Mildred & Melvin Banks Memorial Trail

The Boone County Conservation District and the Boone County Community Foundation hosted the Mildred and Melvin Banks Memorial Trail Dedication on Saturday, October 19 in Poplar Grove, IL. The dedication was followed by a wagon ride along the newly renovated section of the Long Prairie Trail now called the Mildred and Melvin Banks Memorial Trail. The new trail surface and four new bridges were made possible by a generous bequest of Mildred and Melvin Banks through the Boone County Community Foundation. The earnings from the fund they set up with the Foundation are used to make the annual payment on the bond the Boone County Conservation District set up for improvements to the trail. Relatives of the Banks family were able to attend and be a part of the dedication. Special thanks to the Boone County Conservation District for all their hard work on creating and maintaining this wonderful resource for our community!

Give. We all have a desire to make a lasting impact on our community. It all starts here, with generous and benevolent donors who have the passion and foresight to provide the financial means to help the Foundation and our resources Grow. Every dollar donated ensures continued growth and giving power of the Foundation, enhancing local vibrancy and addressing local concerns. Connect. The dots for effective collaboration and community change. The Foundation serves as a conduit to aligning donors’ vested interests and our community’s needs.

Hugh K. & Alice Iles Funderburg Scholarship

The Funderburg legacy of community investment, support, financial benevolence, and goodwill is threaded throughout Boone County history. The generosity of Hugh K. and Alice Iles Funderburg will live on as the descendants of R. Robert and Sally D. Funderburg have set up this scholarship in their memory. By endowing this scholarship program, the donors intend to continue to help the Boone County Community and its residents succeed and to promote entrepreneurship at Belvidere and Belvidere North High Schools. Burke Cochran and Emma Wallace were the inaugural recipients of this generous scholarship and received $10,000 each. Burke is attending the University of Denver. Emma Wallace is attending the University of Wisconsin Platteville.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | $84,543
Boone County Auction Association NFP, Inc. $2,000
New Scale House Concrete Floor
Boone County Fair Association $5,000
Continue Upgrading of the 4-H and Grange Food Stands
Capron Lions Club $2,000
Build a moveable wall for the community building
Boone County Conservation District $73,043
Maintenance & Improvements for various projects
Ida Public Library $2,500
upgrading and replacing ADA door operators
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | $14,906
Belvidere Family YMCA $5,000
Y on the Fly Program
Family Coounseling Services of NIL $2,000
Therapy Services in Boone County
First Presbyterian Church - Belvidere $1,700
Food boxes for the church pantry
Habitat for Humanity of Boone County $2,500
Affordable Home Construction for Boone County Families
RAMP $1,706
Parent Advocacy Training
Special Olympics of Illinois $2,000
Support 100 Boone County Special Olympic Athletes
EDUCATION | $8,000
Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District $500
High School Ag Competition
Boy Scouts of America, Blackhawk Area $1,000
Career Exploring Program
Flaming Monkeys 4-H Robotics Club $2,200
Robot Components, science camps, STEM, training
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois $800
Support for Project Opportunity to Benefit Unserserved Girls in Boone County
Sister Cities $500
Support of Youth & Host Family Exchange Program
Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation $3,000
Expand Agricultural Education in Boone County Schools
ARTS & CULTURE | $18,100
Boone County Arts Council $2,000
Partial Sponsorship of Fifth Grade Arts Festival
Zion Lutheran Church $9,100
Stewardship Donation
Boone County Museum of History $5,000
WWII Traveling Exhibit
Parks & Conservation Foundation $2,000
Restoration of the Stone School House
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM | $46,400
Districts #100 and #200
Scholarships for Graduates of Belvidere High School, Belvidere North High School and North Boone High School

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