

Summer 2011 Issue

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# Foundation FOCUS

The newsletter of The Portland Foundation,  
Portland, Indiana  
A Community Foundation

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## MAKE A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THE PORTLAND FOUNDATION

Dear Friends of The Portland Foundation,

The Portland Foundation is celebrating its 60th birthday! Since 1951 the Foundation:

- > Has awarded more than \$7.5 million in grants to Jay County not-for-profit organizations
- > Has awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to over 2,000 Jay County students pursuing higher education degrees
- > Has grown from two original endowment funds to 283 endowment funds
- > Has grown from two gifts of \$1,000 each to more than \$20 million in assets

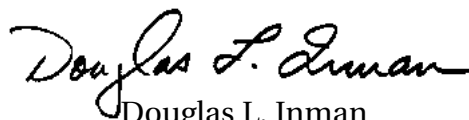
As you can see, the Foundation has a long legacy of improving the quality of life in Jay County.

As a birthday gift to the Foundation, **we would like to ask that you make a gift in the amount equal to your age.** If you're 30, then a \$30 gift would be terrific. If you're 59, then a \$59 would be outstanding. And if you want to add a decade or a century or two to your gift that would be really great! Every gift is important and enables us to continue helping Jay County citizens.

You can make your gift to any endowment in the Foundation, whether a scholarship fund, a fund that benefits a specific organization, or an unrestricted fund that makes grants where the needs in the community are the greatest.

Thank you for your past contributions and thank you for considering a birthday gift for The Portland Foundation.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Inman  
Executive Director



The mission of The Portland Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Jay County, Indiana, now and for generations to come, by building community endowment, effecting significant impact through grantmaking and providing leadership on key community issues.

## **2011 WINTER GRANT AWARDS**

The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation approved grants totaling \$150,533 for 22 Jay County projects for the first half of 2011. \$143,523 was granted from unrestricted funds, and \$7,010 was granted from field of interest funds.

**Arts Place, Inc.** - \$20,000 for operating support.

**Arts Place, Inc.** - \$13,200 to fund "Connecting Our Neighbors," a new centralized web calendar for all Jay County events.

**Ball State University** - \$4,750 to fund a Health and Wellness Camp for Jay County students in grades 3 – 8.

**Dunkirk Beautification Committee** - \$1,450 to fund three concerts in the Webster Depot Park Concert Series.

**Friends of the Limberlost State Historic Site, Inc.** - \$5,891 on a \$1 for \$1 match to fund construction of a Programming and Restroom Pavilion at the Loblolly Marsh.

**Jay Community Center** - \$20,000 for operating support.

**Jay Community Center** - \$2,572 to

fund the purchase of equipment for senior citizens fitness classes.

**Jay County Civic Theatre, Inc.** - \$3,000 to fund the production of "Our Town."

**Jay County Development Corporation** - \$776 to fund the purchase of a computer.

**Jay County 4-H Council, Inc.** - \$3,000 to fund the purchase of new Livestock Curriculum Manuals.

**Jay County 4th of July Committee** - \$5,500 to fund the 4th of July celebration.

**Jay County Fair Association** - \$20,000 to fund repair and painting of the Grand Stand.

**Jay County Historical Society** - \$4,000 to fund remodeling of the Historical Museum Annex.

**Jay County Humane Society** - \$3,962 to fund roof repairs at the Humane Shelter.

**Jay County Soil and Water Conservation** - \$750 to fund Educational Field Days for Jay

County students in grades 4 and 5.

**Jay County Special Olympics** - \$4,000 to fund entry fees for Jay County Special Olympians and to fund the purchase of two saddles for the Special Olympics Equestrian Team.

**Jay-Randolph Developmental Services, Inc.** - \$5,000 to fund the expansion and renovation of their Basic Life Skills area.

**John Jay Center for Learning** - \$20,000 for operating support.

**LifeStream Services, Inc.** - \$2,000 to fund an outreach and education campaign for the 2-1-1 System.

**Museum of the Soldier** - \$1,800 to fund the purchase of archival storage boxes.

**New Corydon Community Club** - \$1,374 to fund ceiling repair at the community center.

**Youth Service Bureau of Jay County, Inc.** - \$7,508 to fund the Born to Learn program.

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## **WINTER TEACHER CREATIVITY MINI-GRANTS AWARDED**

The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation approved Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants totaling \$1,000.00 for 4 projects for the first half of 2011.

Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants are to help cover the costs (\$250 or less) of learning experiences which teachers feel are important to their students, yet are outside the budget of their school. This program is funded by the Virgil and Josephine Thomas Educational Fund, a component

fund of The Portland Foundation, as a way to increase funding for educational projects and programs.

**Ms. Kathy Ayers – East Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \$250 to fund materials for a printing press project.

**Ms. Kelly Bricker – Westlawn Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \$250 to fund a field trip to the Indianapolis Art Museum.

**Ms. LaVetha Loucks – Redkey Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \$250 to fund a field trip to Bongo Boy Music School.

**Ms. LaVetha Loucks – Westlawn Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - \$250 to fund a field trip to Bongo Boy Music School.

## **SPRING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The Portland Foundation awarded \$116,070 in scholarships to 43 students in Spring 2011

Stephen Alig	Alisha Grider	Christopher Miller
Felicia Bickel	Jacob Heitkamp	Donald Miskinis
Treva Bivens	Elaine Hemmelgarn	Sarah Ninde
Miranda Bollenbacher	Andrew Houck	Richard Osterholt
Kimberly Braun	Erin Hunt	Mallory Poole
Ashley Caupp	Lynne Inman	Samantha Rhodehamel
Danielle Chenoweth	Julie Knapke	Shelby Ruiz
Deidre Chenoweth	Garrett Krieg	James Schubert
Tyler Claycomb	Danielle Link	Stephanie Schwieterman
Carly Cline	Katie Link	Dakota Steed
Abigail Denney	Austin Mann	Megan Taylor
Brian Eldridge	Alysia Mann	Leah Wellman
Neal Fennig	Tanner Martin	Andrew Wood
Cara Garringer	Parker May	
Spencer Grady	Jordan McMillan	

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## **BOARD MEMBER NEWS**

### **Departing Board Member**

Julie Forcum served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation from 2001 to 2010. She was appointed for a five-year term by Jay School Corporation Superintendent Tom Little, and reappointed for a second five-year term by Superintendent Barbara Downing. She served as Board Secretary/Treasurer from 2002 to 2004; as Investment Committee Member for her entire time on the board, serving as Chair from 2009 to 2010; as Community Advisory Committee Chair in 2003 and as a committee member in 2002. She was also involved in the creation of the Foundation's Women's Giving Circle.

**Thank you, Julie, for your commitment and dedication to the Foundation!**

### **New Board Member**

Pat Bennett is beginning his first term on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Pat has been appointed for a five-year term by Jay School Corporation Superintendent Tim Long. He is President of ATI Portland Forge. He is a member of the Jay County Development Corporation Board of Directors and is a member of the Portland Rotary Club. He is a past board member of the Jay School Corporation Board of Trustees, the Jay County Public Library Board of Directors, the Jay County United Way Board of Directors, and the Jay-Randolph Developmental Center Board of Directors. Pat and his wife Pam live in Portland.

**Welcome aboard, Pat!**

# FOUNDATION GRANTS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Photos courtesy of *The Commercial Review*



*Indiana Conservation Officer Dwane Ford has fourth graders from Judge Haynes Elementary School try on personal flotation devices as part of a water safety presentation during the ninth annual education field day sponsored by Jay County Soil and Water Conservation.*



*A painter from R.L. Painting and Manufacturing of Union City, Ohio, gives a fresh coat to the grandstand at the Jay County Fairgrounds.*

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Planned giving allows people to make charitable gifts beyond those which they might give on an outright basis. The Portland Foundation's Legacy Society provides a meaningful way to recognize individuals *now* for gifts that will be realized sometime in the future. While the vehicle for the gifts may differ, the effect is the same - **enhancing the lives of Jay County residents.**

The Portland Foundation understands and appreciates the thoughtful planning that will result in gifts of bequests, charitable trusts, and life insurance policies. Participation is easy. For membership in the Legacy Society, a signature is all that is required. Gifts can be used in a variety of ways to achieve a range of charitable goals. Members will be recognized in Foundation publications and will be invited to participate in special events.

*On behalf of future generations, we thank those who have let us know of gifts to be given to The Portland Foundation in the future:*

*Carl Bimel, Jr.  
Julie A. Forcum  
Joe and Ethelyn Glentzer  
Douglas Inman*

*Donald W. Johnson  
Louis, Glenna and Gary Stephen  
Mark F. Wilson*

*One  
generation  
plants the  
trees . . . those  
following  
enjoy the  
shade.*

## NEW PROGRAM OFFICER and SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM



*Jessica Daniels*

Jessica Daniels joined the staff of The Portland Foundation in December 2010 as the Program Officer. Jessica's responsibilities include administration of the Foundation's grant and scholarship programs, as well as coordination of the Care and Share Program, Sixth Grade College Visitation

Program, and staff liaison to the Women's Giving Circle program.

Jessica is a Jay County native and resides in Portland. She is active in Community Theater and is also a dance instructor. She and her fiancé Kyle Cook are planning a November wedding.

### **Summer Internship Program**

The Portland Foundation is pleased to be participating in the Community Foundation Internship Program. The program is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and is administered by the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) program at the Indiana Grantmakers Alliance. Its purpose is to provide opportunity for college students to learn more about community foundations and their

importance to the communities they serve.



*Kari Hemmelgarn*

Kari Hemmelgarn, daughter of Doug and Karen Hemmelgarn of rural Portland, is serving as the Donor Development and Relations Intern. She will be working to enhance relationships with past, current, and potential donors to the Foundation. Kari is a sophomore majoring in

Nursing at Ball State University.

Gina Muhlenkamp, daughter of Doug and Joan Muhlenkamp of rural Bryant, is serving as the Administrative Support Intern. She will be working to electronically archive written records of the Foundation dating back to its establishment in 1951, as well as performing administrative duties.

Gina is a junior majoring in Mathematics Education at Ball State University.



*Gina Muhlenkamp*



*Parker May*

### LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Parker May has been named the 2011 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient. He will receive full tuition to the Indiana college or university of his choice and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment.

Parker is the son of Joe and Shelly May of rural Bryant. He will attend Ball State University and major in Nursing.

*The following individuals were remembered or honored  
through gifts to The Portland Foundation from  
January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011*

Memorials

Matt Aker  
Pauline Baldauf  
Mark Bryant  
Betty Claytor  
Mary Jane Conway  
Manon Felts  
Kathleen Galbraith  
Frank Inman  
Gary Inman  
Jimmie Inman  
Lee Inman  
Norma L. Jones  
Sandra Landon

Chuck Laux  
Melissa "Missy" Lee  
Julia Lutes  
IMPD Officer David Moore  
Greg & Marianne Moser  
Ashley Muhlenkamp  
Marvin Muhlenkamp  
Pauline Myron  
Carol Parks  
Marla Plyley  
Robert Quadrozzi  
Maxine Starr  
William Sudhoff  
Justin Valentine

Honorariums

The Portland Foundation's 60<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Gordon & Lucy Kesler's 65<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
Dr. Stephen & Marla Myron  
Rob Weaver's Retirement from  
John Jay Center for Learning



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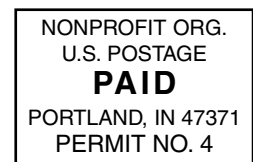
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