We’re here to help you leave a Lasting Legacy in Merrick County
CHUCK GRIFFITH - Executive Director

Each year our Merrick County community moves forward with many projects that improve our quality of life. Merrick Foundation is pleased to support these programs and projects. We assist community service providers that serve all ages and interests. We also promote business development that will provide jobs and attractions that will encourage families to stay or move to Merrick County.

Our final lesson in our high school Leading Locally class is “Moving from Thought to Action”. That theme could describe several projects in our community. Merrick County patrons continue to support major projects that enhance our quality of life in the near and distant future. These projects include:

1. Dark Island Trail development from Hwy 30 to Hwy 66 will see activity this spring and summer. A limestone path should be completed by early June.
2. Construction of a new 4-H building and indoor arena should begin after the conclusion of this year’s county fair. This will provide much needed facilities for the entire county.
3. Plans for a new movie theater are being finalized and construction should begin as soon as the fund drive is completed. This will provide a quality entertainment venue that we’ve been missing in recent months.
4. Economic development activity (ECAP) continues with volunteer meetings that promote positive growth in our communities. Doris Lux provides business coaching support for new and existing businesses.
5. Outdoor recreation and education opportunities are increasing for youth and adults with scholarships available for youth camps and a variety of outdoor experiences available at Bader Park and/or on the Dark Island Trail.

I encourage people of all ages to take advantage of these wonderful programs and projects. Get involved in your community activities. There are plenty of opportunities to make our community an even greater place to live.

Thank You to our Retiring Board Members

DAVE BECK: Dave served on the Investment/Farm Committee during his term on the board. He served as Board President in 2014.
KIM BENNER: Kim served on the Investment/Farm Committee and the Scholarship Committee during her term on the board. She was Board Secretary in 2014.
LORI CAVE: Lori served on the Scholarship Committee during her term on the board and was head of that committee in 2013 and 2014.
ADAM CLARKE: Adam served on the Investment/Farm Committee during his entire term on the board.

Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

At our annual meeting in November, Rodney Lee, Barry Marsh, Tara Urkoski and Sheri Wruble assumed their duties as board members. We extend a warm welcome to them.

ED DEXTER - BOARD PRESIDENT

Ed Dexter and his wife Laurie live in Central City and have been lifetime residents of Merrick County. They have two children, Brad and his wife Stephanie Dexter and Megan Dexter, both living in Omaha. Ed and Laurie became grandparents in July 2012 with their first grandchild Eva Mae. Their second granddaughter, Ruby, arrived September 2014. So, they do make a few more trips to Omaha now. Ed has been employed in the agricultural business for 36 years. Ed is an active member of the United Methodist Church in Central City along with several other organizations. Ed’s free time is spent biking, reading and spending time with family.

CHUCK GRIFFITH Chuck 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 served 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 is a graduate of Elwood High School and received her bachelor’s degree in Accounting from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has four children, Khrystina, Jonathan, Faith, and Tyler and one granddaughter, Skylir. Michelle enjoys running and spending time with family, and stays busy year round with her children’s various activities. Michelle also serves on the Directors.

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, NE and also received her National Registered Emergency Medical Technician license from CCC in Columbus, NE. Andrea is a NREMT with the Central City Ambulance. She is a member of the First Christian Church. Andrea has two children, Jesse and Jordan. She 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’s 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 only son, John, daughter-in-law, Tara and granddaughter Shaylin. Nita enjoys working with the Merrick Foundation and is amazed at all the wonderful projects the Foundation is involved in and all the foundation is able to accomplish. Nita enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, volunteering for the local Thrift Store, playing video games, and being involved with many projects.

Cover Page Top Left: Leading Locally participants are shown visiting Cody’s Computer Repair in Central City.
Top Right: Dr. Jeff Clarke presents the Myrtle & Jim Clarke Scholarship to High Plains student Tyler Martin at the 2014 Scholarship Tea.
Bottom Right: Executive Director, Chuck Griffith and Congressman Adrian Smith.
Bottom Left: Merrick Foundation staff Anita Kucera, Michelle Carroll, and Executive Director Chuck Griffith at the 2014 Central City Chamber Soup Fest.
Meet Our Board of Directors

A Message from the Board President - Ed Dexter

I feel it’s an honor and a privilege when you can give back to your community and county.

Being able to serve on the Merrick, Foundation Board, along with the other board members, we continue to work to make life in Merrick County Communities better.

We are so thankful for our Administrative Staff which starts with our Executive Director, Chuck Griffith and continues with Michelle Carroll, Andrea Green, and Anita Kucera. Their efforts and hard work continue the success of our Foundation.

2015 has been a Rewarding Challenge as we have awarded several grants to major improvements taking place throughout our communities and county. Our scholarships to High School and College students continue to grow to help them succeed in their Education and life goals.

We also look at opportunities and programs to support in our communities, and help provide resources so they can excel. We appreciate and thank all who have supported and made contributions to the Foundation. The future looks bright for Merrick County.

RANDY RINKOL

Randy is a native of Silver Creek and graduated from Silver Creek High School. He received his BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Ag-Business from Wayne State College. Randy works for Pinnacle Bank and has been with the bank for eight years. His family moved to Central City two years ago. Randy and his wife Sheila have two sons, Dayle (11) and Gus (1). Randy likes to spend time with family and enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf. Randy and his family appreciate the warm welcome from everyone in Central City and look forward to helping out the community for years to come.

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SHANNON HANNAPPEL

Shannon is a graduate from Osceola High School and attended college at Midland Lutheran in Fremont. She and her husband Don have two grown sons, Jacob and Tanner. They attend church at St. Michaels in Central City. Shannon is an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Financial Services. Shannon is a Nebraska Lead Fellow XXIII and has been a member of the Merrick County Farm Bureau since 2004. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, and any outdoor activities.

DARIO J. LEE, DVM

David graduated high school from Falls City High in Falls City, Nebraska. He received his Bachelors of Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1997, his Masters of Science from Kansas State University in 2001, and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 2005. David is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was a past board member. In addition to the Merrick County Economic Development board, he serves on the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association and as a chairman on the continuing education committee. He has been the owner of the Central City Veterinary Clinic since October 2009. David is married to Katrina Lee, and they have a four year old daughter named Johann. David enjoys spending time with family and outdoor activities.

KEVIN WARING

Kevin is a graduate of Orchard High School, Wayne State College and Kearney State College earning his Bachelor of Arts Education from Wayne State College and his Master of Science Education from Kearney State College. Kevin is now retired from 38 years of teaching at Central City High School. He and his wife Joan have three children, Chad, Tracey and Mitchell. Kevin is a member of the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. He has served on many boards including church and Willow Bend. Kevin also has Professional memberships to education associations. He enjoys motorcycles, golf, music-guitar and water sports.

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• 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.

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.

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RODNEY LEE

Randy and his wife Sara live in Central City and have two children, Jessica and Andrew. Randy is a graduate of Holdrege High School and University of NE at Kearney earning his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education. Randy is employed at the Central City Mall. Rodney is a member of the Heartland Evangelical Free Church. Rodney enjoys spending time with family, golfing, Husker football and traveling.

BARRY MARSH

Barry attended Colorado State University, and the Graduate School of Banking-University of Colorado and earned his Graduate School Certificate. Barry retired in 2010 after 41 years in banking. Barry is married to Alta and has two daughters. Anita and Andrea (who is deceased). Barry is a member of the Methodist Church. Barry enjoys woodworking and landscaping/gardening.

TARA URKOSKI

Tara is a graduate of Monroe High School and Central Community College and has a degree in Nursing. Tara is employed with the Genoa Medical Facilities. Tara and her husband Hannah have three children, Jamison, Korbe and Tate. Tara is a member of the St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Krakow and is on the Altar Society at Central Community College. Tara enjoys camping, watching her children play sports and family time.

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**LEVELS OF GIVING**

| $1,000,000 and over | Alfred & Elizabeth Bader | Edwin & Bernice Lock | Edward Santin |
| $25,000 - $49,999 | William & Emma Steffen | Lois Steger |

**GOLD BENEFACTORS**

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**PLATINUM BENEFACTORS**

| $1,000,000 and over | Clinton M. Wegner | Ed Detweiler | Herbert Demel | Steve T wiss | Michael J. Cave | Jack Burger | Caryn Bokerman | Alice Brandes | Nadine Brandes | Roxanne Brandes | Wilbur Brewer | Delores Bruns | Brian Buhle | Jack Burger | Eva Caley | Lori Cave | Michael Cave | Helena Chinn | Richard Chocchon | Adam Clarke | Cyndi Clarke | Kristy Clarke | Myrtle Clarke | Dr. Jeff Clarke | Joe Clarke | Opal Colby | Clinton Colby | Vance Condon | Dr. Bruce Cowgill | Trudy Creutzberg | Steve Curry | Don Dubeckvar | Herbert Demel | Ed Detweiler | Ed Dexter | Lesly Dexter |

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Bob Kremer ....................1936 - 2013
Thomas Kuhn ...............1941 - 2004
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Richard Mattson ............1941 - 1941
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Tom McMahon ...............1939 - 2012
Gary Monter .................1959 - 2013
Robert Morris ...............1936 - 2014
Richard Mustard ..........1935 - 1944
Harold Parker ...............1904 - 1977
Lois Parker ....................1907 - 1994
Amy Petersen ..............1929 - 2014
Andrew T. Pollard .........1973 - 1980
Terry - Ramold ..............1959 - 2014
Betty Rasmussen ............1933 - 2014
Edgar “Sonny” Rasmussen Jr ..1932 - 2010
Barbara Reeves ..............1924 - 2014
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Ted Reeves .................1905 - 1988
Francis Rice ...............1920 - 2014
Gregory Rinkol ............1965 - 2014
Loretta Gertrude Rodysill ....1925 - 2014
Phares "Bud" Rodysill .....1922 - 2005
Barbara Ruge ..............1933 - 2014
Donald R. Sampson .......1932 - 2013
Lois Schank ...............1926 - 2013
Thomas Sherman ..........1919 - 2014
Sam Simmons ...............1952 - 2014
John Slack .....................1967 - 2013
Harry Stuart ...............1931 - 2013

Leading Locally 2014-2015

Merrick Foundation’s 2014-15 Leading Locally class had a successful year developing key leadership skills while learning about Merrick County resources and businesses. The program’s seventh annual class consisted of four high school students from each Merrick County public school. The program mixes training activities with tours of local businesses. Students were given monthly updates on the many projects under consideration this year including a new or renovated movie theater, a community center, 4-H building, indoor arena, trail addition and Merrick Manor sale or renovation. Students were updated on the ever-changing conditions regarding these major projects.

Shown (L to R): Armando Ruvalcaba, Michael Wolfe, Samantha Wyman, Andrew Schuller, Kylee Rice, Josh DeMers, Chloe Engel, Anna Reeves, Chuck Griffith, Governor Pete Ricketts, Will Wagner, Katrina Gomez, Amber Erickson, Beau Wattier, Samantha Wyman, Bradley Schoch, Tessa Alexander and Anita Kucera. Not pictured: Jeffrey Vanderhart.

Activities and tours in 2014-15 included:

September 15: Introductions, Merrick Foundation update, Colors Personality Assessment.
October 14: Leadership Assessment, Discovering Central City, City Administrator, tour of Thrift Shop.
November 18: Running an effective meeting, tour of new Fire Barn, tour franchise business, Dairy Queen.
December 9: Running an effective meeting, Tour of Litzenberg Hospital, discussion with Dr. Krug.
January 13: Nebraska Quiz, Prepare for Lincoln trip with Annette Dubas, discuss expectations for Lincoln trip.
February 7: Leading Locally students traveled to Lincoln to tour the capital, visit the Legislature in session, attend committee meetings, participate with Lobbyist and meet with Governor Ricketts.
March 10: Becoming an effective communicator, toured Cody’s Computer Repair Service and visited Dr. Lorena Wenger’s business incubator.
April 14: Bader Park picnic and closing activities.

Sponsors for Leading Locally:
Dairy Queen • Central City Mall
Pinnacle Bank • Litzenberg Hospital
Cornerstone Bank • Central Bank
Archer Credit Union • Merrick Foundation

ESI CAMP

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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:

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Leland Wegner
Mary Eugenie (Jean) Sampson Wenke
Ronald Wiese
Alene Willhoft
Holly Willhoft
Alice Duffy Wilson
Olan “Bus” Wilson
Marie Zoucha

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, June and October. Applicants shall be required to attend a board meeting.

5. Only one grant application form needs to be mailed to Merrick Foundation.

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.

TOTAL GIFTS BY FUND

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

- American Legion Baseball .................................................. $190
- Earl & Alice Brandes Donor Designated .......................... $81,831
- Evan & Roxanne Brandes ..................................................... $1,480
- Roger & Jeanne Brandes ..................................................... $2,480
- Central City Library ........................................................... $1,683
- Clarke Recreation ............................................................... $100
- Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial Scholarship .................. $375
- General Endowment .......................................................... $32,943
- Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen .......................................... $345
- Griffith Family Discretionary .............................................. $1,250
- James & Marilyn Heins Scholarship ................................. $65
- Hohroth Family Scholarship ............................................... $1,350
- Robert & Lilian Krug Memorial Scholarship .................... $5,004
- Benjamin Thomas Lindner Memorial Scholarship .......... $400
- Virgil & Nora Lindner Scholarship ...................................... $1,500
- Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage Scholarship ......................... $1,500
- Litzenberg Health Care Foundation ................................. $1,984
- Edwin & Bernice Lock ........................................................ $675
- William L. & Velma R. McLean Scholarship .................... $2,000
- Tom McMahon Memorial .................................................... $1,100
- Richard Mattson Memorial ................................................ $650
- Merrick County Historical Museum ................................. $20,420
- Merrick Foundation Founder’s Scholarship .................... $1,400
- Gary Monter Memorial Scholarship ................................. $1,100
- Portia’s Playhouse ............................................................ $2,500
- Gregory Rinkol Memorial Scholarship ............................ $8,000
- Donald R. Sampson Scholarship ........................................ $1,050
- Scholarship-General, Industrious & Misc. ....................... $625
- Scott/Ruge & Friends Memorial Scholarship .................. $2,127
- Silver Creek ................................................................. $1,110
- Snowball/Sophomore Scholarship ..................................... $21,152
- Emil & Donna Steinke Family Discretionary ................... $5,000
- R. Stanley & Effie Torpin Memorial ................................. $1,000
- Dylan Van Pelt Memorial Scholarship ............................. $200
- Darrell & Twila Widman Chapman Cemetery ................. $500

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

- Central City Children’s Theater ...................................... $4,150
- Central City Parent Teacher Organization ....................... $7,091
- Central City Schools ....................................................... $210
- Clarkers Cares ............................................................... $220
- Clarkers Schools ............................................................ $1,520
- Heartland Council of Foundations .................................. $730
- Miscellaneous Donor Designated ................................. $26,760
- Palmer Schools ............................................................. $4,144
- Physician Recruitment .................................................... $5,000
- Silver Creek Cares .......................................................... $216
- Valley View Recreation .................................................... $3,000

ACORN FUNDS

- Dave & Sheila Beck .......................................................... $1,508
- Dr. Jeff & Kristy Clarke ................................................... $250
- Ed & Laurie Dexter ........................................................ $500
- Don & Shannon Hannappel .............................................. $1,520
- Dave Kohl Memorial ....................................................... $1,000
- Ken & Mary Lloyd ........................................................ $1,000
- Robb & Tina Schnitzler .................................................. $504
- Thomas Farms ............................................................... $1,000
- Sean & Lisa Wagner ....................................................... $1,000
- Arnold & Hildur Willhoft ............................................... $135

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

- Central City Trails ........................................................ $350
- Community Builders ....................................................... $6,116
- Heartland Veterans Tribute .......................................... $54,039
- Merrick County Entertainment ....................................... $950
- Merrick County Museum Building ................................. $36,437
- Painting the Legacy of Nebraska ................................... $20,250
- Wright Morris Home Restoration .................................. $235

6 2015 Merrick Foundation, Inc.
2015 Scholarship Awards

Hope Baldwin
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Brianna Bankson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Mikayla Bankson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Rachel Beck
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial
Ethel Sweet Memorial

Katherine Benner
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Kristin Benner
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Paige Benner
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Charles Berney
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Conner Bolling
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Lexee Brandenburger
Gregory Rinkol Memorial
Les Johnson Memorial

Courtney Brown
Eugene Fishburn

Andrew Budde
Sophomore Snowball

Laura Budde
Sophomore Snowball

Ryan Budde
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Brandon Burruss
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Sydney Bushhousen
Alice Klengenberg Memorial

Micah Carlson
William E. & Velma R. McLean

Megan Catlett
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Ethan Cave
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Mariana Chavez
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Cheng-ye Chiang
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Ryllee Christenson
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Randy Church
Raymond W. Starostka Memorial

Shayleigh Cooper
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Carter Cuba
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial
Benjamin Thomas Lindner Memorial
2015 Scholarship Awards

McKenzie Cuba
Ralph Stonley & Ella Halstead
Severance Memorial

Jesse Czarnick
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Tyler Djernes
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Dylan Doggett
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Alyssa Donahey
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Jordan Dose
Hohnroth Family

Clair Dush
Clinton M. Wagner

Reilly Dvorak
Clinton M. Wagner

Lindy Eberle
Robert & Lillian Krug Memorial
Warren & Virginia Marsh

Trey Engel
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Adrian Epp
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Hans Epp
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger
Memorial

Elizabeth Forbes
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Valerie Fousek
Warren & Virginia Marsh

Caleb Frenzen
Elvin & Lucile Ferris Memorial

Tyler Fuelberth
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jill Gathje
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial
Matthew Fishburn Memorial

Thomas Geiger
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Matthew Gilg
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Kordell Glause
Dinsdale Sophomore

Kristin Glause
Dinsdale Sophomore

Mitchell Glouse
Clinton M. Wagner

Isabella Gomez
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Nathan Griess
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Michelle Hall-Houghton
Leanne Zmek Memorial
Vernie Lock

Tanner Hannappel
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger
Memorial

Sierra Harlow
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Grant Hebda
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Mitchel Herbig
Charles & Ann Kushner Memorial
Elton & Nancy Erickson

Hannah Hines
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
2015 Scholarship Awards

Shayleen Hubbard
Bonnie Kohl Memorial
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Carson Huenfeld
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Wyatt Jansen
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial
James & Marilyn Heins

Keagan Jewell
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Megan Kaup
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jonathan Kava
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Napatporn Khobjai
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Hannah King
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Maddie Kirby
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Eric Knight
Charles & Ann Kahliman Memorial
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Jamie Knight
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Colton Kohl
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Joel Holbrook Memorial

Kassidy Kucera
Clinton M. Wegner

Mahn Le
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Andrew Lee
Donald R. Sampson
Ernest & Peggy Nabity Memorial
Matthew Fishburn Memorial

Jessica Lee
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Aubrey Lenz
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Hao-Yu (Kevin) Lin
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Skyenne Mach
Clinton M. Wegner

Justin Macke
Sophomore Snowball

Morgan Mallory
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Abby Maresh
Isabel Young Memorial
Virgil & Nora Lindner

Mollie Maresh
J. Oren Hoback Memorial
Raymond W. Starostka Memorial

Travis Maresh
Sophomore Snowball

Christian Marker
Merrick Foundation
Industrious Student

Serena Marks
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Cody McClellan
Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial

Heath McClellan
Jack & Dorothy Burger

Trevor McDiffitt
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Brianna Meyer
Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial
2015 Scholarship Awards

Meagen Meyer
Clinton M. Wegner

Chancy Miller
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Emily Muench
Eugene Fishburn

Hannah Myers
Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage

Chau Nguyen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Hannah Niemeier
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Leandra Nolan
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Alexis Ohlman
Hohnroth Family

Jeremiah Ohlman
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Cailyn Ostrand
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Jerad Paup
Merrick Foundation Founders Scholarship

Jonah Peterson
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn McCullough-McGuire Memorial

Makala Reeves
Austin & Cleo Vanderford Donald R. Sampson

Hannah Ritta
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Emily Roberts
Edna Widman Memorial

Heidi Rose
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

James Royle
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Cameron Ruybalid
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Bradley Santin
Clinton M. Wegner

Brett Santin
Clinton M. Wegner

Riley Santin
Carol Joseph Memorial Clinton M. Wegner

Amber Scherer
Glen D. & Doris E. Neel Memorial

Conner Schneider
Clinton M. Wegner

Shelby Schnitzer
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Amy Schoch
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Jacob Schuller
Sophomore Snowball

Trevor Schuller
Michael V. Bettinger Memorial

Travis Schwarz
Charles & Doris Benner

Megan Seim
Jack & Dorothy Burger

Trev Sharman
Clinton M. Wegner
2015 Scholarship Awards

Kali Shaw
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Emily Simmons
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Bailey Simonson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Gary Monter Memorial

Jonathan Simonson
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial
Merrick County Pork Producers

Logan Simonson
Carol Joseph Memorial

Samuel Simonson
Sophomore Snowball

Kevin Smith
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Kelly Smithson
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Roger Stander
Central City Scale

Ashton Stuart
Dylan Van Pelt Memorial
Richard “Dick” Chochon Memorial

Jordan Supik
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Karen & Danielle Bannister Memorial

Alicia Thomas
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Kyle Thomas
Ralph Stanley & Ella Halstead Severance Memorial

Madison Tibbets
Clinton M. Wegner

Randi Tomasek
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Tyler Tomasek
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Huan Tran
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jessie Valasek
Clinton M. Wegner
Ernest & Peggy Nubity Memorial

Joshua Valasek
Clinton M. Wegner

Kara Valasek
Dinsdale Sophomore

Whitney Valasek
Clinton M. Wegner

Taylor Van Pelt
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Brianna Van Winkle
Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial

Sarah Vollers
Sophomore Snowball

Samantha Wattier
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Colton Wells
Gary Monter Memorial

Emily Wells
Gary Monter Memorial

Hannah Whitt
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Chloe Wichmann
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Cortney Wichmann
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial
Henry “Bad” Santin Memorial
Congratulations to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients!

DONORS BY FUND OR FUND TYPE

American Legion Baseball
William & Marilyn Alexander
Kay Demaree
Orvis & Janet Larsen
Jack & Carmen McMahon
Dave & Sheila Beck-Acorn
Dave & Sheila Beck

Earl & Alice Brandes Donor Designated
Earl & Alice Brandes
Evan and Roxanne Brandes
Evan & Roxanne Brandes
Roger & Sharon Brandes

Central City Children’s Theater
Archer Coop Credit Union
Banker’s Compliance Consulting
Casey’s General Store
Central Bank
Central City Mall
Central City Veterinary Clinic
Corner Drug
Cornerstone Bank
Dairy Queen
Eye Care Associates
Groshans, Inc.
Herbig Enterprises, Inc.
Kristen Hermansen-Ryan DDS
Norm & Sue Krug
Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital
Lone Tree Medical
Mesner Development Co.
Norm’s U-Save Pharmacy
Pinnacle Bank
Rathman-Manning Corp.
Greg Senkble
State Farm Insurance
Strobel Manufacturing Inc.
Wegner Monument Co.
Central City Library
Chuck & Kathleen Griffith

Heartland United Way
Lois Schank

Central City Parent Teacher Organization
Box Tops for Education
Central Bank
Cornerstone Bank
Deena Speer
Walmart Foundation

Central City Public Schools
Darla Andersen
Don Ham
Joe Hesselgesser

Central City Trails
Chuck & Kathleen Griffith
Raymond & Dianne Miller
Dr. Jeff & Kristy Clarke Acorn
Dr. Jeff & Kristy Clarke Clarke Recreation
Andy Rice

Clark’s Cares
Frank & Mary Bell
Clarks Schools
Mary & Boden Anderson
Patricia Anderson
Edward & Cynthia Booth
Donald & Annette Branting
David & Carole Buller
Dale & Barbara Church
Gerald & Mary Lynn Clark
D. Anthony & Krisitny Douglas
Timothy Engel
Margaret Furby
Eugene Hayes
Roger & Janet Hellbush
Alex & Susan Kufeldt
Mary & Christine Kuhn
William & Joyce Kuhn
Col Tim & Raedene Lamb
MWD Ranch/Michael Douglas
Max Nelson
Robert & Nancy Norvell
Robert & Bonnie Nyffeler
Chapin & Lola Peterson
E. Lee & Joni Sauter
Kevin & Sandra Smoyer
Nancy Stofferah
Jill Stromberg
Neil & Lois Thomas
Jerry & Miriam Truesdell
Robert & Mary Truesdell
S. C. & Louise Wallace
Herbert & Patricia Wurtz
Margaret Zumbrunn
Community Builders
Samuel Krug
Ed & Laurie Dexter Acorn
Ed & Laurie Dexter
Elvin & Lucille Ferris Memorial Scholarship
Pitzer Foundation Matching Gifts
E. Thomas Thurer DVM

General Endowment
Amazon Smiles Program
Vernon & Leila Anthon
Aurora Cooperative
Lyle Bader Estate
Norm & Linda Balliet
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Bee
Cynthia & Thomas Betzold, Jr.
Harold & Doris Boettner
Central City Family Support Services, Inc.
Don & Ina Cotner
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dexter
Marvin & Vicki Fishler
Shirley Hartford
Jerry & Debra Hostler
Curis & Christine Huber
R. Dennis & Joyce Kirby
Margaret & Raymond McMahon, Jr.
Charles & Shirley Nelson
Pinnacle Bank
Pizza Hut
Rodney & Loretta Pollard
Betty Rasmussen
Harvey Reyaner
Richard & Zola Rieken
Lois Schank
Darrel & Louise Sebree
Thomas & Edna Shull
Jack & Coleen Sweet
Robert & Sammy Taylor
Neil & Lois Thomas
David & Cheryl Tickner
Steve & Kristi Twiss
Gloria Wagner
Marie Zoucha
Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen
K.M. Butler
Jim & Marianna Fitzgibbon
Scot & Sarah Marcotte
Elizabeth Nunnally
Richard & Susan Owens

Griffith Family Endowed Scholarship
American Legion Riders
Donald & Vivian Anderson
Richard Archer
Archer Coop Credit Union
Glen Baily
Judy Balka
Banker’s Compliance Consulting
Gary & Deanne Berry
Douglas & Sharon Betts
Kent Booth
Jon & Dianne Botsch
Earl & Alice Brandes
Evon & Roxanne Brandes
Roger & Sharon Brandes
Susan Brown
Lavern & Arla Burkhardt
Dale & Twila Campbell
Ellen Campbell
Kent & Deborah Carlson
Randy & Lorraine Carlson
Roger Carroll
Casey’s General Store
Tom Caspar
Central Bank
Central City Elementary School
Central City Middle School
Central City Senior Center
Central Realty, Inc.
Dr. Jeff & Kristy Clarke
Gary Clayton
Dean & Karen Cobb
Darrell & Susan Conway
Harley & Cheri Conway
Larry & Virginia Cooper
Cornerstone Bank
Roy & Gloria Dinsdale
Monte & Jackie Dishman
Gerald & Kathy Dittmer
Mona Christensen Elton
Dan & Linda Erickson
Eric & Heidi Erickson
Bill & Penny Fattig
David & Diane Fjell
Michael & Peggy Flesch
Russell & Debra Flesch
Connie Flodman
Mike Fuehrer
Robert & LaNell Fuelberth
Mr. C.A. “Bud” Gaghagen Jr.
Donald & Carolyn Galusha
JW Garretson
Craig & Patricia Glaus
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Green
Patricia Green
Linda Greger
Patricia Gregg
Shirley Greving
Bill & Angie Grimes
Kent Grosshans
D.L. & Irene Hahn
Randy & Deb Hale

2015 Scholarship Awards

Shayla Wichmann
Clint M. Wegner

Elizabeth Wilcox
Raymond, Robert & Lois Steger Memorial
Wayne & Mildred Hilder

Trey Wilson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Katheryn Wolfe
Clint M. Wegner
Carol Joseph Memorial

Molly Wolfe Dietrich
Carol Joseph Memorial
Clint M. Wegner

Emilie Wolfe
Dinsdale Sophomore

Jabe Wurtz
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

2015 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients!
### Designated/Agency Funds Distributions/Commitments

- **American Legion Baseball**: $1,466
- **Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery**: $800
- **Central City Trails**: $628
- **Central City Senior Center**: $1,775
- **Central City Schools**: $2,556
- **Central City Parent Teacher Organization**: $2,556
- **Grave Decorations**: $350
- **Platte PEER Group**: $45,000
- **Burke Cemetery**: $850
- **Ina & Don Campbell**: $300
- **Central City Children's Theater**: $667
- **Central City Library**: $840
- **Central City Parent Teacher Organization**: $5,081
- **Central City Schools**: $2,556
- **Central City Senior Center**: $1,775
- **Central City Trails**: $628

### Statement of Net Assets

**Year Ended October 31, 2014**

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### Clarks Schools
- **Alumni Expenses & Scholarships**: $6,612
- **D.V. Clark Annual Grant - General Fund**: $3,825
- **E. Marie Friedenheisen**: $2,123
- **Heartland Council of Foundations**: $1,213
- **Heartland Seniors**: $1,213
- **Heartland Veterans Tribute**: $14,684
- **Henderson 4-H**: $49,703
- **Grave Decorations**: $120
- **Margie Fritz**: $300
- **Barbara A. & Floyd M. Goren**: $6,683
- **Evan & Bernice Lock**: $6,988
- **Maye McEndree**: $180
- **Merrick County Child Development Center**: $37,812
- **Merrick County Entertainment**: $27,200

### Clarks Schools
- **TNA - Total Net Assets**: $13,689,480
- **TNA - Total Net Assets**: $13,011,690
Local Groups Help Prepare Trail for Upgrade

Several local groups are clearing brush from the railroad right-of-way south of 281st Street. Roger Knight of Knight Construction will be removing larger brush and preparing the rail bed for installation of crushed limestone that will be compressed to make a superior base for hiking and biking to the Platte River and Highway 66. Latter Day Saints elders cleared brush near the wetlands. Central City Area Trails Committee members continue to work on the trail, with the help of the Central City High School FFA members.

Central City Area Trails Committee members are shown following clearing brush on the Dark Island Trail near the high school. Pictured are (l to r): Laurie Dexter, Ed Dexter, Norm Balliet, Jerry Gacke & Doris Gacke.

**Statement of Financial Position**

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**Schedule of Amounts Held for the Benefit of Others**

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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 2014, (11/1/2013 through 10/31/2014).
Friday, June 20, 2014

the Merrick Foundation loaded up a group of volunteers and headed northeast to help the Pilger, NE tornado victims. As we drove on Hwy 275 into Pilger and Wisner, our hearts were deepened with sadness. Our eyes grasped the sights that looked like a war zone. I, personally, will never forget this opportunity that I got to share with so many people to make a small difference in someone’s life. Merrick Foundation had 30 volunteers that left Friday morning with huge hearts that came prepared to help and work hard for the day. We had 11 people on the Foundation bus; six people in a suburban, eight people in two pickups pulling a trailer with a gator and full of our collected donations, three people in a car and two people in a pickup pulling a skidster. We had three more people join us in Silver Creek with a pickup. Our volunteers graciously took several chainsaws, shovels, chains, oil, and their own fuel. Some of our volunteers shed tears with homeowners that lost everything in Pilger. A few of our volunteers found displaced sheet music in a corn field that showed them there was a reason we were there in that particular place that day. Other volunteers cut down trees for a farmer who was just recently involved in a serious pickup/semi-trailer accident. The farmer was still recuperating from injuries and bound to a scooter. They watched the tornado coming in their direction. His wife told volunteers it took all she had to physically help him get into the basement. This elderly couple had lost two grain bins, two roofs on outbuildings, five trees destroyed, windows blown out and siding on their house. Two of our volunteers stayed in town driving the Gator and delivered buckets of ice and bottled water to the residents. They were deeply touched and felt blessed by visiting with the individuals. They heard many stories of that dreadful day. Some they will never forget. I’m so thankful for the number of volunteers that we were able to take with us from Central City. I truly believe in my heart that we did make a small difference that day in that small community. I am proud to say I work for Merrick Foundation and live in Central City, Nebraska. A huge Thank you goes out to the Merrick Foundation board officers that allowed us to take the Foundation bus to Pilger. Nebraska is truly the “Good Life”.

By Andrea Green

Entrepreneurial Communities Activation Process

ECAP (Entrepreneurial Community Activation Process) participants continue to promote our area as a great place to live, work and play. Over 25 participants have been meeting for over a year to help attain the goals and vision for our community including:

ECAP’s PURPOSE
Cultivate and activate a united effort to promote Central City and Merrick County as a premier entrepreneurial community.

VISION
• Providing Leadership Development
• Improving our Quality of Life
• Increasing the Degree of Communication
• Promoting Community Pride

ECAP participants continue to meet regularly to fulfill the group’s vision. Currently, five committees have been established to achieve group goals including:

• Community Communications
• Youth Community Involvement
• Outdoor Education and Recreation
• Community Pride/Relations
• Young Professionals Group

Committee meetings will be held between regular meetings. Regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday of odd numbered months (May 14th, July 9th, September 10th, etc.)

If you would like to take part in community improvement activities, please call Merrick Foundation

(308) 946-3707
to get more information.

Participants are encouraged, but not required to sign up for a committee.