior at Broken Bow High School.
- Must be pursuing a degree in education.

Eberle Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500

- Must be a senior at a Custer County High School.
- Student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Education, or Medicine.

George D. & Dorothy L. Memorial & Betty F. Govier Scholarship, 4 at \$2,465

- Must be a senior at Broken Bow High School.
- Student must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must have worked for at least two summers.
- Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in nursing, mortuary science, welding, tool & die casting, culinary arts, family and consumer science (home economics), or agriculture.

Sustaining Membership

The Custer County Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous contributions of our sustaining members in 2022! THANK YOU for directly supporting the Foundation with your membership donation and helping us reach our goal. Your gift ensures that we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents of Custer County.

**When we circle together,
we CAN make a difference!**



The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, create opportunities for a greater impact.

The Foundation thrives today because of past and present Custer County residents who have a strong desire to give back to communities where they have lived, prospered, worked, and played. These generous donors help our Custer County communities excel. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today!

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Shannon Hendrickson
Gerry Mason Holub

We sincerely apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted from our list, which reflects what was current as of December 31, 2022. Many donors wish to remain anonymous. Please contact our office if your listing needs to be updated.

Yes! I want to support the efforts of the Custer County Foundation!



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Our Mission
The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit, community trust which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. The funds are administered in the areas of health, arts and culture, social welfare, environment, education, and civics.

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