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**PREVAIL BANK DONATES \$4,750 TO FRIENDS OF THE OLD SCHOOL**

(Owen) Through Prevail Bank's Charitable Contribution program, \$4,750 was donated to The Friends of the Old School, Inc. (FOSI) to help purchase and install a security system for the historic buildings utilized for school and community events. Recent vandalism completely closed the Owen-based buildings for all purposes and was the impetus behind the gift.

"We are proud to support The Friends of the Old School," said Linda Susa, Prevail Bank Branch Manager – Owen. "We're a community bank that is passionate about economic development, financial stability, and the welfare and growth of individuals, families, and businesses."

"The old school buildings have been listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places since 2004," said Laurel Shilts, President of the Old School organization. "With assurance of security, the buildings will again be able to have after-school programs, basketball games and practice, historic exhibits, auctions, annual business expos, and other events. We are very appreciative of Prevail Bank's donation."

The FOSI is dedicated to preserving the Owen High School and its adjoining gym for historical, education, and community uses, in addition to collecting and preserving memorabilia and artifacts that represent the history of Owen and Withee Wisconsin.

The Charitable Contributions program of Prevail Bank is available for local non-profits that help local people in need, especially those with low-to-moderate incomes; stimulate communities financially; and/or enhances the standard of living of those less fortunate. If an organization is interested in applying for funds for a major initiative, go to: [Prevail.bank/resources/community](https://prevail.bank/resources/community). Prevail Bank is continuously looking for ways to give back, help their customers pursue their dreams, and make things better in central Wisconsin.

Seventeen (17) other nonprofits were awarded donations this fall by Prevail Bank's Charitable Contributions Committee. Those organizations included The Children's Museum of Eau Claire, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, HAVEN, Inc. (Merrill), Central Wisconsin's Children's Museum (Stevens Point), Taylor County Supportive Housing, Inc. (Medford), Friends of the Old School, Inc. (Owen), Stevens Point Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, Santa's Elves Foundation (FiField), Keep Area Teens Safe (KATS) (Wausau), the City of Medford in support of a downtown revitalization project, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Marshfield Area United Way, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties, Sandbox Child Care & Preschool (Medford), Medford Area for Tomorrow, Inc. (MATI) in support of a new park stage, The Personal Development Center, Inc. (PDC) (Marshfield), Wood County Health Department (Wisconsin Rapids) in support of its Bike Share Program, and The Farming for the Future Foundation (Stevens Point).



**PHOTO CAPTION:** Linda Susa, Prevail Bank Branch Manager – Owen (center), presented The Friends of the Old School, Inc. members and officers with a \$4,750 check to purchase and install a security system for the historic buildings that were vandalized earlier this year. Pictured (L to R) are: Mary Ellen Hughes, Treasurer; Dottie Bjornstad, Voting Proxy; Linda Susa - Prevail Bank Branch Manager; Laurel Shilts, President; and Nancy Amacher, Secretary.

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