



## 2025 Good Citizens Congratulations, Bill and Pam Bard Steel!

### Previous Good Citizens

1980 John Dwyer  
1981 Forrest Witzerman  
1982 Rosa Isaac  
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1989 John & Virginia Hartman  
1990 Mildred Mayberry  
1991 Luke & Mary Thaman  
1992 Tom Voigt  
1993 Tom Herman  
1994 Tony Gretick  
1995 Bill Pepple  
1996 George Isaac  
1997 Markey & Anderson Families  
1998 Paul & June Webster  
1999 Theodore Spangler  
2000 Laura Kesler  
2001 Bruce Benedict  
2002 Richard Buchsteiner  
2003 Rusty Brunicardi  
2004 Albert Horn, Jr.  
2005 Wayne Shaffer  
2006 Feroen Betts  
2007 David Newcomer  
2008 C. Gregory Spangler  
2009 James & Richard Bard  
2010 Dr. Robert Woodgeard  
2011 Dr. George & Julie Brown  
2012 Lou Mollett  
2013 Dr. Richard & Charlene Hess  
2014 Richard L. Reed  
2015 Angelike Schreder  
2016 Dave & LeeAnne Perkins  
2017 Dr. John Moats  
2018 George H. Gardner  
2019 Dean Spangler  
2020 J. Chip Wood  
2021 Constance Tipton  
2022 Robert Rowan  
2023 Bill Martin  
2024 Jim Tucker

At the Bryan Area Foundation annual members' meeting in May, William (Bill) Steel and Pam Bard Steel received the Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk Good Citizen Award for 2025. This prestigious honor is presented each year to one of Bryan, Ohio's distinguished citizens who has been a resident for at least 20 years and has served in an unpaid capacity within an organization benefiting the community.

Nominated by Bill Martin and Dr. George and Julie Brown, Bill and Pam have made Bryan a better community by faithfully serving in many capacities. Some examples of their service include the creation of Flair on the Square, a juried art and music festival on Bryan's historic downtown square, hosting multiple free concerts by award-winning Christian music artists, gifting the beautiful Bard Centennial Fountain for all to enjoy, and philanthropically giving to numerous community projects and programs through their Bard-Steel Family Foundation. Notably, they've done all this while giving their time to multiple community boards and committees. Bill and Pam truly embody every aspect of being a "Good Citizen."

As part of their acceptance speech, the fourth generation of Bard Manufacturing family business owners shared a few of the guiding principles that drive their personal and company decisions, including one from Bill's Scouting America days. As a Boy Scout in Colorado, Bill's scoutmaster would ask each camper to "leave the 'campsite' a little nicer than they found it." This way of thinking encourages the Bard family and Bard Manufacturing employees to continuously give back to the communities in which they live.

Thank you to Bill and Pam for making Bryan a better place to live, work, and raise a family. And for living by the motto "leave the 'campsite' a little nicer than how it was found."



Pictured are Bill and Pam receiving their award.



Pictured left to right, are nominator Bill Martin, Bill, Pam, and nominators Julie and Dr. George Brown.



## Message from our Chair & Grants

As we look back on the past year, it has been very fruitful! I want to thank all of you for your efforts and continued support. During the year, we have been able to grow the foundation with new funds and scholarships as well as an increasing awareness of our work. Growing the foundation in all aspects has been a focal point this past fiscal year, and we will continue to work toward those goals.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the scholarship recipients for their hard work and achievements. We also were privileged to give the "2025 Good Citizen of the Year Award" to Bill and Pam Steel. They were very worthy of this award for their long history of community leadership, volunteerism and contributions to the Bryan area.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys their upcoming summer! There are many summer events planned so I hope to see you there!



*Steve Henn*  
**Chair of the Board**



## City of Bryan Parks & Recreation



The Bryan Area Foundation awarded a \$35,000 grant to the City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department to help pay for a pedestrian pathway in East End Park. To be completed by early fall, the new .3-mile loop in and around East End Park will provide Bryan residents with another walking, jogging, and biking pathway for leisure and exercise. It will be eight feet wide and made of concrete, allowing non-motorized pedestrians the ability to use the pathway, weather permitting, all year round.

Pictured left to right during the check presentation are Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller, Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Carolyn Sharrock-Dorsten, Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee chair Mark Miller, Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee members Mike Johnson and Steve Voigt, City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department Director Ben Dominique, and Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Cliff Oberlin.

## First Lutheran Church

Last year, the First Lutheran Church of Stryker, Ohio, partnered with Bridging the Gap Ministry to offer free backpacks and school supplies to families in Williams County. Over 900 children received these items, and on the last day of the giveaway, all recipients participated in a back-to-school event with games, activities, and food. With the anticipated additional need for these items and increased costs, the Bryan Area Foundation awarded the First Lutheran Church of Stryker a \$2,000 Founder's grant. It will help the students return to school in the fall with the necessary supplies and be able to focus on their learning.



Pictured during the check presentation are Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Larry Harsila, First Lutheran Church of Stryker member and Service Committee Chair Jody Freeman, and Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller.



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## Flair on the Square



Flair on the Square/Bryan Development will receive a \$2,500 Founder's grant from the Bryan Area Foundation to help purchase tents, tables, and chairs for the annual fine arts festival on Saturday, July 26. This free event, held around the historic Williams County Courthouse, features a juried art fair, live music, dance performances, hands-on art opportunities, delicious culinary treats, and a local fresh market. Mark the date on your calendar so you don't miss this fun day in downtown Bryan!

Pictured left to right during the check presentation are Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Larry Harsila, Flair on the Square Music Chair Teresa Maynard, Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller, and Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee chair Mark Miller.

## Friends of the Montpelier Parks

The Montpelier Area Foundation awarded Friends of the Montpelier Parks, Inc. a \$1,996.17 grant to help rent tents, tables, and chairs for Founders Park for the upcoming Bean Days. The event will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19, and features music, food, a parade, and kids' activities.

Pictured during the check presentation from left to right are Friends of Montpelier Parks, Inc. representative Tasha Thompson and Montpelier Area Foundation President Kara Custar.



## Kate's Kart, Inc.



The Bryan Area Foundation awarded a \$2,500 Founder's grant to Kate's Kart, Inc., a pediatric book gifting program at Parkview Bryan Hospital. Started in 2008 by the Layman Family in loving memory of their daughter, Kate, who was born with a congenital heart defect and spent much of her life in the hospital, enduring multiple medical procedures before passing away at the tender age of 18 months. After her death, Kate's family was inspired to do something to encourage others who spent time in the hospital. They started giving away new books to children at their local hospital in honor of Kate and her love of books. This effort has flourished into Kate's Kart, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving 25 Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio

hospitals. Through the generous support of the community, a team of over 100 volunteers and hospital staff gives more than 4,000 new books every month to scared and hurt children and their families. The Bryan Area Foundation's grant will help purchase more books and continue the program here at Parkview Bryan Hospital.

Pictured during the check presentation are Kate's Kart Co-Founder and Executive Director Krista Layman, Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller, and Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Larry Harsila.





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## Sauder Village

The Bryan Area Foundation awarded Sauder Village a \$20,000 grant for technology in the new Carolyn Sauder Education Center, which has three flexible classrooms, offices, and preparation space. The

money will help pay for Smart Boards, OWLS cameras, and audio equipment that will greatly expand their educational offerings beyond the Historic Village season, providing more accessibility to additional schools, youth groups, and adults in person and virtually year-round. The official grand opening of the Carolyn Sauder Education Center will be on Tuesday, June 10.



Pictured during the check presentation are, left to right in the front row, Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee chair Mark Miller, Sauder Village Visitor Experience and Evaluation Manager Sarah Rupp, Sauder Village Adult Education Manager Deb Ridgway, Sauder Village Education Coordinator Tammi Barr, Sauder Village Curator of Collections Tracie Evans, and Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee member Cliff Oberlin. In the back row are Sauder Village Director of Historic Operations Sheri Friesner, Sauder Village Daily Manager Cathy Croninger, Sauder Village Collections Associate Lida Griser, and Sauder Village Collections Staff member Rebecca Landin.

## Lily Creek Farms



Lily Creek Farms was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Bryan Area Foundation for capital improvements to their therapeutic riding center. The funds will be used to upgrade bathrooms for ADA compliance, purchase a sawdust wagon, and improve lighting and electrical configurations, providing greater accessibility, operational efficiency, and support to their vocational program. Currently, 40% of Lily Creek Farms's clients are from Williams County.

Participating in the check presentation from left to right are Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller, Lily Creek Farms Quarter Horse Stetson, Lily Creek Farms Founder/Executive Director Jami Young, and Bryan Area Foundation Grant Making Committee Chair Mark Miller.



## Montpelier Exempted Village Schools

Congratulations to the Montpelier Exempted Village Schools for receiving a \$4,000 grant from the Montpelier Area Foundation to support the Skilled Trades program.

Established in 2018, this course assists students entering the skilled trade profession with scholarships to secondary schools, a small starter tool kit, recognition of outstanding scholars with year-end awards, and purchasing tools and equipment needed for the program's classroom.



This year's \$4,000 grant will provide three gold and two silver scholarships enabling students going into the workforce to receive an 8-piece or 6-piece drill set and a bag with tools. Pictured program participants are left to right, Trinity Lane, Taylor Curtis, Kailyn Tomaszewski, Caddisy Chamberlain, Ashlyn Harter, instructor Bernie Davis, Brandon Clark, Carter Meek, Carzin Bell, Tyler Plourde, Andrew Vaccaro, Kaden Clark, Toby Champion, and Noah Saucedo.



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## Montpelier Public Library

The Montpelier Area Foundation awarded the Montpelier Public Library a \$5,300 grant to install 20 frames of a storybook on the paved portion of the Iron Horse River Trail in Montpelier. The goal is to complete the StoryWalk by this summer or early fall 2025, so people of all ages can walk from frame to frame and read each section of the book, even when the library is closed. The library will also host on-site programs to promote the addition of the new StoryWalk. If interested in financially supporting this program, the Friends of the Montpelier Library are still accepting donations.

Pictured left to right during the check presentation are Montpelier Area Foundation member Jim Thompson, Montpelier Public Library Director Angela Humphrey, and Montpelier Area Foundation member Susan Rockey.



## Village of Alvordton

The Millcreek-West Unity Foundation awarded a \$1,500 grant to the Village of Alvordton to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their community center. All renters and users of the facility will now have access to the AED in case of an emergency cardiac event.

Pictured left to right during the check presentation are Millcreek-West Unity Foundation President Patsy Miller and Millcreek Township Trustee Chairman Berdon (Bob) Short.

## Williams County Parks

Whippet/Beagle mix Lexi and Shih Tzu Charlie are excited that the Bryan Area Foundation is awarding the Williams County Parks a \$20,000 grant to help develop the Goldie Newman Dog Park at 7424 State Route 15, Bryan, Ohio. To open in late summer or early fall of 2025 from dawn to dusk, the new park will feature two separate gated sections with a large dog side at 0.75 acres and a small dog side at 0.30 acres. The park will also have pedestrian entry gates, benches, waste stations, and lighting surrounded by a chain-link fence. If interested in financially supporting the park, contact Williams County Engineer Todd Roth at 419.636.2454, ext. 2101.



Pictured during the check presentation are Lexi and her owner, Williams County Highway Safety Director Steve Humphrey, Williams County Park Commissioner Rod Miller, Bryan Area Foundation Grant Committee member Mike Johnson, Charlie and his owner Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller, Williams County Park Commissioner Robert Tressler, and Williams County Engineer Todd Roth.





# Scholarships

The Bryan Area Foundation currently manages 115 endowed scholarship funds. As a result, in fiscal year 2025, we awarded over \$285,000 to 98 students. Below are a few of the highlights from this spring.

## Bryan High School

The Bryan Area Foundation awarded 88 scholarships to 44 soon-to-be Bryan High School graduates, totaling \$202,750. Congratulations to each of them and the other scholarship recipients, and thanks to the many donors and presenters who are helping these students achieve their educational goals!



## Edgerton High School



Edgerton High School senior Andrew Meyer, on the right, was awarded two Bryan Area Foundation scholarships totaling \$3,250. The \$750 Edgerton High School Scholarship and the \$2,500 Richard A. McCullough Scholarship will help him attend Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to study mechanical engineering technologies. Presenting the scholarships to him is Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller. We wish Andrew good luck as he pursues his future goals! (photo courtesy of The Edgerton Earth)

## Edon High School

The Edon Area Foundation awarded 17 Edon High School seniors \$43,000 in scholarships. Thanks to all the donors who helped make this possible, allowing these students to pursue their educational dreams.

Some of the Edon High School recipients pictured in the front row from left to right are Jo Paepke, Leyla Avila-Garcia, Hope Siebenaler, Megan Matthews, Allyson Derck, Lloa Mountz, and Anne Hug. In the back row are, left to right, Mikayla Miller, Cohen Hulbert, Dylan Buck, Kally Randall, Alexander Ogden, and Blake Baker. Good luck to them and all the other graduates in their future endeavors!



## Fairview High School

Three Fairview High School students were awarded Bryan Area Foundation scholarships to help them achieve their educational goals. Natalie Timbrook received \$1,500 from the Ford Family Scholarship Fund and will use it to study business administration at Colby Community College. McKenna Kimpel, the Wayne and Beulah Hulbert Memorial Scholarship recipient for \$500, will attend Kansas State University to pursue a degree in agribusiness. Given the Clarice Moats Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, Kayla Mavis will go to Owens Community College to learn sonography.

Congratulations and good luck to all three graduating students as their dreams become a reality!





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## Hilltop High School



The Millcreek West Unity Foundation awarded 12 Hilltop High School seniors \$21,000 in scholarships. Thanks to all the donors and presenters who helped make this possible, allowing these students to pursue their educational dreams. Good luck to them and all the other graduates in their future endeavors!

The Hilltop High School recipients pictured left to right in the front row are Jaren Dennison, Devin Dempsey, Giada Rising, Eleana VanArsdalen, Conner Sanders, and Libbie Baker. Back row left to right, are Lindee Lammon, Cameron Schlosser, Brock Kesler, Brooke Moreland, Julia Dickinson, and Alaina Russell.

## Montpelier High School

The Montpelier Area Foundation awarded \$41,319 in scholarships to 17 graduating Montpelier High School seniors. Thanks to all the donors and presenters who made this possible by helping these students pursue their educational dreams. Good luck to them and all the other graduates in their future endeavors.

Pictured scholarship recipients from left to right in the front row are Aleigha Hillard, Ellie Merillat, Macy Miller, and Lyla Mahan. In the second row, left to right, are Dasha Ball, Kelsie Bumb, Lainey Brigle, Madelyn Hopper, Bobbie Kreischer, Ryder Brown, and Olivia Stefanelli. The third row, left to right, are Jenna Clinger, Joel Saneholtz, Greyson Saneholtz, Jada Uribes, Austin Adams, and Kyler Stoy.



## Stryker High School

Congratulations to Stryker High School seniors Daniel Donovan and Garret Moser for receiving scholarships from the Bryan Area Foundation. Daniel, who will attend Defiance College, received the Donald L. and Martha M. Juillard Scholarship for \$2,500. Garret, who will attend Northwest State Community College, received \$1,000 from the Robert E. Willis and Elizabeth L. Willis Scholarship.



Pictured on the left presenting them with their scholarships is Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO Amy Miller. We wish Daniel (middle) and Garret (right) the best of luck as they pursue their future goals!





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## 5TH ANNUAL ALI HELD HERMAN MEMORIAL RUN/WALK



Ali loved her family and her community. After she passed away at the age of 35 from a brain aneurysm, her family started a scholarship fund at the Bryan Area Foundation to honor her legacy and allow other Bryan High School graduates to continue their education. This year's recipient of the Ali Held Herman

Memorial Scholarship was Bryan senior Kate Thormeier. Kate will be attending Otterbein University in the fall, majoring in Exercise Science with a Nutrition minor.

The memorial run/walk is an amazing way to celebrate the life of a community member who continues to make a lasting impact. Funds raised through this year's event will support the Bryan Area Foundation scholarship fund as well as several other community organizations.

You can register by scanning the QR code or  
going directly to the following website:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Bryan/Ali-HeldHermanMemorialRun>

Up-to-date information can be found @ Ali Held  
Herman Memorial Run/Walk Facebook page.



From left to right: Cyndi Held (mother of Ali), Casen Herman (son of Ali), Kate Thormeier (scholarship recipient), Loren Held (father of Ali), Cole Herman (son of Ali), and Amelia Herman (daughter of Ali).



# Women's Giving Circle



The 2nd quarter meeting was held Monday, April 28, with 29 members attending, including 4 ladies who joined and one guest. PIP member and 2024 fourth quarter \$6,775 recipient Diane Ullom, Executive Director of Compassion Medical Clinic of Williams County, thanked the membership for their recent grant, which has been used to purchase prescription drugs and help pay for lab work. Next, new PIP member and Special Olympics of Williams County Local Coordinator, Angela Luke, spoke on how the nonprofit used the first quarter's \$5,525 PIP monies to help them attend their latest competition in Columbus and cover the transportation, hotel, and other expenses related to the trip.

Three local organizations were nominated during the meeting:

**Mentors For Williams County:** Michelle Henricks nominated the nonprofit, and new PIP member Ashley Epling talked about the organization, founded in 2020. Mentors For Williams County's goal is to promote the growth and development of young people, which will reassert a sense of hope in their future. PIP monies would help them recruit, train, and retain mentors for local youth who would benefit from a positive role model. The nonprofit will also use part of the money for operational needs, which include a software database, a Rediscovering You workbook, and other supplies that help to build relationships between the adults and youth.

**4-H Camp Palmer:** Nominated and presented by Donna Missler, the 4-H camp serves K-18 youth in 11 counties, with 150 campers from Williams County last year. The camp needs a playground, active high ropes and ziplining equipment, quiet zones, STEM needs, and rock tumblers. A PIP grant would be used to purchase these items for future campers and their activities.

**Williams County Community Gardening Association (WCCGA):** The last presentation, WCCGA, was nominated by Jeanette Roberts and given by Laura Higgins. The nonprofit needs assistance to maintain the gardens in Bryan's 20 beds and Edon's 9 beds, which include watering and mowing. The cost for maintenance of the garden beds is over \$100/bed. The charge for the gardeners is \$20 per year, and unpaid volunteers run the 501(c)3. PIP monies would help with the maintenance of all the gardens.

## 2025 PIP Recipients

**1st Quarter Recipient**  
Special Olympics of Williams County - \$5,525

**2nd Quarter Recipient**  
Mentors For Williams County - \$6,175

**3rd Quarter Recipient**  
TBD

**4th Quarter Recipients**  
TBD

**2025 Total Grants: \$11,700**



And the Winner Is.....After the votes were tallied, the **Mentors For Williams County** was chosen and is the beneficiary of a **\$6,175 grant!**



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# 1ST ANNUAL MILLCREEK-WEST UNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

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**Shotgun Start @ 8:00 AM**



**\$300 per 4-person Team  
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**Maximum of 20 teams**

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Event proceeds will be used for the Millcreek-West Unity Foundation Scholarship Fund which benefits local graduating students.

## **Instructions:**

Send names (detach below) along with a check to Travis Reamsnyder @ 10540 Co Rd 17.75, West Unity, OH 43570. Checks can be made payable to the **Bryan Area Foundation** with **Scholarship Benefit** noted in the memo line. Please contact Jim Hutchinson with any questions: jahutch2@bex.net or 419-392-8703

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