

Murder at the Doo-Wop diner

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Hospital foundation planning 'Grease'-themed fund-raiser

Elvis is dead.

His body is in the garbage outside the Doo-Wop diner.

You have a chance to find the killer while spending some time in a cool hang-out place with rock and roll music and thick shakes.

A night of serious fun and sleuthing, with a "Grease"-themed musical that has a different twist, is in store for community members who buy tickets to a gala benefitting

Gothenburg Memorial Hospital.

The event is Saturday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. in the downtown Nebraska Salt & Grain building.

A group from Lexington, "Formerly Three," will play background music during dinner and the solving of the murder mystery and for a dance afterwards, according to GMH Foundation president Don Graham.

Graham said this year's murder mystery is more cast-based than what gala goers viewed last year.

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“People read scripts instead of making up their lines,” he said.

Graham and Chris Healey will direct the play.

In addition to the whodunit, those in attendance will also learn more about the foundation which hosts the event.

Main Course Catering, owned by Susie Collins, will provide the meal.

Ticket proceeds help buy equipment for the hospital.

Gala funds have helped pay for landscaping around the new doctor’s clinic, a rehabilitation pool and have bought numerous pieces of equipment such as bassinets, patient chairs, a mammography machine, laboratory equipment and more.

Because local doctors are getting older, he said the foundation has talked about using some of the funds raised to recruit younger physicians.

Graham said the foundation tries to donate from \$30,000 to \$50,000 each year.

The foundation also hosts a golf tournament each August. Funds raised at the tournament are given as scholarships to local graduating seniors who are planning careers in the medical field.

Graham said the tournament is a four-player scramble that draws people from around the state.

Many of the golfers are associated with the hospital in some way and include vendors,

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construction crews or doctors, he said.

The foundation, formed in 2000, insures the community will always have exceptional medical equipment and facilities today and tomorrow, Graham said.

People can donate to the foundation anytime and also if they can't attend the gala.

To donate or learn more about the foundation, contact Graham at 537-7700 or Karl Randecker at 537-3684.

The foundation has a gifting wall that lists the names of more generous donors and plans to implement a "Harvest for Health" program at the hospital health fair this spring where ag producers make tax-free donations by gifting commodities.

Graham urges everyone to come to the gala.

"It will be a lot of fun and it's for a good cause," he said.

Besides Graham and Randecker, who is the foundation treasurer, other members are Khris Jinks, vice president; Steven Vinton, secretary; Amanda Lathrop; Jackie Anderson; Ross Ristine; Jon Hudson; Dan Tinlin; Chris Healey; and Seth Ryker.

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