



“There’s no place like a small town when it comes to caring and giving” was the sentiment Sept. 13 during a benefit for the Troy Palser family in Elsie.

The benefit was organized and hosted by the Elsie Fire Department. The firemen served barbecue pork sandwiches before the auction began.

Steve Hanson played the role of auctioneer, as a wide variety of donated items were auctioned, including pies from the Elsie United Methodist Women and the Elsie Altar Society.

Following the auction, the drawing for the raffles began with Mark Olson as the emcee.

Troy Palser spoke to the crowd and thanked everybody for what they had done. He, too, agreed that Elsie was a small town with a big heart.

Troy and nine-month-old son Gage lost their wife and mother, the former Debbie Ridlen, in an accident in Perkins County July 13.

Debbie’s parents, Dave and Pam Ridlen of Enders, were among those at the benefit along with several other family members.

The Ridlen family recently donated a bench to the Enders Post Office that Dave made. It sits outside the post office and has a memorial plaque attached.

