

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala Saturday, March 28th, 2020

The evening includes dinner, complimentary cocktails, Silent and Live Auctions, and entertainment by the band Wicked Fun. Ticket sales start in January. Cost per ticket is \$75 or \$600 per table of eight.

Proceeds from the Gala are used for community betterment projects and grants. A few past projects receiving EAF funds include the Civic Center Renovations, updates at the Village Park, and grants to the Volunteer Fire Department, Johnson Lake Trails, TeamMates Mentoring Program,

Beef in Schools, FFA, and 4-H-just to name a few!

Please 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 <u>director@elwoodfoundation.org</u>, or stop by the office at 314 Smith Avenue.

#### Student Loan Application Period Open

Attention students! Loan applications are being accepted through July 25th. Requirements are:

- 1. Be a graduate of Elwood High School.
- 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.
- 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 25. 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.

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### **Memorials and Honorariums**

Memorial gifts and honorariums are a thoughtful way to recognize someone. 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.

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 **July 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019**.

In Honor of the Class of 1956: Myrna Packer

- In Memory of Garrett Beck: Chuck & Charlene Tilson
- In Memory of Evelyn Bogle: Steve & Kim Scoville and Jeff & Melissa Vinzant

In Memory of Ernie Fiene: Steve & Kim Scoville and Jeff & Melissa Vinzant In Memory of Mary Goracke: Steve & Kim Scoville and Dan & Shaunna Sjomeling

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In Memory of Merna Modglin: Chuck & Charlene Tilson and Jeff & Melissa Vinzant In Honor of Barney Owens: Brock & Jill Owens-Johnson

In Memory of Elaine Remmenga: Brenda Avery, Guylin Cummins, and Ronn Remmenga

> In Memory of Walt Weissman Jeff & Melissa Vinzant

In Memory of Ken Willets Chuck & Charlene Tilson

### **Buell and Fastenau Families Establish Scholarship for ECC Employees**

As an expression of the gratitude felt by the family members of Vic Buell and Keith (Swede) Fastenau, the "Vic & Swede Scholarship Fund" was created to specifically assist employees at the Elwood Care Center. This scholarship is available to those employees who wish to continue their education in all fields related to care-giving (nursing and dietary are just two examples), or professional development. Following is a list of the memorials received by the families, whose generosity made this scholarship possible.

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### EAF Scholarships Total \$34,200 to Area Students

<u>Merlyn Schutz</u> <u>Memorial</u> <u>Valedictorian</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Taylor Hickey

#### <u>Robert Birt</u> <u>Memorial</u> Scholarship

Taylor Hickey Jaycee Wooters Clara Lauby Haylie Moseley Baylee Diefenbaugh Ty Smith Max Elliott Hannah Steinwart Rebeka Lehmkuhler Julieann Puls Kathryn Montey Kimberly Halouska Gavin Fullmer Caitlyn Comfort

Velma Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Clara Lauby Chadd Hambidge <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Julieann Puls

<u>Centennial</u> <u>Committee</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Kathryn Montey

Robert & Barb Wade <u>4 Year College</u> <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Ty Smith

### Robert & Barb Wade Comm. College

<u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Jaycee Wooters

Leonard & Darlene <u>M. Schutz</u> <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Taylor Hickey

Elwood Swim Team Scholarship Max Elliott James J. Leggott <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Baylee Diefenbaugh

Robert C. Salisbury <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u> Caitlyn Comfort

Cori Arends Schutz <u>Memorial</u> Scholarship Hannah Steinwart

#### Elwood Lions Club/ Gosper County Carnival Association Scholarship Taylor Hickey Haylie Moseley Baylee Diefenbaugh Max Elliott Hannah Steinwart

<u>Dean Houlden</u> <u>Memorial</u> <u>Scholarship</u>

Julieann Puls

Gavin Fullmer

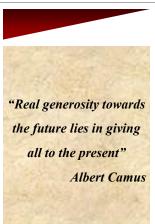
Tilson Family Scholarship Ty Smith

Bonnie V. Clark <u>Memorial</u> Scholarship Rebeka Lehmkuhler

Gloria Hartsfield <u>Memorial</u> Scholarship Ty Smith

#### The Home Agency Scholarship

Taylor Hickey Baylee Diefenbaugh Ty Smith Julieann Puls Christian Timm Spencer Pleschourt Carter Davis Elizabeth Neukirch Allie Portenier



# OFFICE HOURS:

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#### **Mission Statement**

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!



The Elwood High School graduating class of 2019

Back Row: Rebeka Lehmkuhler, Kathryn Montey, Haylie Moseley, Julieann Puls, Ty Smith, Hannah Steinwart, Jaycee Wooters, Middle Row: Gavin Fullmer, Jeremiah Garst, Cole Gutierrez, Kimberly Halouska, Taylor Hickey, Brandon Jauken, AJ Christner, Clara Lauby, Front Row Raul Clouse, Ty Jorges, Caitlyn Comfort, Baylee Diefenbaugh, Gio Duran, and Max Elliott. Photo credit Becky Chaney. 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.



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### Elwood Gala 2019

# Elwood Area Foundation Hosts 8th Annual Spring Gala

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Elwood Area Foundation Spring Gala was a huge success, thanks to all those who support this great cause! The event, held on March 23rd, included a social hour, complimentary cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Nearly 200 auction items were up for grabs. Games of chance provided an opportunity for someone to win big at Split the Pot, or take home a fine bottle of wine or spirits at the Stock the Bar raffle.

The evening closed out with music from the band Wicked Fun 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 from 2017, 2018, and 2019 were used to renovate the Civic Center restrooms and hallway, and to help further the EAF mission of encouraging, enhancing and providing opportunities for charitable giving, including youth grants. Past Gala proceeds have assisted with grants to the Volunteer Fire Department, Johnson Lake Trails, updates at the Village Park, 4-H projects, as well as many other projects and organizations.

The Elwood Area Foundation Board and the Gala Committee are very grateful for the continued support of those who contribute to the Gala. Thank you for helping us give back to the community!

Thank You

### FOUNDATION FRIENDS AND GALA DONORS

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\*If your name was omitted, we sincerely apologize! Please contact the Foundation Office so we can make sure your contribution is properly recognized.

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Elwood Gala 2019

### Thank you to all the Gala volunteers who help with this fantastic event!



The Gala Committee: This hard-working group of people collaborate with the Foundation Board to help make the Gala possible! Doing everything from pre-Gala planning and auction item hunting, to decorating and setting up for the event, making sure things run smoothly during the Gala, and cleaning up on Sunday; it takes a big group to accomplish this fantastic community event. Committee members for 2019: Deb Arends, Ed Arends, Erika Bennett, Vicki Bliven, Karen Corder, Kirk Corder, Gretchen Dixon, Taylor Dixon, Jennifer Edwards, Board member Cynthia Evans, Ann Johnson, Board member Scott Johnson, Board member Carole Kleine, Bryant Knoerzer, Lori Knoerzer, Betty Koenig, Andy Krings, LaNae Matousek, Codina Moore, Amber O'Hanlon, Board member Jenna Roberts, JP Roberts, Patrick Ropers, Board member Kim Scoville, Shaunna Sjomeling, Laura Tilson, Katy Weissert, Board member Mark Weissert, Joe Wilken, Michelle Wilken. Event Night Volunteers: Additional volunteers who are invaluable to the success of the Spring Gala include: David Blessing, Master of Ceremonies; Heather Collins, Head Bartender; Jawna Kuck, Auction Cashier; Erin Jensen, Auction Cashier; Nick Niemeier, Auctioneer; Jake Rogers, Auctioneer; and Alexis Barnes, doer-of-all-the-things. \*A personal note from the director: If anyone's name was omitted by mistake, please let me know! Everyone's help is so greatly appreciated, I would feel horrible about leaving anyone off the list by accident! Thank you ALL for everything you do!



Kevin Mahlberg, Christel Smith, Ed Arends, DeAnn Wade, and Kim Scoville.



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### Some News on the World's Fair!

The Gosper County Fair is right around the corner! Last year, the Elwood Area Foundation worked with the Elwood Alumni Committee and many past Elwood graduates to host the second bi-annual Alumni Open House on Saturday afternoon during our world famous county fair. The decision was made several years ago to hold an Alumni get-together every other year, during the "even" years when there is no parade. Below are a few pictures from the 2018 Open House, where attendees had the opportunity to tour the school and see the numerous updates that have taken place in recent years, visit with former classmates and old friends, and enjoy a casual and fun afternoon reminiscing about the good old days. The Alumni Open House is open to the general public, everyone is invited to attend! Be sure to look for information next year on details of the third bi-annual Alumni Open House!



The multi-purpose room was the setting for the 2018 Alumni Open House. This space is now the school cafeteria, except during wrestling season.







#### 2019 is Parade Year!

The Gosper County Bi-Annual Fair Parade will be held July 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM in beautiful downtown Elwood. EAF would like to help spread the word to make sure this year is once again a wonderful parade day! The parade is sponsored by the Elwood Chamber, and coordinated by Ellen Teter.

The theme for the parade this year is <u>"The Wild West"</u>. Registration will begin at 9:30 July 27th, on the corner by Remmenga Drilling. No deadline for registration has been set, but pre-registration is appreciated. You can pre-register by calling Ellen Teter at 308-962-5387, or mail information to Ellen Teter 42760 Road 732, Arapahoe, NE 68922, or you can register on line <u>eteter@hotmail.com</u>. Please be sure to include "Fair Parade" on the subject line if you register by email. Registration forms will be available at various businesses around Elwood. Please help spread the word to others about the parade. Look for Fair Flyers at local businesses to see the schedule of all events taking place during the Fair.

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### **Elwood Area Foundation**

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### YELP (YOUTH ENGAGED IN LEADING PEOPLE) LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The YELP (Youth Engaged in Leading People) leadership academy is a 12-month course offered to sophomore students from Elwood, and Phelps County. The class is taught through a collaboration between the Nebraska Extension, Elwood Area Foundation, and Phelps County Development Corporation.

Each month the group meets in a different location to learn about leadership skills, meet community leaders, and develop a servicelearning project that will provide a benefit to their community. The 2019 participants from Elwood are Kaydee Diefenbaugh, Matteya Gutierrez, and Alivia Knoerzer.

The first YELP group in Elwood met from February through December 2018. The students embraced the concept of the course and all came up with great ideas for a service project that would benefit the community.

Makenzie Clouse held a clothing drive in the Fall, and then organized the donated clothes into a shopping day for those in



Carina Atterberry saw a need for more family-friendly events in the community, and hosted a free movie night. Folks brought their own chairs/blankets/bean bags, or sat in folding chairs and enjoyed pop-corn and candy while watching Halloweentown.

Congratulations to Elwood's inaugural group of YELP 2018 students pictured below: Carina Atterberry, Makenzie Clouse, Megan Houser, and Taylor Hickey!



need. Taylor Hickey worked with the National Honor Society to coordinate a Secret Santa program for residents at the Care Home. Megan Houser is working on a plan to provide a "Little Free Pantry" of non-perishable food items at Johnson Lake. The 2019 YELP class is in the planning stages of their service project. Stay tuned for more details!



2019 YELP students draw a map of Elwood and discuss what they are proud of, and areas they feel are in need of attention.