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# a letter to the COMMUNITY

This year 40 Thornapple Kellogg students received scholarship dollars from the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation helping them on their journey to attain post-secondary success. We believe that by investing in our students, our community will be benefited not only by a stronger school system but also by a more successful workforce. In addition to scholarships, TAEF also provides classroom grants to encourage innovative and creative ways to teach students.

TAEF is committed to cultivating a strong community now and forever through supporting our students as

well as our community. We are thankful for all the generous donors who believe in our mission and support TAEF and our efforts.

Thank you for your past gifts to TAEF. We hope you will continue to support TAEF as we cultivate a strong community. Your gift will help to provide scholarships and grants for our students and community, now and forever.

Sincerely,

Kyle McKeown, TAEF Board President

## board of TRUSTEES

**Front Row (from left):** Shelley Erb, Gary Thaler, Mike Bremer, Matt Palmer, Annie Halle (BCF/ TAEF Liaison) **Back Row (from left):** Beth Hannapel, Craig Stolsonburg, Kyle McKeown, Jeff Wolverton, TK Superintendent: Tom Enslen, Kristen Cove, Lyndsey Carpenter **Not pictured:** Justin Sydloski (YAC representative), Mark Sevald

### Beth Hannapel

I moved to the Thornapple Area Community almost 20 years ago after completing my Bachelors in Biology from Michigan State University and my Doctorate in Dentistry from University of Michigan. I am fortunate to be able to work part-time at my husband, Eric's, orthodontic practice in Caledonia. This not only allows me to focus more time for our 4 children, but also enables me to assist in activities that benefit all the students of our district. I love this community because it allows families to



raise their children in a more humble safe setting. A setting in which neighbors help neighbors, where every face is familiar, and where we can hopefully shelter our children from all the white noise that invades so many communities. I am always looking for new ways in which I can contribute my knowledge and positive energy. As one of the newest members of the TAEF board I look forward to using these attributes to continue to build and improve our wonderful community.

### Kristen Cove

I am a lifelong Barry County resident and a 10 year resident of Irving Township and the

Thornapple Kellogg School District. My husband, Andy and I along with our boys feel blessed to be a part of the Middleville and TK family. Continuing to enhance education within our district is important which is why I volunteer in the classroom, work on TK Bond campaigns and also serve as a trustee on the TK School Board. Being part of the TAEF Board allows me to extend my service to this community. I have always valued the Foundation and appreciated the gifts it has provided to our community and students. I look forward to being a part of this amazing organization.





## Jim and Diane WEATHERHEAD **HOMETOWN HEROS**

Jim and Diane were married in 1970 and after Jim's graduation in 1972, they moved to Hastings. They chose Hastings to fulfill a medical need at Pennock Hospital. The couple moved to Middleville and raised their family on Gun Lake. Between 1974 and 1981 Jim and Diane had four children: Jessica, Kendra, Lucas and Garrett. All four children graduated from Thornapple Kellogg High School. It was in the midst of raising the four children Diane decided to pursue her career in dental hygiene. Diane graduated from KCC and worked for Dr. Bruce Sexton in Wayland for 26 years until her recent retirement in 2015.

In 1992 Diane was asked to be one of the founding members of the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (TAEF). As a past president, Diane served 23 years as a volunteer board member. TAEF was created as a vehicle for community members to make financial contributions to create scholarships and grants to benefit the Thornapple Kellogg School and community. Diane's goal was to start a tradition of giving in the Thornapple Community. In 2015 Diane retired from the TAEF Board, but remains as a volunteer for the Foundation working to increase classroom and field trip grants to enhance educational opportunities for TK students.

Jim also donated his time for 20 years performing TK's annual athletic physicals. In 1986, Jim

was asked to be the physician consultant for the Thornapple Kellogg Athletics. He valued this position and took it as seriously as his private practice. He continued consulting even after his own children graduated. Many generations can recall "Docs" faithful field attire of no socks, athletic shorts and sports jacket, regardless of the weather. Dr. Weatherhead has received numerous awards and distinctions though out his career including his nomination for "The Compassion in Medicine" Award. In Jim's own words "Just look into your patient's eyes and really listen, you will be able to diagnose the problem".

Diane and Jim have each contributed greatly to our community. They have both created a legacy for generation to follow and have lead by example. Their "heroism" is defined in their service and love given to our community.





# GRANTING

TAEF continues to broaden its focus to include community granting that supports community based initiatives in Middleville. Although TAEF began with the focus of education, we understand that we need to support the entire community to ensure a healthy school district. Our TK community continues to grow and so does its needs.

We gave our first community grant this year to the Veteran's Memorial Fund of Middleville to help build a memorial for those who have served.

Community grants will allow us to support many types of projects over the next few years. We are excited to be embarking on this new area of giving, and we hope you will join us in this important work.

experience and increases interest in attending a college after graduation.

**\$500** granted to Lee Elementary for the purchase of child-sized, developmentally appropriate seating to help active students focus by allowing them to rock, twist and turn.

**\$1,500** granted to Lee Elementary to purchase Benchmark Writers Workshop resource to assist educators in teaching writing to students.

**\$300** granted to TK Middle School to purchase new books for the Power Book Chart.

**\$450** granted to TK preschool to cover the cost of two field trips for low income students. The field trips were to Boulder Ridge Animal Park and Cotant's Farm.



## 2015-2016 GRANTS

**\$763** granted from the TAEF - Charles & Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund to purchase a new trailer for the Middleville Boys Scout Troop #105. The trailer will be used to store and haul equipment used for camping, hiking and other outdoor activities.

**\$135** granted to purchase a Speech and Language Test to assist TK speech pathologist in diagnosing communication disorders and provide targeted therapy to students.

**\$365** granted to help transport Thornapple Kellogg High School Juniors to college campus visits to Ferris State University and Western Michigan University. The trip exposes students to the college

**\$600** granted to Lee Elementary to purchase Magna-Tiles which provides students with an outlet for creative play that fosters spatial reasoning and math awareness in a fun cooperative way.

**\$500** granted to support the construction of the new Veterans Memorial at the pavilion in downtown Middleville.

**\$300** granted to Thornapple Kellogg High school to purchase incentives for Multi-Tiered System of Support, a behavior support program, which encourages positive behavior.

**\$2,000** granted to Thornapple Kellogg High school to provide an assembly featuring Kinetic-Effect, a slam poetry group, who designed their presentation around TK's Service Day of Caring.



**\$300** granted to the Freeport District Library to support its summer reading program for students.

**\$1,000** granted to the moderate cognitive impairment class to attend weekly therapeutic horseback riding lessons at YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin.



# LOVE where you LIVE

On one of the coldest days of the year the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (TAEF) and the Middleville community braved the elements and celebrated their love for the Thornapple Area. Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Barry Community Foundation's Love Where You Live project, the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation hosted a Winter Festival on Valentine's Day weekend. The celebration was held in the newly built pavilion and patrons celebrated with ice skating, DJ music, s'mores, hot chocolate, a bonfire, scavenger hunt and Valentine crafts. Participants of the scavenger hunt were awarded with \$10 gift cards to area restaurants.





# 2016 SCHOLARSHIP recipients

Congratulations to the 2016 Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation scholarship recipients. We are committed to providing support for our Thornapple Kellogg High School graduates by helping them achieve their postsecondary aspirations. This year almost \$42,500 was paid in scholarships.

*The following scholarships were not awarded this year:*

**Gerald and Ceta Williams**

**Jeffery Lehman Memorial Fund**

**Katherine and Edward Wieringa Friendship in Community**

**Middleville Women's Club**

**TAEF Traditional**



Abigail Diller  
McCullough Family Delton  
Kellogg Scholarship



Anna Lynn  
Millicent Grace Knox Teacher  
Scholarship & Class of 1957  
Scholarship



Hayley Smith  
Adam Dipp Scholarship



Heather Price  
McCullough Family TK  
Scholarship & Terri Yoder  
Memorial Scholarship



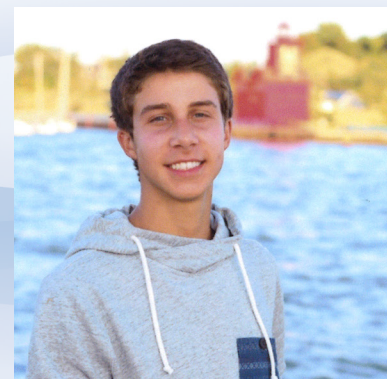
Kelsey LeMay  
Adele & Arnold Parker  
Scholarship



Kyle Makarewicz  
Travis Wenger 4-H Scholarship



Michelle Lindemulder  
Gerald L. Page Scholarship &  
Thomas Hamilton Tennis Memorial  
Scholarship



Nic Comeau  
Alecia Lorraine Holst Memorial  
Scholarship & Samuel McKeown  
Memorial Scholarship





Brittany Morgan  
Mom's Scholarship- in memory of  
Virginia Hoover Harrison Root



Catherine Sprague  
Tad Thatcher Memorial  
Scholarship



Emily Lowery  
Rodney and Rena Schad  
Memorial Scholarship



Jackson Bronkema  
Lois Ann Nagel Seppanen  
Memorial Scholarship & Samuel  
McKeown Memorial Scholarship



Justin Numerick  
Samuel McKeown Memorial  
Scholarship



Justin Sydloski  
Francisca C. Vrona Memorial  
Scholarship & Samuel McKeown  
Memorial Scholarship



Madeline Buehler  
Jon and Kay Simpson Scholarship



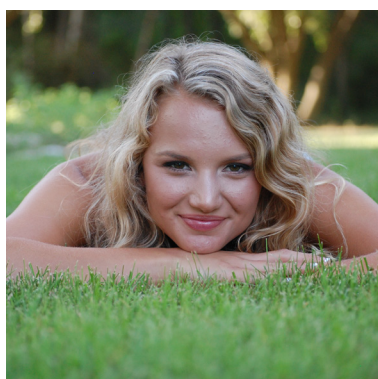
Mallory Berg  
Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial, Lynn  
Helrigel Summers Memorial, William  
McGee Memorial Scholarships



Max Brummel  
Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner  
Scholarship & Matching - RKW Working  
Student Scholarship



Nicholas Myers  
Eugene & Edena Hendrickson, John  
and Maxine Robertson Family &  
Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarships



Tayler Moore  
Ray Page Scholar-Athletic  
Memorial Scholarship



Jacob Gardner  
Clay Hills Farm Scholarship



# funds

Adam Dipp Scholarship Fund  
Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund  
Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund  
Beacon Society, Friends of the Thornapple Kellogg  
School & Community Library Fund  
Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Calvin C. Plummer Memorial Fund  
Charles & Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund  
Clay Hills Farm Fund  
Donald & Catherine Williamson Visual and  
Performing Arts Scholarship Fund  
Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner Scholarship Fund  
Dykstra EMS Matching Fund  
Eugene & Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship  
Fund  
Fitzgerald Odyssey of the Mind and Arts Fund  
Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Frank Tichvon Memorial Fund  
Gerald & Ceta Williams Fund  
Gerald L. Page Education Scholarship Fund  
Jeffery Lehman Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Jessica Coe Memorial Fund  
JK Simpson Scholarship Fund  
John & Maxine Robertson Scholarship Fund  
Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship &  
Community Scholarship Fund  
Lois Ann Nagel-Seppanen Scholarship Fund  
Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund  
McCullough Family Scholarship Fund - TK  
McCullough Family Scholarship Fund - Delton  
Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund  
Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund  
Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Hoover  
Harrison Root Fund  
Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund  
Richard & Eric Lee Reyff Memorial Fund  
Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for  
Industrial Arts Fund  
Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund  
TAEF Board Discretionary Fund  
TAEF General Fund  
TAEF KickStart to Career Fund  
TAEF Matching - RKW Working Student  
Scholarship Fund  
Terrie Yoder Memorial Fund  
Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation Fund  
Thornapple Kellogg Public Library Fund  
Thornapple Kellogg Tradesman Scholarship  
TK Class of '57 Scholarship Fund  
Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Travis Wenger Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund  
William McGee Memorial Scholarship Fund

# volunteers

Tammy Borden	Sarah Middleton
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Rebecca DeHaan	Jody Pratt
Holli Dickman	Heather Pratt
Deb Dinkel	Kathy Ranes
Joanne Dipp	Jeff Schad
Erica Dudik	Mark Sevald
Shelley Erb	Jon Simpson
Lisa Finkbeiner	Beth Smith
Kim Finkbeiner	Craig Stolsonberg
Lyndsey Fischer	Ellen Sydloski
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Julie Guenther	Diana VanRhee
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Anne Hannapel-Noland	Robin Walters
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Howard Hartley	Deb Weatherhead
Karen Heath	Phil & Becky Wenger
Judy Hendrickson	Steve & Susan Wiersma
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Patricia Johns	Karen Williamson
Misty Knox	Jeff & Celeste Wolverton
Patty Knox	Shelly Wolverton
Mike & Karen McCullough	Stephanie Woods
Kevin McGee	David Yoder
Kyle McKeown	Brenda Zwyzghuizen

## Mission Statement

**The Thornapple Area Enrichment  
Foundation's mission statement is to cultivate  
a strong community now and forever.**