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Wells Family Establishes Fund to Benefit SHS



Long-time Scottsburg educators Brady and Julie Wells have chosen to provide a permanent gift to the community as their way to continue their support to the school after retirement. The Scottsburg High School Classroom Innovation Fund was recently established at the Scott County Community Foundation and will provide a way to fund unique classroom opportunities for years to come.

Brady and Julie were fortunate to have spent 25 years in Scottsburg, serving as educators at Scottsburg High School for most of those years. Upon retirement from Scott County School District 2, they moved to Madison and started their second careers. Brady serves as men’s and women’s cross country coach at Hanover College, and Julie is the scholarship manager at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County. Their daughter,

Lauren Wells Bowling graduated from SHS in 2008, while their son, Logan, graduated in 2011. Their granddaughter attends Scottsburg Elementary School, so it is meaningful to the family to maintain their commitment to students.

Because of their appreciation for the work done at the school, and to recognize the many outstanding teachers, they established this permanent endowment fund to encourage creative classroom activities. Teachers can request up to \$250 to fund unique projects or classroom needs that are not covered by other sources. The first award will be given at the end of this school year, with applications available in late winter.

“The Wells family were a valued part of the Scottsburg High School family for years,” said Principal Chris Routt. “Their generosity with this new fund for SHS will enable teachers to offer new learning opportunities for our students.”

“This new fund is a great way to inspire imagination in teachers and allow them to try new ideas and projects in their classrooms,” said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. “We are honored that Brady and Julie were able to utilize the Community Foundation for their charitable giving.”

If you would like to make a donation to this fund, you may mail to the Scott County Community Foundation; PO Box 25; Scottsburg, IN 47170. You can also stop in the office at 60 N. Main St., Scottsburg.

Leadership Class Welcomed to Scott County

Last year we partnered with Leadership Southern Indiana (LSI) to expand Scott County to their service area of Clark and Floyd counties. LSI offers four programs to help people become more effective leaders in their school, workplace, and community. They also offer events throughout the year such as workshops, networking events, and a Breakfast Series to keep members involved.

One of their programs is DISCOVER, a nine-month program that connects leaders in Southern Indiana. They meet monthly to learn about topics such as regionalism, education, government, tourism, and more. Through our partnership, a “Scott County Day” was added to the program.

Participants started at Mid-America Science Park (MASP), where they were welcomed by Scottsburg Mayor Terry Amick. They heard about public health, the Austin High School Academy program, and the offerings at MASP. They traveled to the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, where we were able to share about the Community Foundation. Seniors from our Youth Grantmaking Council talked about their experiences. The class also heard about the Farmers’ Market and the history of our county and the Museum. The class then traveled to Hardy Lake State Park for a picnic lunch and presentation on raptors. Afterwards they headed to Goat Milk Stuff to learn about the family’s soap and farm operations and play with baby goats. They ended the day at the courthouse square where they heard from small business owners and the Sheriff’s Department before shopping and eating.

Class participants got a “taste” of Scott County—our goal was to show them a little of what we have to offer in the hopes that more people will come back to enjoy our community! For more information on their programs, visit www.leadershipsouthernindiana.org.



Ky Groover Welcomed as New Intern



We recently welcomed Ky Groover as our new Career and College Counselor intern. This opportunity has been funded by the Lilly Endowment through the Community Foundation Internships Program (CFI).

This program intends to build strong community foundations, as well as provide significant internship opportunities for college students who are eager to advance their educational and personal development.

Ky’s duties involve counseling students at Austin and Scottsburg high schools with career and college choices, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, assisting students with the 21st Century

Scholarship requirements, coordinating job shadowing/internship opportunities, coordinating college visits and more.

Ky graduated from Indiana University Southeast with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She is currently in her final year of graduate school at IUS where she is pursuing her master’s degree in school counseling. Ky is certified in trauma informed care. She is a single mother of three children and two cats, and lives in Charlestown.

“Classroom education has been my focus for most of my career but I have begun to shift my thinking towards counseling,” said Ky. “I am excited to begin a career as a school counselor in K-12 schools after graduation.”

“The opportunity to work with Scott County is an extremely interesting one!” shared Ky. “This gives me the opportunity to work with students, families, and the community on connecting the students with their goals, interests, and their dreams

for their future. I have primarily worked with special education students in the elementary schools but this internship allows me the opportunity to experience another part of what a counselor’s role includes. I am looking forward to learning and growing in my field. This opportunity given to me by the Scott County Community Foundation is a tremendous blessing.”

“The Community Foundation Internship program has been a great opportunity for our community, and we are thankful to Lilly Endowment Inc. for providing the funding,” said Scott County Community Foundation Executive Director Jaime Toppe. “Ky is the 22nd student to benefit from the internship program during the last several years, and this will be great real-life experience before she becomes a guidance counselor. I know she will bring enthusiasm and passion to her position, and we are excited to have her help in the schools.”

Homegrown Music Fest Showcases Local Talent

We had a great night at our first-ever Homegrown Music Fest! We want to give a huge thank you to local musicians Hoosier Daddy, Brooke Hall, Kayla Griffen, Lanny McIntosh, and On the House for giving us their time and talents to put on a great show at the historic Ross Theater!

Thank you to our sponsors for their generosity: Scott County Visitors Commission, Blue & Co., Duke Energy, Ivy Tech Community College, Morgan Foods, New Washington State Bank, Scott County School District 1, Scott County School District 2, The West Family, and Clark County REMC.

We appreciate Beth Robison for capturing these photo memories! We wanted to encourage concert-goers to visit the downtown Square for shopping and eating before attending our concert, and several participating businesses offered discounts to those who had a concert ticket: Amick Appliance, The Bistro, Dirt Boys and Sweet Fizz, Hardy's Café, Hello Beautiful, Moxie Music Center, Scottsburg Pet Center, Taylor Rose Salon, Time Zone Pizza Arcade, and Twisted Rose Flower Farm.

We hope this becomes a yearly tradition that grows and we appreciate everyone who was able to attend!





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YGC Elects Leadership Positions, Welcomes New Members



As the YGC headed into a new school year, they elected the following voting members into leadership positions: Nick Henderson, President; Johnathon Perkinson, Vice President; Sydney Craig, Secretary; Kinlee Craig, Treasurer; Emily Justice and Brinley Soloe, co-chairs of Grants Committee; Melea Luttrell and Grace Routt, co-chairs of Asset Development Committee; Kellan Carter and Lucas Toppe, co-chairs of Governance Committee; and Braelyn Kleehammer, chair of Community Service Committee.

Interviews were held for new voting members to replace the seniors who graduated. Congratulations to the following who were selected: Noah Bagwell, Emma Bracey, Abby Doriot, Marley

Anyone running for an elected position has to give a speech on why they are the best person for the job.

Fleenor, Maddy Stallings, Brooks Swank, and Mia Voiles. Voting members operate as the Board for the YGC—along with making all decisions, they are responsible for fundraising and grantmaking in addition to community service.

Interviews were also held for applicants who wished to become new members of the YGC through the Community Service Committee. We would like to welcome the following: Lauren Hanner, Kaitlyn Johnson,



Some of our YGC seniors were able to talk to the Leadership Southern Indiana DISCOVER class at their "Scott County Day" part of the program. Thanks to Kinlee Craig, Emmy Justice, Brinley Soloe, Chloe Myszak, and Nick Henderson for sharing all about the YGC and what you are doing in the community through your philanthropy.

Orlando Neace, and Lorelai Smith of Austin Middle School; Ella Cople, Sofia Deirth, Aubree Eldridge, Bennett Percy, Taeson Stutsman, Landon Toppe, and Lucas Wimp of Scottsburg Middle School; Lola Fouts, Mallo-ry McGlothlin, Alex Spaulding, and Emma Spaulding of Scottsburg High School.