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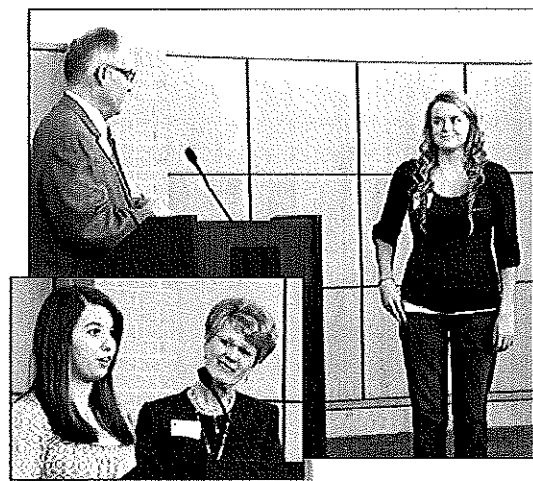
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*Henry and Elizabeth Cowles*

Fifty-six students receive scholarships

Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars awarded 56 scholarships totaling \$45,968 to graduating seniors from Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy during the 20th annual spring luncheon held on the campus of M State in April. Since the organization's creation 20 years ago, 633 local students have received Dollars for Scholars scholarships totaling \$468,000.

Two new scholarships were added to the roster of named scholarships and awarded for the first time in 2011. The Guy and Pam Olson Scholarship is intended for a student who plans to study mortuary science, counseling or the ministry. Fergus Falls Business and Professional Women established a scholarship for women pursuing post-secondary education. ★



Sophie Carlson receives the Guy and Pam Olson Scholarship. Andrea Onstad – Fergus Falls BPW recipient (inset).

Cowles legacy has lasting impact

Henry and Elizabeth Cowles had no children, but the legacy of their \$319,000 donation to Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars ensures that they will have an impact in the lives of Fergus Falls students for decades to come. This donation also enabled the Dollars for Scholars endowment fund to reach the \$1 million mark.

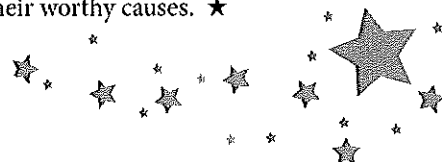
Mr. Cowles died in the mid 1990s, while Mrs. Cowles died in 2007. The couple, known to friends as Hank and Sis, included the Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars in their will, and the first Cowles Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2008. The annual scholarship was designated for a student pursuing an engineering career or a career in medicine. In the spring of 2011, Dollars for Scholars received an additional donation when the trust of Mrs. Cowles was disbursed, and that brought the total Cowles donation to \$346,500.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowles moved to Minnesota from Ohio in the 1940s when Mr. Cowles began working for Otter Tail Power Co. as

an engineer. They stayed in Fergus Falls after his retirement, and long-time friend Solveig Halbakken describes them as "a delightful couple who appreciated both good friends and good conversation." Though they did not have children, Halbakken said Mrs. Cowles "loved young people and encouraged their dreams."

Wise investments and a conservative lifestyle made it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Cowles to generously support the causes they believed in, including young people and the Fergus Falls Public Library. Larry Dorn of Dorn & Company said the Cowles' generous gift to Dollars for Scholars "sets an example of what can be done."

The Board of Directors of Dollars for Scholars is extremely grateful that Henry and Elizabeth Cowles considered our organization to be one of their worthy causes. ★





Jan Cole, President

Letter from the President

Changing lives one student at a time

The only constant is change.

Throughout our entire lives, change will be all around

us, both in our personal and professional lives. Education is an area where change is expected. While the basics "reading, writing and arithmetic" are still key components of education, the way we learn and what we learn evolves constantly. The ever-changing world demands that we change along with it. A key component to successful change is increasing our knowledge through continued education. In the words of Sir Francis Bacon, "knowledge is power."

Pursuing post secondary education is a big change for high school graduates. Along with new surroundings, new friends, new levels of independence, new professors and new ways of seeing things comes expanded knowledge. This knowledge includes learning to balance studies, college life and for some, a job as well. Whether students are pursuing further education for hands on experience, higher potential earnings, a sense of accomplishment, broader horizons

or a love of learning, this change usually directs the path your adult life will follow.

Dollars for Scholars has experienced change over its first 20 years as well. The founding board members relied on a number of inventive ways to raise monies for the initial scholarship years. In addition to donations from businesses, alumni and friends, these have included joint FFHS and HLA choir concerts with matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood, a Fergus Falls Follies school district staff variety show, a FFHS Intramural All Stars vs. Faculty basketball game grudge match, the ongoing Buck a Bucket program sponsored by Noon Kiwanis and Noon Rotary, and our "Pass the Piggy" banks in places throughout the community.

The continuing rise in educational costs can place an undue burden on students. That's where Dollars for Scholars is fortunate to lend a hand. It's a great pleasure and privilege to award scholarships to deserving recipients. We are always grateful for the generosity of the donors who sustain our vision today. You

have helped to change students lives! We are also grateful for the volunteers who comprise our board of directors. While the board members "change" periodically, all our volunteers have a passion for education. This year we bid farewell to Todd McGovern who has been a vital part of the success of DFS. We will miss your input and your wit! Thank you Todd for your contributions to Dollars for Scholars.

Whether the changes in your life include the latest iPhone ap; whether you have used Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Myspace or even know what they are; whether you are looking at retirement or heading off to pursue post secondary education; change is inevitable. I hope you will embrace change. Students, I urge you to make the most of your college opportunities and promote positive changes in the world around you. As Dr. Suess says in *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go." ★

Thanks to our donors

The Fergus Falls community believes in investing in the education of young people. We are fortunate to live where citizens understand that education must be a top priority and that our young people need help affording education beyond high school. The generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations has helped Dollars for Scholars grow. We are grateful to our donors, who are listed below. (Donor list as of Sept. 1, 2011.)

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Where are they now?

Kayley (Uvaas) Peacock

As I near being 10 years out of high school, it's fun to look back on all that's happened since my time at FFHS. Beginning in the fall of 2002, I attended the University of North Dakota with the intention of completing my Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Six years later, in 2008, I graduated from this program. I began my career as a physical therapist working in Reno, NV, at an inpatient rehabilitation facility. There I spent time treating patients who had suffered a variety of conditions including spinal cord injuries, strokes, traumatic brain injuries, etc. I really enjoyed being able to establish a relationship with my patients and assist them in getting back to their lives and achieving their goals. This past spring, my husband, Nick, started a new job in Spokane, WA, so we have been busy relocating and exploring our new home. With the move, I began a new job working as a physical therapist in a hospital setting. To add to the changes, we are expecting our first child in November!

I would like to thank Dollars for Scholars again for the scholarship I received as I entered college. Due to scholarships such as this, I had the

opportunity to fully commit myself to learning and experiencing college life, including swimming for the Fighting Sioux for four of my years at UND. Thank you for allowing me these valuable opportunities!!

Liv Ronnevik

Ten years ago, I was starting my senior year at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, imagining what the future might look like – what I would do, where I would live.

After high school, I went to Northwestern College in St Paul where I studied English Literature. During college, I traveled to China twice to teach at an English summer camp. When I left China, I hoped it wasn't for the last time. After college, I stayed in the Twin Cities for three more years working as a youth ministries director and as a violin instructor. In 2009, I moved to China to be an English teacher at Sias International University. Those two years were an exciting mix of teaching and learning, traveling to beautiful places and living day-to-day life in a small and cozy town.

I've recently moved back to Fergus and am at Hillcrest again; this time as a teacher and resident assistant. I am enjoying getting reacquainted with

the town and using the experiences of the last ten years to live back in my hometown more richly and fully.

Anne (Kalar) Sellner

It's hard to believe it's been almost 10 years since I graduated from High School in Fergus Falls! After graduation I attended Minnesota State University Moorhead and received a bachelor of science in Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences. In 2008, I graduated from St. Cloud State University with my master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Since then I have been employed as a speech-language pathologist by MeritCare Hospital, now Sanford Hospital, in Fargo. I work primarily with the in-patient rehabilitation population, although I also work with other populations as well. My patients range in age from 13 years and up, and have a wide variety of neurological impairments, including strokes and acquired brain injuries. I have been lucky to have the opportunity to supervise a number of speech-language pathology students as they begin their careers in a field that I find exciting and challenging. I would

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Wahpeton



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Alexandria Technical
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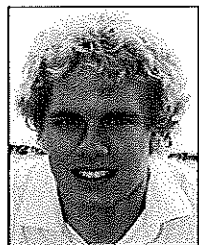
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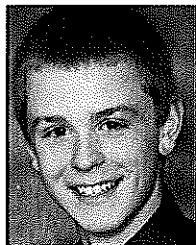
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2011 Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars Named Scholarships

Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars was established in 1991 with encouragement and contributions from numerous alumni and area businesses. Scholarships have been awarded each year since 1992. Scholarship recipients are selected according to Dollars for Scholars criteria and requirements specified by donors.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy donors have contributed \$25,000 or more to create named scholarships that are awarded annually.

Bechtel Memorial: Lillian Bechtel began teaching history at Fergus Falls High School in 1944 and is remembered as a caring teacher who had high expectations for her students. Her passion for education was shared by her husband, Edward, who was principal at Fergus Falls High School until his retirement in 1970. This scholarship was created in the fall of 2003.

Henry and Elizabeth Cowles Memorial: Henry Cowles and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Fergus Falls in the late 1940s when he began work at Otter Tail Power Co. The couple remained in the community following Mr. Cowles' retirement. This scholarship is designated for a student pursuing a career in engineering and was awarded for the first time in 2008.

Eagles Aerie #2339: Eagles Aerie #2339 established a scholarship in 1995 to assist graduating seniors with their post-secondary education. The Eagles has made ongoing annual donations.

Fergus Falls Educators: In 2007, members of the Fergus Falls Education Association and fellow School District 544 educators created this scholarship with their share of the proceeds from a tobacco lawsuit settlement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson Memorial: Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, a Fergus Falls High School Class of 1948 graduate, and her husband, Lloyd Paulson, are charter donors to Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars and have sponsored scholarships each year since 1992. Beverly's children, Robert Paulson and Corla Paulson established these scholarships in 2010 in memory of their mother. The scholarships are designated for FFHS students pursuing a career in the field of education (1 scholarship) and the field of business (1 scholarship).

Sample Memorial: The Sample family established this scholarship in memory of twin brothers Thomas H. and Alexander K. Sample, who graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1945. The Sample Memorial Scholarship has been awarded every year since 1992.

Dr. Frank Veden: Dr. Frank Veden was a dentist who practiced for many years in Fergus Falls. He loved the community and left his estate to fund a wide variety of projects that benefit Fergus Falls. He was also a staunch supporter of education. The first scholarship was awarded in 1999.

HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Heritage donors have contributed at least \$10,000 to create named scholarships that are awarded annually.

Isaiah Anderson Memorial: Isaiah "Pudge" Anderson, a 2002 graduate of Fergus Falls High School, was a great fan of the games of baseball and softball. After his death in a truck accident in 2008, a softball tournament was created to fund this scholarship for a member of the FFHS softball or baseball teams.

Bank of the West: The Bank of the West Scholarship was established in 1998 to reflect the bank's support of graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond high school.

Joan and Gordon Bakken: The Bakkens, both graduates of Fergus Falls High School, are lifelong community residents who are recognized for their support of education, the arts and a wide variety of projects that have improved their community. Their charter donation in 1991 helped to support the first scholarship awards in 1992.

Robert Block: Upon his retirement as superintendent of the Fergus Falls School District, Mr. Block's colleagues established this scholarship to recognize his contributions to the community. The scholarship was first awarded in 1997.

Dorn & Co., Inc.: Larry Dorn, a Fergus Falls High School graduate, returned to his hometown after college to establish Dorn & Co. investment securities firm. Mr. Dorn was a charter donor, and the scholarship has been awarded annually since 1992.

John and Kim Erickson: This scholarship was created by Kim and John Erickson, who was one of the charter members of the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars board of directors. It was awarded for the first time in 2007.

Helmer Otto Gerhardson: Beverly Gerhardson Paulson and her husband, Lloyd, created this scholarship in 2006 in memory of her father, Helmer Otto Gerhardson, a 1927 graduate of Fergus Falls High School who went on to serve in administrative positions at the Regional Treatment Centers in Fergus Falls and Brainerd.

Rudolph "Duffy" Gerhardson: Beverly Gerhardson Paulson and her husband, Lloyd, created this scholarship in memory of her brother, a 1951 Fergus Falls High School graduate who worked in health care. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2007 to a student going into a health care field.

Edna Dierich Hagen: Edna Dierich Hagen's love of children was apparent during her 45-year

teaching career and in the scholarship donation she bequeathed prior to her death in April 2004. This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2005.

ITT Corporation: This scholarship is the result of a \$10,000 grant awarded by ITT and designated for scholarships for students interested in math or science. At the time of the grant, the chief executive officer of ITT was Fergus Falls High School graduate Rand Araskog.

Eleanore Keane Johnson: Eleanor "Babe" Keane Johnson was a lifelong resident of Fergus Falls. She graduated from Fergus Falls High School and was an active member of the community until age 101. The scholarship was established in 2002 and is designated for a student who has been a member of the Fergus Falls High School swim team.

Lake Region Healthcare Corporation: Lake Region Healthcare Corporation is a charter donor to Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars. Its initial donation funded a scholarship awarded in the first year of the program, and Lake Region has continued to contribute in subsequent years. This scholarship is intended for a student planning to enter a health care field.

Lake Region Hospital Foundation: This scholarship, which was awarded for the first time in 2009, was created to support students enrolling in either a nursing program or the medical lab technician program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls.

Anna Nelson Memorial: Anna Nelson was a proud Otter and an enthusiastic percussionist in the band program at Fergus Falls High School, graduating in 2002. After her death in a car accident in 2004, a scholarship was created in her memory, with the award to be given annually to a Fergus Falls High School student who has been an involved member of the school's band program.

Mary Lee Anderson Nord: Paul and Mary Ann Anderson honored their daughter, who died in 1987, with the creation of this scholarship, which is designated for a student planning a career in music. Nord was a biology teacher, but she loved music and participated in band and choir at Fergus Falls High School and in college.

Guy and Pam Olson: Established in 2010 to give thanks: to his parents, Robert & Elaine, for the legacy they leave; to our children, that they will remember the past to help shape their future; and to the community, for a century of support in our lives and business. This scholarship is designated to a student who chooses to study Mortuary Science, Counseling or the Ministry and was awarded for the first time in 2011.

Mark Olson Rotary: Mark Olson is a 1961 graduate of Fergus Falls High School and a former president of both Security State Bank and the Fergus Falls Noon Rotary Club. In June 2002, he was

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appointed a governor of the Federal Reserve System. The scholarship was created in the fall of 2003 by members of the Noon Rotary Club in recognition of Mr. Olson's contributions to the community.

Otter Tail Corporation: Established in 2006, Otter Tail Corporation's scholarship provides support for graduating local high school students as they transition to higher education.

Otter Tail Power Company: A scholarship has been awarded each year since 1992 in the name of Otter Tail Power Company, another charter donor to Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars. Additionally, many Otter Tail Power employees have served on the board of trustees and have contributed their professional expertise to Dollars for Scholars.

Ottertail Coaches: Ottertail Coaches, which provides transportation service to Fergus Falls area students, established a scholarship to demonstrate its interest and support for the community's young people.

Ottertail Builders: This scholarship was established in 2008 by a donation from Ottertail Builders when the local trade group disbanded. The scholarship is designed for students who are studying at trade or technical schools for careers in carpentry, construction management, architecture and engineering.

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson: Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, a Fergus Falls High School Class of 1948 graduate, and her husband, Lloyd Paulson, are charter donors to Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars and have sponsored scholarships each year since 1992. The Paulsons were instrumental in establishing a Dollars for Scholars program in Mr. Paulson's hometown of Parkers Prairie and in Fergus Falls.

Lloyd and Beverly Paulson Scholarships: Long-time Dollars supporters Lloyd and Beverly Paulson created this scholarship in 2008 to provide support for students planning to attend vocational or trade schools.

Theodore Paulson Memorial: Dr. Elmer Paulson established this scholarship in honor of his father, Dr. Theodore S. Paulson, a 1904 graduate of Fergus Falls High School. The scholarship is designated for a Fergus Falls High School student with outstanding accomplishments in English.

Service Food Market: Service Food is a charter member of Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars. The supermarket has been a valued supporter of our community's youth, both as an employer and in a variety of other endeavors.

Stonel: Stonel Corporation, a long-time member of the Fergus Falls manufacturing community, created this scholarship to provide support for a student pursuing a degree in an engineering field. It was awarded for the first time in 2009.

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Joe Robertson Good Citizen Scholarship in 1997 to honor Robertson, a Fergus Falls High School social sciences teacher and VFW member who was the driving force behind the local Voice of Democracy competition. Two Good Citizen Scholarships are awarded each year, one to a young man and one to a young woman. Recipients must be veterans or the children or grandchildren of veterans.

SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholar donors have contributed \$5,000 to create named scholarships that are awarded annually.

The Art Scholarship: In 1997, the Dollars for Scholars board of trustees organized a silent auction of fine art donated by area artists. The proceeds from this fundraiser were dedicated to sponsoring a scholarship for a graduating senior who intends to study visual or performing arts.

Bremer Bank: The Bremer Bank Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide community support to our local high school students as they go on to higher education.

Eugene Eckhoff Memorial: Eugene Eckhoff was a beloved Fergus Falls High School teacher of English, creative writing and literature. His family and colleagues established this scholarship to honor his memory in 1995, and it is awarded annually to a Fergus Falls High School student planning a career in English, literature, journalism or creative writing.

Fergus Falls BPW: The Fergus Falls Business and Professional Women Scholarship are pleased to provide this scholarship to area high school women who plan to pursue their education. This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2011.

Fergus Falls Education Association: This scholarship was created in 2006 with money raised by the FFEA in its fall variety show and through teacher contributions. The award is in honor of FFEA members, past and present, and is intended for a Fergus Falls High School student entering the field of education.

Excel Plastics Vocational: The Fergus Falls manufacturing firm created this scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2009, to provide support for a student attending a technical college program.

Fred Evenson Jr. Memorial: This scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2008, is in memory of the late Fred Evenson, an avid golfer and Fergus Falls businessman. In light of Evenson's passion for golf, it is designated for a member of an FFHS golf team.

Gordon Gerhardson Memorial: Gordon Gerhardson, a member of the Fergus Falls High School Class of 1952, was a graduate who worked his way through higher education and became a troubleshooter for nuclear power plants. His sister, Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, established this scholarship in his memory in 2001.

Damien Jacklitch Memorial: Damien Jacklitch, a musician and athlete who graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1999, died in a car accident in 2002. In 2003, a benefit reunion concert was

organized in his memory by former classmates and friends "to celebrate the life of a great person and wonderful musician." Proceeds from the concert plus family and community donations were used to fund an ongoing scholarship in his memory.

Northern Lakes Dental: Drs. Kelly Schroeder and Scott Wagnild created this scholarship because of their belief in the critical value of education and knowledge. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2008.

Otter Tail Telcom/Park Region Telephone:

The Park Region Telephone and Otter Tail Telcom Scholarship was established in 2006, the company's 100th anniversary year, to reflect the company's continuing support of local students in their quest to continue education beyond high school. Highest priority goes to students pursuing careers in telecommunications or technology.

Mary Beth Wedum: Mary Beth Hagen Wedum was a 1953 graduate of Fergus Falls High School with a strong interest in education. She is co-chair of the board of the Minneapolis-based J.A. Wedum Foundation, which she directed for many years with John Wedum, her late husband and the grandson of J.A. Wedum.

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