

WELCOME NEW OFFICE MANAGER ALLISON MILLSPAUGH



Allison Millspaugh (left) is the office manager for three local community organizations, represented by Elizabeth Witt, Foundation Executive Director, Emily Leas, Hartford City Chamber of Commerce Board President, and Warren Brown, Blackford County Economic Development Executive Director.

Allison Millspaugh is the new face to the left of the entrance as you walk in the door of the Blackford County Courthouse Annex. She has been part of the Foundation staff since February when she was hired as the office manager. Millspaugh also serves as the part-time office manager for the Blackford County Economic Development Corporation and the Hartford City Chamber of Commerce, two other offices housed in the Annex.

Millspaugh is currently taking courses at the University of Northwestern Ohio in business administration and management with a minor in agriculture. She previously worked as a manager at Kohl's Department Store and in accounting with The Andersons.

"The Foundation's office manager position had been vacant for a year before Allison came on board," Elizabeth Witt, executive director of the Blackford County Community Foundation said. "Allison has been a lifesaver these past few months as we have all taken on the new challenges related to working through our ordinary tasks in new extraordinary ways. She catches on quickly and makes all of us look good."

Millspaugh and her young daughter Adaline live south of Hartford City on part of the family farm. The two are devoted to barn visits, easy tractor rides, and friendly cows.

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**2-to-1 Match for Your
Donations Continues**

Donations made to the Foundation's unrestricted endowment, i.e., to the fund that uses its earnings to finance community grants and scholarships forever, will be matched at a rate of an added \$2 for every \$1 donated through September 2021. Your generosity will keep local projects and organizations operating for many years to come.

COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDS

A partnership between Lilly Endowment Inc. and Indiana United Ways has made it possible for the United Way of Wells County to receive a \$75,000 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant. This funding is to help meet COVID-related essential and basic needs, which include safe, emergency childcare and other critical issues that emerge. The United Ways of Wells, Grant and Jay Counties will be managing the funds for the United Way of Blackford County since the local chapter does not belong to the Indiana United Ways organization. The United Way of Wells County is now accepting funding requests from local human and social service nonprofits. Find details and instructions for applying at www.unitedwaywells.org.

**Donors Honor Family and Friends with Memorials
and Honorariums in 2020**

Irene Feltt	Dick Burchard	Marilyn Kirkwood
Annabelle Maddox	Becky Fuqua Cross	Bill Ford
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FUNDING RECREATIONAL SPACES IN BLACKFORD COUNTY



The gathering center at Wilderness Park connects the newly restored prairie area to existing trails. A plaque has been placed to honor Lisa Weeks as past board president for eleven years of dedicated service to the Foundation. Weeks has been especially committed to community development projects.

Saturday, August 15, marked the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Wilderness Park Prairie Restoration project. Wilderness Park is part of the Hartford City Parks Department's system of parks and located on the south side of Hartford City between the Little League ball diamonds on its west and the Amvets Post on the east. The prairie has been established on the eastern five acres.

In the past three years, the Foundation has provided two grants totaling \$28,400 for Wilderness Park. The first one funded expanded parking and signage. The second grant provided a gathering space designed by Ball State architecture students to be used for environmental education and observation. The center connects the prairie to the previously existing nature trails.

The Foundation has supported several public parks projects over the last few years through its grants program. In addition to this Wilderness Park Prairie Restoration project, grants have been awarded to help construct the Blackford Greenway to Blackford High School; to build the nature play area east of the Hartford City Public Library; and to erect the amphitheater at the northeast corner of the Courthouse square.

All of these greenspace projects tie to the wishes expressed in community surveys and with the Focus Forward community development plan that more active recreational opportunities be available, especially for families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11
Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship applications due

September 22
New community grant awards announced

October 19
W.O.W. grant awards announced

FOUNDATION VISION 2030

In 2030, the Blackford County Community Foundation will be
*A trusted catalyst for transformational change in Blackford County
*A significant community resource for funding and leadership, and
*A recognized hub for building partnerships to put "unity" into "community."

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CLASS OF 2020 AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS



Blackford County Community Foundation provided 67 scholarships worth over \$64,200 to Blackford County students graduating this year. In place of the traditional recognition at a Senior Honor Night, the Foundation mailed scholarship packets to each recipient. The photo collage at the left is composed of students' celebratory snapshots. Students awarded scholarships include:

Ashlyn Adney, Tri Kappa Beta Xi Chapter Scholarship and Trowel and Error Garden Club Scholarship.
Bre Adney, John R. and Jane C. Maddox Family Scholarship and Cline Cooley Nursing Scholarship.
Madison Bell, Pete Redmond Family Memorial Scholarship and Blackford Retired Teachers Scholarship in Memory of Andy Glentzer, Will Ufkes, Cathy Willmann, Frank Teats and Cheryl Phillips.
Natalie Blakely, Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarship.
Brittany Brenner, Floyd and Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarship and Hartford City Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Michael McDougall.
Erin Cagle, Cindy K. Maddox Memorial Scholarship, Guy C. and Grace Glancy Mahorney Memorial Scholarship, and Hal and Gretchen Oberholzer Scholarship.
Kathryn Clamme, Clara C. Kitterman Memorial Scholarship.
Kayleigh Clevenger, Floyd and Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarship and Jones Family Farms Scholarship.
Rydge Dunica, Hartford City Rotary Club Scholarship in Memory of E.P. Blackburn.
Bethany Elkins, Lawrence H. and M. Irene Dick Memorial Scholarship and Lilly Finalist Scholarship.
Reaghan Harding, Montpelier Lions Club Scholarship.
Gabrielle Henderson, Elks Lodge No. 625 Scholarship.
Emma Jacobs, Clara C. Kitterman Memorial Scholarship.
Jenna Keplinger, Levy Educational Fund Scholarship.
Braydon Kunz, Erma Bradford Memorial Scholarship.
Elizabeth Langdon, Miss Nancy S. Schorey, BSN, MSN, RN Memorial Scholarship and Lilly Finalist Scholarship.
Taylor Light, Kim A. Stump Memorial Scholarship.
Alivia McConnell, Hartford City Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Max Mecklenburg.
Nolan McConnell, David C. Ford Memorial Scholarship, Tri Kappa Beta Xi Chapter Scholarship, and Lilly Finalist Scholarship.
Caleb Mealy, Dianna Alfrey Memorial Scholarship, Kevin Reichard Memorial Football Scholarship, and Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarship.
Nicholas Otwinowski, Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.
Collin Penrod, Thomas E. McGeath & Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.
Gabrielle Reid, Ronald A. and Melanie J. Mason, Steve R. and Michelle Stafford, and G. Jewel Wilson Scholarship.
Jaden Reum, Robert Bales Memorial Scholarship and Mike Collins and Jerald E. Snyder Hartford City Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship.
Cameron Rinker, Jones Family Farms Scholarship, Travis Keplinger Memorial Scholarship, and Thomas E. McGeath & Jesse Lee Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.
Keylee Shady, Ronald A. and Melanie J. Mason, Steve R. and Michelle Stafford, and G. Jewel Wilson Scholarship.
Khaley Sills, Roth Family Scholarship and Hartford City Tri Kappa Associates Scholarship in Memory of Martha Archer and Arlo Fadely.
Layne Smith, Frances W. and Lucille Reidy Memorial Scholarship and Frances W. and Winifred Reidy Memorial Scholarship.
Skylar Stephens, Frances W. and Lucille Reidy Memorial Scholarship and Frances W. and Winifred Reidy Memorial Scholarship.
Straton Stone, William E. & Patricia A. Schantz Community Scholarship and Lilly Finalist Scholarship.
Brandon Stroble, Montpelier Pony and Saddle Club Scholarship and Jean Ann Rhodes Memorial Baseball Scholarship.

**46 Donors
Support
67 Scholarships**

2020 SCHOLARSHIPS CONT.

Natalie Thurman, Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarship and Lilly Finalist Scholarship.

Haleigh Wick, Hartford City Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Jim Evans.

Ashley Willmann, Errol Washburn Memorial Scholarship and Geraldine McFerren Myers Scholarship.

Dalton Willmann, Jorden W. Nickols Memorial Scholarship.

Tessa Wilson, June E. Overmeyer Memorial Scholarship, Montpelier Lions Club Scholarship, Hartford City Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Montpelier Alumni Association Scholarship, and Harry and Arlene Bohr Memorial Scholarship.

William Withers, Earl Greaf Memorial Scholarship.

Margaret Witt, Bruce C. Bade Scholarship and Delta Theta Tau Scholarship in Memory of Dorothy Gadbury.

Molly Wolfe, Rich Scott Memorial Scholarship.

Thanks to 46 different families and organizations donating scholarship funds to 39 local graduates.

**Since January 1, BCCF has
distributed \$272,502 in
scholarships and grants.**

Community Grants Awarded

Eleven grants were given to community organizations in the first round of grants from the Foundation for 2020. They totaled \$69,739.

Arts Place, Inc. received two grants (\$24,350) for its local MusicWorks program and its Arts in the Parks summer program. Montpelier Civic Center was awarded \$3,732 for restroom upgrades. Grace United Methodist Church was granted \$3,000 for a summer food program for children. The Blackford County 4-H Council was given \$2,500 to purchase 4-H manuals for members. Blackford County Schools received \$9,929 for an Early Childhood Education Coalition. Blackford Development Corporation was granted \$10,000 for plans for the Weiler lot northeast of the Courthouse. The Blackford Youth Soccer League received \$10,728 for improvements to the soccer complex. Blackford County Imagination Library received \$5,000 to continue the preschool monthly mailed book program through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

The next round of grants will be awarded in September.

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

Grants But No Luncheon for 2020

Women of Worth is an organization within the Blackford County Community Foundation that provides grants to local nonprofits from the contributions of the current members of the group. Again this year, W.O.W. will award its grants to projects that serve local women and children.

Since a large gathering of the 100 or so W.O.W. members that usually attend a fall luncheon is not possible this year given the prevalence of the pandemic, members who have made their 2020 donations will receive mailed instructions for voting on their choice of grant awards in mid-September. Awards will be announced by October 19.



**W.O.W. Members:
return grant ballots
by October 8**

*Local women helping other women
and children*

