

Local Hunters Provide Assistance to Prairie Students

Members of the Green Castle Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited approached the Prairie School Foundation earlier this fall offering funds to help Prairie High School students who demonstrated need for assistance to purchase devices to participate in online education or other student needs like quality winter clothing. Whitetails Unlimited raises funds to support educational programs, wildlife habitat enhancement and acquisition and the preservation of the hunting tradition. The Green Castle Chapter has an annual banquet to raise funds to support their mission. Members of the annual banquet committee, Eric Brisse, Tom Mellecker and Josh Peterka recently presented a portion of their banquet proceeds by a check for \$2,421.38 to the Foundation.

The foundation worked with Jessica Fitzpatrick, the Community Engagement Specialist at Prairie High School, to determine how the funds could best be used. She recommended the purchase of Hotspots for six Prairie High School students. The Hotspots transmit an internet connection for access to Prairie's Online Learning program. The Whitetails' gift will also cover the cost of monthly fees for the Hotspots' connection.

The Prairie School Foundation always welcomes inquiries from local organizations, businesses and individuals who want to support the College Community School District and the students, faculty and staff in the Prairie Schools.



Members of the Whitetails Unlimited Green Castle Chapter present funds for Prairie High Students.

Pictured left to right: Eric Brisse, Tom Mellecker, and Josh Peterka members of Whitetails Unlimited, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Prairie High School Community Engagement Specialist, Dr Doug Wheeler, District Superintendent and Randy Rumery, Director of the Prairie School Foundation.