

**ROCK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
FALL REPORT  
2020**

The purpose of the RCHS Foundation is to help ease the financial burden of college for our graduates. By emailing the newsletter instead of mailing we could save money, and use this money to help our graduates! The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter has grown and we are looking for ways to reduce the cost.

**If you are willing to receive the Fall Newsletter by email, please email Janice Devall at [updaterchs@yahoo.com](mailto:updaterchs@yahoo.com)**

A sincere "Thank You" to all of you that donate each year to the different scholarships. Your generosity is what continues to help our graduates proceed with their education plans. On average, we are awarding a little over \$28,000 in scholarships each year to the graduating applicants. For some of our graduates, the Foundation Scholarships are the reason they get to continue on with their education.

**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**Audrey Caskey Honorary Scholarship**

Audrey Caskey was born and raised in Rock County and graduated RCHS in 1945. After graduating, Audrey began her teaching career and taught in several rural schools for another 35.5 years. She along with husband, Dale, raised 3 daughters in Rock County with each graduating from RCHS. Connie graduated in 1968, Carol in 1971, and Darcia in 1978.

Knowing the importance of elementary education, Audrey wishes to start a scholarship for graduating RCHS students who wish to go into the field of elementary education. She encourages others to contribute to this cause as Rock County students have a lot to offer in educating our future generations.

**Harry Swanson Memorial Scholarship**

Harry was born and raised in Rock County and graduated RCHS in 1951. Harry had an avid love of mechanics. He worked on vehicles, tractors, irrigation engines, and of course race cars. Harry raced stock cars for 20 years. He was one of the last original drivers at the Stuart Raceway.

Harry's son, Jeff has set up a \$100 scholarship to be awarded to someone going into mechanics, and/or an ag related field.

**Adopt-A-Student**

It is never too early to plan for graduation for specific favorite students, even 5th graders. An Adopt-A-Student account can be set up in a student's name, and you or anyone can contribute to it all through their school years. \$10 or \$100. Any amount is accepted. This year these accounts earned 4%. What a wonderfully easy and thoughtful gift for a future RCHS grad!

**RCHS Alumni Scholarship**

Each year the Foundation strives to award two RCHS Alumni Scholarships. Our ability to do so depends entirely on your generosity! The Alumni Scholarship is funded by the honor year classes. Therefore, the Foundation is appealing to all RCHS graduates who graduated in a year that ends in **1** to donate to the **2021** RCHS Alumni Scholarship fund. If you graduated in **41, 51, 61, 71, 81, 91, 01, 11** or would like to honor someone in a **1** class, your donation would be appreciated!

<b>Financial Report 4/27/87 through 9/30/20</b>	
Contributions	\$ 879,257.97
Net Gains	\$ 373,465.69
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,723.66</b>
Operating Expenses	\$ 48,904.94
College Scholarships Paid	\$ 340,813.05
Scholarship Certificates Paid	\$ 79,663.96
Enrichment Grants Paid	\$ 10,116.00
Music/Track/Yearbook Projects	\$ 7,045.63
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 486,543.58</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 766,180.08</b>

<b>REMINDER</b>
Any scholarship fund can accept donations from any and all contributors. Donations make our scholarships possible.

## OUR THANKS!

Listings include those who contributed to the funds from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Donor names are in italics.

### Adopt-a-Student Certificates

*Les & Rachel Hall, Jerry & Rhonda Ammon, Rich & Lora Lackaff, Dennis & Terri Swanson, Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Lynn & Shirley Hickman, United Methodist Church, Bassett Arts Council, Rock County Public Schools*

### Adopt-a-Student Honor Roll

*Rock County Education Association in honor of Tom Becker and Kristie Keller, Rock County Chamber of Commerce, Jerry & Rhonda Ammon in memory of Harry Buoy, Richard & Colleen Zvosec in memory of Mary Johns, Rich & Lora Lackaff, Paul & Mary Gurney, Kathy Post*

### Adopt-a-Student Post Prom

*Rock County Booster Club*

### RCHS Alumni

2020 recipients – Tanner Cole & Will Downing

*Don & Therese Swanson, Joan Lewis*

### 4-H Alumni

2019 recipient – Josie Kuchera

### Veta Panzer Akaka Memorial

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

### Jerry Anderson Memorial

2020 recipient – Will Downing

### Hazel Anson Memorial

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

### Robert Armstrong Memorial

*Walter Coulter*

### Mary Arnholt Memorial

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Joe & Cheryl Hazel*

### Larry “Tony” Arrowsmith Memorial

2020 recipient – Will Downing

*Duane & Marcia Fritz*

### Bartlett Family Memorial

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

### Bassett Arts Council M.B. Huffman Memorial

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

*Bassett Arts Council*

### Bassett Foundation

2020 recipients – Gunnar Bussinger & Tanner Cole

*Bassett Foundation*

### Bennett Family Scholarship

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

### Hazel Shald Brown Memorial

2020 recipient – Morgan Heyden

### James P. and Lena Brown Memorial

2020 recipient – Brandie Messersmith

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski*

### Elmer and Betty Christensen Family Scholarship

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

### Class of 1953 Teacher Honorary

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

### Class of 1958 Remembering

#### Classmates

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

### Class of 1959-Gene Cosgrove

*Judi Cross, Bob & Jan Fenemore, Jerry & Mary Morton, Cliff & Shirli Pacha, Roy & Patty Nelson, Dave & JoAnn Swanson, Chuck & Ann Shaw, Bill & Bonnie Sanger, Doris Nachtman, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Halsey, Ralph & Mary Lou Davis, Jerry & Barb Kaup, Ron & Betty Marcellus, Jerry & Cheryl Maurer*

### Class of 1975 Remembering

#### Classmates

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

### Class of 1980

*Daniel & Debbie Morrison*

### Class of 1983 Teacher Honorary

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

*Tim and Sherry Ward*

### Oscar and Frances Croghan Memorial

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

### Clint and Miriam Davis Memorial

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

*Duane & Maxine Garwood*

### Dorothy J. Davis Memorial

2020 recipient – Kolton Needham

*Don & Therese Swanson*

### Don & Nelda Kelly Memorial

2020 recipient – Kyle Gillis

*Gary & Lois Ellwanger, Michelle Ellwanger, Phil & Linda Whitely, Warren Matson, Lori Kelly*

### Grover Eastman Family Memorial

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

### Bill Fegley/Larry Kalkowski Memorial

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Duane & Marcia Fritz, Rock County Leader*

### Larry Kalkowski Memorial

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Jeff Kalkowski, Tim & Danay Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski, Walt Coulter, Mark Gubser, John & Anne Kalkowski, Bill & Alice Allen*

### Neva Peterson Forbes Memorial

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

### Kevin Foster and Laurel Foster Memorial

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Mark Gubser, Don & Therese Swanson, Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

### G&V's Market Scholarship

2020 recipients – Adam Turpin, Tanner Cole, Will Downing, Wyatt Olson

*G&V's Market*

### Ford and Edna Garwood Memorial

2020 recipient – Kyle Gillis

*Allen and Leanne Cook, Duane & Maxine Garwood*

### John and Goldie Gesiriech Family

2020 recipient – Tanner Cole

### Dr. A. Dean and Regina Gilg Memorial

2020 recipient – Morgan Heyden

*John & Anne Kalkowski*

### Dr. Harold J. Panzer Memorial

2020 recipient – Will Downing

*Duane & Maxine Garwood*

### Pearl Gorbail Memorial

2020 recipients – Kasey Teel & Kyle Gillis

### Betty Hall Memorial

2020 recipient – Kyle Gillis

### Lou and Louise Hall Memorial

2020 recipient – Tanner Cole

### Dwight and Barbara Halligan Memorial

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

### Hazard Family Memorial (in memory of Walter, Grace, James & Myra)

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

### Sam Jacobitz Memorial

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

### Don Jamison Memorial

2020 recipient – Tanner Cole

### Karen Harlan Jeffs Memorial

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

### Sue Jilg Memorial

2020 recipient – Brandie Messersmith

*Rich Munk, RC Hospital Auxiliary*

### Kay Lynn Kalkowski “Teacher of the Year” Scholarship

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Tim and Danay Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski, Bill & Alice Allen, Joe & Cheryl Hazel, Mark Gubser, John & Anne Kalkowski*

### Lorene Kernan Academic Scholarship

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

*John & Anne Kalkowski, Duane & Marcia Fritz, Joe & Cheryl Hazel*

### Gene and Mary Ellen Kincanon Family Scholarship

2020 recipient – Kyle Gillis

*Dann & Pamela Glendenning, Gregory & Janice Galloway, Paul & Mary Gurney, Mariel Fegley, Renee Ries, Phillip & Patricia Samuels, Deb Watchorn, Rodney & Patricia Shuman, Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Faye Simpson, LaMarr & Mary Gibson*

### Scott Knoetzel Memorial

2020 recipient – Tanner Cole

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Dave & Linda Knoetzel*

### Lyle & Jean Kops Honorary

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

### Lincoln Community Foundation - Sam Jacobitz Scholarship

2020 recipients – Brandie Messersmith, Gunnar Bussinger & Kolton Needham

*Lincoln Community Foundation*

### Warren and Delia McClurg Memorial

2020 recipient – Brandie Messersmith

### Frank and Donna McGuire Scholarship

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

*Duane & Maxine Garwood, Warren Matson*

**Grover McMullen Memorial Scholarship**

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

**Lisa Gierau Murdock Memorial**

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

*Mike & Jan Foster, Jeff Kalkowski, Daniel & Debbie Morrison, Rich Munk*

**Philip and Neva Nemer Memorial**

2020 recipient – Morgan Heyden

**Jan Turpin O'Hare Memorial**

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Joella and Mary Lou Pancake Memorial**

2020 recipient – Morgan Heyden

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Troy Quigley Memorial**

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Rock County Hospital Auxiliary**

2020 Recipients- Kolton Needham, Lauryn Stanton, Morgan Heyden, Kasey Teel

*Rock County Hospital Auxiliary*

**Rock County Hospital, LTC & Clinic**

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel, Morgan Heyden

*Rock County Hospital, LTC & Clinic*

**Lawrence and Hannah, Lloyd and Nellie Sandall Family**

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

**Sally Schroder Memorial**

2020 recipient – Tanner Cole

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Lee Ann Chinn*

**Clara Sieker Smith Memorial**

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Sons of the American**

**Legion/American Legion Riders**

2020 recipients – Adam Turpin

*Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders*

**Richard Stec Memorial**

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Michelle Ellwanger, Gary & Lois Ellwanger*

**Stolcpart Family Scholarship**

2020 recipient – Will Downing

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Duane & Marcia Fritz, Randy & Linda Stolcpart, Rod & Lori Stolcpart, Mark Gubser*

**Elmer and Helen Swanson Memorial**

2020 recipients – Adam Turpin,

Brendan Bussinger, Gunnar

Bussinger, Kasey Teel, Kolton

Needham, Will Downing, Wyatt Olson

*Daniel & Debbie Morrison, Don & Therese Swanson, Wade and Brandi Hollenbeck*

**C.M and Lillian Terry Memorial**

2020 recipient – Kolton Needham

**Leona Turpin Memorial**

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

**William Stibor Memorial**

2020 recipient – Adam Turpin

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Judy Stibor*

**Rod & Jean Miller Family**

2020 recipient – Will Downing

*Ben & Polly Wilson*

**Vetter Family**

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

**Jim & Leslie Fuhrman Memorial**

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

*Daniel & Debbie Morrison*

**John & Melva Fletcher Memorial**

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

**Jeanie Shankland Memorial**

2020 recipient – Kasey Teel

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Daniel & Debbie Morrison*

**Vera Jilg Memorial**

*Duane & Marcia Fritz*

**Amber Frerichs Memorial**

2020 recipient – Kolton Needham

*Bary & Amy Frerichs, Catherine Markisich, Les & Rachel Hall, Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Douglas Preston*

**Fox Family Memorial** (in memory of Don, Ruth and Kevin)

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

**Lanny Heyden Memorial**

2020 recipient – Wyatt Olson

*Mark & Mary Keck*

**Betty Swanson Memorial**

*Joe & Cheryl Hazel*

**David Harlan Memorial**

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Rex Arrowsmith Memorial**

2020 recipient – Lauryn Stanton

**Velda Klooz Memorial**

*Allen & Leanne Cook*

**Jake & Marcella Maurer Memorial**

2020 recipient – Gunnar Bussinger

*Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Sandra Kaup Memorial**

2020 recipient – Morgan Heyden

*Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Allen & Leanne Cook, Duane & Maxine Garwood, Daniel & Debbie Morrison*

**Sally Stewart Memorial**

2020 recipient – Brandie Messersmith

*Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Don & Therese Swanson, Kay Lynn Kalkowski*

**Mike Clark Memorial**

2020 recipient-Wyatt Olson

*Marty Clark*

**Engineering/Applied Science Scholarship**

2020 recipient - Brendan Bussinger

**Mahalia Hart Memorial**

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

**Floyd & Avis Hutton Memorial**

2020 recipient – Suzi Smiley

**Enrichment Scholarship**

*Don Fox*

**Alumni Banquet**

The Rock County Alumni committee is planning for next year's banquet on June 19, 2021. The Alumni Association will be sending out information and ticket forms soon and would like to include any special events planned by each honored year. Please contact the Alumni committee at PO Box 351, Bassett, NE 68714 or the Rock County Leader office at 402-684-3771 with the details about your reunion plans.

Updating alumni records is an ongoing project and your help is appreciated. Anyone with updates or corrections with contact information please contact Janice Devall.

Janice is currently in charge of keeping the alumni database updated. Mail will reach her at 308 E. Bertha St. Bassett, NE 68714. You can also email [updaterchs@yahoo.com](mailto:updaterchs@yahoo.com) or call 402-684-2247. Please put "address update" or similar wording in the subject line of an email so it won't be identified as spam.

### **Rock County High School Foundation Purpose**

The Rock County High School Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, which was incorporated in December of 1986 for the purpose of establishing a vehicle for contributions that would provide new and improved educational opportunities for the benefit of students, teachers, and residents of District 100, Rock County.

Proposed projects for the foundation include, but are not limited to: funding for academic or enrichment scholarships, special projects such as student exchanges, projects which are designed to improve instruction or curriculum and recognition of special accomplishments of staff or students.

Contributions can be made to the foundation as outright contributions -- contributions to the general fund, existing funds, or newly designated funds; recognition gifts -- cash gifts to honor a special occasion or person; deferred gifts -- bequests, trusts or life insurance; or memorial gifts -- money donated to honor a deceased friend or relative.

At the present time, a \$100.00 contribution can be designated for a specific one-year purpose. A \$2,500.00 contribution will perpetuate a \$100.00 scholarship. Contributions of less than \$100.00 can be made to the general fund or applied to any existing fund and contributions of any amount can be designated for any Rock County student through an Adopt-a-Student certificate.

#### **Academic Scholarships**

Over seventy academic scholarships totaling over \$28,000.00 were offered through the selection process to the graduating class of 2020.

#### **Enrichment Grants**

Six grants totaling \$900.00 are available to be used by individuals or groups for activities which are culturally or educationally enriching for students. The Paul H. and Jennie Engler FFA Enrichment Scholarship provides funds to FFA members for extracurricular enrichment activities. Members of the class of 1969 are funding an Enrichment Scholarship in honor of Velda Horner Klooz.

#### **Adopt-a-Student Certificates**

The Adopt-a-Student fund provides an opportunity for every Rock County student to have a scholarship account and allows donors to contribute to scholarship funds for students of their choice. Programs are currently in place to provide scholarship certificates for drawings at the annual Post Prom event, and recognize honor roll students, scholastic letter winners and FFA state farmer recipients.

Mail donations to: Jan Foster, Treasurer, RCHS Foundation, PO Box 326, Bassett, NE 68714

Rock County High School Foundation  
PO Box 326  
Bassett, NE 68714

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- 4-H Alumni
- Amber Frerichs Memorial
- Audrey Caskey Honorary
- Bartlett Family Memorial
- Bassett Arts Countil M.B. Huffman
- Bennett Family Memorial
- Betty Hall Memorial
- Bill Fegley & Larry Kalkowski Memorial
- Bob Armstrong Memorial
- C.M. and Lillian Terry Memorial
- Clara Sieker Smith Memorial
- Class of 1953 Teacher Honorary
- Class of 1959-Gene Cosgrove
- Class of 1958 Remembering Classmates
- Class of 1975 Remembering Classmates
- Class of 1980 Teacher Honorary
- Class of 1983 Teacher Honorary
- Clint and Mim Davis Memorial
- David Harlan Memorial
- Don and Nelda Kelly Memorial
- Don Jamison Memorial
- Dorothy J. Davis Memorial
- Dr. A. Dean and Regina Gilg Memorial
- Dr. Harold J. Panzer Memorial
- Dwight and Barbara Halligan Memorial
- Elmer and Betty Christensen Family
- Elmer and Helen Swanson Memorial
- Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Floyd & Avis Hutton Memorial
- Ford & Edna Garwood Memorial
- Fox Family (Don, Ruth, Kevin)
- Frank and Donna McGuire Honorary
- Fuhrman Family Memorial
- Gene and Mary Ellen Kincanon Family
- Grover Eastman Family Memorial
- Grover (Toby) McMullen Memorial
- Harry Swanson Memorial
- Hazel Anson Memorial
- Hazel Shald Brown Memorial
- James P. and Lena Brown Memorial
- Jan Turpin O'Hare Memorial
- Jeanie Shankland Memorial
- Jerry Anderson Memorial
- Joella & Mary Lou Pancake Memorial
- John and Goldie Gesirtech Family

### ADOPT-A-STUDENT FUNDS

- Honor Roll Certificate
- Post Prom Certificates
- FFA Recognition Certificate
- Student of Choice

- John and Melva Fletcher Memorial
- Karen Harlan Jeffs Memorial
- Kay Lynn Kalkowski Honorary
- Kevin Foster and Laurel Foster Memorial
- Lanny Heyden Memorial
- Larry Kalkowski Memorial
- Leona Turpin Memorial
- Lisa Gierau Murdock Memorial
- Lloyd & Betty Stolcpart Memorial
- Lorene Kernan Honorary
- Lou and Louise Hall Memorial
- Lyle and Jean Kops Honorary
- Mahalia Hart Memorial
- Mary Arnholt Memorial
- Maurer Family Memorial
- Mike Clark Memorial
- Neva Peterson Forbes Memorial
- Oscar and Frances Croghan Memorial
- Pearl Gorbail Memorial
- Phillip and Neva Nemer Memorial
- RCHS Alumni \_\_\_\_Year of Graduation
- Richard Stec Memorial
- Rock County Hospital Auxiliary
- Rod and Jean Miller Family
- Ron Knispel Honorary
- Sally Schroder Memorial
- Sally Stewart Memorial
- Sam Jacobitz Memorial
- Sandall Family (Lawrence, Hannah, Lloyd, Nellie)
- Sandy Kaup Memorial
- Scott Knoetzel Memorial
- Sue Jilg Memorial
- Tony Arrowsmith Memorial
- Troy Quigley Memorial
- Vera Jilg Memorial Fund
- Veta Panzer Akaka Memorial
- Vetter Family
- Hazard Family Memorial(Grace,Walter,James,Myra)
- Warren and Delia McClurg Memorial
- William Stibor Memorial

### ENRICHMENT

- Velda Horner Klooz
- RCHS Foundation Summer Enrichment
- Paul H. and Jennie Engler FFA Enrichment

**Please mark the scholarships of your choice and mail donations to RCHS Foundation, Box 326, Bassett, NE 68714 along with this form.**

**The RCHS Foundation is a private, not for profit corporation and is tax exempt under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**ROCK COUNTY PUBLIC  
LIBRARY RENOVATION  
PROJECT**

The intent of this renovation is to renovate the current garage space of the library to expand patron's ability to obtain and/or use the services and resources the library provides. The library is a wonderful place to learn and create for patrons of all ages and serves a vital role in our community. However, the current facility is getting dated and lacks the space needed, so we are not able to implement some programs and events that would be extremely beneficial to the community. This renovation would allow the library to host experiences not commonly found in rural areas that patrons of all ages could enjoy. **ABSOLUTELY NO TAXES WILL BE USED TO RENOVATE THE LIBRARY.**

**HOW WILL MY GIFTS BE  
RECOGNIZED?**

All gifts, no matter how small or large, will be recognized in a Special Donor Book, which will be maintained and on display at the library. Please specify your contributions as anonymous if so desired. Contributions of \$100 or larger will have a "book" on the bookshelf donor wall to receive recognition. A book can be purchased as a memorial or in the name of a person or group.

**LARGE DONATIONS AND  
GRANTS RECEIVED TO DATE**

Avis Hutton Estate- \$84,000  
Nebraska Community Foundation-  
\$20,000  
Rock County Growth- \$5,000  
KBR Operation Roundup- \$1,000  
Don Fox- \$1,000

**HOW MUCH MONEY MUST BE  
RAISED?**

Construction costs for our renovation are estimated to be \$212,000. The Library/ Foundation Board and Brink Designing have designed the renovation to our building which will include a small addition. This is only a schematic design and may be altered depending on funds raised. We have approximately \$140,000 accounted for currently and are still seeking grants to help further fund the project. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated to help the library complete the fundraising process towards the renovation.

**Please remit donations to:**

Rock County Public  
Library Foundation  
PO Box 465  
Bassett, NE 68714

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Macey Lackaff at 402-684-3800 or by email: [rockcolib@abbnebraska.com](mailto:rockcolib@abbnebraska.com)