Leaving A Legacy

Patsy Ruddick loved books, teaching and learning, and her church. In fact, Patsy had many interests, hobbies and volunteer opportunities that greatly enhanced her life. She was very active in the community and worked in many ways to help educate and benefit others through her knowledge and skills.

Patsy was a long-time employee of Garden City Community College (GCCC) and began her service there in 1963. She retired from the college in 1994. During her early years, the campus was still located in Sabine Hall and Calkins Hall on Jones Avenue, and she was in charge of the library when it moved to the present campus in 1970.

The library’s holdings and services expanded extensively during Patsy’s tenure, and it began the transition from book and paper collections only to computers and digital information. She supported the effort to rename the library in honor of Thomas F. Saffell and was a co-founder of GCCC’s Alpha Xi Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society. In addition, during her tenure the Mary Jo Williams Comprehensive Learning Center was created and based at the library.

After Patsy’s retirement, she continued to support the community as a volunteer for organizations that enrich Garden City in many ways. Patsy was also a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church where she was active in the choir for more than 25 years and served as substitute organist.

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It is time for Spring! Yet as I look at the forecast and the day to day swing in the temperatures it is apparent that someone else is in charge of the weather conditions!

Life is much like the weather, someone else is in charge. We plan for each and every event in our lives and yet someone else also has a hand in scheduling.

Our opportunity to plan and assist our Communities to survive and prosper is within our control. We have benefitted from the opportunities available to us in Western Kansas. As we plan for the next generation it is an opportunity for us to say “thank you” to those who have laid the path in times gone past.

There is a plan for Kansas’ future, it is called “Keep 5 in Kansas”. The focus is to look seriously at the benefits of our life in Western Kansas and consider a 5% gift to remain in our part of the World. This gift could be to a charitable beneficiary in our communities that could be served through our thoughtful gesture.

Western Kansas is a better place because people before us have given back to this area of the Country, they have re-invested part of their wealth in making this a better place in Kansas. Please consider your position with this great concept.

Thank you for all you do!

Patsy Ruddick Continued…

Patsy wanted to continue to benefit the community after her passing and chose to leave a legacy in the form of an endowed fund. She setup a designated fund at Western Kansas Community Foundation through her will that provides grant funding to five non-profits she was passionate about including Emmaus House, First United Methodist Church, Finney County Historical Society, Finney County Public Library and GCCC’s Endowment Association to be used for library resources.

“The beauty of an endowed fund is that Patsy’s original estate gift will never be spent. The five entities she chose will benefit from grants made from the income generated by the fund. This is how Patsy’s bequest will continue to support these charities forever,” said Shea Sinclair, Executive Director of Western Kansas Community Foundation.

Although Patsy passed away in December of 2012, her legacy will live on through her endowed fund working to improve our community for years to come.
The communities where we live, work, learn and play greatly affect our ability to be active and to eat well which ultimately impacts our health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) chronic diseases affect almost 50% of Americans and account for 7 of the 10 leading causes of death in the US.

People who suffer from chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and arthritis can be limited in their health, activity, and work, affecting the quality of their lives and the lives of their families. Two of the top three causes of these chronic conditions are physical inactivity and poor nutrition. When people engage in healthy behaviors such as being physically active and eating nutritious foods they reduce their risk for illness and death due to chronic disease.

The Western Kansas Community Foundation in partnership with the Finney County Community Health Coalition has launched a health initiative called LiveWell Finney County to help promote healthy community designs that encourage increased physical activity. Partial funding for this initiative was provided by the Kansas Health Foundation and enabled us to hire a Community Mobilizer, Pat Veesart, tasked with keeping the leadership team focused and moving forward.

The other important partner in this initiative is the City of Garden City, which provided both dollars and infrastructure matches in the form of new sidewalks with the recent grant award of Safe Routes to Schools. Sidewalks serve as safe connection points from neighborhoods to schools and provide an opportunity to be active.

Many visitors to Garden City are amazed at the quality of our sidewalks, trails and parks. Although this initiative has just begun, we are excited with the progress that has already been made. Over this next year, we will be bringing attention to crosswalks and how we can increase safety and visibility for both drivers, walkers and bikers.

Like us on Facebook (LiveWell Finney County) to get updates on what’s happening and some great tips on healthy living. We are just putting the finishing touches on Safe Walking Tips, just in time to get out and get active. For more information, or to find out how you can get involved call the WKCF at 620-271-9484 or check out our website at www.wkcf.org.
WKCF Funds

AGENCY FUNDS
Emmaus House
Finney County Farm Bureau
Finney County Humane Society
Finney County Public Library
Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo
Garden City Chamber of Commerce Leadership
Garden City Chamber of Commerce Leadership Children
Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
Garden City Family YMCA
Garden City Public Schools Foundation
Russell Child Development Center
Sublette Public Schools Foundation

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Arts & Culture
Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel Fund
In Memory of Carole’s parents
Dale & Jeanne Beach Corley Children
Kansas Health Foundation Children’s Fund
Kansas Health Foundation
Our Children, Our Future
John & Elizabeth Scheopner Development
Grant County Fund
Haskell County Community Fund

Education
Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
Garden City Sunrisers Kiwanis Club
Pauline and Orville Patterson Family Fund

Health & Human Services
Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
Mary Lou Spanier Fund
Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund
Unruh Family Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Bernadine Sitts Fund
Bob Wilson Memorial Fund
Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
Bob Wilson Memorial Fund
Grant County Hospital Foundation (non-permanent) Fund
Builders of Hope
Erdene Corley Fund
Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
Finney County Library Fund
Finney County Humane Society Fund
Garden City Arts
Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
Kismet Library Fund
Pat & Gene LeClerc Endowed Fund
Cecil and Frances O’Brate Family Fund for Youthville
Patsy Ruddick Memorial Fund
Satanta Lions Club Fund
Bernadine Sitts Fund
Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
Unified School District #363—Holcomb, KS
Dorothy M. & Louise Wampler Western Kansas Community Foundation Sustainability Fund
Robert A. Whippo Fund
Lawrence F. Zant & Marjorie R. William Memorial Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Matt Anderson Memorial Fund
Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
Erdene Corley Fund
Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
Eatinger Family Fund
Finney County Farm Bureau
Luther & Ardis Fry Family Fund
Gerald & Phyllis Greene Endowed Fund
Elna Naughton Elliott Hall Fund
In Memory of Eltrude’s Brothers
Dorsey Elliott and Morton Elliott
Henselman Family Fund
Henry & Nellie Hall Fund
Kansas Children’s Service League
Healthy Families Finney County Fund
Kenneth & Judith Keusler Family Fund
Leo and Eldora Kleysteuber Fund
Lee Construction, Inc. Fund
M & S Fund
Carol & Kent Nanninga Family Fund
Gary & Carolyn Salyer Fund
Matha Sherman Fund
Unruh Future Hope Fund
Eugene and Ruth Wright Fund

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association
Garden City High School
Garden City Telegram
Senior Student-Athlete Scholarship
12 county Telegram service area
Charles Helfrich Memorial Scholarship
Rich Jantz Scholarship Fund
Southwestern College
Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Holcomb High School
Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Continuing Education
Laura Elizabeth Kleysteuber Memorial Fund
Garden City High School
Jan McLeod Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School
Neighborhood Improvement Project Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
Duanes Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund
K O & Ruth Powell Scholarship Fund
Nursing
Bernadine Sitts Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
Joyce & Leroy Stapleton Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School and Garden City Community College
Garden City Community College
Sublette Rotary Club Fund
Sublette High School
Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
Brewster/Winona-Triplains/Oakley-Monument Chase Mitchell Webber Sublette Recreation Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School
Tonya Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT
James A. & Christina Becker Fund
Community Betterment Fund
Finney County Farm Bureau
Garden City Company
Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel
Katherine C. Jones
Harold R. & Sadie Kleysteuber
Bob & Barbara Kreutzer Fund
John G. and Emily A. Miller Family Fund
Max & Marianne Miller Family Farm Fund
In Honor of Max’s parents
Ralph & Idella Miller
David C. & Judith A. Stanard
Mathews/Stanard Fund
In Honor of Judy’s parents
Robert & Cleo Mathews

COMMUNITY LEGACY SOCIETY
Helen Batchelder
Robert A. & Lujuana C. Baker
Ed & Alice Banning
Joe & Betty Benson
Milan & Deanna Berry
Jeffrey D. & Shonda J. Collins
Robert & Brenda Drees
Dorsey & Marjorie Elliott
Dick & Sheila Fankhauser
Earl & Dora Fry
Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel
Ralph N. and Marilyn Germann
Dr. Gerald L. and Phyllis Greene
George & Lori Hopkins
Danna L. Schaller Jones
William M. Jones, Jr.
Lisk Family
Bryan & Geneen Love
Doral & Vincent Mancini
Ray & Geraldine Mann
Don & Waumeta Messenger
Roger & Donna Morris
Carl & Carolyn Myers
Martin & Judy Nusser
Mary Lou Shea
David & Judy Stanard

Western Kansas Community Foundation Affiliates
Grant County Community Foundation
Wichita County Community Foundation

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
Richie McNaught
Prudential Life Insurance
Matching Gifts Policy
Report from Executive Director
Shea Sinclair

Western Kansas Community Foundation is guided and governed by an engaged and passionate Board of Directors. The Foundation intentionally seeks out board members who represent our fifteen county service area to bring knowledge and understanding of the counties in which they live. Currently, we have board members from Finney, Gray, Grant, Haskell and Wichita Counties serving on the Board.

Directors are elected for three-year terms, with approximately one-third of the board's terms ending each year. A board member can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, or six years. This means each year we welcome a group of new board members and say good-bye to board members who have worked diligently to grow the Foundation that was created to help sustain and improve Southwest Kansas.

Alice Banning (Garden City), Janie Welsh (Sublette) and Debbie Wharton (Garden City) each served six years on the Foundation's board. Their leadership and passion for philanthropy were felt on the Finance Committee and Grant Committee, as well as the Board of Directors. Although their terms on the board ended recently, we know they will continue to be strong supporters of our work and act as ambassadors of the WKCF long into the future.

We welcome Kathleen Holt (Cimarron), Susan Williams (Montezuma) and Craig Boomhower (Garden City) whose terms began in January. I'm excited to see how their skills and leadership qualities will expand the Foundation and further our legacy in the communities we serve.

Every day we are grateful for those that support Western Kansas Community Foundation in so many ways. Thank you for caring deeply about Southwest Kansas and for dreaming with us how we together can affect an ever-improving future for generations to come!

Estate Planning Services

Stewardship Counseling, LLC offers comprehensive estate planning for you and your family. John W. Griffin, Esq. travels across Kansas to offer this service through a wide range of community and private foundations.

He will review your existing plan free of charge. No products are sold or endorsed through this counseling process, only the opportunities to gain ideas. Garden City Community College Endowment Association, Commerce Trust Company of Garden City, and Western Kansas Community Foundation are proud to sponsor this program.
Western Kansas Community Foundation is honored to make quarterly grant awards to charities working to support those in need, provide cultural and educational opportunities for area residents and develop sustainable programs to address challenges within our communities. First quarter grant awards totaling $19,550 were made to the following entities addressing these needs:

- **Communities in Schools of Grant County** - support for technology equipment for the program entitled, “Today's Technology for Tomorrow's Success.”

- **Garden City Arts** - support to purchase technology upgrades for use at the Garden City Arts Gallery.

- **Garden City Church of the Nazarene** - grant to purchase playground items for programs open to the community.

- **Garden City Family YMCA** - grant to be used to upgrade equipment for exercise classes.

- **Garden City Recreation Commission** - support for the summer playground program engaging area youth.

- **K-State Research & Extension, Meade County** - grant to underwrite “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” training event.

- **National Math Foundation** - to purchase supplies and necessary equipment for “Super Fun Math Camp” to take place at Garden City Community College.