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CHUCK GRIFFITH - Executive Director
I’m fortunate in my job to have a front row seat to many community betterment projects. These projects are driven by people with common traits including vision, inspiration, and perseverance. More importantly, project leaders are grateful for what their community has provided for them and want to make it an even better place to live.

One only needs to look backwards to identify individuals that have dedicated their time and effort to provide us with wonderful community assets such as the Performing Arts Center, Aquatics Center, our award winning Central City Library, the Fitness Center, Child Development Center and the list goes on. We should all be grateful for their past efforts. We will progress as a community when we foster attitudes of appreciation and a desire for improvement.

One of our greatest community assets is our young people. Recently, our largest ever class of Leading Locally high school students visited our state capitol and met with public and elected officials. We should be proud of their determination, work ethic and desire to be successful. As adults, we have an obligation to provide a friendly and welcoming community that will encourage them to value their home town and consider making our community their eventual home.

Merrick Foundation is assisting several groups that are currently meeting to consider projects that will enhance our community. I am sure there are other groups not mentioned below that are also working towards community betterment. Some of the groups I am aware of are:

LONE TREE CORRIDOR GROUP:
This group has been meeting since October to find ways to promote and preserve our Platte River resources between Chapman and Clarks. Representatives from a wide variety of interest groups have gathered to share their activities, interests and concerns. Each of these groups has a common appreciation of our Platte River environment. The Platte River valley is no doubt one of our most valuable assets.

MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY GROUP:
Representatives of the Merrick County Ag Society (fair board), girls softball coaches, Therapeutic Riding Academy and Merrick County Historical Museum have met to discuss future facility needs. These groups will consider the possibility of collaborating on facilities. Facility needs discussed include an indoor riding arena, a banquet/events center and an indoor practice facility. The group has toured facilities in Lincoln and Syracuse and will develop more specific needs before considering collaboration on a project/s.

ECAP PROGRAM:
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We appreciate their professionalism, service and dedication to the citizens of Merrick County.

We wish them the very best.

BRIAN BUHLKE, DO FAAFP – BOARD PRESIDENT
Brian is a Family Medicine physician with Lone Tree Medical Associates, PC. He is the EMS director for Central City, Clarks, and Silver Creek. Brian serves on the Board of Education, Economic Development, and is a Member of the Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital medical staff. Brian is commissioned on the board of directors for the Rural Health Advisory Committee and Volunteers as “physician of the Day” at the state Unicameral. Brian and his wife Amy have three children Ella, Addie, and Amelia.

CHUCK GRIFFITH has served as Executive Director of Merrick Foundation since 2006. Previously, Chuck served as an elementary teacher, principal, curriculum director, school planner and superintendent in Nebraska, Kansas and Louisiana and served as the Director of Academic Affairs at MTTI in Kansas City. He received a bachelor’s, masters and educational specialist certificate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and obtained a Ph.D. in 1999.

Chuck serves as treasurer of the Heartland Council of Foundations and on the board of the Nebraska Partnership for Philanthropic Planning.

Chuck enjoys fishing, hunting, home renovation and Husker football.

His wife Kathleen substitute teaches in Merrick County. They have two grown children, Cliff and Casey, both graduates of the University of Nebraska.

MICHELLE CARROLL - ACCOUNTANT
Michelle grew up in Elwood, Nebraska and received her bachelor’s degree in Accounting from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2000. She moved with her family to Central City in 2005. Michelle has four children, Khrystina, Jonathan, Faith and Tyler and one granddaughter, Skylir.

Michelle enjoys running, spending time with friends and family and attending her children’s activities. She is currently President of the Central City Elementary PTO and serves on the Merrick County Child Development Center board.

ANDREA GREEN – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Andrea grew up in Central City and graduated from Central City High School. She received a Diploma Degree in Business/Accounting from Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln, Nebraska. Andrea is a member of the First Christian Church and the Central City Sportsmans Club. Andrea has two children, Jesse and Jordan. Andrea enjoys outdoor activities and many sports, reading, making crafts and spending time with family and friends.

ANITA KUCERA
Community Relations and Education
Anita (Nita) grew up in Lexington, NE and received her bachelor and master degrees from the University of Nebraska a Kearney. She and her husband Dave retired in 2012 after being in education for many years. They have enjoyed living in Central City and being close to their son, John, daughter-in-law, Tara and granddaughter Shaylin.

Nita has enjoyed her first year with the Merrick Foundation and is amazed at all the good things the Foundation is able to accomplish. Nita likes spending time with family and friends, volunteering for the Thrift Store, playing video games, and being involved with many projects.

Cover Page Top Left: Aaron Kunz of Dairy Queen explains to Leading Locally students how a franchise works.
Top Right: River Tour participants enjoy the view from Badger (Platte River) Bridge before viewing other Platte River features. Pictured are: Virgil Lindner, Dan Tyler, Ann Stadler, Nora Lindner, Linda Lambert, Ruthie Gillan and Jerel Geren.
Middle Left: Ann Heinen and Kelly Hale award Jamie Gustafson of Safety Net (center) her first dollar of profit from the Central City Chamber of Commerce.
Middle Right: Central City Administrator, Chris Anderson lists to Ken West of DLR Group discuss potential building projects.
Bottom Left: Leading Locally students are shown on the capitol steps during their trip to Lincoln. LL students in alphabetical order are: Rachel Beck, Cale Bolton, Ethan Cave (not pictured), McKenzie Cuda, Tyler Dijenes, Jordon Dose, Aubrey Foster, Jill Gathje, Matthew Gilg, Reva Graves, Tanner Hiemer, Megan Kaup, JC Kleier, Jamie Knight, Aubrey Lenz, Justin Macke, Chris Mommsen, Ashton Stuart & Jabe Wurtz.
Bottom Right: Merrick Foundation staff members Andrea Green, Michelle Carroll & Anita Kucera.
Meet Our Board of Directors

A Message from the Board President - Brian Buhlke

We began 2013 with optimism about Merrick Foundation’s capacity to fulfill its MISSION by supporting the work of nonprofits to improve the livability of Merrick County thru SERVING as a leader and resource for philanthropy, PROVIDING a perpetual tool for receiving and managing charitable gifts and BUILDING endowments to help meet future county needs, and AWARDING grants to support cultural, educational, social, health, civic, environmental, recreational, and developmental needs of the county.

The value of the Foundation’s investment portfolio has recovered from the impact of the recession. In 2012, the portfolio had a value of $13,519,000, which enabled the Foundation to cover over $800,000 in grants and operations. The Foundation begins 2013 positioned to actively support such entities as the Merrick County Museum, Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital, Leading Locally, ECAP, Therapeutic Riding Academy, and Missoula Children’s Theater, to mention just a few. We will continue to work in new directions, informed by our experiences over the years in awarding grants and will continue to encourage our grantees to seek co-funding in order to create a greater impact. We are very pleased that last year alone, our grantees were successful in securing commitments of $35,000 from other funders.

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as board president for an organization that has such a tremendous impact on our communities. Together with the Foundation’s professional staff and other volunteer board members, we envision expanding and supporting opportunities and programs that ensure our communities have the resources that they need to excel.

SEAN WAGNER
Sean is a native of Central City, graduating from Central City High School and also attended Nebraska Wesleyan University. Sean is a self-employed farmer and enjoys hunting and other sports. He and his wife Lisa have two sons, Ross and Will. Lisa serves on the Central City Public Schools Board of Education. Sean serves as board President for Archer Credit Union and is a Chamber of Commerce member. Sean is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church.

MICHÈLLE KOHL
Michelle moved to Central City in 1994, and was married to the late Dave Kohl. She graduated from Lindsay Holy Family High School and received an Associate’s Degree from Spencer School of Business. She is owner of Advantage Appraisals and holds a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser license, and is a partner of KBL Construction. Michelle has three children, Colton (age 16), Allison (age 15) and Dillion (age 13). She enjoys watching wrestling, playing volleyball and photography. She is a member of the St. Michael’s Church in Central City. Michelle serves on the Cottonwood Estate board and CC Junior Wrestling board.

RANDY RINKOL
Randy is a native of Silver Creek and graduated from Silver Creek High School in 1988. He attended Wayne State College where he received a BS in Business Administration with a concentration in finance. Randy currently works for the USDA-Farm Service Agency as a farm loan officer in Columbus. He has been with USDA for 20 years. Randy is currently a member and past president of the National Association of County Supervisors (federal employee association) and has held board positions on the Silver Creek Fire Department and St. Lawrence Church in Silver Creek. Randy and his wife Nancy have two daughters, Madison and Payton and twin boys, Mason and Brayden. Randy enjoys hunting, fishing, landscaping and raising pumpkins.

BOB EVERSOLE
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ADAM CLARKE
Adam is a graduate of Central City High School and attended Grand Island Central Community College. He works at the Central City Mall. Adam and his wife, Misty have four children, Lane, Brock, Aidan and Kinley. They attend the United Methodist Church in Central City. Adam enjoys hunting and fishing.

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KATHY NATHANIEL
Lori was born in Central City and graduated from Hardive Public School. She attended Kearney State College and received a degree in education. Lori is employed by Twin River School. Lori and her husband Mike have two daughters, Whitney & Courtney and one son, Ethan. Lori enjoys reading in her spare time.

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DAVE BECK
David was born in Denver, CO and graduated from Clarks High School in 1988. He attended the University of Nebraska Kearney and received a BS in Business Administration. He has been self employed in farming since 1992. David and his wife Sheila have three school aged children, Kyle, Rachel and Kolby. They attend the United Methodist Church. David enjoys golfing and attending his kids’ activities.
### Levels of Giving

Donors are recognized for their giving levels to the Merrick Foundation if their gift stays at the Foundation. Total gifts to the General Fund or another endowment fund qualify a donor to be recognized in the following categories:

#### Platinum Benefactors

$1,000,000 and over
- Alfred & Elizabeth Bader
- Edwin & Bernice Lock
- Edward Santin

#### Gold Benefactors

$500,000 - $999,999
- Alfred & Elizabeth Bader
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#### Silver Benefactors

$100,000 - $499,999
- Vinson & Margaret Bittinger
- James F. & Myrtle V. Clarke
- Jack & Gretchen Dinsdale
- Roy & Gloria Dinsdale
- William & Dora Fechtner
- Rexford & Donna Ferris
- Eugene Fishburn
- Victoria Shannon Gage
- Joe Hesslegerer
- Donald Jacobsen
- Alice M. Karner-Kaura
- Vernie L. Lock
- Robert D. Matthes
- Lois A. Millsap
- Donald Nouzovsky
- R. Stanley & Effie Torpin
- Austin & Cleo Vanderford
- Clinton M. Wegner

#### Bronze Benefactors

$5,000 - $24,999
- Alma M. Abbott
- Dorothy Adkinson
- Charles E. Jr. & Meta Armstrong
- Dale & Tonya Bannister
- Charles & Doris Benner
- Evan & Roxanne Brandes
- Roger & Sharon Brandes
- Edward & Francis Chader

### 2013 Scholarship Tea

Merrick Foundation's 2013 Scholarship Tea was held on Sunday, April 28th at the Performing Arts Center. Approximately 130 Merrick County seniors and college students were awarded scholarships totaling $110,800. Executive Director, Chuck Griffith, welcomed the audience prior to Scholarship Donors presenting their Scholarships to students. Donors present that awarded scholarships were: Marilyn Heins, Ken Aerni, Don Benner, Michelle Konwinski, Carolyn Kucera, Andrea Green, Nora Lindner, Donald Sampson, Dan Van Pelt, Marilyn Wilson & Norm Krug. Following the awarding of scholarships, those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and conversation in the middle school cafeteria.
BOOK OF MEMORY

Gifts accumulated to $10 or more, received in memory of the departed, place the name in the BOOK OF MEMORY at the Merrick Foundation office. These gifts are permanently invested and the income used for community purposes throughout the county. Memorial gifts were received this year for the following and any names not previously added to the Book of Memory were added. Some dates were not provided.

Joyce Baack .......... 1929 - 2011
Jim Baasch .......... 1938 - 2011
Fredda Balliet ....... 1915 - 2012
Jeanette Beck ....... 1929 - 2012
Fern Beed .......... 1916 - 2012
Jack Burger .......... 1926 - 2011
Melvin Burkhardt ... 1940 - 2010
Dale Burruss ........ 1934 - 2012
Wilbur Church ....... 1920 - 2012
C. Irene Coates ..... 1927 - 2012
Marjorie Curry ...... 1922 - 2011
Henry Curry .......... 1922 - 2012
Betty Darling ......... 1934 - 2011
Arthur Davis .......... 1931 - 2011
Bernard Dubas ...... 1923 - 2012
Dorothy Ekeler ...... 1925 - 2012
Pat Eppert .......... 1928 - 2012
Lucille Fechtner .... 1926 - 2011
Annie Feehan ...... 1888 - 1977
Bill Feehan ........ 1884 - 1955
Joseph Feehan ...... 1882 - 1956
Margaret Feehan ... 1929 - 1977
Donna Ferris ....... 1915 - 2003
Rexford Ferris ...... 1913 - 1998
Yvonne Ferris ...... 1921 - 2011
Dr. Fred Fouts ...... 1877 - 1962
Wilma Fouts ........ 1901 - 1988
Jim Gay, Jr. .......... 1956 - 2012
Esther F. Gilley .... 1914 - 2011
Gail Graham .......... 1969 - 2012
Linda Green .......... 1947 - 2012
Phil Greenwood ...... 1949 - 2011
Dale Gress .......... 1914 - 2011
Norma Haith .......... 1922 - 1997
Jan Henk .......... 1936 - 2012
Neal G. Hensley ...... 1916 - 2003
J. Oren Hoback .... 1915 - 2011
Roger C. Howe ...... 1921 - 2012
Albert “Al” Hudgens 1908 - 1981
Lucile Hudgens ...... 1913 - 2012
Virginia Justesen .... 1922 - 2011
Linda Klocek ........ 1943 - 2012
Thomas D. Kuhn ...... 1941 - 2004
Elsmier L. Kuskie ... 1919 - 2005
Virgil Kuskie ...... 1921 - 2011
Erma M. Kyes .......... 1910 - 2012
Tom Lamb .......... 1920 - 2012
Shirley Larson ........ 1933 - 2012
Anthony Lewis ...... 1991 - 2012
Dale Lindburg ...... 1928 - 2012
Benjamin T. Lindner ....... 2012
Harvey “Dick” Lippincott, Jr ...... 2012
Dixie Davis Lock ...... 1915 - 2007
Virginia Marsh ...... 1913 - 2008
Warren Marsh ...... 1903 - 1997
Larry Mason ...... 1937 - 2011
Barbara McHargue .... 1940 - 2012
Tom McMahon ...... 1939 - 2012
Harold Morris ...... 1916 - 2011
Hal Mustard ...... 1931 - 2012
Richard Olson ...... 1933 - 2011
Suzanne Olson ...... 1939 - 2011
Joseph Parachini ...... 1947 - 2010
Harold Parker ...... 1904 - 1977
Lois Parker ...... 1907 - 1994
Asa A. Pollard ...... 1913 - 1974
Asa L. Pollard ...... 1943 - 2007
Edgar “Sonny” Rasmussen ...... 1932 - 2010
Charles Reeves ...... 1948 - 2011
Shirley Ross ...... 1907 - 1994
Rexford Ferris ....... 1913 - 1998

“Painting The Legacy Of Nebraska”

A Collection of Paintings From All 93 Counties by Fine Artist - Todd A. Williams

Having been born and raised in the great State of Nebraska, I've always been inspired by the awesome sunsets of my childhood. After receiving my education in Central City, Nebraska from grade school to high school, I knew God had gifted me to become a fine artist. I enrolled in classes at the Central Community College in Columbus, and graduated with an Associates Degree. I transferred to the Kansas City Art Institute where I earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts. I then worked full-time for the next ten years for Hallmark Cards till 2002, when I officially resigned to pursue being a Professional Fine Artist. I currently live and work in Arkansas and Nebraska.

It is my vision to give recognition and awareness of my great State and bring its beauty to life on canvas. My goal is to paint the historical legacy but also the diversity and simplicity of the landscape and landmarks. Under the influence of the great turn of the century American Impressionists, some of the paintings will be created "en plein air" and others in the studio. The finished collection of paintings will be displayed in each county and also via an exhibition that will travel throughout the State of Nebraska. For example: The Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, The Great Plains Art Museum in Lincoln, The Museum Of Nebraska Art in Kearney, Bone Creek Museum in David City, Norfolk Art Center in Norfolk, and others.

At the first exhibition we will have a Special Gala Reception for those parties (counties, state, corporate, or individuals) that have sponsored or contributed to the project.

My heart's desire for this project is to reawaken an appreciation for the Arts and preserving the unique beauty and heritage that Nebraska has to offer.

It is with great joy that I embark on this journey to capture the legacy of my birth place. I want to reveal Nebraska through the eyes of an Artist. I invite you to stand alongside me with pride as we take this journey together.

More information about my work can be viewed at: www.ToddWilliamsFineArt.com

Merrick Foundation 2012 Annual Meeting

Attendees at Merrick Foundation's 2012 Annual Meeting were welcomed to the PAC with a performance by CCHS's "Vocal Eclipse". The show choir performed several numbers before Suzanne Philippi accepted a grant certificate on behalf of Dane Christensen. Suzanne was an accompanist for the choir with Brian Jefferson. The group was recently awarded a Merrick Foundation grant to attend a competition in Orlando in May of 2013.

Merrick Foundation president Sean Wagner called the Annual Meeting to order followed by Teri Beck reading the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting. Executive Director and Treasurer, Chuck Griffith gave a financial report followed by the election of Shannon & Don Hannapel and David and Katrina Lee as trustees. Grant certificates were awarded to 2012 grant recipients, followed by a reception hosted by the Merrick Foundation board and staff.

Grant recipients displayed poster boards with pictures and descriptions of their grant projects or programs. The display provided a visual and informative collection of the many projects taking place in Merrick County.
SPECIAL MEMORIALS
Accumulated gifts of $100 or more creates a Special Memorial in the name of a loved one. The names are also entered in the Book of Memory if they had not previously been added. Special Memorials were received for:

Jeanette Beck  Thomas D. Kuhn  Edgar “Sonny”
Jack Burger  Elsmer L. Kuskie  Rasmussen
Melvin Burkhardt  Virgil Kuskie  Elna Schneiderheinz
Dale Burruss  Erma M. Kyes  Helen Schutz
Marjorie Curry  Tom Lamb  Wesley Schutz
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Lucile Hudgens

TOTAL GIFTS BY FUND

ENDOWMENT FUNDS
American Legion Baseball .................................................. $150
Tom & Teri Beck ................................................................. $2,185
Evan & Roxanne Brandes ...................................................... $4,825
Roger & Sharon Brandes ...................................................... $4,325
Jack & Dorothy Burger Scholarship ...................................... $10
Burke Cemetery ................................................................ $50
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial Hospital ...................... $100,000
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial Scholarship ................. $50,000
Elwin and Lucile Ferris Memorial Scholarship ......................... $13
Margie Fritz Designated Fund .............................................. $5,000
General Endowment ............................................................. $12,097
Griffith Family Discretionary Fund ....................................... $250
Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen .............................................. $880
James & Marilyn Heins Scholarship ....................................... $500
J. Oren Hoback Memorial Scholarship .................................. $4,988
Hohnroth Family Scholarship ............................................... $1,950
Virgil & Nora Lindner Scholarship ......................................... $5,200
Lindner Van Pelt Heritage Scholarship ................................... $1,900
Litzenberg Health Care Foundation ...................................... $200
William L. & Velma R. McLean Scholarship ............................. $2,000
Merrick County Child Development Center ........................... $440
Merrick County Historical Museum Endowment ...................... $13,885
Merrick Foundation Founders Scholarship ............................. $500
Donald Noustovsky 4-H Memorial ........................................ $5,000
Donald Noustovsky FFA ................................................... $5,000
Donald Noustovsky Memorial Scholarship ............................ $40,000
Portia’s Playhouse ................................................................ $3,000
Prairie Island Youth Endowment .......................................... $600
Donald R. Sampson Scholarship ........................................... $12,632
Scholarship-General, Industrious & Misc. ................................. $775
Scott/Ruge & Friends Memorial Scholarship ........................... $1,400
R. Stanley & Effie Torpin Memorial ....................................... $500
Steve & Kristi Twiss ................................................................ $1,000
Darrell & Twila Widman Chapman Cemetery ......................... $1,000

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Central City Schools ............................................................. $2,350
Clarks Cares ........................................................................ $304
Clarks Community Expendable ............................................. $5,000
Clarks Schools ...................................................................... $1,705
Heartland Council of Foundations ....................................... $890
Palmer Schools .................................................................... $4,999
Physician Recruitment .......................................................... $20,000
Silver Creek Cares ............................................................... $264
Valley View Recreation Association ....................................... $500

ACORN FUNDS
Dave & Sheila Beck Acorn .................................................. $1,071
Ed & Laurie Dexter Acorn .................................................... $100
Dave Kohl Memorial Acorn ................................................... $1,000
Ken & Mary Lloyd Acorn ...................................................... $500
Thomas Farms Acorn ........................................................... $200
Arnold & Hildur Willhoft Acorn ............................................ $60

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS
Central City Art Fund ........................................................... $5,250
Central City Trails ................................................................. $5,677
Clarke Family Park Sign ....................................................... $9,644
Heartland Veterans Memorial Tribute .................................... $19,930
Merrick County Museum Building ........................................ $48,195
Performing Arts Center ....................................................... $115,072
Wright Morris Home Restoration ......................................... $100

GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Merrick Foundation has recently modified grant application procedures.

1. The Community Grant deadline has been moved from the first of the month to the 10th of each month (following Monday if the 10th is on a weekend). Merrick Foundation meets on the 4th Monday of each month. No meeting is held in December. April’s meeting is on the 4th Sunday in April (Scholarship Tea).

2. Grants are approved on the condition that grantees attend the Annual Meeting on the 4th Monday of November AND present a poster board (provided) display describing their grant.

3. Grant applications over $10,000 may require representatives to attend a board meeting. They will be notified by the Grant Committee.

4. Grant requests over $15,000 will be reviewed in January and June. Applicants shall be required to attend a board meeting.

5. Only one grant application form needs to be mailed to Merrick Foundation (formerly 5 copies were required).

6. A separate (shorter) form is now available for student educational trips. It is listed separately on the Merrick Foundation web site. Schools are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for student trip funding. Grants for school trips are not to exceed the average class size in one year or twice the average class size in two years.

Application forms and grant guidelines are available on our website at merrick-foundation.org, or you may request one by phone (308) 946-3707.
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Molly Wolfe  Carol Joseph Memorial
Yena Yoo  Donald Nouzovsky  Memorial

ESI Campers Learn About Running A Business

Six Merrick County Middle Schoolers spent their July 4th week learning about how to start and run a business. The week-long camp concluded by participating in the Lone Tree Days Sidewalk Sale. Participants were Garrett Sharman & Logan Archer of Clarks, Brad Nietfeld, Kasey VanWinkle and Sara Schwartz of St. Libory and Betsy Eckstrom of Palmer.

Guest speakers talked about a wide range of business topics during the week. Speakers were: Joe Clarke, Jamie Gustafson, Aaron Kunz, Cody Lawson, Dave Dickensen and Rex Minert. Dairy Queen, Central City Mall and Subway donated lunches for the students and class leaders.

Students started the course by taking an on-line strength assessment and learned about the qualities of successful business people. They continued by learning about local businesses, assessing risks, learning about changes in the business world. Following their research, they chose a business name and slogan followed by printing business cards and promotional flyers.

After deciding on their product to sell, students learned about the legal status of businesses and calculated production and labor costs followed by pricing of their product. In preparation for the sidewalk sale students practiced meeting customers, preparing receipts, selling their product and counting change. Following the sale the students paid back their business loans, and calculated their profits.

Campers and their products were: Garrett Sharman, Green Bird Feeders; Logan Archer, U-Store jar units; Brad Nietfeld, Outdoor Game Boards; Kasey VanWinkle, Lone Tree Days TShirts; Sara Schwartz, cupcakes and Betsy Eckstrom, colored drawings; Students were invited to sell their wares at the Nebraska State Fair.

Doris Lux, E Ship Coordinator at CCC-Columbus and Nancy Eberle, UNL Entrepreneurship Specialist led the week’s activities. They were assisted by Diane Vigna UNL associate professor, Jamie Gustafson of Safety Net and Merrick Foundation staff including Anita Kucera, Andrea Green, Michelle Carroll and Chuck Griffith.

ESI Campers selling their products in front of the Venture Center during the Lone Tree Days Sidewalk Sale.
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Roger Berry of Nebraska Farm Bureau’s AFan program addresses the positive contributions of agriculture in Nebraska.

Governor Dave Heineman visits with local constituents at the Venture Center.

Bill Whitney of Prairie Plains Institute (center) shares a long-range plan to develop the Platte River Corridor with participants on a river tour. Also shown is Randy Gustafson and Sarah Bailey, also of Prairie Plains Institute.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Merrick Foundation is to contribute to the growth of the quality of life in Merrick County by directing charitable funds to achieve the maximum benefits for the residents of Merrick County.

Vision Statement: The Merrick Foundation will strive to be a leader in attracting, mobilizing and focusing philanthropic resources to meet Merrick County’s needs for generations to come. This will be accomplished by:

- Serving as a leader and resource for philanthropy
- Providing a perpetual tool for receiving and managing charitable gifts and bequests
- Building endowments to help meet future county needs
- Awarding grants to support cultural, educational, social, health, civic, environmental, recreational and developmental needs of the county.

Statement of Financial Position

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We do our very best to accurately report donations, grants and operating expenditures covering over one hundred funds and thousands of transactions. If you have questions or concerns regarding this report, please call us at (308) 946-3707. Financials in this report are for our audited fiscal year 2012, (11/1/2011 through 10/31/2012).
Heartland Tribute to Veterans at Central City

Heartland’s Tribute to Veterans is being built at Lone Tree Park in Central City, NE to preserve and honor the memory of the brave souls who have fought for our freedoms and for those who continue to. Any veteran or veteran’s family is welcome to purchase a tile, bench or large tile with the veteran/s name on it. Details on honoring a veteran can be found on their website at www.heartlandveterans.com. You can be a part of this incredible journey!

Central City area residents have been participating in a UNL pilot program called ECAP since March. Four communities in Nebraska were invited to participate in the program that has been designed to promote entrepreneurship and business development in communities. UNL staff members Dennis Kahl and Nancy Eberle are coordinators for the program. Participants in the project are: Matt Blomstedt, Kevin Campbell, Chuck Griffith, Jamie Gustafson, Ann Heinen, Kendra Jefferson, G Kalabhai, Tara Kucera, Miles McGinnis, Brittany McPhillips, Dan Monaghan, Tyson Ratliff, Tom Wagner and John Westman.

An on-line community survey was administered to identify opportunities and challenges in eight areas including 1) Community vision 2) Culture of Change 3) Leadership 4) Sense of Place 5) Infrastructure 6) Digital connectivity 7) Education/Workforce 8) Entrepreneurial Support. The survey responses in the eight categories were relatively equally rated, with infrastructure receiving the highest rating.

After analyzing the survey data, participants invited representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, Litzenberg Memorial Community Hospital, Merrick Foundation, Nebraska Christian, CCPS, County Board of Supervisors and the Central City Council to meet and share their visions and goals for the future. Common goals were identified after the presentations.

A purpose statement has been compiled: ECAP shall cultivate and activate a united effort to promote our area as a premier entrepreneurial community. This will be accomplished by focusing on a common vision by:

- Providing Leadership Development
- Improving our Quality of Life
- Increasing the Degree of Communication
- Promoting community pride

ECAP members meet monthly and will serve on the committee for a minimum of 24 months. If you would like to participate in this project, call Merrick Foundation at (308) 946-3707.