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Lyndie Foster Named 2020 Lilly Scholar



One Scott County student has been named recipient of a full-tuition, four-year scholarship as the Scott County Community Foundation 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Lyndie Foster of Scottsburg High School will receive full tuition to an

accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana of her choice, and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. She joins 38 other Lilly Scholar recipients from Scott County since 1998.

Lyndie is the daughter of Bill and Bobbie Foster of Scottsburg. She is active in 4-H, Venture Scouts, EMPOWER Youth Coalition, cross country, track, wrestling, and more.

She plans to attend the University of Evansville to major in athletic training and Spanish with intentions to enroll in medical school.

"I am so honored to be chosen as the recipient of the Lilly scholarship," said Lyndie. "Relieving the financial burden of college is going to make an incredible impact on my future, opening more doors and bringing more opportunities into reach."

"On behalf of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors, we congratulate Lyndie for being named Scott County's 2020 Lilly Scholar," said Nancy Barr, chair of the committee and board member for

the Foundation. "The finalists were outstanding students and as always, it was a difficult decision for the committee. Lyndie will be a great representative of our community and we know she will be successful in her future endeavors."

Students were judged based on community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work activities, academics, financial considerations, honors and awards, letters of recommendation and two essays. Eight students advanced to the interview portion as finalists. After the scholarship committee narrowed the field to one nominee and two alternates, the finalists' names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the Scott County recipient. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

There were 143 scholarships awarded statewide, and there have been 4,769 students who were awarded scholarships since the inception of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. Lilly Endowment has invested over \$405 million into this initiative since 1998.

New Scholarship Will Benefit Nursing Students

A Scottsburg High School graduate who devoted her career to nursing has established a scholarship endowment fund for nursing students, shared Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe.

Sarah M. Waldkoetter, better known as Sally to her family and friends, graduated from SHS in 1955. She was a 1959 graduate of Evansville College with a bachelor of science in nursing. In 1965 she graduated from Indiana University with a master of science in nursing and then went on to University of Cincinnati as a doctoral candidate. Sally worked at Babies Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City from 1959 until 1964, and was a professor of nursing at Columbia University in New York City. From 1965 until 1968 she was a professor of nursing at University of Cincinnati and then from 1968 until 1993 she was professor emeritus at University of Cincinnati.

Sally was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Valloonia, where she lived. According to an article in the Seymour Tribune, after her career, Sally then “nursed” a Vallonia landmark back to health. As chairman of the Joe Jackson Hotel Restoration Committee, Sally led the way in restoration efforts of the hotel that was built in 1914.

To show her appreciation for the education and guidance of the faculty of the high school, Sally directed in her estate plan that the Carter/Waldkoetter Nurse Scholarship Fund would provide assistance to graduating seniors who plan to receive a bachelor's degree

in nursing. Sally cared very much for her family and friends, and established this scholarship in memory of Ida Bell Everitt Carter, James Levi Carter, and their descendants who have graduated from Scottsburg High School, as well as her parents, Harry John and Grace Mildred Carter Waldkoetter.

Sadly, Sally passed away last September at age 81. She donated her house to the Scott County Community Foundation, which was able to sell it recently to provide the funding for the scholarship. The scholarship will be available for Scottsburg High School seniors starting in 2022, and is open to students who have worked during high school to help with college costs.

Visitors to the Community Foundation office can view a painting that Sally donated of the Marshfield School, which was occupied by Sally's parents. Sally shared that Thomas Everitt, her mom's grandfather, was a trustee when it was built.

Sally was remembered by friends and family as a determined, dedicated, kind person who delighted in helping and giving. Her legacy and that of her family name will continue to live on through this scholarship fund and the financial help it will provide nursing students for generations to come.



Grants Available for Youth Projects

The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council (“YGC”) is accepting grant applications to fund youth-related projects in the community. The YGC has over \$4,700 from the Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council Fund and the Terry Fewell Memorial Youth Fund that it may award to projects that benefit youth in Scott County. The maximum amount per request is \$1,000, and grants must be for schools, nonprofit organizations or other charitable causes.

Programs that the YGC will look favorably on will focus on the following six areas: community service (to support programs related to community development, citizen involvement, recreation, and general community programs and projects); social service (to support human service organizations, programs for children, youth, family, and senior citizens); health (to support programs that promote healthy environments for the youth of Scott County), education (to support programs, projects, and scholarship in pre-school, secondary, post-secondary, and special education areas), art (to support the growth and development of youth appreciation for the arts and culture) and leadership (to support the growth of youth leadership abilities). However, consideration of grant requests will not be limited to those areas.

Applications are due Friday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. Interviews will take place this spring at the Lifelong Learning Center on Community Way in Scottsburg. All applicants will be notified of the status of their request in March.

The YGC, a program of the Scott County Community Foundation, is made up of students from throughout the community who hold regular meetings, discuss ideas and hold events to raise money, and then give grants to the community for youth-related projects. The goals of the YGC are to provide opportunities for leadership development, provide positive peer support, learn about philanthropy and serving the community, form a partnership with other youth and adults, and grow their endowment fund for the future.

Last year, the YGC awarded \$7,339 in grants to Austin Middle school, Community Action of Southern Indiana, EMPOWER, Scott County 4-H, Scottsburg High School, Scottsburg Middle School, and Warrior Nation Touchdown Club. The YGC has awarded over \$65,000 since its inception.

The application must be completed online, and is available on our website or by contacting our office.

Caring Woman Honored For Friendship With New Fund

The yellow rose stands for joy and happiness. It symbolizes sunshine and brightness into our lives. Yellow represents joy, peace, warmth, to cheer up someone, lifting spirits, friendship and caring. "The yellow rose is a perfect description of Mrs. Nancy Laird, who was a loving and caring person," shared Scottsburg resident Hank Jentzen.

Due to the close relationship Jentzen had with her and her family, he and her son Scott have established a permanent endowment fund at the Scott County Community Foundation in her memory.

"Looking back to my younger days in New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Laird always welcomed me into their home," said Jentzen. "I felt the love and warmth of their kind spirit. They were wonderful people and Mrs. Laird created a caring home for many young adults who were friends of their children."

"This past December, Mrs. Laird called me and told me she always thought of me as one of her sons," shared Jentzen. "We reminisced about the old days and had a few laughs. That was the last time I talked to her. She passed away just before Christmas of 2019."

Having been a longtime grants committee and board member for the Scott County Community Foundation, Jentzen was familiar with the far-reaching impact made in the community through unrestricted funds. With this type of fund, the Community Foundation has flexibility to meet the changing needs of Scott County. Local organizations apply for funding during the Community Grants Program, and the grants committee thoughtfully and carefully reviews each request before making recommendations for funding.

"Over the years I have tried to give back to her for her kindness by hopefully making her final years a little more joyful. Now it only

makes sense to create an unrestricted fund in her memory," said Jentzen. "The fund will ensure her kindness will live on forever, and help create a better community now and for future generations to come."

"'Looking forward and giving back' is part of the mission statement for the Scott County Community Foundation.

That's what this unrestricted fund is about," continued Jentzen. "My life has been made better for knowing Mr. and Mrs. Laird. Scott and I decided an unrestricted fund was the best way to help others now and forever. This fund is our way to say thank you, and knowing her kindness and generosity will continue to help others in our community forever through the Scott County Community Foundation is a great feeling."

Donations to The Yellow Rose of Nancy R. Laird Memorial Fund are currently being matched \$2 for every \$1 donated through a grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment Inc. Tax-deductible contributions can be made by mailing to the Scott County Community Foundation; PO Box 25, Scottsburg, IN 47170. Donors may also stop in the office or give online at www.scottcountyfoundation.org. Please call 812-752-2057 with any questions on how you can memorialize a loved one through a permanent endowment fund.



Nancy Laird and son Scott

"Fiesta" is Theme for 4th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser

There's no time to siesta, let's fiesta! Join us for our fourth annual casino night fundraiser. Those looking for a fun evening can enjoy this unique experience locally while helping to raise money for a great cause. This special fun-filled event with a Fiesta theme will be held Saturday, March 14 at Mid-America Science Park, Scottsburg. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for appetizers and drinks, with dinner to start at 6 p.m.

The night's entertainment will feature Raices Folklore dance troupe, 50/50 bead game, bingo, blackjack and poker. The Community Foundation has obtained a state charitable gaming license (No. 014770) for the event, so winners may take away cash. A silent auction will be held and door prizes awarded.

Dinner will be catered by Country Classics. The menu will feature Mexican-style food, including a taco bar with chicken, beef and shrimp; street corn, cilantro rice and sautéed veggies. Appetizers include chips and salsa/queso, fresh fruit and churro sticks. Dessert

will be sopapilla cheesecake bars and Tres Leches cake. Margaritas and other favorite drinks will be served at the Cantina.

The event's El Grande sponsors include Duke Energy and Ivy Tech Community Foundation, while the Nuestra Familia sponsors are Hancock's Drug Store and Scott County School District 2. Sponsors are still needed to help ensure a successful event. To get a list of sponsorship levels and benefits, you may contact the Scott County Community Foundation at 812-752-2057 or email info@scottcountyfoundation.org.

Tickets are \$25 per person, with RSVP's due by Friday, March. 6. You may RSVP by using the contact information listed above or stopping in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg.

Through a matching grant opportunity from Lilly Endowment, all proceeds from the event will be matched 50 cents for every dollar. Your support of the Foundation's fundraiser will help support our mission and programs.



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Looking Forward, Giving Back.

Ball State University Professor to Speak on Community Development

Author Jay Samit said, "Those that recognize the inevitability of change stand to benefit the most from it." Change is constant, but not always easy. Economic and demographic shifts continually and increasingly test communities of all sizes, requiring different conversations and new approaches. To remain relevant and to thrive, community leaders must understand the data and use it to tackle challenges and pursue opportunities in comprehensive ways.

The Scott County Community Foundation would like to invite the community to attend a presentation, "Considerations for Community Change: Shifting Paradigms and What They Mean for Indiana Neighborhoods, Towns, Cities, and Counties." The presentation is designed to help provide context for why investments in both people and place are critical to the future vibrancy of our hometowns. Research, policy, and practice related to shifting paradigms and community sustainability are discussed in this 90-minute session developed and presented by Ball State University's Indiana Communities Institute and Center for Business and Economic Research.

Leading the presentations will be Dr. Michael Hicks, the George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at Ball State University. He has held faculty positions at the Air Force Institute of Tech-

nology, Marshall University and the University of Tennessee. His research has been reported in such places as the Economist, the Atlantic, Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, NPR, CNN, CSPAN, CNBC, Fox Business and The Nightly Business Report. He is a retired infantry soldier in the Army Reserve, with peacekeeping and combat service in the Middle East and Africa.



There will be two identical sessions for attendees from which to choose, and both will be held at Mid-America Science Park in Scottsburg. The first session will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The next day, Feb. 12, a lunch session will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Dinner and lunch will be provided for these free sessions, which are made possible through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Registrations are required and can be made by calling the Scott County Community Foundation at 812-752-2057 or emailing info@scottcountyfoundation.org.