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2015 ESI Camp

Scholarship Tea

2015-16 Leading Locally
Thank You to our Retiring Board Members

ED DEXTER: Ed Dexter: Ed served on the Grant Committee during his term on the board. He served as Board President in 2015.

CAROL QUANDT: Carol served on the Scholarship Committee during her term on the board and was head of that committee in 2015

Welcome Newly Elected Board Members

At our annual meeting in November, Doug Van Pelt and Lori Parachini assumed their duties as board members. We extend a warm welcome to them.

CHUCK GRIFFITH – Executive Director
Merrick County residents are seeing the results of many months of planning as buildings and outdoor projects approach completion. Our new 4-H building and indoor arena, the State and Twin Theaters, Heartland Tribute to Veterans, Dark Island Trail and new parks on the Platte River and in Central City are all testaments to a forward looking community.

It is exciting to see buildings evolve from two dimensional floor plans to bristling new buildings full of opportunities. We will be witnesses to some amazing building projects. Once built, we’ll need to support these programs and facilities to provide sustainability. I suspect the same dedicated people that worked so hard to make these projects happen will continue to make sure they are supported.

Our high school Leading Locally students receive updates on these projects at our monthly meetings. I suspect that several from this group will be instrumental in managing or maintaining these projects in future years. These students get a valuable lesson in “giving back to one’s community”.

The road to completion of these projects is never a straight one. Curves in the road, road blocks, speed bumps and weather conditions all contribute to extending completion dates. In spite of these obstacles, our Merrick County community has risen to the occasion by committing private and public money to make these projects happen.

A key measure of a community’s strength is its willingness to financially support worthy projects. Strong communities tax themselves if necessary to provide needed services for its people. We should be grateful that in Merrick County, we have concerned and dedicated people to make our lives better going forward. Merrick Foundation is proud to support these individuals and their organizations. Without them, we wouldn’t have the promising future that we possess in Merrick County.

RANDY RINKOL – BOARD PRESIDENT
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 Senior Farm Loan Officer in Albion. He has been with USDA for 23 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, Madelyn and Payton, and twin boys, Mason and Brayden. Randy enjoys hunting, fishing, landscaping and raising pumpkins.

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 MITT 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.

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 currently 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 Associates 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 an EMT 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 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. She 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, playing video games, and being involved with many projects. She is the current President for The Litzenberg Hospital Thrift Shop and works with the Tri Community Foundation.
Meet Our Board of Directors

A Message from the Board President - Randy Rinkol

Our Merrick Foundation Vision Statement is to be a leader in attracting, mobilizing and focusing philanthropic resources to meet Merrick County’s needs for generations to come. As the mission statement states, the Merrick Foundation Board, which is comprised of 15 volunteer Merrick County Residence, along with our Executive Director Chuck Griffith and his support staff, Michelle Carroll, Andrea Green, and Anita Kucera, have done a tremendous job with your philanthropic donations by working with Merrick County communities on Grants to make improvements throughout the communities. Along with Grants, the Foundation also does a tremendous job of distributing your donations to high school and college students through scholarships to help young individuals succeed with their educational goals. Again, these grants and scholarships would not be offered if it wasn’t for the generous donations to Merrick Foundation and the people that help maintain and distribute the funds. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Merrick Foundation board these last 5 years and an honor to serve my last year as Board President. We appreciate and thank all who have supported and donated to Merrick Foundation. Be assured your contributions are improving the needs of generations to come.

DAVID 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 Johannah. David enjoys spending time with family and outdoor activities.

NICOLE GREVING
Nicole and her husband Shane live in Chapman, NE. 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 (10) and a son Broden (7). Nicole is currently the President of Central City Elementary PTO. Nicole enjoys spending time with family and friends.

MATT KING
Matt and wife Brandy live in Archer, NE. Matt is a graduate from Central City High School and Northeast Community College in Milford. He and his wife have one son, Harrison. Matt farms on the family farm with his father, Elton King in Archer, NE. Brandy teaches K-5 Elementary Special Education for Fullerton School District. Matt enjoys hunting, golfing and Nebraska Husker football.

MICHAEL THEDE
Michael is a graduate of St Paul Public Schools and University of Nebraska Lincoln. He and his wife Jean have four children, Clair, Anna, Christian and Joseph. Michael enjoys spending time with family and friends. He also enjoys teaching at Fullerton High School.

SHERI WRUBLE
Sheri is a graduate from Ravenna High School and received her Associate Degree in Accounting from Central Community College-Hastings. She and her husband Jerry have three children, Brendan, Kenzie and Evan. Sheri is employed by Nebraska Insurance Inc. in Clarks, NE as a part-time licensed insurance agent. Sheri is a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Clarks 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.

KATHY DUBAS
KathyDubas is a graduate of Fullerton High School. She and her husband Leonard have two children, Michelle and Bryan, and six grandchildren, Amber, Autumn, Sierra, Tori, Cheyenne and Dan. Kathy retired from teaching at the Palmer Public Schools after 25 years of service. She serves on the Palmer Village Board, the Loup Central Landfill board and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Kathy is a member of the St. Peter & Paul Church of St. Paul and enjoys golf and her grandchildren.

BARRY MARSH
Barry attended UNL, Colorado State University, and the Graduate School of Banking-U. 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 Jason have three children, Jamison, Korbe and Tate. Tara is a member of the St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Krakow and is on the After Society board.

KEVIN WARING
Kevin is a graduate of Fullerton 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 Joanne have three children, Chad, Tracey and Mitchell. Kevin is a member of the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. He has served many organizations including church and Willard Bend. Kevin also has Professional memberships to education associations. He enjoys motorcycles, golf, music-guitar and water sports.

LORI PARACHINI
Lori is a graduate of Zion Lutheran School in Worms, NE and Central City High School. Lori is presently with Hornday 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, and spending time with family and friends.

DOUG VAN PELT
Doug is a graduate of Central City High School. He has a B.S. in Agricultural 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 Creighton College. Doug is employed with the Central City Public School district as a Secondary Social Studies teacher. Doug and his wife, Donnette have seven children, Josh (wife Stacey), Jake (wife Jema) Van Pelt, Logan, Micah and Noah Carlson, along with Kaden and Karsyn Van Pelt. Doug is also a proud grandfather of Ryan and Madison Van Pelt. Doug is a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Central City, a variety of education associations and serves as committee chair for Cub Scout Pack 102. Doug enjoys traveling, landscaping, coaching, and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball.

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 development 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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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**
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Alfred & Elizabeth Bader
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Jack & Marilyn Wilson
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Harold & Verna Zmek

**Executive Directors**
- February 1960 - May 2016
  - Michael J. Cave
  - John McHargue
  - William H. Kuhn
  - Kathryn L. Mesner
  - Jack Klingenberg
  - Barbara Justice
  - Carrol Johnston
  - Jack Itzen
  - John Hummel
  - Jolene Hudnall
  - Jim Heins
  - Betty Hebda
  - Dean Hartwig
  - Joel Ferris
  - Larry Rudolf
  - Ira Reisener

**Board Of Directors**
- February 1960 - May 2016
  - Dean Kyes
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Harold & Fern Zamzow
Harold & Verna Zmek
Ross Hebda, Max Wattier and Jill Gathje.
Amber Erickson, Eric Lenz, Jackson McGinnis,
Middle Row: Chuck Griffith, Jade Erickson, Katie Paczosa,
Shown L to R: Brianna Bankson, Zoe Snyder, Mahaila Archer, Graci McGinnis, Andrew Bryant, Dyson Kunz. Middle Row: Chuck Griffith, Jade Erickson, Katie Paczosa, Nic Euse, Doris Lux, Nancy Eberle.
Back Row: Amber Erickson, Eric Lenz, Jackson McGinnis, Ross Hebda, Max Wattier and Jill Gathje.

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.

Lucetta Adkisson......1930 - 2014
Allen A. Anderson.....1933 - 2015
Jack Barton............1927 - 2015
Shirley Beck...........1935 - 2015
Robert K. Betts.......1925 - 2015
Lois Black.............1919 - 2008
Merlin Black.........1921 - 2008
Doris Bodean.........1918 - 2009
James William Booth...1917 - 1976
Mary Booth............1922 - 2010
Curtis Lee Bosselman..1945 - 2015
Laura Marie Brown.....1922 - 2015
Larry Bull...............1944 - 2015
Michael L. Burke......1956 - 2015
Margaret Ratcliff Campbell...........1929 - 2015
Janet Carnes..........1939 - 2014
Diane Collins.........1961 - 2015
Shirley A. Conpellier..1941 - 2015
Nancy Cook.............1955 - 2015
Eileen Weber Cooper...1924 - 2015
Betty Cordson.........1930 - 2015
Scott Cotner..........1971 - 2005

Leading Locally 2015-2016

Merrick Foundation's 2015-16 Leading Locally class matched seventeen civic-minded students with a curriculum that builds leadership skills for future community leaders. The eighth annual class met monthly from October through May. 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

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. Governor Ricketts hosted the group in his office for a private meeting to share his plans and goals for Nebraska. Senator Curt Friesen shared his experiences and priorities for this legislative session. A lobbyist described her role in working with legislators. The group learned about the legislative process and how various strategies are used to pass or delay legislation.

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. Leading Locally is provided at no cost, thanks to the generosity of Archer Credit Union, Cornerstone Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Central City Dairy Queen, and Central City Mall. Leading Locally students enjoyed visiting Merrick County businesses including the Speed Shop, Dairy Queen, and Cody's Computer Repair. Scheduled trips to the Thrift Shop and the Central City Veterinary Clinic could not be made due to a class cancelation.

Shown L to R: Tanner Parsons, Thomas Young, Tiffany Paczosa, Trenton Kula, Chuck Griffith, Miranda Pospisil, Katelyn Glaus, Governor Pete Ricketts, Kaylee Eberle, Mikayla Rieken, Tana Engel, Emma McGinnis, Amy Gathje, Maddy Rinkol, Tera Paczosa.
Not pictured: Colton Drage, Chandler Donscheski & Cara DeMers.
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:

- Allen A. Anderson
- Robert K. Betts
- Laura Marie Browns
- Shirley A. Condell
- Scott Cotner
- Dennis Dankert
- E. Lislynn Ferris
- Yvonne Ferris
- C.A. “Bud” Gaghagen Jr.
- Merle Hare
- LaVern Hartford
- Roger Hohnroth
- Daisy Kuskie
- Benjamin Thomas Lindner
- Elise Mace
- William E. “Bill” Magnusson
- Tom M CMohon
- Richard Mustard
- Martha Pullen
- Margaret Ratcliff Campbell
- Lawrence Reeves
- Katherine Roach
- Bill Stettner
- Doris Stromberg
- Margaret E. Tooker
- Effie Torpin
- R. Stanley Torpin
- Lucile Tyler
- Wayne Tyler

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 ........................................ $470
- Archer Evangelical Cemetery .................................... $1,000
- Earl & Alice Brandes Donor Designated ...................... $50
- Van & Roxanne Brandes ........................................ $1,390
- Central City Library ................................................ $1,139
- General Endowment .............................................. $6,800
- Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen ................................ $1,398
- Wayne & Mildred Hilder Scholarship ......................... $3,146
- Hohnroth Family Scholarship .................................. $1,150
- William & Velma R. McLean Scholarship .................... $2,000
- Tom M CMohon Memorial ........................................ $500
- Merrick County Historical Museum .......................... $26,060
- Dan & Sue Monaghan Donor Designated ..................... $15,135
- Palmer Cemetery .................................................. $50,579
- Prairie Island Bridge Youth Activities ....................... $100
- Donald R. Sampson Scholarship ............................... $4,000
- Ed Santin ............................................................... $100
- Scholarship-General, Industrious & Misc. .................. $600
- Scott/Ruge & Friends Memorial Scholarship .............. $100
- Silver Creek Cemetery Association ........................... $5,000
- Snowball Scholarship ............................................. $21,909
- Emil & Donna Steinke Family Discretionary .............. $2,500
- Steve & K risty Twiss ............................................. $100
- R. Stanley & Effie Torpin Memorial ......................... $800
- Dylan Van Pelt Memorial Scholarship ....................... $375
- Darrell Widman Donor Designated ............................ $20,000
- Darrell & Twila Widman Chapman Cemetery .............. $500

**PAS-THROUGH FUNDS**

- Bader Park Reserves .............................................. $20,000
- Central City Children’s Theater ............................... $3,975
- Central City Parent Teacher Organization ................... $3,492
- Central City Schools ............................................. $400
- Clarks Cares ........................................................ $120
- Clarks Schools .................................................... $1,955
- Heartland Council of Foundations ............................ $913
- Merrick County 46ers ............................................. $200
- Miscellaneous Donor Designated .............................. $12,683
- Palmer Schools .................................................... $4,170
- Physician Recruitment ........................................... $15,000
- Silver Creek Cares ............................................... $260
- Storm Youth Sports ............................................... $8,465
- Valley View Recreation ......................................... $1,000

**ACORN FUNDS**

- Ed & Laurie Dexter ................................................. $1,020
- Ken & Mary Lloyd .................................................. $1,000
- Robb & Tina Schnitzler .......................................... $1,504
- Thomas Farms ...................................................... $1,000
- Arnold & Hildur Willhoft ....................................... $35

**SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS**

- Central City Trails ................................................ $50
- Heartland Veterans Tribute ..................................... $55,840
- Merrick County Entertainment ................................. $54,214
- Merrick County Museum Building ............................. $32,392
- Painting the Legacy of Nebraska .............................. $10,820
- Wright Morris Home Restoration ............................. $20
2016 Scholarship Awards

Tessa Alexander
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Caitlyn Anderson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Christina Bailey
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Brady Bamesburger
Donald Neuzeraty Memorial

Brianna Bankson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Mikayla Bankson
Snowball Scholarship

Jenna Blase

Leanne Zmek Memorial

Ryllie Christenson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Ethan Cave
Snowball Scholarship

Kristen Benner
Holbrook Family

Paige Benner
Warren & Virginia Marsh

Emily Beaver
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Rachel Beck
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Taylor Beck
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Elijah Beed
Clinton M. Wegner

Katherine Benner
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Brady Bamesburger
Donald Neuzeraty Memorial

Kaley Brandenburg
Donald R. Sampson

Brandon Burness
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Edna Widman Memorial

Lindsey Butt
Ray & Mildred Miller Memorial

Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Jaeden Beyer
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn

Joel Holbrook Memorial

Karen & Danielle Bannister Memorial

Paige Benner
Warren & Virginia Marsh

Jaeden Beyer
Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn

Joel Holbrook Memorial

Karen & Danielle Bannister Memorial

Emily Beaver
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Rachel Beck
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Taylor Beck
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Elijah Beed
Clinton M. Wegner

Katherine Benner
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Brady Bamesburger
Donald Neuzeraty Memorial

Kaley Brandenburg
Donald R. Sampson

Brandon Burness
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Edna Widman Memorial

Lindsey Butt
Ray & Mildred Miller Memorial

Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Elaina Callahan
Clinton M. Wegner

Sable Campa
Glen D. & Doris E. Neel Memorial

Micah Carlson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Mitchell Carlson
Virgil & Rona Lindner

Dylan Catlett
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Ethan Cave
Snowball Scholarship

Ryllie Christenson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Randy Church
Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage

David Clarke
Snowball Scholarship

Carter Cuba
American Legion Post #6 4 & 80

Logan Cuba
William L. & Velma R. McLean

McKenzie Cuba
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

William & Emma Steffen Nursing

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2016 Scholarship Awards

Katherine Campston
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Carsen Dettman
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jeremiah Dickinson
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Courtney Dittmer
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Tyler Djenes
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Zachary Dockweiler
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Dylan Doggett
Clinton M. Wegner

Jordan Dose
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Clair Dush
Clinton M. Wegner

Reilly Dvorak
Clinton M. Wegner

Lindy Eberly
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Chloe Engel
Bonnie Kohl Memorial
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Trey Engel
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Adrian Epp
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Hans Epp
Snowball Scholarship

Amber Erickson
Ervin & Bonnie Blashorn

Matthew Euse
Central Bank

Carson Falk
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Valerie Fousek
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Anna Garrett
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jill Gathje
Raymond W. Stearns Memorial

Thomas Geiger
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Mathew Gilg
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial

Kordell Glause
Clinton M. Wegner

Kristin Glause
Clinton M. Wegner

Mitchell Glause
Clinton M. Wegner

Isabella Gomez
Snowball Scholarship

Katrina Gomez
Merrick Foundation Founders Scholarship

Isabell Green
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Nathan Gries
Snowball Scholarship

Kordell Hamer
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Ernest & Peggy Mabry Memorial

Craig Hebda
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial
Gregory Rinke Memorial

Grant Hebda
Elinor & Lucile Ferris Memorial

Tyler Heins
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Mitchel Herbig
Snowball Scholarship

Whitney Heuermann
Alfred & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial
2016 Scholarship Awards

Matthew Myers
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Shane Myers
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Blaine Nelson
Edna Widman Memorial

Minh Nguyen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Phillip (Phuc) Nguyen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Hannah Niemeier
Eugene Folkham

Sarah Niemeier
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial
William L. & Velma R. McLean

Alexis Ohlman
Bonnie Kuhl Memorial
Charles & Ann Kohlman Memorial

Jeremiah Ohlman
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Cailyn Ostrand
Jack & Dorothy Burger

Cassidy Ostrand
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Jonah Peterson
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Zoe Polonic
Ralph Stanley & Elle Hatfield
Sewerance Memorial

Jaden Powers
Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial
Merrick County Pork Producers

Makala Reeves
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Kylee Rice
Richard "Dick" Chochon Memorial

Dillon Rose
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Chase Samuelson
Clinton M. Wegner

Amber Scherer
Wayne & Mildred Hilder
William & Emma Steffen Nursing

Dillon Schirm
Clinton M. Wegner

Shelby Schnitzler
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Bradley Schoch
Austin & Cleo Vanderford

Jacob Schuller
James & Marilyn Harris
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Trevor Schuller
Myrtle & Jim Clarke

Hunter Sharman
Elwin & Lucile Ferris Memorial
Ethel Sweet Memorial

Kali Shaw
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial

Emily Simmons
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial

Bailey Simonson
Clinton M. Wegner

Jonathan Simonson
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten Memorial

Logan Simonson
Carol Joseph Memorial

Kevin Smith
Snowball Scholarship

Dawn Spencer
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Ashton Stuart
Dundale Sophomore
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Amazon Smiles Program
Aurora Cooperative
Archer Credit Union
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Lyle Bader Estate
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Gerald G. Carnes
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Stanley & Gail Ferris
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Eric Lenz
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Edward & Kay Owens
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Rebecca Hilder
Wayne Hilder
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Robert & Evelyn Herbig
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Nelson Newman
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Preferred Popcorn LLC
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Soupfest 2015

Merrick Foundation participated in the Chamber of Commerce “Soupfest” An event that is fun for the entire community!

Build Your Legacy
Consider a gift that will continue to support:

Scholarships
Youth activities
The arts or cultural activities
Competitive or non-competitive activities
Parks or nature
Other interests of your choice

Contact your professional advisor or Merrick Foundation at (308) 946-3707
Statement of Net Assets
Year Ended October 31, 2015

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Names of investment managers, fees charged and the names of our Investment Committee (investment oversight) members are available in the Foundation office at 1532 17th Avenue in Central City, Nebraska.

Merrick Foundation is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization. Your tax-deductible donation will be used to improve the quality of life in Merrick County. The Merrick Foundation Federal Tax Identification Number is 47-6024770.

Advantages To Donors

Lasting Legacy - The mission of the Merrick Foundation is to build permanent resources for community needs. To that end, we encourage our donors to build endowments. Permanent gifts will express your personal values and benefit the community in your name forever. And, you and your descendants can add to your fund at any time.

Memorial Opportunities - Funds can be named for you, a loved one, or an organization so that future generations of beneficiaries will always know the source of their support.

Professional Management - The Merrick Foundation provides careful stewardship of your assets to ensure the greatest investment performance, lasting buying power, and preservation of principal.

Tax Advantages - Because of its tax status as a public charity, gifts to the Merrick Foundation qualify for maximum tax deductibility.

Public Accountability - The work of the Foundation is publicized throughout the year and in our annual report. An independent audit is performed annually.

Heartland

“Tribute to Veterans” Wall

A tribute to Veterans is located at Lone Tree Park in Central City, NE. This special memorial was made to preserve and honor the memory of the brave souls who have fought and continue to fight for our freedoms. For more information, visit our website at: www.heartlandveterans.com

Public Availability Policy

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 2015, (11/1/2014 through 10/31/2015).
**Dark Island Trail**

The Platte PEER Group (local non-profit managing Bader Memorial Park) has recently purchased the southern 7.8 miles of the Dark Island Trail. The PEER Group purchased the trail from the Nebraska Trails Foundation in early 2016 and will manage the southern portion of the trail, including Bader Bridge and extending south to Marquette, while continuing to develop the trail as financing permits. The Dark Island Trail now extends north to Hwy 30 with the City owning that stretch.

Knight Construction is currently installing material over the original rail bed south of Hwy 66. From Hwy 66 going south, the trail is protected by a canopy of trees that provides a wind protected area during cold weather and shade during warm weather. Continuing south, the trail climbs gradually providing a scenic overview of the valley below. At the Hwy 14 intersection, the trail continues through wooded slopes that gradually give way to grass lined cropland and the village of Marquette. A video of the Dark Island Trail can be viewed at [https://www.facebook.com/Dark-Island-Trail-427658253977216/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/Dark-Island-Trail-427658253977216/?fref=ts)

Current funding will enable development to within one mile of Marquette. The Platte PEER Group hopes to solicit enough donations to complete development to Marquette this summer. Approximately $20,000 in donations is still needed to install a smooth surface to downtown Marquette. Once this phase is completed, access to outdoor adventures and activities will be greatly improved for residents and visitors to our region. If you would like to help with this project, there are three ways of giving:

1. Call Bader Park at (308)986-2522.
2. Go to Merrick Foundation’s web page at: [www.merrick-foundation.org](http://www.merrick-foundation.org). Click the “Giving to the Foundation” button and select “Dark Island Trail” from the pull-down menu of funds.
3. Donations may also be mailed using the enclosed envelope. Simply designate Dark Island Trail on the memo portion of your check.

**COMING SOON:**

**New Merrick County 4-H Building.**

**Located at the Merrick County Fairgrounds.**

**Construction on New Twin Theater Expected to Begin in the Spring**

Merrick County Entertainment Corporation has approved planning and construction contracts for a New Twin Theater that will be located on Hwy 30 in Central City. Construction on the New Twin Theater is expected to begin this spring and completed in the fall. The twin theaters will each feature 95 luxury seats with state of the art audio and video systems for maximum entertainment value. A diagram of the theater is shown above. If you would like to donate to this project, you can make a donation on the Merrick Foundation web site at [www.merrick-foundation.org](http://www.merrick-foundation.org). Click the Giving to the Foundation button and select new movie theater on the pulldown menu.

The Merrick County Entertainment Corporation is pleased to provide a quality entertainment venue for our Merrick County residents and visitors.

**46ers**

46ers is a group committed to bringing Merrick County people together to promote our community, businesses and resources. We work to encourage our neighbors and youth to stay or return to our community to enjoy our rural lifestyle.

**46ers Events**

Activities will be scheduled on the same date when possible. We will have events on (4 + 6) the 10th of the month, so people can save the 10th for 46ers events.