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Dr. Mike Miner came all the way from Texas to present a scholarship in memory of his parents, Alice and Gerald Miner. Sarah Thomas was this year's recipient.

Through the generosity of our donors, \$122,837 in scholarships was awarded to deserving students to assist in higher education.

Congratulations to the following students, who were honored at various ceremonies:

- Shelley Comer Akers Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500, was awarded to Emma Hall of Scottsburg High School;
- Walter S. and Clarice (White) Bridgewater Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500, was awarded to Sarah Thomas of SHS.
- Christie Crafton Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500, was awarded to Alexis Campbell of SHS;
- Eppy-Shields Memorial Scholarship, worth \$4,500, was awarded to Casey Smith of SHS;
- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, worth \$48,837, was awarded to Isaak Mount of SHS;

- Dale McNeely Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Trevor Cox (\$10,000), Megan Johnson (\$9,000) and Kaitlyn Borden (\$8,000), all of SHS;
- Mary Elizabeth & Virgil S. Miller Memorial Scholarship, worth \$2,250 each, was awarded to Addison Brasher of Austin High School and Dylan Baker of SHS;
- Alice and Gerald Miner Memorial Scholarship, worth \$4,000, was awarded to Sarah Thomas of SHS;
- Charles G. and Lois D. Nolan Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500, was awarded to Jordan Gibson of AHS;
- Carol Pettit Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500, was awarded to Emma Hall of SHS;
- Pilot Club Lifeline/Mary Allen and Jan Thompson Healthcare Scholarship, worth \$1,500, was awarded to Stephanie Napier (non-traditional adult student);
- Scott Memorial Hospital Guild Brunton-Mumford Memorial Scholarship, worth up to \$5,000, was awarded to Emily Pelston of AHS and Taylor Stewart of SHS;
- Scott Memorial Hospital IUS Scholarship, worth various amounts totaling \$11,500 was awarded to Erika Lundgren, Alice Stackhouse, Cathleen Petty, Mikeala Lytle, Jessica Konkler, Adriana Caudill and Ashton Bowles;
- Jayce Stallings Memorial Fund, worth \$1,500, was awarded to Jordan Gibson of AHS;
- Timothy Michael Wolf Memorial Scholarship, worth \$5,000, was awarded to Jesse Mays of SHS, and \$2,000 was awarded to Michelle Shelton (non-traditional adult student).



Genealogical Society Establishes Endowment Fund

Shown are some of the charter members of SCGSI in 1992: Maud Roy Breedlove Gray, Steve Carlisle, Stephanie Carlisle Miller, Jeannie Noe Carlisle. They are shown with John Hamblen from the Bartholomew County Genealogical Society, who assisted in organizing SCGSI.

With many people curious about their ancestry, more and more are using many research methods to discover their family history. While websites such as ancestry.com or familysearch.org can be helpful, Scott Countians have a local resource with an abundance of information. And now, through an endowment fund just established at the Scott County Community Foundation, the research efforts will be given financial support for generations to come.

The Scott County Genealogical Society (SCGSI) was formed in 1992 by Stephanie Carlisle Miller. Her parents, Steve and Jeannie Noe Carlisle, assisted her efforts. Charter members of the organization included many others who were dedicated to the cause.

“We felt there was a need to have a family history group that could help save the family histories in the area along with helping each other with the brick walls,” explained Jeannie.

In the early days, computers weren’t used to the extent that they are today. The “old-fashioned” methods of pencils and paper, microfilm and microfiche were utilized, as were trips to libraries and other states. Visits with genealogical and historical groups and even questioning older members of families were key to getting information. Meetings were filled with guest speakers and hands-on research.

“We searched for clues all of the time,” shared Jeannie. Huge census books and the Kentucky Historical Society Library provided a wealth of information, as many Scott County residents trace their roots to the Appalachian region.

In 2003, SCGSI held the grand opening of its research rooms at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum. The group has utilized grants and donations to update equipment so that items can be scanned for preservation. Over 70 old courthouse books were recently donated and scanned for safekeeping, along with other old, fragile books. These will be placed on the Indiana Memory statewide collection of historical resources hosted by the Indiana State Library.

By having a local organization to share tips and assist in research, local resident Marsha Miller-Smith was able to discover her interesting family lineage. Having this organization is crucial to so

many people who have different reasons why they search for ancestors. Some of these include determining if family stories about ancestors are true, finding out if you are related to someone famous, gaining a better understanding of an ancestor’s involvement in a famous historical event, tracing medical conditions, family inheritance and land ownership, or even finding birth parents. These and many other reasons help fulfill a desire to learn more and pass on a legacy to future generations.

SCGSI has hosted many events and fundraisers over the years, from music fests and dinners to commemorative calendars and books. Members have relied on these fundraisers to pay for rent of the research rooms at the Museum, as well as other expenses needed to preserve family histories. After a recent business meeting, members decided to establish an endowment fund at the Scott County Community Foundation to ensure their mission would be supported for years to come. With an endowment, the donations are invested, and only a portion of the earnings are used for grants each year, allowing the fund to last in perpetuity.

“The Scott County Genealogical Society members are in a unique position to truly understand the affects that each generation has on the next one,” said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. “Through their research and preservation of family histories, they allow people to learn about the impact of decisions made long ago. We are honored that the members have entrusted the Foundation to provide a way to support their mission for many more generations.”

Interested persons can join the other 150 members of SCGSI who are living all over the United States. The membership fee is only \$12 per year and provides access to many local resources.

To donate to the Scott County Genealogical Society endowment fund, you may send your tax-deductible contribution to the Scott County Community Foundation at PO Box 25; Scottsburg, IN 47170. You may also stop in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg. For more information on giving now or through a planned gift, please call the Foundation at 812-752-2057 or email info@scottcountyfoundation.org.

Over \$129,000 Given During 2018 Community Grants Program

The Scott County Community Foundation (SCCF) has awarded \$129,000 in grants to several local agencies during its 2018 Community Grants Program, announced grants committee chairperson Nancy Barr. The agencies were honored at a grants breakfast.

The organizations, the purpose of the request and amount awarded are:

- CASA of Scott County: recruiter/trainer and clerical support staff for volunteers of abused and neglected children, and computers/software, \$15,000;
- Centerstone: Mobile play therapy kits, \$3,500;
- Child and Family Advocates: provide support groups to children of divorced parents, \$5,000;
- Community Action of Southern Indiana: Life Literacy Academy, \$2,924;
- Gleaners Food Bank: provide fresh produce for senior mobile food pantry, \$5,000;
- Humane Society of Scott County: building expenses, \$8,000;
- Lexington Good Faith Preschool: provide free preschool for children in Lexington Township, \$3,000;
- New Creation Addiction Ministries: provide transportation and study guides, \$5,075;
- Preservation Alliance, Inc.: operating expenses for Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, \$2,250;
- School Smiles Foundation: provide dental services to children in need at Austin Elementary School, \$1,500;
- Scott County Fair Association: provide electrical upgrades at fairgrounds, \$5,000;
- Scott County Family YMCA: after-school program at Scott County School District 2, \$7,500;
- Scott County Partnership: AmeriCorps match for Clearinghouse, \$4,033;
- Scott County Partnership: Conquer the CHAOS, \$3,000;
- Scottsburg Band Parent Association: Purchase flugelhorn, \$2,450;
- Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department: Purchase fitness equipment, \$2,395;
- Social Health Association of Indiana: Provide health and social education to Austin Elementary and Middle schools, \$2,500;
- United Way of Scott County: provide free books for children from birth through age five through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, \$2,500.



Scottsburg Fire Department Chief James Richey accepts a grant for \$2,395 from Kevin Collins, on behalf of the Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund.

The Donald R. Collins Sr. Family Fund provided funding for the grant to the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department. The L.L. and Juanita Lowry Unrestricted Fund assisted with funding for the grant to New Creation Addiction Ministries. Through the Collins and Lowry families' memberships in the Forever Tree Society, earnings from their family funds are able to support specific charitable projects in the community.

The grants were also made possible from the Borden Family Community Granting Fund, Laurence and Myrtle Bridge Memorial Fund, Terry Fewell Memorial Unrestricted Fund, Addie Mae Graham Memorial Fund, Lauren Graham Memorial Fund, Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Fund, Hazel and Lowell Lowry Sr. Memorial Fund, John and Janice Martin Unrestricted Fund, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund, Dr. William and Diann Scott Unrestricted Fund, Dan and Mary Lou Slattery Fund, Wesbanco Fund, Scott County Immediate Response Fund, Scott County Memorial Fund and Community Enrichment Fund.

The Board of Directors also awarded \$46,053 from the Scott County CAPE Educational Endowment Fund to the Scott County Partnership to continue educational initiatives. These include LifeSkills and guidance activities at Austin and Scottsburg middle schools, coordinate youth summer feeding program in Austin, coordinate other educational programs including Reality Stores, Scott County Attendance Review Board, Youth/education Committee, Career Clusters, and more.

"Being involved with my community through the Scott County Community Foundation is such a rewarding experience," shared Barr. "Many of the needs within the community are being met by so many wonderfully caring people, who fund the Community Grants Program."

"If you are passionate about your community, have a particular area of interest, or want to memorialize a loved one, I encourage you to contact the Foundation and become a donor. There is no better way to leave that legacy," said Barr.



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Sara McGannon Welcomed as New Intern

We are excited to welcome Sara McGannon to our Community Foundation team. Sara is the new Career and College Counselor intern under a program funded by the Lilly Endowment. The Community Foundation Internships (CFI) program is part of Lilly's goal to help build healthy Indiana community foundations and to provide college students with real-life work experiences.

Sara's duties involve counseling students at Austin and Scottsburg high schools with career and college choices, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, coordinating job shadowing internship opportunities, coordinating college visits, and more.

Sara has been a resident of Scott County for more than 20 years. She is the daughter of David and Flossie McGannon of Scottsburg. She graduated from Scottsburg High School in 2014 and recently graduated from Franklin College this year with a bachelor's degree in English. She is attending Indiana University Southeast in pursuit of her teaching license through their Advance to Teaching Graduate Program.

After graduation, Sara plans to work at a high school or middle school in southern Indiana as an English teacher. Her goal is to create opportunities for students to discover and develop their own interests and passions through the use of language. Interning as a teacher's assistant in five different school districts and

being the literacy program coordinator for a Girls Inc. has given Sara the skill set needed to effectively communicate with students and assist them in preparation for their futures.

"I am incredibly passionate about bettering Scott County, and I would love nothing more than to assist students in developing futures that allow them to pursue their own passions," said Sara.

"We are excited to have Sara as our intern," said Shannon Mount, the K-12 college and career counselor at Scottsburg High School. "SHS has come to rely on the intern position for key activities like making sure our 21st Century Scholars are informed about how to stay on track. Sara will also help with activities helping connect students with future opportunities like helping with college credits and our five Early College options."

"We are very excited at Austin High School to have Sara join our team and assist students with 21st Century plans and career and college readiness activities," said Cindy Watts, guidance counselor. "We are so thankful to the Community Foundation for making this opportunity possible for the students of Scott County."

