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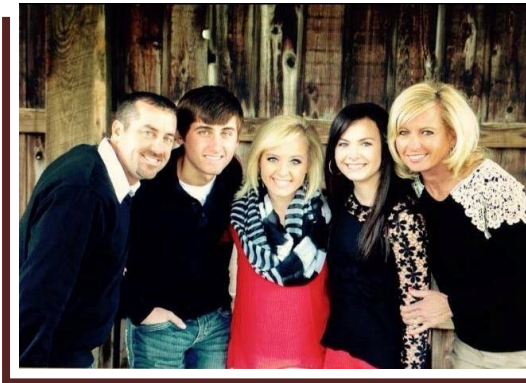
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"What good is the
warmth of sum-
mer, without the
cold of winter to
give it sweetness."

~ John Steinbeck



We welcome our newest board member, Sheila Carter. Sheila began her term Oct. 1.

Sheila and her husband, Matt, reside in Austin. They have been married for 20 years and have three children, who all attend Austin High School. Case, a senior, plans to play golf in college and major in business. Kaylin, a junior, plans to become a lawyer. Kenzie, a freshman, plans to play volleyball in college and go into the occupational therapy field.

"I have a wonderful family and support system," said Sheila. "I am married to my high school sweetheart and love of my life, Matt Carter." Matt is the Senior Director and Pharmacy Director at Scott Memorial Hospital.

Sheila graduated from Indiana University Southeast, where she completed her bachelor's, master's degrees and administrative leadership course work. She is the assistant principal at Austin Elementary School.

"I thoroughly enjoy my position and the

opportunities it allows me to serve the families of Austin," said Sheila.

Along with the many duties of being an assistant principal, she also coaches the Austin Lady Eagles Varsity Volleyball team. This year the Lady Eagles Volleyball Team won the first volleyball sectional in Austin's school history.

Sheila shared that her family is her "hobby" and that they enjoy vacationing, playing sports, watching movies, and attending church at Northside Christian Church in New Albany.

"If I have spare time, which is rare, I enjoy reading and visiting new restaurants with my family and friends," said Sheila.

"I feel the Community Foundation is a great asset to our community," said Sheila.

"The Community Foundation focuses on ALL of the community needs, not one particular entity. I am excited and thankful to serve my community in this capacity.

Thank you for this rewarding opportunity."

"We couldn't be more honored to have Sheila join our Board," said Executive Director Jaime Toppe. "Her love for her family and community is evident to anyone who knows her. We look forward to having her enthusiasm as we share with the community the great stories made possibly through people who give to the community."

YGC Hosts Successful Alumni Basketball Game Fundraiser



Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council members hosted their first annual Thanksgiving Throwback Throwdown Austin vs. Scottsburg Alumni Basketball game. The game kicked off the big rivalry games between the high schools, and the entire community showed its excitement leading up to the event with using #alumniweek on social media and posting photos from high school.

The YGC was amazed at the turnout—thousands of people packed Meyer Gym for the games, which featured the girls first, followed by the guys. Alumni cheer teams kept the crowds going and a lucky person made all 4 shots within 30

seconds to take home \$100 in the Turkey Shootout contest!

Austin took home the traveling trophy for both games. The event raised \$5,800 for youth in Scott County! The YGC would like to thank the generous sponsors, fans, players, coaches, announcers and volunteers who helped make this a tremendous event for Scott County. Make sure to mark your calendar for the event this year, which will be held in Austin on Nov. 20.



Abby Tremain Hired as Career and College Counselor Intern

We have welcomed Abigail Tremain as our new Career and College Counselor intern under a program funded by Lilly Endowment. The Community Foundation Internships (CFI) program is part of Lilly's goals to help build healthy Indiana community foundations and to provide college students with real-life work experiences.

Abby's duties involve counseling students at Austin and Scottsburg high schools with career and college choices, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, assisting students with 21st Century Scholarship requirements, coordinating job shadow/intern opportunities, coordinating college visits

and career fairs, and more.

Abby recently began her final semester at Hanover College where she is majoring in political science with minors in anthropology and international studies.

"I'm very honored to have this opportunity through the Scott County Community Foundation to work with the area's two high schools," said Abby. "Preparing for college and future career opportunities is a very important part of the high school experience and I hope the work that I do with students and administrators in these areas will have a positive impact for everyone involved."



Adults Awarded Scholarships Through Education Matters Initiative

Stephanie Napier, top right, and Erica Bary, below, each received \$1,000 scholarships through the Education Matters Southern Indiana initiative. We have collaborated with the community foundations in Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington counties to increase the educational attainment of adults with some form of post-secondary education but no degree or certification.

Stephanie is a Scottsburg resident and attending Ivy Tech

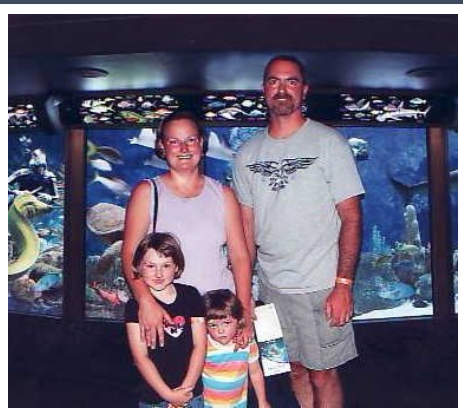
Community College, where she is majoring in nursing. She is a public health nurse

at the Clark County Health Department.

While she holds her licensed practical nurse diploma, she is continuing her education in the hopes of becoming a registered nurse.

Erica is a resident of Austin and attending Galen College of Nursing, where she is pursuing her bachelor's degree in nursing. Erica is employed at Hampton Oaks as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She is attending college to better herself and set a good example for her daughters.

If you are an adult hoping to return to school to complete your education, you may find resources with the Education Matters Southern Indiana initiative. Please visit www.EducationMattersSI.org or call (812) 625-7501.



Shelley Akers' Legacy Lives on Through Scholarship

Just over five years ago, life turned upside down for the Akers and Comer families. Shelley Comer Akers, a young

wife to Kyle and mother of two daughters, tragically died in a tractor accident.

Shelley was the office manager at Purdue Extension and was very active in the 4-H program. Therefore, it made perfect sense to Kyle to establish a scholarship fund in her memory to benefit students who had been involved

in 4-H.

Since that time, scholarships have been awarded to five students: Katie Burch, Shelby Hale, Ethan McNeely, Anna Hall and Leighanna Miller. All applicants are asked to write an essay on how they put the 4 H's in 4-H to good use in their life.

This past year's recipient, Leighanna Miller, is attending Hanover College, where she is majoring in psychology.

"Getting this scholarship meant a little bit less my mom and I had to worry about taking care of," said Leighanna.

All donations to Shelley's fund will be matched 50 cents for every dollar donated, until March 31, 2016, through our matching grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment.



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“Why Didn’t I Know?” Chairman’s Message

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

How many times have you heard some of your friends or family members say, “Well, why didn’t I know about that?” Most people can’t wait to announce their bargain purchases with their families and close friends—whether it be the last bargain gasoline purchase, a great deal on a new car, or even an item of clothing found on sale. Most people love bargains and certainly like to take advantage of them if they know they are in the offering.

At the Scott County Community Foundation, we have one of the most amazing bargains going on right now that you could ever imagine, until March 31, 2016. Any contribution received at the SCCF towards an unrestricted fund (i.e., the Community Enrichment Fund, or any other established unrestricted

funds, or an unrestricted fund of your own that you can establish) will be MATCHED - dollar for dollar. In plain English, a \$500 gift immediately becomes \$1,000; a \$2,000 gift has a \$4,000 impact or a \$5,000 gift becomes \$10,000, etc. All other funds (Scholarship; Designated; Donor Advised or Field of Interest funds) are being matched \$.50 for every \$1.00 contributed during this period.

Scott County Community Foundation Board members, fundholders, and many of your friends are getting the word out right now – but, we need your help also by sharing with the people you know and informing the civic organizations and churches you belong to about this amazing opportunity before the March 31, 2016 deadline.

I certainly hope I don’t hear those



dreadful words, “Why didn’t I know about that?” from you or one of your friends or family members after the deadline on March 31st.

L.L. Lowry, Chairman