



Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund

Charles "Bud" and Naomi Ward spent most of their nearly 40 years of married life in Winona, Kansas. Following Bud's death in 1996, his family established a scholarship fund to serve students who attended the schools where Bud and Naomi had been active as teachers.

Bud's teaching and coaching experience began in Monument, Kansas and ended in Oakley, Kansas

where he was the School Counselor. Mr. Ward also taught and coached in the Winona-Triplains, and Brewster, Kansas school systems. He reminded all of us that, "Education is the one thing that no one can take away from you."

Naomi taught Business Education for 14 years at Brewster High School and 13 years at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, Kansas. She retired in 2003.

Education was always an important part of the Ward family life; however, farming and ranching were also an integral part of living in Western Kansas. Bud received his degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State with a BS in Agriculture, MS in Administrative Education and additional Certification in School Counseling. Naomi earned her BS in Business Education from FHSU and her MS in Technical Education from Pittsburg State College.

The Ward children have followed in the field of Education. Deanna Berry, presently Director of Russell Child Development in Garden City, previously served as a School Psychologist for Western Kansas Schools after teaching fifth grade in Brewster. She received her BS in Education,

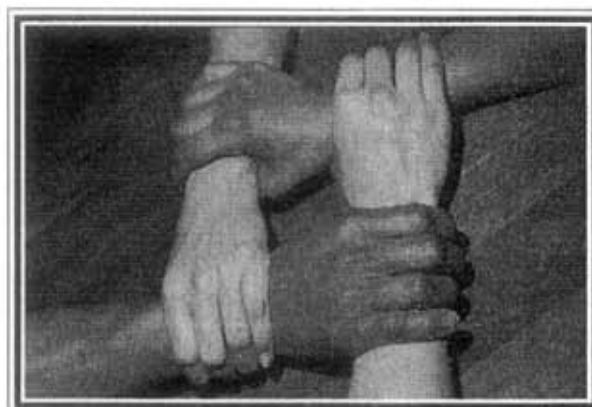
MS and Ed.S degrees in School Psychology and Education Administration certification from FHSU. Charlotte Baalman of Oakley has spent most of her teaching career as an elementary school teacher in the Winona and Oakley districts. She coaches Volleyball for Oakley High School and is also a graduate of FHSU. Noland Ward attended college in Hays and is presently in the cattle business where he finds himself helping young people with the techniques of preparing and showing cattle.

The Ward Family Scholarship is available for students who have attended school in Brewster, Winona-Triplains, or Oakley-Monument. They may apply following the successful completion of at least one semester on campus. Scholarships may be used for tuition or books by students attending a postsecondary Kansas institution.

Grants due May 1, August 1 and November 1 in 2007

Applications available online

www.wkcf.org



President's Perspective

Greetings,

I hope you all survived the winter weather and are ready for spring!

On February 5th the WKCF Board was fortunate to have access to a team of consultants who spent an entire morning with us. Pat Heiny and Mary Jo Clark of Contemporary Consulting were terrific in assisting us to review our past, and also plan for the future of the WKCF. They certainly encouraged us to think of the Foundation's "Impact" on the community. A big "Thank You" to the Garden City Chamber Board for sharing these ladies as we look to the future of Western Kansas.

On March 7th, we were once again motivated at a breakfast conversation in Finney County. Similar meetings were held in three other counties as Troy Unruh helped lead discussions for healthier communities. Those present were so helpful and provided wonderful ideas in the visioning process. We were pleased with the attendance and the enthusiasm!

Even though this challenge has a "healthier Kansas" theme, our primary goal remains the same - to provide perpetuity of funds for the betterment of life in Western Kansas. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Betty Benson
WKCF President