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Sargent ♦ Westerville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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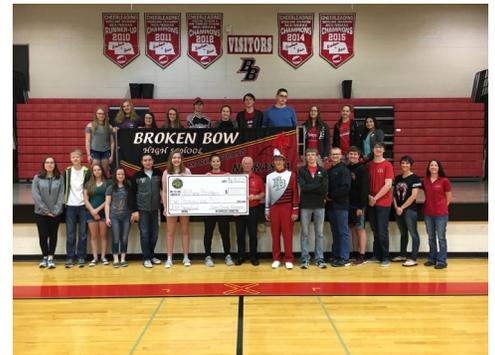
Custer County Foundation Awards \$22,000 in Grants!

The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2018 and is awarding a total of \$22,000 to nine Custer County organizations and one \$250 scholarship to a non-traditional student.

The Foundation's Grants Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following awards:

- **Anselmo-Merna Youth Wrestling Club:** \$2,000 to help purchase a wrestling mat.
- **Broken Bow Elks Lodge:** \$4,500 to help purchase picnic tables for the new picnic shelter at the Custer County Fairgrounds.
- **Broken Bow Music Boosters:** \$5,000 to apply to new band uniforms.
- **Callaway Community Foundation:** \$1,000 to assist with costs associated with a new sidewalk.
- **Central Plains Center for Services:** \$2,000 to help fund activities for the Super Kids Club Summer Program.
- **City of Ansley:** \$3,000 to help with a handicapped accessible approach at the park.
- **Spartan VIP Club:** \$500 to assist with a Family Fun Day during Muddy Creek Celebration.
- **TeamMates of Callaway:** \$1,500 to help with costs associated with starting a new TeamMates chapter.
- **The Comstock Den:** \$2,500 to replace the front window in the senior center.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2018. Applications may be accessed online at www.custercountyfoundation.org.



Lindsay and Lisa's Excellent Adventure!

Spring Into Giving was held Tuesday, May 1, which marked the first retail day of giving for the Custer County Foundation. Retail stores throughout Custer County signed up to participate by donating a percentage of their sales from the day. For this day to be a success, we needed the public to get out there and shop locally. As the Executive Director of the Foundation, I felt it was part of my job to get out there and shop (I know, tough job). So, me and my sidekick Lisa, the Office Assistant for the Foundation, set out to do our civic duty and SHOP!! We started the morning by promoting the Spring Into Giving day on the local radio stations then headed to our first stop: Arrow Seed. We had lots of fun picking out some veggies and flowers, along with some garden gloves. Next stop was Wenquist, Inc. Who doesn't need some cleaning supplies for your vehicle to start the summer? With summer brings grilling season, so we headed over to Muddy Creek Ag in Ansley to pick up some spices and marinades, and then on over to Ansley Lumber & Supply... time to spice up a room with a fresh coat of paint.



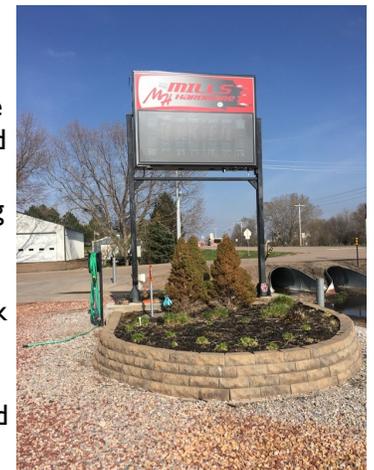
Sargent here we come!! But wait a minute... is that my low tire pressure light that just flashed on??

Surely I don't have a flat tire. I told my sidekick it's come on before; I just needed to add a little air. THUD, THUD, THUD.... Not the case this time as we pull over in someone's driveway along Highway 183 and jump out to find a very flat tire. We give each other a pep talk; of course we can change a flat tire, right?? Lug nuts are too tight. I try an old trick I learned in driver's education: put the bar parallel to the ground to stand and jump on it to loosen the nut; and sure enough, it works! Now onto the jack, this is a little trickier. We move the bar up and down, nothing. Lo and behold, the NAPA truck pulls up just in time to teach us how to use the jack. He explains you turn the jack to get it to work. Lisa and I get a good chuckle and are glad we learned how to use the jack properly. We let the NAPA guy take it from here and he gets us back on our way and even tells us Unruh Auto Sales in Sargent is open today. We swing into Unruh's to fix the tire, he even has a used one on hand, it is our lucky day. Lisa and I walk over to The Ritz for lunch, visit with some locals to pass the time while the tire gets changed. We enjoy a lovely meal, pick up the car and head to Sargent Corner Market to grab a few groceries. A trip to Sargent isn't complete without stopping by Sargent Pack for some of those famous Bulldogs.



On the road again, we make a quick stop at Chapin's, then on our way to Oconto to fuel up at Eggleston Oil. (On a side note, the barn quilt in the Eggleston Oil photo was made possible in part by a grant from the Custer County Foundation, how cool is that?) Take a few minutes to admire the Oconto Sculpture Garden (it's really quite amazing if you have never seen it). Next stop... Callaway! Swing into Agri-Best Feeds to pick up some fencing gloves. Found some cute knick-knacks at Third Season Boutique and grabbed some odds and ends from Callaway True Value.

We take the Arnold River Road over to Arnold, taking in the scenic drive. Mills Hardware has what we need, pick up some yard work supplies then venture across the street to The Arnold Exchange for a snack and drink for the drive back to Broken Bow.



Lisa and I visited on the drive home about how we had such a fun day and visited about all the great things Custer County has available. Every community is unique and has so much more to offer than people realize. We participated in Spring Into Giving because we wanted to support the retailers who took a chance to participate in the Custer County Foundation retail day of giving. If only there were enough hours in the day to allow us to stop at all 36 participating businesses, we missed a lot. If we can take something away from our trip it would be get out there and explore Custer County and support our local economy. This county is full of hidden treasures and friendly faces! We are grateful for everyone's support and participation. Excellent.

Spring Into Giving

The Custer County Foundation is proud to announce \$12,300 was raised on this very first Retail Day of Giving! Becton Dickinson generously donated a \$5,000 matching gift. The tremendous support of the participating businesses was amazing. These businesses took a chance on a new fundraising idea that hopefully benefited the businesses which, in turn, benefit our non-profits. The funds raised will be directed toward the grants fund at the Foundation to be distributed out to local nonprofits. Looking outside the businesses, the day would not have been possible without those patrons who shopped at these local participating businesses. Below please find those businesses who participated, THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this first-time event such a success.

Ace Hardware
 Agri-Best Feeds
 Ansley Lumber & Supply
 Arrow Seed Co, Inc.
 Betsy's Bling
 Boarders Inn & Suites
 Bow Booterie
 Bow Family Furniture
 Callaway Market
 Callaway True Value
 Chapins Furniture & Decorating
 Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Dairy Queen
 Eggleston Oil
 Evans Feed Co., Inc.
 Forget Me Not Shoppe
 Geared4Sports
 Holcomb Pharmacy, PC
 Lyne's Appliance
 Mills Hardware & Feed
 Mr. Rudy's
 Muddy Creek Ag
 Palmer Monument
 Pizza Hut

Runza of Broken Bow
 Sargent Corner Market
 Sargent Pack
 Schmick's Market
 The Arnold Exchange
 The Grocery Kart
 The Ritz
 Third Season Boutique
 Tiffany Theater
 Tumbleweed Café
 Varney Health Mart
 Wenquist Inc.

Sustaining Members

As we reach the midpoint of 2018 with wonderment as to where time has gone, we also reflect at this time on a membership goal of **\$15,000** that has not been met. Please help us meet our goal by becoming a member today. Both businesses and individuals are encouraged to take this important step which is vital to the future of your community and Custer County.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents throughout Custer County. As a way to recognize your generous support, we will publish your name in our 2019 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 14th Annual Gala & Auction program.

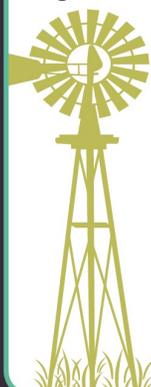
The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, create opportunities for a greater impact.

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. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today. Thank you!

**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**

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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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