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Wallace County Foundation Brings Community Together

The first week of June marked the seven-day build for the long-dreamed-of North Park Makeover at county-owned North Park in Sharon Springs. More than 130 volunteers of all ages joined together, learned new skills, and put together a playground that will last for many years to come.

The first week began with laying out and excavating the site, setting posts, and using power tools to cut pieces for the pre-designed structures. As the week went on, volunteers constructed the train, the depot, and surrounding structures and fence. They also installed swings and other pieces of equipment, and spread rock and safety bedding.

Businesses pitched in, church groups and individuals cooked and served meals, and the community joined together in great comradery. With only a few tasks left to complete, this project, dreamt up by our own youth, has finally taken shape and kids and adults alike have spent hours enjoying the fruits of the volunteers' hard work.

The playground, designed by Play by Design, LLC, is ADA compliant. The fundraising, planning, and construction were coordinated by the volunteer committee and the Wallace County Foundation through an open planning process over the past few years. Thank you, donors and volunteers!

*"Volunteering doesn't necessarily mean you have the time. Let's face it, life is chaotic and very few have free time. It means that you have the heart and desire to do good and make your community a better place to live."
-- Lindsey Larson, WCF Board Member and North Park Volunteer*

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

--Winston Churchill

WCF Special Funds

- *Ruth Jackson Scholarship
- *Paul Kirkham Scholarship
- *Harold and Eileen Frasier Memorial Fund
- *Mac and Bill Jones Scholarship
- *Helen Larson Scholarship
- *Kids First Fund
- *Weskan Veterans Memorial and Chesley Park Fund
- *Wallace County Amusement Association Fund
- *Boy Scouts Fund
- *North Park Makeover Fund

2016 WCF Grants and Projects

- *North Park Makeover
- *Video History Project
- *Dane G. Hansen Advisory Work
- *Trunk or Treat Host
- *Volunteer Recognition
- *Water Workshop
- *Scholarships
- *Nonprofit Administration of Numerous Local Projects

2016 Dane G. Hansen Grants

- *Artist in Residence
- *Water Workshop
- *USD 242 Gymnastics Equipment
- *USD 241 After Prom Project
- *North Park
- *Wallace Co. Rec Ballfield Bleachers
- *4-H - Luke's Corner (Shaded Seating at Livestock Arena)
- *Event Center Air Conditioning
- *Strand Theatre Repairs
- *USD 242 PE Equipment
- *Way Out West Livestock Judging Camp
- *Wallace County PBS Film
- *Raising the West - Book
- *USD 241 Choices Assembly
- *Oral History Program
- *Superheroes & Sidekicks
- *Foster Parent Training

A WORD FROM THE BOARD

The Wallace County Foundation (WCF) is a community foundation that works to serve Wallace County through programs and projects that benefit those who reside in and visit this great community. The WCF supports youth, scholarships, local facilities, preservation of history, enhancement of rural life, and other charitable purposes.

Your unrestricted gifts help WCF provide services to volunteer groups through grant writing, project planning, and fund administration, while also employing a program assistant who helps to administer programs and projects throughout our community. WCF distributed more than \$130,000 in our community this year.

Building an endowment has been a major focus for the WCF. Through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Matching Grant Initiative, Dane Hansen will match your gifts dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 in December, 2016. Additionally, the WCF has a goal to raise \$2.5 million dollars over the next five years.

We will work with you to create the kind of community that you envision now, while also establishing your legacy and/or memorials for the future. We are committed to honoring donor intent. You may establish a named or designated fund as well as a scholarship fund in your name. This can be done through monetary donations, cash, land, publicly traded securities, grain, livestock, life insurance, tangible personal property, and private foundation assets.

WCF is a 501(c)(3) community foundation and your donations are tax deductible as permitted by law. We are affiliated with the Scott Community Foundation, also a 501(c)(3), which provides office support, investment management, and endowment building expertise.

Contact us today to build a strong future for Wallace County!!!

Hansen/WCF Partnership Grants

Thanks to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation Community Grant Fund for Wallace County, another \$100,000 is being distributed in Wallace County in grants of up to \$10,000 each for programs and facilities. Grant categories are: (1) Health & Human Service Needs, including Health Care Services and the Promotion of Healthy Life Practices; (2) Community Beautification and Security; (3) Community Social Services, including the Arts and Cultural Activities; (4) Inter-generational Programs or Projects; (5) Environmental Programs or Projects and other activities designed to Improve the Quality of Life and Maintain the Natural Environment.

The Wallace County Foundation (WCF) Board of Directors serves as the local review board for applications for these grants. WCF also may serve as the 501(c)(3) for permitted local applicants. **Applications must be submitted online through the GNWKCF website**, and must be made by a nonprofit organization or public governmental agency. Grants may not be made to individuals and *shall not generally be used to reduce the burden on tax supported programs*. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Contact WCF for more information.



Paul McNall

Wallace Co. Pastor & Educator
Born: 1928

Paul McNall, longtime Wallace County resident, school administrator, and pastor, tells tales about the old days to Brenda Tropf, recording his stories for WCF's ongoing oral history initiative.

WATER WORKSHOP

The Fourth Annual Wallace County Water Workshop will be in February, 2017. Jason Hodges from Prairie Workshop, LLC of Lubbock, TX, is conducting the three-day workshop. During the past three years, the workshops were held during the active growing seasons on the High Plains. This coming event is placing emphasis on the so-called dormant season and what is actually happening during that time on the prairie lands.

Many local organizations have joined the Wallace County Foundation in sponsoring these successful workshops. Mr. Hodges has been in the public schools the past three year teaching about geohydrology of the Ogallala and High Plains aquifer, the importance of the playa lakes, rainwater harvesting, and science demonstrations on cleaning up and recycling water. These programs enhance local school curriculum and provide important up to date information about our water resources.



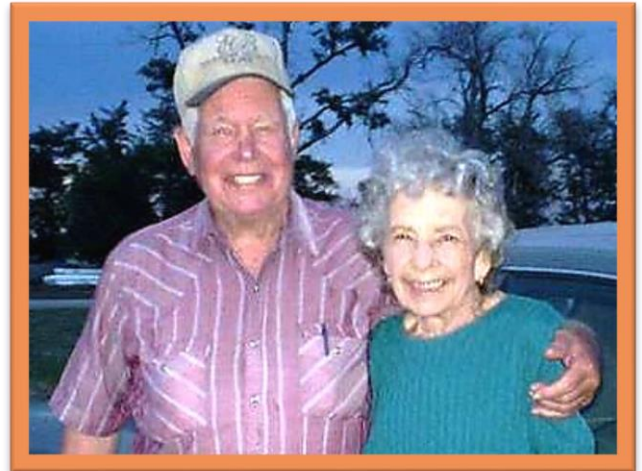
Monte Selby works with students on composing songs. This workshop was funded by a Dane G. Hansen Grant through WCF.

2016 Scholarship Awards Given to Local Students

The Foundation, through its independent scholarship committee, awarded \$3,150 in scholarships to local students in 2016:

The Ruth Jackson Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Ruth Jackson, a long-time WCHS teacher and volunteer, to Peter Cress, a 2016 Weskan High School graduate. Peter attends Oklahoma Christian University and is majoring in Computer Engineering.

The Service to Others Scholarship, funded through Wallace County Foundation's unrestricted funds to encourage volunteerism in Wallace County, to Alexis Bergquist, a 2016 Wallace County High School graduate, now attending Fort Hays State University and majoring in Pre-Chiropractic.



Floyd and Helen Larson

The Helen Larson Memorial 4-H Scholarship, established by Floyd Larson in memory of long time 4-H supporter Helen Larson, to Grace Hammer, a 2013 WCHS graduate, studying Agri-Business at Kansas State University, and to Chanity Daily, a 2015 WCHS graduate, majoring in Elementary Education at Kansas State University.

The Mac & Bill Jones Family Scholarship for a bachelor's of nursing student, to Kelsey Hale, a 2014 Weskan High School graduate, attending Fort Hays State University majoring in Nursing. Marietta Jones Zimmerman and Don Zimmerman established the scholarship in honor of Marietta's parents, Mac & Bill Jones. Mac Jones was a teacher, 4-H leader, and involved community member in Sharon Springs. Bill Jones was a rancher-farmer in Wallace County.

To apply, contact your school counselor, or go to www.scottcf.org and select the "Wallace County Foundation" link. Contact WCF to establish your own scholarship fund.

Hansen Offers Match \$1 for \$1 for Community Grants Endowment

Up to \$50,000 for Wallace County in 2016

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will match the first \$50,000 donated to the Wallace County Foundation, \$1 for \$1, for a local endowed fund for community grants. The funds must be raised during a specified month; WCF has designated December, 2016 for the fund drive.

The earnings from the fund will be used for community grants in the future, and not for Foundation operating expenses.

Your gifts will be matched locally, as well: Curt and Sherry Frasier of Beloit, Kansas, will donate \$1000 for every \$9000 WCF raises. Kendra Robben Lewis, a former Hansen scholarship recipient and a resident of Oklahoma City, will do the same, and the Wallace County Foundation Board of Directors also has pledged an equal match.

Join us in meeting the challenges of the Hansen Trustees and these generous Wallace County natives by pledging funds for the community grants endowment. This will ensure that Wallace County will have a resource providing extra funding in the future for enhancement of local facilities and programs.

Contact us for more information or send your gift to the WCF now.

Behind the Scenes

WCF thanks retiring board member Brynne Wright and program assistant Rebecca Edwards for their efforts on behalf of WCF. Christina Aldridge will work Wednesdays as the new program assistant. Williams Consulting, Chtd., provides behind the scenes administrative support through Errin Bollig. Office space and support for WCF have been provided by Etta Walker's Law Office. Thanks to Sarah Strahler for invaluable assistance with publications.

'LIGHT UP WALLACE COUNTY' HONORS VOLUNTEERS

Since 2009 the Foundation has hosted a community Christmas party to celebrate the good things that volunteers do in our community. All local civic and nonprofit organizations are invited to decorate a tree, turning the event center into a beautiful holiday wonderland. The evening includes musical entertainment and a Polar Express bus ride for children, a potluck appetizer buffet, a silent auction, and an awards ceremony honoring local volunteers in Wallace County. The event has been an occasion to recognize the wonderful 'gems' who give of themselves to make our area a great place to live.

The 2015 Volunteer Recognition Awardees were: **Volunteer of the Year**, Janine Baehler; **Bill Ball Memorial Award**, Lyle Hammer and Stan & Jan Sommerfeld; **Lifetime of Service Awards**, Billie & Candy Cox, Leon & Patty Lou Lock, Cathy Walker, and Blaine & Tamara Rohn; **Commitment to Community**, Val Reiss; **Service to Others**, Beth Core; **Job Well Done**, Marietta Wright & Trina Mays (Wallace Firehouse Project); **Face of the Future**, Maggie Figurelli (New Volunteer).

Join us on December 17th for the 2016 Light Up Event!



Front row: Jan Sommerfeld, Cathy Walker, Janine Baehler, Candy Cox, Trina Mays, Patty Lock, Marietta Wright, Virgie Popp. **Back row:** Lindsey Larson, Etta Walker, Stan Sommerfeld, Val Reiss, Billie Cox, Leon Lock, Stephanie Brock, Rita Williams, John Foster.

Upcoming Events

November 15:
Nominations for Volunteer Recognition due at the Foundation Office

November 30:
Deadline for applications for Hansen Community Grants for December cycle

December 1-31:
\$50,000 Hansen Match to be met by donors to WCF

December 17:
Light Up Wallace County - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallace County Event Center

December 31:
Deadline for applications for Hansen Community Grants for December cycle

February 2017:
Water Workshop