

## ?Foundation issues \$23,950 in grants to various organizations

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?The Washington County Community Foundation issued over \$23,000 in grants to various organizations in Washington County. They are as follows:

The Pekin Community Betterment Committee will receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000 funded in part by the Marvin and Sandy Clark Touch Tomorrow Fund. The committee plans to place new carpet and tile in the Pekin Community Building in addition to adding a fresh coat of paint.

The pioneer village will get a new electrical upgrade thanks in part to the John and Paula Jones Touch Tomorrow Fund.

The Washington County Historical Society is the recipient of a \$16,000 grant. In addition to the electrical system upgrade, a fire upgrade will be added to the museum and the pioneer village.

Pioneer Village improvements and youth hunting ethics and habitat management are just two of the projects receiving grants from the Washington County Community Foundation for the Fall 2008 grant cycle. Grants are made from the Foundation's Touch Tomorrow Funds and individually named Touch Tomorrow Funds.

The Salem Fire Department has been awarded two grants from the Washington County Community Foundation. They will receive \$200 to purchase a mannequin or AED system for CPR training and education. The department has also received a \$750 grant for fire safety and prevention materials. The materials will be distributed to children preschool to 12 years during Fire Prevention Week, school tours, and visits to the fire station.

New cat towers will be installed at the Humane Society of Washington County to replace the old, more dangerous towers that do not latch well. The Humane Society has been awarded a grant of \$800.

The youth of Washington County will once again be treated to JAKES day, a program of the Delaney Creek Longbeards. The Delaney Creek Longbeards have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1200 to educate youth on the principles of habitat management, importance of conservation, hunting ethics, and safe and responsible hunting.

The Foundation's next grant cycle will be in the spring of 2009.