

2018 Summer Newsletter



ELWOOD
Area Foundation

Save the Date

8th Annual Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala Saturday, March 23rd, 2019

The evening includes a catered dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, open bar, and live entertainment. Tickets sales start in February. Cost per ticket is \$75 or \$600 per table.

Proceeds from the Gala go towards community betterment projects. Past projects receiving funds include the Elwood Public Library, Downtown Improvements, updates at the Park, and the Civic Center Renovations.

Please plan to join us for a fun evening, and help us give back to the Elwood Area!

What is the Elwood Area Foundation?

The Elwood Area Foundation was established by a group of visionary locals who saw the need for a community giving organization. The sale of the Elwood Boy Scout cabin in 1980 for the amount of \$100,000 gave this group its humble beginnings.

Since that time additional money has been received from generous donors through memorials, bequests, endowments and donations, allowing the Foundation to grow.

The Foundation invests and administers these funds. Thanks to your kind-hearted contributions we are able to give back to the area in many different ways.

Youth grants can be used for leadership education, youth projects, or other types of activities that result in youth empowerment. Students are encouraged to call the Foundation Office to discuss their ideas.

Our **scholarship and student loan programs** are available to help students achieve their quest for higher education at all levels, whether that is at a trade school, community college, pursuit of an associate degree, or a four-year college.

Community grants are given for betterment projects that ensure our area remains a great place to live for future generations!

We also accept **memorials and donations**. These can be made in honor of loved ones who have passed, to represent someone special to you or the community, or for any other reason you might have! Memorials and donations may be directed to a cause near and dear to your heart, or may be given without designation.

To learn more about these programs, please call 308-785-8113, email us at elwoodAF@gmail.com, check us out of Facebook, or stop by the office at 314 Smith Avenue.

Student Loan Application Period Open

Attention students! Loan applications are being accepted through July 31st. Requirements are:

1. Attended Elwood High School for four years.
2. The student is required to be registered as a full-time student (12 hours or more).
3. Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (C) to renew the loan.
4. A 2% interest charge will be made while attending college and is payable each semester.
5. All loans become due and payable upon completion or discontinuation of college.
6. Loans are to be paid back on a five year monthly payment plan at 7% interest.

Applications are available at the Foundation Office through July 31. Upon approval by the Board of Directors and signature of a school note by the student and co-signers, the loan is allocated each semester. Payment of interest and a copy of the student's grades verifying 2.0 grade point average is also required. Contact the Foundation Office for additional details.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Programs and projects most recently receiving assistance from EAF:

Assistance for the **B.I.E.S.S.E.D. youth group (Building Leaders Engaged in Strong Service Every Day)** on their F.A.I.T.H agricultural ministry tour;

Start-up support for the **Beef in Schools Program**;

Funds for the planned **Civic Center Restroom Renovation**;

Assistance for the **Johnson Lake Trails Program**;

Assistance to the **L2 for Kids** program, providing new back-to-school clothing for children in need;

Partnership with the **Maroon Platoon** for a motivational speaker at the school;

Assistance to the **Teammates Mentor Program** for their Spring Game trip to Lincoln;

Partnership with the Village of Elwood to bring disc golf to the Park;

YELP Leadership Academy pilot program.

Memorials and Donations

Memorial gifts and honorariums are a thoughtful way to recognize someone special. Memorials are often directed to the Elwood Area Foundation in lieu of flowers for someone who has passed away, and honorarium donations can be made any time you would like to recognize someone important. The Foundation will send an acknowledgement of your gift to the family or honoree and the information will be included in EAF publications.

Below is the list of memorials and donations made between January 1 and July 1, 2018.

In Memory of Marilyn Frost:
Steve & Kim Scoville

In Memory of Doug Gruber:
Gruber Land and Cattle Co.

In Memory of Dean Houlden:
Doug & Barb Foss

In Memory of J. Conrad Huerta:
Chuck & Charlene Tilson

In Memory of Mary Kruse:
Steve & Kim Scoville

In Memory of Elinor Lofquist:
Steve & Kim Scoville
Chuck & Charlene Tilson

In Memory of Bill McCandless:
Pinnacle Bank of Lexington

In Memory of Jessie Meyer:
Steve & Kim Scoville
Dan & Shaunna Sjomeling

In Memory of Elaine Remmenga:
Ernie Fiene
Bob & Jane Hilton
Kerry H. Rader
Bob & Phyllis Remmenga
Varetta Remmenga

In Memory of Bob Salisbury:
Janet Debban
Terry & Beth Delp
Kerry H. Rader
Dale & Cheryl Taft

In Memory of Erma Seitz:
Steve & Kim Scoville

In Memory of LaVerne Stuehm:
Doug & Barb Foss

Thank you to all those who have honored someone special through our memorial program.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

The Elwood Area Foundation carefully considers each and every funding request presented to the Board of Directors, knowing that all projects and programs are important and beneficial to our area. We encourage anyone considering a community or youth improvement project to contact us about a partnership, and we ask that you present your idea to the Board. Please keep in mind, EAF funds are limited to budget constraints of the current fiscal year, and also to the generous donations we receive and the amount of interest earned on our endowed funds.

The number of requests for funding we receive far outweigh the funds we have available to grant out. Therefore, the Board of Directors must consider the Foundation's Mission and the Community Impact of each funding request when granting funds. We sincerely appreciate all your ideas, and see the value in every project and program that is presented.

This wonderful community is blessed to have many service organizations and active volunteers who help carry out the work of improving our area for future generations!

EAF Scholarships Total \$35,050 to Area Students

**Robert Birt
Memorial
Scholarship**

Madison Clouse
Tiffany Dickau
Jocelyn Flores
Danielle Forster
Felicia Knoerzer
Manon Martin

**Centennial
Committee
Scholarship**

Tiffany Dickau

**Robert C. Salisbury
Memorial
Scholarship**

Tiffany Dickau

**Tilson Family
Scholarship**

Manon Martin

**Robert & Barb Wade
4 Year College
Memorial
Scholarship**

Danielle Forster

**Cori Arends Schutz
Memorial
Scholarship**

Manon Martin

**Bonnie V. Clark
Memorial
Scholarship**

Jocelyn Flores

**Wesley & Evelyn Fox
Memorial
Scholarship**

Felicia Knoerzer

**Robert & Barb Wade
Comm. College
Memorial
Scholarship**

Tiffany Dickau

**Elwood Lions/
Gosper County
Carnival Scholarship**

Madison Clouse
Tiffany Dickau
Danielle Forster
Felicia Knoerzer
Manon Martin
Tanner Rowe

**South Central NE
Corn Growers Assoc.
Scholarship**

Felicia Knoerzer

**Velma Schroeder
Memorial
Scholarship**

Manon Martin

**The Home Agency
Scholarship**

Chase Becker
Madison Clouse
Tiffany Dickau
Jocelyn Flores
Danielle Forster
Nick Herring
Samantha Jack
Felicia Knoerzer
Leigh Ann Lehmann
Manon Martin
Colton Thompson
Caitlyn Walbrecht
Hannah Walker

**Merlyn Schutz
Memorial
Valedictorian
Scholarship**

Tiffany Dickau

**Leonard & Darlene
M. Schutz
Memorial
Scholarship**

Manon Martin

**Dean Houlden
Memorial
Scholarship**

Danielle Forster

**Chadd Hambidge
Memorial
Scholarship**

Madison Clouse

**James J. Leggott
Memorial
Scholarship**

Jocelyn Flores

*“Real generosity towards
the future lies in giving
all to the present”
Albert Camus*

OFFICE HOURS:

M-T-Th, 9:00 –3:30

SUMMER SCHEDULE

T & Th, 9:00–3:30

Mission Statement

*The mission of the
Elwood Area Foundation
is to encourage, enhance
and provide
opportunities for
charitable giving. To
manage and distribute
the funds in a
responsible manner in
order to strengthen the
Elwood Area Community
and benefit the future
generations of our
community.*

*Congratulations to our area Graduates,
and good luck on your future endeavors!*

Thank you to all those who contribute to the scholarship program.

You are helping students achieve their dreams!

**Thank you to the Families of Dean Houlden, who established a scholarship
in his name to benefit graduating Elwood seniors for years to come:**

**Elaine Houlden
Linda & Errol Boyd
Kevin & Mary Houlden
Gary & Shelly Houlden
Tobin & Cindy Houlden**

If you or someone you know is interested in starting a scholarship in the Elwood Area, please contact the Foundation! Scholarships can be established for any type of program, area of study, or age level. Your scholarship could be used by non-traditional students, high school graduates, graduate students, whoever you would like to assist. Give us a call today to discuss your ideas.

Elwood Area Foundation Hosts 7th Annual Spring Gala

The 7th Annual Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala was once again a huge success, thanks to all those who support this great cause! The event, held on March 17th, included a social hour, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Nearly 200 auction items were up for grabs. There was also a chance to win the Pot o' Gold being raffled as part of the St. Patrick's Day theme, as well as shares in Dow DuPont Stock sponsored by O'Hanlon Seed, Inc. and Dustin & Amber O'Hanlon. The evening closed out with music from the band TopSpin and a chance for dancing and socializing.

Thanks to the support of the Elwood Area community and all those who donated and attended, the event netted \$40,000. Gala proceeds will be used to renovate the Civic Center restrooms and to help further the EAF mission of encouraging, enhancing and providing opportunities for charitable giving, including youth grants. The Elwood Area Foundation Board and the Gala Committee are very grateful for the continued support of those who contribute to the Gala.

Because of your generosity, the Elwood Area Foundation is able to give back to the community!

FOUNDATION FRIENDS

Those who graciously made monetary donations for underwriting this amazing event.

Aflac, Kayti Schwarting	Elwood Funeral Home,	Larry & Jeanne Reynolds
American Family	Dallas & Jami Garey	Lexington Regional
Insurance,	Elwood Lions Club	Health Center
J.E. Krason Agency	Empire Hay,	MTL Inc.,
Aurora Coop	Scott & Gwen Stoll and	Sharlette Schwenninger
Brell Realty & Auction,	Dan & Miranda Stoll	Norder Supply Inc.
LeahAnn Brell	Geiger Inc.,	OPO Inc.,
Byrns Floorcovering,	Ray & Judith Geiger	Dr. Joe Jeffrey
Mike Byrns	Gosper County	Plum Creek Garden Club
Carlton & Cheryl Clark	Commissioners	Remmenga Drilling
Central Valley Irrigation,	Gosper County Senior	Company,
Monty & Tammy	Center	Bob & Phyllis Remmenga
Vonasek	Jerry & Diane Remmenga	and
Chuck & Charlene Tilson	Kevin & Cheri Bellamy	Jeff & Sherri Remmenga
CHS	Larry W. Brell, Inc.,	S&N Farms, Inc.,
Doug & Barb Foss	Larry & Cheryl Brell	Steve & Nancy Schutz
Ed Houlden, in memory		Todd Wilson P.C.
of Julie Houlden		

GALA COMMITTEE

Andy Krings
Ann Johnson
Betty Koenig
Codina Moore
Deb Arends
Ed Arends
Erika Spahr
Jennifer Edwards
Katy Weissert
LaNae Matousek
Laura Tilson
Lori Knoerzer
Mardee Studnicka
Patrick Ropers
Shaunna Sjomeling
Vicki Bliven

GALA VOLUNTEERS

David Blessing
Master of Ceremonies
Heather Collins
Head Bartender
Jawna Kuck
Auction Cashier
Erin Jensen
Auction Cashier
Nick Niemeier
Auctioneer
Jake Rogers
Auctioneer



The Gala Committee: This hard-working group of people help to make the Gala possible! Doing everything from pre-Gala planning and auction item hunting, to hauling boxes of auction items and decorations, setting up tables and chairs, precision napkin-folding and auction monitoring; it takes a big group to accomplish this big event. Thank you all for your help!

Allen & Geraldine Steinbrink
 Becky Chaney, Rianna and Sheridan Chaney
 Bruce & MJ Hart
 Bryant & Lori Knoerzer
 Carlton & Cheryl Clark
 Dan & Shaunna Sjomeling
 Daren & Kate Hatch
 Daron & Hayley Huyser
 Darren & Cheryl Krull
 Deb Hambidge
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 Ellen Halmes
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 Blue Moose
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 Buzz's Marine
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 Celebrity Hotel Deadwood
 Central Community College
 JoHannah Hochstetler

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 Coffee Cottage, Sue Rowe
 CPS
 Crystal Theatre
 Cunningham's Feed Store
 DeVries Furniture , Kurt & Lisa DeVries
 Divine Boutique , Stacy Wendell
 Docks Unlimited
 Mitch & Jackie Berke
 Double D Ranch
 Double Z's Trailers
 Casey and Molly Zimmerman
 Duane's Sawmilling & Woodworking Crafts,
 Duane Kelly
 DXP, Scott and Ann Johnson
 Dynamic Rides, Randy Lofquist
 Elevate, Brandon & Jessica Hotz
 Elwood Public School
 Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market
 Elwood Rodeo Club
 Eustis Welding , Ron & Katrina Oaklund
 Fairview Veterinary Clinic
 Five Arrows Boutique, Erin Shafer
 Flux Studio LLC , Nate Steinbrink
 Fonner Park
 Frontier Home Medical,
 Smoke Cornelius
 Gosper County Carnival Association
 Gosper County Rural Volunteer Fire Depart-
 ment
 Green Thumb Designs, Bill & Robin Phipps
 Heidi Button Massage
 Hi-Line Golf Course
 Holen One
 Honest Beef Company
 House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast and Ca-
 tering, Sindy Fiene
 HyVee
 Jasmin Nails, Thao
 Johnson Jewelry
 Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
 Kearney Community Theatre
 K-Town Cakes, Linda Seals
 Lakeshore Marina
 Lakeside Golf
 Michael Bessette
 Landmark Implement
 Lazy RW Distillery, Bill & Todd Roe
 Lexington Regional Health Center
 Little Angels Childcare
 M&M Feeders, Mel Huyser & Marvin Huyser
 Main Course Catering
 Medo's, Greg Medo
 Mineral Palace Deadwood
 Minden Opera House
 Moore Crop Service, Jeff & Codina Moore

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 Plum Creek Motors, Tom & Kathy Feltes
 Plum Creek Promotions
 Plum Pretty Boutique, Vicki Peterson
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 San Pedro Restaurant
 Sandhills Distributing
 Security First Bank
 Shabby Chic, Cheryl Oelkers
 Simply Indigo Retreat, Kathryn Keller
 The Social Club Deadwood
 Starbucks
 Steakmaster
 Sun Valley Landscaping, Chas Berke
 Teich Design, Allison & JJ McGowan
 The 308 Boutique, Erin Sandy
 The Dusty Canyon, Jennifer Lehmann & Lisa
 Williams
 The Home Agency
 Jim & Sharri Baldonado
 The Pool Hall
 The Red Barn and Motel
 Dan & Shaunna Sjomeling
 Tiede's Antiques & Collectibles
 Beulah Tiede
 Twisted Wire Upland Hunt, Greg Jones
 Tyson
 U Save Pharmacy and Gifts
 Village Pie Maker , Terry Warner
 Waterford House B&B
 Weissert Construction
 Scott & Lyanne Weissert
 Weissert Hardwood Flooring
 Mark & Katy Weissert
 Wild Horse Ranch
 Willie & Barb Keep
 Wurst Tag Committee

The Elwood Area Foundation is grateful for the Matching Challenge Grant opportunity presented by **The Home Agency and The Jim and Sharri Baldonado Family** during the 2018 Elwood Spring Gala.

Patrons of the Gala were encouraged to make designated donations, and those donations would be matched up to \$10,000.

With the help of our supporters and a few extra days, we were able to raise the entire \$10,000 in donations to receive an additional \$10,000!

The Elwood Area Foundation Board would like to extend a special and heartfelt "Thank You" to The Home Agency and the Jim and Sharri Baldonado Family, for the generosity you show to our community and so many others.



The fine folks at the Check-in Counter make sure Gala patrons get signed in for the "Quick Check-out" Auction Feature.



A new feature this year, the photo booth was a huge hit with all ages of Gala patrons. Check out our Facebook page to see some of the great pictures!

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Elwood Area Foundation Board of Directors presented checks to help the Elwood Care Center and the Gosper County Senior Center with much needed purchases. These partnerships were made possible through the generosity of long-time Elwood resident Ella Ewer, who left a bequest in her will during her estate planning, specifically setting aside funds for organizations after her passing.



EAF also recently worked with the Village and some members of the Pride of the Prairie 4-H Club to set up a disc golf course at the Village Park. The purpose of the project was to bring an activity to the community that would be of interest to a wide range of ages and abilities.



There are many ways an individual, family, group, or business can give back to the community and leave a lasting legacy. The list of scholarships administered by the Elwood Area Foundation demonstrates that many were established by families as a way to leave a legacy while giving back to the community. Memorials and Honorariums are another way to do so. Donations made to EAF also help us give back to the community. And these are just a few examples! If you are interested in learning about ways you can leaving a lasting legacy in our community, please contact the Foundation Office!

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About Charitable Giving

Charitable giving does not require great wealth. It requires generosity of spirit—the desire to share what you have for the benefit of others. Many have a desire to help others in a meaningful way. The challenge is how to best realize these desires.

The Elwood Area Foundation can help you match your desire to give with a worthy cause. Gifts to the Foundation can be made in any amount. Even the smallest gift can have a big impact when we all work together! And your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The Foundation accepts donations and memorials made in honor of a specific cause, and donations made without designation. A designated gift will only be used as the donor

directs. Recognition will be given in publications and on Facebook.

There are many ways to invest in our future:

- Gifts of cash or property
- Gifts of grain or livestock
- Bequests in your will
- Retirement plans
- Gifts of life insurance
- Memorial/Honor gifts
- Gift annuities that provide lifelong income for you and your loved ones

We hope you will consider the Elwood Area Foundation for your charitable gift giving. For more information please contact Melissa Vinzant, Executive Director, 314 Smith Avenue, Elwood NE 68937.

ELWOOD ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Elwood alumni are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Alumni Open House, taking place July 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school Multi-purpose Room. Cookies and refreshments will be served. All classes are welcome. Tables will be available for honored classes (those ending in '7 and '8) who wish to display memorabilia. Please let the Foundation Office know if you would like a table reserved for your class.

Any stories you would like to share can be emailed to elwoodaf@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you!



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