

# Foundation News

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## Foundation reorganizes, reconnects with alumni

The East Butler Public Schools Foundation was established in 1985 and is committed to providing for the continued growth and improvement of our school.

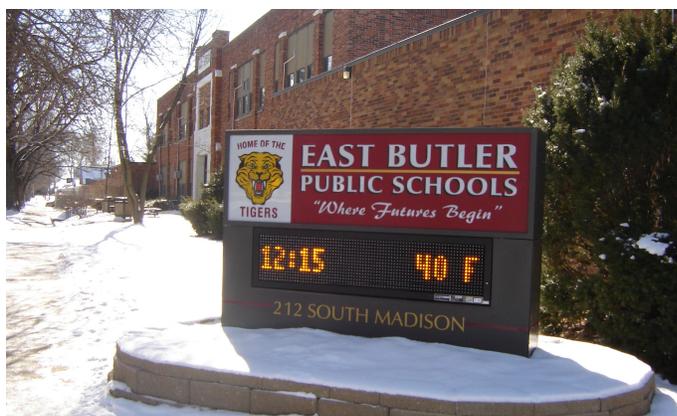
The board recently reorganized and plans to stay in touch with alumni through this newsletter.

Past accomplishments of the board include assistance with student fees for ACT/SAT prep courses, track storage building, music room improve-

ments, new science room equipment, trophy case additions, and alumni composite display.

Future plans include establishing a mini-grant

program for faculty to improve their classrooms, encouraging donations for the new school in Dwight, and continuing to send informational newsletters to alumni.



## Rolfsmeier Scholarship available for EB alumni

In March 2008, the foundation received a perpetual endowment from the Dean Rolfsmeier estate. \$24,000 in scholarships was awarded to graduating seniors in the spring of 2008.

Due to the tremendous generosity and kindness of Dean Rolfsmeier, the foundation is also able to make the scholarship

funds available to alumni attending a college or university. Students who are attending a two-year, four-year, or post-graduate college are eligible to apply for this scholarship in 2009.

Scholarship amounts are to be determined. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.

Access the application at

[www.ebutler.esu7.org/foundation/foundation.html](http://www.ebutler.esu7.org/foundation/foundation.html). Print the application, include your proof of enrollment, and mail to East Butler Foundation, P.O. Box 36, Brainard, NE 68626. You may E-mail the application and mail your proof of enrollment separately.

Scholarship application deadline is April 1, 2009.

## Groundbreaking in Dwight for elementary school



A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday, January 8, in Dwight for the new elementary school building. A new \$1.5 million building will replace the current 35-year structure. Alterations will be made to the gymnasium, which will be kept in tact.

Pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony are (L-R) Consultant Larry Mares, School Board Members Randy Komena and Tom Pesek, Superintendent Jim Koontz, Cheever President Wes Oestreich, Dwight Village Board Chairman Larry Aldrich, and retired Dwight teacher Roslyn Chmelka.

*Buy a brick for yourself or someone dear to you! These bricks are permanently displayed in the 2001 building addition. Proceeds go to building/scholarship funds.*

## 2008 Contributions and 2009 Contribution Wish List

Contributions to the foundation in 2008 totaled \$3,670! Thank you to individuals who contributed through donations (\$2,000), memorials (\$1,070), and brick sales (\$600).

The foundation's goal is to be self-sufficient through the alumni. Types of gifts accepted are memorials, cash, securities, life insurance, and bequests.

There is an ongoing wish list at East

Butler that you could help fulfill. A donation plaque will be installed in Dwight listing the names of contributors who helped furnish the new elementary school. Ideas include classroom furniture, multi-media, classroom supplies, landscaping, trees, etc.

If you are interested in giving to the foundation, please E-mail [ebutlerfoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:ebutlerfoundation@hotmail.com) or call the school office at (402) 545-2081.



## Volunteers needed to assist with mailing list

The search for alumni mailing addresses will be a continuous process. The current mailing list contains the majority of addresses from the graduating classes of 1950 to present.

If you are interested in

volunteering to help locate the remaining addresses, please contact us. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Theresa Aerts, Ted Bohac, Mark Cidlik, Laura Fiala, Shari Havlovic, Janene Hel-

man, Lynn Hummel, Brandon Jisa, Susan McGrath, Norma Peka-rek, Angie Sisel, Tracy Spatz, J.S. Swanda, Becky Wallroff, Rachelle Zysset, and Jenna Zysset for their help in compiling the current list.

## Alumni Spotlight: *Shawn Roberts*

After graduating from East Butler in 1994, Shawn Roberts attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he earned a degree in Finance in 1999.

He now lives in Chicago with his wife Courtney. He is the senior trader at a small trading firm at the Chicago Board of Trade.

Shawn has generously donated money to the foundation, which helped fund the production of a video showcasing all aspects of East Butler.

Shawn said, "I started donating to the East Butler Public Schools Foundation because I wanted to express my appreciation to all of the wonderful teachers and staff. Their support and en-

couragement really made a positive impact on my life, and I will always appreciate that. By contributing, I hope to give the current students at East Butler the same opportunities that I've had."

The foundation sincerely thanks Shawn for his contributions and encourages alumni to consider the benefits of donating to the foundation.



*We'd like to hear from you!* Our next newsletter will feature a graduate from the Class of '54, '64, '74, '84, '94, and '04! E-mail or write us to share where you are and what you are doing!

## EB Video on the Web!

<http://www.ebutler.esu7.org>

Check out the video showcasing East Butler academics, outstanding staff, distance learning, activities, and sports! [www.ebutler.esu7.org](http://www.ebutler.esu7.org)

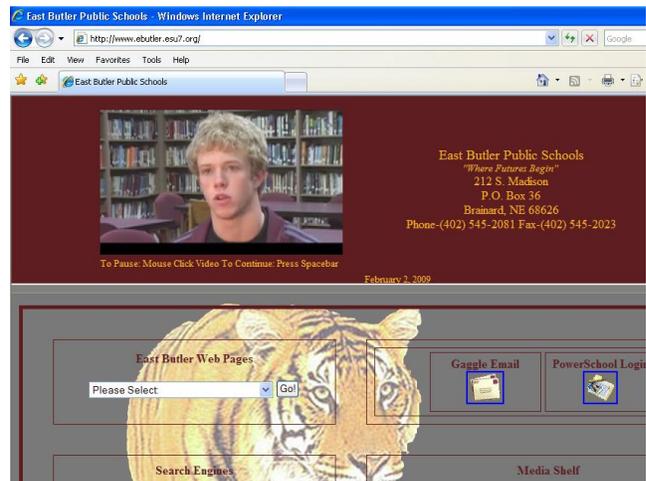
If QuickTime is installed on your computer, the video will automatically begin playing in the top left-hand corner of the school's Web page.

This video includes interviews with students, fac-

ulty, and administration and touches on every aspect of East Butler.

Please forward this information to anyone who may be interested in East Butler. If you would like a copy on DVD, please contact us.

Special thanks to the students and staff for their cooperation with interviews and Mike Dalton for producing the video.



Additional link to the video (if QuickTime is not installed): [video.google.com/videoplay?docid=1046961169150014263](http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=1046961169150014263)

## Husker FB Season Ticket Raffle

Congratulations to Bill and Michelle Hotovy of Dwight! They were the winners of the 2008 Husker Football Season Tickets! The foundation

raffled one pair of season tickets during the Booster Club Watermelon Feed on August 19.

66 tickets were sold, with a net profit of \$2,335.50

for scholarship and educational purposes.

The tickets were made available by University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Lyons.

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**Application deadline for Rolfsmeier Scholarships is  
April 1, 2009. Alumni are eligible to apply.  
See Front Page for details!**