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<p>* Dave Fairbanks, <i>President</i> * Wes Lubberstedt, <i>V.P.</i> * Ed Darby, <i>Sec/Treas</i></p> <p>Rob Anderson Bill Barrett Amy Biehl-Owens Jerry Brown Dan Clark Mike Edelman Tom Fagot Kathy Feltes Ernie French Mogens Knudsen Steve Lewis *Patty Mandelko * Linda Miller Bill Ohlmann *Bill Orthman Ray Otero Tami Reynolds *Dave Smith Gail Wightman * John Wightman * Executive Committee</p>	<p>My letter in the December Foundation Forum asked for help to reach our goal of raising \$1,140,000 to help finance the construction of a new library Lexington. Thank you!! We reached our goal, the new Lexington Library is in the bidding stage and construction is expected to start before winter 2004.</p> <p>The Lexington Community Foundation has awarded grants enhancing life for many of our citizens during the past six months. We have awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships, and our executive director, Jackie Berke, has helped several organizations and groups with fund raising for their worthy causes. None of this would be possible without the hard work, broad support and generosity of Lexington citizen's and businesses, and our board of directors. Thank you again!</p> <p>The Foundation board and Jackie are being asked, "What project are you working on now?" The answer is that we continue to accept dollars for each of the funds in the Foundation portfolio. All of those funds provide on going support of their namesake. The Lexington Library Fund will continue to be a source of funds for the collection at the library. The Lexington Tennis Association Fund can provide tennis to more citizens. The Lexington Teacher Appreciation Fund helps enhance the teacher satisfaction in our community. The other funds, Scholarship, Lexington Main Street, Johnson Lake Trails and Lexington Concert funds all help to enhance our</p>	<p>community. We also have a fund for capital construction at the Dawson County Historical Museum.</p> <p>Our endowment fund earnings provide seed money for community projects. Gifts to the Lexington Community Foundation are tax deductible and your gift to any of the funds provides benefits to our community of Lexington.</p> <p>I want to especially thank the retiring board members, Eric Brown, Kathy Neil , and Barb Vondras for their years of service to the Foundation and the community. These volunteers have given of their time and talents to help enhance life in Lexington. At the same time, I want to welcome the new board members, Ray Otero, Mogens Knudsen, and Rob Anderson and thank them in advance for their help. If you see any of these people around town please add your thanks for their community spirit.</p>
<p>STAFF: Jackie Berke, <i>Exec. Director</i></p>		<p>- Dave Fairbanks, <i>President</i></p>



foundation grants

2004 Grant Awards Provide \$95,000 of Support

The Foundation, from January through July, 2004, has awarded over \$95,000.00 in grants to Lexington and the Johnson Lake area. These grants are made available from discretionary funds, established by donors for the purpose of satisfying the needs of our community. The Foundation awards grants throughout the year and recipients are selected by the Foundation's Grants Committee with approval of the executive committee and often the full board of directors. Organizations receiving grants include:

Dawson County CASA **\$240**
Funding will provide training manuals in order to expand the work of its volunteers.

Dawson County Parent Child Center **\$2,000**
Funding will be used to partially fund the purchase of a new furnace at the center in order to continue to provide services to the community.

Dawson County Sheriff's Office **\$2,000**
Funding will partially fund the costs of acquiring and training a drug dog.

Lexington Rotary Club **\$1,000**
Funding will support the Rotary club's Gazebo Project to construct a gazebo at East Lawn in Lexington.

Lexington Arts Council **\$1,000**
www.lexbiz.net/laac
Funding support for the Artist in Residence program at the Lexington Middle School. Artist, Michelle Woods, worked with the students this spring to create a mosaic tile mural in the commons area of the school.

Lexington Skate Park Challenge **\$7,500**
Challenge grant funding from the Seacrest Newspaper Legacy Fund (\$500) and the general fund (\$7,000) to support the youth driven project to construct a skate park at Oak Park in Lexington.

Johnson Lake EMS **\$970**
Funding will be used to pay training seminar fees for the EMS volunteers.

Lexington Main Street **\$5,085**
www.lexcoc.com/mainstreet

Funding will help support the program which helps downtown Lexington businesses with aesthetic improvements.

Dawson County Historical Museum **\$40,678**

Funding supports the local museum's facility renovation and expansion project.

Lexington Library Fund **\$25,424**

Funding will be added to the Thanks A Million, Chapter II capital campaign for the construction of the new public library.

Lexington Chamber of Commerce **\$1,000**

Funding is in support of Plum Creek Days and will be used to partially fund the OK Sister's concert.

Lexington Honor Choirs / TeamMates of Lexington **\$2,831**

90 Lexington youth attended the *Sound of Music* performance at Lied Performing Arts Center from a pass through grant of complimentary tickets. LCF provided funding for the meal.

Elwood Girl Scouts **up to \$5,000**

Funding will be provided as a 50% challenge grant not to exceed \$5,000 to construct a lighted map sign at Johnson Lake.

Tri-County Shrine **\$156**

Funding is provided from the LCF Match Grant program and will help with the cost of transporting area children to Shriner's Hospital.

LCF can make a difference only because of your generosity.



Election of Board Members

At the July 26 board meeting, Rob Anderson, Mogens Knudsen and Ray Otero were elected to the Board of Directors for terms of four years. Sincere thank yous are offered to retiring board members Eric Brown, Kathy Neil and Barb Vondras, who have provided a total of 42 years of service to the LCF Board.

One Million Plus More

The LCF and the City of Lexington were pleased to receive a Peter Kiewit Foundation challenge grant of \$150,000.00 toward the new public library building project. The Thanks a Million, Chapter II Campaign, which has raised private funds for the project, had set a goal of raising \$1,140,000.00. This goal was reached without including the nearly \$400,000 from the Benthack estate. The Benthack money was specifically designated to be used for library capital improvements. Thank you to the Peter Kiewit Foundation and to each person and business who participated in the campaign. Together we can continue to work together to keep Lexington strong.

Outdoor Enhancements

Lexington area youth are enjoying two new activities this summer. A splash pad was added to the Aquatic Center which increases the type of water fun available for children. The purchase was aided by funds from the original Thanks a Million campaign. In addition, the LCF awarded the City of Lexington a challenge grant of \$7,000.00 to help turn the unused tennis courts at Oak Park into a highly requested skate park. Some of the interested youth and their parents provided a lot of elbow grease to install the equipment. Stop by either place and watch the fun!

LCF Plum Creek Days Parade Float

Thank you to Ed Darby for the Foundation float that graced the July 3rd Plum Creek Days Parade. Ed was the primary organizer and builder of the float for the Foundation.



In memory of Alma Argenbriht
Bob & Pat Sherman (Library Fund)

In memory of Gary Broman
Sandra Broman - (JL Trails)

In memory of Billie Cox
Phillip & Karen Darby (Library)
Jeanne Kelly
Steve & Kathy Neil (Library)
Liz Richardson (Scholarship Fund)

In memory of Dick Cranford
Ted & Nancy Cook

In memory of David Draeger
Margaret Barnes (Library)
Jane Berreckman (Library)
Marian Denker (Library)
Scott & Amy Hill (Library)
Mike Jeffrey (Library)
Robb & Sandra Jeffrey (Library)
Jeanne Kelly (Library)
Katherine Neubauer (Library)
Don & Pat Ruppe (Library)
Lee & Delphine Sanks (Library)
Thomas & Leslie Schlichting (Library)
Lisa Small (Library)

In memory of Bill Egenberger
Marlin & Patti Johnson

In memory of Loren Fairbanks
Holzfaster Farms
Mogens & Sally Knudsen
Wes & Neala Lubberstedt (Library)
Joe & Linda Miller
Plum Creek Motors
Doran & Pat Post (Library)
John & Tami Reynolds
Dave & Cassandra Smith
Lee & LuAnn Stewart

In memory of Mary Beth Glaze
Jeanne Kelly (Library)

In memory of Jasper Hudson
Smith Law Office

In memory of Charlie Jenkins
Wes & Neala Lubberstedt
Willis & Juanita Rhodes
Liz Richardson (Scholarship Fund)

In memory of Mary Kelly
Jeanne Kelly (Library)

In memory of Roy Keenan
Class of 1953 (Alumni Scholarship Fund)

In memory of Marie Kolb
Wilbur & Jean Benjamin (Library)
Brian & Teri Edeal (Library)
Richard Green (Library)
Allen & Mardell Hergenrader (Library)
Rod & Shirley Swanson (Library)

In memory of Walter D. Kopf
Class of 1953 (Alumni Scholarship Fund)

In memory of Jamie Lauby
George & Joan Allen
Tom & Cathy Fagot
Heldt & McKeone
Gordon & Barb Hinrichs (Tennis Fund)
H.O. Smith Company

Dr. & Mrs. O.E. Hundley
Jeanne K. Kelly (Library)
Jeff & Amy Richardson
Security First Banks

In memory of Dean Linn
Darryn & Janice Gulden
Dean Linn family
Ferne Mingus
M.D. & Betty Nelson
Jeff & Amy Richardson
Jim & Sally Scheider
Wightman & Wightman, P.C.
Mary Williams
Tracy & Brenda Wolf
Frank & Eileen Zlatkovsky

In memory of Mac & Arlene McDonald
Penny Knapp (Library)

In memory of B.F. & Vera Milhoan
Marian Kline (Library)
Randy Milhoan

In memory of Doug Montey
Marian Kline (Library)

In memory of Reuben H. Meyer
Smith Law Office

In memory of Bob Myers
Cherie Ruppe Loudon (Library)
Lee & Delphine Sanks (Johnson Lake Trails Fund)

In memory of Charlotte Neil
Hap & Audrey Hardesty

In memory of H. Brice Owens
Phillip & Karen Darby
Doran & Pat Post

In memory of Henry & Wilma Orthman
Robert & Peggy Skinner

In memory of Wilma Orthman
(The Orthman family has directed memorials to the Library Fund unless otherwise noted)

George & Joan Allen
William & Elsie Barrett
Wilbur & Jean Benjamin
Ed & Joni Bennett (Foundation)
Mitch & Jackie Berke (Foundation)
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Randy & Judy Chapman
E.A. & Betty Cook
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Tom & Cathy Fagot (Foundation)
Dave & Carolyn Fairbanks (Foundation)

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Marjorie Kopf

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James & Natalie Rickel
Eldon & Pat Ruppe
Lee & Delphine Sanks
Lester Schmidt
Rod & Jane Schroeder
Gary & Robin Schultz
Virginia Stevens
Lee & LuAnn Stewart
Mary Stewart
Calvin Stock
John & Audrey Strauss
Irene Swanson
Kathryn Thoreen
Dwight & Darlene Trautman
Terry & Donna Trueblood
Frank & Barb Vondras
Mike Walker
Keith & Pauline White
Rena & Mark Whitacre
Brad & Jill Williams
Marjorie Worley

In memory of Norma Page
Ed & Joni Bennett
Phillip & Karen Darby
Jane Hibberd
Ron & Sondra Naumann
Doran & Pat Post
Wightman & Wightman

In memory of Cleve Pruitt
Smith Law Office

In memory of Marlin Reynolds
(The Reynolds family has directed memorials to the Library Fund unless otherwise noted)

George & Joan Allen
Apfel Funeral Homes
Rollan & Marilyn Aubert
B&D Oil
Barpot
William & Elsie Barrett
Ed & Joni Bennett
Eileen Biehl
Tom & Sue Bokenkamp
Bill & LaVere Brinkman
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Terry & Beth Delp
Mike & Karla Denker
Westly & Shirley Divan
Chad & Jamie Dolan
Raymond & Patricia Ehlers
Boyd & Donna Fersonson
Paul & Janice Givens
Hap & Audrey Hardesty (Scholarship Fund)
Jane Hibberd
Calvin & Sally Hiner
Horner Liske Mortuary
Floyd Housel
Dr. & Mrs. O.E. Hundley
Jeanne Kelly
Marion Kline
Marjorie Kopf
Don & Irene Lahm
Joseph & Sonya Landholm
Steve & Shirley Lewis

Lexington Golf Club
Dean & Donna Linn
Cherie Ruppe Loudon
Steve Loudon
Wes & Neala Lubberstedt (Foundation)
Vincent & Letticia McNally (Foundation)
Don & Gail Magnuson
J.R. Meyer Agency
Joe & Linda Miller
Nelson Funeral Home
Nelson Furniture
Richard Newcomer
Bill & Meredith Orthman
Toby Owens & Amy Biehl-Owens
Susan Phelps
Doran & Pat Post
Mike Racek
Roger & Cindy Reutlinger
Jeanne Reynolds
June Reynolds
Roberta Reynolds
Harley & Jeannette Richardson
Liz Richardson
Barbara Roberts
Dan & Tempie Roberts
Sav A Lot Discount Foods
Jim & Sally Scheider
Muriel Shea
Bob & Pat Sherman
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John & Linda Snider
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Steve & Pam Tomesek
Dwight & Darlene Trautman
Brenda Valasek
Willard & Fredella Weinhold
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Gary & Nancy Wright

In memory of Carl Rickertsen
Kerry & Marion Anderson
Mitch & Jackie Berke
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Heldt & McKeone
H.O. Smith Company
Marian Kline (Library)
Lexington Rotary Club
Tod & Michele McKeone
Dann & Pat Sharp

In memory of Larry Roper
Mitch & Jackie Berke (JL Trails)
Perry Roper (JL Trails)

In memory of Portia Speak
Jeanne Kelly
Doran & Pat Post

In memory of Floyd Snider
Dan & LuAnn Clark
Ted & Nancy Cook (Library Fund)
Doran Post & Associates
Doran & Pat Post

In memory of Harold Stevens
Plum Creek Motors
Lee & Delphine Sanks (Library)
Ronald & Kathy Schumacher (Library)
Virginia Stevens (Library)

In memory of Carl Vetter
Dann & Pat Sharp (Library)

In memory of Maxine Winter
Jeanne Kelly
Liz Richardson (Scholarship Fund)
Smith Law Office

Key 2005

The LCF will present the "Key 2005" on Saturday, April 23 at the Holiday Inn Express. This annual auction is an evening of fun, food and laughter centered around the bidding that takes place for both silent and live auction items. Proceeds that are raised are returned to the community in the form of grants for both long term and short term projects. The foundation's endowment fund has also been a recipient of auction funds. Preview night, combined with a Chamber of Commerce business after hours, will be held Friday, April 22. Tickets for Key 2005 will be available beginning October 1.

save the date !

Key 2005

Preview Night

Open to the public at no charge.

Friday, April 22, 2005

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Participate in exclusive Preview Night
Raffle!

Silent Auction tables will be OPEN.

Live Auction items on display.

Hors d'oeuvres served . Cash bar.

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### *Dinner Auction*

*By Reservation Only*

**Saturday, April 23, 2005**

**Beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

*Dinner, Silent Auctions, Live Auction &  
Raffles*

***Tickets available***

***Friday, October 1, 2004.***

**Limited seating available.**

**Reserved table of 8 guests: \$600.00**

*(includes complementary beverage  
service & your choice of table location  
and guests)*

**Individual Seats: \$ 60.00**

*(Guests will be randomly seated at  
unreserved tables)*

All events will be held at  
**Lexington Holiday Inn Express**

*If you'd like to donate auction items or cash to our auction,  
please call LCF 324-6704. We'd love to include you!*

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