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On the cover: Allison Carpenter of Scottsbluff -
2021 Recipient of the OTCF Agribusiness Scholarship



HAPPY HOUR 5:30-6:30 PM

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS - BILL BOYER
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LIVE AUCTION ITEMS AND DONORS
ALL ABOUT THE REVERSE RAFFLE

RICK TUGGLE, OTCF BOARD PRESIDENT
INTRODUCTION OF EVENT COMMITTEE, BOARD & STAFF

OTCF GRANT AWARDS - JIM REINHARDT,
OTCF GRANT COMMITTEE CHAIR

PRAYER FOR MEAL / BLESSINGS - PASTOR TIM HEBBERT

DINNER - 6:30PM

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

YOUTH AG LEADERSHIP AWARD - PRESENTED BY WYOTECH
SPIRIT OF AG AWARD - PRESENTED BY 21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT
AG FAMILY AWARD - PRESENTED BY PLATTE VALLEY BANK

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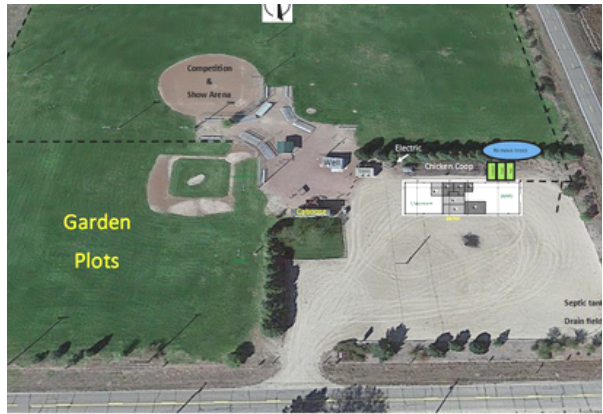
MORRILL SCHOOLS AG COMPLEX

2022 Grant Award - \$10,000



This new ag complex will provide opportunity for students to learn about, and market school-based ag business ventures, such as:

- Crop production, processing and marketing
- Bee Hive management, honey production and marketing
- Tree farm and orchard development, management and marketing
- Ag mechanics learning the processes and using these skills to serve the needs of the region





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PAST OTCF AG GRANT RECIPIENTS

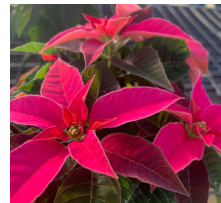
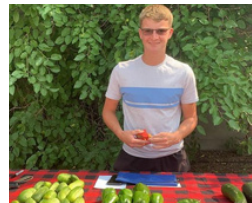
BAYARD SCHOOLS FFA GREENHOUSE

Bayard, NE



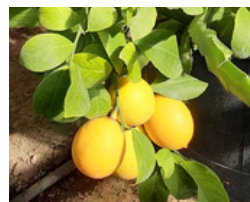
BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS FFA GREENHOUSE

Bridgeport, NE



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2021 RECIPIENTS



ALEENA WAGNER
OF BROADWATER



ALLISON CARPENTER
OF SCOTTSBLUFF



**ALLISON CARPENTER SHOWING HER HEIFER AT THE
NEW YEAR'S BEEF BASH**

**ALEENA WAGNER WITH HER DAD -
BOTH PROUD FFA MEMBERS**

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2013 Teyvn Baldwin
- 2013 Taylor Lackey - Morrill
- 2014 Breanne Franklin – Bridgeport
- 2015 Chance McAllister – Minatare
- 2015 Trevor Ginkens – Harrison
- 2015 Maggie Brunmeier – Bayard
- 2016 Skyler Miller- Torrington
- 2016 Roy Adams- Mitchell
- 2017 Grant Maser - Gering
- 2017 Jebb Ginkens - Harrison
- 2018 Gilberto Rodrigues-Minatare
- 2018 Tyler Aschenbrenner -Scottsbluff
- 2018 Ethan Aschenbrenner -Scottsbluff
- 2019 Jacob Jenkins - Mitchell
- 2019 Bailee Lake - Bayard
- 2020 Jakob Huck - Scottsbluff
- 2020 Jonathan Pieper -Mitchell





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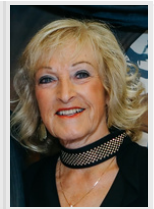
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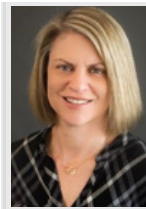
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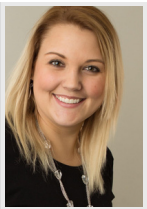
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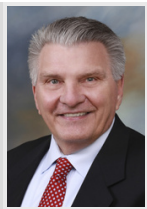
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Honoring WHEATLAND FFA



Prior to Covid, before the world shut down, a special miracle took place for some very deserving young FFA leaders from Wheatland Wyoming.

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The FFA motto gives members 12 short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

This motto was the driving force for Danielle Brow, Cali Moody, Todd Paisley and Kobey Preuit from the 2019 Wheatland High School FFA Farm and Agribusiness Management Team to bring home the FFA National Championship Trophy.

*The Farm and Ranch
Business Management
Team national title
winners for the FFA
Convention. From left:
Leader Brice McIntosh,
Danielle Brow, Cali
Moody, Todd Paisley
and Kobey Preuit.*



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According to Wheatland FFA adviser, Brice McIntosh, “in order to take a team to the National FFA Convention, you must win the state convention. There are 56 chapters in the state of Wyoming, and we compete against all classes. There is no classing teams out 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A. If you want to win, you must beat them all. Four kids set out with a goal to become the state champions of the Wyoming Farm and Agribusiness competition.”

“They wanted to be the first team from the Wheatland FFA to ever be crowned national champions,” McIntosh said. “Months of preparation led up to this with kids coming in after football, volleyball, and even returning home from college to study and learn with me as I drilled them on this contest. The contest is a 300-point exam covering financial statements, budgeting, cash flow planning, marketing, income taxes, investment analysis, risk management, legal land descriptions, and economic principles.”

Each of the four members took the exam and a good score is 200 out of 300. The Wheatland crew scored a 241. Preuit and Paisley flew to Salt Lake City immediately after the competition was over as they had a playoff football game vs. Mountain View the next day.



The Wyoming FFA Association calls this the “Power of Blue”, and there's no telling how far it can carry a student!

The Wheatland High School FFA Program exemplifies the heart and soul of what this award is all about.

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SPIRIT OF AG AWARD



— Jessica —

GROSKOPF

The Spirit of Ag award recognizes an individual who has outstanding dedication, initiative, motivation, education, and advocacy in the field of agriculture. It is more of an “unsung hero” award and truly shows that one person has the ability to change the world.

Jessica Groskopf was born and raised in Greeley, Colorado. She is the daughter of Wayne and Teresa Johnson and the youngest of three girls. As a child, Jessica’s biggest life lessons were learned on her family’s farm: hard work, dedication, commitment. She spent her summers haying with her sisters, riding horses, and working on various 4-H projects. She attended Platte Valley Schools in Kersey, Colorado and was an active FFA member. After graduating from high school, she was elected as the Colorado State FFA Sentinel. This required her to delay going to college. That year she traveled over 200 days, 40,000 miles teaching leadership skills to Colorado FFA Members.

After her year of service with Colorado FFA, she began her undergraduate degree at Colorado State University. Jessica intended to become a high school Ag teacher, but quickly learned she was not cutout for the classroom. So, she switched her degree to Ag Business. She was active in Sigma Alpha, a Professional Agricultural Sorority, and the Colorado State



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University Horse Judging Team. During her undergraduate career she interned with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, National Western Stock Show, U.S. Grains Council in Washington, D.C. and USDA Foreign Ag Service in Bangkok, Thailand. Looking back, she didn't spend much time in the classroom during those four years but managed to sustain a high enough GPA to keep her scholarships. After graduating from Fort Collins, she accepted a research assistantship at Kansas State University. Her research focused on international agriculture trade and allowed her to earn a master's degree.



In June of 2012, she took the job as "Regional Economist" with Nebraska Extension at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center. In this role, she focuses on providing farm and ranch management education to area producers. She teaches workshops on agricultural lease agreements, grain marketing, transitioning the operations between generations, financial management, farm bill commodity programs, crop insurance, and more. Jessica works to span the gap between academia and practice, research and application. In 2018, she became the Director of the Nebraska Women in Agriculture Program. The purpose of this program is to educate and uplift women. In 2021, this program reached over 500 women.

She has been recognized by Nebraska Extension, the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Western Ag Econ Association, and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents for her outstanding Extension programming. Since moving to Scottsbluff, she fell in love with and married a local farmer, Andy Groskopf. They farm with Andy's parents, Vern and Leona, north of Scottsbluff.



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THE HSSLER FAMILY

Alexander Hessler was 8 years old when he left Norka, Russia in 1906 with his family on their way to America. When the family arrived in England to change ships, Alex's sister, Susie came down with chicken pox. Because of this, Alex, his mother Louise and Susie stayed in England until she was well. They took a later ship to Canada meeting up with the rest of the family who had arrived in Canada earlier. They moved on to Winnipeg and spent the winter there. Hearing about sugar beets in Colorado, which they were familiar with, they took the train from Winnipeg to Sugar City, CO in 1907.



In 1912, the family came to Scottsbluff. In Scottsbluff, Alexander met his future wife, Mary Stricker. They were married August 31, 1917. To this union, 11 children were born and raised. Alexander became a United States citizen on April 21, 1942, and Mary became a citizen on March 6, 1952. One of the proudest days of their lives was to become citizens.

From 1917 to 1947 Alexander worked as a hired man for several different local farmers. In 1947, he rented what is now the family farm from the Oliver and Vera Jones family. As a family, they all worked hard to help make the family farm successful. This



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included cooking the meals, working the fields, and taking care of the younger children. In 1950, Alexander was proud to be awarded his first High 10 Grower award.

The year of 1962 was a terrible year for farmers with a late spring freeze, a lot of rain and hail in the summer and an early freeze in the fall. Alexander decided to retire in 1963. Morris, Bob and Marion purchased their father's equipment and began farming on their own in 1963.

During the Vietnam War, Morris and Bob were drafted into service. Marion was also drafted, but Senator Carl Curtis backed him to go into the National Guard instead of going overseas. By doing this, Marion was able to stay home to keep the family farm going until Morris and Bob could return to the farm.

The three brothers were awarded the High 10 Grower award for many years. As the years progressed, they were able to purchase the home place and continue expanding the farm by purchasing and leasing more land. Along with farming, they also fed cattle which helped keep them in business.

In 1999, Stuart and Jim, sons of Marion, formed their own corporation purchasing their own farms and leasing more ground. Derrick, son of Morris, moved back to the area and worked with Stuart and Jim. He proceeded to buy his own farm in 2007. Matt and Johnny, sons of Jim, stayed on the farm and are also currently farming and are becoming 4th generation farmers.

Along with farming, the family has also contributed to their communities by serving on church boards, school boards, ditch boards, cattlemen's boards, Ag Society and fire boards.



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Guided Fishing Excursion	Jeremy Jackson and Kyle Judy
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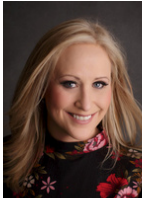
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**Gering High School presented the Oregon Trail Community Foundation
with a donation for the Agribusiness Scholarship**

*Pictured Lto R: Jeremy Jackson, Ag Banquet Committee; Becky Horne, Event Coordinator;
Cathy McDaniel, OTCF Executive Director; Rick Tuggle, OTCF Board President; JoAnn Krieg, OTCF Board Chair;
Gering High School Booster Club: Michael Moravec, Lynette Van Anne, Lisa Moravec, Jody Ferguson and Brenda Pzkan*





THE HESSLER FARM AT DUSK

"Throughout three generations, 4 H has been a large part of the Hessler family. Morris , Marion and their late brother Bob, were all 4 H members throughout their youth. That tradition was passed on to their children and grandchildren. To date, there have been 18 Hessler family members, serving a total of 152 years of 4H at the Scotts Bluff County Fair."

- Lanna Hubbard,
Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds



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