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MERRICK
FOUNDATION

2022 IMPACT REPORT

A Message from the Board President:



Kristen Hermansen-Ryan DDS,
Board President

Forever starts today. That is the mindset Donald Sampson had when the Foundation was formed in 1960 and those are the same guiding principles we use today. Merrick Foundation continued to build relationships and work with donors to create 18 new endowed funds in 2021. This is in addition to the 149 endowed funds previously established. The magic of an endowed fund is that it will continue to award grants and scholarships into perpetuity as only the earnings are used. As the fund grows, the earning potential

grows which results in a larger award. So when we say forever starts today, we truly mean it.

In 2021, we were able to issue \$119,575 in discretionary grants to 30 different groups across Merrick County. We commend all of the organizations who work tirelessly to improve the quality of life where we live, work and play. Our communities are better because of their efforts.

Our scholarship program continues to grow as we saw a 16% increase in students applying in 2022. We are excited to announce that this year we will award \$150,000 in scholarships to 93 high school and 93 college students. We strive to award a scholarship to every single student who successfully completes an application as we think it's important for students to

feel the support of their hometown as they go out into the world.

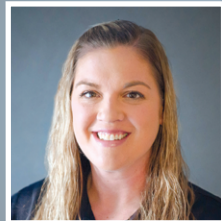
I also want to say thank you to our donors. Thank you for trusting Merrick Foundation to be a link to the future. Our staff works tirelessly to ensure your wishes are carried out. If you are still trying to figure out the best way to make or leave an impact on Merrick County, I encourage you to contact Shauna to learn more about the numerous options the Foundation offers.

Lastly, thank you to our Board of Directors. Thank you for the time and energy you put into representing your community on the Merrick Foundation Board. From the committee meetings to the events we host, I'm proud of the work we are able to accomplish together. Here's to 2022!

Merrick Foundation Grantees



Staff



Shauna Graham,
Executive Director



Courtney Retzlaff,
Chief Financial Officer

Presidents • February 1960 - December 2020

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

Executive Directors • February 1960 - December 2020

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| Yvonne Ferris | Marla Ortegren | Shauna Graham |

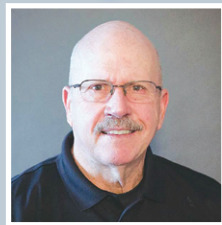
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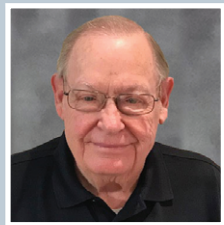
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Larry Benson Chapman



Leah Brown Archer Area



Marvin Fishler Central City



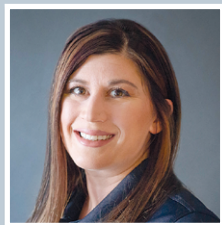
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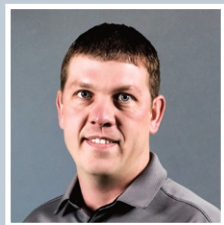
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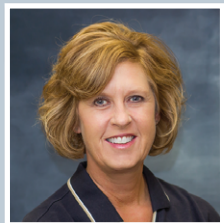
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Morgan Clarke-Hogan Central City



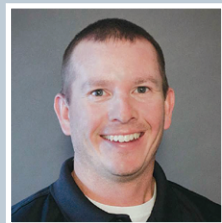
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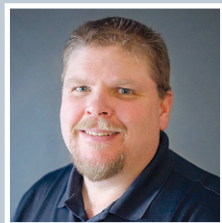
Diane Schoch Central City



Mary Steiner Chapman



DJ Talbott Central City



Kevin Urkoski Clarks



Tom Wagner Central City

- Bison After School Program
- Central City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Central City Boy Scouts Troop 102
- Central City Cub Scouts Pack 102
- Central City FFA
- Central City High School
- Central City Junior Wrestling Club
- Central City Legion Baseball
- Central City Sportsmen's Club
- Central City Stampede Softball
- Clarks Public Library
- Clarks VFW Post #4832
- Clarks Villa Apartments
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- GRACE Cancer Foundation

- High Plains Community Schools
- High Plains FFA
- Merrick County Child Development Center
- Merrick County Historical Museum
- Merrymakers Association
- Midland Area Agency on Aging
- Palmer Community Foundation, Inc.
- Palmer Cub Scouts Pack 3016
- Palmer Public School
- Palmer Senior Center
- Platte PEER Group
- Riverside Park Association
- Silver Creek Cemetery Association
- Silver Creek Township Library
- Twin River Legion Baseball Program

Total Organizations: 30

Total Funded: \$119,574.69

TOM & NANCY WAGNER: Creating Impact



Tom & Nancy Wagner family photo

“I’m not sure where else I would go for what I wanted to do. The blueprint is here. The administration of our fund is here and it’s such a simple process to go through,” states Tom Wagner, donor and current board member at the Merrick Foundation. “It was also nice to have you guys talk us through it so we could set it up correctly.”

Tom and Nancy Wagner, passionate community supporters, recently established two endowed funds at the Merrick Foundation. One is a designated fund intended to assist with grants at the Merrick County Child Development Center, and the second is a scholarship fund assisting graduates of Central City High School.

Tom and his wife Nancy have been members of the Central City community since moving back from Deshler in the summer of 1974. “My parents Heber & Alma, Nancy & I, as well as Sean and Trent all attended Central City schools. My grandchildren have as well and they also benefited from scholarships, before we even began donating to Merrick Foundation.”

The Wagners originally started donating to the Merrick Foundation by creating an Acorn fund. Acorn funds allow donors to make regular contributions without knowing exactly what the end fund will be. When the fund had reached a level where grants and scholarships could be awarded, the Wagners chose to create two funds. “I believe poverty and early childhood education are two

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- Tom Wagner

of the most important problems facing our country. Early childhood education for everyone would have a huge impact on our county’s poverty level as well as other rural counties in our state,” states Wagner.

“Our mission has always been to connect people who care with causes that matter,” states Shauna Graham, Executive Director at the Merrick Foundation. “We were able to take what Tom and Nancy are passionate about and create funds that will allow them to make a direct impact into perpetuity. It’s a pretty awesome thing to be a part of.”

Wagner, who is entering his fifth and final year of being on the board of directors, has also made an impact with his fellow board members as well as the staff. “Tom is always looking for ways to get involved and help in our community,” states Graham. “He’s exactly the type of person you want on your board. He’s super engaged in what is going on, he stays up to date on trends in philanthropy, he always offers to volunteer and he just has a really diplomatic way of looking at things and engaging in conversations. He was on the board when I was hired and he really encourages all of us to continue to develop the Merrick Foundation to be the best it can be.”

Wagner has also enjoyed his time on the board. “I think serving on the board has helped me to understand the inner workings of the Foundation. I’ve also learned that it cannot just be left up to the big donors. Everyone in the county has to be a part of giving to enable the Foundation to continue to award the grants and scholarships that they do. Giving a little bit, often and regularly, has the ability to make a big difference. If we could all do that over 20 years, just stop and think about the impact that could make.”

If you are interested in learning how you can make an impact in an area you are passionate about, please call the Merrick Foundation at (308) 946-3707.

NEW FUNDS CREATED IN 2021

Acorn

Dwaine & Carmen Van Pelt Acorn
Dwight & Barbara Strobel Acorn
Kirk & Crissy Bader Acorn
Mike & Tricia Schuller Acorn
Shane & Nicole Greving Acorn

Agency

Nebraska Therapeutic Riding Academy

Designated

Merrick County Child Development Center Scholarship
Central City FFA Alumni
Central City Public Schools - Dome Project

Fiscal Sponsorship

Central Nebraska Juniors Volleyball Club

Scholarship

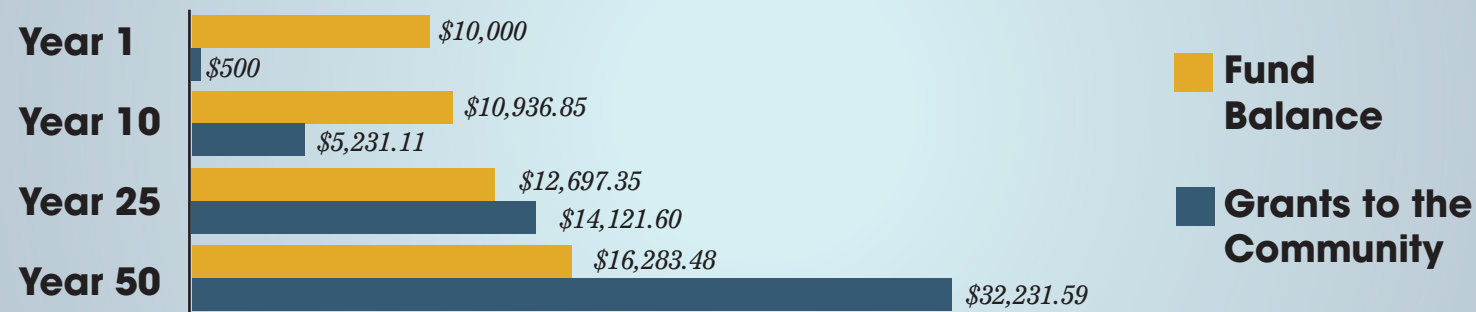
Berney-Manuel Scholarship
Calvin Lepp Memorial Scholarship
Ed & Laurie Dexter Scholarship
Gary Bader Memorial Scholarship
Guy & Pauline Lamberson Memorial Scholarship
Hunter Philip Hawthorne Memorial Scholarship
LeRoy Hongsermeier FFA Memorial Scholarship
Lonny & Wanda Duennerman Family Scholarship
Summer Paulsen Simon, Class of 2001, Memorial Scholarship
You Are Worth It Scholarship

Unrestricted

Dean & Deb Beck

THE POWER OF CREATING AN ENDOWED FUND: *Supporting Your Community for Generations to Come*

The graphic below demonstrates how your gift can grow over time, all while providing grants and/or scholarships to areas you are passionate about.



*Assumes a \$10,000 fund balance, a 7.5% return, a 5% annual grant and a 1.5% admin fee. This example is not a guarantee of return on investment.

LONNY & WANDA DUENNERMAN:

Building for the Future

By the Numbers

"I have worked in several area schools. The students I have helped will have children, and maybe we can help them too."

-Wanda Duennerman



Wanda & Lonny Duennerman

We chose the Merrick Foundation because this is our county. This is our life," states Wanda Duennerman, wife to Lonny. "I have worked in several area schools. The students I helped will have children, and maybe we can help them too."

The Duennermans, who recently set up an endowed scholarship at the Merrick Foundation, have deep roots in Merrick County. "Lonny's grandfather, Henry, came over from Germany in 1883 as he had uncles already farming here," states Wanda. "The farm we live on was purchased in the 1890s." Wanda and her husband Lonny have two adult children, Steven and Luana.

"The Lonny & Wanda Duennerman Family Scholarship is intended to benefit a student with an intellectual or physical disability who is seeking education and/or training post high school. It could also be used to benefit a student who is seeking a degree in teaching or another area that will benefit a child with a disability," states Shauna Graham, Executive Director at the Merrick Foundation. "An endowed scholarship will grant into perpetuity as only the earnings will be awarded in the form of a scholarship each year."

Wanda, a speech therapist, has an extensive history of working with students in Merrick County. "I was hired into a co-op that included Silver Creek, Clarks, Palmer, Archer and Central City. I did that for about four years before being hired by Central City, where I then served

South Ward, North Ward, the Middle & High School as well as Archer, Worms and Nebraska Christian."

After working in Central City, Wanda then moved on to work with Grand Island Public Schools at the Central Nebraska Support Service Program, which works to enhance the development of children with disabilities.

Wanda & Lonny's passion for this cause is clear. "I have worked with kids who are now attorneys. We know there are a lot of kids on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) who are brilliant. We are hoping this might be a way for some of them to pursue further education," Wanda continues.

"One of my absolute favorite things to do is talk with people about what their passions are and then see how we can help. Lonny & Wanda are an incredible couple and we are honored to help set up their scholarship fund. Their scholarship fund will impact so many future students," states Graham.

For more information on how your family can start a fund, please call the Merrick Foundation at (308) 946-3707.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of October 31, 2021

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$19,573,965	Funds held for others	\$3,275,315
Prepaid expenses	3,066	Grants and scholarships payable	179,811
Property and equipment	865,369	Payables	36,883
Receivables	47,924	Unearned rent	1,450
Total Assets	\$20,490,324	Net assets	16,996,865
		Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$20,490,324

This Consolidated Statement of Financial Position was taken from our audited financial statement, which is prepared by AMGL CPAs and Advisors. Copies of our annual audit are available in our office. Copies of our IRS form 990 are available in our office or on our website at www.merrick-foundation.org.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



2022 Scholarship Awards

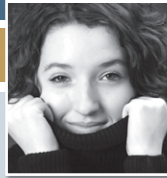
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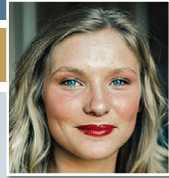
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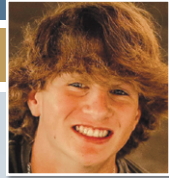
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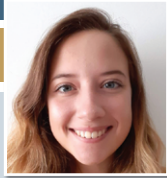
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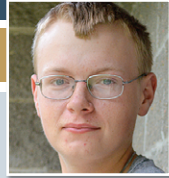
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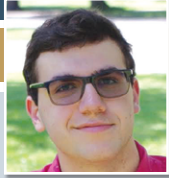
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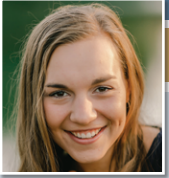
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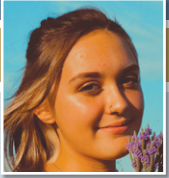
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Molly Griess
William & Emma Steffen



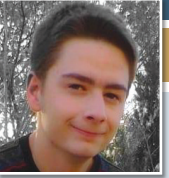
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Merrick Foundation Industrious Student



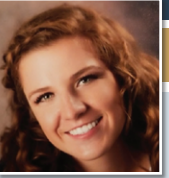
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Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Kortney Hamer
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Vincent Harlow
Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial



Lana Hebda
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten Memorial; Calvin Lepp Memorial



Makenna Beyer
Jack & Dorothy Burger



Trinity Blase
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Faith Blauhorn
Dinsdale Sophomore



Grant Blodgett
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Emily Blomstedt
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



Megan Blomstedt
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Ernest & Peggy Nability Memorial



Koby Brandenburg
Raymond, Leonard & Lois Steger Memorial



Grant Brooks
Donald R. & Jackie Sampson



Ross Hebda
Richard Mattson Memorial



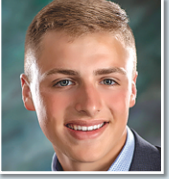
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Lauren Hickey
Gary Monter Memorial



Gracie Hillmer
Leanne Zmek Memorial; Vernie L. Lock



Cayden Homolka
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Gabriella Homolka
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage



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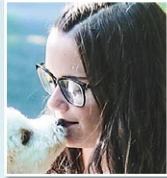
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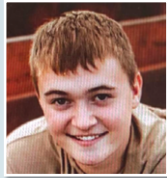
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Abigail Curfman
William & Emma Steffen



Alexander Curfman
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Haden Czarnick
Larry Meyer Memorial; Silver Creek Alumni



Chandra Davis
William L. & Velma R. McLean



Benjamin Janssen
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten Memorial



Olivia Janssen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Kale Jensen
Ed & Laurie Dexter; Rogene Ecker Memorial



Kaler Johansen
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



David Johnson
Dylan Van Pelt Memorial; Leonard & Doris Aerni Memorial; Summer Paulsen Simon, Class of 2001, Memorial



Ken Kaewwisit
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



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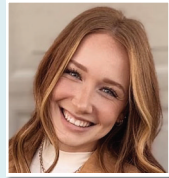
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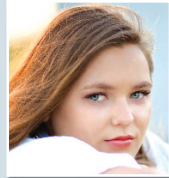
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Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Aden Eckstrom
Clinton M. Wegner; Gary Monter Memorial



Betsy Eckstrom
Clinton M. Wegner



Brianna Konwinski
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



Elizabeth Krance
Donald R. & Jackie Sampson; Phoebe A. McCullough-Barbara A. McGuire Memorial



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Dyson Kunz
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Allie Kunze
Clinton M. Wegner; Griffith Family



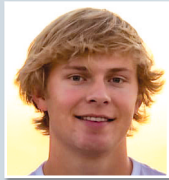
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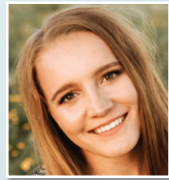
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Jacob Erickson
Edna I. Widman Memorial



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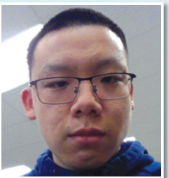
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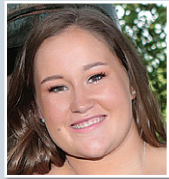
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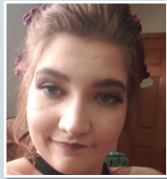
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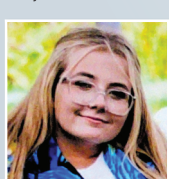
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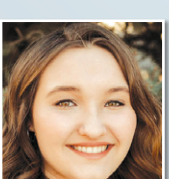
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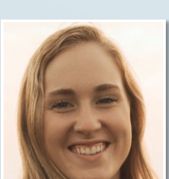
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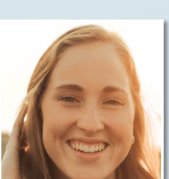
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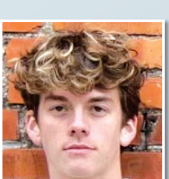
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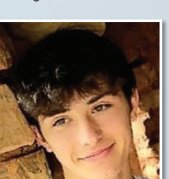
Shelby McHargue
Austin & Cleo Vanderford; Merrick Foundation Founders



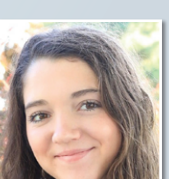
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Ethan Merchant
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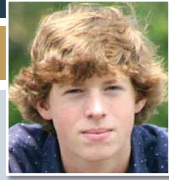
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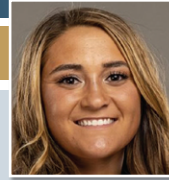
Marissa Morris
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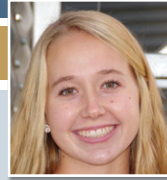
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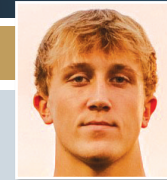
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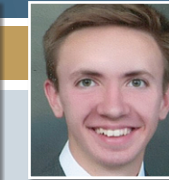
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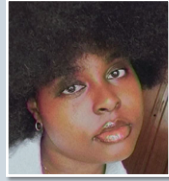
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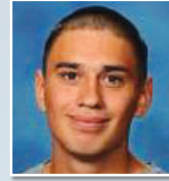
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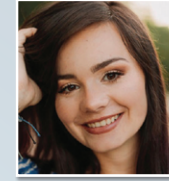
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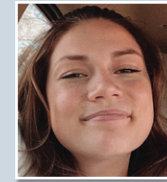
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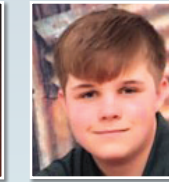
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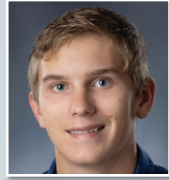
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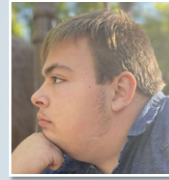
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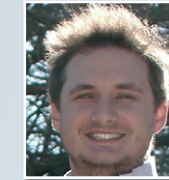
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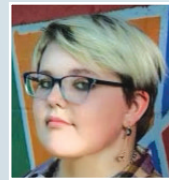
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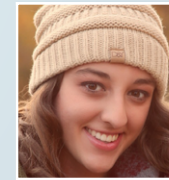
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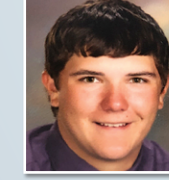
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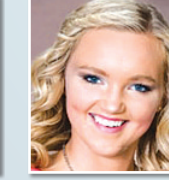
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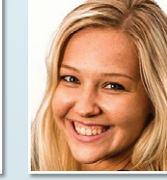
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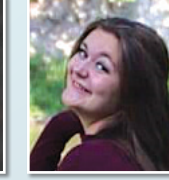
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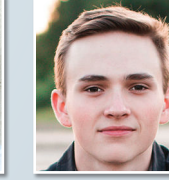
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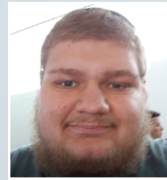
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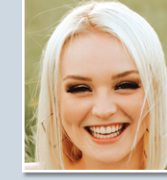
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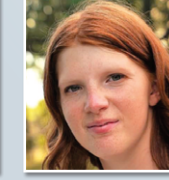
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Lawrence Bolte	1918 - 1991	Ron Hawthorne	1935 - 2020	Joe Parachini	1947 - 2010
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Grayce Hahn Burney	1907 - 1994	Wayne Hedges	1931 - 2020	Robert "Bob" Polzkill	1947 - 2021
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Louis Butt	1925 - 1999	Erv Hesselgesser	1918 - 1981	Dwayne Randall	1949 - 2018
Patricia D. Campbell	1929 - 2020	Janice Hesselgesser	1917 - 2008	Yolanda Rathman	1939 - 2021
Karen Carlson	1951 - 2021	Van Hesselgesser	1946 - 2016	Portia Reeves	1905 - 2007
Bill Ceder	1940 - 2021	Roger Hohnroth	1938 - 2001	Ted Reeves	1905 - 1988
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Linda Cordsen	1952 - 2021	Warren Hudnall	1930 - 2021	Roger Roscoe	1941 - 2020
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Gordon Deichmann	1928 - 2021	Norman R. Johnson	1948 - 2020	Annette Schulze	1934 - 2021
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