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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

10th Annual Gala Breaks \$125,000 Goal!

The Custer County Foundation held its 10th Annual Gala & Auction Saturday, December 13th at the One Box Convention Center. And, what a way to celebrate 10 years of this event by raising over \$128,000 in one night!

New to the event this year was the Custer Derby, where betting rights to 12 horses featuring area jockeys were auctioned off. The horse race ended with a 6 horse pile-up at the finish line. Members of the audience drew for Win, Place and Show. Show was "Liquid Plumber": Jane Duda, Place was "Done Left Us": Lisa Bell, and Win was "Judge Judy": Tami Schendt. The auction winner was Art Anderson, and his earnings resulted in a check for \$6,240! Congratulations Art (pictured below)!! Sally Bell and Scott Duda were the owners of the Place and Show horses, and their prize

was a \$250 donation in their name to their favorite charity housed within the Foundation.

Highlights of the evening included the ever popular "Heads or Tails" game. For \$10/bead necklace guests had the opportunity to win \$500 cash by simply choosing "Heads" or "Tails" at the toss of a quarter. Cindy Fox (pictured right) beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500.

Sargent Irrigation Co. donated a stunning Dancing Diamond Infinity 14kt white gold pendant. Dorsett Sennett was the proud winner of the necklace.

The Secret Garden in Merna donated a six-piece Nativity featuring elegant acrylic figurines. Twelve ornaments were auctioned off for a chance to win the Nativity Set. The lucky winner was Mary Ross.

The live and silent auction items were bid on throughout the night by over 350 guests in attendance. The auction items were donated by businesses and individuals throughout Custer County. The Silent Auction and Live



Auction generated over \$77,000!

The evening wouldn't be complete without the drawing for the Polaris Ranger Side x Side sponsored by Ag-Land ATV and our Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters. Drum roll please... and the lucky winner this year was

Scott Reynolds of Berwyn! 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.

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Gala & Auction to be held on December 12, 2015!

Photos from the evening are available online. To view photos go to: custercounty.shutterfly.com



Foundation Selects 17 Custer County Organizations to receive Grants!

Fall 2014 was an exciting time for the Custer County Foundation's Scholarship/Grants committee with over 20 grant applications received for our fall grant cycle. The committee recommended and the full Board of Directors voted to approve 17 grants to organizations throughout Custer County totaling over \$37,000 awarded.

Ansley-Litchfield DY0: \$3,000 to help with a second practice field.

Ansley Public Schools: \$1,250 to assist with a sand volleyball court.

Ansley Village Teacher's Organization: \$604.66 to help with an end of year color fun run.

Arnold Community Theatre/Rialto: \$2,000 to help provide new seating and replace outdated seating.

Broken Bow Activities

Department: \$2,000 to assist in purchasing a new wrestling mat.

Broken Bow Elks Lodge #1688: \$1,000 to help pay for a Thank You dinner for Custer County Veterans.

Broken Bow Lions Club: \$5,000 to help with the Food Pantry building.

Callaway Housing Corporation: \$2,750 to make energy saving improvements at Grand Generation Manor.

Custer Care: \$2,500 for hearing devices.

Custer County Sheriff's Office: \$4,000 for a K9 Unit.

Junior Golf: \$500 to help children learn golf and proper course etiquette.

Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library: \$250 for initial setup and implementation of Overdrive

Internet eBook and Audiobook checkout service.

Sargent Summer Recreation: \$2,500 to help upgrade the baseball field.

Sargent Township Library: \$500 to assist in digitizing the Sargent Leader Newspaper.

Seven Valleys Historical Society: \$5,000 to assist with a new heating and cooling system.

Spartan VIP After School Club: \$2,000 to provide a safe and fun after school learning environment.

Village of Callaway Community Fitness Center: \$2,500 to help replace aging fitness equipment.

The next deadline to submit a grant application will be April 30, 2015. For guidelines and application go to www.ccfneb.org.

Highlights from "Diamond Jubilee" ~ Annual Gala & Auction



Above: Custer Derby Jockeys.
Below: Wonderful table décor.



Above: Custer Derby Announcers.
Below: 2014 Custer County Foundation Board of Directors and Staff.



2014 Sustaining Members

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! The success of the Foundation is a reflection of the generous residents of Custer County. The Foundation truly needs the support of our sustaining members to continue giving back to Custer County. We would like to thank all of the 2014 sustaining members for their support and we hope you will consider supporting us again in 2015.

Angel Membership:

Bill & Connie Adams
Ina Jean Giles
Guy Mills Jr.
Peggy Mills
Myers Land & Cattle, Inc.
Pederson Hillside Ranch
Joanne Rice
Slagle Angus
Lynda Tincher
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In Memory of Edgar & Dorothy Varney

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In Memory of Con & Dona Hensley
LaDonna Hostick
Dr. & Mrs. Alanson Jones
Zac & Roberta Tobias
Rosalind Kay Sterling
Jerry & Mary Vaughan

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Penny Ashenfelter
Rosaline Bell
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Deloy Titkemeier
James & Kathy Varney

*We sincerely apologize if your name does not appear on our list and it should. Please contact our office if your listing needs updated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE:

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is February 1, 2015. For criteria and applications go to www.ccfneb.org and click on scholarships.

2015 Sustaining Membership Goal \$12,000!

We have set a steep goal of \$12,000 for 2015! Please help us ensure we meet our goal.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents throughout Custer County. We will publish your name in our 2016 Winter newsletter.

Clip & Mail TODAY!

Your name will also appear in the 11th Annual Gala &

Auction program.

Please consider supporting the Foundation financially. Remember, the Foundation exists today because Custer County residents have a strong desire to give back to the community where they have lived, prospered, worked, and played.

Membership Levels:

Sustaining Friend: \$100
Sustaining Benefactor: \$250
Sustaining Angel: \$500

Your Membership Matters!

No gift is too small! Accepting any size gift is what makes this truly a community foundation.

Please make a gift to support the charitable giving programs of the Custer County Foundation!

- Yes, I want to support the efforts of the Foundation as a Sustaining Friend with my gift of \$100.
- Yes, please accept my gift of \$250 as a Sustaining Benefactor.
- Yes, I want to be known as a Sustaining Angel. My gift of \$500 is enclosed.
- I'd like to know more about other programs offered through the Foundation.
- I have already included the Foundation in my estate plans.

Send Receipt to: _____

Make Check Payable to:
Custer County Foundation
PO Box 304
Broken Bow, NE 68822

- I prefer to remain anonymous.



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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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