



BCAFF

Butler County Area Foundation Fund

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NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

by Russ Heller, Chair

Wow! Where did the year go?

The upside of this time of the year is the annual grant approval process. We had some great applications this year! We had over 25 requests with some very impactful projects throughout Butler County. It is great to see some very impressive visions, goals and projects being developed and carried out by citizen groups and organizations. Also, how the investments made by the generous donors of the past are working in our communities today, leaving a legacy to make Butler County the best it can be with improvements of various aspects of community life. Throughout our newsletter the benefits of Foundation Fund grants can be seen.

We had several members attend the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF – our parent foundation) Annual Celebration and Training Conference in Kearny this fall and brought back some great ideas of how to make the most impact in our communities and county. These NCF conferences are a great networking and idea source with lots of great activity going on across the state.

On behalf of the Fund Committee, I want to wish everyone a prosperous and happy 2024. We are looking forward to a successful New Year!

BCAFF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Butler County Area Foundation Fund annually awards scholarships to Butler County high school seniors who will be continuing their education beyond high school. Scholarship applications will be made available in March 2024. Stay tuned to our Facebook page where it will be announced when applications are available.



Fund Advisory Committee Members

Russ Heller
Chair

Janet Bemis
Treasurer

Jacque Masek
Secretary

Kent Clymer

Deb Dinkelman

Connie Perry

William Reiter

Dr. Victor Thoendel

Youth Member:

Caroline Slama

How Endowment Works



Step #1

Donor makes a gift to BCAFF



Step #2

The gift is invested so the fund can grow



Step #3

Grants are made each year from the earnings



Step #4

The process repeats and the **IMPACT is lasting!**

Looking Forward - Giving Back

Our mission: to enrich the quality of life in Butler County by acting as a catalyst for positive change by encouraging collaboration and cooperation among community members; providing a means for citizens to give back to their community; and building an endowment to provide grants for projects that will create a better future for Butler County.

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
Butler County Area Foundation Fund is an
affiliated fund of Nebraska Community
Foundation, a 501c3 organization.

WOW...What a Year of Celebration in 2023!

Butler County Area Foundation Fund was proud to sponsor various events celebrating David City's Sesquicentennial in 2023. We supported the "Towns of the County" monthly programs with a grant of \$2,000. Each presentation told the history of one of the twelve incorporated towns of Butler County and volunteers from each community created the programs. Each program drew attendance of approximately 200 people. Thank you to all the presenters for sharing your passion about your community!

Our second opportunity to contribute was providing a \$4,300 grant towards the S-150 Celebration held in David City, July 28 -30. These grant monies helped cover expenses for the celebration.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the S-150 a great celebration in 2023! We are so proud to have been a partner.


| TOWNS OF THE COUNTY | | | |
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| 12 PROGRAMS, ONE EACH MONTH OF 2023 | | | |
| PRESENTED BY THE HRUSKA LIBRARY & THE BUTLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY | | | |
| At the Butler County Event Center in David City at the Fairgrounds | | | |
| JANUARY 9, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM BELLWOOD BOB BELL, JR. | FEBRUARY 6, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM DWIGHT JOHN LAVICKY | MARCH 13, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM ULYSSES GREG FIALA | APRIL 3, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM ABIE SHARON & CAROLL KRIVANEK |
| MAY 15, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM SURPRISE MARK DOEHLING |  | | JUNE 5, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM BRAINARD SHARON BRUNER & CAROLYN DVORAK |
| May 26, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM GARRISON JIM DARO & Barb Inwersen | | | AUGUST 7, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM DAVID CITY JIM REISDORFF |
| SEPTMBER 11, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM BRUNO THE OSTRYS | | | NO PROGRAM IN JULY |
| OCTOBER 2, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM RISING CITY DIANE DUREN | NOVEMBER 6, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM OCTAVIA Becky Romshek & Barb Brecka | DECEMBER 4, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 PM LINWOOD Joel & Rhonda Cerny, & Kendell Brichacek | |

Photo Courtesy: Butler County Historical Society

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION & TRAINING



The Butler County Area Foundation Fund was well represented at the Nebraska Community Foundation's Annual Celebration on Thursday, November 9th in Kearney by Kent Clymer. He was a presenter in the afternoon at the "Endowment Basics: Why, How & For What?" breakout session. It is so fun to share with other attendees about Butler County Area Foundation Fund's successes and how we help create a better future for Butler County!

Leave a Legacy: DONATE to Butler County Area Foundation Fund

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David City, NE 68632 or donate online at: www.nebcommfound.org/give/butler-county-area-foundation-fund/

___ Please accept my donation of \$ _____. ___ I pledge a donation of \$ _____ in _____ payments.

___ I pledge an automatic withdrawal of \$ _____ per month for _____ months.

___ I would like to include BCAFF in my estate plan. ___ I would like to gift a distribution from an IRA.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date: _____

The Butler County Area Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Your gift is tax deductible and will help support worthwhile projects and programs addressing the emerging needs and future opportunities of our communities. **Thank you!**