

Smoky Valley Community foundation announces Spring 2009 Heritage Fund grants

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$3,840 in grants from a spring Heritage Fund awards cycle to three non-profit organizations in the Smoky Valley area, according to SVCF co-chairs Barry McMillan and Bill Roth.

Members of the SVCF board currently are delivering grant checks to respective meetings of the recipients.

The 2009 Heritage Fund recipients, and their projects, are:

— Lindsborg Midsummers Festival, \$2,000 funding support for a band concert on Friday, June 19, during the 2009 annual festival. The concert by Salt City Big Band is directed by Bryce Luty, with guest Donna Tucker and the Lindsborg Community Jazz Band, performing in Swensson Park. Midsummers now has a website, with details, at <www.midsummers-festival.org>.

— Smoky Valley Historical Association, \$600 grant to establish a new SVHA website now operational at <www.lindsborghistory.org>.

— Svensk Hyllningsfest Committee, \$1,240 grant for a new "Learning Swedish in 30 Minutes" program during the Lindsborg biennial festival October 9-10, with instructor Margareta Storm, the director of Svenska Skolan in Bethesda, Maryland, which also has such a program at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

SVCF co-chair Barry McMillan said, "The Foundation is pleased to make these grant awards from one of its administered funds, which are part of SVCF efforts to fulfill a mission in helping to improve quality of life in the local and Smoky Valley area community."

In making awards, the Foundation considered several requests from applicants throughout the greater Linds-

borg area — with Smoky Valley defined as northern McPherson County and southern Saline County.

The City of Lindsborg partnered with the SVCF to establish the Heritage Fund — a fund "to support the work of the local community in enhancing, strengthening, and promoting the heritage of the Smoky Valley."

The SVCF gave preference to new and innovative grant requests, according to SVCF co-chairs Barry McMillan and Bill Roth.

The Foundation board is comprised of local members who serve without any remuneration. Information about the SVCF is available online at the website <www.smokyvalleycf.org>.

SVCF is a non-profit entity affiliated with the Greater Salina Community Foundation, and tax-deductible contributions of any size are accepted from donors, according to McMillan and Roth.

The SVCF is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes, and as a public charity it has served Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley since 2002.

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