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SAVE THE DATE

14th Annual Gala & Auction to
be held **December 8th!!**
Reserve your seats today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grant application deadline is
October 31. For grant
guidelines and to download
the application, go to
custercountyfoundation.org.

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Fall 2018



Sustaining Membership Drive needs \$5,000 to reach it's goal!

As the end of 2018 draws to a close, the Foundation is busy striving to reach our membership drive goal of \$15,000. Having reached two-thirds of our goal, and with only three months left in 2018, we still need to raise a total of \$5,000 in memberships. Please help us make this possible by becoming a member today!

Membership donations help the Foundation offset their operating costs. Without our members, the Foundation would not exist and be where it is today. In our 27 years of service, the Foundation has proudly reinvested over \$4 million back into Custer County! This is an amount that would not be made possible without our generous members.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit residents throughout Custer County. As a way to show our appreciation, we will publish your name in our 2019 Winter Newsletter, as well as the 14th Annual Gala & Auction program, for any donation received prior to November 16, 2018. You will also receive a window decal (pictured right) to display in your business, home, or on your vehicle. Please help us continue to tell the Custer County Foundation's story with your donation.

"Sustaining members circle together to make a difference." When we circle together, we CAN make a difference.



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

Individual • Family • Business MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

☐ \$1,000+	DIAMOND
☐ \$500-\$999	PLATINUM
☐ \$250-\$499	GOLD
☐ \$100-\$249	SILVER
☐ \$50-\$99	BRONZE
☐ \$ _____	Other Contribution

Name(s) _____
(As you would like it to appear in CCF Publications.)

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ I request to remain anonymous in any publications.

**Please make checks payable to
Custer County Foundation & return to:**
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Thank You!

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity and your gift, in most cases, will qualify for a federal income tax deduction. As required by law, it is important to acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

14th Annual Gala & Auction to be held December 8th!

The 14th Annual Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! We are excited to announce the theme this year -- "All That Glitters!" Mark your calendars for **December 8, 2018**. Tickets are on sale **NOW!** Don't miss out on this evening of fun while raising money to benefit the residents of Custer County. Call our office at **308-872-2232** to reserve your tickets today!

The evening will feature both live and silent auctions, exciting raffles, games, and a wonderful meal. Skeeter Barnes will once again be catering this event.

Proceeds from our annual auction are awarded to Custer County organizations in the form of grants, and nontraditional scholarships to area students. If you cannot attend and still want to help support the Foundation, then please consider donating a live or silent auction item or making a monetary donation. For your convenience, a sponsorship form has been included in this newsletter. The attached form may also be used to make dinner reservations. Once completed, please return the form to the Foundation office or to any board member to show your support for the 14th Annual Gala & Auction. Contact information for the board members has also been included in this newsletter.

CUSTER COUNTY FOUNDATION
Enter for a chance to WIN OR WIN
 A POLARIS SIDE x SIDE | A \$6,500 TRAVEL VOUCHER WITH \$1,000 CASH!
Raffle Tickets \$50/each
 Only 300 tickets available!
 Thank You!
 Made possible by the Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters and AgLand ATV POLARIS

BACK THIS YEAR... the Foundation will raffle off the winner's choice of a new Polaris Ranger OR a \$6,500 travel voucher with \$1,000 cash. For only \$50, you can buy a chance at winning this hard-working, smooth-riding utility vehicle OR a fabulous vacation to the destination of your choice. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so purchase yours today before it is too late! Thanks to AgLand ATV and the Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters for sponsoring this raffle!

The ever-popular Heads or Tails game will once again be featured at this year's Gala. A CASH prize will be awarded to the winner! Keys will also be available for purchase to unlock some great cash prizes.

NEW THIS YEAR... something that glitters, which involves the live auctioning of five glasses of champagne, where one glass will contain a 1/2 carat diamond worth \$2,000 and the four other glasses will contain a cubic zirconia stone. Hawthorne Jewelry and Custer County Foundation Board of Directors are sponsoring this fun new item for this new event. The diamond featured will be hand-selected by a representative from Hawthorne Jewelry, who will travel to Antwerp, Belgium--the diamond capital of the world! Again, the retail value of this loose-cut round diamond is \$2,000!!! Hawthorne Jewelry will also be offering a 25% discount on a setting of the winner's choice.



In addition, a stunning diamond necklace will be featured for our Ladies Raffle and donated by Sargent Irrigation, Co and Cintrese Boutique.

Tickets are on sale for \$10! Ladies, or gentlemen needing a gift for that special lady, purchase your tickets early, as only 200 tickets are available.

Just a reminder... Tickets for the dinner and raffle items sell quickly, so call the Foundation office at 308-872-2232 to purchase your tickets TODAY! Also, be sure to like our Facebook page as we will be posting "sneak peeks" of this year's auction items.



Fall Grant Deadline: October 31st

The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of its communities. One way the Foundation strives to achieve this goal is through their grants program. Any nonprofit group that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy can apply for a grant from the Custer County Foundation. Grants have been awarded in the areas of arts, community service, law enforcement and drug awareness, recreation, and youth activities. To review the criteria or download the application, please visit the Foundation's website at custercountyfoundation.org, select grants and then grant guidelines from the drop-down menu. Please note that the grant criteria has recently been updated. The current grant deadline is fast approaching, so we urge you to submit your completed grant application soon. Again, the grant application deadline for this cycle is October 31. Please call the Foundation office at 308-872-2232 with any questions.



Youth Leadership Custer County — Arnold received \$500 for a new hydration station.

Custer County Foundation Board of Directors

The Custer County Foundation has proudly reinvested over \$4 million back into Custer County in the form of grants, scholarships, and program support. This would not be possible without the leadership provided by the 15-member Board of Directors, past and present. These dedicated volunteers come from all across Custer County. They have one thing in common: they are committed to our county's vitality and progress. The board members are responsible for the administration of the Foundation's pool of funds and the careful investment of monetary donations for the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County.



2017 Board of Directors and staff pictured at the 2017 Gala & Auction.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for raising money at the annual Gala, which is held the second Saturday of December. Donations received at the Gala fund the grants and nontraditional scholarship program. Each board member is asked to serve on two of the following committees: Executive, Finance/Investment, Scholarships/Grants, Marketing/Development, Building/Safety, Nominating, and Gala. The committees meet quarterly and present recommendations to the entire board for approval or denial, as they work to keep the purpose of the Foundation in highest regard.

When selecting new board members, the Board of Directors takes into account many aspects. They consider gender, age, occupation, and many other factors as they work to find the best fit for the position they are filling. A board that represents the diversity of the entire county is important. Each board member can serve three terms of three years each, for a total of nine years if they so choose.

Some great things you will experience while serving on the board:

- * Giving away \$84,500 in scholarships to prospective and current college students every spring.
- * Awarding \$75,000 in grants annually to charitable organizations that directly impact the residents of Custer County.
- * Helping plan an event where generous patrons not only enjoy a great evening of food and entertainment, but where funds are generated for our area scholarships and grants.

Below is a list of current board members, the community they represent, and the number of years they have served on the board. If you have questions about the Foundation, or have an interest in serving on the board in the future, feel free to contact any board member listed or the Foundation office at 308-872-2232.

Craig Safranek, President	Merna	8 years
Chris Smith, Vice President	Broken Bow	5 years
Jami Anderson, Treasurer	Broken Bow	7 years
Karen Evans, Secretary	Berwyn	8 years
Mary Beshaler	Arnold	9 years
Brett Eggleston	Oconto	7 years
Deb Girardin	Broken Bow	4 years
Alicia Hermsmeyer	Westerville	3 years
Julianna Jenkins	Callaway	7 years
Julie Johnson	Broken Bow	2 years
Todd Lundstrom	Broken Bow	2 years
Guy Mills, Jr.	Ansley	6 years
Jami Myers	Broken Bow	2 years
Neal Neth	Broken Bow	1 year
Micky Schneider	Sargent	3 years



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Living Up to Our Motto:
"Preserving Our Heritage...
Planning Our Future."

Custer County Foundation, Inc.

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Board of Directors:

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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.

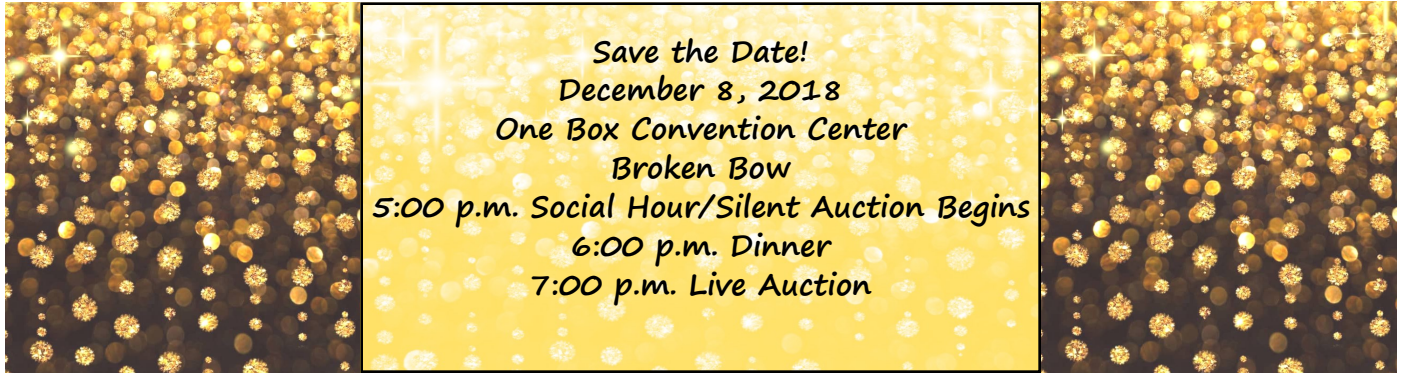
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All That Glitters!

The Custer County Foundation is proud to sponsor its 14th Annual Gala & Auction, "All That Glitters!" This annual event has proven to be extremely successful because of the support of individuals and businesses like you! Thank you!



"All That Glitters!" Dinner, Live Auction, and Silent Auction:

Local businesses & individuals are asked to donate live or silent auction items. Attendees have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items during the evening. We urge you to come early and socialize with your friends and colleagues during the silent auction. Other featured items will be auctioned off as live items. Below you will see the many options available to support the Gala & Auction.

____ I wish to donate an auction item:

Auction Item _____

Retail Value of Item \$_____ The retail value will be the amount on the donor receipt.

____ I wish to be a "Friend of the Foundation" and underwrite an auction item. Donation enclosed.

____ I wish to be a Wine Bar sponsor (sponsorship starts at \$100). Donation enclosed.

____ I wish to be an Ag Booster sponsor (sponsorship starts at \$500, with two dinner tickets included.)
Donation enclosed.

Number of Dinner Tickets _____ @ \$60/person = _____

Tables are available for parties of 10 at \$550 per table or parties of 16 at \$880 per table _____

Cash or Check (enclosed) _____ Call with Credit Card Number _____

Donor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

____ I would like to be listed as an anonymous donor.

*Please contact the Foundation office or a board member if you have questions on how you can support the Foundation's 14th Annual Gala & Auction.

****Donation must be received by November 5th to appear in the program.****

Proceeds will be incorporated into the funds of the Foundation and returned to the community in the form of grants and scholarships. The Custer County Foundation's status as a 501(c)3 public charity ensures that contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the highest extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

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The Custer County Foundation's Annual Gala and Auction has been a tremendous success over the past 14 years. We owe a big "thank you" to you and other donors for that success. In 2017, the Foundation distributed over \$398,000 in grants, scholarships, and program support.

Scholarships:

Custer County Students	77,100
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Arts/Culture:

Arrow Artists	425
Custer County Children's Theater Assoc.	1,515
Custer County Junior Orchestra	130

Economic Development:

Broken Bow Airport Authority	2,500
Sandshills Scenic Journey Byway	2,700
Sargent Chamber of Commerce	3,125
Seven Valley's Museum – Callaway	2,000
Village of Anselmo	4,300
Village of Arnold	1,800
Village of Callaway	2,000
Village of Merna	1,000

Youth Services:

Ansley Village Teachers Organization	1,045
Broken Bow Backpack Program	2,500
Broken Bow Dance Team	1,000
Broken Bow FBLA	750
Broken Bow Quiz Bowl	4,590
Broken Bow Rodeo	250
Broken Bow Team Mates	550
Broken Bow Wrestling Club	42,600
Callaway Public Schools	500
CAPABLE	2,500
Central Plains Center for Services	1,500
Children's Christmas Fund	5,000
Custer County DARE Program	500
Girl Scouts Spirits of Nebraska	500
Grants from A-M Foundation	45,784
Grants from BBPS Foundation	8,064
Grants from Broken Bow Beef Boosters	2,632
Grants from Bulldog Education Foundation	4,976
Grant from Caring Community Closet	490
Grants from Mason City Revitalization	750
Grants from S-E-M School Foundation	31,029
Grants from S-E-M Scholars	650
Grants from Spartan Youth Activities	15,865
Grants from Sumner Alumni Association	10,000
Grants from VIP After School	2,286
Post Prom	2,930
Sargent Wrestling Club	2,000
S-E-M Lunch Club	300

Elderly Services:

Callaway Good Life Center	1,500
Custer Care Center	3,100
Prairie Pioneer Center	1,500

Community Service

Ansley Veterans Memorial Wall	410
Broken Bow Fire Department	5,000
Broken Bow Lions Club	10,293
Finch Memorial Library	5,000
Healing Hearts & Families	2,000
Oconto Fire Department	5,000
Sargent Township Library	650

Special Projects:

Arnold Rotary Club	500
Broken Bow Library Foundation	1,000
Comstock Community Garden	600
Custer County 4-H	75
Custer County 4-H Livestock Auction	500
Custer County Ag Society	5,500
Custer County Classic Bull Riding	500
Custer County Fair Entertainment	23,003
Custer County Free Pit BBQ	500
Custer County Tractor Ride	100
Custer Economic Development Corporation	1,000
Ducks Unlimited	250
Mid-Plains Community College Foundation	1,350
Mid-Plains Technical Equipment	6,255
Nebraska Junior High Rodeo	500
Seven Valleys Rodeo Association	3,400
Tehama Shriner	250
Veterans Memorial	3,000

Recreation:

Broken Bow Booster Club	650
Broken Bow Cosmos Swim Team	750
Broken Bow Optimist Club	75
Diamond Youth Organization	4,800
One Box Rock Crushers	500
Sargent Youth Recreation Center	500
Turbow	200
Twin Loup Booster Club	125

Thank you for supporting the
Custer County Foundation!