

## **William and Patricia Henke Endowment Fund**



Patricia "Pat" and William "Bill" Henke have established a Community Endowment Fund with the Fall Creek Area Foundation to leave a legacy to the Fall Creek community. The Henkes believe that Fall Creek is a great place to live, and they want to do what they can to make it even better.

The Henkes have considered Fall Creek their home since they purchased a farm in the area in 1961.

Prior to settling in Fall Creek, the Henkes lived in Germany, where they met and were married. Pat taught Home Economics, English, and Mathematics in military schools, and Bill served in the U. S. Army and also worked for the Army as a civilian.

In 1965 the Henkes left Fall Creek. Over the next seven years they lived and worked in Korea, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Washington, D. C., Kansas and Germany.

The Henkes returned to Fall Creek in 1972 so that their children, Debra and Mark, could attend Fall Creek schools. Pat worked at the State Bank of Fall Creek performing a variety of jobs, while Bill worked at Fort Snelling and later at Fort McCoy.

In 1985, with their children's education well on its way, the Henkes went back to Germany for four more years, before moving in 1989 to Rock Island, Illinois, where they retired in 1991, and once more moved back to Fall Creek.

The Henkes stay very busy with their grandchildren and continued travels throughout the world. They are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Pat leads a Bible Study group. The Henkes are also members of the Fall Creek Historical Society and Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve. They have been recognized as land and wildlife conservationists. Their generosity will benefit the Fall Creek area and its citizens for years to come.