Merrick Foundation, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

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Leave your lasting legacy in Merrick County, call us today 308-946-3707.

Chuck Griffith,
Executive Director

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 bachelors, 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

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.

Thank you to our retiring Board Members

Shannon Hannappel: Shannon served two years on the Scholarship Committee and three years on the Investment/Farm Committee during her term on the board. She served as Board President in 2017.
David Lee: David served four years on the Grant Committee and one year on the Scholarship Committee during his term on the board.
Kevin Waring: Kevin served on the Scholarship Committee during his term on the board.

Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

At our annual meeting in November, Deb Beck, Diane Schoch and Tom Wagner assumed their duties as board members. We extend a warm welcome to them.

A Message from the Board President:

Merrick Foundation is proud to continue the support of the non-profits that serve in all parts of our county. We provide support and services to many segments of the population, regardless of age and interests. Our fifteen board members represent each of the communities that we serve, and they strive to meet the needs of all county residents. Without our capable staff, much of what we achieve would not be possible. Kudos to Chuck Griffith-Executive Director, Courtney Retzlaff-Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Green- Communications/Publications and Anita Kucera-Education and Public Outreach.

We have achieved considerable growth in total assets. As of January 31st, 2018 we attained a new high of slightly above $18 million. Donations in 2017 totaled $407,577. Our total growth does come with a caveat, as bull markets of the past year(s) have helped achieve this total and this trend may not continue. However, taking advantage of this growth, we have been able to fund large grants to Merrick County Child Development Center ($150,000), Merrick Medical Center ($150,000) and established long term support of $100,000 for the new proposed museum.

Additionally, and just as importantly, our scholarship committee has completed this year's scholarship awards. This committee spends many hours poring through the applications we receive. 105 college scholarships totaling $84,400 and 88 high school scholarships totaling $69,000 were awarded this year. Congratulations to all the recipients, and special thanks to the committee members and our staff for their time and effort.

We continue to support the Merrick County Youth Council. The modular building purchased last year has been approved for occupancy. A 30' x 30' deck has been added and work is now progressing on the metal building adjacent to this site. We promote the Dark Island Trail, support many community activities and organizations and continue to look toward new opportunities where we may be of assistance.

My challenge to each of you is to support our efforts with your donations of time and financial resources. Every donation counts, regardless of size. Consider setting up an Acorn Fund and contributing to it annually. Visit with your financial consultant, attorney or accountant about a bequest or living legacy to the Foundation. It takes everyone's commitment to the communities we serve in order for the Merrick Foundation to continue to meet its mission.

Barry Marsh,
Board President

Barry attended UNL, 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 of Lincoln, and Andrea (who is deceased). Barry is a member of the Methodist Church. Barry enjoys woodworking, and landscaping/gardening.

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**.

MERRICK FOUNDATION

Merrick Foundation, Inc.
Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter.

Merrick Foundation Board of Directors had the privilege this past year to approve $518,300 in Grants to Merrick County projects.

Merrick Foundation Grantees – Fiscal Year 2017

American Legion Baseball	Program Support
Archer Memorial Park	Repair & Beautification
Central City Blood Mobile	Program Support
Central City Boy/Cub Scouts	Program Support
Central City High School - FFA	Dark Island Trail Maintenance
Central City High School - DECA	National DECA Conference
Central City High School - Science	Jr Academy of Science
Central City Middle School	Student Trip to DC
Central City Senior Center	Merrick Co. Home Delivered Meals - Clarks
Central City Stampede Softball	Program Support
Central City Trails	Bike Rental Program
Central City Volunteer Fire Department	Fireworks
Central City Youth Baseball	Program Support
Chapman Schools - 8th Grade	Student Trip to DC
Chapman Township Cemetery	Replacement Mower
Clarks Public Library	Summer Reading Program
Clarks Summer Sports Program	Program Support
Covenant Cedars Bible Camp	Funds for Electrical Work
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Leadership Camp in MO
Heartland United Way	Go Big Give Sponsorship
High Plains Community Schools - Close-Up	Student Trip to DC & NYC
High Plains Community Schools	Student Trip to Spain
High Plains Community Schools	Missoula Children's Theatre
Lone Tree Literary Society	Annual Support
Merrick Arts Council	Program Support
Merrick County Child Development Center	Capital Campaign & Matching Funds
Merrick County Child Development Center	Race Timing Equip. for Non-Profit Events
Merrick County Historical Museum	Annual Support
Merrick County Youth Council	Dark Island Trail Maintenance
Merrick County Youth Council	After School Academy
Merrick Medical Foundation	Loan Repayment/Education
Merrick Medical Center	New Hospital
Merrymakers Association	Entertainment for Seniors
Midland Area Agency on Aging	Lifeline Support
Nebraska Christian School	Festival of Lessons & Carols
Nebraska Council on Economic Education	Support for Literacy Concert
Overland Trails Council	National Scout Jamboree
Palmer American Legion	Building Improvements
Palmer Ball Association	New Helmets & Safety Equipment
Palmer Commercial Club	Banners for Main St
Palmer Boy & Cub Scouts	Program Support
Palmer Commercial Club	Annual Support
Palmer High School - FFA	National Convention
Palmer High School - National Honor Society	Shade Tree Project at the Ball Complex
Palmer Public School	Community Weight Room Project
Palmer Senior Center	Senior Meals & Services
Palmer Volunteer Fire Department	Fireworks Display & 4 New Radios
Platte Peer Group	Annual Support
Prairie Plains Resource Institute	Soar & Youth Naturalist Program
Rose Hill Cemetery	Annual Support
Silver Creek Ball Association	Program Support
Silver Creek Cemetery Association	Matching Funds
Special Olympics Nebraska	NE State Equestrian Competition , Support & Move to CC
State Theater Foundation, Inc.	ADA Accessible Project
Storm Youth Sports	New Equipment & Uniforms for Youth
Twin River Public Schools - FBLA	National Competition
Twin River Public Schools - FCCLA	National Competition
Twin River - FFA	National Convention
Twin River Jr/Sr Legion Baseball	Program Support

Courtney Retzlaff, Chief Financial Officer

Courtney is a graduate of Palmer High School. She received a bachelor's degree in accounting in 2012 and a master's degree in accounting in 2013, both from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Courtney and her husband, Clay, live northeast of Palmer where they farm and ranch. They have one daughter, Blair. Courtney attends Palmer United Methodist Church. Courtney enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Andrea Green, Communications/ Publications

Andrea grew up in Central City and graduated from Central City High School. She received her Associate Degree in Business/Accounting from Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln, NE. Andrea is also an EMT. Andrea is a member of the First Christian Church. 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 & Education

Anita (Nita) grew up in Lexington, NE and received her bachelor and master degrees from the University of Nebraska 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. Working at the Merrick Foundation has been an amazing experience. Nita enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing video games, and being involved with many projects. Currently, Nita is a member of the Merrick Medical Center Thrift Shop, serves on the Merrick Medical Center Foundation, and works with the Tri Community Foundation.

Board Members

New Board Members

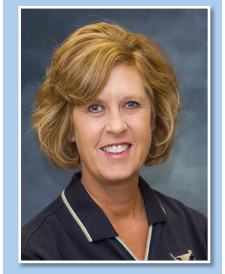
Deb Beck

is a graduate from Central City High School and Kearney State College. Deb has been employed with Pinnacle Bank since graduating college. She is currently a Mortgage, Consumer, Ag and

Commercial Loan Officer. Deb is married to Dean Beck and resides in Clarks, NE. They have one son, Ryan. Ryan and his wife, Nicole have 2 children, Blake and Callaway and they live in Lincoln, NE. Deb enjoys family and friend time, gardening, landscaping, flowers, traveling, reading and as much time golfing as she can get in.

Diane Schoch

is a graduate from Fullerton High School and attended Methodist School of Nursing in Omaha, NE graduating in 1985. In 2009 she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration.



Diane has been employed with Merrick Medical Center (formally Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital) since 1989 as Chief Nursing Officer. She is married to Roger and they have three grown children. Abby, 3rd grade teacher at Central City Elementary and engaged to Tanner Kuhn of Clarks, NE; Amy, Central City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Brad, who attends UNK studying pre-Med. Diane is also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Diane enjoys spending time with family especially during the summer months along the Loup River.

Tom Wagner

is a graduate of Central City High School and received a B.A. in Education from Wayne State College. Tom and his wife Nancy farm in Merrick County

and are members of the Episcopal Church in Central City. They have 2 grown sons, Sean and Trent. Tom is a member of the Platte Peer Group/ Bader Park. Tom enjoys working for early childhood education, volunteering and following his grandkids' activities.

Leah Brown

graduated from Central City High School and the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She and her husband, Darrin, farm near

Archer and attend Fairview United Methodist Church. Leah has four children: Aaron (23), Ashton (21), Gwyneth (12) and Gretchen (11).Before making the decision to be a stay-at-home mom and farm wife 13 years ago, Leah owned Woody's Cafe & Lounge and later served as the director of the Merrick County Child Development Center. She has volunteered extensively in her community, church and school, primarily focusing on children and youth activities. Leah substitute teaches at Palmer during her spare time.

Nicole Greving

and her husband Shane live in Chapman. Nicole is a graduate from Central City

High School and attended Northeast Community College. She is a stay at home mom of two kids, a daughter Bailey (12) and a son Braiden (9). Nicole is currently the President of Central City Elementary PTO. Nicole has finished a partial term on the foundation board and has now decided to join us for a five year, full term position. She currently is serving on the board as Secretary. Nicole enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Lisa Kershaw

is a graduate of Silver Creek Public High School and received her Associate of Applied Science Degree in Ag Business from SCC in Beatrice. Lisa is engaged to marry fiancé

Travis Vanek. They have 2 sons, Ty and Gavin Vanek. Lisa is employed with RCIS and Whitetail. Lisa is a member of the Methodist Church. Lisa enjoys camping, fishing and spending time with family.

Rodney Lee

and his wife Sara live in Central City and have two children, Jessica and Andrew. Rodney

is a graduate of Holdrege High School and University of NE at Kearney earning his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education. Rodney 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.

Lori Parachini

is a graduate of Zion Lutheran School in Worms, NE and Central City High School. Lori is employed with Hornady Mfg. Co. in Grand Island, NE. Lori was married to the late Joseph

Parachini and is the daughter of the late Otto and Georgena Frauen. Lori is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Worms and is Clerk of Prairie Creek Township. She enjoys gardening, air boating, spending time with family and friends.

Monica Simonson

grew up and continues to make her home in Palmer. She is a graduate of

the University of NE Kearney earning her Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Doane College. Monica and husband Randy have two children, Logan (25) and Bailey (21). Monica is employed with the Grand Island Public Schools, where she has taught for 33 years. She is a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church and a variety of educational organizations. Monica enjoys reading, Husker volleyball, traveling and air-boating.

Michael Thede

is a graduate of St Paul Public Schools and University of Nebraska Lincoln. He and his wife Jean have four children, Claira,

Anna, Christian and Joseph. Michael and his family reside in Palmer. Michael attends St Peter & Paul Church in St. Paul.

Tara Urkoski

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 as Twin River Public School Nurse. Tara and

her husband Jason have three children, Jamison, Korbe and Tate. Tara is a member of the St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Krakow and is on the Alter Society at Krakow. Tara is a member of the Twin River PTO and Booster Club. Tara enjoys camping, watching her children play sports and family time.

Doug Van Pelt

is a 1979 graduate of Central City High School and has a B.S. in Agriculture Economics from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, a B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska - Kearney and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from

Doane College. Doug is employed with the Central City Public School district as a Secondary Social Studies teacher. Doug and his wife, Donnette have 7 children, Josh (wife Stacey), Jake (wife Jenna) Van Pelt, Logan, Micah and Noah Carlson, along with Kaden and Karsyn Van Pelt. He is also a proud grandparent of Ryan and Madison Van Pelt. Doug is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. Doug enjoys traveling, landscaping, coaching, and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball.

Jared Wetovick

is a native of Fullerton and graduated from Fullerton High School. He received his BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Ag-Business from Wayne State College. Jared

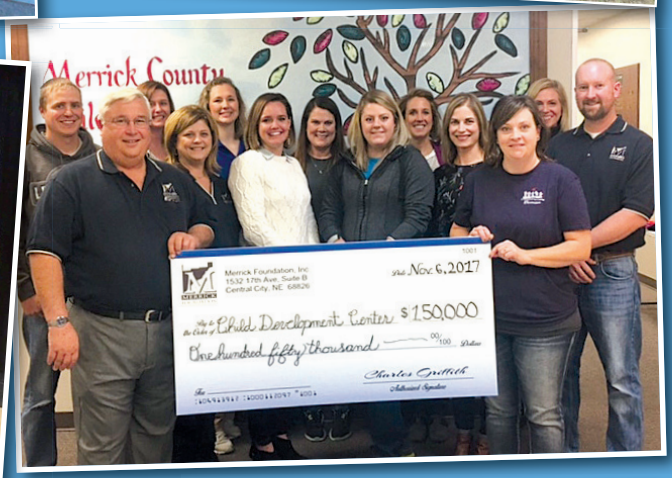
works for Citizens Bank & Trust Co. and has been in banking for 11 years. His family moved to Central City 5 years ago. Jared and his wife Sheila have two sons, Dayle (13) and Gus (3). Jared likes to spend time with family and enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf.

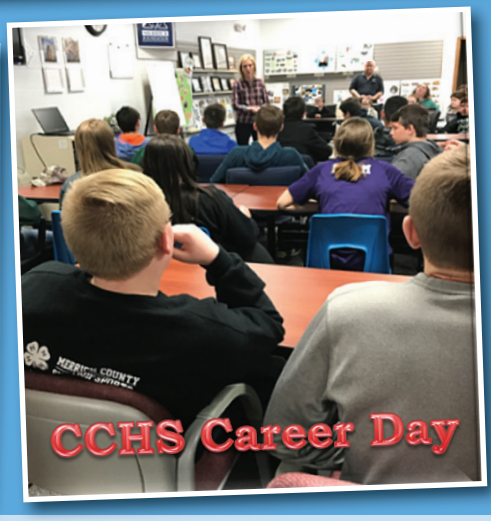
Sheri Wruble

is a graduate from Ravenna High School and received her Associate Degree in Accounting from Central Community College-Hastings. She and her husband Jerry farm

in Clarks and have three children, Brendan, Kenzie and Evan. Sheri is employed with Myers Insurance Inc. in Clarks, NE as a part-time licensed insurance agent. Sheri is a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Clarks, NE, and is Treasurer for Altar Society, CCD Coordinator and Teacher. Sheri enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys watching her kids' sports activities.

Merrick Foundation Staff & Board of Directors enjoy supporting our community





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Book of Memory

Gifts accumulated to $10 or more, received in memory of the departed, placed 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.

Gladys Anderson.....1932- 2017
Ronald F. Anderson.....1928 - 2017
Clarence Benson .....1921 - 2002
Louise Benson.....1930 - 2006
Elaine Boelts .....1935 - 2016
Earl LeRoy Brandes.....1921 - 2016
Don Nyle Buhlke .....1947 - 2017
Ellen Campbell.....1935 - 2017
Margaret Campbell .....1897 - 1967
Robert V. Campbell .....1893 - 1977
Scott A. Cotner.....1971 - 2005
Robert "Ron" Craig .....1922 - 2016
Vera Craig .....1927 - 2016
William Roy Creutzberg 1920 - 2017
Adam Curry .....1973 - 2016
Lorraine Dexter.....1932 - 2017
Bill Douglas .....1926 - 2000
Marlene Douglas.....1933 - 2013
Rogene Ecker .....1937 - 2006
Robert V. Erickson .....1922 - 2016
Donna Ferris.....1915 - 2003
Rexford Ferris .....1913 - 1998
Patricia "Pat" Frauen....1935 - 2017
Maynard Fullington.....1934 - 2017
Margaret Furby .....1944 - 2017
Loy Glause .....1932 - 2010
Irene Hahn.....1933 - 2017
Norma Haith .....1922 - 1997
Neal LaVern Hartford ..1927 - 2005
Lola J. Hostetler .....1940 - 2016
Thomas F. Jones .....1939 - 2016
Jim Kava.....1953 - 2017
Margaret Killham.....1921 - 2017
Larry Krance.....1937 - 2017
Thomas D. Kuhn .....1941 - 2004
Gerald "Jerry" Larson..1934 - 2017
Lois Lindburg.....1935 - 2017
Virginia Marsh .....1913 - 2008
Warren Marsh.....1903 - 1997
Alice (Willie) Martin ...1924 - 2017
Wanda Maxey.....1934 - 2017
Tom McMahon.....1939 - 2012
Idamae Nouzovsky.....1935 - 2017
Loren J. Ogden .....1923 - 2008
Martha Pullen.....1919 - 2008
Robert "Bob"Schlondorf..1932 - 2017
Dan R.Schneiderheinz..1929 - 2011
Paul Schreiber .....1928 - 2016
Patricia Stevens .....1953 - 2016
Mildred L. Stone .....1914 - 2016
Irwin W. Stratman .....1915 - 2009
Effie Torpin .....1914 - 2010
Kenneth Torpin.....1923 - 2017
R. Stanley Torpin .....1916 - 2003
Lucile Tyler .....1922 - 2000
Wayne Tyler.....1921 - 1998
Alice Duffy Wilson .....1908 - 1998
Olan "Bus" K. Wilson..1907 - 1990
Evelyn Bivens Zlomke.1916 - 2005

Special Memorials

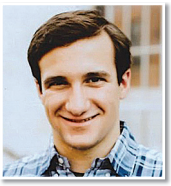
Accumulated gifts of $100 or more creates a Special Memorial in the name of a loved one. The names are also entered in the Book of Memory if they had not previously been added. Special Memorials were received for:

Gladys Anderson
Maynard Fullington
Clarence & Louise Benson
Irene Hahn
Elaine Boelts
Norma Haith
Earl Brandes
Neal LaVern Hartford
Don Buhlke
Tom Jones
Ellen Campbell
Thomas D. Kuhn
Margaret & R.V. Campbell
Warren & Virginia Marsh
Scott A. Cotner
Wanda Maxey
Robert & Vera Craig
Tom McMahon
Adam Curry
Loren J. Ogden
Lorraine Dexter
Martha Pullen
Bill & Marlene Douglas
Mildred L. Stone
Rogene Ecker
Kenneth Torpin
Donna & Rexford Ferris
Wayne & Lucile Tyler
Patricia Frauen
Evelyn Bivens Zlomke

SOAR CAMP & Youth Naturalist Program

Merrick Foundation awarded SCHOLARSHIPS to Merrick County youth to attend SOAR and the Youth Naturalist Program. Fifteen Merrick County youth participated in one-of-a-kind summer camps where they explored the Platte River and surrounding environments. They learned about the natural history of the area and why the area they are from is unique and interesting. These camps get youth outdoors and help them develop naturalist skills and a love of the outdoors that last a lifetime. These youth also make new friends while attending these camps and they also benefit from interacting with guest presenters and professionals in the natural sciences, agriculture and the arts.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



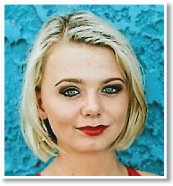
Noah Anderson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Caitlyn Anderson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Christina Bailey
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Shanna Bailey
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Gracie Baker
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Shelby Bamesburger
Virgil & Nora Lindner

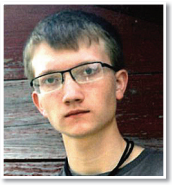
Kiley Bamesburger
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Katelyn Becker
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Alyssa Belitz
Ernest & Peggy Nabity Memorial; Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Katherine Benner
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Kristen Benner
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Trystan Bennett
Dinsdale Sophomore

Corrina Beyard
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jaeden Beyer
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Stacy Bohlken
Clinton M. Wegner

Sierra Boroviak
Robert & Lillian Krug Memorial

Alexandria Borowiak
Emil & Dorothy Czarnick

Madison Brandenburg
Karen & Danielle Bannister Memorial; Donald R. & Jackie Sampson

Kaley Brandenburg
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Douglas "D.J." Brown
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Dylan Van Pelt Memorial

Danae Burdett
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Brook Bushhousen
William L. & Velma R. McLean

Hannah Campbell
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Noah Carlson
Barney Bockerman Memorial

Mitchell Carlson
Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage

Micah Carlson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Megan Catlett
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Heewon (Claira) Chon
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Ryllie Christenson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Cala Clouse
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Logan Cuba
Hohnroth Family

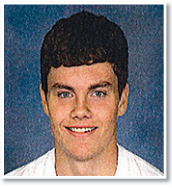
Katherine Cumpston
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Sara Czarnick
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

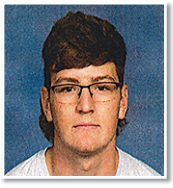
Shayla Czarnick
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Elena Dahlke
Ralph Stanley & Ella Halstead Severance Memorial

Ethan DeBoer
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Derek Aspedon Memorial



Dominic Donahey
Clinton M. Wegner



Connor Donscheski
Central City Scale

Clair Dush
Clinton M. Wegner

Reilly Dvorak
Clinton M. Wegner

Kadie Dvorak
Clinton M. Wegner

Kaylee Eberle
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Lindy Eberle
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Trey Engel
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Chloe Engel
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Adrian Epp
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Amber Erickson
Rogene Ecker Memorial

Matthew Euse
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Corryn Falk
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Andrew Feely
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Tyler Ferris
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Elizabeth Forbes
Clinton M. Wegner

Valerie Fousek
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Caleb Fuelberth
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jill Gathje
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Kathryn Gathje
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Amy Gathje
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Thomas Geiger
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Matthew Gilg
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Katelyn Glause
Clinton M. Wegner

Michaela Glause
Dinsdale Sophomore

Alexandria Gragg
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Isabell Green
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

McKensie Gress
Rogene Ecker Memorial

Benjamin Griess
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial; J. Oren Hoback Memorial; Ray & Mildred Miller Memorial

Kordell Hamer
Jack & Dorothy Burger

Bailey Hamer
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

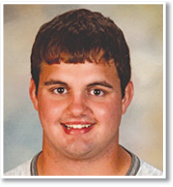
Tanner Hannappel
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Robert (Bobby) Hanquist
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Kiersten Hansen
Leanne Zmek Memorial

Whitney Heuermann
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Abbie Hillmer
William & Emma Steffen Nursing



Timothy Hofmann
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Kaylee Hostler
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Shayleen Hubbard
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Christina Jenkins
Vernie L. Lock

T'aira Johnson
William L. & Velma R. McLean

Dale Jones
Donald R. & Jackie Sampson

Blakely Jones
Charles & Doris Benner

Jonathan Kava
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Breanna King
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Hannah King
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

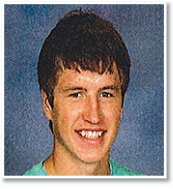
Jamie Knight
Charles & Ann Kuhlman Memorial

Felicia Knoerzer
Gary Monter Memorial

Allison Kohl
Patricia Frauen Memorial

Emily Krolikowski
Gary Monter Memorial

Jacob Kruckenberg
Derek Aspedon Memorial; Myrtle & Jim Clarke; Matthew Fishburn Memorial; McCullough-McGuire Memorial



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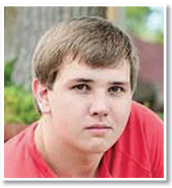

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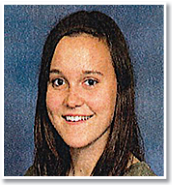

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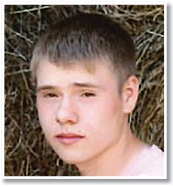

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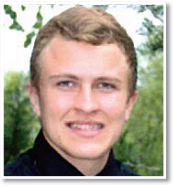

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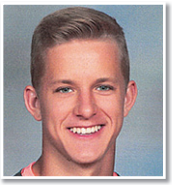

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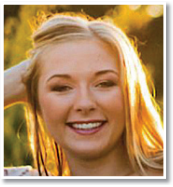

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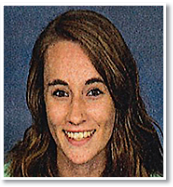

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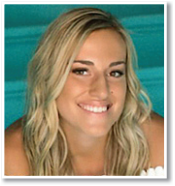

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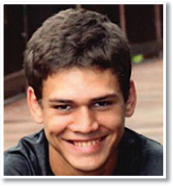

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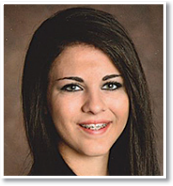

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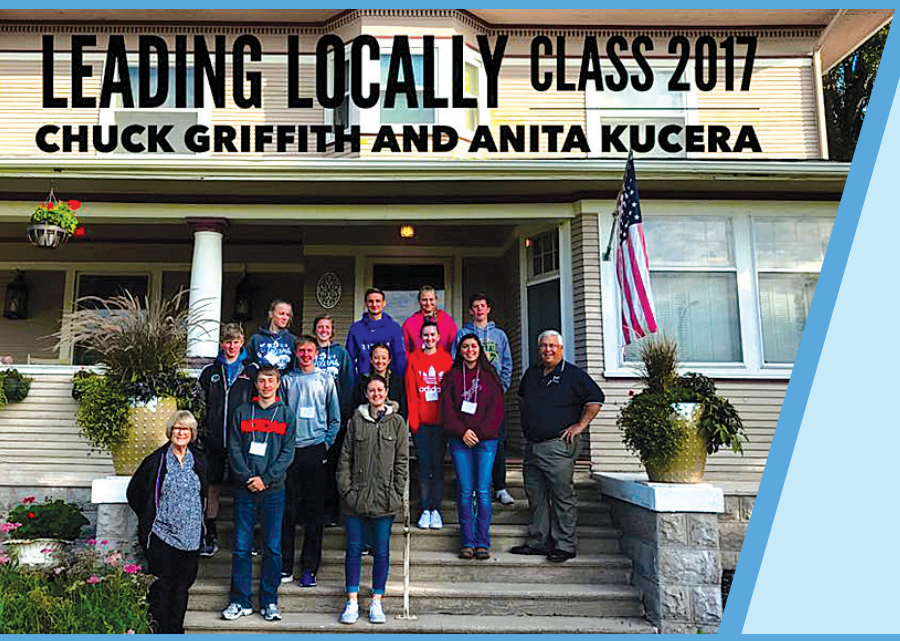
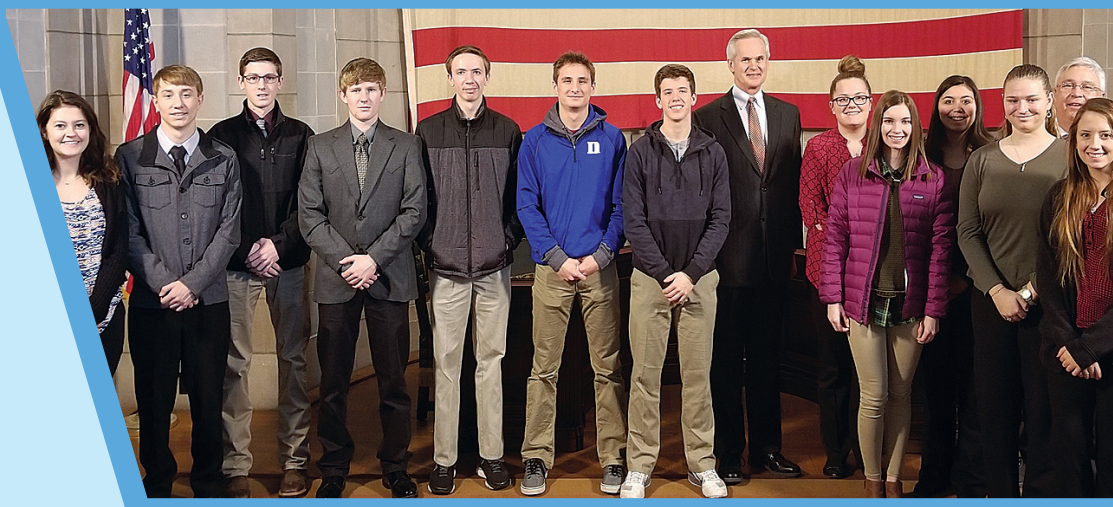


Merrick Foundation's Leading Locally 2017-2018 class matched fourteen civic-minded students with a curriculum that builds leadership skills for future community leaders. The tenth annual class met monthly from September through March. Coursework included skill-building activities including:

- True Colors personality assessments
- Matching peoples strengths with project needs
- Conducting effective meetings
- Working with difficult people
- Traits of successful communities
- Knowing the demographics of Merrick County
- Moving from talk to action

Participants included: Lana Hebda, Caitlyn Van Winkle, Morgan Twiss, Shayla Jo Bennett, Marie Ortiz, McKenna Morris, Garrett Sharman, Sara Schwartz, Hannah Tonniges, Jamison Urkoski, Austin Wells, Shane Stahn, Brendan Wruble and Jake Mack.

The group took monthly tours of local businesses and guest speakers shared their experiences and roles in the community. A highlight each year is the annual trip to Lincoln to tour the capitol and visit the legislature in action. Leading Locally's goal is to give the students a better understanding of how to make their community better by solving problems and organizing people to make effective change.



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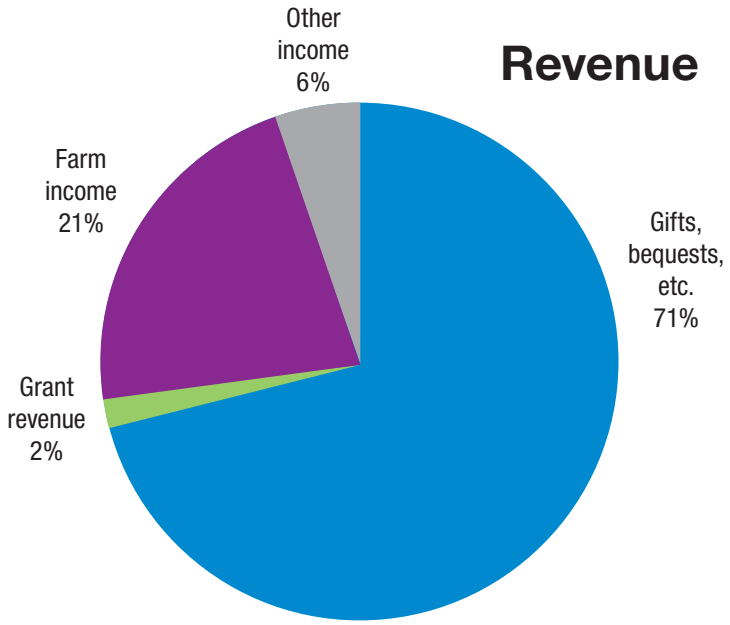

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Fundraising	
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Total	
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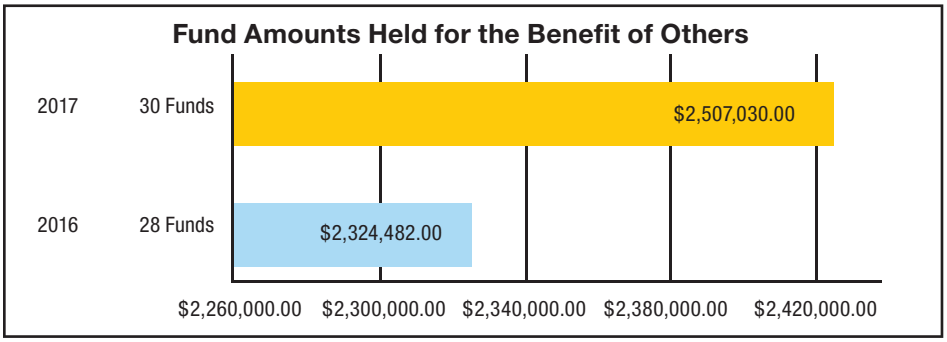
Schedule of Amounts Held for the Benefit of Others



ESI Camp

L to R: Bryce Sutton, Dylan Rieken, Gywneth Brown, Clara Kunze, Ashley Van Housen, Austin Van Housen & Instructor, Doris Lux. Not pictured: Korbe Urkoski, Aiden Cuba, Megan Blomstedt.

Merrick Foundation sponsors an ESI Camp for Merrick County middle school students. The annual week-long summer camp teaches the campers skills necessary to start and run a successful business. The camp concludes with students selling their products at the Lone Tree Days Sidewalk Sale. Students may also choose to sell their products at the county or state fair.

Students take daily trips to visit a variety of businesses and hear how they began and what is entailed in running a business. Guest speakers also talk with the students about business topics such as marketing, business legal status, social networking, assessing risks, business loans, grants and other topics. Part of the ESI curriculum teaches the students how to decide on the product they will market and sell.

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Merrick County Activity Center

Merrick Foundation has been diligently transforming the new Merrick County Activity Center to provide space for the Merrick County Youth Council and other activities. It will house a small and large meeting room, a warming kitchen and a large recreation room. It will be available for public use in addition to serving as a place for youth to hold after school activities, dances and educational and recreational activities. The multi-purpose building will serve as a trailhead for the Dark Island Trail and will continue to rent out bikes for trail use. Funding for the project is provided through donations and grants. Donations for this project may be sent to the Merrick Foundation office or may be made online at our web site www.merrick-foundation.org. Volunteer labor is a key component of this project. Contact our office if you would like to help with this community project (308) 946-3707.

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