GNWKCF & AFFILIATE TIMES

NEWSLETTER

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Match Day Madness

2026 has been a year of Match Days to remember!

June 24 marked Norton County Community Foundation's Match Day, which raised a record-breaking amount in a single day for the foundation.

Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation moved its Match Month to September this year and also hosted its first-ever Giving Day on September 16.

September 25 brought Osborne County Community Foundation's Impact Day, rallying community members to support local causes and create lasting impact.

Logan County Community Foundation wrapped up this exciting stretch of giving events with its Match Day on October 1.

All four events were wildly successful, demonstrating the power of local philanthropy and the generosity of communities across northwest Kansas.

Together, donors, volunteers, and community champions made an incredible difference, helping strengthen the places they call home for years to come.

GNWKCF was thrilled to be present for all four days, offering back-end support for GNWKCF was thrilled to be present for all four days, offering back-end support for knowing that the leg-work was done for these events that take a lot of time and thoughtfulness to put together.

Let us know if you are planning to host a Match Day for your foundation

Upcoming Events

- October 14-16: KACF, Wichita
- November 1: Scholarship applications officially open.
- November 17: Staff Success Day, Ellsworth
- December 1: Bird City Century II and Sherman County Community Foundation Match Days

Dutch Treat - KACF Dinner

Please join us for dinner and fun at Chicken n' Pickle on Thursday, October 15th of the KACF Conference in Wichita from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Please also wear our new purple "We Fund the Good" shirts on Wednesday, October 14th.

Grant Highlight

OES Playground Turf

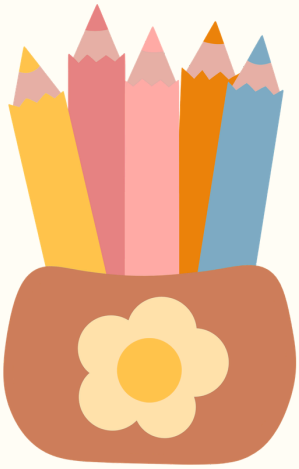
The OES Playground Turf project included installing artificial turf at Oberlin Elementary School playground with grant funding and partnerships including American Playground and Recreation, Support Our Schools, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Funding, the school district, and GROW Decatur County Foundation. The primary goal was to provide a durable, low-maintenance, safe surface for children. The project was fully funded and completed with positive results, including a soft, cushioned surface that received enthusiastic student feedback. Community response has been favorable, with kids actively using the turf for kickball, football, and recreational play, and staff reporting positive sensory experiences and high satisfaction.







Fund Highlight



The Legacy Track and Field Endowment Fund, held at the Wallace County Community Foundation, was created with the purpose of upgrading the Wallace County High School's track and football field; or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the school board or administration. By providing a dedicated source of support, the fund helps preserve safe, high-quality facilities that encourage athletic achievement, school pride, and community engagement while reducing the burden of future fundraising needs. *Who in your community has a passion that could be interested in creating a fund for the betterment of a community facility? Could a fund like this be possible?*



GNWKCF Staff Success Day

Our next Staff Success Day will be held on Tuesday, November 17th in Ellsworth at Robbins Memorial Library Community Room.

Additional details like time and material covered will be coming soon.

Staff Success Day









On Tuesday, September 15th, GNWKCF gathered in Oakley with our affiliate leaders for our quarterly Affiliate Meeting. It was a day dedicated to learning, collaboration and supporting the important work happening across our communities.

Together, we brainstormed new fund ideas, practiced donor conversations, exchanged stewardship strategies and openly shared both successes and challenges. These quarterly gatherings give our affiliates an opportunity to learn from one another, build stronger relationships and return home with practical ideas to support their local work.



We are grateful for every affiliate leader who joined us. Time spent together strengthens our entire network and reminds us that while each affiliate serves its own community, none of them does this work alone. We are PROUD to support our affiliates and even more proud of the difference they make throughout Northwest Kansas.



A special thank you to LA Quilt Co. for welcoming us and sharing how its space brings people together. Thank you also to DeeLightful Dishes for the delicious lunch and Western Vista for an inspiring tour of their new sports and meeting complex!





