

St. Edward Alumni Newsletter

Welcome to the 2nd Annual St. Edward Alumni newsletter. This will be an annual publication that comes out once a year detailing the events happening in St. Edward and throughout the community, school, local businesses, and students/alumni!



123rd Annual Alumni Banquet

St. Edward Public Schools

High School Gymnasium

Meal begins at 6:30pm

\$20 Admission

Honoring classes of 1976, 2001, and 2026!

Spouses of Honored Classes are Welcome to attend the banquet!

Officers

President Shayla Shanle Cruise Class of 2014

1st Vice Vice President Justin Cruise Class of 2005

2nd Vice President Shonda Shanle Class of 2018

3rd Vice President Blake Merrell class of 2016

Secretary Emily Thompson Zuniga Class of 2011

The 25 yr Class Publicity Manager Chad Carlson, Assistant Manager,
Ashley Thompson Ferris

The 50 yr Class Publicity Manager Kent Cruise, Assistant Manager
Ralph VanMeter



2026 Alumni Minutes

The 122nd annual Alumni Banquet of the St. Edward High School was held on Saturday May 24th, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

President Chris Tenski, class of 2001, gave the invocation. A buffet style supper was served by Country Mile Catering. Members of the SE Explorers helped serve the meal.

President Tenski welcomed the honored classes of 1975, 2000, and 2025.

President Tenski asked for a moment of silence in memory of all departed alumni. A wreath, provided by the St. Edward Alumni and the American Legion, was placed at the cemetery for the Memorial Day service in remembrance of those who are deceased.

Proper respect went out to all St. Edward graduates who are actively serving or have served in the United States Military.

Ralph Vanmeter, class of 1976 was recognized as the alumni who had traveled the farthest. Donna Thompson Sallach class of 1950 and Jim Lightner, class of 1950 were recognized as the oldest female and male alumni in attendance. President Tenski asked all graduates of 1974 and earlier to please stand and they were recognized for being with us for over 50 years. President Tenski then asked all alumni members who have never missed a banquet to stand, and they were recognized with applause.

Appreciation was extended to those who contributed to the presentation of the banquet.

The class of 1975 was presented with 50-year certificates. Responses were given by each of the honored classes.

A slide show, designed by Sara Bauster, Shayla Shanle Cruise, and Shonda Shanle featured the honored classes.

The business meeting of the SEHS Alumni Association was called to order by President Tenski. The 2024 Minutes were read by secretary, Sara Baustert.

Second Vice President, Shayla Shanle Cruise, presented the 2025 recipient Marcos Paez with the Alumni Association's scholarship.

Donations to the Alumni Association were then acknowledged.

Nominations for the 2026 alumni committee officers were presented by Justin Cruise as follows: President Shayla Shanle Cruise Class of 2014, 1st Vice President Justin Cruise class of 2005, 2nd Vice President Shonda Shanle class of 2018, 3rd Vice President Blake Merrell class of 2016, Secretary-Treasurer: Emily Thompson Zuniga class of 2011. The 25 yr Class Publicity Manager Chad Carlson, Assistant Manager Sara Mahoney, and 2nd Assistant Manager Ashley Thompson Ferris. The 50 yr Class Publicity Manager Kent Cruise, Assistant Manager Tammy Niemann Jenkins, and 2nd Assistant Manager Ralph Vanmeter.

The nominations were approved by voice vote.

With no further business, the business meeting adjourned.

The banquet ended with the singing of the school song. Following the banquet, entertainment followed at the community building with music.

High School Song

I.

Faithfull and true hearted
Let us boast for our "Old High"
We revere her and defend her
And her colors proudly fly.
We will stand for her, united,
Of her deeds we gladly tell,
Her colors streaming,
Glad faces beaming
So here's a cheer for her we all
Love so well.

II.

Honors she has taken,
On the track and with the ball.
May she always rank the highest,
May her colors never fall.
There's no other that can match her,
When her team is on the field.
Her boy's the fleetest,
Her girl's the sweetest,
Then here's a cheer for her, for her
Who ne'er will yeild.

Chorus

Joyous and ever loyal,
Let us bost for our "Old High".
Let every heart sing,
Let every voice ring,
There's no time to grieve or sigh.
It's ever onward, our course pursuing,
May defeat ne'er or ardor cool.
But united, we will boost for her, our Old High School.

2025 Honored Classes

Graduating Class of 2025!



THE CHALLENGE OF
TODAY IS THE TASK
OF TOMORROW

50 Year Class Class of 1975



25 Year Class Class of 2000

Shop Local!

Fuel Up!

C&S Convenience
All Diesel



Dining Options:
Beavers Pub



Places to Stay!

St.Edward Camping Hookups-Contact City Hall

402-678-3322

Cardinal Inn-

2588 State Highway 14- Albion NE.

<https://cardinalinnhotel.com/home/cardinal-inn-event-center/>

(402) 395-6106

Fullerton Inn-

1007 S Johnson St, Fullerton, NE 68638

thefullertoninn.com

(308) 536-2699

Class of 2026

2026 Commencement Exercises were held Saturday, May 2 @ 2pm!



Olivia Reardon
Daughter of Dan and Nichole (Fitchner) Reardon
Future Plans: Attending Hastings to study Pre-Med.



Name: Cole Jochem
Parent(s): Amber Jochem and Kyle Majerus
Future Plans: Attend Farrier School



Name - Claire Tibor
Parents: James and Kristen Lawrence
Future Plans - Attending UNL to study Music!



Name: Kaden Albert
Parent(s): Linda Buford
Future Plans: Go into the workforce!

Name: Dennis Gallardo Bernal
Parent(s): Adriana Bernal

Future Plans: Attending UNK to study Biology



Name: Josie Sock
Parent(s): Sara Francis
Future Plans: Attend CCC-Columbus to study Nursing

Class of 2026



Name: Macy Reardon
Parents: Marc and Torrie (Cruise) Reardon
Future Plans: Attending College of Hair Design in Lincoln



Name: Emily Cruz Sanchez
Parents: Sandra Cruz Sanchez
Future Plans: Return to Mexico to attend college.



Name: Ryan Cumming
Parents: Brian and Vanessa Cumming
Future Plans: Attending Northeast to study Welding and Ag Business & Make money Farming



Name: Lakin Prosocki
Parent(s): Eric and Amber (Shanle) Prosocki
Future Plans: Attending CCC-Columbus to study Early Childhood Education



Name: Narali Irineo Gallardo
Parent(s): Edwin and Vividiana Irineo
Future Plans: Attending Northeast to study Human Services

Weekend Happenings'!

**ST EDWARD ALUMNI
STREET DANCE**
[OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

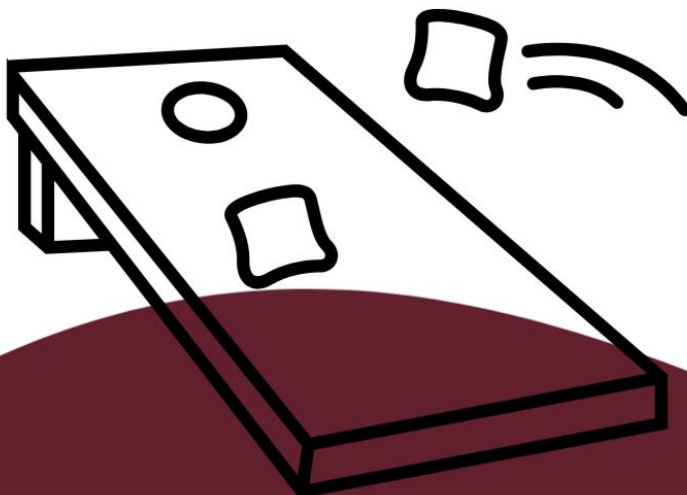
FEATURING
THE DAY TRADERS

**SATURDAY
MAY 23RD** **8PM - 12**
DOWNTOWN NORTH 3RD ST

\$10 GATE FEE
[FREE IF YOU ATTENDED BANQUET]

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
inside dance
\$20 entry fee
1st place wins SE Alumni board
2nd place wins \$100

The Alumni is hosting a Corn Hole tourney in the dance! There is a sign up form on Google Docs on the Alumni FB page! Sign Up early as they are only taking 16 teams!



**ST. EDWARD ALUMNI
4TH ANNUAL GOLF**

Saturday, May 23rd

- Connect with fellow alumni and enjoy golf!
- Pawnee Hills Golf Course
Fullerton, NE
- Shotgun Start at 9am
- Please be ready at 9am, do not show up at 9am
- This event is limited- sign up today to reserve your spot!
- Join our Facebook Group!
- Groups of 2-Scramble teams up to 8!
- We are looking for hole sponsors! Please reach out to Wyatt @ 402-276-3726, wjasa@hotmail.com, or Facebook message him if you're interested in sponsoring a hole!
- One member of your group must be SE Alumni!
- No complaining! If you don't like something about this event or if you like to complain-please don't sign up!

Beaver



Panther

SEHS



Due to low number of participants in athletics from both St. Edward and Newman Grove, the board of education decided it was best to cooperate an agreement with Newman Grove for athletics. Newman Grove joined the Goldenrod Conference and in 2023-2024, the coop started with junior high sports. This year the coop included high school sports: volleyball, cross country, football, basketball, wrestling, bowling, and track. All sports were offered to both high school and junior high, except bowling, which is just for high school students. Practices were split one week in St. Edward and one week in Newman Grove with the exception of wrestling and bowling which took place every week in Newman Grove.

This year we were very fortunate to have great weather in the winter and we did not have to cancel practices due to driving conditions. Prior to the coop and start of the seasons, staff was encouraged to apply for coaching positions. Each school has a staff member that served as a coach this season for each sport. With the cooperation, the Panthers were able to form teams with enough players to have a bench when needed!

The Beaver is still represented in activities such as speech, choir, band, one act, quiz bowl, and art.

Alumni Owned Business' in St. Edward

**Preferred Ag-Pioneer and Kent Seed Sales-Brad Stephens-
Class of 1979**

Sal's Shoppe Boutique-Kenna Jasa Gray-Class of 2009

St.Edward Floral and Gifts- Heather Stephens-Class of 2008

Alida's Picture Pages-Alida Choat Kurtenbach-Class of 1999

GT Sales and Service-Gary Thompson- Class of 1960

Big Iron-Ron Stock class of 1983 and Mark Stock- Class of 1984

All Diesel- Service and Repair-Phil Osantowski-Class of 2002

Quality Trucks and Trailers-Daniel Stock-Class of 2014

**Werts' GW- Grocery Store- Rick Werts, class of 1969 and
Connie Werts, Class of 1971**

**C&S Convenience-Fuel-Snacks-Drinks- Shonda Shanle- Class
of 2018**

**Beaver Valley Repair-Ag Diesel Repair and Service-Brady
Christman, Class of 2005**

Direct Pivot Parts-Travis Stehpens-Class of 2001

City Council

Local Government

The St. Edward City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

City Council

- Melissa McIntosh, Mayor
- Brady Christman, Council President (class of 2005)
- Derek Nauenburg (Class of 2004)
- Dianne Sindelar (class of 1975)
- Andrew Reader
Clerk/Administrator/Treasurer
- Shelbie Schulte
Phone & Fax: (402) 678-3322
Email: cityclerk@stedwardne.com

Visit the City Website:

<https://stedwardne.com>

City Hall Office Hours

Monday – Friday

7:30 am – 11:00 pm 12:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Currently, this publication will only be available online on the St. Edward Alumni Facebook page and on the St. Edward Public Schools website. From there, you can print a copy if you wish to have a paper copy!

Follow Us!

Our website:

<https://www.stedpublicschool.org>

Our Facebook:

St. Edward Beavers Public School

X:

St. Edward Beavers (@StEdBeavers)

School Board Members



Lindsey Christman, David Merrell, class of 1984, David Roberts, class of 1987, Sherri Tenski Cruise, Class of 1993, Vanessa Cumming, Dan Reardon, Class of 1995

St. Edward Schools Administration

ST. EDWARD CTE

MISSION

St. Edward's CTE Program Mission is to prepare students for life through career instruction to become productive members of society.

THE ADMINISTRATION VISION

The vision of the Administration at St. Edward Public Schools is to provide students with the opportunities to learn how to communicate effectively both verbally and in written form and utilize the proper tools to be able to network effectively within the workforce.

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St. Edward's CTE Program Mission is to prepare students for life through career instruction to become productive members of society.

THE COUNSELING VISION

The vision of the Counseling Department at St. Edward Public Schools is that all students will be able to problem solve real world scenarios to promote positive college, career or military readiness through speaking, listening, responsibility and dependability.

ST. EDWARD CTE

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St. Edward's CTE Program Mission is to prepare students for life through career instruction to become productive members of society.

THE FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE VISION

The vision of the FCS Department at St. Edward Public Schools is for students to have the overall skill set to be able to be successful in all aspects of their lives as it pertains to Personal and Social well being.

St. Edward Public Schools Mission Statement

St. Edward Public Schools will provide a quality education, in cooperation with families and the community, to create respectful and responsible citizens.

Lindsay Tenski

7-12 Principal, 7-12 Math teacher, District Assessment Coordinator



Stephen Osborn
Superintendent/Elem Principal

Tyler Gray

Activities Director/Business and Information Technology Teacher



Lordemann, Jenna
K-12 School Counselor



ST. EDWARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **SCHOLARSHIP**

One \$300 scholarship will be granted to a senior from St. Edward High School.

Due date will be March 1. Return application to the school counselor.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Plan to attend an accredited school of higher learning.
2. Must show academic promise.
3. Must show service to community and school.
4. Must show an understanding and appreciation for the St. Edward Alumni Association.

The final decision on candidates will be made by the St. Edward Alumni Association.

An alternate will be selected in the event the winner does not pursue his/her educational plans.



**ST. EDWARD SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PO BOX D
ST. EDWARD, NE 68660**

Can't make it to the Alumni Banquet but still want to contribute to the Alumni Association?!?! Send in your dues and be an honorary alumni banquet attendee!!

_____ **\$20 DONATION FOR COST OF BANQUET**

_____ **\$ "OTHER" DONATION TOWARDS BANQUET/ALUMNI EXPENSES**

_____ **\$ DONATION TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

IF YOU WISH TO HELP SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, PLEASE COMPLETE THE BLANK BELOW. THANK YOU!

IN MEMORY OF: _____

make check payable to St Edward Alumni Association. mark in the memo if it is for the scholarship account—if left blank it will go into the general account.

NAME: _____ **CLASS OF:** _____
(DONOR)

MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____

THE ST. EDWARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IS LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN TO FUND A NEW COMMUNITY SIGN FOR OUR TOWN. THIS SIGN WILL HELP SHARE LOCAL EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND IMPORTANT UPDATES WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND VISITORS.



Press Release



St. Edward, Nebraska – The St. Edward Development Company has announced plans for the St. Edward Community Sign, a new digital monument sign designed to improve communication, visibility, and community engagement in St. Edward.

The digital sign will be located on Beaver Street near the gazebo, replacing the current sign structure. Once installed, the sign will allow designated individuals to quickly and easily upload community events, activities, and important announcements. The full color digital display is intended to be more eye-catching, timely, and adaptable than the existing sign.

“Community Engagement was identified by local residents as one of the top priorities for St. Edward at the March 2025 Development Workshop. We believe a new event sign capitalizes on this identified priority and brings a visual improvement to the downtown area.” – Dylan Haas, President of the St. Edward Development Company.

The St. Edward Development Company has launched a public fundraising effort to support the project, with a campaign goal of \$60,000. The goal is to complete fundraising in 2026, with installation anticipated in 2027.

Community members, families, and businesses are invited to contribute. Donors will have the opportunity to be recognized on the monument sign through tiered giving levels. Donations may be made by mail or by contacting a member of the St. Edward Development Committee. Those with questions or who would like to learn more about the project are encouraged to reach out to committee members to have a conversation.

THE ST. EDWARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS BACK! AND WE’RE KICKING THINGS OFF WITH A CHALLENGE!

NOW THROUGH JUNE 1ST, THE ST. EDWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP IS GENEROUSLY OFFERING A MATCHING GRANT FOR DONATIONS UP TO \$2,500. THAT MEANS YOUR GIFT GOES TWICE AS FAR!

HOW TO DONATE:

-CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO (@STEDECON) OR MAIL TO PO BOX 5, ST. EDWARD

-BE SURE TO WRITE "ST. EDWARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION" IN THE DESCRIPTION

ALUMNI, WE WANT YOU! LET’S MAKE THIS FUN. ADD YOUR GRADUATION YEAR IN THE DONATION NOTE TO SHOW YOUR CLASS PRIDE. WHICH CLASS WILL SHOW THE MOST SPIRIT?

SEDC Members
 Dylan Haas – President
 Sara Baustert – Vice Pres.
 Francis Whidden – Secretary
 Cindy Stephens – Treasurer
 Virginia Whidden
 Heather Stephens
 Kenna Gray
 Eric Smith
 Melissa McIntosh
 Rich Good
 Sadie Sindelar
 Katy Kassian
 Tony Kurtenbach

P.O. Box 5, St. Edward, NE 68660

St. Edward Community Foundation

To help launch the St. Edward Community Foundation, the St. Edward Economic Development Company is offering a matching grant. They will match donations dollar-for-dollar, up to \$2,500, with all matched funds contributing directly to the Foundation. June 1st is the cutoff date for the matching grant.

Donation

I pledge to contribute a sum of \$ _____ according to the following payment plan:

Payment Information

I would like to pay by:

- Check attached
- Cash attached
- Venmo @stedecon (put "St. Edward Community Foundation" in description)
- Mail



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Class Year _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additionally, please make all checks payable to St. Edward Community Foundation at P.O. Box 5, St. Edward, NE 68660.

Thank you so much for your support!

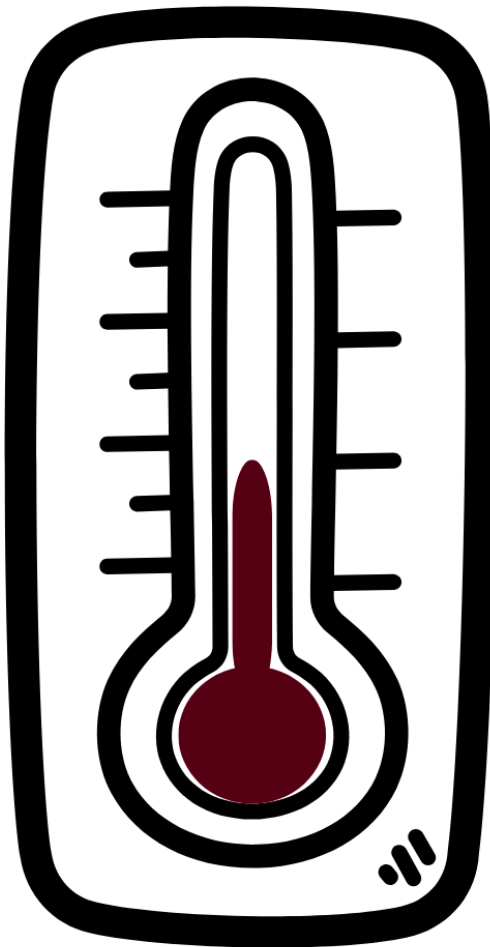
St. Edward Community Foundation

Our goal as the St. Edward Community Foundation is to raise funds to invest in the future of our community!

Our two projects are raising funds for new park equipment and a community sign!

Goal for community Sign

Goal to begin installation of sign!



Current Donations!



**ST. EDWARD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PO BOX 5
ST. EDWARD, NE 68660**



*Can't make it to town to see the improvements and works in progress
but would still like to donate to the future of St. Edward? No
worryes! Fill out this form and send it in! We appreciate any help!*

_____ \$ _____

make check payable to St Edward Community Foundation mark in the memo if you
would like your donation to go to something specific!

NAME: _____
(DONOR)

MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP: _____ **PHONE:** _____

-NEWS/EVENTS-

We want to hear from alumni!

Send in your accomplishments, good news, new additions (baby-spouse-etc), a business you own or own and operate, memories you'd like to share, or advice to the upperclassmen at SEHS and we will feature it here!

Ideas of things you would like to see in next year's newsletter?!

send to: kgray@sted.esu7.org or kacruise@sted.esu7.org



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