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## Calli Nature Preserve enjoyed by Louisville hikers.



Members of the Serenity Walkers cross one of the seven bridges on the Calli Nature Preserve's Charles and Nan Hurley Interpretive Trail.

Frank Biehle, left, and Ed Triner, pointing, show hikers the unusual red/white oak tree.

A group of 54 people from the Louisville area came to North Vernon Saturday, July 13, to trek through the "Jewel of Jennings"-the Calli Nature Preserve—on the Charles and Nan Hurley Interpretive Trail. The group was greeted by foundation Executive Director, Barb Shaw and President Brad Bender and his wife, Mary Jo. The tour was led by Frank and Ann Biehle. Bryce Mayer, Kelly Shepherd and "Jack" also hiked with the Serenity Walkers.

The Calli Nature Preserve was gifted to the Foundation in 1999 by Dr. Jim Calli, son of the late Dr. Louis and Vi Calli.

## JCCF ANNUAL MEETING

The Foundation held it's annual meeting at the Jennings County Public Library on June 11, 2009. The audience was brought up to date on accomplishments for 2008 and goals for 2009 in our Pathway 09 Initiative.

Kristi Rowell, Jennings County United Way, Eric Kelley, YMCA, Stacy Was-kom, Big Brother-Big Sisters, and Theresa Miller, Advocates for Children reported on how the grants they received in 2008 helped them meet their philanthropic goals.

Also, speaking on the effectiveness and impact of the JCCF were Bryan Boyd, who is getting help with his



Pictured: Andy Elsner, Amber Elsner, winner of \$1000.00 Drawing and Courtney Maschino winner of \$500.00 Drawing.

documentary on former Gov. Ed Whitcomb; Bryce Mayer who recounted how the JCCF assisted his family with a fundraiser for their scholarship; and Amber Elsner, who talked about the help she received in setting up an agricultural scholarship for her late son, Luke.

Four drawings were held to boost the fund of the recipient's choice. Winning the \$500.00 fund boosters were Advocates for Children, the Jennings County Swim Club and Courtney Maschino who has played a key role in the creation of the Luke Elsner Memorial Scholarship Fund. Winning the \$1,000.00 drawing was Amber Elsner, mother of Luke..

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# 3rd Annual Chad Earnhart Memorial-Scholarship Fund

## 60/40 Poker Run



*AUGUST 29, 2009*  
*RIDE STARTS @ 12:00 pm*  
*RIDE STARTS & ENDS AT THE*  
*NORTH VERNON MOOSE (HWY 3)*

*\$15.00 SINGLE RIDER OR \$20.00 PER COUPLE*

*ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CHAD EARNHART ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED WITH*  
*JENNINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION*

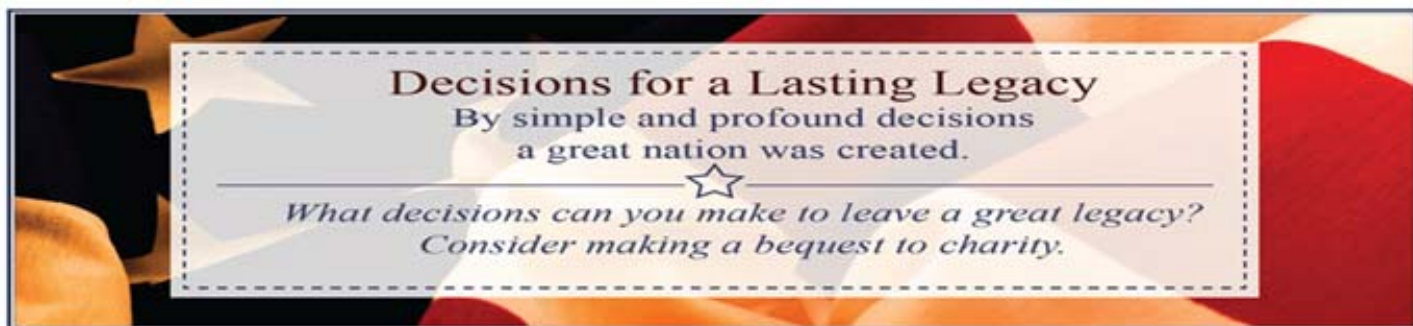
*FREE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL RIDERS AFTER THE RIDE.*

*AN AUCTION AND A 50/50 DRAWING ARE ALSO PLANNED.*

*THE AUCTION WILL START BETWEEN 5:00-5:30, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIDE IN*  
*ORDER TO ATTEND THE AUCTION*

*ANYONE INTERESTED IN RIDING, DONATING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION, HELPING THE DAY OF THE RIDE,*  
*OR FOR MORE INFORMATION MAY CONTACT:*

*Keith Findley or Tamme Bright 812 767-1041*



### Family planning a second walk to benefit Luke Elsner's

The Luke Elsner Memorial 5K run-walk and half mile "Walk to Remember" will be held Saturday, September 5, in conjunction with Hayden's Harvest Fund Festival. All proceeds will go to the Luke Elsner Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Registration forms may be picked up at Firisch's Meat Market, Hayden Corn Store, Jennings County Family YMCA, Jennings County Public Library and **The Jennings County Community Foundation**.

The Scholarship was established last year after the 2-year-old, known as "Lukie" to his friends, died from a heart ailment.

The inaugural Walk to Remember was held last September with over 200 people participating and raising nearly \$7,000.00

This year a 5K event has been added, which starts at 9:30 a.m. The Walk to Remember will follow.

There are plans for a DJ to be present along with many race refreshments, water and door prizes.

The 5K run-walk registration fee is \$15.00 before August 15 and \$20.00 afterwards. Only those registered prior to August 15 deadline are guaranteed a 5K T-shirt. For more information contact Amber Elsner at 346-3587, Courtney Maschino 345 6571 or Sally Woods at 592-0842.

*Our Mission is to develop endowments that will greatly improve the quality of life for Jennings County residents in perpetuity; to provide responsible stewardship of those gifts; to promote leadership in addressing community issues; and to make grants in fields of community service, social service, education, health, environment and the arts.*

*For Good.....forever.....for Jennings County*

**Watch for announcement of  
2009 Fall Grant Cycle**

# 2009 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

**Hannah Farrell**

"To win the Lilly Scholarship has been a dream of mine since I was in the seventh grade," Farrell said. "I have wanted to be a pediatrician since I was in the fourth grade. This will make it become a reality." Hannah will be attending Hanover college to pursue her dream to become a Pediatrician. Hannah is the daughter of Glenda Farrell



**Ronnie Sullivan**

Sullivan said he was "overwhelmed" upon learning he had been named a Lilly Scholar. "With tuition and books now paid, the scholarship has lifted a financial burden off his family," he said. Sullivan plans to attend Wabash College in Crawfordsville to study psychology. Ronnie is the son of Ronald and Teresa Sullivan of North Vernon.



## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Matthew Thompson	AmVets Scholarship
Linzi Firsich	Coffee Creek Conservation Club Scholarship
Jessica Vogel	Coffee Creek Conservation Club Scholarship
Annie Ertel	Coffee Creek Conservation Club Scholarship
Rylee Gibson	Coffee Creek Conservation Club Scholarship
Katelyn Capes	Coffee Creek Conservation Club Scholarship
Timothy Feiles	Chad Earnhart Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Judd	Margaret Jackson Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Judd	North Vernon Elementary PTO
Libby Adams	Paris Crossing Alumni Scholarship
Justin Posey	Paris Crossing Alumni Scholarship
Tricia Garrett	Ethan J. Reynolds Scholarship
Brittany Redicker	Ethan J. Reynolds Scholarship
Jonathan Webster	Robert D. "Bobby" Shepherd Scholarship
Natalie Ammerman	Dick and Anna Mayer Scholarship
Justin Posey	Dennis Mills Scholarship
Allyson Kage	Jordyn Vance Scholarship
Samone Pettit	Joan Marsh Bentz Memorial Scholarship
Andi Corya	Luke Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Karmin Koelmel	Luke Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Judd	Jan Ludwig Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Vogel	Daniel J. Elsner Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Royse	Natural Resource/Agriculture Scholarship
Michael Biggs	Wohrer Family Scholarship
Ethan Farrell	Martha Vogel Scholarship
David Cool	Anthony Burton Scholarship
Kendra Morin	Vernon High School Alumni Scholarship
Jeddiah Campfield	Vernon High School Alumni Scholarship
Ashley Harrison	Frances Hicks Memorial Scholarship
Brittany Starkey	Todd Sporleder Scholarship
Stephanie Harrison	Brush Creek PTO - Iva Wilder Scholarship
Jordan Smith	Josiah D. Yeager Scholarship
Libby Adams	Hollister-Hall Scholarship
Rylee Gibson	Jennings County High School Alumni Scholarship
Chase Schneider	Jennings Water/Ed Wessel Scholarship
Karmin Koelmel	Sue Ellen Jones Memorial Scholarship
Joshua Dunham	Lena Kinder Scholarship
Raúl Miranda	Scholarship for the Arts/Eric Berkshire
Jessica Vogel	Luke Elsner Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Royse	Luke Elsner Memorial Scholarship
Matt Thompson	North Vernon High School Alumni

JCCF Awarded  
\$165,000 to JC  
Students in 2009

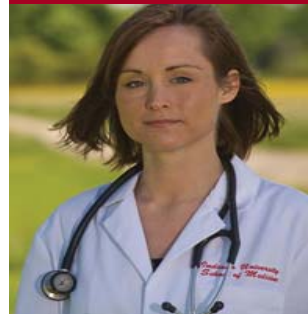


### 2009 Snider Scholars

Joshua Selig, Karmin Koelmel, Chase Schneider, and Geoffrey Wright

Also pictured is Ron Snider, son of the late Stan Snider

## Two Jennings County Lilly Endowment Community Scholars Pursuing Medical Field



**Kyra Reed 2003**

### Lilly Community Scholar

As a First-Year Medical student, Kyra is already making house calls and shadowing a family physician through a special IU School of Medicine program focused on rural Medicine. Kyra is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Reed of North Vernon.

Read full story on our website.



**Katie Wood 2005**

### Lilly Community Scholar

Ruth Adrian, Program Manager recently attended the graduation celebration for Katie Wood who graduated from Hanover this year.

Katie has been accepted to medical school and will be attending Terre Haute for the Rural Education Program.



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### Scholarship Established in Memory of Morgan Wright

Morgan Wright was a fighter. She was a fighter to the very end. This 16-year old Commiskey girl fought until cancer finally won and her short life came to an end on July 22, 2009.

Morgan was diagnosed in 2007 with colon cancer. Seven months later she was diagnosed with leo blastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. She endured three surgeries on her brain during her battle against the disease.

Morgan played volleyball and basketball but her favorite sport was softball. She was a member of the Hit and Run Gang from Jennings County. Morgan started playing ball when she was 5 or 6 years old and played until her illness overtook her. Morgan would have been a Junior at Jennings County High School this year.



Family and friends are keeping her memory alive though a Morgan Wright Memorial Scholarship that has been established at the Jennings County Community Foundation.

Because of her love for softball and nursing the scholarship will be awarded to a high school graduate of Jennings County High School who is pursuing a degree in nursing and a second scholarship will go to a fast Pitch Athlete pursuing further education at a college or university.

If you would like to make a donation to Morgan's Scholarship Fund, you can stop by the Foundation Office or mail them to:

265 E Main Street, North Vernon, IN  
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Window Decals with  
Morgan's Picture are available  
with a minimum  
Donation of \$10.00  
Decals are on display at the  
Foundation Office

"We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others".-Helen Kellar

Every gift, great and small, combine to strengthen the future of Jennings County!