

# COLUMNS

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## SPRING HOME TOUR

On June 3rd, the Orange County Community Foundation held its inaugural home tour. The event showcased six homes from around the county and allowed ticket holders a rare glance into these houses. Over 80 members of the community came out to support and participate in this event. By paying \$12 prior to the tour, or \$15 the day of the event, participants could progress the residences of the generous citizens who volunteered their homes, which ranged in age between 4 and 119 years old and offered a wide variety of styles and amenities for the homes' viewers to enjoy.



Scott & Cheryl Eiklor's 1893 Queen Anne inspired abode ("The Braxtan House") was the most visited home on the tour.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered at this event, with a special thanks to **Casey and Jaye Brewster, Jeff and Sheila Cook, Scott and Cheryl Eiklor, Dennis and**

**Kay Lynn Kaiser, Eddie and Helen Kellams and Will and Shirley Terry** for opening their homes and hearts to the Orange County community.

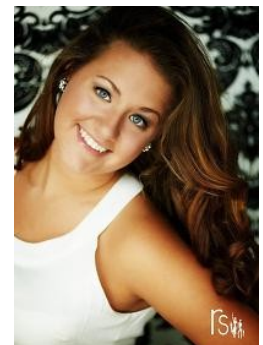
## LILLY SCHOLAR

Graduating senior Riley Hawkins has been named the 2012 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

Riley has been an active student at Orleans High School, participating in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep-Club, French Club, and National Honor Society. She has also received numerous honors and awards and was on the Fine Arts & Interdisciplinary Academic Bowl state champion teams.

Riley has helped to promote philanthropy within the com-

munity during her four years with the OCCF Youth Council. She has also been involved in the community through the Orleans Christian Church Youth Group, as well as in 4-H. As the winner of the Lilly Scholarship, she will receive full tuition, along with a yearly stipend for required books and equipment. Riley will pursue a degree in biology at DePauw University.



OCCF would like to congratulate **Riley Hawkins** on all of her hard work and wish her luck in her future endeavors!

## COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

RILEY HAWKINS  
Lilly Endowment Community  
Scholarship

RAYNA BENHAM  
Stephanie Babcock Memorial

NICOLE BRIDGEWATER  
Kappa Kappa Kappa Delta  
Chapter in Memory of Elinor  
Gardner Jones

TYLER GILBERT  
TASHA TEDROW  
Big Splash Adventure

CHELSEA SHUPE  
Moore Family in Memory of  
Sandra Moore Pearson

ALLEIGH BECHT  
Justin Moon Memorial

ANDREW JOHNSON  
Dr. Robert J. Cloud Memorial  
Citizenship Award

KYLE BOSTIC  
Jared Hammack Memorial

JACOB LINDLEY  
Arminta Sue Magner Memorial

ALEXANDRIA DILLMAN  
Justin Mullis Memorial

LOWELL THOMAS ROBLING  
Keith Howard Memorial

KAITLYN BROWN  
French Lick High School Alumni  
Association

TYLER LOVE  
Memories of Our Mother "MOM"  
Fund

CHASE SILVERS  
IU Health Paoli Hospital Foundation

CHARLES MCCULLOUGH  
Charles and Violet Galloway  
Memorial

BRENDAN JAMES PINNICK  
James Thompson Memorial

SETH PRICE  
DOMINIQUE PAGAN  
SCOTT GOWIN  
ZACK KAISER  
Paoli, Inc

JACOB MCCORMICK  
MORGAN UNDERHILL  
BRIAN RESENBECK  
KAITLYN BROWN  
Springs Valley Education Foundation

ALLISON NAIL  
Newlin-Stout Memorial

JACOB MCCORMICK  
Joseph Crowder Memorial

SCOTT HOOVER  
Paoli High School Alumni

TASHA TEDROW  
Russell O. Doan Memorial

ALEXIS GILLESPIE  
Rosetta Mae Atkinson Memorial

ALEXA BREWSTER  
Leon Doyle and Mary Newlin  
Lewis Memorial

CHASE SILVERS  
Sugarman Trust

HEATH SNIDER  
George and Evelyn Sorrells  
Memorial

ANDREW JOHNSON  
Leonard and Janet Vaught

ALLEIGH BECHT  
Anita Bradford Art

JENNIFER PATTON  
Smithville Charitable Foundation  
Non-Traditional

*"Kathy Seacat has  
made our school  
a special place  
where children  
want to be."*

*-Sharon Tucker,*

*Throop Elementary  
School Principal*

## FRED AND ETHEL CROWE EDUCATION AWARD

This year's Fred and Ethel Crowe Educator Award was presented to Mrs. Kathy Farlow Seacat for her outstanding dedication to education. In her nomination letter, Principal Sharon Tucker stated that, "Kathy Seacat has made our school a special place where children want to be. She is a friend who never lets you down, a surrogate parent and guide to all children who so frequently run to her embrace, a teacher who refused to give up on the hardest and most recalcitrant of cases. Kathy Seacat personifies the very best qualities that we as a society believe a teacher should have."

In her 38 years at Throop School, Mrs. Seacat has

served her students not only in the classroom, but she has also been a key player in the quest for school improvement. She helped to plan and implement the first phase of departmentalizing in sixth grade, initiated and coordinated Project LEAD and the Project Spring Camping Trip. She also served on assistant principal and teacher selection committees, initial planning committee for the Gifted and Talented program, and has been instrumental in formulating curriculum for Throop School. Additionally, she has served her community through the school by organizing Tri Kappa activities, St. Jude's Math-A-Thon activities and the largest "Just Say No" Club

in the state of Indiana. As the winner of this award Seacat received \$500 to be used as she sees fit. The Foundation would like to congratulate Kathy Seacat on all of her hard work and wish her luck in her future endeavors.



*Kathy Seacat was presented her award by Robert and Freddy Crowe.*

## IMAGINE ORLEANS

Efforts toward a comprehensive redevelopment plan for the Town of Orleans are underway with "Imagine Orleans", a team of eight Ball State University Urban Planning students and faculty members. The Imagine Orleans team will be working with community leaders and townspeople over the next 10 weeks, with the goal of improving the overall quality of life for the people of the town.

A joint effort between the Town of Orleans and the Orleans Chamber of Commerce, "Imagine Orleans" will feature steering committee and community workshops, work with local community and business leaders, stake-



holders and residents, and a comprehensive public charrette in July. Surveys for both residents of Orleans and visitors to the town are available at: [imagineorleans.com](http://imagineorleans.com). Steering Committee members include local business and

community leaders; and the Orange County Community Foundation is among the community partners involved in the project, which is partially funded by grants from the Foundation.

## YOUTH COUNCIL PROVIDES GRANT FUNDING

The OCCF Youth Council, a training field for blossoming philanthropists, provides grant funding each year to local area non-profits for charitable programs and projects. The Youth Council holds its own endowment and pass-thru funds with the Orange County Community

Foundation, created and maintained through the generosity of donors and the Youth Council's own fundraising efforts. This year the Youth Council granted \$500 to the First Chance Center, \$500 to Cub Scout Pack #384 in Orleans, \$500 to the French Lick-West

Baden Museum, and \$1,000 to Backpacks of Blessings. This summer, the Youth Council will once again sponsor its annual "Golden Deeds" program, honoring local volunteers for their efforts on behalf of their fellow Orange Countians.

## GIVING CIRCLE DOWN ON THE FARM

Host Pat Clements welcomed 45 people to Lost River Game Farm and provided a home-cooked meal for all to raise funds for the Orange County Women's Giving Circle. Barbecue chicken and ribs, side dishes and desserts delighted attendees, as did the chance to meet the farm's young camels, fox pups, sheep, rabbits and numerous other wildlife denizens.

Meeting monthly, the Giving Circle continues its efforts toward raising funds for those in Orange County who struggle with cancer and its many challenges. Anyone who wishes to join the effort and is willing to make the commitment to the Giving Circle's mission is welcome to attend meetings and participate in the group's endeavors.





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*Connecting People Who Care with Causes  
that Matter to Orange County.*

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## GRANTS AWARDED FROM SPRING CYCLE...

Funding of nearly \$46,500 was provided to Orange County's charitable organizations and purposes through the 2012 grant cycles from the OCCF Unrestricted Fund and the OCCF Education Fund.

"We are extremely proud of the generosity of our Orange County donors, who has made it possible for us to make grants of this magnitude," stated Larry Hollan, the Foundation's Grants Chairman.

Grants from the Unrestricted Fund allow the Foundation to address emerging needs within the community and cover a broad area of issues facing the county. Funding provided this year include the following.

Backpacks of Blessings	\$3,000.00
Campfire Ministries	\$2,000.00
French Lick-West Baden Museum	\$2,500.00
Gateway Ministries	\$5,000.00
Jubilee Health Clinic	\$1,000.00
Orange Co. Senior Citizens	\$500.00
Orange Co. Special Olympics	\$1,000.00
Running Start	\$4,000.00
Saving Historic Orange County	\$2,100.00
Southern Hills Counseling Center	\$3,200.00
Springs Valley Food Pantry	\$2,000.00
Town of Orleans	\$1,000.00

The OCCF Education Fund was made possible through the generosity of CAPE, and provides grants to charitable education programs. This year's grants are as follows.

First Chance Center	\$1,500.00
GFWC West Baden Research Club	\$871.40
Hoosier Uplands Children's Services	\$8,925.00
Liberty Day Program	\$500.00
Orange County CWM	\$2,170.00
Orleans Kiwanis	\$750.00
Paoli Winter Guard	\$450.00
Springs Valley Community Schools	\$2,000.00
Town of Orleans	\$2,000.00

Principal amounts of funds are never used for grant-making or other purposes. Instead, grants are made from investment income on funds held with the Orange County Community Foundation.