ROCK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION FALL REPORT 2023

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.

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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 with their education.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Richard Torpin Lackaff Memorial

Richard Torpin Lackaff graduated from Rock County High School at age 16 in 1942. After one year at the University of Nebraska and a stint with the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War Two, he returned to his boyhood home in the Sandhills where he ranched for the rest of his life. A breeder of Hereford cattle, he held leadership positions in organizations throughout the beef industry and was a founding member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He loved observing nature (particularly birds), collecting Western art and cut glass, and studying history. He encouraged his children to further their education after high school, and we want to honor his memory by helping other Rock County graduates to continue learning in whatever field they choose.

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 4 to donate to the 2024 RCHS Alumni Scholarship fund. If you graduated in 44, 54, 64, 74, 84, 94, 04, 14 or would like to honor someone in a 4 class, your donation would be appreciated!

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!

Financial Report 4/27/87 through	9/30/23	
Contributions	\$ 966,363.04	
Net Gains	\$ 474,252.84	
Total Income	\$ 1,440,615.88	
Operating Expenses	\$ 55,521.97	
College Scholarships Paid	\$ 407,593.05	
Scholarship Certificates Paid	\$ 105,628.63	
Enrichment Grants Paid	\$ 10,816.00	
Music/Track/Yearbook Projects	\$ 7,045,63	
Total Disbursements	\$ 586,605.28	
Balance	\$ 854,010.60	

REMINDER

Any scholarship fund can accept donations from all contributors. Donations make our scholarships possible.

Mail Donations to: Jan Foster, Treasurer, RCHS Foundation, P.O. Box 326 Bassett, NE 68714

If you are willing to receive the Fall Newsletter by email, please email Jan Foster at fosterjan23@gmail.com

Scotty Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Loren Scott (Scotty)Thompson was our oldest son, born September 14, 1960. And lived in the Bassett area all his growing up years, with us and his brother Kent and sister, Jill. He was a beautiful, fun baby but when he was about 3 years old, we became aware that he wasn't going to develop mentally like other children but was physically just fine. So, we started looking for ways to help him get an education that fit his needs. Living in rural Nebraska nearly 60 years ago it was a struggle. But when he was 6, we enrolled him in a developmental center in Broken Bow Nebraska. It was a difficult decision due to the distance, which was daunting to say the least, and we did that for about a year. Then I heard of a program called Doman and Delacatto. A program whereby exercise and stimulation could teach the undamaged part of the brain to do the work of the damaged part, BUT you needed a lot of community support, and Bassett being the supportive community it is, we embarked. We had four helpers come in twice a day, six days a week. Beverly Gallaway, and others from my extension club, Twilight Belles, took on the daunting task of arranging helpers. I will always be grateful to all of the ladies who took their time and energy to help. He was always such an amiable guy, he went along with everything, a real trooper. After a year and a half of monthly trips to Omaha, Scotty accidentally broke his leg. So, this brought us to time at home. Then a training center was started in Ainsworth and seemed like an answer to a prayer. We could take him daily and he'd be home at night. He and I were both exhausted from the Doman and Delacatto program and were ready to try something new. So after nearly a year in Ainsworth the program shut down. We had time at home again using some of our past training daily. Then a lady from Norfolk, Nebraska called and wanted us to try their program. By then Scotty was 12 and we thought maybe he could tolerate the situation of being away from home 4 nights a week. I would take him on Monday, pick him up on Friday afternoon, and he would live in a group home those 4 nights. So again, we launched another grueling program. Bassett friends and our family, the Petersons, Thompsons, and the Atkinson's rallied once again and if they were traveling that way, they would deliver him on Monday or pick him up on Friday. A wonderful break for me. After 4 years there, DuWayne was offered a job in Norfolk. Happy days were here again, Scott would be home nights with us, and still able to go to the developmental center. Two years later fate took another turn and we moved to Chamberlain, SD, but they had a great developmental center there. So, we moved and after 2 years, DuWayne accepted a job in Ainsworth, NE. And we were back to a residential situation in Chamberlain, for a short time while we searched for something. In the interim Scotty went to live at Bethphage Mission in Axtell NE, while we found a new training center. Scotty had always been nonverbal, he communicated but didn't use his voice. At this point he was diagnosed as autistic. None of these things had ever affected his mobility as he was always very mobile, to the point of taking off on his own, which could be a little scary. Next his case worker felt he would be better off in a group home in Grand Island to live a more adult life. By then he was 34 and they felt should be treated as an adult. Not ideal but by then we had moved to Lincoln, and I was working as well. Then Jill married this wonderful man, Darin Hoffmaster, and they lived in Cozad, where South Central Developmental was located, So Scotts sister, Jill and Darin wanted to try letting him live with them and go to South Central. Big decision as he was settled in Grand Island. But his case worker said to us if Scotty could make his own decision what would he do? That made it very simple, as we knew he would want to live with his sister's family. So, Jill made her guest room into Scotty's room, and she transported him to the workshop when she went to work and picked him up at four when he was done. And that is where he lived for the next 18 years. We lost him on November 5, 2022. What did he succumb to? I would say because he was nonverbal and couldn't communicate a problem and doctors just couldn't find what the problem was. He was the most important chapter in all our lives and such an important part of our family. He taught us all, much more than we taught him, in spite of all of our efforts. I will quote a couple things from the Eulogy his brother Kent, delivered at his service. "Scott's symbol is humility; if you don't believe it walk in his shoes a couple days" Scotty will never lie to anyone, gossip or bear false witness, none of us can say that."

We as a family decided we wanted to use the Memorial Dollars to help someone who was interested in Special Education, in hopes that they maybe could help some special needs person have a better shot at life. Thank you for reading Scotty's story.





OUR THANKS!

Listings include those who contributed to the funds from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. Donor names are in italics.

Adopt-a-Student Certificates Karl &

Cindy Connell, Jean Fuhrman, Chris Nielsen, Marc & Harlee Gentele, Andrew & Matyson Hollenbeck, Rich & Ginger Schmidt, Jerry & Rhonda Ammon, Lynn & Shirley Hickman, Les & Rachel Hall, Rich & Lora Lackaff, United Methodist Church, Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Bassett Arts Council

Adopt-a-Student Honor Roll

Bassett/Rock County Chamber of Commerce, Rich & Lora Lackaff, Kathy Post, Steve & Lindsay Dodds, Tom & Pat Thompson

Adopt-a-Student Post Prom Rock County Booster Club

RCHS Alumni

2023 recipients – Dalton Clemens & Raden Orton *Junelle Mongno*

4-H Alumni

2023 recipient – McKenna Wietzki Junelle Mongno, Daniel & Shannon Keller

Veta Panzer Akaka Memorial 2023 recipient – McKenna Wietzki Jerry Anderson Memorial

2023 recipient – Bralee Jepson

Hazel Anson Memorial

2023 recipient – William Pfister Deanna Lackaff

Robert Armstrong Memorial Junelle Mongno, Don & Therese Swanson

Mary Arnholt Memorial

2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Deanna Lackaff, Junelle Mongno

Larry "Tony" Arrowsmith Memorial 2023 recipient — William Pfister Roger & Debra Arrowsmith, Clay & Kayla Fischer, Wade & Brandi Hollenbeck, Kay Lynn

Bartlett Family Memorial

2023 recipient - Savannah McGowen

Bassett Arts Council M.B. Huffman Memorial

2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen Bassett Arts Council

Bassett Foundation

2023 recipients – Bralee Jepsen & Raden Orton

Bassett Foundation

Kalkowski

Bennett Family Scholarship

2023 recipient – Raden Orton Deanna Lackaff, Junelle Mongno

Hazel Shald Brown Memorial 2023 recipient – McKenna Wietzki

James P. and Lena Brown Memorial

2023 recipient – Garrett May

Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski, Steve & Lindsay Dodds

Elmer and Betty Christensen Family Scholarship

2023 recipient - Kyra Anthony

Class of 1953 Teacher Honorary 2023 recipient – Kyra Anthony Class of 1958 Remembering

Classmates 2023 recipient – William Pfister

2023 recipient – William Pfister Class of 1975 Remembering Classmates

2023 recipient – Carson Anderson Class of 1983 Teacher Honorary 2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup

Oscar and Frances Croghan Memorial

2023 recipient – Savanah McGowan Clint and Miriam Davis Memorial

2023 recipient – Savanah McGowen

Duane and Maxine Garwood

Audrey Caskey Honorary
Don & Therese Swanson, Carol Lowenstein

Dorothy J. Davis Memorial

2023 recipient – Cameron Bussinger Don & Therese Swanson, Daniel & Shannon Keller, Deanna Lackaff

Don & Nelda Kelly Memorial

2023 recipient – Gracie Swanson Warren Matson, Lori Kelly, Philip & Linda Whiteley

Grover Eastman Family Memorial 2023 recipient – Dalton Clemens

Bill Fegley/Larry Kalkowski Memorial

2023 recipient – Allie Cosgrove Larry Kalkowski Memorial

2023 recipient — Allie Cosgrove Tim & Danay Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski, John & Anne Kalkowski, Deanna Lackaff, Don & Therese Swanson

Neva Peterson Forbes Memorial

2023 recipient — Raden Orton Agnes Frahm, Patricia Ronnebaum, Greg & Pam Frahm, Kathy Frahm, Ferne Briggs, Dale Briggs (in memory of Sylvia Forbes Dixon and Mary Fletcher Frahm

Foster Family Memorial

2023 recipient – Allie Cosgrove & Jackson Kaup

Joe & Cheryl Hazel, Jan Foster, Don & Therese Swanson

G&V's Market Scholarship

2023 recipients – Dawson Deibler, Garrett May, Mariah Ost, Gracie Swanson

G&V's Market

Ford and Edna Garwood Memorial

2023 recipient – Carson Anderson Allen and Leanne Cook, Duane & Maxine Garwood, Deanna Lackaff

John and Goldie Gesiriech Family

2023 recipient — Jackson Kaup Neil and Carol Edmunds, Milton & Jacqulyn Owens, Harlan & Lori Greenberg, Fred & Patricia Meisinger, Joan Chemidlin, Norman & Amy Stoll, Sharron Gilson, Charles & Sara Johnston, Sarah Gesiriech

Dr. A. Dean and Regina Gilg Memorial

2023 recipient – Tatelyn Smith John & Anne Kalkowski

Dr. Harold J. Panzer Memorial

2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen Deanna Lackaff

Pearl Gorball Memorial

2023 recipients – Garrett May & Gracie Swanson

Betty Hall Memorial

2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup Daniel & Shannon Keller

Lou and Louise Hall Memorial

2023 recipient – Carson Anderson Dwight and Barbara Halligan Memorial

2023 recipient - Savanah McGowan

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

2023 recipients – Cameron Bussinger

& Allie Cosgrove Terry Hazard

Sam Jacobitz Memorial

2023 recipient - Kyra Anthony

Don Jamison Memorial

2023 recipient - Dalton Clemens

Karen Harlan Jeffs Memorial

Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Tamara Kaup

Sue Jilg Memorial

2023 recipient – Dalton Clemens RC Hospital Auxiliary

Kay Lynn Kalkowski "Teacher of the Year" Scholarship

2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup Tim and Danay Kalkowski, Chris & Marsha Kalkowski, Deanna Lackaff, Daniel & Shannon Keller, Junelle Mungno, John & Anne Kalkowski

Lorene Kernan Academic Scholarship

2023 recipient – McKenna Wietzki Deanna Lackaff, Junelle Mongno, John & Anne Kalkowski

Gene and Mary Ellen Kincanon Family Scholarship

2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Deanna Lackaff, Junelle Monano

Scott Knoetzel Memorial

2023 recipient – Raden Orton Dave & Linda Knoetzel, Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Daniel & Shannon Keller

Lyle & Jean Kops Honorary

2023 recipient – William Pfister Deanna Lackaff

Lincoln Community Foundation - Sam Jacobitz Scholarship

2023 recipients – Kyra Anthony, Garrett May, Gracie Swanson Lincoln Community Foundation

Warren and Delia McClurg Memorial

2023 recipient – Kyra Anthony Frank and Donna McGuire

Scholarship

2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup Duane & Maxine Garwood, Warren Matson

Toby McMullen Memorial Scholarship

2023 recipient - William Pfister Lisa Gierau Murdock Memorial

2023 recipient - Carson Anderson

Daniel & Shannon Keller

Philip and Neva Nemer Memorial 2023 recipient – Kyra Anthony Deanna Lackaff

Jan Turpin O'Hare Memorial

2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Deanna Lackaff, Junelle Mongno

Joella and Mary Lou Pancake Memorial

Kay Lynn Kalkowski

Troy Quigley Memorial

2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Todd Quigley

Rock County Hospital Auxiliary 2023 Recipients- Savanah McGowan, Tatelyn Smith & McKenna Wietzki Rock County Hospital Auxiliary

Rock County Hospital, LTC & Clinic 2023 recipient – Tatelyn Smith Rock County Hospital, LTC & Clinic

Lawrence and Hannah, Lloyd and Nellie Sandall Family

2023 recipient – Dalton Clemens Paul & Kay Knox

Sally Schroder Memorial 2023 recipient — Bralee Jepsen Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Lee Ann Chinn, Daniel & Shannon Keller

Clara Sieker Smith Memorial 2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen Kay Lynn Kalkowski

Sons of the American Legion 2023 recipient – Cameron Bussinger & Mariah Ost

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American Legion Riders 2023 recipients – Mariah Ost American Legion Riders

Richard Stec Memorial 2023 recipient – Raden Orton

Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Michelle Ellwanger, Jeanne Stec

Stolcpart Family Scholarship 2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Deanna Lackaff

Elmer and Helen Swanson Memorial 2023 recipients – Carson Anderson, Brooklyn Buell, Allie Cosgrove, Jackson Kaup, Garrett May, Mariah Ost, Tatelyn Smith, Gracie Swanson, McKenna Wietzki

Don & Therese Swanson

C.M., Lillian, Robert & Reid Terry Memorial

2023 recipient – McKenna Wietzki Duane and Maxine Garwood

Leona Turpin Memorial

2023 recipient - Tatelyn Smith Deanna Lackaff

William Stibor Memorial Tamara Kaup, Kay Lynn Kalkowski Rod & Jean Miller Family

2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup Daniel & Shannon Keller, John & Anne Kalkowski

Vetter Family

2023 recipient - McKenna Wietzki

Jim & Leslie Fuhrman Memorial 2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen

John & Melva Fletcher Memorial 2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Don & Therese Swanson, Deanna Lackaff Jeanie Shankland Memorial

2023 recipient – Savanah McGowan Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Tamara Kaup

Vera Jilg/Burgett Family 2023 recipient – Carson Anderson Deanna Lackaff, Jilg/Burgett Family

Amber Frerichs Memorial 2023 recipient – Allie Cosgrove

Fox Family Memorial (in memory of Don, Ruth and Kevin) 2023 recipient – William Pfister

Lanny Heyden Memorial

2023 recipient - William Pfister

David Harlan Memorial 2023 recipient – Allie Cosgrove

Kay Lynn Kalkowski
Velda Klooz Memorial

Allen & Leanne Cook, Deanna Lackaff, Kay Lynn Kalkowski

Jake & Marcella Maurer Memorial 2023 recipient – William Pfister Deanna Lackaff

Sandra Kaup Memorial 2023 recipient – William Pfister Allen & Leanne Cook, Duane & Maxine Garwood, Tamara Kaup

Sally Stewart Memorial 2023 recipient – Dawson Deibler Don & Therese Swanson, Kay Lynn

Kalkowski
Mike Clark Memorial
2023 recipient – Carson Anderson

2023 recipient – Carson Anderson Kay Lynn Kalkowski

Engineering/Applied Science Scholarship 2023 recipient – Brooklyn Buell

Mahalia Hart Memorial 2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup

Floyd & Avis Hutton Memorial 2023 recipient – Jackson Kaup Deanna Lackaff, Don & Therese Swanson

Harry Swanson Memorial 2023 recipient – William Pfister Don & Therese Swanson

Betty Marcellus Memorial 2023 recipient – Bralee Jepsen Don & Carolyn Fox

Enrichment
Daniel & Shannon Keller

Gene Turpin Memorial Junelle Mongno, Deanna Lackaff

Richard T. Lackaff Memorial Deanna Lackaff

Scotty Thompson Memorial DuWayne & Ann Thompson

Alumni Banquet

The Rock County alumni banquet brunch and parade is tentatively set for June 15, 2024. A chairperson (s) is still needed for the banquet. Among the volunteers helping in 2023: Brandi Hollenbeck & Deb Fischer (folding and mailing letters), Debbie and Daniel Morrison and Merv and Jan Buoy (parade), FFA (serving and clean-up), Deb Fischer & Jeanne Grantzinger (setting up the tables and chairs), Duane Fritz (MC), Kyra Anthony (Senior Response), Dennis Quigley (minister), Class of 1973 (handed out name badges at the banquet), 20 year class (decorating), Cathy Doke (constructed the alumni letter and sold tickets at the Rock County Leader).

Anyone interested in chairing can contact Jan Foster, Cathy Doke or mail the Rock County Alumni, PO Box 351, Bassett, NE 68714

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

Jan is currently in charge of keeping the alumni database updated. You can email updaterchs@yahoo.com or call 402-760-3066. Please put "address update" or similar wording in the subject line of an email so it won't be identified as spam.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

	4-H Alumni			Jerry Anderson Memorial
·-··	Amber Frerichs Memorial			Joella & Mary Lou Pancake Memorial
	Audrey Caskey Honorary			John and Goldie Gesiriech Family
	Bartlett Family Memorial			John and Melva Fletcher Memorial
	Bassett Arts Countil M.B. Huffman			Karen Harlan Jeffs Memorial
	Bennett Family Memorial			Kay Lynn Kalkowski Honorary
	Betty Hall Memorial	ADOPT-A-STUDENT FUNDS	***************************************	Lanny Heyden Memorial
	Bill Fegley & Larry Kalkowski Memorial	Honor Roll Certificate		Larry Kalkowski Memorial
	Bob Armstrong Memorial	Post Prom Certificates	*****	Leona Turpin Memorial
	Clifford, Lillian, Robert and Reid Terry Memorial	FFA Recognition Certificate		Lisa Gierau Murdock Memorial
	Clara Sieker Smith Memorial	Student of Choice	 	Lloyd & Betty Stolcpart Memorial
	Class of 1953 Teacher Honorary	***	***************************************	Lorene Kernan Honorary
	Class of 1958 Remembering Classmates		•	Lou and Louise Hall Memorial
	Class of 1975 Remembering Classmates	ENRICHMENT		Lyle and Jean Kops Honorary
	Class of 1980 Teacher Honorary	Velda Horner Klooz RCHS Foundation	·	Mahalia Hart Memorial
	Class of 1983 Teacher Honorary	Summer Enrichment		Mary Arnholt Memorial
	Clint and Mirn Davis Memorial	Paul H. and Jennie Engler FFA Enrichment		Maurer Family Memorial
	David Harlan Memorial			Mike Clark Memorial
	Don and Nelda Kelly Memorial			Neva Peterson Forbes Memorial
	Don Jamison Memorial			Oscar and Frances Croghan Memorial
	Dorothy J. Davis Memorial			Pearl Gorball Memorial
	Dr. A. Dean and Regina Gilg Memorial			Phillip and Neva Nemer Memorial
	Dr. Harold J. Panzer Memorial			RCHS AlumniYear of Graduation
	Dwight and Barbara Halligan Memorial			Richard T. Lackaff Memorial
	Elmer and Betty Christensen Family			Richard Stec Memorial
	Elmer and Helen Swanson Memorial			Rock County Hospital Auxiliary
	Engineering and Applied Sciences			Rod and Jean Miller Family
	Floyd & Avis Hutton Memorial			Sally Schroder Memorial
	Ford & Edna Garwood Memorial		V*************************************	Sally Stewart Memorial
	Foster Family Memorial			Sam Jacobitz Memorial
	Fox Family (Don, Ruth, Kevin)			Sandall Family (Lawrence, Hannah, Lloyd, Nellie)
	Frank and Donna McGuire Honorary			Sandy Kaup Memorial
	Fuhrman Family Memorial			Scott Knoetzel Memorial
	Gene and Mary Ellen Kincanon Family			Scotty Thompson Memorial
	Gene Turpin Memorial			Sue Jilg Memorial
	Grover Eastman Family Memorial			Tony Arrowsmith Memorial
	Grover (Toby) McMullen Memorial			Troy Quigley Memorial
	Harry Swanson Memorial			Vera Jilg/Burgett Family Memorial Fund
	Hazel Anson Memorial			Veta Panzer Akaka Memorial
	Hazel Shald Brown Memorial			Vetter Family
	James P. and Lena Brown Memorial		******	Hazard Family Memorial(Grace, Walter, James, Myra)
	Jan Turpin O'Hare Memorial			Warren and Delia McClurg Memorial
	Jeanie Shankland Memorial			William Stibor Memorial
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