

Oran Mutual Telephone Company Makes Major Contribution And Secures Grant For The Wapsie Valley Greenhouse Remodel

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The Friends of the Wapsie Valley FFA received a \$10,000 donation from the Oran Mutual Telephone Company, (OMTC), to aid in the large remodel of Wapsie Valley FFA's greenhouse. In addition to this gracious contribution, the OMTC sponsored the Friends of the Wapsie Valley FFA so they could apply for the Aureon Charity Grant.

The Aureon Charity Grant is awarded to projects committed to the betterment of local lowan communities. Aureon is the new name for the Iowa Network Services that created the grant program in 1993 to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunications companies and the communities they serve. The Aureon Charity Grant is awarded quarterly, and over the course of of twelve years, Aureon has donated over \$850,000 to local communities and surrounding areas. The Friends of the Wapsie Valley FFA received \$500 from this grant.

With the combination of the generous donation and the grant received, the Friends of the Wapsie Valley FFA gained a large percentage of the money that was needed to begin this project. The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter and the Friends of the Wapsie Valley FFA would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Oran Mutual Telephone Company for their donation and continuous support of the FFA program.