



**MERRICK  
FOUNDATION**

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

The central graphic is a blue shield-shaped banner with a white outline. At the top is a white logo consisting of a semi-circle above three vertical bars. Below the logo, the words "MERRICK" and "FOUNDATION" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom of the banner, a gold-colored horizontal band contains the text "2023 ANNUAL REPORT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.



# From the Board President



**Kristen  
Hermansen-Ryan DDS,  
Board President**

Merrick Foundation is proud to serve nonprofits and individuals across our county. Each of the six recognized towns in Merrick County and the rural areas in between have distinct characteristics that make their residents proud. Together, these towns form the uniquely shaped county many of us are honored to call home. And together, these towns make Merrick County a more vibrant and attractive place. Merrick Foundation is privileged to serve every area in Merrick County as a connection point for sharing and giving into perpetuity, ensuring a strong quality of life for generations to come.

In 2022, we were pleased to issue \$211,830 in discretionary grants to 29 nonprofits across Merrick County. Discretionary grants go to groups that complete our grant application. The Merrick Foundation Board of Directors diligently review each application before allocating funds. The funds come from generous donors that give the Merrick Foundation Board of Directors the power to determine who is the best recipient under varying guidelines.

In addition, over \$800,000 was distributed in designated dollars during our 2022 fiscal year. Designated distributions come from funds where the donor establishes the exact

entity and purpose of the fund. Merrick Foundation is privileged to carry out a donor's specific wishes to support nonprofits in Merrick County and beyond.

Finally, our other focus over the year is scholarship awards. As we recently wrapped up our 2023 application and review process, we are pleased to announce this year 166 high school and college students will receive \$138,900 in scholarships. Merrick Foundation is delighted to support the area youth, with hopes these students will accomplish great things while also holding tight to their Merrick County roots.

Merrick Foundation eagerly looks forward to the remainder of 2023. The collaboration of many continues to make all of the good work Merrick Foundation can do possible. Archer, Central City, Chapman, Clarks, Palmer, and Silver Creek – we see you all and appreciate what you're doing to make your towns, and in turn our county, truly wonderful.

If you are interested in learning how you can give back to support your community, or the county as a whole, I encourage you to reach out to Courtney. Contributing to or establishing an endowed fund today will ensure support to areas you're passionate about forever!

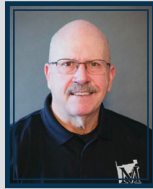
## Board Members



**Crissy Bader  
Palmer**



**Tyson Benner  
Central City**



**Larry Benson  
Chapman**



**Leah Brown  
Archer**



**Morgan Clarke  
Central City**



**Marvin Fishler  
Central City**



**Whitney Hake  
Palmer**



**Jayme Hans  
Clarks**



**Denise Hebda  
Silver Creek**



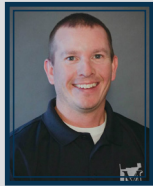
**Kristen  
Hermansen-  
Ryan DDS  
Central City**



**Brandon  
Konwinski  
Silver Creek**



**Mary Steiner  
Chapman**



**DJ Talbott  
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**Kevin Urkoski  
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**Trent Wagner  
Central City**

## Staff



**Courtney Retzlaff  
Executive Director**



**Amber Jensen  
Communications  
Coordinator**

### Presidents

February 1960 - December 2022

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

### Executive Directors

February 1960 - December 2022

Donald F. Sampson	Marla Ortegren	Courtney Retzlaff
Yvonne Ferris	Chuck Griffith	
Shirley Higgins	Shauna Graham	



## Is Your Organization Next?

Grant deadlines for nonprofits or community groups are the first of January, April, July, and October each year. Visit [www.merrick-foundation.org](http://www.merrick-foundation.org) today to apply!

**Total Organizations: 29**  
**Total Funded: \$211,830**

## Merrick Foundation Grantees

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Nebraska
- Bison After School Program
- Central City Ambulance
- Central City Boy Scouts Troop 102
- Central City Cub Scouts Pack 102
- Central City Legion Baseball
- Central City Middle School
- Central City Public Library
- Chapman Township Cemetery
- City of Central City
- Clarks Public Library
- Clarks Villa Apartments
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Heartland United Way
- Homesteaders & Prairie Creek 4-H Clubs
- Merrick County Child Development Center
- Merrick Medical Center Foundation
- Merrymakers Association
- Midland Area Agency on Aging
- Nebraska Christian Schools
- Opportune Acres
- Palmer FFA Chapter
- Palmer Public School
- Palmer Senior Center
- Riverside Park Association
- Rose Hill Cemetery
- St. Pauls Lutheran Church
- Twin River Public Schools
- Twin River Youth Football





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**-Stan & Gail Ferris**

## Stanley & Gail Ferris: Passion Fueled Giving

Late last year, Stan and Gail Ferris established two scholarship funds to be awarded for the first time in the spring of 2023. The Gail Gregg Ferris Registered Nurse Scholarship Fund honors Gail and her love of being a registered nurse. The Stanley Ferris Agriculture Scholarship honors Stan and his lifelong passion for agriculture.

Stan grew up on the family farm 13 miles northwest of Central City with his parents and three siblings. As Stan recalls, farming began at a young age, starting with his tricycle and handmade implements. Gail (Gregg) grew up on a farm 11 miles southeast of Central City with her parents and two sisters. By the time she was age five, she had plans to become a nurse. Although they only lived miles apart, it was not until eighth grade when they met. They became high school sweethearts, and graduated from Central City High School in 1966.

In November of 1967, Stan and Gail were united in marriage. Stan was double majoring in Agriculture Economics and Agronomy at UNL. He

received his dual degree in 1970. Gail was attending Bryan School of Nursing in Lincoln where she graduated in 1969. She then went on to work at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln for about a year. In June 1970, they returned to Stan's home place to raise row crops, cattle, and hogs. Gail worked part time at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital as a registered nurse, substituted as the school nurse for Central City, and volunteered for the American Red Cross as a canteen nurse. She also obtained a BS in Psychology from Kearney State College in 1979. As time passed, four children joined their family, Angie, Jen, Megan, and Gregg. Today, Stan and Gail are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Over their years together, Stan and Gail have established a philosophy for living their life as follows – live a Christian life, play together as a family, have a plan, work hard, be organized, be involved in your community, and take time to smell the roses along the way. From their accomplishments and acts of generosity, it appears this

philosophy has served them well.

When asked about the impact giving has on Merrick County, Stan and Gail stated, “Merrick County would not be what it is today, if it had not been for individuals giving back.” They have both served on numerous boards over the years, including Stan on the Central City School Board and Gail on the Merrick County Board of Supervisors. In doing so, they have volunteered their time generously to make Merrick County, their family's home for generations, a better place.

Merrick Foundation is honored to work with Stan and Gail Ferris to carry out their legacy and passions for nursing and agriculture. Their kind and servant hearts have already helped so many people. Now, with their two endowed scholarship funds, their giving to the youth of Merrick County will endure the test of time.

For more information on how you can start a fund with Merrick Foundation that aligns with your passions, please call us at (308) 946-3707.



# New Funds Created in 2022

## Acorn

- Dorothy Adkinson Memorial Acorn
- Fishler Nursing Scholarship Acorn

## Designated

- Heartland Veterans Memorial Endowed Maintenance

## Donor Advised

- Joe Costello's T.R.I.S.H. Memorial
- Nicholas & Kristen Ryan Charitable
- Nicholas & Kristen Ryan Endowed Charitable

## Fiscal Sponsorship

- Central City Volunteer Fire Department
- Christmas of Sharing
- Palmer Commercial Club - Digital Marquee Sign
- Todd Williams Art

## Scholarship

- Brynlee Zimbelman Memorial Scholarship
- Gail Gregg Ferris Registered Nurse Scholarship
- Stanley Ferris Agriculture Scholarship
- Tim Christensen Memorial Scholarship

## Statement of Financial Position as of October 31, 2022

### Assets

Cash and investments	\$15,563,509
Prepaid expenses	3,067
Property and equipment	349,043
Real estate investment	524,503
Receivables	5,615
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,445,737</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Funds held for others	\$2,786,068
Grants and scholarships payable	194,670
Payables	31,069
Unearned rent	2,000
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>13,431,930</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$16,445,737</b>

*This consolidated statement of financial position was taken from our audited financial statement, which is prepared by AMGL CPAs & 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](http://www.merrick-foundation.org).*



# Their Legacy Lives On

*Alfred W. and Elizabeth L. Bader • Ed Santin*

Over the years, Merrick Foundation has established over 200 funds thanks to several generous donors. This year, we would like to honor two of our largest funds by providing a history of those who established them. As time passes, the impact these individuals will make only increases. Merrick County is a better place thanks to their thoughtfulness. As you read about them, you will notice a common theme. Their love and passion for their home and helping others shines through.

## **Alfred W. & Elizabeth L. Bader**

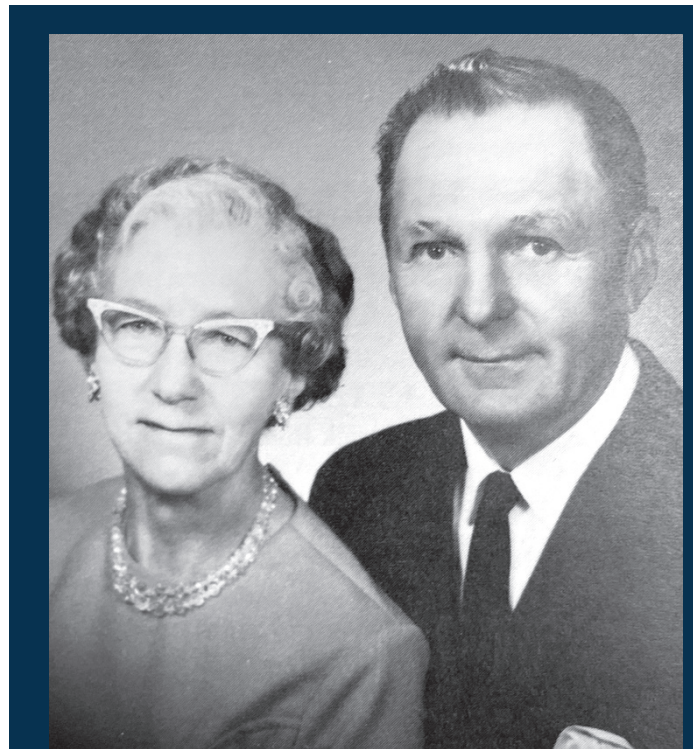
Born in 1903 in Chapman, Alfred started working at a very young age, farming for himself and raising hogs, cows, and sheep. Elizabeth was born in Germany in 1904. She moved with her family to Chapman when she was six years old. Alfred and Elizabeth were married in Chapman on March 10, 1925. They lived on two different farms near Worms before moving to their farm southwest of Chapman. They lived on that farm from 1933 until they retired in 1969.

The Baders were very involved, participating in several organizations and boards throughout Merrick County and Nebraska. Through their financial success, they were able to give incredible financial assistance to multiple organizations, causes, and individuals. Several awards were given to Alfred and Elizabeth due to their service, such as Aksarben's Good Neighbor Award in 1979 and Central City Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award in 1980, to name a

couple. Alfred enjoyed hunting and fishing and was passionate about protecting wildlife and upgrading recreational facilities. In 1976, the Baders donated land south of Chapman for Bader Memorial Park.

Elizabeth passed away in 1983 and Alfred in 1992. The Alfred W. & Elizabeth L. Bader Memorial Fund was established at Merrick Foundation in 1992. Their gift of land and cash is now valued at over \$3.6 million, which includes \$900,000 partitioned from their original gift to establish an endowment fund for Bader Memorial Park. Distributions from their fund since 2000 surpass \$2.4 million. These dollars have been disbursed to over 70 organizations, benefiting each town in Merrick County. The Baders were very generous in their guidelines, providing several recommended charitable uses in Merrick County and beyond.

Their extreme generosity was apparent through their charitable giving. Alfred and Elizabeth's philosophy in life was to make things better for everyone and to leave things better than when they received them. Alfred once said, "I want to give something back to the area that's



*Alfred W. and Elizabeth L. Bader*

helped me. I feel that other people were so marvelous to me, that I'd like to pass it on to someone else."<sup>1</sup> Merrick Foundation is honored to carry on the legacy of Alfred & Elizabeth Bader. They have, and continue, to make an impact beyond words.

## **Ed Santin**

Edward (Ed) Santin was born in 1902. He grew up and attended school in Nance County. After he received his education, he farmed until he retired in 1967. In 1980, he moved to Palmer. Ed was a member of the Fullerton Eagles Club and was active in the Palmer Senior Citizens organization.



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**Ed Santin**

He also served on the board of directors of State Bank of Palmer, now known as Pinnacle Bank. In his free time, Ed enjoyed playing cards and traveling.

Ed was very charitable, contributing a large amount to Central City Public Library's building project and also giving locally to the Palmer Little League program and the Palmer Swimming Pool. In 1992, he received recognition from the town of Palmer in appreciation for his generosity.

During his lifetime, Ed established multiple funds at Merrick Foundation to honor his family. To honor his parents, the James & Antonia Santin Memorial was set up in 1978 with an original gift

of \$10,000. In 1985, Ed established the James R. Santin Fund to honor his brother with a gift of \$10,000. He also created funds for two sisters. In 1988, the Anna E. Fuss Fund was established with \$20,000 followed by the Alice Santin Fund with \$25,000 in 1991.

His legacy of generous giving will live on with his enormous donation to Merrick Foundation at the time of his death in 1997. Ed left just under \$1.6 million to Merrick Foundation when he passed away, establishing

the Ed Santin Fund. That fund has a balance today of over \$2 million. Since 2000, his fund has distributed over \$1.8 million in grants. Ed has made such a huge impact on Merrick County, and we will forever appreciate his generosity.

### **Are You Next?**

In 2021, Nebraska Community Foundation updated their Transfer of Wealth Study and found the following specific to Merrick County. Over the next 10 years, \$514 million will transfer from one generation to the next.<sup>2</sup> While a portion of this next generation may reside in Merrick County, others do

not. For those in the next generation not living in Merrick County, that likely means this money is leaving Merrick County forever.

What if instead of all of this money leaving Merrick County, five percent was left to an endowment fund benefiting Merrick County? What if every household in Merrick County made a pledge to leave five percent to their community? Can you imagine the impact? Can you imagine the

possibilities? Over ten years, **leaving just five percent equals \$26 million.** An endowment of this size would support annual grants of over \$1 million to help Merrick County thrive for generations to come! Wouldn't this be wonderful for our children, grandchildren, and all future generations living in the place we call home?

### **What's the next step?**

Contact Merrick Foundation at [merrickfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:merrickfoundation@gmail.com) or 308-946-3707 on how you can make an impact for generations to come. For more information on Nebraska Community Foundation's Transfer of Wealth Study, visit [www.fivetothrivene.org](http://www.fivetothrivene.org). Alone we can only do so much, but together, we are stronger and the possibilities are endless.

1. Reutter, Harold. "Merrick County Farmer Leaves Legacy of Service." *Grand Island Independent*, 7 Dec. 1992, pp.5-A.

2. "Transfer of Wealth." *Nebraska Community Foundation*, [www.fivetothrivene.org](http://www.fivetothrivene.org).



# 2023 Scholarship Awards



**Emily Ackerson**  
William L. &  
Velma R. McLean



**Tavita Afata Litombo**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Ian Anderson**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



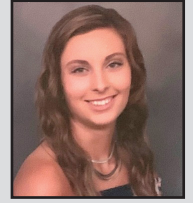
**Cabot Archer**  
Austin & Cleo  
Vanderford



**Amorese Avila**  
Charles & Ann Kuhlman  
Memorial; Raymond,  
Leonard & Lois  
Steger Memorial



**Concey Bader**  
Clinton M. Wegner;  
Guy & Pauline  
Lamberson Memorial



**Brooke Bannister**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Yessica Barrios Alfaro**  
Brynlee Zimbelman  
Memorial; Glen D. & Doris E.  
Neel Memorial



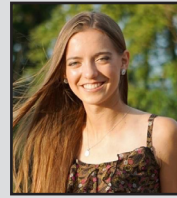
**Shayla Bennett**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Shayne Bennett**  
Clinton M. Wegner



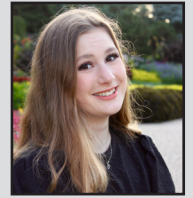
**Molly Blanchard**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



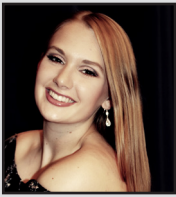
**Faith Blauhorn**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Grant Blodgett**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Emily Blomstedt**  
Hohnroth Family



**Megan Blomstedt**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Koby Brandenburg**  
You Are Worth It



**Cole Brandes**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial; LeRoy  
Hongsermeier FFA Memorial



**Grant Brooks**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Clark Brown**  
Stanley Ferris Agriculture;  
Merrick County Corn  
Growers Association



**Gwyneth Brown**  
Clinton M. Wegner;  
Gary Monter Memorial



**Olivia Brummet**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Ella Buhlke**  
Raymond W.  
Starostka Memorial



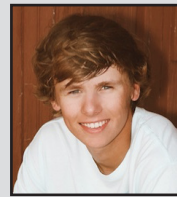
**Ethan Burdett**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Tug Burdett**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Bo Bushhausen**  
Elwin & Lucile Ferris



**Connor Carlson**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Ethan Carlson**  
Larry Deaking,  
DVM Memorial



**Tyler Carroll**  
Willis C. Lenz Memorial



**Kade Caspersen**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Connor Church**  
Charles & Doris Benner;  
Tom & Nancy Wagner



**Paige Crawford**  
Gary Monter Memorial



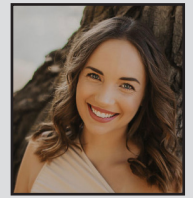
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Raymond, Leonard & Lois  
Steger Memorial



**Adam Dittmer**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



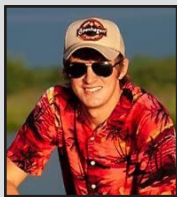
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Endowed Medical



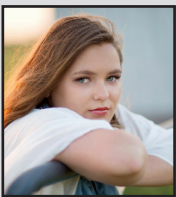
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Clinton M. Wegner



**Morgan Earl**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Aden Eckstrom**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Betsy Eckstrom**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Emily Eilers**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



**Emma Eilers**  
Dinsdale Sophomore



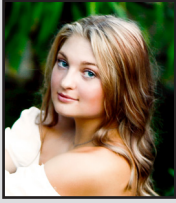
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James & Marilyn Heins



**Anyssa Erives-Aguilar**  
Clinton M. Wegner



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Gary Monter Memorial



**Madison Felt**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



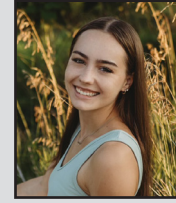
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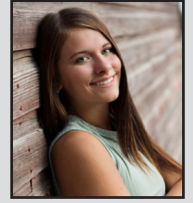
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Emgarten Memorial



**Reghan Flynn**  
Vernie L. Lock



**Makenzie Fousek**  
Berney-Manuel



**Sophie Frenzen**  
Emil & Dorothy Czarnick;  
Gregory Rinkol Memorial;  
Silver Creek Alumni



**Brandon Fye**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Julianne Gallion**  
Eugene Fishburn



**Seth Glass**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



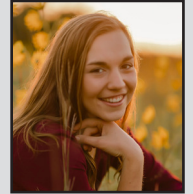
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Clinton M. Wegner



**Ashtan Gragg**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford;  
Hunter Philip  
Hawthorne Memorial



**Jonah Gress**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Molly Griess**  
William & Emma Steffen



**Brielle Hamer**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford;  
Willa Freeland,  
Women in Business



**Kortney Hamer**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



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



**Joshlynn Heibel**  
Les Johnson Memorial;  
Merrick Foundation  
Industrious Student



**Nathaniel Heins**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E. Emgarten  
Memorial; Tim Christensen  
Memorial; Matthew Fishburn;  
Joe Hesselgesser



**Isaac Herman**  
Central City Scale-Ron &  
Jeanette Hawthorne; Merrick  
Foundation Founders



**Gracie Hillmer**  
Vernie L. Lock



**Cayden Homolka**  
Raymond, Leonard & Lois  
Steger Memorial



**Seth Hower**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



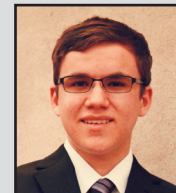
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Ervin & Bonnie Blauhorn



**Olivia Janssen**  
William & Emma Steffen



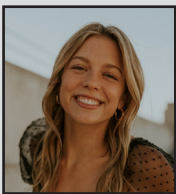
**Kale Jensen**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**David Johnson**  
Virgil & Nora Lindner



**Lincoln Kelley**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Claire Kelly**  
Albert E. & Dorothy E.  
Emgarten Memorial



**Brianna Konwinski**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



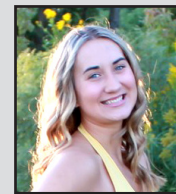
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Jack & Dorothy Burger



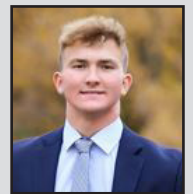
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**Dyson Kunz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Clara Kunze**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Gabriel Langemeier**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Grace Langemeier**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Kamryn Lemburg**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Eric Lenz**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Mario Lesiak**  
Merrick County Pork  
Producers; Tom & Teri Beck



**Hailey Lindburg**  
Myrtle & Jim Clarke



**Logan Lovejoy**  
Ralph Stanley & Ella  
Halstead Severance  
Memorial



**Karlee McClellan**  
Clinton M. Wegner



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**Charles McGinnis**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Graci McGinnis**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



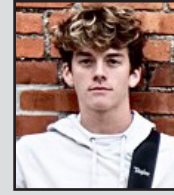
**Elaina McHargue**  
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Phoebe A. McCullough-Barbara A.  
McQuire Memorial



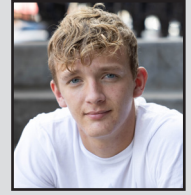
**Shelby McHargue**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Aden Mercer**  
Karen & Danielle  
Bannister Memorial;  
Lindner-Van Pelt Heritage



**Ethan Merchant**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Truitt Merchant**  
Austin & Cleo Vanderford



**Kadren Miller**  
Warren & Virginia  
Marsh Memorial



**Marissa Morris**  
Donald Nouzovsky Memorial



**Gabrielle Moser**  
Raymond, Leonard &  
Lois Steger Memorial



**Mackynzi Muller**  
Clinton M. Wegner



**Brianna Mundorf**  
Donald R. & Jackie Sampson;  
Joe Hesselgesser



**Marlie Mundt**  
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**Jonathan Needham**  
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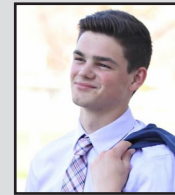
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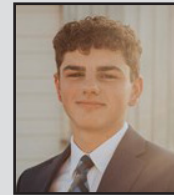
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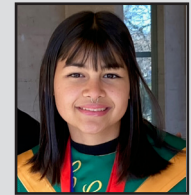
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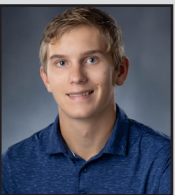
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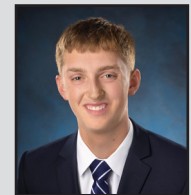
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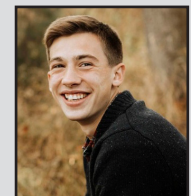
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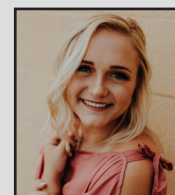
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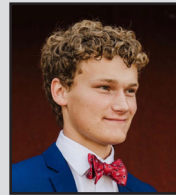
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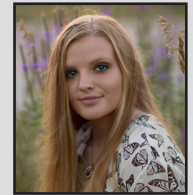
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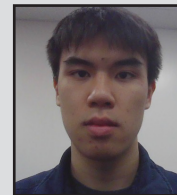
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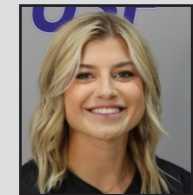
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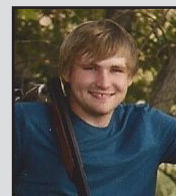
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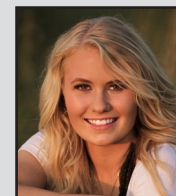
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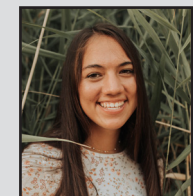
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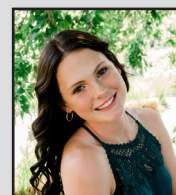
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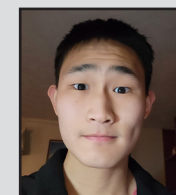
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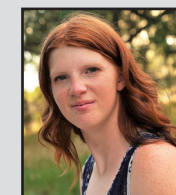
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