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Garrett Odgen & Sierra Ryan selected for 2006 Lilly Scholarship

Two Jennings County High School Seniors, Garrett Odgen and Sierra Ryan, have been selected to receive the 2006 Lilly Scholarships. The two will receive full four-year scholarships to an Indiana college and an \$800 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. Garrett and Sierra join the ranks of 19 other Lilly Scholarship winners of Jennings County High School. There were 35 candidates who applied for the Lilly Scholarship award with many outstanding.

Garrett Odgen is the son of Steve and Frances Odgen of North Vernon. He was humbled by this award. "I felt so honored to receive this award with so many deserving candidates. This will really help me pursue my education and my dreams," he said.

Garrett ranks fourth in his graduation class of 255. He plans to attend Butler University this fall to study accounting, an expertise which he hopes will eventually benefit our community when he returns to "assist small businesses as well as area residents with their financial needs."

Garrett is well known to sports fans in Jennings County, having played basketball all four years and baseball three at Jennings County High School. In addition, he has been active in a wide variety of activities both in and out of school, including volunteering for river cleanups and recycling days.



Garrett Odgen



Sierra Ryan



Zachary Schroeder

Garrett also has made time to serve as a Big Brother to an 8-year-old boy, who he hopes to maintain a relationship throughout his college career.

Sierra Ryan is the daughter of Rick and Jenni Ryan of Scipio. Sierra ranks 13th in the class of 2006 and will attend the University of Evansville this fall. Her goal is to become a physician, perhaps specializing in pediatrics.

Sierra is motivated to achieve her goals to "bring pride to my family and myself." Eventually, she would like to return to the Jennings County area and perhaps work at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital and raise a family. Like other honored recipients, her resumé displays a wide-ranging list of activities, including completing the Jennings County Leadership program as a freshman and helping coordinate the student blood drives.

Each year, the selection committee chooses one person as an alternate for the scholarship in case one of

the recipients is unable to utilize the award. This year's alternate is Zachary Schroeder, the son of Douglas and Sheri Schroeder of North Vernon. Zach is a member of the National Honor Society, was chosen for the All-State Future Music Teacher's Colloquium and was one of two from Jennings County High School selected for Senator Richard Lugar's Symposium for Future Leaders in 2005. He plans to study music education in college.

Finalists' names and applications were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. for final approval. ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree-granting, nonprofit colleges and universities in the state.

The scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There were 216 scholarships awarded in Indiana this year.

Steven E. Jones Scholarship Benefit



Steven E. Jones

The Steven E. Jones Scholarship Benefit is an annual concert to raise money for the Stephen E. Jones Scholarship Fund. The concert is given by the Jennings County Community Choir in partnership with the Jennings County Community Foundation. Steve

Jones and Dr. Sarah Gierzynski founded Jennings County Community Choir in 1977.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at the Jennings County High School Don Pelkey Auditorium.

The Stephen E. Jones Music Scholarship is awarded to Jennings County students seeking higher education in music. Musicians from Jennings County recognize the

importance of the scholarship fund. The concert will feature opera star Jeffrey Springer, a 1979 graduate of JCHS. Composer Martin McClellan, JCHS class of 1999, has written a choral work to be premiered by the choir. Dr. Gierzynski, a 1958 JCHS graduate, will perform solo piano works as well as accompany the choir. All three artists obtained graduate degrees in music from Indiana University. (Continued on Page 2)

Max Eaton & Paula Andrew Join Foundation Board



Max Eaton, VP of Irwin Bank of Columbus was recently elected to the Foundation Board.

Max, a graduate of Ball State

University has been involved in banking for 30 years. He and his wife, Donna, have two sons, Rex and Alex.

Previous service includes Seymour Chamber of Commerce, Seymour Economic Development Committee, Jennings County United

Way, Seymour Rotary, North Vernon Kiwanis and youth programs as baseball coach, basketball coach, and JCHS football program volunteer.



Paula Andrew brings a twenty year banking career to the Board. Paula is currently a stay-at-home mom. Prior to this, she was the Manager

and Assistant Vice President of Jackson County Bank's North Vernon office. She also held

previous positions at other local financial institutions.

Paula is married to John Andrew and has three children; Devan Whitaker, Dylan Andrew and Dustin Andrew. She is a graduate of Jennings County High School. She furthered her education through the Institute of Financial Education and Blanchard Management Training and Development Associates.

She was previously a board member for the Jennings County Chamber of Commerce and one of their past Presidents. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women and a previous competitor for the BPW Young Careerist. Paula is also a former chair for the Finance Division of the Jennings County United Way and a previous member of the Muscatatuck Board of Realtors.

Steven E. Jones Scholarship Benefit (Continued)

Four Ways to Participate

Join the Choir

Jennings County Community Choir will sing classical, jazz, and popular choral works. Classical selections include "A Boy and a Girl" by Eric Whitacre on the poem by Octavio Paz, "Always Something Sings" by Linda Spevacek on the poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and "The Moon is Distant From the Sea" by David Childs on the poem by Emily Dickenson. Two pieces from the original 1977 repertoire of community choir will be performed - "Portrait of Duke Ellington" arranged by John Cacavas and "Americana" by Luigi Zaninelli. Popular selections include "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon, arrangement by Kirby Shaw, and "How Can I Keep From Singing" arranged by Ronald Staheli. The centerpiece of the selections is the world premier, "In My Dream", music by Martin McClellan with lyrics by Hugh Partridge.

Rehearsals began May 9 and will continue every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. through July 25. Plan on being able to attend at least 10 of the 12 rehearsals. Additional

rehearsals may be scheduled in July, if needed.

JCHS Swing Choir Reunion

Steve Jones taught at JCHS from 1983-84 to 2004-05. Anyone who participated in swing choir during those years is invited to attend special rehearsals on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29. The swing choir alumni who attend these rehearsals will then perform on the concert Saturday night. If you were in swing choir, please contact Hugh Partridge for specific information regarding these rehearsals.

Donate

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to help fund the show. Make checks payable to "Stephen E. Jones Scholarship Fund" and write the word "sponsorship" on the memo line. This money will be used to pay for lights, sound, rental of the facilities, piano tuning, insurance, and the myriad of other costs associated with producing a show of this size. The production costs must be paid by donations as all tickets receipts will go directly to the scholarship fund. Any surplus after production costs are paid will be given to the scholarship fund. All

contributors will receive a receipt from the Jennings County Community Foundation for their contribution. Send checks to: Stephen E. Jones Scholarship Fund c/o J.C. Community Foundation 265 E. Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265

Come to the Show

Organizers expect the majority of the money raised for the scholarship fund will come from ticket sales. Tickets went on sale May 1 and will be available at the Jennings County Community Foundation. The Foundation's phone number is (812) 346-5553. Tickets will cost \$20.00 each, 100% of which will go directly to the Stephen E. Jones scholarship fund.

Anyone in attendance who would like to join in singing the benediction, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Christian Lutkin may join Community Choir on the auditorium stage. This special piece is one of the great classics of choral literature and was used as the benediction for swing choir initiation and JCHS commencement during all the years Steve taught at the high school.

Foundation Board President Reveals Legs At Fashion Luncheon

On April 13 the Foundation hosted their second Fashion Luncheon at the newly decorated Shrine Club with approximately 70 guests present.

A salad luncheon was catered by the Gallery Café and fashions were provided by Talbot's of Columbus and Special Occasions of North Vernon. Local models that displayed their own personalities in fashions from Talbot's were Kathy Ertel, Kristi Rowell, Jackie McConnell, Tina Ellis and Lisa Jines. Modeling evening wear provided by Special

Occasions of North Vernon were Robert and Genevieve Curry and Brad Bender and his daughter, Meghan.

The grand finale included our own Board President Brad Bender modeling a complete kilt outfit from Ladis Outfits in Indianapolis. The kilt outfit was worn to promote the Irish Gala on May 13.

Robert Curry, one of the models, won the door prize provided by Talbot's. Hair and Body Connection provided a full day of

Beauty and the winner of this door prize was Cynthia Cooper from Dr. Terry Frey's Office. Nora Campbell from Hair and Body Connection was present to describe the gift and draw the winning name.

A special thanks to all the models, Jane Reynolds, Kelley's Greenhouse who provided table and floor decorations, Shara Calhoun of Talbots, Mary Elliot from Special Occasions, the Gallery Café and the North Vernon Plain Dealer for publicity and photos.



Models for the spring JCCF-Talbot fashion show were, left to right, Lisa Jines, Kristi Rowell, Genevieve Curry, Bob Curry, Tina Ellis, Jackie McConnell, Kathy Ertel, Joyce Gray, Brad Bender and Meghan Bender. Unfortunately, you won't find Bender's kilt outfit—worn to promote the Foundation's upcoming Irish-themed gala—at Talbot's store in Columbus.—Photos courtesy of Plain Dealer & Sun



Della Miller, left, chats with Kathy Ertel as she models a perfect outfit for a summer afternoon outing.



Meghan Bender was the youngest model, wearing a pale green dress for a formal occasion. She's escorted by her dad, Brad Bender.



Dixie Tempest, Donna Ashcraft and Deanne Moore, left to right, react to Brad Bender in a kilt as he debuts his new look at the fashion show held recently.

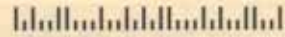


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Letter from Emily Abernathy

Hello Family & Friends!

It seems hard to believe that four years have flown by since my graduation from Hanover College. I am sending graduation announcements to family and friends to thank you for your encouragement and support along this journey! The last four years have been filled with challenges and busy times, but overall, it has been a great experience. It is exciting to celebrate this milestone with you and anticipate the coming chapter in my life. However, with friends and family spread across the country (and world!), I certainly do not expect any of you to attend my graduation ceremony but I wanted to send along announcement to notify you of the big event! In addition, please do not feel the need to send gifts. It is my wish you would simply join me in thanking the Lord for his guidance and blessings in my life. Most importantly, I could not be where I am today without each of you... so thank you! I would love to hear from you and visit with you!

*God Bless,
Emily*

P.S. Thought you might enjoy hearing from the 1st (old!) LECS from Jennings Co.

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