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## 2026 Annual Report

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## Brock Tines turns Hometown Internship into Summer of Community Connection

For Brock Tines, spending the summer back home in Perkins County meant more than returning to familiar surroundings. It gave the Grant native an opportunity to look at his hometown through a different lens — and to help residents think about what they want their communities to become.

Tines served as the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund's 2026 Nebraska Community Foundation Hometown Intern. A Perkins County Schools graduate and student at Chadron State College, Tines spent the summer traveling throughout the county, visiting with residents, helping with community projects, organizing activities and listening to ideas for the future.

"I'm excited to renew my connection with the community that helped shape me into the person I am today," Tines said at the beginning of his internship. "I feel very blessed for this opportunity and look forward to seeing how I can give back to Perkins County."

That opportunity turned into a busy summer.

Among his activities, Tines helped with the Grant Park bench restoration project, organized recreation nights including volleyball, basketball and pickleball, helped host two open-mic nights at The Lot, a Singles Mingle and a country-swing night, and participated in community visioning efforts.

He also spent considerable time simply talking to people — asking residents what brought them to Perkins County, what keeps them here and what they would like to see happen if funding and other barriers were removed.

Those conversations reflected the Asset-Based Community Development approach Tines learned about through Nebraska Community Foundation training. Rather than beginning with what a community lacks, the approach encourages communities to first identify the people, relationships, talents and resources they already have and build from those assets.



**PCCFF Summer Intern Brock Tines, center, stands with PCCF Fund Advisory Committee members during end-of-summer celebration for Brock. See a complete list of PCCFF members on Page 2**

Tines also assisted with PCCFF's Perkins County & Wallace Community Journalism Study, helping distribute and promote the community survey and encouraging residents, particularly young people, to participate. His responsibilities in the study included community outreach, survey distribution, scheduling and coordination, youth engagement and support for data collection.

One of the larger ideas to emerge from the summer's visioning conversations was interest in a community and youth center. Tines took the idea beyond

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### OUR VISION

*Vibrant communities and a high quality of life in Perkins County, Nebraska*

### OUR MISSION

*Inspiring opportunities to enrich community values through sharing financial and human resources*

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Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

# PCCFF Awards $40,000 to Local Projects in 2026

Welcome to the 2026 annual report of the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund, PCCFF. Since 2003, the Fund has worked to "enhance our communities" for Perkins County residents. During 2026, some $40,000 was awarded to twelve local projects. Many of the projects are described in this report, including updates of projects funded in earlier years.

We are grateful for the support of individuals, organizations and businesses in promoting the Fund's vision of "vibrant communities and a high quality of life" for the County. This report is designed to keep our supporters duly informed.

This report covers four areas. First, it includes activities of the Fund Advisory Committee, FAC, and the projects funded in 2026 and earlier. Secondly, we thank our generous donors who have made contributions during the year. Then the report discusses the financials of the Fund. And last the plans for the future are considered, including opportunities for local citizens to participate in "visioning sessions".


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A major effort in previous years has been "youth engagement" projects. Young people stepped up to lead park improvements in Grant, which continued into 2026. "Farm to School", bringing local foods to our schools was an idea from local youth, now supported financially by the Fund. Youth involvement in community development is a priority for your Community Foundation Fund.

Members of the FAC are listed on this page. Tracy Pore and Traci Lee are newest members in 2026. FAC members are volunteers who are active in promoting "vibrant communities" within the County. The FAC follows the "Impact Work Plan" of 2022, designed to provide consideration for supporting projects with major impact on local community development in addition to plans for fund development, leadership development, and marketing & communications. Thanks to our FAC members for their many efforts.

The Fund Advisory Committee has focused on maintaining communication with various non-profit organizations and government entities to collaborate on funding various projects around the County, such as those described herein. Thanks to those reporting on the various projects.

I would like to thank Becky Uehling for formatting this annual report. And on behalf of our Fund Advisory Committee, I would like to thank you for your continuing support. Please offer any suggestions, comments or ideas to myself or other FAC members. What are your dreams or suggestions for our communities? Please let us know.

Sincerely,
Dennis Demmel, Chair, Fund Advisory Committee
308-352-6138







## New Paint!!!!

**The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund recently assisted the Elsie (above) and Venango (right) VFW organizations in their efforts to repaint their buildings. Dave Curtis completed the work.**

# Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

## Projects Funded in 2026

*During 2026, the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund supported twelve projects with a total of nearly $40,000 in grants to local organizations.*

*One of the more significant projects funded in part by the Fund was a housing loan program by Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation, SWNCBC. A shortage of available and affordable housing has been an issue across the region for years. The Fund Advisory Committee approved a grant of $10,000 in July for supporting the "Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program" for new home buyers of low to moderate family incomes. Amy Sauer, executive director for SWNCBC, which serves a seven-county area, indicates that Perkins County residents provide the most demand for such housing funds. $100,000 is being sought for the program, according to Sauer. As a revolving loan fund, the program will also assist home buyers well into the future. SWNCBC has been a leader in housing development in recent years, providing owner occupied home rehab support, new "infill" homes on vacant lots, appliances for new homes, and more.*

*In addition, the Fund provided financial assistance to the following in 2026:*

- **Village of Elsie, community development program**
- **Perkins Co. Schools Backpack program of the Ministerial Assn.**
- **Meadowlark Gallery for 2026 events**
- **Youth Arts Program, Missoula Children's Theater**
- **Perkins County Schools Elementary Track & Field support**
- **City of Grant, sidewalk at parking project**
- **Pheasant Run Golf Clinic, "clubs for kids"**
- **Civic Journalism project**
- **City of Grant, upgrade of "Welcome" sign at City Park**
- **City of Grant, park improvements by Koenig Construction**
- **Village of Madrid, support for playground upgrade**

*Most of the above projects were funded in total by Fund grants. Several were supported in part by the Fund with additional support from other sources.*

## Farm to School Program Continues to Grow at Perkins County Schools



Perkins County Farm to School Sponsors

The Farm to School program at Perkins County Schools is celebrating a successful first year, providing locally raised beef and other agricultural products for school lunches while giving FFA students hands-on experience in agriculture, marketing and business management. Members of the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF), school officials, FFA students and representatives of Nebraska Community Foundation gathered Oct. 13 to review the program's progress and discuss opportunities for future growth. The initiative began in fall 2025 as a partnership between PCCFF and the school's FFA chapter, growing out of community discussions about increasing youth engagement and connecting students with local agriculture.

During the meeting, FFA adviser Seth Burge outlined the program's accomplishments, which began with three donated beef animals and a $2,500 seed contribution from PCCFF. Since the first locally raised beef was served Oct. 1, 2025, approximately 2,047 pounds of beef and 400 ears of locally grown sweet corn have been provided for school meals. Although the livestock is donated, processing costs remain a significant expense, (all beef served in the school must be processed in a USDA facility), totaling approximately $7,000 for six beef animals. To help offset those expenses, FFA members have sold 272 steaks through community sales, the FFA hired-hand auction and the farmers market, with another 103 steaks remaining in inventory. Students also help contact donors, coordinate inventory and market the steaks, gaining valuable business experience.

Looking ahead, participants discussed expanding the program to include pork and additional locally grown produce. One hog had been secured for October processing, with two additional beef animals scheduled for November. Students also expressed interest in utilizing the school's existing greenhouse to grow vegetables through a hydroponic system, potentially supplying fresh produce for school meals. Other suggestions included incorporating agricultural education into classroom curriculum, recognizing donors through signage, identifying Farm to School meals on lunch menus and increasing community awareness. Amber Burge, a Nebraska Community Foundation representative working with PCCFF, encouraged students and community members to continue exploring opportunities for youth engagement and community partnerships, including potential grant funding. As the program enters its second year, organizers hope to strengthen connections between local producers, students and the community while continuing to provide locally raised food for school meals. PCCFF encourages those who are interested in supporting this worthwhile program to fill out the form below and return it to PCCFF Treasurer Michelle Ross. Thank you to all who have supported the program by donating or purchasing beef from the FFA students!



### Perkins School FARM to SCHOOL



***Connecting local food producers to student meals at Perkins County Schools***

We are grateful for Local Ag Producers that are willing to donate consumable ag commodities to Perkins County Schools and their FFA program. If you are interested in making a donation and need more details, please contact:

*Jr./Sr. High School Agriculture FFA Co-Advisor*
***Seth Burge***
*Perkins County Schools*
seth.burge@perkinscountyschools.org
*cell: (308) 352-6435*

Or submit this form to Seth Burge:
Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Commodity _____

Support is needed to provide funding for the processing fees of the livestock. Any donations would be appreciated and will be kept in the Farm to School account with Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF). This is a charitable gift to a 501c3 organization.

You can submit your donation to **Michelle Ross** at Pinnacle Bank in Grant. Michelle is the Treasurer of PCCFF and can be reached at: michelle.ross@pinnbank.com

Donor Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Or online at: https://www.nebcommfound.org/give/perkins-county-community-foundation-fund/

# More Than an English Class: Four Years of Learning, Connection, Belonging

**By Rodolfo Aragon**

As we enter our fourth year of offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, we have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful individuals. Some have attended for a short period, while others have remained with us from the beginning. Each has brought something valuable to the classroom, and each has reminded us why this program was started in the first place.

From the beginning, our goal was never simply to teach English. We wanted to create a welcoming environment where people could feel comfortable, find encouragement, ask questions without fear, and receive a little extra support as they navigate life in a community that may still be unfamiliar to them.

Over the years, we have maintained a consistent group of approximately four to six students who participate throughout the year, along with another 10 to 15 individuals who attend at different times. Some come for a few weeks, others for several months, and some return whenever their schedules allow. We recognize that life is busy. Between work, family responsibilities, and everyday challenges, making time to learn a new language is not always easy. But we also recognize something important: every person who walks through that classroom door is making an effort to grow. And that effort deserves to be acknowledged.

We are especially grateful for those who have been with us throughout this journey. We have watched their confidence develop, their vocabulary expand, and their willingness to participate grow. Sometimes the progress is noticeable in a conversation; other times, it is something as simple as a student asking a question they might have been afraid to ask a year earlier.

These students are more than English learners. They are parents, grandparents, friends, customers, employers, employees, and neighbors. They are already an important part of Perkins County. They contribute to our local businesses, workplaces, schools, families, and everyday community life. And yet, there are still opportunities for our community to get to know them better, to hear their stories, recognize their talents, and encourage them to become even more involved.

Learning English is not about changing who they are. It is about giving them another tool to share who they are with the people around them.

One of the most beautiful moments I have personally witnessed during these four years involved Virginia, who has dedicated so much of her time and heart to this program.

On one particular evening, only one student showed up for class. It would have been easy to cancel the session, especially knowing how much preparation and personal time goes into teaching. But Virginia didn't cancel. She sat down with that student, and the class went on.

What made that evening special wasn't simply that she taught the lesson. It was the connection that developed. Without the pressure of keeping up with a larger group, the student had the opportunity to ask his own questions, work through what he didn't understand, and receive the individual attention he needed.

That evening reminded me of something that can easily be forgotten when we talk about community programs: sometimes the greatest impact happens when only one person shows up.

To that student, the class mattered. His questions mattered. His willingness to learn mattered. And Virginia made sure he knew that.

That is the kind of environment we have worked to create over these four years. A place where attendance doesn't determine someone's value, where progress isn't measured only by tests or completed lessons, and where people know they are welcome regardless of their level of English.

We have also learned that education works both ways. While our students are learning English, we are learning from their experiences, their determination, their cultures, and their perspectives. Every conversation gives us a better understanding of the people who make up our community.

As we look toward the future, we hope to continue growing this program, not necessarily by filling every chair in the classroom, but by reaching the people who need it and creating opportunities for meaningful connections.

Our hope is that the confidence developed in class eventually carries into everyday life: a parent feeling more comfortable speaking with a teacher, an employee asking a question at work, a customer having a conversation at a local business, or a neighbor feeling confident enough to participate in a community event. These may seem like small moments, but together they help build a stronger, more connected Perkins County.

After four years, we are proud of the progress our students have made, grateful for the trust they have placed in us, and thankful for the opportunity to be part of their journeys.

Because at the end of the day, this program is not just about learning a language. It is about building confidence, creating connections, opening doors, and reminding people that they belong.

And if we can make that difference for even one person at a time, then every class has been worth it.

*To all of our generous donors*

# Thank you

**For your contribution from Nov. 2025-Oct. 2026**

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# Financial Report for 2026 Fund Activities

The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund, PCCFF, currently has endowment funds surpassing $1 million, as of September 30, 2026. The funds were up nearly $50,000 from an earlier quarter, the result of an improving investment market. However, the most recent quarter showed little gain. The PCCFF endowments are managed by the Nebraska Community Foundation, NCF, which also manages some $96 million in "unrestricted" endowed assets for 103 other "community based affiliated funds" in Nebraska.

Currently the PCCFF is receiving a "payout" of some $50,000 in the current fiscal year, including "carried forward" from the previous fiscal year. This level of funding is available for local projects through June 30, 2027. During the calendar year 2026, 12 projects were funded utilizing nearly $40,000 in grant support. Over 130 projects have been funded since 2003, when PCCFF was founded, utilizing over $240,000 in grant support from the Fund.

New contributions to endowment accounts would potentially increase payout in the future. Over $40,000 was added to endowment funds by primarily year-end contributions in 2025, probably a new record for year-end giving. Earnings on the endowment investments presently provide 4.5% annual payout with additional earnings providing growth to the endowment assets. Jason Kennedy, CFO for the Nebraska Community Foundation, also indicates that total "annualized returns" for the past 10 years have been above 9%.

Local expenses for mailings, ads, printing and miscellaneous items are between $2000 to $3000. Those expenses are primarily for local purchases, thereby providing for additional community economic impact. All Fund Advisory Committee members are strictly volunteers, receiving no compensation from "payout" for their efforts. Fees for affiliated funds of the Nebraska Community Foundation are $300 per quarter, in addition to a "support fee for endowed accounts". These costs are also paid from Fund "payout". Fees are utilized to provide excellent NCF support for local affiliated funds, like PCCFF, including training, publications and technical support.

Payout from the endowment funds is used to fund grants for local community projects within Perkins County, like those projects described in this annual report. Grants by PCCFF are available by applying with Michelle Ross, treasurer, at 308-882-8469. Government entities and 501-c-3 nonprofit organizations are eligible.

## A Year Full of Supporting Perkins County










The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund had a busy year of funding and supporting many projects in Perkins County. (Top left going clockwise) Hosting Swing Dancing; Helping fund SWNCBC Homeownership Down Payment Assistance; Community Discussion and Focus Group; Youth Golf Day.

# Brock Tines, continued from Page 1.....

the brainstorming stage by helping organize a public planning meeting to explore what such a facility could look like and whether it could be feasible.

At the meeting, Tines explained that the idea grew directly out of listening to residents.

"Throughout the summer we've been going out talking to people," Tines told those attending the meeting. He explained that the question behind the visioning process was essentially, "What do people in the community want? How can we increase Perkins County and just make people want to move back here, move here in general?" He said the community center was the primary idea that emerged from those conversations.

Tines researched community centers in other rural Nebraska communities as well, including Arnold, a town considerably smaller than Grant. He shared photographs and information about Arnold's facility with residents during the planning meeting as they discussed possible amenities, costs, funding and uses for a Perkins County facility.

The internship was designed not simply to give Tines projects to complete, but to give a young adult with ties to Perkins County an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming more deeply connected to the community.

For PCCFF member Becky Uehling, who worked closely with Tines during the summer, that was one of the most important outcomes of the experience.

"Brock embraced that opportunity wholeheartedly," Uehling said. "He traveled throughout Perkins County, met with residents and local organizations, helped with the community journalism survey, organized recreation nights and community events, worked on the Grant Park bench restoration project, and encouraged people to dream about the future of our county through visioning sessions."

But Uehling said what stood out most wasn't simply the number of projects Tines completed.

"Most importantly, he listened, connected people and inspired others to get involved," she said.

That connection between projects became one of the themes of Tines' internship. Recreation events brought people together. Conversations generated ideas. Visioning sessions gave residents a place to discuss those ideas. The journalism study gave residents another opportunity to make their voices heard. The bench project provided a tangible way to improve a community space.

The summer also demonstrated one of the goals behind Nebraska Community Foundation's Hometown Internship Program: helping young Nebraskans recognize that returning home can mean more than simply coming back to the place where they grew up. It can mean having a role in determining what that place becomes.

During the community-center discussion, Tines repeatedly returned to the importance of asking residents what they actually want rather than assuming the answer. When additional market research was suggested, he supported continuing to reach out "to try to just talk to people" and gather their opinions and ideas.

For Uehling, seeing a young person from Perkins County take on that role was an important part of the summer.

"Brock, thank you for sharing your time, your energy, your faith and your servant's heart with Perkins County this summer," Uehling said at the conclusion of his internship. "We are grateful for all you've done and for the example you've set. We know you'll continue to make a difference wherever God leads you."

Tines has since returned to Chadron State College, but many of the conversations he helped begin are continuing, and he stated he may return again next summer to serve in the same position. Uehling, and all the PCCFF advisory committee members are hopeful that he will.

## *PCCFF Helps Backpack Program to Support Local Families*

The Perkins County Weekend Backpack Program continues to make a difference for local children and families by providing food assistance throughout the year. During the 2026-2027 school year, the program is currently serving 29 students from 17 families, helping ensure children have access to food outside of regular school hours.

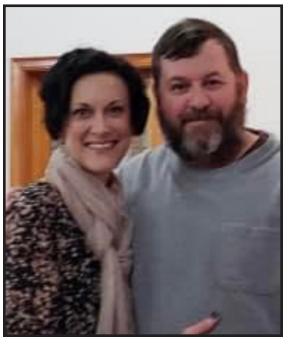
The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF) has supported the program with a contribution of $2,500 helping provide additional resources to meet the needs of participating families. The program operates from September through July and relies on community support through monetary donations and contributions of nonperishable food items.

Community members can make monetary donations through Pinnacle Bank by designating their contributions for the Backpack Program. Nonperishable food donations can also be dropped off at Zion Lutheran Church. The program continues to seek donations to help meet the needs of local students and families.

The Backpack Program will also participate in Downtown Christmas in Grant on November 19, offering wooden paint kits for $5 at a booth located at Pinnacle Bank. For additional information about the program or ways to contribute, contact Rebecca Heckmann at rebecca.heckman@perkinscountyschools.org.



## Why Do We Give to PCCFF?



"Our connection to Perkins County goes back to 1901—125 Years is a long time to be tied to one place. Our families have connections to Elsie, Madrid, Grant, Brandon and Venango. Our families truly are families of Perkins County. We are deeply attached to this place and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. It is important to us to see this county in its entirety not only survive, but thrive. If Perkins County is going to be a viable community for our families and friends we all need to give back to the place that has supported us for so long. Without the land and the people of this county we wouldn't be anywhere as successful as we are. I'm grateful for the blessings Perkins County has bestowed on us. We feel it is important to give back to the place that has afforded us these blessings. You don't have to give a lot to make a difference. If all of us give a little we can and will preserve this place as a refuge for all of us out here on the high plains. I've been to many places and there hasn't been one I'd trade this place for. Please give to the PCCFF to help preserve the special place this is and build on what we have for the future. Rural America is not dead and we will survive. We have to."

**J.J. and Nicole Long,** PCCFF Donors

# PCCFF to Host Community Visioning Sessions in Elsie and Grant

The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF) is inviting area residents to share their ideas, hopes and dreams for the future of their communities during two upcoming Community Visioning sessions in Elsie on Monday, Nov. 30, at the H & B Agency, located at 109 Perkins Avenue in Elsie and in Grant on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Grant Methodist Church, located at 5th Street and Warren Avenue. Both evenings will begin with a complimentary dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the community visioning session at 6:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to participate and offer their ideas for strengthening the community.

For more information about either session, contact Michelle at 308-882-8469 or Dennis at 308-352-6138. PCCFF is an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.

## PCCFF Welcomes Two New FAC Members

The Fund Advisory Committee of the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF) recently welcomed two new members, Traci Lee and Tracy Pore.

**Traci Lee**

Lee was born in Grant and attended school in Stapleton, spending her summers in Grant before returning to the area in 2011. She and her husband, Sam, operate a farming and ranching operation southeast of Madrid and have three children, Brady, Thomas and Hudson. Lee holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and previously worked in clinical research and pharmaceutical industries. She enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with her family. Lee is also active in several community organizations and hopes to bring new ideas and connections to PCCFF while helping strengthen the community.

**Tracy Pore**

Pore lives with her husband, Tim, in the southeast corner of Perkins County. She has a strong interest in locally grown food and the Farm to School program supported by PCCFF. Pore also operates a greenhouse where she grows greens and vegetables and is owner of Triple T Ranch. Her interest in local food production and supporting community programs brings another valuable perspective to the Fund as it continues its efforts to strengthen Perkins County.

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# Plans & Goals for the Future

Goals of "Impact Planning" were established over the year of 2022 in four categories: fund development, leadership development, marketing & communication and grant making. This commentary will use these categories as areas for discussion.

### Fund Development

We are growing our local endowment to ensure our community always has the financial support it needs. Our Goal (established in 2022): Double our annual community grant payout by 2027, growing our total endowment fund to $3.5M by 2032 and $6.5M by 2042.

**Give Today:** Annual gifts and current campaign donations provide immediate capital that earns compound interest and funds local projects right now.

**Give Tomorrow:** Planned gifts (like estate give-backs or will bequests) ensure your legacy continues to support the community for generations.

**Our Approach:** We work closely with donors to blend current giving with future estate plans, ensuring your generosity makes the maximum impact whenever and however you choose to give. Talk to an FAC member to explore options to give back today or in the future.

### Leadership Development

The Fund Advisory Committee, FAC, of the Fund is always looking for new members to replace those members electing to retire. An effort emphasizes members from the various communities. Smaller communities, including Elsie, Madrid and Venango, have good representation on the FAC. Suggestions for potential members are welcome. Officer succession planning is also ongoing.

### Marketing & Communication

The FAC uses conventional media for communications, including news columns and stories in the local paper. These news items are circulated in social media. This annual report features much of the year's topics. Getting the word out to the public is an ongoing exercise, encouraging financial support and input through visioning sessions. Participation in other community events, such as attending other board meetings in the various communities, also provides the FAC information on local needs.

### Grant Making

The Fund's goal of "Impactful grantmaking" is based on the "vision of our communities". Objectives include listening or visioning sessions with various communities from Elsie to Venango. The intent of the FAC is to hold "proactive" conversations in visioning sessions almost annually. Elsie and Grant are on schedule for sessions on November 30 and December 1 respectively. (See ad.) Funding to local projects has historically focused on entity applications. However, as payout increases with fund development, new initiatives beyond applications will be needed, a challenge for the FAC. An example is the "Farm to School" initiative recently advanced by the local FFA with Fund support. Some additional Fund "focus" areas may include housing, child care, and further youth participation, for example. Collaboration with various organizations on these efforts is sought to improve outcomes.


Mark Your Calendars to come voice your opinions at one of PCCFF's upcoming visioning sessions.

ELSIE COMMUNITY VISIONING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
H & B AGENCY
109 PERKINS AVENUE | ELSIE

COMPLIMENTARY MEAL PROVIDED

6:00 PM (MT) DINNER

6:30 PM (MT) VISIONING SESSION

SCAN CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US

WE NEED YOUR INPUT, YOUR IDEAS, AND YOUR DREAMS!

Please join us as we talk about your dreams for the future of Elsie. Together we'll develop shared goals and priorities for the hometown we love. All are invited!

QUESTIONS?
CALL MICHELLE 308.882.8469 OR DENNIS 308.352.6138

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GRANT COMMUNITY VISIONING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
GRANT METHODIST CHURCH
5TH & WARREN AVENUE | GRANT

COMPLIMENTARY MEAL PROVIDED

6:00 PM (MT) DINNER

6:30 PM (MT) VISIONING SESSION

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