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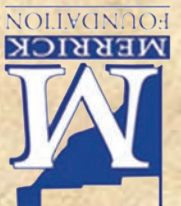
2015-16 Leading Locally

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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.

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.

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 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.



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.

Cover Page Bottom Left: Michelle Hall-Houghton scholarship winner presented by Verna Zmek.

Top Right: 2015 ESI Camp kids received their class completion certificates.

Bottom Right: 2015-2016 Leading Locally class at the State Capital with Governor Pete Ricketts.



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.



BARRY MARSH

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 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 Krakow and is on the Alter Society at Krakow and is a member of the Twin River PTO. Tara enjoys camping, watching her children play sports and family time.



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.



LORI PARACHINI

Lori 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, and spending time with family and friends.



DOUG VAN PELT

Doug is a 1979 graduate of Central City High School and 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 Doane 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 Jenna) Van Pelt, Logan, Micah and Noah Carlson, along with Kaden and Karsyn Van Pelt. Doug is also a proud grandparent 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 developmental needs of the county.



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



SHANNON HANNAPPEL

Shannon is a graduate of 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.



JARED WETOVICK

Jared 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 Central Bank and has been in banking for nine years. His family moved to Central City two years ago. Jared and his wife

Sheila have two sons, Dayle (11) and Gus (1). Jared likes to spend time with family and enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf. Jared and his family appreciate the warm welcome from everyone in Central City and look forward to helping out the community for years to come.



KATHY DUBAS

Kathy Dubas is a graduate of Fullerton High School. She and her husband Leonard have two children, Michelle and Bryan, and six granddaughters, Amber, Autumn, Sienna, Tori, Cheyenne and Dana. Kathy retired from 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.



NICOLE GREVING

Nicole 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 (10) and a son Braiden (7). Nicole is currently the President of Central City Elementary PTO. Nicole enjoys spending time with family and friends.



MATT KING

Matt and his wife Brandy live in Archer, NE. Matt is a graduate from Central City High School and Southeast 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, Clairra, Anna, Christian and Joseph. Michael and his family reside in Palmer. Michael attends St Peter & Paul Church in St. Paul.



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 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 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.



RODNEY LEE

Rodney 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.

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.*

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:

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Archer Evangelical Community
Cemetery
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Ethel Sweet
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Neal & Lois Thomas
E. Thomas Thurber, DVM
Rich & Susan Torpin
Daniel & Tonya Van Pelt
Tom & Nancy Wagner
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Harold & Fern Zamzow
Harold & Verna Zmek

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Year indicates end of term

Kathy Dubas.....2016	Jared Wetovick2018
Nicole Greving.....2016	Rodney Lee.....2019
Randy Rinkol (President).....2016	Tara Urkoski.....2019
Shannon Hannappel (Secretary).....2017	Sheri Wruble.....2019
David Lee, DVM (Vice-President).....2017	Barry Marsh.....2019
Kevin Waring.....2017	Lori Parachini.....2020
Matt King.....2018	Doug Van Pelt.....2020
Michael Thede.....2018	

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Donald F. Sampson	Kirk Riley	Jerry Lentfer	Sean Wagner
Ivan Martson	William H. Kuhn	Joel Ferris	Brian Buhlke
Harold Parker	Philip Greenwood	Ed Detweiler	Dave Beck
Warren Marsh	John McHargue	Dean Hartwig	Ed Dexter
John Hummel	Michael J. Cave	Kurt Kuhn	Randy Rinkol
Bruce Cowgill	Kathryn L. Mesner	Steve Twiss	

Executive Directors • February 1960 - May 2016

Donald F. Sampson	Shirley Higgins	Chuck Griffith
Yvonne Ferris	Marla Ortegren	

Board Of Directors • February 1960 - May 2016

Robert Adams	Vincent Douglas	David Lee, DVM	Donald F. Sampson
Agnar Anderson	Kathy Dubas	Rodney Lee	Donald R. Sampson
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Dick Barnes	Carl Erickson	Jerry Lentfer	Kathleen Schott
Dave Beck	Bob Eversoll	Nora Lindner	Robb Schnitzler
Teri Beck	Lanny Faeh	Ken Lloyd	Lenora Schuette
Kim Benner	Donna Ferris	Dennis Loewe	Leo Smith
Cindy Bittinger	George Ferris	Jane Loewe	Louis Sock
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Jack Burger	Phyllis Greving	Kathryn Mesner	Dr. Barry Turner
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Helena Chinn	Dean Hartwig	Bob Norvell	L.T. Van Winkle
Richard Chochoy	Betty Hebda	Pam Ogden	Fred Viperman
Adam Clarke	Jim Heins	Richard Ogden	Laura Von Aschwege
Cyndi Clarke	Marilyn Heins	Dan Oppliger	Sean Wagner
Kristy Clarke	Jolene Hudnall	Wayne Ostrander	Kevin Waring
Myrtle Clarke	Warren Hudnall	Lori Parachini	Gary Webster
Dr. Jeff Clarke	John Hummel	Harold Parker	Carol Wegner
Joe Clarke	Jack Itzen	Charles Phares	Dallas Wegner
Opal Colby	Carrol Johnston	Rodney Pollard	Jared Wetovick
Clinton Colby	Barbara Justice	Jean Powers	Darrell Widman
Vance Condon	Matt King	Carol Quandt	William Wiegert
Dr. Bruce Cowgill	Gladys Klingenberg	Kenneth Reed	Jack Wilson
Trudy Creutzberg	Jack Klingenberg	Portia Reeves	D. Jay Wolfe
Steve Curry	Michelle Kohl	Dr. Ruth Ann Reid	Eric Wright
Don Daberkow	Kurt Kuhn	Ira Reisener	Sheri Wruble
Herbert Demel	William H. Kuhn	Carolyn Retzlaff	Bill Wurtz
Ed Detweiler	Dean Kyes	William Retzlaff	Joan Wyman
Ed Dexter	Robert Lambert	Kirk Riley	Marie Zoucha
Leroy Dexter	Marjorie Lambert	Randy Rinkol	
Roy Dinsdale	Hans Larsen	Larry Rudolf	

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	Jerald Danhauer1939 - 2015	Tyler Hook Hillmer1998 - 2013	Katherine Roach.....1926 - 2014
Allen A. Anderson.....1933 - 2015	Dennis Dankert1947 - 2015	Roger Hohnroth.....1938 - 2001	Doyle Russell.....1940 - 2015
Jack Barton1927 - 2014	Paul Darling1932 - 2014	Daisy Kuskie1922 - 2014	David Sander.....1914 - 2015
Shirley Beck.....1935 - 2015	Wes Davis.....1926 - 2015	John Lamb.....1936 - 2003	Jim Schank1934 - 2015
Robert K. Betts1925 - 2015	Dixie Detweiler.....1947 - 2014	Benjamin Thomas Lindner....2012	LeRoy Seim.....1928 - 2015
Lois Black1919 - 2008	Dean Donelson.....1930 - 2015	Harvey "Dick" Lippincott, Jr.	Gloria Shelton.....1941 - 2015
Merlin Black1921 - 2008	Roger Erickson.....1926 - 20151922 - 2009	Bill Stettner1943 - 2015
Doris Bodeman1918 - 2009	Donna Ferris.....1915 - 2003	Elise Mace.....1934 - 2015	Irwin W. Stratman1915 - 2009
James William Booth ...1917 - 1976	E. Lislynn Ferris.....1920 - 2013	William E. "Bill" Magnusson.....	Doris Stromberg.....1923 - 2015
Mary Booth1922 - 2010	Rexford Ferris1913 - 19981922 - 2013	Maxine Teel.....1925 - 2015
Curtis Lee Bosselman ..1945 - 2015	Yvonne Ferris.....1921 - 2011	Tim Manning.....1956 - 2015	Margaret E. Tooker.....1924 - 2015
Laura Marie Browns1922 - 2015	LaVonne Forbis.....1922 - 2015	Tom McMahon.....1939 - 2012	Effie Torpin1914 - 2010
Larry Bull.....1944 - 2015	Clarence Fredrick.....1927 - 2014	Marcia E. Meshbesher1942 - 2015	R. Stanley Torpin1916 - 2003
Michael L. Burke1956 - 2015	C.A. "Bud" Gaghagen, Jr.	Roma G. Meyer.....1938 - 2008	Lucile Tyler1922 - 2000
Margaret Ratcliff Campbell1924 - 2015	Richard Mustard.....1935 - 2014	Wayne Tyler.....1921 - 1998
.....1897 - 1967	Lyle E. Gee.....1929 - 2015	Susan Nordstrom.....1957 - 2015	Lorraine (Buss) T. Van Winkle.....
Janet Carnes1939 - 2014	Joan Hansen1928 - 2015	SSGT Kyle O'Nele1986 - 20141917 - 1997
Diane Collins1961 - 2015	Merle Hare1930 - 2015	Harold Parker1904 - 1977	Zelda (Zee) Van Winkle1921 - 2009
Shirley A. Condell.....1941 - 2015	LaVern Hartford.....1927 - 2005	Lois Parker1907 - 1994	Colby Wegner.....1975 - 2015
Nancy Cook1955 - 2015	Marge Hedges1935 - 2015	J. Stanley Petersen.....1926 - 2015	Ron Wiese1945 - 2014
Eileen Weber Cooper ...1924 - 2015	Duane Henk1931 - 2015	Martha Pullen.....1919 - 2008	Alice Duffy Wilson1908 - 1998
Betty Cordsen.....1930 - 2015	Ernest Heskett.....1961 - 2014	Lawrence Reeves.....1929 - 2015	Olan "Bus" Wilson.....1907 - 1990
Scott Cotner1971 - 2005	Janice Hesselgesser.....1917 - 2008	Kevin Rieken.....1962 - 2002	Marie Zoucha.....1926 - 2014

ESI CAMP

Merrick Foundation will again sponsor an ESI Camp for Merrick County middle school students. The annual week-long 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.



Shown L to R: Brianna Bankson, Zoe Snyder, Mahailla 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.

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 cancellation.



Shown L to R: Tanner Parsons, Thomas Young, Tiffanie Paczosa, Trenton Kula, Chuck Griffith, Miranda Pospisil, Katelyn Glause, 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:

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

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
Evan & Roxanne Brandes	\$1,390
Central City Library	\$1,139
General Edowment	\$6,800
Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen	\$1,398
Wayne & Mildred Hilder Scholarship	\$3,146
Hohnroth Family Scholarship	\$1,150
Benjamin Thomas Lindner Memorial Scholarship	\$6,500
Virgil & Nora Lindner Scholarship	\$375
Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage Scholarship	\$275
Litzenberg Health Care Foundation	\$630
Edwin & Bernice Lock	\$1,000
William L. & Velma R. McLean Scholarship	\$2,000
Tom McMahon 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 Descretionary	\$2,500
Steve & Kristi Twiss	\$100
R. Stanley & Effie Torpin Memorial	\$800
Dylan Van Pelt Memorial Scholarship	\$175
Darrell Widman Donor Designated	\$20,000
Darrell & Twila Widman Chapman Cemetery	\$500

PASS-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



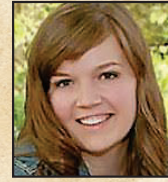
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Emily Beaver
William & Emma Steffen Nursing



Rachel Beck
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Taylor Beck
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Matthew Fishburn Memorial



Elijah Beed
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Mary Chocho Memorial



Katherine Benner
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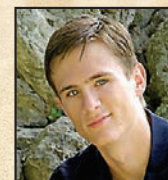
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Ethan Cave
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Ryllie Christenson
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Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage



David Clarke
Snowball Scholarship



Carter Cuba
American Legion Post #6 4 & 80
William & Emma Steffen Nursing



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McKenzie Cuba
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Katherine Cumpston
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Carsen Dettman
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Jeremiah Dickinson
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Courtney Dittmer
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



Tyler Djernes
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Dylan Doggett
Clinton M. Wegner



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Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial



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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 Blauhorn



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. Starostka 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
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Nathan Griess
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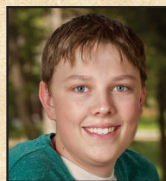
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Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial
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Grant Hebda
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Tyler Heins
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Mitchel Herbig
Snowball Scholarship



Whitney Heuermann
Alfred & Dorothy Engarten Memorial

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Susan Hofmann
William & Emma Steffen Nursing



Jordan Hollingsworth
James & Marilyn Heins



Alexis Hower
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Shayleen Hubbard
William & Emma Steffen Nursing



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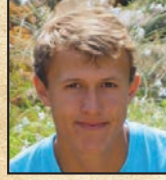
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Dylan Lawrence
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Central City Scale



Aubrey Lenz
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Central City Scale



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William & Emma Steffen Nursing



Makenna Loy
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Amanda Macke
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Justin Macke
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



Marshall Makowski
Austin & Cleo Vanderford
McCullough-McGuire Memorial



Ryan Malasek
Charles & Doris Benner



Abby Maresh
Snowball Scholarship



Mollie Maresh
Charles & Ann Kuhlman Memorial
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



Tanner Marker
Les Johnson Memorial



Kincaid McMaster
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Henry "Bud" Santin Memorial



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Warren & Virginia Marsh



Brianna Meyer
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Meagan Meyer
Dinsdale Sophomore



Tara Murphy
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Hannah Myers
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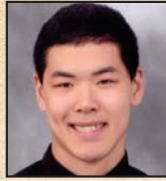
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Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Shane Myers
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Blaine Nelson
Edna Widman Memorial



Minh Nguyen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Phillip (Phuc) Nguyen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Hannah Niemeier
Eugene Fishburn



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



Alexis Ohlman
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Charles & Ann Kuhlman Memorial



Jeremiah Ohlman
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Cailyn Ostrand
Jack & Dorothy Burger



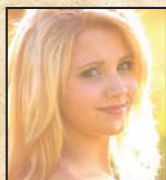
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Austin & Cleo Vanderford
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



Ariel Peterson
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Jonah Peterson
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Zoe Poloncic
Ralph Stanley & Ella Halstead
Severance 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



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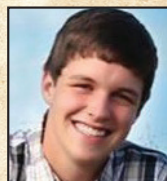
Kevin Smith
Snowball Scholarship



Dawn Spencer
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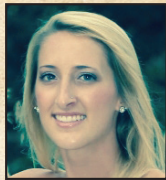
2016 Scholarship Awards



Dylan Stuart
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Madison Tibbetts
Dinsdale Sophomore



Shayla Tibbetts
Gary Monter Memorial



Randi Tomasek
Snowball Scholarship



Jessie Valasek
Dinsdale Sophomore



Kara Valasek
Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial



Whitney Valasek
Albert & Dorothy Engarten Memorial



Jeffrey Vanderhart
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Troy Vanderheiden
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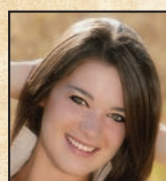
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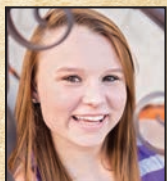
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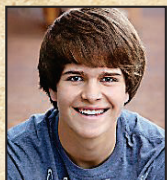
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CC Live, Inc.
Cornerstone Bank
Diane's Beauty Shop
Kristianna Farley
First State Bank
Harless Oil Co
Kent W. & Breanne P. Helgoth
Joseph & Zandra Kalkwarf
Kurt & Kristen Kuhn
Kwik Stop
Robert & Cheryl Lindburg
Janet K. Myers
Myers Insurance, Inc.
NNTC Clarks
Thomas & Salome Rosenthal
Sandell Electric, Inc.
Sapp Bros Inc.

Sportsmans Bar
Daniel & Sharon Strecker
Tradition Hardware LLC
Allan & Pat Urkoski
Dennis & Cheryl Van Housen
Michelle L. Vlach
Jerry & Sheri Wruble
Kathryn Zeller
Thomas Farms Acorn
Neal & Lois Thomas
R. Stanley & Effie Torpin
Memorial
Bruce & Patrice Keller
Rich & Susan Torpin
Steve & Kristi Twiss
Steve & Kristi Twiss
Valley View Recreation
Evan & Roxanne Brandes
Dylan Van Pelt Memorial
Scholarship
Daniel & Tonya Van Pelt
Darrell & Twila Widman
Chapman Cemetery
Darrell Widman
Darrell Widman Donor
Designated
Darrell Widman
Arnold & Hildur Willhoft
Acorn
Jerry & Shirley Willhoft
Wright Morris Home
Restoration
The Palmer Pals

Soupfest 2015

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



Shown L to R: Andrea Green, Michelle Carroll and Anita Kucera

DETOUR

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

Designated/Agency Funds Distributions/Commitments

American Legion Baseball	
American Legion Baseball	\$1,547
Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery	
Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery	\$840
Alfred & Elizabeth Bader	
Grave Decorations	\$350
Bader Park Endowment	
Platte PEER Group	\$45,400
Evan & Roxanne Brandes Designated	
Merrick County Historical Museum	\$440
Fitness Center	\$440
Burke Cemetery	
Burke Cemetery	\$900
Ina & Don Campbell	
Grave Decorations	\$330
Central City Children's Theater	
Central City Children's Theater	\$2,513
Central City Parent Teacher Organization	
Central City Parent Teacher Organization	\$16,125
Central City Senior Center	
Central City Senior Center	\$1,860
Central City Trails	
Central City Trails	\$2,927
Clarks Cares	
Grocery Store Steering Committee	\$765
Clarks Schools Endowment Fund	
Alumni Expenses & Scholarships	\$5,500

D.Y. Clark	
Annual Grant - General Fund	\$4,013
Annual Grant - Merrick County Historical Museum	\$1,338
E. Marie Friedrichsen	
Grave Decorations	\$600
Margie Fritz	
Grave Decorations	\$300
Barbara A. & Floyd M. Gorgen	
Lone Tree Literary Society	\$6,700
Heartland Council of Foundations	
Heartland Council of Foundations	\$181
Heartland Veterans Tribute	
Heartland Veterans Tribute	\$142,255
Albert & Dorothy Emgarten	
Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital	\$7,014
Edwin & Bernice Lock	
Performing Arts Center	\$43,213
Mayme McEndree	
Grave Decorations	\$180
Merrick County Child Development Center	
Annual Support	\$37,812
Hesselgesser Support	\$27,500
Merrick County 46ers	
Merrick County 46ers	\$39
Merrick County Entertainment	
New Movie Theater Project	\$14,021

Merrick County Historical Museum	
Merrick County Friends Church	\$4,360
Portia's Playhouse	\$450
Merrick County Needy (Hesselgesser)	
Central Nebraska Community Services	\$7,800
Miscellaneous Donor Designated	
Miscellaneous Donor Designated	\$10,000
North Blue Cemetery	
Lone Blue Cemetery	\$300
Painting the Legacy of Nebraska	
Painting Nebraska Project	\$10,482
Palmer School	
LaNelle Wagner Scholarship	\$5,000
Palmer United Methodist Church	
Palmer United Methodist Church	\$2,740
Physician Recruitment	
Physician Loan Repayment	\$10,000
Prairie Island Bridge Youth Activities	
Merrick Cty Youth Council/Central City FFA ..	\$300
Frederick Roeboltmanns	
Palmer Commercial Club	\$460
Alice Santin	
Palmer Senior Center	\$750
Palmer American Legion	\$750
Storm Youth Sports	
Storm Youth Sports	\$9,312
Wright Morris Home Restoration	
Lone Tree Literary Society	\$139

Statement of Net Assets Year Ended October 31, 2015

TNA - Total Net Assets

Fund	TNA		Fund	TNA		Fund	TNA	
	2015	2014		2015	2014		2015	2014
Unrestricted	(\$886,170)	(\$735,945)	Gorgen, Barbara & Floyd	\$130,241	\$134,256	Nouzovsky 4-H	\$6,992	\$7,033
Sampson, D.F. - Spendable	\$32,617	\$33,050	Griffith Family Endowed	\$8,182	\$8,683	Nouzovsky FFA	\$6,164	\$6,200
Sampson, D.F.			Hake, John & Bertha	\$115	\$115	Painting the Legacy		
Board Designated Permanent	\$37,055	\$37,055	Hannappel Acorn	\$1,520	\$1,520	of Nebraska	\$4,790	\$3,061
General Fund			Hartwig Acorn	\$1,017	\$1,017	Palmer Cemetery	\$49,581	\$0
Board Designated Permanent	\$1,003,450	\$1,042,218	Heins, James & Marilyn	\$10,896	\$11,510	Palmer Community	\$1,780	\$1,791
Bader - Spendable	\$364,865	\$696,081	Hilder, Wayne & Mildred	\$10,962	\$8,328	Performing Arts Center	\$772,945	\$772,864
Bader - Permanent	\$829,740	\$779,573	Hoback, J. Oren	\$5,543	\$5,876	Physician Recruitment	\$3,342	\$1,523
Bader Park Endowment	\$860,007	\$910,174	Hohnroth Family	\$32,961	\$33,624	Portia's Playhouse	\$6,223	\$6,728
Bader Park Reserves	\$19,633	\$0	Holbrook, Joel	\$7,942	\$8,439	Prairie Island Bridge Youth	\$5,815	\$6,057
Aerni, Leonard & Doris	\$120,236	\$123,975	Ita, William & Ruth	\$153,796	\$154,703	Rinkol, Gregory	\$7,855	\$8,317
Aspedon, Derek	\$3,493	\$3,493	Johnson, Les	\$7,714	\$8,174	Roach, LoAnn	\$121	\$121
Bannister, Karen & Danielle	\$6,351	\$6,688	Joseph, Carole A.	\$33,328	\$35,258	Roeboltmanns, Frederick	\$8,701	\$9,208
Beck Acorn	\$4,019	\$4,019	Klingenberg, Alice	\$13,973	\$14,805	Sampson, Donald R.	\$26,706	\$24,100
Beck, Tom & Teri	\$6,407	\$6,445	Kohl, Bonnie	\$19,086	\$20,236	Santin Memorial	\$18,356	\$19,449
Benner, Charles & Doris	\$11,719	\$12,388	Kohl Acorn	\$2,000	\$2,000	Santin, Alice	\$28,256	\$29,909
Bittinger, Vincent &			Krug, Robert & Lillian	\$17,248	\$18,246	Santin, Ed	\$1,981,302	\$2,079,283
Margaret	\$132,874	\$141,037	Kuhlman, Charles & Ann	\$12,243	\$12,928	Santin, Henry	\$10,597	\$11,170
Blauhorn, Ervin & Bonnie	\$31,822	\$33,576	Lindner, Benjamin Thomas	\$5,847	\$404	Santin, James R.	\$14,447	\$15,311
Brandes, Earl & Alice	\$2,549	\$2,549	Lindner, Virgil & Nora	\$12,770	\$13,516	Schnitzler Acorn	\$3,422	\$1,918
Brandes, Earl & Alice			Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage	\$11,905	\$12,746	Scholarship	\$15,950	\$16,886
Donor Designated	\$55,778	\$56,058	Lloyd Acorn	\$4,000	\$3,000	Scott/Ruge & Friends	\$14,103	\$14,299
Brandes, Roger & Sharon	\$26,440	\$26,614	Lock, Edwin & Bernice	\$1,383,004	\$1,423,186	Sertoma, Central City	\$7,666	\$7,711
Brandes, Evan & Roxanne	\$18,063	\$17,658	Lock, Vernie	\$43,649	\$45,306	Severance, Ralph & Ella	\$31,055	\$32,843
Brown, Larry & Phyllis	\$0	\$114	Mack, Ira & Zora	\$47,825	\$50,602	Silver Creek Cemetery	\$4,903	\$0
Burger, Jack & Dorothy	\$21,956	\$23,230	Marsh, Warren & Virginia	\$33,848	\$35,786	Silver Creek Endowment	\$94,780	\$100,294
Campbell, Ina & Don	\$7,273	\$7,643	Martson, Ivan & Naoma	\$55,271	\$55,597	Silver Creek Expendable	\$21	\$21
Central City PTO	\$10,125	\$10,426	Matthes, Robert	\$461,607	\$487,793	Snowball Scholarship	(\$883)	(\$2,448)
Central City Scale	\$8,328	\$8,777	Mattson, Richard	\$680	\$684	Starostka, Raymond W.	\$25,410	\$26,852
Chochon, Richard	\$12,294	\$12,866	McCullough/McGuire	\$10,999	\$12,054	Steffen, William & Emma	\$124,479	\$131,751
Clark Acorn	\$1,754	\$1,754	McEndree, Mayme	\$3,863	\$4,064	Steger, Lois	\$113,279	\$120,051
Clark, Donald Y.	\$101,352	\$107,251	McHargue, Don & Lucille	\$10,113	\$10,173	Steinke, Emil & Donna	\$7,541	\$5,387
Clarke, J.F. Recreation	\$148,580	\$153,052	McHargue Acorn	\$722	\$722	Sweet, Ethel	\$6,978	\$7,029
Clarke, Myrtle & Jim	\$119,900	\$126,936	McHargue Memorial	\$9,616	\$9,672	Szatko Acorn	\$102	\$102
Clarks Community	\$577	\$118	McLean, William & Velma	\$24,488	\$23,940	Thomas Farms Acorn	\$5,759	\$4,747
Community Builders	\$172,661	\$153,417	McMahon, Tom	\$8,402	\$7,952	Torpin, R. Stanley & Effie	\$80,812	\$80,495
Dexter Acorn	\$2,620	\$1,600	Merrick Cty Child Care, Inc.	\$101,397	\$139,828	Twiss, Steve & Kristi	\$6,525	\$6,464
Dinsdale Memorial	\$66,084	\$70,018	MCCDC	\$13,737	\$33,381	Vanderford, Austin & Cleo	\$581,591	\$611,028
Dinsdale, Jack & Gretchen	\$265,856	\$261,386	MCCDC Endowment	\$141,521	\$150,353	Van Pelt, Dylan	\$6,133	\$6,494
Dinsdale, Roy & Gloria	\$275,916	\$287,806	Merrick County Entertainment	\$40,952	\$892	Wagner Acorn	\$1,000	\$1,000
Emgarten,			Merrick County Friends			Wegner, Clinton	\$258,215	\$274,849
Albert & Dorothy	\$188,716	\$195,994	Meeting House	\$82,610	\$87,417	Wegner, LaNelle	\$25,638	\$25,789
Emgarten			Merrick County Needy			Widman Chapman Township		
Memorial Hospital	\$417,104	\$418,884	Endowment	\$149,020	\$157,645	Cemetery	\$9,435	\$8,994
Erickson, Elton & Nancy	\$5,758	\$6,105	Merrick County Pork			Widman, Darrell		
Ferris, Elwin & Lucile	\$21,301	\$22,549	Producers	\$7,792	\$8,237	Donor Designated	\$19,890	\$0
Fishburn, Eugene	\$331,072	\$344,869	Miller, Ray & Mildred	\$14,174	\$14,258	Widman, Edna	\$10,814	\$11,477
Fishburn, Matthew	\$13,352	\$14,252	Mitchell, Edward	\$19,072	\$19,677	Willhoft, Arnold & Hildur	\$2,115	\$2,080
Founders Scholarship	(\$857)	(\$787)	Monaghan, Dan & Susan			Wright Morris Home		
Friedrichsen, E. Marie	\$13,060	\$13,737	Donor Designated	\$164	\$0	Restoration	\$957	\$1,048
Fritz, Margie	\$5,957	\$6,290	Monter, Gary	\$13,626	\$15,219	Zmek, Leanne	\$10,813	\$11,477
Fuss, Anna E.	\$24,319	\$25,773	Nabity, Ernest & Peggy	\$14,193	\$15,023	TOTAL	\$12,905,880	\$13,689,480
Glatfelter, Dr. Edward &			Neel, Glen & Doris	\$15,197	\$16,108			
Nancy	\$169,005	\$180,343	Nouzovsky, Donald	\$187,562	\$192,655			

Public Availability Policy

Merrick Foundation's annual audit and IRS form 990 is available for review at the foundation office. Notice of this availability shall be included in the Annual Report. If a form 990T is submitted by the foundation, it shall also be made available to the public and notice shall be included in the Annual Report.

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



Statement of Financial Position

October 31 st	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash	\$128,345	\$153,881
Investments	\$8,097,516	\$8,555,411
Note receivable	\$335,627	\$360,478
Interest receivable	\$20,231	\$20,863
Investment in real estate	\$524,503	\$524,503
Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	\$234,039	\$205,056
Investments- permanently restricted	\$6,666,767	\$6,572,110
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,007,028	\$ 16,392,002
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Assets held for the benefit of others	\$2,157,392	\$2,182,303
Accounts payable	\$836	\$1,549
Payroll taxes payable	\$4,936	\$4,549
Accrued vacation	\$1,700	\$1,635
Accrued real estate taxes	\$21,500	\$19,600
Grants payable	\$914,784	\$493,186
Total Liabilities	\$3,101,148	\$2,702,822
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	(\$157,616)	\$338,055
Designated	\$2,749,885	\$2,769,020
Temporarily restricted	\$3,646,844	\$4,010,295
Permanently restricted	\$6,666,767	\$6,572,110
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$12,905,880	\$13,689,480
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$16,007,028	\$16,392,302

Schedule of Amounts Held for the Benefit of Others

October 31	2015	2014
American Legion Baseball	\$29,774	\$31,005
Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery	\$16,822	\$16,751
Burke Cemetery	\$17,035	\$18,033
Central City Art Fund	\$104	\$100
Central City Children's Theater	\$11,012	\$9,654
Central City Library	\$39,301	\$38,401
Central City Schools	\$14,766	\$14,452
Central City Senior Center	\$35,235	\$37,286
Central City Trails	\$4,466	\$7,193
Clarks Cares	\$3,796	\$5,070
Clarks Community	\$529	\$1,166
Clarks Schools	\$45,238	\$48,997
Dinsdale-Palmer Schools	\$101,240	\$101,001
Merrick County 46ers	\$169	\$ --
Heartland Council of Foundations	\$4,587	\$3,882
Heartland Veterans Memorial Tribute	\$24,505	\$96,938
Litzenberg Health Care Foundation	\$320,445	\$321,701
Merrick County Historical Museum	\$566,004	\$544,320
Merrick County Museum Special Project	\$790,488	\$756,213
North Blue Cemetery	\$5,642	\$5,973
Palmer Schools	\$96,771	\$98,252
Silver Creek Cares	\$1,481	\$1,230
Silver Creek Schools	\$17,026	\$17,126
Storm Youth Sports	\$3,930	\$ --
United Methodist Church Palmer	\$ --	\$3,327
Valley View Recreation	\$1,992	\$1,005
Miscellaneous Donor Designated	\$5,034	\$3,227
TOTAL	\$2,157,392	\$2,182,303

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/?ref=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:

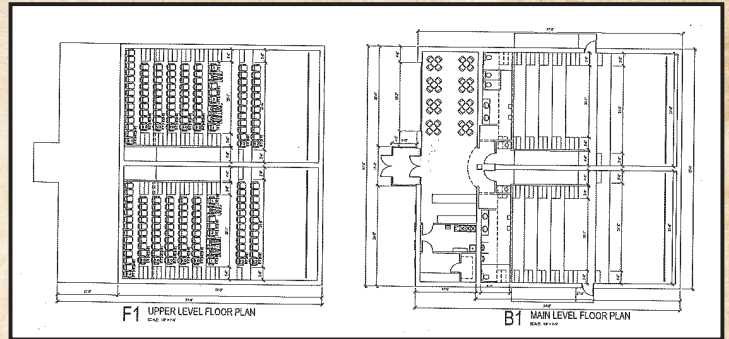
1. Call Bader Park at (308)986-2522.
2. Go to Merrick Foundation's web page at: www.merrick-foundation.org. Click the "Giving to the Foundation" button and select "Dark Island Trail" from the pull-down menu of funds.
3. Donations may also be mailed using the enclosed envelope. Simply designate Dark Island 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. Click the Giving to the Foundation button and select new movie theater on the pull-down menu. The Merrick County Entertainment Corporation is pleased to provide a quality entertainment venue for our Merrick County residents and visitors.



**Coming Together...
Making a Difference...**

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.

