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# DISTRICT RECOGNITION BANQUET

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*Honoring Salt Valley Leaders*



*February 13, 2021*

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# SALT VALLEY DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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District Executive: **Lee Peterson**  
District Chair: **Angie Rushman**  
District Program Chair: **Kerry Florell**

District Commissioner: **Bill Lang**  
Asst District Commissioner: **Mary Lee Olson**  
Cub Scout RT Commissioner: **Leslie Engelman**  
Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: **Dennis Hayward**

## Activities & Civic Service Committee

**Jim Buehler** – Chair  
Kerry Florell  
Mitchell Locken  
Mary Schmidt-Rodriguez

## Advancement & Recognition Committee

**Philip Pickard** – Chair  
Bruce Abernethy  
Brent Anderson  
Mike Hedrick  
Trista McAdow  
David Merrill  
Trev Peterson  
Daryl Doc Phillips  
Michele Phillips  
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Michael Straatmann  
Clare Sward  
Mike Tuma  
Leah Wallace  
Bryan Welty  
Robert Whited  
Rick Wolzen

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Stewart Olson

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**David Jacobs** – Chair

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**Corey Viehl** – Co-Chair  
Jennifer Buehler  
Jim Buehler  
Pam Chandler  
April Eliker  
Kerry Florell  
Michelle Hansen-Daberkow  
Jason Hellmuth  
Jeff Ifland  
Martin Kahland  
Philip Pickard  
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Kevin Schwartzman  
Keri See  
Dave Shoff  
Karen Sieber  
Ron Souliere  
Michael Straatmann  
Leah Wallace  
Bryan Welty  
Jamie Wood

Venturing Chair: **Tom Rolfes**  
Exploring Chair: **Jason Hellmuth**  
OA Chapter Advisor: **Mark Schweitzer**

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# PAST DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT HONOREES

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## 2020

Brent Anderson  
D.J. Davis  
Jeff Horst

## 2019

Chad Brassil  
Robert Cuevas  
Mitchell Locken  
Kevin Potter

## 2018

Kerry Florell  
Philip Pickard  
Lynette Saltzman  
Bryan Welty

## 2017

Mark Davis  
Brooks Rushman  
Ron Souliere  
Drew Worster

## 2016

Jennifer Buehler  
Dale Fries  
Trev Peterson  
Angie Rushman

## 2015

Jim Buehler  
Dennis Hayward  
Jeremy Jordan  
Terry Lange

## 2014

Rhonda Bugna  
Mike Hedrick

Paula Rezek  
Mark Roper  
Cathy Evans

## 2013

Mark Beatty  
Ray Bretthauer  
Don Davis  
Rich Lowery  
Mark Schweitzer

## 2012

Frank Cooper  
Gregg Meyer  
Lee Peterson  
Michael Straatmann  
Catherine Wilson

## 2011

Mary Beardslee  
Bob Gettner  
Mitchell Lowery  
John Lust  
Roger Weskamp

## 2010

Sandra Freirichs  
Matt Hahne  
Karen Hudson  
Gary Jungck  
Mark Lohnes

## 2009

Alenia Lohnes  
Steve Schafer  
Chris Settle  
Dan Snow  
Cindy Tobey

## 2008

Brian Gebers  
Bill Lang  
Mary Kay Mooring  
Tom Sullivan

## 2007

Darrin Bertwell  
Mark Danner  
Kurt Kruse  
Jim Wacha  
Paul Woita

## 2006

Karen Griffin Sieber  
Mark Michaud  
John Salistean  
Eric Schoen  
Rick Wolzen

## 2005

Dan Dulaney  
Dianne Egger  
Melonie Schoen

## 2004

Steven McCown  
David Miller  
Craig Reinsch  
Thomas Rolfes  
Ed Trehearn

## 2003

Ken Dahlke  
Larry Ohs  
Robert  
Scarborough  
Russell Votava

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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## Welcome

Jim Buehler & Kerry Florell  
District Activities Chair District Program Chair

## District Committee Recognition

Angie Rushman, District Committee Chair, Salt Valley District

## Presentation of Salt Valley District Awards

Eagle Class of 2020

District Eagle Scout of the Year

Summit Award Presented by Philip Pickard, District Advancement Chair

Fundraising Superstars Presented by Kerry Florell

Salt Shaker Awards Presented by Mary Schmidt-Rodriguez & Kerry Florell

Top Leaders of the Year & Good Turn Award Presented by Jim Buehler

Top Unit Awards Presented by Bill Lang, District Commissioner

Salt of the Earth Presented by Mary Lee Olson

Exceptional Service Award Presented by Lee Peterson, District Executive

District Award of Merit Presented by Liz Loes & Angie Rushman

Outstanding Educator Awards Presented by Angie Rushman

## Council Executive Statement

John Sumner, Scout Executive, Cornhusker Council

## Closing “Who I Am Makes A Difference”

Jim Buehler & Kerry Florell



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# 2020 EAGLE SCOUTS

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*Congratulations on reaching the  
highest achievement in Scouts BSA.*

**Connor A. Birkholz**  
Troop 8

**Liam A. Blum**  
Troop 15

**Stephen F. Bramhall**  
Troop 49

**Luke C. Buettner**  
Troop 159

**Thomas Butler**  
Troop 28

**Ethan Cotter**  
Troop 54

**Josiah Dames**  
Troop 21

**Alex Halvorson**  
Troop 8

**Joseph W. Hayes**  
Troop 472

**Andrew R. Henkenius**  
Troop 45

**Landan J. Hile**  
Troop 45

**Kyle E. Hoffman**  
Troop 263

**Jacob L. Hoge**  
Troop 32

**Bryce H. Johnson**  
Troop 15

**Trenton C. Kivett**  
Troop 93

**Aiden J. Knopik**  
Troop 8

**Daniel R. Krause**  
Troop 22

**Matthew J. Lavicky**  
Troop 36

**Jarret M. Linscott**  
Troop 159

**Zachary D. Martin**  
Troop 8

**Seamus T. McNear**  
Troop 54

**Noah J. Mitchell**  
Troop 8

**Matthew R. Naumann**  
Troop 28

**Blaine Roberts**  
Troop 49

**Tyson A.L. Rodewald**  
Troop 572

**Sean P. Rodrigo**  
Troop 54

**Samuel S. Roger**  
Troop 30

**Mason L. Rowe**  
Troop 21

**Phillip T. Rushman**  
Troop 8

**Ethan Schneider**  
Troop 16

**Bridger M. Smith**  
Troop 21

**Dylan C. Svoboda**  
Troop 21

**Isaac H. Thomas**  
Troop 25

**Jonah A. Thornock**  
Troop 72

**Tyler J. Vander Woude**  
Troop 22

**Ryan Vanek**  
Troop 56

**Zachary Wheatly**  
Troop 93

**Nicholas C. White**  
Troop 8

**Ryder E. Williams**  
Troop 159

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# EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

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The District Advancement and Recognition committee conducting Eagle Board of Reviews selects one Scout that embraces Scout ideals and demonstrates leadership.

**Samuel S. Roger**  
Troop 30

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## 2020 SUMMIT AWARD

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The Summit Award represents Venturing's highest honor. To achieve this ultimate recognition, you will serve the crew as a leader— both formally and informally— and you will be a mentor to others. In addition, you will strengthen your community by designing and leading a service project to benefit others. The experience gained in earning this award will help you mature as a member of a team and as an individual.

**Matthew Nelsen**  
Crew 21



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## FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR

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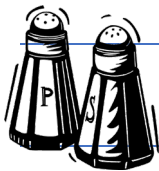


These Super Stars have been nominated by their units for coordinating huge fundraising programs, allowing units to have more activities and more fun.

**Susan Avig**  
Troop 456

**Janice Richman**  
Pack 97

**Katie Tiedeman**  
Troop 144



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# SALT SHAKER AWARD

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Salt Shakers have been nominated by their peers for their hard work and dedication to bettering their unit. These Scouters strive to keep their unit strong and provide a positive Scouting experience for our youth.

The award comes with both a Salt and a Pepper, because we cannot do great things alone. The Pepper goes to the spouse or significant other for their support.

**Amber Artz**

*Den Leader*  
Pack 20

**Jim Buehler**

*Committee Chair*  
Troop 572

**Chad Davis**

*Pack Trainer*  
Pack 20

**Chris Hansen**

*Cubmaster*  
Pack 25

**Linda Helzer**

*Pack Leader*  
Pack 404

**Amanda Hornburg**

*Den Leader & NMC*  
Pack 76

**Meghan Johnson**

*Den Leader*  
Pack 76

**Stephanie Kist**

*Committee Member*  
Pack 97

**Bill Lang**

*Assistant Scoutmaster*  
Troop 36

**Lynn McCollough**

*Committee Chair*  
Pack 25

**Mike McCollough**

*Den Leader*  
Pack 25

**Troy Pederson**

*Assistant Scoutmaster*  
Troop 21

**Corey Rudnick**

*Committee Chair*  
Troop 456

**Jamie Smith**

*Den Leader*  
Pack 20

**Casey Wicks**

*Den Leader*  
Pack 97



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# TOP LEADERS OF THE YEAR

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Nominated by their peers, these leaders are the best of the best at their registered position in Scouting.

## **FUNDRAISING HERO OF THE YEAR**

**Matt Kuhn**

Pack 54 & 25

## **DEN LEADER OF THE YEAR**

**Dorie Dickey**

Pack 144

## **PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR OF THE YEAR**

**Abby Davis**

Pack 30

## **CUBMASTER OF THE YEAR**

**Kelly Gubser**

Pack 14

## **TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIR OF THE YEAR**

**Brooks Rushman**

Troop 8

## **SCOUTMASTER OF THE YEAR**

**Andy Ruder**

Troop 56

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# GOOD TURN AWARD

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Do a Good Turn Daily.

This is the slogan of the Boy Scouts.

That means doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return.

A Good Turn is more than simple good manners.

It is a special act of kindness.



**Tim Svoboda** – Troop 21

*Chartered Organizational Representative*

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# TOP UNITS

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These top units in the Salt Valley District are being recognized for the high-quality program they provided to their scouts during the 2020 program year. Criteria include percentage of trained leaders, service hours logged, on-time recharter, recruitment, involvement in district activities, and other metrics determined by the District Key 3.

## **Cub Scout Pack #64**

*Chartered by Hickman Presbyterian Church*

Cubmaster: Charisa Woods, Committee Chair: David Jacobs

## **Scouts BSA Troop #56**

*Chartered by North American Martyrs*

Scoutmaster: Andy Ruder, Committee Chair: Michael Hardin



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# SALT OF THE EARTH

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The Salt of the Earth Award recipients are nominated by the District Committee and selected by the District Key 3 (District Chair, District Commissioner, District Executive).

This group of volunteers impressed us with their dedication.  
*Thank you for helping the Salt Valley District move forward!*

**Denise  
Keierleber**

**David  
Merrill**

**Mary  
Schmidt-Rodriguez**

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# EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

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The District Key 3 would like to recognize outstanding scoutsers that have contributed many years of servant leadership to their unit.

**Mary Beardslee**

*Committee Chair*  
Troop 44



**Shawn Labadie**

*Committee Chair*  
Troop 56

**Steve Gawrick**

*Scoutmaster*  
Troop 45

**Mark Huenink**

*Scoutmaster*  
Troop 159

**Dennis Rowe**

*Committee Chair*  
Troop 21

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## DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

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The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

*Congratulations to this year's recipients and thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Scouting program and our youth.*

**Linda Helzer**

*Impact District*

**David Martin**

*Salt Valley District*

**Dave Shoff**

*Salt Valley District*

**Leah Wallace**

*Salt Valley District*

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# ELBERT K. FRETWELL

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

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The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is **to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law**. The Boy Scouts of America created the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award to honor professionals in education who exemplify good character and inspire students to do likewise.

Dr. Fretwell, the namesake of this award, was an early leader of the Scouting movement in the United States and a leading scholar in education, focusing on the value of extra-curricular opportunity to improve education outcomes.

These educators have been nominated by Scouting families in Lincoln, and a district selection committee sifted through outstanding school references to honor the top elementary teacher, middle school teacher, high school teacher, school administrator.

### **Mark Boysen**

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher*

Maxey Elementary School

### **Lynn Fuller**

*Principal*

Roper Elementary School



### **Hannah Meyer**

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities Teacher*

Goodrich Middle School

### **Sherry West**

*Math Department Chair*

Southeast High School