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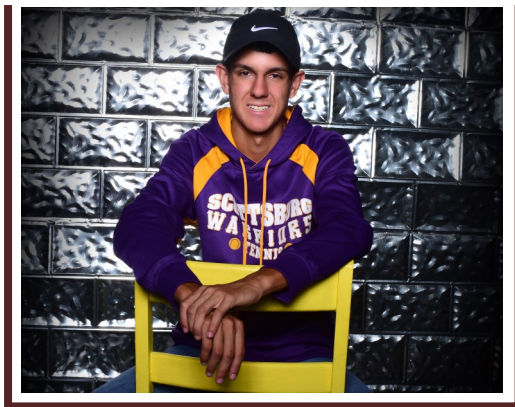
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"Spring is nature's
way of saying,
'Let's party!'"

~ Robin Williams

Jordan Shuler Named 2016 Lilly Scholar



One Scott County student has been named recipient of a full-tuition, four-year scholarship as the Scott County Community Foundation 2016 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Jordan Shuler of Scottsburg High School will receive full tuition to the Indiana college of his choice and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. He joins 34 other Lilly Scholar recipients from Scott County since 1998.

Jordan is the son of Cherie Shuler and Greg Shuler, both of Scottsburg. He is active with First Christian Church, where he serves on the worship team and with the youth group, serves on the Scott County Youth Grant-making Council, is a member of the Band of Warriors, Model United Nations team, plays tennis and golf, among other activities.

Jordan plans to attend Grace College to major in accounting and sports management.

"Receiving the Lilly Scholarship means so

much to my family and me," said Jordan. "This has taken a huge burden off of my mom and me. It is a really good feeling to know that when I graduate in four years, I will be graduating debt free. I will never be able to fully express my gratitude to the Community Foundation and to the Lilly Endowment for giving me this opportunity."

"It is my pleasure to announce that Jordan Shuler has been selected for the 2016 Lilly Scholarship to represent Scott County," said Scholarship Committee Chairperson Barbara Broady. "He is a fine young man. I am sure he will apply his knowledge and ability to do his very best in his collegiate goals."

Students were judged based on financial consideration, community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work activities, academics and two essays. Five students advanced to the interview portion. After the scholarship committee narrowed the field to one nominee and two alternates, the finalists' names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. for the selection of the Scott County recipient.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. Indiana ranks among the lowest states in the percentage of residents over the age of 25 with a bachelor's degree. There were 142 scholarships awarded statewide.

SHS Alumni Association Establishes Fund



SHS Alumni Association officers Jessica Jones, Dennis Nicholas, Nancy Swank and Brenda Kendall complete the paperwork to establish a new fund.



Almost 53 years ago, Scottsburg High School graduates made history when they formed an alumni association. With the intent of bringing alumni together for social fellowship and to promote the value of a high school education, the association has succeeded in its goals and has helped many students along the way with financial assistance. The SHS Alumni Association has taken their commitment to students one step further through the establishment of an endowment fund at the Scott County Community Foundation to benefit graduating seniors with their college expenses.

Classmates of the SHS graduating class of 1937 started their own annual reunion and eventually decided to draw in another class to join them. On Dec. 10, 1963, 16 alums, the superintendent and the high school principal held the first meeting for the purpose of forming the Scottsburg High School Alumni Association. Robert Murphy conducted the meeting where the first officers nominated and elected were Walker Amick, president; Charles Stewart, vice president; Wilma Sarver, secretary; and Robert Everitt, treasurer.

About 490 alumni and guests attended the first banquet and dance on May 29, 1964, in the Scottsburg High School cafetorium. The banquet has been held annually since then

with the venue moved in 1970 to the new high school on South Gardner Street, where it is still held.

Outstanding Alumnus awards have been given at the banquets since its inception, and that has become a highlight of each banquet. Scholarships to graduating seniors have totaled over \$41,000 in over 45 years. Now the SHS Alumni Association has found a way to help provide scholarships for generations to come, through their new SHS Alumni Association Education Fund at the Community Foundation.

Donations are invested and only a small portion of the earnings are spent in grants and scholarships each year, allowing a fund to benefit the community forever. We support a wide variety of causes through over 80 endowment funds. With grants and scholarships totaling over \$3 million, we have been an important resource for charitable giving.

After years of seeing the good being done in the community, the alumni officers knew they could trust the expertise of the Foundation in administering their endowment fund. By taking advantage of a matching grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment, alumni from near and far were able to help the fund grow quickly, with many gifts made in memory of a classmate or in honor of a class.



Carmen Boley to assist schools through summer internship

We have welcomed a new intern to our team, which has been made possible by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s grant to the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance. The Community Foundation Internship program's aim is to build healthy community foundations and to give college students the opportunity to gain real-life work experiences.

Carmen Boley is a graduate of Scottsburg High School and is currently a student at Indiana University Bloomington. She will be working with Scott County School Districts 1 and 2 this summer. Her internship responsibilities include helping the high schools gather information on college persistence from their previous graduates and to help the middle schools increase their overall enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars Program.

Carmen is completing her second semester at Indiana University. She is currently pursuing a major in Public Financial Management and a minor in Law and Public Policy from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. After college, she would like to work for a small business or nonprofit organization, and give back to the community.

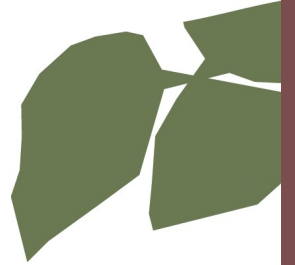
"I am so excited to be a part of the Scott County Community Foundation's team this summer. After being a part of the Founda-

tion in middle and high school as a member of the Youth Grantmaking Council, I am

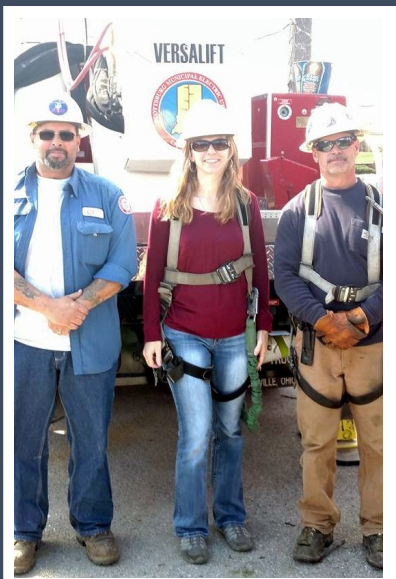
thrilled to return and see what I can do to help through a different aspect by working with the local school districts." Carmen further stated, "I cannot wait to start my internship and see what all I'll learn from this awesome opportunity."

"Carmen will be a welcome addition to the work we school counselors try to get accomplished in the summer to make the school year run smoothly," said Scottsburg High School counselor Shannon Mount.

Austin High School guidance counselor Cindy Watts shared Shannon's sentiments, stating, "We are very excited at Austin High to have the pleasure of working with Carmen this summer to help prepare for the upcoming school year."



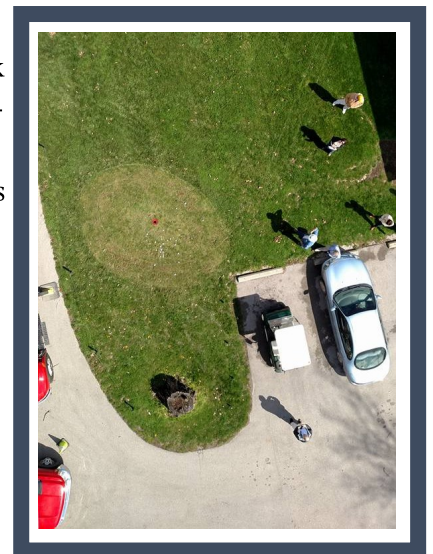
Great April Fool's Ball Drop Raises \$2,400 for unrestricted funds



We hosted our first-ever Great April Fool's Ball Drop at Westwood Golf Course on April 1 (no joke!). Anyone in the community was welcome to purchase a golf ball for \$100, with the golf balls dropped from a 60-foot bucket truck. The ball that fell in the hole or was closest to the pin won all the donations, to be placed in the fund of their choice.

job making our scared-of-heights Executive Director Jaime Toppe feel safe! A ball purchased by Chuck and Connie Rose won, and they donated their \$1,400 winnings to the Dale and Rosemarie Hobbs Forever Tree Fund. It was matched with \$1,400, and earnings from the fund will support Scott County every year during our Community Grants Program. Board member Hank Jentzen won the drop competition among board members, and his winnings went to the Dustin Jones Memorial Fund.

We want to say thank you to Westwood Golf Course and the City of Scottsburg Electric Department for making this a fun event!



Luckily, the day was not as windy as the previous day, and the City of Scottsburg Electric Department crew did a wonderful





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Looking Forward, Giving Back.

Chairman's Message: Celebrating the Success of Lilly Grant

Springtime is a happy time of rejuvenation, growth and fresh starts...and, an excellent opportunity to reflect on our good fortune about the upcoming activities in the next few months. Let's go back to the summer of 2014 when the Lilly Endowment GIFT VI program was initially announced. That fall, members of our Board were faced with a "too-good-to-be-true" opportunity and the discussion centered around how we could utilize and take advantage of a \$500,000 offer of matching money from Lilly within the guidelines presented. The incentives were strong and the desire was eager as the offer, especially geared toward board member involvement, was an opportunity that we didn't want to miss.

After the decision to take advantage of the Lilly opportunity, we began to work on publications, promotions and the many ways the opportunity could be used and applied to our advantage for the community right here in Scott County. Ideas were generated, letters were sent, publications were made and the people responded. Eighteen months later, we are excited to announce the results:

- **\$330,000** donated over 1 1/2 years!
- We were able to match these donations with over **\$216,000** in Lilly funds!

- A total of **\$546,000** has come to the Scott County Community Foundation in a short 18 months!
- We have the potential to award an additional **\$20,000** each year in grants and scholarships as a result of this campaign!
- Giving in 2015 was **more than double** the average giving for the previous three years!
- **Eleven** new funds were established—2 unrestricted and 9 for specific purposes!
- **Five** existing funds grew enough to reach the level allowing them to award grants to the community each year in the future!

We celebrate this giving, which was made possible by YOU, and thank you for your generosity. Your love for Scott County has been shown time and again, and we owe the success of this campaign to you.



Looking Forward,
L.L. Lowry