

Quarterly Newsletter



April 19, 2019



ECF's New President, Kay Lauer

There's not many people in Chase County who haven't seen Kay Lauer cruising in her white SUV with her sidekick

Benny – her sweet miniature Labra-Doodle. Kay, a native of Chase County, raised her three sons while owning the Strong City Grocery and being an active partner in the family ranch. Kay spent her "spare time" giving back to the community she loves by serving in many different capacities from the Chase County School Board to Pioneer Bluffs to name a few. Her leadership talents didn't go unnoticed by the ECF and she agreed to serve on the ECF Board of Trustees in 2011, working on many of the committees. Kay moved up to the ECF Board of Directors in 2015 as Vice President until 2019 when she accepted the position of President where she'll serve through 2020. Kay's enthusiasm for her beloved Flint Hills carries over to the ECF. It's going to be another exciting chapter in the story of this Foundation!

"I'm excited about the impact that the ECF has had in the greater Emporia community and what is ahead for the future." – Kay Lauer



The ECF welcomes these new Trustees who approve the Board decisions and serve on the ECF committees: **Steve Kuhlman**, retired Emporia Firefighter/EMT, Olpe; **Kim Pember**, President of Glendo, Emporia; **Sara Shivers**, Co-owner of Salt Creek Meats and ranches with her father, Severy; and Judge Merlin Wheeler's appointment, **Ruth Wheeler**, Court Administrator for the Fifth Judicial District and co-owner of Floyd's Auto Body & Repair, Emporia.



What's Going On?

Construction is underway for the Preston Plaza & Lofts - the new three-story building to the west of ECF office and the remodel of the Citizens National Plaza and Lofts, the former Bank of America building. During construction, it's suggested you use the ECF entrance on Commercial Street.

The project is scheduled to be completed early 2020.



Sadie Jones Grants

Many who have gone before us would be surprised of the legacy they leave in their community. The spinster school teacher, Sadie Jones, would fit that description. The purpose of the Sadie Jones Endowed Fund is for public health & safety projects for the youth of Lyon and Chase counties, plus vision and hearing needs of



individual children. Due to a recent sale of assets, this endowed fund is now accepting grant applications, with the deadline of June 3rd. Grant applications are at emporicf.org/grants or stop by the ECF office for more information.

Keep It a Safe Summer

The Keep It a Safe Summer (KISS) event is Thursday, May 23rd and the ECF will again give away

bicycle helmets -
- thanks

to the Sadie Jones Fund. The KISS event targets children going into kindergarten through 5th grade in the Emporia, North Lyon County, Southern Lyon County & Chase County school districts. It's a one stop shop for families to learn about summer activities for their kids!



Our money at work

Our ECF fund holders are very generous in providing funding for the greater Emporia community through their Donor Advised and Field of Interest Funds. The ECF manages many scholarship funds, which assist deserving students to further their education. The ECF manages selected grants using Board appointed Advisory Committees to review and assess applications for funding which benefits the community. And, the ECF sponsors the one day funding raising event - Match Day - benefitting 25 non-profit organizations. The following graph shows the breakdown of where funds were disbursed in 2018.

- Health & Social Services
- Children
- Education & Scholarships
- Community
- Faith & Seniors
- Arts & Humanities



In 2018, the ECF paid out \$107,938.25 in scholarship awarded to 120 individuals. Match Day generated \$240,683.69 for 25 local non-profit organizations. In total, the ECF paid out \$1,763,559.84 in grants and scholarships. 2019 is off to a great start as total the ECF assets reached an all-time high of \$24,092,045 as of March 31st. Please contact the ECF if you know of someone interested in starting a fund for their favorite cause!

Many lives have been touched and changed.

Many dreams have come true.

Many hopes became a plan.

The ECF connects caring people with causes that build a stronger community thru their funds.

~~What's Your Legacy~~



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2019 Match Day – November 11th

For the past five years, Match Day is an event celebrated by the greater Emporia community and participating non-profits. Thanks to generous donors, the annual total increases at a steady pace. The impact that Match Day has had on the community since its inception has been significant and as a community, we look forward to Match Day growing. Below is a list of the 2019 participants in the 6th annual Match Day representing almost all counties served by the ECF.



Emporia Area
**MATCH
DAY**

2019 Participating Organizations

Arvon Historic Preservation Society	Friends of the Emporia Public Library
Camp Alexander	Hispanics of Today & Tomorrow
Chase Children's Fund	Keep It a Safe Summer Taskforce
Chase County Historical Society & Museum	Lyon County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
ECKAN-Lyon County	Main Street Mommas
Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity	Military Care Packages
Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills	North Lyon County Veterans Memorial Project, Inc.
Emporia Eastside Community Group	NLC Youth Association
Emporia Municipal Band	Pioneer Bluffs
Eskridge Park Foundation	Sertoma Club of Emporia
Food for Students	Team Schnak Strong Fund
Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter	Wade Barrett Memorial Fund
William Allen White Community Partnership, Inc.	

Thank you to our sponsors over the years, who provide contributions to pay for expenses and additional prize money for participating organizations.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact Loni Heinen at loni.heinen@emporiacf.org or (620) 342-9304

The greater Emporia community has raised over **\$814,000** for area non-profits in five years!

Thirty non-profits from the greater Emporia area have benefited from Match Day!

2018 was the first year for online giving and brought in approximately 175 more donors and bigger donations!!!

Exciting news coming soon!



You'll be able to learn more about the organizations and their mission at emporiainatchday.com later this year.