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GCAP remembers Ron Peek with annual scholarships for public safety employees’ children

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To honor the Finney County men and women who provide for its citizens public safety, Garden City Ammonia Program has established the Ron Peek Memorial Scholarship Fund that will provide three $1,000 scholarships for the children and stepchildren of the Garden City Police department, Garden City Fire Department, and Finney County EMS.

The scholarship fund was named in memory of 16-year Garden City Fire Department veteran Ron Peek who died during training exercises in January 2014.

“We have done safety training with the GCFD for a lot of years and Ron had gone through many of our classes,” said Randy Williams, president of the Garden City Ammonia Program (GCAP). “We know these men and women put their lives on the line for us every day so we made the decision to offer scholarships for their children and stepchildren as a way of recognizing their efforts and saying thanks.”

The scholarships, which have been set up and will be managed by Western Kansas Community Foundation, will offer three $1,000 awards each year—one each for Police, Fire, and EMS. Only children and stepchildren of those departments’ employees are eligible for award consideration. These students must have graduated or be graduating from a Kansas high school, have attained a 2.5 or better GPA, and must complete a scholarship application form.

“The scholarships will be utilized toward the student’s tuition and/or books,” said Shea Sinclair, Western Kansas Community Foundation’s former executive director. “The post-secondary school must be accredited and may be a four- or two-year college, a vocational-technical program, or other state-recognized certification program. We are so pleased and honored to be part of helping make this scholarship available to the children of those who serve and protect in Finney County.”

Funding to continue the yearly awards will be provided from the proceeds gleaned from the Region 7 Ammonia Safety Day held each May at the Kansas City Community College. Williams, along with his son Jeremy -

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You’ve heard those old saws: The only consistent thing is change. If you don’t like our weather, wait 15 minutes--it will change. If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.

Change comes to the Western Kansas Community Foundation, too. After seven successful years of development, growth, and increasing philanthropic involvement under Shea Sinclair’s direction, we have a major change in leadership. Shea has moved out-of-state, following her husband’s employment opportunity.

I am very pleased to announce we have a new Executive Director, Dr. Conny Bogaard. You will be seeing and learning more of her in the near future. Stop in the office and get acquainted!

Rest assured, we are moving forward with our plans to grow, strengthen, and better serve more people in South West Kansas. There’s no change in that!

GCAP remembers Ron Peek with annual scholarships for public safety employees’ children, continued:

and several other staff members and instructors, present refresher courses and training throughout an entire day to 350-400 participants. Vendors are also on hand to display and demonstrate the latest equipment and technology being used in ammonia and carbon dioxide refrigeration, boiler operations, and process safety management.

“We provide recertification and OSHA training to groups of technicians with varied skill levels and sets,” said Williams. “We understand the importance of education and the challenges that can arise when trying to pay for that education. From Ron’s tragedy came the opportunity for us to offer some help as well as to show our appreciation for these unsung heroes. It’s a start.”

Pictured Here: Melissa Gallegos, Program Officer of the Western Kansas Community Foundation, Shea Sinclair, Former Executive Director of the Western Kansas Community Foundation, Lana Peek, widow of Ron Peek, Rachel Williams with Garden City Ammonia Program, and Jeremy Williams of Garden City Ammonia Program, as the Garden City Ammonia Program presented the establishing donation to the Ron Peek Memorial Scholarship Fund.
Second Quarter Grant Awards Exceed $50,000

In the words of Moliere, "Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows," a statement that clearly embodies those working in the nonprofit world. There is a sacrifice that takes place for individuals who choose to give back and dedicate their careers to helping others. It takes those individuals to creatively build up programs and organizations to improve the quality of life for others around them.

During the May Grant Cycle, the WKCF was able to award over $50,000 in grant monies to area non-profits to recognize their hard work and programs to meet the needs of area residents. Programs that range from bringing the arts to entertain, to suicide prevention among teens. These deserving organizations work diligently to enhance and improve Southwest Kansas for all. Below is a list of the organizations who received grant funding and their programs.

Congratulations!

Alzheimer’s Association, Central & Western Kansas - Western Kansas Community Outreach Program
American Red Cross, Central & Western Kansas - Disaster Relief Fund for Western Kansas
Child Care Aware of Kansas - Family Style Dining Program in Participating Daycares
Finney County Sheriff’s Office - Certified Voice Stress Analyzer
High Plains Public Radio - New Sign for the Garden City Studio
Plains-Kismet United Methodist Church - Back to School Bash Program
Russell Child Development Center - Early Learning Stations Program
Saint Francis Community & Family Services - “Drive On!” Project for Kansas Youth Aging out of Foster Care
St. Catherine Hospital Development Foundation - Cycling & Pedestrian Improvement Program
Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association - New Computer for their office
Southwest Guidance Center - Suicide Prevention Empowerment Training Program
Southwest Kansas Live on Stage - Community Concert Series
Sublette Chamber of Commerce / City of Sublette - Chamber / City Main Street Park Improvements
Wichita County Historical Society - New Signage “Welcome to Wichita County, Barn Quilt Capital of Kansas”

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## 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 Arts
- GC Chamber of Commerce Leadership
- GC Chamber of Commerce Leadership/Children
- Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
- Garden City Family YMCA
- Garden City Noon Lion’s Club
- Garden City Public Schools Foundation
- Kanza Society Endowment benefitting High Plains Public Radio
- 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
- Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
- Bob Wilson Memorial
- Grant County Hospital Foundation (non-permanent) Fund
- Builders of Hope
- Erden Corley Fund
- Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
- Dan & Chris Fantkhauser Fund
- Finney County Library Fund
- Garden City Catholic Schools Alumni & Friends Association Fund
- Henselman Family 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 Fund
- WKCF 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
- Erden Corley Fund
- Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
- Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
- Eawinger Family Fund
- Finney County Farm Bureau
- Luther & Ardis Fry Family Fund
- Gerald & Phyllis Greene Endowed Fund
- Eltrude Elliott Hall Fund
- In Memory of Eltrude’s Brothers
- Dorsey Elliott and Merton Elliott
- Henry & Nellie Hall Fund
- Kansas Children’s Service League
- Healthy Families Finney County Fund
- Clifford & Dolores Hope Family Fund
- Kenneth & Judith Keusler Family Fund
- Leo and Eldora Kleysteuber Fund
- Lee Construction, Inc. Fund
- Ed & Nelda Lewis Family Fund
- N & 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
- Tanner Dean Memorial Scholarship
- 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 McLeland Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Satanta High School
- Neighborhood Improvement Project Scholarship Fund
- Garden City High School
- Duane Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ron Peek 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 Mitchel 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 & Idell 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. & Lujan 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 L. Germann
- Dr. Gerald L. and Phyllis Greene
- George & Lori Hopkins
- Danna L. Schaller Jones
- William M. Jones, Jr.
- Lisk Family
- Doral & Vincent Mancini
- Ray & Geraldine Mann
- Don & Wauketa Messenger
- Roger & Donna Morris
- Carl & Carolyn Myers
- Martin & Judy Nutser
- Mary Lou Shea
- David & Judy Stanard

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

### FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
- Rich McNaught
- Prudential Life Insurance
- Matching Gifts Policy
The WKCF Says Farewell to Executive Director, Shea Sinclair

In July of 2008, the WKCF was about to undergo a series of transitions, one being that of the hiring of Shea Sinclair. Previous to working with the WKCF, Shea was the Executive Director of the Garden City Community College Endowment Association. Familiar with endowment funds, and the relationships it takes to build assets, Shea did just that.

Going from assets just shy of $14 million in 2008 to over $27 million at the time of her departure, Shea was instrumental in securing grant funds from the Kansas Health Foundation during several GROW initiatives as well as securing donations from private donors during her tenure with the Foundation. These initiatives and donations helped to grow the Foundation’s granting capabilities to area non-profit organizations to support various programs. “I could not be more proud to have worked with the Board and the Staff of WKCF to preserve assets that will permanently benefit charitable programs and non-profits doing great work in Southwest Kansas,” said Sinclair.

Shea was instrumental in building key relationships in outlying counties which resulted in two affiliate foundations, Wichita and Grant Counties. Shea also served as the Chairman of the Kansas Association of Community Foundations and worked with other Foundation leaders from all over the state.

In March of 2015, Shea announced husband, Kent, had accepted a new employment opportunity in South Carolina to which they would be relocating. Upon leaving, Shea commented, “The Foundation has a bright future ahead and I’m so pleased to have a small footnote in its successful history.” Kent and Shea have since made their move and are settling in to life on the East Coast.

The WKCF Board and Staff are grateful for the leadership that Shea portrayed as well as the position she helped the Foundation gain during her seven years serving as Executive Director. WKCF Board Chairman, Neil Hawley stated, “What a pleasure it was to work with Shea! She was a great champion for the WKCF, and I am thankful for the time she gave us. I wish her all the best in South Carolina.”
The Western Kansas Community Foundation Welcomes
Conny Bogaard, PhD as New Executive Director

“We are truly excited to have Conny assume our Director’s duties,” said Neil Hawley, Chairman of the Western Kansas Community Foundation Board of Directors. “She comes to us with a wealth of experience in non-profit organization leadership, and her enthusiasm and commitment to our goals will be great for us and all of SW Kansas. We feel very fortunate to have found a person so well-qualified and experienced in fund-raising, management, and executive leadership.”

Conny’s resume includes over 20 years of executive planning, administration, communications and marketing experience in the non-profit sector, both in Holland and the United States. She earned a Master’s in Art History and Museum Studies, and a doctorate degree in philosophy, aesthetics and art theory. Conny published extensively on the civic role of art and museums; she is also a regular speaker at international professional conferences.

Conny has served as executive director for the Rocky Flats Institute and Museum in Arvada, CO and was curator for the Golden Pioneer Museum in Golden, CO and the Hotel de Paris Museum in Georgetown, CO. She also served as adjunct faculty at various colleges in the Denver Metro area. Prior to this appointment, Conny taught arts and cultural management at the Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. She also served as museum consultant for the Havasupai tribal community in Arizona.

“I look forward to serve and partner with the area’s nonprofit organizations in this new capacity,” remarks Conny. “I am dedicated to this sector because it provides vital human services and cultural enrichment to our community. The Western Kansas Community Foundation plays a key role in supporting and developing nonprofits’ contribution to this region’s quality of life.”