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# Gift Forward

## Make Your Gifts Available Forever

The Foundation is currently matching all donations to any funds that can be used for a wide variety of grant causes, i.e., unrestricted funds. For every \$1 donated, the Foundation will contribute an additional \$2.

If you have ever thought of starting such a fund and naming it after your family or a loved one, now is the perfect opportunity. The minimum donation for starting a fund is \$5,000, but this match opportunity lets you donate \$1,667, receive the additional \$3,333, and start your fund. The Foundation will even count all of the unrestricted donations you have already made since November 1, 2018, as part of your initial donation. Contact the Foundation today for more information.

## Donors Honor Family and Friends with Memorials

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On behalf of the Blackford County Community Foundation board of directors and staff, we wish you an especially merry Christmas and happy New Year.

It is our wish that each of you will be inspired to let your spirit of generosity shine this holiday season by giving of yourself to others, making their holiday just a bit brighter.



---from the Blackford County Community Foundation  
Improving life in Blackford County by helping you help others---forever!



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## Celebrating in 2019

The Blackford County Community Foundation is again this December counting the many blessings that donors have given to this community in the past year.

279 separate donors have given at least once. Those donors have contributed \$207,575 toward multiple causes.

The Foundation was able to award \$92,400 in 105 scholarships . . .

And to award \$129,637 in 40 grants to local organizations.

*What a cause for celebration!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 6, 2020**  
GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE
- **March 12, 2020**  
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the deadlines for the two grant application cycles for 2020 as these are earlier than in some years past:

**February 6, 2020**  
**August 6, 2020**

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## SIX LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2020



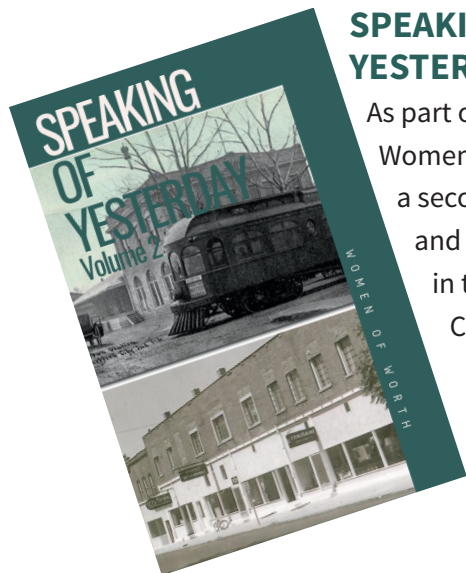
Six Blackford County students were named as finalists for the 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. They are (front from left) Nicholas Otwinowski, Bethany Elkins, Nolan McConnell, (back left), Elizabeth Langdon, Straton Stone, Natalie Thurman.

### Other Local Scholarships Available

The Foundation has over 70 scholarships available to local students graduating in May 2020. To apply, a student should fill out the application on the Foundation's website at [www.blackfordcofoundation.org/scholarships-2/applying-for-a-scholarship/local-scholarships](http://www.blackfordcofoundation.org/scholarships-2/applying-for-a-scholarship/local-scholarships) or at the Blackford Junior-Senior High School Guidance office. Applications are due at the Foundation office or the Guidance office by Thursday, March 12, 2020.

### SPEAKING OF YESTERDAY, Vol. 2

As part of its focus on women, Women of Worth has compiled a second volume of stories by and about local women born in the early 20th century. Copies of both volumes are available at the Foundation for \$5 each.



Six students have qualified as finalists for the 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. The scholarship winner will be announced in late December. All six finalists are students at Blackford Junior-Senior High School this year. The winner will receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to an Indiana college and an additional \$900 stipend for required books.

The five other finalists will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award from the Blackford County Community Foundation.

Bethany Elkins is the daughter of Gary and Bernadette Elkins. Bethany plans to study psychology.

Elizabeth Langdon is the daughter of Matt and Karen Langdon and plans to pursue a nursing degree.

Nolan McConnell is the son of Corey and Teresa McConnell and plans to study music.

Nicholas Otwinowski is the son of Richard (deceased) and Melinda Otwinowski. He plans to study political science, international studies in agriculture, or sports management.

Straton Stone is the son of Jamie Young. He will study business administration.

Natalie Thurman is the daughter of Ed and Rhonda Thurman and will study fashion marketing.

These scholarships will be awarded publically at the senior honors program in May at Blackford Junior-Senior High School.

### Community Survey Results and Next Steps

Over the last two months, almost 300 local citizens submitted responses to a community survey that is part of the grant application for a \$100,000 Lilly Endowment Inc. award to the Foundation for a community development project.

The survey showed that most of the respondents were interested in the Foundation working on youth programming, downtown revitalization, and blight elimination.

Blackford County has a comprehensive plan, Focus Forward, that addresses many of these concerns, so the Foundation will coordinate its grant proposal to work with the County plan.

Expect to hear more about how the Foundation will address the survey results after the March 13 Lilly Endowment grant proposal deadline.



## W.O.W CORNER

"Believing all women are worthy, W.O.W. strives to combine our gifts and talents to benefit the women and children of Blackford County."

### WOMEN OF WORTH CELEBRATED 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Over 115 Blackford County women gathered on September 29 at the Lake Placid Conference Center to award their latest round of philanthropic grants to five local nonprofit organizations and to reconnect with other charity-minded women in the community.

As part of the tenth anniversary celebration of the founding of Women of Worth in 2009, 21 local women senior citizens were recognized. These women are featured in the second volume of Speaking of Yesterday. The book features the stories of these women (and sometimes their husbands) who were born in the 1920s and '30s and have lived much of their lives in Blackford County. The book is a follow up to the very successful first volume of the same title written in 2016 as part of the Indiana Bicentennial celebration in Blackford County. Both books honor the contributions these local citizens have made to their families and their communities.



Luncheon entertainment was provided by the Minnestrista Theatre Preserves performing monologues spoken by two young men working at the Ball Canning Jar Factory in 1928. They each make the terrifying discovery as they sweep the factory floor of a jar molded with the crest of the Ku Klux Klan.

The W.O.W. membership also recommended awarding grants of \$500 each to five local nonprofit organizations.

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SAVE THE DATE

W.O.W. FALL LUNCHEON

at Lake Placid Conference Center

### 2019 W.O.W. Grant Awards at \$500

- Hartford City Early Head Start playground and sensory development equipment
- Blackford County Arts Center arts activities such as Second Saturdays
- Blackford County Secret Families for Christmas gifts and a tree for needy families
- Hartford City Head Start Classroom #3 listening and library materials
- Blackford County Imagination Library books