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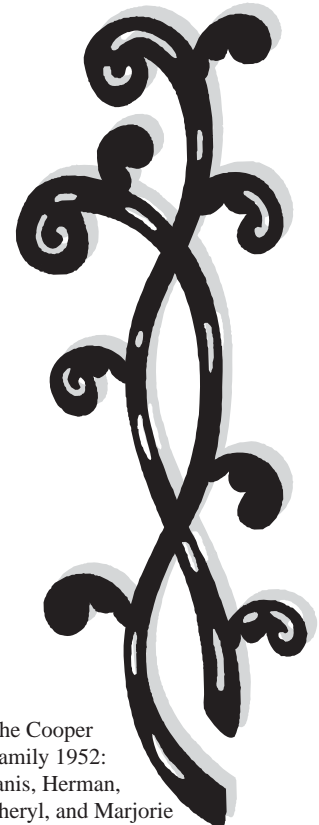
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NEW FUND



The Cooper
Family 1952:
Janis, Herman,
Sheryl, and Marjorie



The Herman and Marjorie Cooper donor advised fund was initiated by their daughters, Jan Cornett and Sheryl Dick, of Garden City. Jan suggested the memorial fund at the passing of Marjorie on November 5, 2008, as recognition also of Phillip R. Dick, one of the originators of the Western Kansas Community Foundation.

Herman Cooper passed away November 23, 2002, and he and Marjorie had been residents of Garden City since 1996, moving from Billings, Oklahoma, to be near their daughters. Both parents always taught their daughters a strong work ethic, the importance of integrity, a positive attitude and a sense of humor, and to vote Republican!

Both Jan and Sheryl thought the donor advised fund would be a great way for them to work together and give back to the community in which they live with interest earned each year on the permanently endowed fund. They look forward to honoring their parents in this lasting way for the betterment of Garden City and the surrounding western Kansas communities.

WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching western Kansas life through philanthropy, collaboration and leadership.

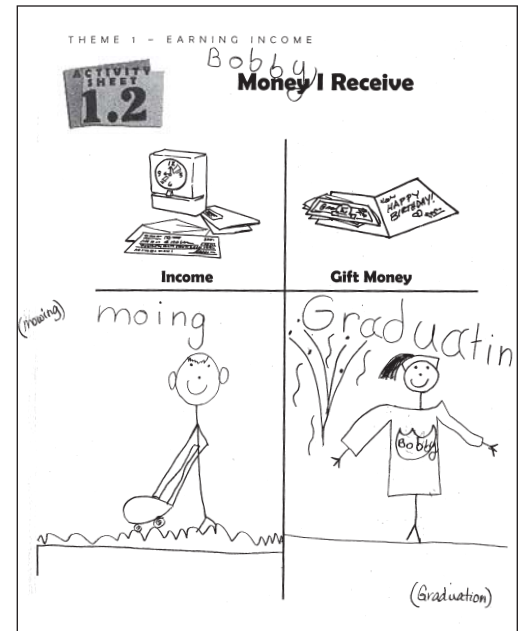
Inspiration Point!

Good news is everywhere! We have many great things to share and successes to celebrate with the supporters of the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Your generosity is what makes these success stories happen each quarter when the WKCF awards grants to charitable entities and important causes throughout western Kansas. Grants support the causes you are interested in and allow entities to further their mission into the communities they serve. Each quarter we will share a story that communicates the way your support and donations have helped so many.

Financial Literacy Project -

In 2008, a grant award was funded through the WKCF to support Communities In Schools of Grant County in offering financial literacy instruction to grade school children in USD #214, Ulysses. Sandra Markley, Instructor with Communities In Schools comments, "since the classes began back in October 2008, students have learned about income and making choices in spending money. Lessons on goods and services and scarcity have been presented. How to manage an account with deposits and withdraws. Planned and unplanned spending habits of consumers. Lessons on the pitfalls of credit cards and borrowing money are to come". Sandra continues, "This is truly a great program and the students are responding well to the information. Thank you for helping us improve the lives of those in Grant County".

The worksheet to the right is from a bright young student participating in the program. Students were asked to differentiate between money earned as income and gifts of money.



President's Perspective



Tom Walker

What an amazing time of year! Today as I was driving around Garden City, I noticed a pear tree that was in full bloom. A little further down the street, there were several trees that were starting to leaf out enough that they were all green. I must say that for mid-March that is very pretty and a little scary. It is pretty to see the new growth and green leaves. A little scary knowing that cold weather is just around the corner to freeze the blossoms and green leaves.

A similar comparison can be drawn to the growth and development of new funds here at the Western Kansas Community Foundation. We are constantly blessed with new funds being started by donors or from bequeaths from estates of philanthropic resident of southwest Kansas.

We have had several new funds set up recently and we are constantly monitoring the markets with our investment managers to try to generate a positive return on the assets of the Foundation, while minimizing the risk. Since Western Kansas Community Foundation is going to be in existence for a long time, the Foundation will survive the current economic problems and will be well structured for the financial markets of the future.

We truly appreciate the support and confidence of the donors and supporters of the WKCF. We are the Foundation of today and the Foundation of the future. As it says in our mission statement, "Enriching Western Kansas life through philanthropy, collaboration and leadership", we work hard to achieve and exceed this statement.

Women of Purpose

We dreamed, we talked, we planned and now we're ready to announce the Western Kansas Community Foundation's Women of Purpose Fund.

This fund will empower women to take an active and purposeful role in philanthropy by supporting women's issues. The Women of Purpose Fund enables dedicated, engaged women to make a difference in the lives of women right here in southwest Kansas.

We began by bringing several area ladies together to discuss their thoughts concerning the formation of a fund that

would address women's issues right here at home. We asked many questions about what these funds could support, how it should be organized and what the grant process should look like. The Women of Purpose Advisory Committee had tremendous ideas that we implemented to start this exciting endeavor.

It is the goal of the WKCF to establish a permanent endowment of \$50,000 for the new fund. To launch the fund, we will offer a unique opportunity for fifty (50) area women who invest \$1,100 to become the Women of Vision founders. \$1000 of this original donation will be permanently endowed and the remaining \$100 will allow them to become a voting member of the 100 Women of Purpose.

After our Women of Vision Founders Fund is complete, the foundation will invite an additional fifty (50) area women to invest \$100, with a goal of \$10,000 to be raised toward the initiative. The funds will be separated in equal parts, \$5,000 will be permanently endowed and the other \$5,000 granted to area non-profits who apply for funding in areas of focus established by the Women of Purpose grant committee. The endowed funds will also continue to grow annually and offer additional dollars which can be granted in years to come.

The 100 Women of Purpose will be able to vote on what women's programs they want to see funded through grant money generated by this new program. An annual Women of Purpose event will be held in October of each year to celebrate the awardees and to hear presentations of how the funds will change the lives of southwest Kansas women.

Additional opportunities to be involved in this exciting new program will be offered too. Another option is to join with many others as a Friend of the Women of Purpose. The Friends of the Women of Purpose will increase the amount of grants available but will not have the responsibility of voting to award grants that year.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call the WKCF office at 271-9484. Please consider joining us in becoming a part of Western Kansas Community Foundation history. We welcome you to our "family" as we create a community of like-minded women and increase awareness of philanthropy in the area of women's issues in southwest Kansas—this is a place we call home and believe we can make great things happen.

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 Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
 Garden City Family YMCA
 Garden City Public Schools Foundation
 Panama Christian Medical Mission
(established by Rotary District 5690)
 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

Health & Human Services

Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
 Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
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 Cancer Care of the Plains Fund
 Erdene Corley Fund
 Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
 Emmaus House Fund
 Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
 Finney County Library Fund
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 Southwest Arts & Humanities Council
 Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
 Unified School District #363—Holcomb, KS
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 Robert A. Whippo Fund

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Garden City High School
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 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
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Garden City High School
 K O & Ruth Powell Scholarship Fund
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Community College
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 Chase Mitchel Webber Sublette Recreation
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In Honor of Judy's parents
Robert & Cleo Mathews

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**Report from Executive Director
 Shea Sinclair**



The past few months have certainly been a roller coaster for our country economically and socially. An important lesson I took away from a recent conference is to remember that opportunities often masquerade as challenges and an uncertain economy offers new opportunities for those who are prepared to seize them.

The WKCF is uniquely positioned to assist those interested in supporting programs and projects that affect a variety of ages, causes and interests. While these programs and projects are facing the same challenging times, through your support, we are honored to help fund those activities that strengthen our communities. The WKCF will be here well into the future when these ups and downs are a footnote in our history continuing to honor our donor's charitable wishes.

We are enormously grateful for the faith, support and trust you have placed in the WKCF throughout our 13 year history. The growth we have experienced over these years is attributable to your amazing generosity and the vision and dedication of our volunteer board members and county advisory committees.

Yes, these unsettled times will pass and we will learn many valuable lessons from the challenges we have faced and how we were able to take advantage of the opportunities before us. We look forward to continuing to work with each of you to make tomorrow brighter for everyone!

The best use of one's life is to invest it in something that will outlast that life"...William James

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Please call the WKCF office for more information.

New Fund

Family, friends and music were all very important to Bob Whippo. By trade, Bob was the chief financial officer for the Area Mental Health Center. But his passion and talent for music led him to perform with the Fulton Street Band or with the summer community concerts at Stevens Park as well as his church.

Bob passed away in November of 2008 after a long battle with cancer. Bob was known for his terrific sense of humor, friendly and outgoing demeanor and genuine concern for his family, friends and the causes that he supported.

Bob's family, including his wife Jill, son Lucas and daughter Aubrey decided to start a permanent fund that would benefit area music initiatives. The Robert A. Whippo designated fund will honor Bob's love of music by offering grants from interest earned each year on an endowed fund to support live music programming in the area.



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