

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

Our mission is to contribute to a better life for people of South Central Iowa by helping donors to carry out their charitable intent and by providing responsible stewardship of gifts for community purposes.

February 2013



Friends of Clarke County Conservation

The Friends of Clarke County Conservation recently established an endowment fund within the community foundation. The endowment will be used to benefit the Clarke County Conservation and its mission. If you would like to make a contribution to the new conservation fund, please contact the Foundation office or Anita Foland, Clarke County Conservation Director.

For more information about how to create a fund, please contact our office: 641-217-9105



**A Great Place to Live.
A Great Place to Give.**

Ringgold County Hospital Foundation



The Ringgold County Hospital Endowment Fund was established within SCICF on October 1, 2001. The purpose of the fund is to create an investment that will promote and enhance quality health care services for the residents within our service area. Funds are used to provide needed capital improvements, technology enhancements, equipment upgrades, and to establish new programs and services. The power of our endowment fund comes from your gifts! The proceeds of the fund will support healthcare in Ringgold County for future generations. Today, the fund's market value is over \$16,000.

Your gift of any size is greatly appreciated and all donors will be acknowledged with a combination thank you letter and tax receipt.



McKinley Park Endowment Fund

The McKinley Park Endowment Fund was established in July of 2008. The purpose of the endowment fund is to develop and maintain McKinley Park located in Creston, Iowa. Today the fund's market value is nearly \$26,000.

Please contact our office for more information about the McKinley Park Endowment Fund and how you can make a difference. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

Meet Our Board



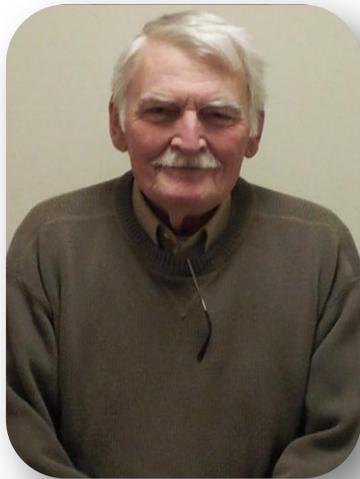
Melissa Snell
Clarke County

My name is Melissa Snell I grew up in Osceola. My husband Merrill and I live east of Osceola, we have two daughters Megan 21 and Macey 16.

I have worked at Clarke County State Bank since 1989. I hold the position of Personal Banking Officer.

I enjoy spending time with my family, working outside in my yard, planting flowers, mowing, working in the garden, and canning pickles and salsa.

I have been on the South Central Iowa Community Foundation board for several years and have enjoyed meeting everyone from each county and learning about endowments and the foundation.



Don Sheridan
Union County
President

Long time South Central Iowa Community Foundation board member and current President, Don Sheridan was born and raised in Chicago. He moved to Iowa in 1964 when he began his teaching career at Graceland University.

In 1970 he moved to Union County and began teaching at Southwestern Community College. As an adjunct faculty member, at Southwestern, today he is in his forty-ninth year of teaching.

Don and his wife Jean, have been married for 41 years and live on their farm just east of Arispe where they spend time gardening and writing and volunteering and trying to stump each other with literary trivia—oh, and spoiling their two young grandchildren.

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Decatur County Hospital Receives Grant

The Decatur County Hospital received a \$3,000 grant for “the giving tree donor wall” located in the new hospital in Leon. This grant was awarded by Decatur County-SCICF.

Russell Community Center Awarded Grant

The Russell Community Center received a grant from Lucas County-SCICF for \$7,489.80 to purchase materials to repair the community center. The community center also serves as the shelter in an emergency and is the designated Red Cross shelter for the community.

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**Grant Deadlines**

Lucas County:	March 1 st
Decatur County:	March 15 th
Clarke County:	April 15 th
Ringgold County:	May 1 st
Union County:	May 1 st