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CFDC grants over \$70,000 through August cycle

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF DUNN COUNTY

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Dunn County (CFDC) recently awarded over \$70,000 in grants through its August Competitive Grant Cycle. Each year, twice a year (February and August), the Foundation invites area non-profit organizations and community groups to apply for grant funding to support projects or programs that fulfill a community need across a broad range of program areas, including health, the arts, the environment, education, and basic needs. These grants come from the earnings built

by funds that were created by local families, philanthropists, and businesses alike that want to support local organizations that are working to create positive change in the community.

Through their August grant cycle, the CFDC has provided funding to 18 area nonprofits, totaling \$70,811 in competitive grant funding for its second and final grant cycle for the year. Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

- Arbor Place: Furnishing the Women and Children's Treatment Unit—\$5,000;
- Colfax Public Library: Colfax Veter-

ans' Memorial Project—\$4,000;

■ Dunn County Health Department: System Silos and Mental Health Stigma—\$2,000;

■ Dunn County Historical Society: Wetland Restoration, Natural History and Land Protection Project—\$5,000;

■ Explore Menomonie, Inc.: Murals in Menomonie, Community Engagement Activities—\$4,625;

■ Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area: Dental Care Assistance—\$3,500;

■ Hmong Friendship Center: Wellness & Socialization Programming for Hmong

Seniors—\$2,000;

■ HWCC Advancement Center, Inc.: Building Economic and Leadership Capacity for Underserved Communities in Dunn County—\$5,000;

■ Landmark Conservancy, Inc.: Lower Stairway Handrails at Devil's Punch-bowl—\$5,000;

■ Mabel Tainter Theater: Free Holiday Performances for Seniors—\$5,000;

■ Menomonie Farmers Market: Market Match Program—\$5,000;

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SVRI RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



UW-STOUT, CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute team gathered to accept the W.F. Faulkes Award during the National Rehabilitation Association's fall conference on Oct. 2.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

A national organization has honored the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) at University of Wisconsin-Stout for its nearly 60-year record of advancing the field of rehabilitation, which has helped tens of thousands of people with disabilities – as well as thousands of rehabilitation professionals – in all 50 states.

The National Rehabilitation Association presented SVRI with the annual W.F. Faulkes Award during its fall conference on Oct. 2. The legacy award was given in recognition of SVRI's evidence-based research, innovative program designs and techniques, and for its high-impact technical assistance in transforming systems, improving outcomes, and

removing barriers to employment for people with disabilities.

“On behalf of UW-Stout, Chancellor Katherine Frank, and our team at SVRI, thank you. This award is truly a team award and honors the historic legacy and cumulative accomplishments and contributions of everyone who has been a part of SVRI for several decades. We're standing on the shoulders of giants as we continue to advance their work,” Executive Director Kyle Walker said.

“Congratulations, team members, past and present. Thank you all for the work you are doing or have done to advance the thriving, flourishing and full inclusion of people with disabilities,” he added.

Attending the virtual award ceremony were Walker, SVRI's Director

of Research Cayte Anderson, Director of Education Beth Gaertner, Director of Client Services Kyle Schemenauer, and staff, as well as former executive directors John Wesołek, John Lui and Mary McManus.

The W.F. Faulkes Award was established by the National Rehabilitation Association in 1954 in the name of its founder and first president.

Major national achievements

SVRI was formed in 1966 through federal grants by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now the Department of Education and Department of Health and

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Waterfowl hunters can help stop the spread of invasives

WISCONSIN DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds migratory bird hunters that they are essential partners in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species during the fall hunting seasons. The steps hunters take before leaving boat launches or access points are vital to protecting the wetlands and waterways that support our hunting traditions.

Mud stuck to boots or gear can carry invasive plant seeds, fragments and tiny organisms. Water left in boats, decoys or motors can harbor microscopic zebra mussel larvae or disease-causing pathogens. Even hunting dogs can unknowingly transport invasive species – seeds, snails and insects can collect under their vests or in their coats. A quick rinse and brush-off of your dog after a hunt can make a big difference.

One invasive species of particular concern to migratory bird hunters is the faucet snail. These tiny snails carry parasites that can kill ducks and other waterfowl that eat them, and they've been linked to large bird mortality events in the Upper Midwest. Preventing their spread is essential to keeping our hunting areas healthy and productive.

Hunters can learn more about stopping faucet snails and other aquatic invasive species on the DNR's Invasive Species Prevention webpage or by visiting the “Hunter Resources” tab on the Waterfowl Hunting webpage.

Simple prevention steps every hunter can take

Before entering and leaving any waterbody, be sure to:

- Inspect waders, boats, trailers, motors and hunting gear – including boots, blinds and dogs.
- Remove all plants, animals and mud.
- Drain water from decoys, boats, motors and other equipment.
- Never move live fish or plants from one waterbody to another.
- Remove seed heads and roots from vegetation used in duck blinds. It

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UW-Extension offers virtual farm succession planning workshop series

UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION

Join UW-Madison Division of Extension Farm Management specialists Joy Kirkpatrick, Steph Plaster, Kelly Wilfert and Kevin Bernhardt as they lead discussions and activities during the Cultivating Your Farm's Future workshop series. The program will provide tools and resources for farmers who want to start their succession plans.

The program will explore the three-step process of planning your business succession:

- Where are you now?
- Where do you want to be?

■ How do you get there?

This workshop series will prepare you to shape and communicate your ideas about the future of the farm and business as well as save time by having these crucial conversations before visiting with professionals.

Who should attend?

This program is for farm businesses and farm families interested in shaping the future ownership of their farm. If you are the owner generation, you may be wondering how to transfer to the next generation or develop a fair inheritance distribution plan.

If you are the next generation, you may have questions or ideas about your future role in the farm business or how to make it financially feasible and realistic for your goals. Multiple farm/family members are encouraged to attend together.

What topics are covered?

- Communication preferences and how to talk about the farm's future
- Common tensions around farm succession
- Inheritance distributions – Is equal fair?
- Financials for farm succession

- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats – SWOT analysis
- Estate planning including probate & estate tax
- Wills, trusts, & business entities
- Setting goals and action steps

When are these workshops?

There are two workshop series available in the upcoming months:

■ November/December: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday evenings, Nov. 13, 20, and Dec. 4

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