

NEWS RELEASE
For Release
April 25, 2017

For more information contact:
Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa
Dennis N. Nissen, Iowa Foundations Director
Office: 800-794-3458

\$115,457.81 Granted to Page County Nonprofit Agencies

Martin Mattes, Chair of the Page County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Clarinda Foundation and the Greater Shenandoah Foundation, is pleased to announce that grants totaling \$115,457.81 were awarded to Page County nonprofit agencies.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Page County Community Foundation by the February 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the Page County Board of Directors:

Organization	Project	Award
BPOE-Elks	New stoves for Elks Lodge, which is used for community events	\$7,465.00
City of Clarinda Parks & Recreation	Updating indoor pool lighting	\$15,000.00
City of Shenandoah Parks Department	Replace Cardiovascular & weight training equipment	\$7,075.00
Clarinda Chamber of Commerce	Downtown seating surround benches	\$4,750.00
Clarinda Public Library Foundation	Library Outdoor Project/ provide venue for library programs & community events	\$5,000.00
Essex Child Center	New carpeting	\$7,692.00
Essex Community School District	Preschool playground	\$5,000.00
Our House Child Development Center	Classroom security cameras	\$10,000.00
People for Paws	Shelter improvements/ renovation	\$7,000.00
Southwest Iowa Nature Trails	Izaak Walton Ceiling Renovation	\$5,000.00
United Methodist Church	Men's Group kitchen upgrade	\$2,682.69
Greater Shenandoah Foundation	Community Betterment Initiative	\$19,396.56
Clarinda Foundation	Community Betterment Initiative	\$19,396.56

All grantees met the criteria as Page County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Page County were eligible.

Page County agency representatives received their checks on April 24th. During brief check distribution activities, Mattes commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Page County.

“Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$115,457.81 in grants to these important community efforts in Page County,” Mattes explained. “The Page County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC.”

The Page County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you’ll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Page County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations.

Board members of the Page County Community Foundation are: Chair, Martin Mattes of Clarinda; Vice Chair, Mims Henstorf of Shenandoah; Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Grebert of Shenandoah; Greg Ritchey of Shenandoah; Scott Sump of Clarinda; and Laura Swanson of Clarinda.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact any of the Board Members, or call Dennis Nissen, Iowa Foundations Director, at 800-794-3458.

###