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George Davis Fund Grants to Support Six Lowville Projects

The Northern New York Community Foundation’s Board of Directors approved \$10,000 in grants from the George R. Davis Fund earlier this week. The fund serves as a permanent funding source for projects that will enhance the quality of life in the village and town of Lowville in perpetuity. Mr. Davis, who served as Lewis County Judge from more than 20 years, died in 2010 and lived in Lowville for most of his life.

“Geographic-specific funds are especially well positioned to fund important and meaningful projects that might not otherwise become a reality. Over the last three years, this fund has demonstrated the impact this type of community giving can have,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

Selections were made by a committee consisting of the Court Attorney/Clerk for the Lewis County Judge, the Superintendent of Lowville Academy and the Mayor of the Village of Lowville. Thirteen proposals were received, and the following six grants were approved totaling \$10,000:

- **Lewis County Historical Society - \$3,000** in support of the organization’s floor renovation project. *This project will also be funded by additional grants from the Michael Brown Fund and the Community Foundation’s board-designated grantmaking fund.*
- **Town of Lowville - \$2,000** for continued restoration of historic gravestones at Jackson Street Cemetery.
- **Lewis County Agricultural Society - \$2,000** to purchase a gazebo as part of an improvement project for the entrance of the Lewis County Fairgrounds.
- **Village of Lowville - \$2,000** to assist with purchase of pole-mounted lights to be utilized for new Christmas decoration displays in Soldier’s and Sailor’s Memorial Park.

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- **Lowville Food Pantry - \$500** in funding for school supplies as part of the organization's "Stuff the Bus" event, which will provide school supplies to children in need.
- **First Presbyterian Church of Lowville - \$500** to support the Stow Square monument project.

The Northern New York Community Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. The Foundation has been built and added to from gifts (both while living and through their legacy plans) by individuals and organizations committed to meeting the changing needs of Northern New York, as well as supporting specific charitable interests and passions.

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