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## 2021 Annual Report

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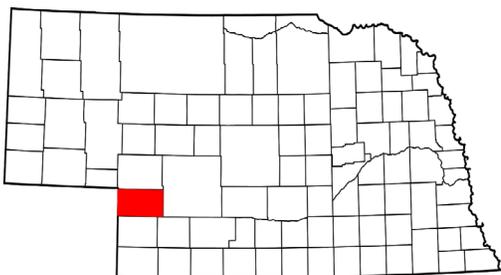
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## Perkins County Community Foundation Fund sees growth in 2021 as we look to the future

The year 2021 seems to have moved to a more normal year, although the COVID struggles continue with variants. The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund, PCCFF, continued to consider application for various project in 2021; many of them are described in this report. We are grateful for the support of individuals, organizations and businesses this year.

This report covers four areas. First included are the activities of the Fund Advisory Committee (FAC) and the projects funded. Secondly, we list the contributors of the Fund since the founding of PCCFF. Then the report discusses the financials of the Fund. And last the plans for the future are considered. This report is designed to keep local citizens updated on the Fund activities.

Members of the FAC are listed to the left of this article. These are volunteers who all work hard to be active in promoting “vibrant communities” within the County. During the past year, The FAC has updated its Vision and Mission statements, provided on the front of this report. The FAC also formalized “Articles of Operation” during 2021. Currently the FAC is working on recruiting new members of the Committee with an interest in including representatives from across Perkins County.

The FAC has made it a focus to maintain communication with various non-profit organizations and government organizations to collaborate on funding various projects around the County, such as those described herein. We encourage recommendations from the public.

This time of the year is a time of thanks for our many blessings. And on behalf of our FAC, I wish to express our deepest gratitude for your support during 2021. Best wishes to you during the upcoming Holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Demmel, Chair  
308-352-6138

# Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

## 4-H archers get up and running

After a few years of inactivity, the Perkins County 4-H archers club is again up and running thanks to committed members of the community and assistance from the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund.

PCCFF recently donated \$1,000 to help Carissa and Mitchell Cornelius purchase new archery equipment, which has a total cost of \$3,800, according to Carissa Cornelius. The previous archery club had borrowed equipment, but did not own any as a club. The remaining amount of money was raised by the group through fundraisers and other donations, Carissa said.

The club is helping approximately 30 kids from Perkins County learn the skills of archery, Cornelius said. Archery will teach those participating the fundamentals of archery along with safety, responsibility, and teamwork. The club consists of both boys and girls ages 8-18.



Perkins County Community Foundation Fund Treasurer Michelle Ross, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Carissa Cornelius of the Perkins County 4-H Archers Club. The money will help the group get up and running again after several years of being inactive.

## \$1,000 assists Westview Retirement Community with heating/cooling units

Residents at Westview Retirement Community were a little cooler this past summer and will be warmer this winter thanks to new heating and cooling units that have been installed in each room. The units were purchased with money from donations, including a \$1,000 donation from the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund.

According to former Westview Administrator Amber Hilton, who applied for the grant, Westview sought to replace the 27-year-old units, installed when the facility was built, because they were becoming too costly to repair and maintain.

“The new units will be more reliable for the residents, and provide them with peace-of-mind that they will be comfortable all year round,” Hilton said in the grant’s application.

PCCFF is excited to be a part of the ongoing effort to keep Westview a viable part of the Perkins County community. More replacement of H/C units is planned.



## Perkins County Ambulance receives funds to purchase Zoll ECG Vitals Monitor

With inflation on the rise, everyone is strapped for money, including emergency services entities in Perkins County. However, one way the county’s emergency services are able to stay viable is utilizing money created through the county’s “piggy bank”—the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund (PCCFF).

Recently, the PCCFF donated \$1,000 to the Perkins County Ambulance Department to help them purchase a Zoll 12-Lead ECG Vitals Monitor. The monitor allows the ambulance crew to read an individual’s heart vitals in the ambulance and then transmit the information to the hospital prior to the patient arriving by at the hospital, according to Fire Chief Fred Reichert. This equipment allows the hospital to be ready before the patient arrives.

According to Reichert, the Perkins County Ambulance Department has historically been a non-tax supported entity for more than the past 10 years. Because of this, having the funds to purchase such upgraded equipment as the Zoll 12-lead ECG Monitor has been hard to come by.

# Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

## Youth assist with social media sites; are chosen as FAC reps

Most adults who live in Perkins County love being able to call our county home. In February, the PCCFF took a survey of Perkins County High School youth to see if they felt the same way. Since that time we have worked with the results to launch social media pages to connect community groups and organizations with youth for volunteer opportunities, and we have recruited a few youth to come and volunteer for the FAC.

Both a Facebook Group and an Instagram Page entitled “Perkins County, NE Volunteer Opportunities” were created with the help of PCHS youth feedback. These platforms are for all in the county, not just the youth. We hope organizations, businesses and groups that need help with events in the county can first post on the Facebook page about their available volunteer opportunities, and then the post will be added to Instagram. From there, those who wish to volunteer can see the posts and respond.

Working in-step with the social media volunteer pages, the PCCFF took another step to provide an opportunity for high school 9th-12th grade students to be youth representatives of the FAC. The FAC is pleased to announce that we have chosen three youth from Perkins County to serve as representatives for the FAC—Caleb Costrini, Hayden Foster, and Kaitlin Meyer. The FAC is excited to welcome these three youth, and will be introducing them further in future newspaper articles as they get more involved with PCCFF.

The PCCFF has appreciated the feedback and input from our Perkins County youth over recent months. The FAC looks forward to continued conversations, youth projects, and a bright future for all youth in Perkins County, Nebraska!



## Venango thankful for clean-up assistance

The Village of Venango, a recipient of \$5,000 in 2019 from the PCCFF, has used the funds to help with community cleanup and beautification. The Village recently thanked the PCCFF for its partnership.

“We appreciate so much the help we were given through the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund,” stated the Village in their thank you. “It benefits Venango residents and makes the community a much better place to live.”

The money from PCCFF was used in Venango to provide a roll-off dumpster for the community. The beautification project in Venango is an ongoing project to clean up the community. This is a way for the Village to provide more services to the community. The community also benefited from funds given in years past from the PCCFF for lights being removed from the old football field.



PCCFF funds helped Venango provide a roll-off dumpster for its citizens.

# Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

## PCCFF welcomes Jones and Osler; says “thank you” to past members

The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund is pleased to welcome two new members—Rebecca Jones and Amanda Osler.

### Rebecca Jones

Rebecca (Cornelius) Jones grew up on her family’s farm near Madrid, graduating from high school in 2014. She attended college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earning a degree in Ag Education in 2017. In 2019, she married Ben Jones of Hastings. The couple currently live in Grant where they both work at Perkins County Schools. Rebecca teaches math at the Jr. High and High School and Ben serves as the principal for the Jr. High and High School. For hobbies, Rebecca enjoys spending time with family and being outdoors. Rebecca has been on the FAC since late 2020, and has already been very instrumental in leading its youth subcommittee in several projects. Rebecca is excited to help move Perkins County forward with her new role on the FAC.



Rebecca Jones



Amanda Osler

### Amanda Osler

Amanda Osler grew up in Elsie on her family’s farm, graduating from high school in 2015. After high school, she continued her education at Mid-Plains Community College and finished with a degree in Fine Arts. She returned to the area and married her high school sweetheart, Dustin (Frickey) Osler. She and her husband both currently work at Hi-Line Cooperative, Inc. in Elsie, where Amanda is an office assistant and Dustin is a custom applicator. Amanda’s hobbies include crafting, working out, and being outdoors. Amanda and Dustin will soon make their home in Elsie. Amanda is excited about her new role on the Perkins County FAC.

### Thank you to Gloy, Foster, and Bishop

Besides welcoming our two new members, the PCCFF wants to also say “thank you” to three recent outgoing members—Angela Gloy, Val Foster, and Kim Bishop. The FAC thanks these three ladies for their years of committed service to the Fund and to Perkins County.

## 2021 PCCFF Financial Report

The Perkins County Community Foundation Fund, PCCFF, has endowment funds of some \$675,000. The PCCFF endowments are managed by the Nebraska Community Foundation, which also manages some \$50 million in “unrestricted” endowed assets for 78 other “community based affiliated funds” in Nebraska. Currently the PCCFF is receiving a “payout” of over \$19,500 in the current fiscal year ending July 1, 2022. In addition, there is a “carry forward” from the 2021 fiscal year of some \$7,200 that is also available until July 1, 2022. However, it is noted that the local Fund Advisory Committee committed \$5,000 to Southwest Community Betterment Corporation in June of the 2021 fiscal year and payable in 2022 for a special housing project in Grant. As this report goes to print, PCCFF has been informed of an anonymous gift of \$100,000 for its endowment fund. This greatly expands the above numbers over time.

A three year “rolling average” is used to determine payout, which provides stability through variations in annual economics, as has been the case recently. Since the 2019 endowment campaign revenue is still climbing the three year “rolling average” analysis, the annual payout will likely increase in the coming several years to perhaps \$30,000, as projected by Jason Kennedy, CFO of the Nebraska Community Foundation, depending on the economy and investment returns. New contributions to the endowment would also potentially increase payout. Earnings on the endowment investments presently provide 4.5 percent annual payout with additional earnings providing growth to the endowment assets. Total “annualized returns” for the past 10 years have been near 10 percent.

Jeff Yost, CEO of the NCF, describes community endowment funds as “discretionary funds”, dollars available when needed, and not restricted to budget limitations, as is the case with many agencies and organizations.”

Fees for affiliated funds of the Nebraska Community Foundation have increased from \$150 to \$300 per quarter during the past year. These fees are utilized to provide excellent support to affiliated funds including training, publications and technical support. Denise Garey, regional coordinator, provides ongoing and excellent recommendations for the local Fund Advisory Committee.

The payout from the endowment is used to fund grants for local community projects within Perkins County, like those projects described in this annual report. Grants for community projects by PCCFF are available by applying with Michelle Ross, treasurer, at 308-882-8469. Government entities and 501-c-3, non profit organizations are eligible.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Demmel, Chair  
308-352-6138

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# Perkins County Community Foundation Fund

## Looking to the future.....

The Fund Advisory Committee, FAC, of the Perkins County Community Foundation Fund has conducted a process of “Action Planning” during the past year. Through this exercise, the FAC updated its Vision, Mission and Values statements, which are listed on the front of this report. Various goals for the Fund were also established. “Impact Planning” is the next step in the planning process, supported by the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF). NCF has commissioned the University of Nebraska-Omaha to provide a range of statistical information on communities associated with “community based affiliated funds”, such as PCCFF. The data will be analyzed during training sessions in 2022 to determine where and how the Fund can impact community development in Perkins County in the future.

During the early years of the Fund, distribution of funds has been provided to non-profit and government agencies as grant applications are submitted. The FAC has “Standards for Judging Grant Applications”. More recently, the FAC has begun to “think outside the box” in terms of looking at the community and determining what projects should be considered beyond applications by various entities. Then the FAC could look for partners to share in the establishment of new projects to the benefit of the community. “Impact Planning” in 2022 will likely nurture this concept.

During Action Planning activities of 2021, various goals were established for the FAC and the Fund. The FAC will focus on these goals, including expanding the endowment fund in the future. One of the opportunities is to promote planned giving among our loyal contributors. This step involves encouraging community members to prepare wills or other documents in estate planning. The Nebraska Community Foundation can offer assistance in the process in addition to local FAC recommendations. Some local citizens may wish to seek assistance from their church financial advisors or with other organizations in estate planning. Your local FAC is available to assist in this matter or to seek additional assistance.

As indicated earlier, FAC members wish to recruit leaders for the present and future. One effort is to seek members from a range of citizen organizations in order to include representation from across the population. Efforts, for example, are being made to provide geographical balance within the County, so that all communities are represented. The FAC is limited to 12 members. As potential members are being considered, some individuals might participate within an advisory capacity to the FAC, something being further studied at this time.

The Fund has committed \$5,000 as a “cash match” to a major housing project of the Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation. The effort is supported by grant funding from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, totaling nearly \$678,000. The project would provide construction of two new homes in Grant in addition to some rental rehabilitation. Eventually the new homes, built on existing lots with infrastructure, would be sold to provide new funding for additional homes in the community. The Perkins County FAC appreciates the work of SWNCBC in an area of significant need and potential development impact.

The local Fund Advisory Committee looks forward to funding grants in 2022 for local community projects. Contact Treasurer Michelle Ross at 308-882-8469 or michelle.ross@pinnbank.com for details and applications.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Demmel, Chair  
308-352-6138

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