

The Perkins County Community Foundation's annual banquet on Aug. 21 was a success, despite a last minute cancellation from the scheduled speaker.

The foundation thanked donors and highlighted its achievements during the evening meal held at the Grant United Methodist Church. Serving the meal for the night was The Little Country Kitchen from Madrid with cheesecakes being provided by Suzanne Rosentrater and Jennifer Baumgartner.

Scheduled speaker was to have been the editor and publisher of Nebraska Life Magazine, however, plane troubles forced him to cancel at the last minute.

Stepping in to assist the foundation with a presentation was Grant Fire Chief Wade Rahn. Rahn gave an overview of what the fire department does for the community, and highlighted various calls in the past year.

Another highlight during the evening included a silent auction, with several items being donated by area vendors, along with an update from Nebraska Community Foundation rep Jana Jensen and a treasurer's report given by board treasurer Ashley Colglazier.

To date the foundation has approximately \$97,000 in all of its funds, including its endowment. The board continues to work towards meeting a challenge grant presented by the Hunt Family, which owns Great Plains Communications.



To meet this goal, the board must raise an additional \$60,000 by Dec. 31 of this year. If accomplished, the Hunt Family will award the foundation an additional \$25,000.

The Perkins County Community Foundation exists to provide a means for individuals and businesses to monetarily give to economic development efforts in all parts of Perkins County. For information, contact Chairman Michelle Ross, 308-882-8469 or Treasurer Ashley Colglazier at 308-352-6563.