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Letters to the Editor



There was a small 3 paragraph news item in the February 5, 2010 Salina Journal that postulated large benefits for the Lincoln County area.

It read: The Sylvan Grove area Foundation recently affiliated with the Greater Salina Foundation and changed its name to the Post Rock Community Foundation. Further it said "additional board members were being sought from Lincoln, Denmark and Barnard areas".

This intriguing news follows on the heels of other recent announcements wherein most of our neighboring counties have become serious about wealth retention and realized the benefits of combining their fund raising activities and pooling philanthropic resources for a larger return on their efforts and funds. Some are already benefiting from the largess of national grants.

What I find amazing and also exhilarating is how the leaders of this 300 citizen village pulled off this philanthropic coup d'etat while the GOB's in the Lincoln County seat are still in their coffee klatches arguing the dire consequences of "shipping our dollars " to Salina. Even though two Lincoln Leadership classes studied this issue and strongly endorsed the need for a real community foundation. While Lincoln county may well enjoy the largest number of foundations per capita in the State, it's actual wealth retention has been a dismal failure.

I applaud the visionary, progressive leadership of the Sylvan Area Foundation just as I do that of the little band of people who dreamed and built the Hunter Community Building that has improved the quality of life for many of our neighbors to the northwest. Maybe I am beginning to unravel the mystery of why the Lincoln County Fair is held in Sylvan Grove.

This is the way I see it.

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