



**BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE STEP AT A TIME!**

## **May 2023 Newsletter**

Round 1: And the recipients are...



What do two new playgrounds, buying activities to assist those with Alzheimer's, refinished clubhouse table tops, and mounts for speech generating devices all have in common? They are all making a positive impact in Nemaha County.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation Board of Directors has announced recipients for the first-round of 2023 grants. The grants are awarded for charitable purposes to enhance and improve the quality of life for the residents of Nemaha County Kansas.



The Kelly Ball Association will be receiving \$3,000 from the STEP General Endowment Fund along with \$2,000 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund for a new playground in Kelly. This playground will be available for use during community functions and strategically placed in a central location.



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School will receive funding to assist with the SPPS playground project through an award of \$2,000 from the STEP General Endowment Fund along with \$1,000 from the Glen J. Meyer Advisory Fund. Courtney Strathman, grant writer, explained the purpose for the grant in the application. “The existing playground structure and ground cover was installed in the late 1990s and does not meet the current standards and ADA requirements. The plan is to move the playground to a safer area for the children. The equipment and ground cover will be updated to meet all current standards and create a safe play/learning environment for the school children.”



The Nemaha Valley Community Hospital will be receiving a grant award of \$4,000 from the Nemaha County Dementia Fund. Karla Hermes, social worker and grant writer, shared information in the grant application "Our Alzheimer's population is growing, and it would be useful to buy items for activities to help those who are inpatients. Items needed would be things to fill their time, such as baby dolls, fidgets, activity book, etc."



The Spring Creek Golf Course will be receiving a \$1,000 grant award from the STEP General Endowment Fund. The golf course is in the process of refinishing table tops in the clubhouse. There were 17,000 rounds of golf played at the Spring Creek Golf Course in 2022. That is an economic benefit to the community as people buy fuel, eat at local restaurants, and stay in hotels/motels.





The final grant award will be awarded to USD 115 (Nemaha Central) in the amount of \$700 for mounts for speech generating devices. This grant will be from the new Chad Baker Memorial Fund. Jamie Koch, SLP and grant writer, explained the accessories needed at the school. “Multiple families have recently bought speech generating devices for their children to assist in communication and quality of life. These students are all benefitting from their devices within the school setting. Now the students are needing some accessories to better utilize these devices in all settings. The accessory that we are still needing is the 2 iPad cradles that attach to the mount and safely holds the speech generating devices.”



Congratulations to all the grant recipients. The online grant application is open and available at [www.nemahastep.org](http://www.nemahastep.org). Grants are awarded twice a year through the STEP Foundation with the next deadline being July 15, 2023.

[STEP receives Chamber Award for Community Service](#)



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On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 the Seneca Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual meeting at member business Bern Cafe and Catering. In addition, to a lovely meal and a recap of 2022 they also gave out awards.

\*2022 Business of the Year was presented to The Market Greenhouse and Garage

\*2022 Volunteer of the Year was presented to Ellie Haynie

\*Nemaha County STEP Foundation was awarded a certificate in honor of their 30 years of service to our community

Congratulations to all the award winners!

## Meet the STEP Board President



**A graduate of Centralia High School in 1975, Marceil Hasenkamp actively participated in the community, especially in sports where she played a part in the women's basketball team to a Class 2A Championship and a 2nd place finish in the Grand State Tourney against 5A Wichita North. In 1983, Marceil began working for USD 380 Vermillion school district and still works there today. Ms. Hasenkamp has multiple responsibilities and "wears many hats." She remains devoted to not only her job, but also the growth and education of our youth, while being a service member to the faculty and staff of Frankfort and Centralia schools.**

**Marceil and her late husband, Robert, raised seven children on a farm south of Corning, Kansas. Her efforts toward building a strong foundation of morals, service and faith shown in the love she had for her children and husband. It was paramount that her children played an active role in the community and used the talents and gifts given to them by God. Marceil was, and still remains, highly active with coaching youth sports. Whether it's coaching soccer, softball, basketball, or shuttling kids to 4-H, Marceil shares immense love for children. Her 8 grandchildren will soon learn the selflessness, love, and intensity of their grandma, Coach Marceil!**

**Along with serving on the Nemaha County STEP Foundation Board of Directors, one of her fondest commitments is to the church, namely St. Patrick's Catholic Parish in Corning. Marceil participates in the choir every Sunday during mass.**

**There are three values people will not see Marceil without: Faith, Family, and Friends.**

**We appreciate your leadership and service!**

**Membership Renewal Update: Schenck Process, LLC - Thank you so much for your continued support!**

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