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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Winter 2019



Foundation raises over \$150,000 at Annual Gala & Auction!

The Custer County Foundation held its 14th Annual Gala & Auction on Saturday, December 8th at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. The evening was deemed a success, raising \$150,000! 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 gift boxes containing cash prizes donated by Muddy Creek Ag (\$250), Arrow Aviation, Inc. (\$500), and Edward Jones, Gateway Motors, and Palmer Monument(\$1,000).

NEW THIS YEAR... Bubbles & Bling. This involved live auctioning five glasses of champagne, in which one glass contained a .57 carat diamond worth \$2,125 and four other glasses contained a cubic zirconia stone. The diamond being featured was hand-selected by a personal representative from Hawthorne Jewelry in Kearney, who traveled to Antwerp, Belgium--the diamond capital of the world! Mick Wise picked the correct number when he purchased his glass and was the winner of the .57 carat diamond.

Other 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 either "heads" or "tails" at the toss of a coin. Kelsy Beshaler beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500. Kelsy generously donated her winnings back to the Foundation.



Dave Birnie taking his bidding very seriously.



Guests participating in the Heads or Tails game.

Ginger Correll was the lucky winner of the stunning 14K white gold diamond necklace donated by Sargent Irrigation Company.

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

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 nontraditional students.

2018 Fall Grant Recipients

The Foundation awarded \$40,950 to 19 Custer County organizations this Fall! Following is a list of organizations selected to receive a grant:

- ♦ **Anselmo-Merna Elementary, \$3,000** : To help purchase flexible seating for the A-M Elementary Library.
- ♦ **Ansley FFA Chapter, \$1,200**: To help purchase a tower garden for K-6 classroom.
- ♦ **Ansley Teachers Village Organization, \$1,100**: To help provide supplies for the weekend backpack program.
- ♦ **Arnold Community Theater, \$1,000**: To help enhance the sound quality in the theater.
- ♦ **Broken Bow Public Schools, \$700**: To help with the STEM lab project and resources.
- ♦ **Callaway Good Life Center, \$3,600**: To help purchase a blanket warmer.
- ♦ **Callaway Housing Corporation, \$3,000**: To build a concrete parking pad.
- ♦ **Callaway Memorial Garden, \$3,000**: To help purchase and install a gazebo.
- ♦ **Central Plains Center for Services, \$6,000**: To help with the Super Kids Club Program.
- ♦ **Comstock Community Garden, \$500**: To help purchase materials needed for the Comstock Community Garden.
- ♦ **Custer County CAPABLE, \$750**: To help with the HEROs Mentoring Program.
- ♦ **Custer Care, \$3,000**: To help purchase a Razier Chair Lift.
- ♦ **Custer County Sheriff's Office, \$2,500**: To help purchase a K9 Kennel Insert for Dodge Pickup.
- ♦ **Gates Cemetery Board, \$1,000**: To help purchase metal mortuary signs to place on unmarked burial sites.
- ♦ **Healing Hearts & Families, \$5,500**: To help provide materials and services to domestic violence victims, sexual and human trafficking victims, and youth experiencing risky behaviors.
- ♦ **Nebraska One Box Shooting Complex, \$1,275**: To help purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- ♦ **Prairie Pioneer Center, \$2,500**: To help purchase a new soft serve ice cream machine.
- ♦ **TeamMates of Broken Bow, \$1,025**: To help mentees and mentors attend a UNK Basketball game.
- ♦ **Vissi d'Arte Club, \$300**: To help with supplies for the Comstock Open Art Competition.



Custer Care received \$3,000.

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.

New Scholarships Available

The Custer County Foundation is excited to announce eight new scholarships that were established for high school seniors and college students. **Applications are due February 1st.** 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 businesses and individuals who recently established these scholarships.

EZ IT Solutions Information Technology Scholarship, \$1,000

- Available to Custer County high school seniors or Custer County high school graduates currently enrolled in college.
- Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree or technical degree in Information Technology or related field.
- On a page separate from Biographical Narrative, please address the following two questions: (1) Why are you pursuing a degree in the Information Technology field? (2) What have you done to prepare yourself for the Information Technology field?

Nebraska State Bank Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a senior at a Nebraska high school.
- Student, parent, or grandparent must be a customer of NSB and student must state in application the name of the customer and their relationship (parent or grandparent).

Nebraska State Bank Hometown Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a senior at a Custer County high school.
- Must write a 500 word essay on why you plan to return to Custer County.

Nebraska State Bank Business Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a senior at a Nebraska high school or must have graduated from a Nebraska high school.

- Preference given to students in the following degree areas: Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, or Business Management.

Nebraska State Bank Youth Leadership Custer County Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a current or past participant in Youth Leadership Custer County.
- Must write an essay on how you benefited by participating in Youth Leadership Custer County.
- Letter of recommendation from someone you worked with during YLCC.

- High school and college students are eligible.

Nebraska State Bank College Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must have graduated from a Nebraska high school.
- Must be a college student entering their second year or above.
- Must include in biographical narrative how student has taken a leadership role in college.

Tiffany Theater Scholarship, \$500

- Must be a current or former employee at the Tiffany Theater.
- Student can be a high school senior or currently enrolled in college.
- Employee must have been in good standing.
- Must have been employed at Tiffany Theater for at least one year.

Marvin Payne Memorial Scholarship, \$500

- Must be a senior at Broken Bow High School.

Sustaining Members

The Custer County Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous contributions of our sustaining members in 2018! 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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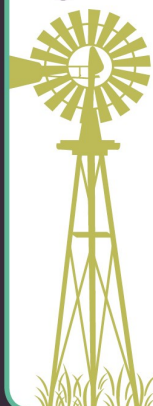
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Other Membership

Dr. Donald D. Smith

We sincerely apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted from our list, which reflects what was current as of December 31, 2018. 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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