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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship application deadline is
February 1st. For available
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custercountyfoundation.org.

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Winter 2018



Foundation has record night raising over \$144,000 at the Gala!

The Custer County Foundation held its 13th Annual Gala & Auction on Saturday, December 9 at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. It was a record breaking evening, raising over \$144,000! The Foundation sincerely appreciates the generosity of the many businesses and individuals throughout Custer County. **THANK YOU** for making it such a successful event!

As guests arrived, they had the opportunity to purchase up to two keys for \$10 each. After all 200 keys were sold, guests tried to unlock one of three gift boxes containing cash prizes donated by Muddy Creek Ag (\$250), Arrow Aviation, Inc. (\$500), and the Custer County Foundation Board of Directors (\$1,000).

Other highlights of the evening included the ever popular "Heads or Tails" game. For \$10 per bead necklace, guests had the opportunity to win \$500 cash by simply choosing either "heads" or "tails" at the toss of a coin. Kellys Beshaler beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500.

Elise Montgomery, another lucky lady, won the stunning 14K white and rose gold 1/4CT diamond infinity bracelet, donated by Sargent Irrigation Company.

The evening would not have been complete without the drawing for winner's choice of a Polaris Ranger side-by-side OR a \$6,500 travel voucher with \$1,000 cash - - both sponsored by Ag-Land ATV and Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters. And the winner was... Joe Wamsley of Broken Bow! Joe chose the travel voucher package.

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.

The steady growth of the Foundation is driven by donors' generosity, ideas, and beliefs that the Custer County Foundation can make a difference in the lives of the people who live and work in Custer County. The Foundation exists because of people with a desire to give back to the community where they lived, prospered, worked, and played.



2017 Fall Grant Recipients

The Foundation awarded \$38,475 to 16 Custer County organizations and \$250 to one non-traditional student this fall! Following is a list of organizations selected to receive a grant:

- ♦ **Arnold Community Theater, \$775:** To help with window coverings at the Rialto Theater.
- ♦ **Arnold Economic Development Corporation, \$2,000:** To help with Arnold City Park improvements on playground equipment.
- ♦ **Broken Bow Community Orchestra, \$200:** To help with instrument repair and dampits.
- ♦ **Broken Bow School Backpack Program, \$2,000:** To help provide food for children on the weekends.
- ♦ **Callaway Good Life Center, \$3,000:** To help purchase a mechanical, full body lift for residents.
- ♦ **Callaway Public Schools, \$1,500:** To help provide alternate seating for students.
- ♦ **Comstock Community Garden, \$1,000:** To be used to purchase a shed and to help with improvements and needed equipment for the community garden.
- ♦ **Custer County Ag Society, \$2,500:** To help build a crow's nest and box seating at the Trotter Arena.
- ♦ **Custer County Historical Society, \$1,750:** To help purchase microfilm to be used for the preservation of Custer County newspapers.
- ♦ **Custer Economic Development Corporation, \$2,000:** To help with the Hear Nebraska Good Living Tour.
- ♦ **Merna Area Promoters, \$10,000:** To help with the purchase of new playground equipment near the Merna Community Building.
- ♦ **Oconto Social & Study Club, \$1,000:** To help with Oconto Barn Quilt trail.
- ♦ **Oconto Volunteer Fire Department, \$5,000:** To help purchase a thermal imaging camera system.
- ♦ **Seven Valleys Historical Society, \$3,000:** To help with improving the structure of the museum by repairing the roof.
- ♦ **Through the Eyes of the Child, \$2,000:** To help with the Rural Connected Youth Initiative.
- ♦ **Vissi d'Arte Club, \$500:** To help with the Comstock Open Art & Photo Competition.
- ♦ **Non-Traditional Scholarship, Elise Montgomery, \$250:** To assist with furthering her education.



Broken Bow Backpack program received \$2,000.



Oconto Volunteer Fire Department received \$5,000.



Through the Eyes of the Child received \$2,000.

Any nonprofit group that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy is eligible for making a grant application from the Custer County Foundation. Said 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 30 and October 31.

Sustaining Members

The Custer County Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous contributions of our sustaining members in 2017! 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.

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!

When we circle together,
we CAN make a difference!



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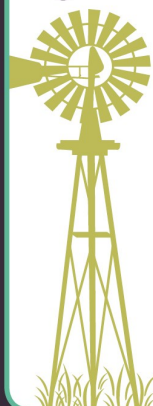
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In honor of Mildred Winkler

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In Memory of Fred Witcher

We sincerely apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted from our list, which reflects what was current as of December 31, 2017. 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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