



**BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE STEP AT A TIME!**

## **August 2023 Newsletter**

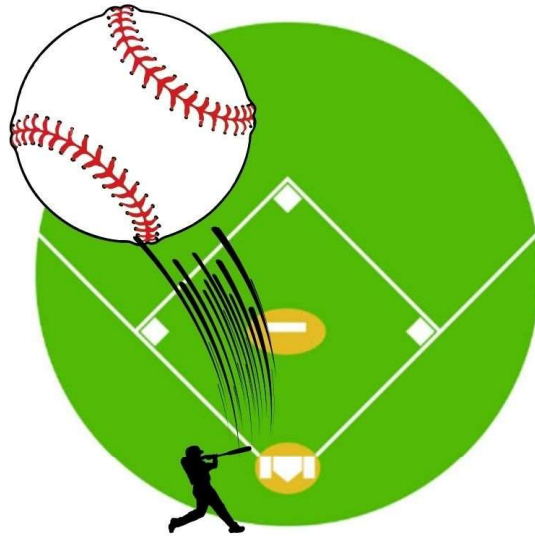
Match Day is August 25, 2023!

Special Opportunity this year!



# MATCH DAY

## Grand Slam



### 🏆 GRAND SLAM 🏆

DURING THIS YEAR STEP HAS DRAFTED OUR DONOR TEAM. OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS AND STEP-UP SUPPORTERS HAVE LOADED THE BASES.

ON MATCH DAY, AUGUST 25, 2023 STEP HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIT A GRAND SLAM. THANKS TO THE PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION, **IF** STEP RAISES \$70,000 ON MATCH DAY, **THEN** STEP RECEIVES A **MATCHING \$70,000** GRANT FROM THE PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION!

**COME HELP OUR COMMUNITIES HIT A GRAND SLAM!**

This year is a special year for the Nemaha County STEP Foundation as the community foundation is celebrating its 30th anniversary and third Match Day. Match Day is simply a dedicated day of giving. The STEP Foundation has 29 funds available to receive donations on Friday, August 25, 2023. Each fund may receive up to \$4,000 in matching funds. In order to provide a pool of funding, there are STEP-Up Supporters. These are businesses, families, couples, and individuals who give \$500 to the General Fund and \$500 to the pooled fund. If you would like to become a STEP-Up Supporter, please contact STEP Executive Director Tory Jost.

A special opportunity for this year is the Matching Grant available thanks to the generosity of the Patterson Family Foundation. STEP has been selected as a grant recipient which means if STEP raises \$70,000 on Match Day, then the Patterson Family Foundation will match \$70,000. If STEP raises less than \$70,000, STEP receives matching dollars for each dollar raised. For example, if STEP raises \$50,000, then the Patterson Family Foundation matches \$50,000. What an incredible grant opportunity! Therefore, the goal this year is to raise at least \$70,000 on Match Day.

Check out the funds, and give to your favorite non-profit on Match Day. Donors may donate online or in person. No gift is too small. Check out more information at [www.stepupnemaha.com](http://www.stepupnemaha.com).



**DONATIONS  
MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY**

# **MATCH DAY**

**FRIDAY,  
25  
AUGUST**

★ **IT'S TIME TO PLAY BALL!** ★

**MATCH DAY IS A DAY OF COMMUNITY GIVING**

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**IN PERSON • Donations Accepted August 25th • ONLINE**

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Seneca Free Library  
10am-6pm

[www.stepupnemaha.com](http://www.stepupnemaha.com)  
12am-11:59pm

**LOAD THE BASES:**

DONATE TO YOUR FAVORITE FUND(S) ON MATCH DAY  
EACH FUND IS RAISING MONEY FOR THEIR NONPROFIT  
ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

**HOME RUN:**

EACH FUND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING FUNDS (DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR) UP TO \$4,000 PER ORGANIZATION

**GRAND SLAM:**

THIS YEAR STEP HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A MATCHING \$70,000 GRANT FROM THE PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION IF STEP RAISES \$70,000 ON MATCH DAY!



## MATCH DAY DONATION FORM

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (receipt will be emailed): \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to each fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$4,000 per fund. **Please write the donation amount on the line next to each fund you would like to support.**

\$ _____	STEP General Endowment Fund	\$ _____	Saints Peter and Paul School (SPPS) Fund
\$ _____	Centralia Community Church Fund	\$ _____	Spring Creek Golf Course Improvement Fund
\$ _____	Centralia Community Fund	\$ _____	St. Mary's Parish Cemetery & Building Fund
\$ _____	Centralia Community Project Fund		
\$ _____	Chad Baker Memorial Fund		
\$ _____	Community National Bank/CNB Custody/Invisor "Underprivileged Children Fund"	<b>Scholarship Funds</b>	
\$ _____	Corning Community Fund	\$ _____	August Bergman, M.D., Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Corning Impact Fund	\$ _____	B&B Legacy Scholarship Fund (includes Roy Heiman Memorial Scholarship)
\$ _____	Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund	\$ _____	Barbara K. Vitt Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Leonard and Thelma Schmelzle Fund (NCTC)	\$ _____	Centralia Community Church Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Meals on Wheels – Nemaha County Fund	\$ _____	Droge Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund	\$ _____	Harry C.M. Burger Nemaha Central Scholarship Fund (Burger I)
\$ _____	Nemaha County Dementia Fund	\$ _____	Harry C.M. Burger Nemaha County Scholarship Fund (Burger II)
\$ _____	Nemaha County Historical Society Fund	\$ _____	Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Seneca Community Fund	\$ _____	United 4 Youth Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Seneca Impact Fund		
\$ _____	Seneca Free Library Fund		
\$ _____	<b>Total (Make ONE check for the TOTAL amount payable to STEP FOUNDATION)</b>		

- ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Credit Card (circle: VISA, Mastercard, Discover, \_\_\_\_\_) Card # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Cash Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_
- All check and cash donations must include this completed form.
- If mailing your donation, include ONE check dated for entire donation amount made payable to the STEP Foundation, along with completed form to: STEP Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Seneca, KS 66538. Please mail by August 15 to be included in the match.
- To donate in person, drop off donations and form at the Seneca Free Library between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023.
- If paying online, visit [www.stepupnemaha.com](http://www.stepupnemaha.com) to complete your transaction on August 25 only.
- By providing an email address, all gifts will receive an electronic gift acknowledgement for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support!

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization – EIN #48-1148882, incorporated in the State of Kansas.





The Nemaha County STEP Foundation excitedly accepts a check from Ag Partners representatives in the amount of \$5,000 for the upcoming Match Day.

Pictured Left to Right: Caitlin Holthaus, Accounts Payable Clerk; Kassie Pechanec, Marketing Intern; and Lindsey Whitten, Strategy Intern; Leon Haverkamp, STEP Secretary; and Tory Jost, STEP Executive Director

[2023 Match Day STEP-Up Supporters](#)







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Also, thanks to the following STEP-Up Supporters!

Ag Partners Cooperative

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**\*\*Thank you to Jim & Patricia Koch for your generous donation to the Catastrophic Medical Fund!\*\***

IF STEP raises \$70,000 on Match Day, then the Patterson Family Foundation will match \$70,000 thanks to a one-time grant opportunity!



**PATTERSON**  
**FAMILY FOUNDATION**

# **Barbara K. Vitt Scholarships Awarded**



**Ella Larkin, Nemaha Central High School**



**Trinity Detweiler, Sabetha High School**



**Nicholas Thompson, Centralia High School**

**Barbara K. Vitt has been a wonderful teacher/counselor example, serving Nemaha County for decades. Mrs. Vitt observed that in all of her teaching/counseling jobs she felt as if she were working in a little piece of paradise. The students with whom she worked were considerate, hard-working, and respectful. Her colleagues, the administrators, and the school boards were wonderful. Best of all, the parents of her students valued education, expected their children's best efforts, and supported the school and the teachers. If she, had it to do over again, she would not hesitate.**

**Her dedication and commitment to teaching is exemplary. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor, three \$1,500 Barbara K. Vitt Scholarships will be available to Nemaha County students annually. The 2023 scholarship recipients are Trinity Detweiler of Sabetha High School, Ella Larkin of Nemaha Central High School, and Nicholas Thompson of Centralia High School.**

**Trinity Detweiler is the daughter of Kurt and Melissa Detweiler and plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in human development and family sciences. Ella Larkin is the daughter of Robert and Amy Larkin and plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in chemical engineering. Nicholas Thompson is the son of Dustin and Manda Thompson and plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in statistics/data science.**

# **B&B and Roy Heiman Memorial Scholarships Announced**



**Addy Holthaus**





**Ellie Rusche**



**John Seiss**



**Korbin Macke**

**The B & B Legacy Scholarships awarded four \$1,000 scholarships through the Nemaha County STEP Foundation this year to graduating seniors who previously attended B & B School.**

**The Legacy Scholarships are a result of a challenge presented to the St. Benedict and Baileyville communities and alumni by August Bergman, M.D., during the 2006 graduation ceremony. Thus, began the fundraising to match Dr. Bergman's seed money of \$25,000. During the fundraising, another graduate Albert Wietharn offered an additional \$25,000 if the communities would match his gift.**

**Both challenges were met, and the \$100,000 was exceeded. The B & B Legacy Scholarships became a reality due to the dedication and generosity of the alumni and communities of St. Benedict and Baileyville.**

**This year's recipients are from Nemaha Central High School.**

**Addy Holthaus, daughter of Brian and Lisa Holthaus, plans to attend Highland Community College and major in animal science.**

**Elli Rusche, daughter of Damian and Jennifer Rusche, plans to attend Rockhurst University and major in nursing.**

**John Siess, son of Richard and Beth Siess, plans to attend Highland Community College Western Center and major in diesel technology.**

**The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is proud to announce one recipient of the Leroy “Roy” Heiman Memorial Scholarship. The Heiman family partnered with STEP to honor Roy. Korbin Macke, son of Steve and Jessie Macke, plans to attend Highland Community College majoring in applied science.**

**The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is honored to be able to assist in awarding these scholarships to these students. STEP strives to assist in helping caring citizens develop ways to help others and leave a lasting legacy.**

# Congratulations



## Nemaha Valley Community Hospital



## 2023 Grant Recipient Nemaha County Dementia Fund

# **Board Member & Bookkeeper Bonnie Meeks**



**Bonnie Meeks grew up in Nemaha County and recently moved back to the area. She has over thirty years' experience in the banking, business personal property and real estate fields. Bonnie has a Master's Degree in Accounting and is employed with the Kansas State Office of the State Banking Commission as a financial bank examiner. In addition to her real estate license, she holds a Kansas insurance license. Bonnie also teaches the GED program with Highland Community College. She volunteers at the Seneca Mission when her schedule allows. Bonnie has two children; James is a supervisor for Coca-Cola in Lenexa, and Amanda graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Business and Marketing.**

**Prior to relocating to Seneca, Bonnie was very active in the Paola, Kansas community. She served on the Library Board, Foster Grandparent Board, Rockwood Homeowners Association Board, and the Pastoral and Finance Council for Holy Trinity Parish.**

**Bonnie - we appreciate you!**



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