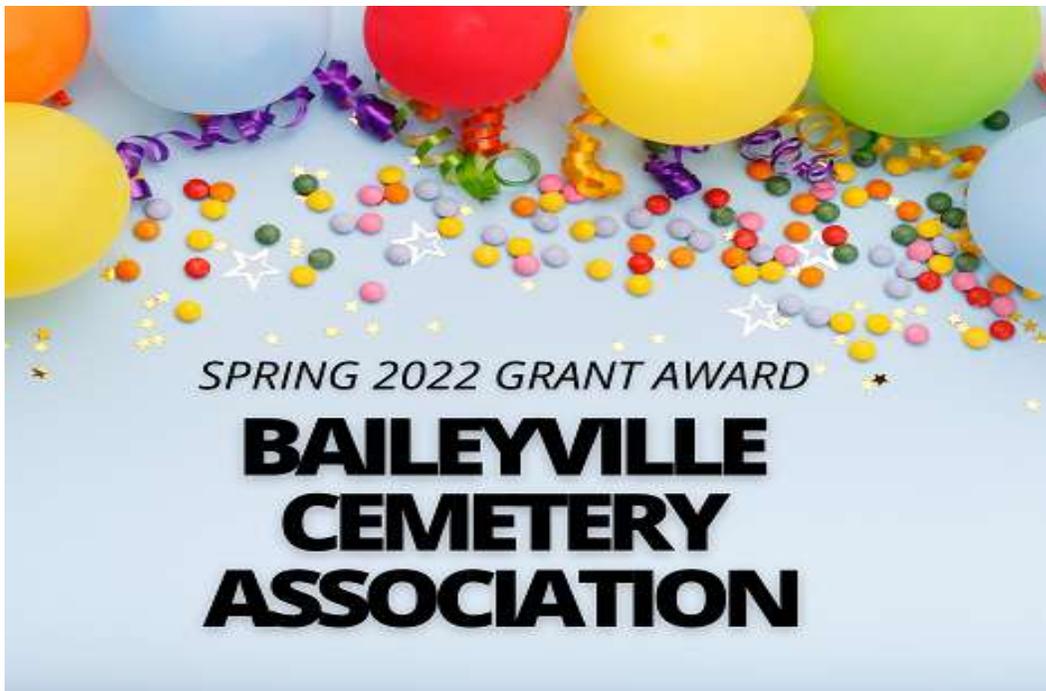




**BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE STEP AT A TIME!**

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## Second STEP Up Nemaha Match Day Set



Photo right to left: Raymond Thieme and Anita Heiman, Nemaha County Historical Society, present a check to STEP Executive Director Tory Jost to establish a new fund with the foundation.

“We are excited about another giving day,” shared Tory Jost, Executive Director of the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. “Nemaha County truly stepped up for the first annual day of giving.” Over a 24-hour period, the community spent August 25, 2021, promoting local organizations and funds within the STEP Foundation. With 221 donors giving to 16 funds, the event raised \$105,568.64. The foundation matched dollar for dollar up to \$3,000 per fund.

“The highest percentage of donations were given for community development and leadership, followed by foundation support, children and youth, scholarship and education, health and wellness, basic human needs, and then unrestricted giving,” Jost shared. “It is incredible to live and work in a community where the heart of giving is instilled. There were literally children participating in the giving day and as a mother of young children, that makes my heart happy.”

Justin Lueger, STEP Treasurer, reiterated that “Match Day is a perfect example of how every little bit counts. The average gift last year was \$228, but we had donations that were far smaller. No matter the size, each gift made a difference in our community. We hope to build on that

momentum this year and get even more people involved. There's no better – or easier – way to support the causes you care most about in Nemaha County.”

STEP Up Nemaha will hold its second Match Day on Friday, August 26, 2022. Online giving will begin at midnight and continue through 11:59 p.m. via [www.stepupnemaha.com](http://www.stepupnemaha.com). To give in person, simply go to the Seneca Free Library between 10 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Donations may be mailed ahead of the event to STEP Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Seneca, KS 66538.

Jost stated, “We are excited to add more funds this year. The Nemaha County Historical Society has started a fund, and there are others in the works. Together we make Nemaha County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.”

**Mark your calendars for August 26!**

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