



# Custer County Foundation

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## Foundation Announces Grants

The Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending October 31, 2009. The Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following awards:

**Broken Bow Ministerial Food Pantry, \$2,000**—The food pantry serves those who are in need in the Custer County Community. It is supplied through donations of cash and non-perishable foods. In 2008, the pantry served 821 individuals.

**Broken Bow Public Schools, \$2,000**—The school requested assistance with the purchase of a practice mat. These mats will be used during the regular season as well as post

season competition, allowing students throughout Custer County the opportunity to enjoy these mats.

**Bulldog Education Foundation Backpack Program, \$500**—This program provides food for students in the Sargent Public School system that need some assistance in order to have enough food over the weekends during the school year.

**Comstock Den Senior Center, \$1,000**—The Den provides over 10,000 meals per year to seniors in Comstock and surrounding communities. This grant will assist in greatly needed kitchen updates.

**Custer Care Center, \$1,000**—This grant will assist the Custer Care Cen-

ter in purchasing needed medical equipment. The center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**Custer County Agriculture Society, \$1,000**—This grant will be used to replace old camper electrical hookups & install water lines for campers at the fairgrounds.

**UNL Extension Backpack Program, \$1,500**—This program helps feed low-income families over the weekend. The program is focused on serving low-income families in our community, and is a great way to provide a service to needy families.

**The next grant application period ends April 30, 2010. Applications may be accessed online.**

## Custer County Christmas Event

The Foundation is proud to sponsor the sixth annual Custer County Christmas event. This year's theme is **Christmas on the Prairie**—an event that will be a fun night for all!

The Foundation is so very grateful to the communities of Custer County for making this event such a success. This year

promises to be the best event yet. The evening starts with a social time, followed the silent and live auctions., then dinner and televised Husker game at 7.

All proceeds from the event are incorporated into the funds of the Foundation and returned to the community in the form of grants. The Foundation's

status as a 501(c)3 public charity ensures that contributions are tax deductible to the highest extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

A featured event is the drawing of the winning raffle ticket for the 4-wheeler.

**See the enclosed flyer for your tickets today!**

## Custer County Foundation Welcomes Lisa Bell



The Foundation welcomes Lisa Bell as the new Executive Director. Bell will replace Sandy Christiansen who is retiring.

“I wanted this opportunity to truly have a positive impact in the county,” Bell said. “The Foundation is involved in so many activities in the county.”

Bell has a bachelor’s degree in international business and a master’s degree in marketing.

“Lisa had just what we

were looking for,” said Karl Davis, Foundation President. “She has the skills, she’s got a great attitude, and she’s a very positive person.”

The opening at the Foundation brought forward several very qualified candidates. “You get the applications and you find out people do know about the Foundation and want to be a part of it,” Karl Davis stated.

Bell is a native of Avoca and graduate of Syracuse High School in Nebraska. She is married

to Nate Bell, a Broken Bow High School graduate.

Bell said she has seen how Custer County communities and businesses within those communities work together. “They all seem to have a strong sense of community,” she said. “The communities seem to want to move forward as a whole. When one succeeds, we all succeed.”

Bell worked at Custer Federal in Broken Bow for almost five years where she was the loan administrator.

### **Foundation Office Hours:**

**Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 am—5:00 pm**

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### **New Funds**

#### **1952 Football Team Scholarship Fund—**

Members of this undefeated football team have once again banded together to develop this scholarship program. Started by an anonymous

donation, this scholarship will be introduced this fall. The scholarship will be available to Broken Bow High School seniors. They must have participated in the school’s football program at least

their senior year, show financial need, and may not be attending college on a football scholarship. Qualifying students may reapply during their college career for this \$1,000 scholarship.

#### **Broken Bow Rotary Scholarship—**

After many years of service to the Broken Bow Community, the Rotary Club recently disbanded. Even though they will not have regular meetings, the remaining Rotary members wanted to continue the tradition of offering scholarships to Broken Bow students.

The scholarship will be available to graduates of Broken Bow High School. Those graduates must be rated in the top 50% of their class and demonstrate community involvement as well as been involved in extracurricular activities. This scholarship is valued at \$250.

#### **Dr. Duane Rice Memorial and Joanne Rice Scholarship—**

This scholarship is available to former graduates of a Custer, Blaine, Thomas or Cherry County high school. It is intended for a student who has gained admittance into a veterinary

medicine program; or, if no qualified Vet Medical Students, then a student entering their junior year in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This scholarship is valued at \$500.

#### **Louise Stutzman Memorial Scholarship—**

Mrs. Stutzman was a former English teacher in Broken Bow and had a very strong and positive influence on many of her students. This scholarship is a way for her former students to honor her memory. This will be a one-time scholarship available to graduates of Broken Bow High School. Those graduates must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and studying English. This scholarship is valued at \$500.

#### **Custer County Preschool Scholarship Fund—**

The Custer County Early Childhood Committee established this scholarship for the purpose of providing scholarships to eligible children. This project began when the Custer County Early Childhood Committee was awarded a “Little Give Big Give” grant by the Custer County Chief last December.

## Scholarship Applications Due February 1, 2010

It is once again that exciting time of year when the seniors in our schools are planning for their future.

The Custer County Foundation is dedicated to supporting youth and education. The Foundation has established a long tradition of administering and providing scholarships to area students.

Today the Foundation manages 55 scholarship funds and awards over \$55,000 in scholarships annually. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of individuals and businesses.

Our heartfelt thanks to those individuals and businesses who have made these scholarships available to area youth.

All scholarship criteria and application forms are available online at our Custer County Foundation website, [www.ccfneb.org](http://www.ccfneb.org).

Applications may be completed online but then must be printed and mailed to the Foundation office.

The scholarship deadline is February 1, 2010.

### Scholarship Listings

#### Available to ALL Students in Custer county:

**Becton-Dickinson** Scholarships (for children of B-D employees) technical studies, \$1,000; for four-year degree, \$1,000 (2).

**Sam and Adaline Bailey** Memorial Scholarship, \$250.

**Darlene Bigbee Nursing** Scholarship, \$300.

**Broken Bow Rebekah Lodge #110** Scholarships, \$500 (4).

**Hazelle Jacobsen Headley Cole** Scholarship for education, \$1,000 (2).

**Waleta L. Gies** Memorial Scholarship, Cosmetology, \$250.

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows,** Broken Bow Lodge #119, Scholarship, \$2,000.

**KCNI-KBBN Radio Station** Scholarship for broadcast journalism, \$500.

**St. John's Episcopal Church** Scholarships for technical studies, \$500; for 4-year degree, \$1,000 (2).

**Lorraine E. Still** Scholarship for Consumer Education and Family Science Services, Art Education or Nursing, \$300. (also available to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in college.)

**Available to Broken Bow Seniors 1952 Football Team** Scholarship, for \$1,000.

**Adams Land and Cattle** Scholarships for Agriculture, \$500; Art and Music, \$500; Business, \$500; and Computers or Engineering, \$500.

**Russell Adams Jr. Memorial and Annette Adams** Scholarship for Agriculture, \$250; and Business, \$250.

**Dr. Jackson Bence** Scholarship for health care or a related field \$1,000.

**Broken Bow High School** Scholarship, \$250.

**Broken Bow Rotary Club** Scholarship, \$250 (2).

**J.F. Shafer and Earnest M. Rains** Memorial Scholarship, \$1,700.

**Joe Jr. and Laura Cupl** Memorial Scholarship for Chemistry, \$500.

**Forsyth Family** Scholarship for the University of Nebraska, \$8,000 (2); for Hastings College, \$8,000.

**Kevin B. Foster** Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

**Mary Hanke and Hazel Hanke-Daniel** Scholarship Fund, \$1,000.

**Gene O'Brien** Memorial Scholarship for education, \$100.

**Harry and Lenora Richardson** Scholarship, \$1,000.

**Mark and Pat Russell** Coaching Scholarship, \$250.

**Mildred Schweitzer** Memorial Scholarship, \$300.

**Lowell and Ida M. Spencer** Scholarship for pre-medicine, \$1,000.

**Dr. Howard and Maurine Stevens** Scholarship for a degree in Education, \$750.

**Louise Stutzman** Memorial Scholarship for a degree in English, \$500.

**Burrell and Anna Mae Taylor** Memorial Scholarship for a degree in education, \$250.

**Maxine Weldin** Perpetual Scholarship, \$500.

#### Available to Anselmo-Merna Students

**Bob and Verna Lewis** Student/Athlete Scholarship, \$250.

**Fred and Alice Werner** Scholarship for education or medicine, \$1,000.

#### Available to Arnold Students

**Scott B. Cool** Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.

**George and Bernice Halstead** Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000.

#### Available to Arnold and Stapleton Students

**Adair and Mary Ellen Tunnel** Memorial Scholarship, \$500 for Stapleton, \$500 for Arnold.

#### Scholarships available to Third Year or Above Students, Nebraska Post-Secondary School

**Custer County Home Extension** Scholarship, \$300.

**Jeanne M. Mohatt Memorial Scholarship**, \$1,000 for Junior Year Journalism, English, Political Science or Education.

**Dr. Duane Rice Memorial and Joanne Rice, \$500** Scholarship for graduate of Custer, Blaine, Thomas or Cherry County. Student must have gained admittance into veterinary medicine program, or be entering Junior Year in Agriculture & Natural Resources.

**Dr. Clyde & Ethelyn E. Wilcox** Scholarship for medicine, nursing, journalism, theatre or architecture, \$500.

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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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