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Memorial to Honor Nancy Ribble

The family of Nancy Ribble has endowed a unique scholarship in her memory. The grant awards \$250 to a current member of Lakewood Middle School's teaching staff. The grant allows the recipient to take additional college hours or attend a conference or event that will help them improve as educators.

Nancy Ribble began teaching in Salina Public Schools in 1962 at the Schilling Air Force Base School. She also taught in the Canton-Galva school district, the Solomon school district and St. Mary's Grade School. She returned to USD 305 in 1978. During this time, she completed her Master's degree in Special Education and began teaching special needs students at Roosevelt-Lincoln Middle School and continued teaching in the new Lakewood Middle School until her death. Nancy worked hard to raise a family, teach school, and continue going to school to get her post-graduate degree. Her family wants to honor her hard work and dedication to teaching by helping a Lakewood Middle School teacher pursue post-graduate education.

The family will make the first presentation to a Lakewood Middle School teacher May 15 at the school.

Introducing Kaysie Rowson

The Salina Education Foundation is pleased to name the first LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) recipient. Kaysie Rowson is a 2004 graduate of Salina South High School. She is currently a Junior at Kansas Wesleyan University majoring in elementary education with a minor in mathematics. Her parents are Virginia and Bill (Ray) Rowson, 825 Scott Avenue.

The first LIFT application process received 14 outstanding applicants. Kaysie was one of three finalists interviewed by the selection committee and was selected based upon her outstanding academic record, essay, references, and personal interview.

Kaysie's teachers have inspired her to become a teacher. She wrote in her application essay, "I believe that teaching can be a very rewarding job, and my teachers instilled a love of learning in me that I want to pass on to the next generation. I have been blessed over the years to have amazing teachers who have encouraged me to pursue my dream of teaching....I know that I will



love the opportunities each day brings."

The LIFT program provides forgivable loans to Saline County students studying to become teachers. The application is on line at www.salinaeducationfoundation.com. The deadline for applications is January 31 of each year.

Congratulations Kaysie!

New scholarships offered this spring

The SEF is pleased to announce four new scholarships that will be awarded this spring to graduating Central and South High Seniors. They are:

The Class of 1959 Scholarship

The Class of 1959 Scholarship is given in honor of past Salina High graduates who want to help others achieve their goals in life. The selection committee will award one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior from either Salina Central or Salina South High School.

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The grant requires plans for full-time attendance at a college, university, community college or other post-secondary institution within the continental United States, and the applicant must be a U.S. citizen. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must have demonstrated the persistence, responsibility, high ideals and good character that the Class of '59 has demonstrated.

The Maynard E. Nelson Trust Scholarship

The Maynard E. Nelson Trust Scholarship is given in honor of a long-time resident of Saline County and Salina. Mr. Nelson taught school at Smolan, Kansas in the early 1950's, was a residential contractor in Salina and the surrounding area for over 30 years and was the inventor and distributor of the Easy Stop, a rubber parking mat for the residential garage. The scholarship also honors Charlotte C. Nelson, his wife, who has served the Salina Public Schools for over 25 years, first as a gifted education consultant, and later as the head of the Gifted Education Department for the Central Kansas Cooperative in Education. The scholarship requires plans for full-time attendance at either Ft. Hays State University or Kansas State University. Two (2) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to

one graduating senior from Salina Central and Salina South High.

The Salina Concrete Products Scholarship

Established in 1913, Salina concrete Products has been building Salina for 93 years. As a producer of concrete block, hardscape products, and ready-mix concrete, SCP employees continue to be proud to provide these quality products to support the past and future growth of Salina. The Salina Concrete Products Scholarship is given in honor of all past and present SCP employees who have helped build and continue to build Salina. The SCP Scholarship Committee will award \$500.00 to a graduating senior from Salina South and Central High Schools. The grant requires plans for attendance at a college, university, community college or other post-secondary institution. Applicants must be interested in a construction-related field; e.g. masonry, architectural engineering, etc.

South High Student Council Scholarship

The purpose of the South High Student Council Scholarship is to reward both a male and a female graduate of Salina High School South who has contributed to the good of the school and proven to be a well-rounded individual during their years at South High School. South High Stuco will provide \$1,000.00 each year for two (2) \$500.00 non-renewable scholarships. The recipient must have at least a 2.5 GPA, be a well-rounded student in all areas of school and community and have a plan for post-secondary education.

Information about all the scholarships administered by the SEF is available at: www.salinaeducationfoundation.com or by contacting the guidance counselors at Central and South High Schools. All scholarship awards will be announced by April 3, and awards will be given at the end of the year awards ceremony at Salina Central, May 2 at 7:00 p.m., and Salina South High, May 1 at 7:15 p.m.

SEF Briefs

Great support from Philips

Thank you to Philips Lighting for providing funding for two grant requests. Central High: DNA Lab kits to allow students hands-on learning and cell replication, and South Middle School: Safari Flex Cam that allows entire class to see close-up pictures and science projects.

Salina Regional Health Foundation provides grant

The SRHF's Community Health Investment Program (CHIP) Committee provided the SEF grant program with \$10,000 to be used to help fund those grant requests that align with their funding priorities. Thank you for this tremendous show of support for our 2006-2007 grant program.

LIFT fundraising continues, stay tuned

We are entering our second year of fundraising to support the Loan Initiative for Future Teachers (LIFT) Program. Thank you to the Greater Salina Community Foundation for awarding the SEF a \$2,000 grant this spring. Our goal is to again match the generous donation of the Earl Bane Foundation—every dollar donated to the LIFT program will be matched up to \$80,000. The community support for this Grow Your Own Teacher program has been tremendous. We will publish all donors in our fall newsletter.

Remembering Sue McCormick

The SEF lost a great friend and supporter when Sue died December 20, 2005. Sue was most recently the principal at Oakdale Elementary and fought hard to continue her work there. She supported the SEF's work with a monthly donation, and we were greatly honored that she chose the SEF to receive her memorial gifts.

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Branching Out.... for Salina Kids!





This April, the Salina Education Foundation is *branching out* in a city-wide campaign to raise funds for our 21st Century Advantage Grant Program. Your child's school has benefited from over \$275,000 that the SEF has granted to teachers for classroom enrichment materials. With your support and generosity, we have made many educational opportunities possible for Salina's children.


Our work continues, and you can help! Please send your tax-deductible donation today and support these super business partners!


Catch our Sunday ads in the Salina Journal April 2nd & 9th!


 **McDonalds of Salina**
\$1.00 donation on every premium salad sold each Friday in April
 (All Salina locations)

 **Earthcare Landscape**
\$10 donation on every residential tree sold in its landscape division during the month of April
 (located at 1777 E. Old Highway 40)

 **Pizza Huts of Salina**
20% donation when you mention SEF or present this flyer on evening of April 10 5-9 pm
 Dine in, Carry out, & Delivery

 **Yarns**
 Sold & Told
\$1.00 donation on each crochet hook or set of knitting needles sold during the month of April

 **Martinellis Little Italy**
\$1.00 donation on every tomato appetizer sold during the month of April

 **Millwood Realty**
A donation for every home closing during the months of March & April

Help us Grow!



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 Thank you to the Journal for providing advertising space for our annual campaign

"One hundred years from now, it will not matter what your bank account was or the kind of car you drove...but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a CHILD".

Sudden opportunities

The SEF is proud of the more than \$275,000 awarded in teacher grants through the 21st Century Advantage Grant program. The grant program accepts applications in March for funding for the following school year. In looking at other ways that the SEF can support teachers, the trustees of the Salina Education Foundation know that it is important to be responsive to teachers' needs whenever a great opportunity comes along. That is why last year the SEF set aside funds to support "sudden opportunities" that arise during the school year.

The Sudden Opportunity Grants have been very successful in supporting some important programs such as a Young Women's Conference, a traveling Kansas Historical Society's exhibit on the dust bowl, transportation to community events, and workshops for teachers. Teachers appreciate the additional support these grants offer, *"Thank you, thank you, thank you for the grant you approved for me to attend the Payne workshop! It was enlightening! I learned so much; it was the best workshop that I've ever been to in my 12 years of teaching!"* Chris Nay, Lakewood Middle School

Your tax-deductible donation provides funding for this important program—thank you.

"There is a place in America to take a stand: it is public education. It is the underpinning of our cultural and political system. . . It is in public education that the American dream begins to take shape."

— Tom Brokaw



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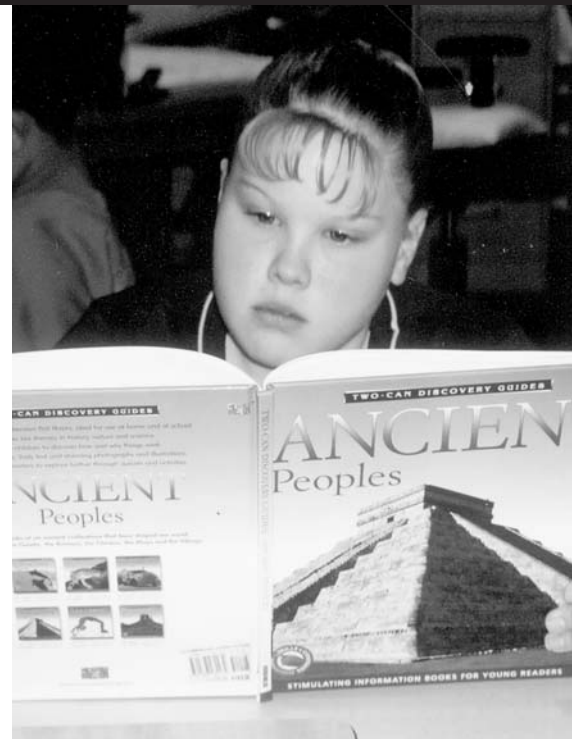
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