

Dear Members, Community Members and Friends of the Foundation:

It has been a pleasure to continue to serve as President of the Hardin County Community Foundation over the last several years. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the Foundation in this capacity, and I continue to strive to learn and grow to best position the Foundation for growth, now and into the future.

The Hardin County Community Foundation continues to perform at a high level, and we are proud to report that our assets continue to grow, and we ended 2025 with total holdings of \$15.3 million. Once again, our investment committee continues to do a great job making sure that we have funds available to grant to our community. The grants awarded in 2025 totaled \$376,741 and that amount has grown as we prepare to distribute grants in 2026. It takes not only our trustees, and the sound committee work that they do throughout the year, but the support of our members to increase our balance sheet to provide these much-needed funds to our community. Moving into 2026, the Trustees would like to thank our members for their support.

This past year we lost a founding member of the Board of Trustees with the passing of Charles Van Dyne. Charles was not only a founder but also served as the Chair of the grant committee since the very first grant that the foundation was able to distribute over 30 years ago. Charles made a tremendous impact on our foundation but also in our community in a multitude of ways. We all will miss Charles and his calm, confident guidance. Charles had established a fund many years ago and with his passing, this fund will be growing over the next year, and his impact will continue to be felt for many generations to come.

Bryan Marshall continues to bring a solid presence to our staff and is working through modernizing our systems so that we can better track and report on earnings and fund balances. This past year, Bryan was joined by an Executive Assistant, Kaylee Koyan. Kaylee comes to us with a strong technology background and the foundation is already witnessing the improvements that Kaylee will help us make to our operations.

I would like to thank my fellow Officers for their support and hard work over the year and recognize Ron Zimmerly, Vice President, Jannette Jacobs, Treasurer, Mary Dickinson, Secretary, Marie Sprang, Assistant Secretary and Gina Messner, Assistant Treasurer.

I look forward to serving the Foundation as I find the duties and responsibilities to be an honor and a pleasure. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I want to wish you all the best in 2026 and beyond.

Respectfully,

Matthew T. Jennings

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President

History of the Hardin County Community Foundation

Written by Bryan Marshall, Executive Director

On November 13, 1990, at the request of John Jester, 12 members of the Kenton and Hardin County area met at the Kenton Elks to discuss the possibility of establishing a Community Foundation.

The Hardin County Community Foundation was formed in 1991 with donated assets that totaled \$13,532. The Foundation was granted tax-exempt status in 1991 and is recognized as a publicly supported organization or as some call the organization a “public charitable organization”.

The first grants were issued in 1993 comprised of five \$100 grants which were provided to each of the county schools that were participating in the Hardin County Fair Band Show.

Now, let’s fast forward to this year (2025). This year the Foundation received grant applications requesting funds of nearly \$400,000. The Grant Committee awarded 156 grants and bequests totaling \$342,717. Additionally, the Scholarship Committee awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$24,500.

Currently, Matt Jennings is the Foundation’s fourth President since the Foundation’s formation. The other officers of the Foundation include a Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. All the officers also serve as Trustees. There are 18 Trustees who either work or live in Hardin County. They are strategically selected so that all communities/areas of the county are represented.

The Foundation holds quarterly Trustee meetings throughout the year along with an Annual Meeting for its members. The Foundation’s financials are audited annually by an unaffiliated accountant. The Foundation provides an Annual Report to its members along with filing Form 990 – which is an informational tax form that tax-exempt organizations are required to file annually with the IRS.

The Foundation has over \$14 million in total assets. There are 66 different Funds which the Foundation oversees. The 66 Funds are broken down in the following categories: 55 Donor Funds; 6 Scholarship Funds and 5 Managed Funds.

Grant and Scholarship applications are submitted utilizing the new software system on the Foundation’s website. Grant applications are accepted beginning February 1st through February 28th or 29th (leap year). Grant requests can only be considered from eligible tax-exempt entities. Scholarship applications are accepted beginning February 1st through April 15th. Scholarship recipients must provide enrollment verification to the Foundation before a joint check is issued to both the student and the school.

In 2018, the Foundation acquired the former McKinley & Crates Law Office to use as its home office. The office is located at 936 E. Franklin Street in Kenton, Ohio (across from the hospital) and is called The Judge William D. Hart Community Foundation Building in recognition of Judge Hart’s service to our Community and Foundation.

In the fall of 2025, the Foundation partnered with two Communication/Social Media students at Ohio Northern University to assist the Foundation with its public awareness by reaching out to the younger population through traditional and non-traditional communication outlets.

The Hardin County Community Foundation’s website address is: www.hardinfoundation.org and the phone number for the Foundation’s office is: 419.674.4053.

The Executive Director’s email address is: hccfdirector@gmail.com and cell phone number is 419.234.3309.

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS- TAX BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:-		
Contributions		
Fund drive and other contributions	\$ 7,900	\$ 17,728
Memorial	2,790	3,842
Donor restricted	67,602	724,337
Elks bingo	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	78,292	745,907
Investment		
Interest	53,955	60,061
Dividends	269,117	250,630
Realized gain on sale of investments	544,465	290,681
Investment fees	<u>(69,243)</u>	<u>(58,885)</u>
	<u>798,294</u>	<u>542,487</u>
Total revenue and support	876,586	1,288,394
EXPENSES BY FUNCTION:-		
Program Services		
Grants (net of returns)	(162,228)	(154,454)
Spath scholarship distribution	(2,000)	(11,000)
Donor restricted funds released from restriction	<u>(205,800)</u>	<u>(51,551)</u>
	(370,028)	(217,005)
Management and General		
Salaries	(20,885)	(15,381)
Director liability insurance and fidelity bond	(6,613)	(7,677)
Telephone and internet	(3,070)	(2,955)
Utilities, building insurance, real estate tax	(6,498)	(6,023)
Audit and tax preparation	(16,775)	(16,060)
Other	(23,250)	(6,388)
Depreciation	<u>(7,719)</u>	<u>(6,870)</u>
	(84,810)	(61,354)
Fundraising		
Printing and postage	(2,455)	(2,706)
Other	<u>(850)</u>	<u>(509)</u>
	<u>(3,305)</u>	<u>(3,215)</u>
Total expenses	<u>(458,143)</u>	<u>(281,574)</u>
Excess support, revenue, over expenses	418,443	1,006,820
Net assets beginning of year	14,027,459	11,674,423
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>852,206</u>	<u>1,346,216</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 15,298,108</u>	<u>\$ 14,027,459</u>

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS- TAX BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

ASSETS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:-		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 505,599	\$ 1,238,076
Certificates of deposit	772,859	757,913
Investments at fair value	<u>13,919,261</u>	<u>11,924,842</u>
Total current assets	15,197,719	13,920,831
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:-		
Building	111,249	111,249
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	30,305	30,267
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(41,165)</u>	<u>(34,888)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>100,389</u>	<u>106,628</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>15,298,108</u>	\$ <u>14,027,459</u>

NET ASSETS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
NET ASSETS:-		
Without donor restrictions	\$ 12,464,095	\$ 11,345,409
With donor restrictions	<u>2,834,013</u>	<u>2,682,050</u>
Total net assets	\$ <u>15,298,108</u>	\$ <u>14,027,459</u>

2025 Grant Funds to be
Awarded in 2026

Applicant	Purpose	Awarded Amount
Abundant Life Assembly Of God	Night to Shine event	\$2,000.00
Ada Citizens Scouting Committee	BSSA Summer Camp at Camp Berry	\$1,000.00
Ada Exempted Village Schools	October fall literacy night	\$800.00
Ada Exempted Village Schools	Whole Phonics books	\$1,000.00
Ada Food Pantry	Bulldog Backpack Blessings	\$1,500.00
Ada Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,500.00
Alger First United Methodist Church	Free montly meals	\$3,000.00
Alger Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,500.00
Backpack Blessings	Backpack Blessings at USV Schools	\$2,000.00
Beatitudes Community Center	Summer lunch program	\$3,000.00
Belle Center Free Public Library	Summer reading program	\$500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, Inc. dba Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hardin County	After school group mentoring program	\$5,000.00
BKP Ambulance District	Equipment	\$1,400.00
BMRT Ambulance District	Equipment	\$4,000.00
Camp Common Ground	Camp Wednesdays	\$700.00
City of Kenton	Light pole flag holders and flags	\$9,763.00
Designated by donor for the benefit of Ada High School for academic honoraries, academic competitions and support of music	Freed funds	\$7,003.60
Designated by donor for the benefit of First Baptist Church	Bondi funds	\$771.00
Designated by donor for the benefit of Hardin Memorial Hospital	Lichty funds	\$342.00
Designated by donor for the benefit of Kenton-Hardin Health Department	Youngpeters funds	\$741.00
Designated by donor for the benefit of ONU College for Student-Faculty Special Study Projects	Freed funds	\$24,512.60
Designated by donor for the benefit of ONU Department of Music	Freed funds	\$10,505.40
Designated by donor for the benefit of ONU Theatre	Freed funds	\$10,505.40
Designated by donor for trees in Ada	Keiser funds	\$5,458.00
Designated by donor for the benefit of Village of Ada for lamp post flowers and beautification	Freed funds	\$7,003.60
Dunkirk Community Improvement Corporation	Ball diamond improvements and Christmas decorations	\$1,200.00
Dunkirk Masonic Lodge	Winterfest 2026	\$600.00
Forest Fire Department	Equipment	\$1,500.00
Forest Firefighter's Association	Educational materials	\$350.00
Forest Police Department	National Night Out event	\$1,000.00

2025 Grant Funds to be
Awarded in 2026

Forest Tree Commission	New trees, clean up and removal of bad trees	\$2,000.00
Forest-Jackson Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,500.00
Freedom Celebration - Hardin Cty		
Fireworks Display	Fireworks, licensing, permits and equipment	\$4,000.00
Greenwood Grange	Display boards	\$500.00
Greenwood Grange	Building and grounds improvements	\$2,000.00
Grove Cemetery Chapel	Stained glass windows project	\$5,000.00
Harco Industries Inc	Parking lot paving	\$5,000.00
Hardin County 4-H	4-H Camp nurse's station project	\$5,000.00
Hardin County Agricultural Society	Folding chairs for the Community Building	\$2,000.00
Hardin County Amateur Radio Club	Radio room updates at EOC	\$1,500.00
Hardin County Bark Buddies 4-H Club	Agility and rally equipment	\$2,500.00
Hardin County Board DD	Toys for blended school room	\$2,000.00
Hardin County Board of DD	Specialized equipment, instructional materials and technology for preschool program.	\$4,000.00
Hardin County Board of DD	Bowling uniforms for the Special Olympics team	\$2,000.00
Hardin County Council On Aging Inc	Signage	\$1,250.00
Hardin County Domestic Relations	Incentives	\$3,000.00
Hardin County Domestic Relations	Family centered incentives	\$3,000.00
Hardin County Family YMCA	Landscaping	\$1,100.00
Hardin County Family YMCA	Summer Camp	\$3,000.00
Hardin County Historical Museums, Inc.	Redesigned Scoto Marsh exhibit	\$2,500.00
Hardin County Historical Museums, Inc.	Reenactment Back in Time at the Barn project	\$4,000.00
Hardin County Humane Society	Pet food pantry	\$5,000.00
Hardin County Junior Fair Board	Sending eight junior fair board members to The Ohio Fairs Convention	\$700.00
Hardin County Master Gardeners	Tree and shrub border	\$2,000.00
Hardin County Matters	Back to School Bash	\$2,500.00
Hardin County Players	Costumes, scholarships and snacks for Little Mermaid presentation	\$1,500.00
Hardin County Veterans Service Office	Annual Veterans Dinner	\$2,500.00
Hardin Leadership, Inc.	Leadership graduate participants in the Ohio Northern University, Women in Business Leadership program	\$2,000.00
Hardin Leadership, Inc.	Scholarships	\$1,000.00
Hardin Northern Community Center	Double sided sign holder	\$1,500.00
Hardin Northern Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,500.00
Heartbeat of Hardin County	Online curriculum program Bright Course and crib program	\$2,000.00
Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund, Inc.	Shoes for children	\$3,000.00
Helping Hands Outreach Ministries	Back to School program	\$4,000.00
HHWP Kenton Head Start	Clothing, coats, hats and gloves	\$1,000.00
Jackson-Forest EMS	Young First Responder Academy and youth outreach programming	\$2,500.00
Jackson-Forest EMS	Equipment	\$4,000.00
Keep Hardin County Beautiful	Programming with local participating libraries	\$500.00
Keep Hardin County Beautiful	Courthouse flowers and plants	\$3,350.00
Kenton Alliance Church	English as a Second Language (ESL) classes	\$5,000.00
Kenton Area Swim Team	Replacement of touch pads	\$1,500.00
Kenton Athletic Boosters	Upgrade our sound/acoustic systems	\$5,000.00
Kenton Band Boosters	Flag corp equipment	\$1,000.00

2025 Grant Funds to be
Awarded in 2026

Kenton Church of the Nazarene	Sound system and end of year party for Upward Sports	\$1,550.00
Kenton Church of the Nazarene	Date Night event	\$750.00
Kenton Church of the Nazarene	Father's Day Cookout & Car Show	\$800.00
Kenton City Schools	Kenton Winter Guard equipment	\$1,500.00
Kenton City Schools	Snap Circuit kits	\$750.00
Kenton City Schools	Computer headphones	\$924.00
Kenton City Schools Tennis Team	Indoor tennis kit systems	\$1,000.00
Kenton First Methodist Church	Repair and restoration of equipment at Jerry Cross Park	\$2,500.00
Kenton Full Gospel Church Bread of Life Food Pantry	Food pantry improvements	\$3,000.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District Inc	Winter Wonderland window displays	\$1,000.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District Inc	Gene Autry Park landscaping, lawn care and lighting	\$3,500.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District Inc	Market on Main program	\$1,500.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District Inc	Summer concert series	\$5,000.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District Inc	Kenton's Biggest Small Town Christmas Parade	\$2,500.00
Kenton Lions Club	Playground equipment and mulch	\$2,000.00
Kenton Lions Club	Park benches	\$2,000.00
Kenton Reimagined A Community Reimagined	Seasonal flowers	\$3,000.00
Kenton Reimagined A Community Reimagined	Kenton Rising Conference	\$1,000.00
Kenton Reimagined A Community Reimagined	Family Fun at the Plaza	\$1,000.00
Kenton Reimagined A Community Reimagined	The Double Time Jazz Band concert	\$300.00
Kenton Reimagined A Community Reimagined	Free horse-drawn carriage rides for the Christmas Gala and Christmas Around the Square	\$2,750.00
Kudostudio	Art supplies	\$500.00
Lake of Lights	Lights	\$2,000.00
LifeWise - Kenton City Schools	Mobile coat rack and karaoke machine	\$1,900.00
LifeWise- Upper Scioto Valley	Age appropriate Bible study guides	\$2,000.00
Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County District Library	Summer reading program	\$1,500.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Glow Party	\$1,000.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Meals for after school events	\$1,500.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Vacation Bible School	\$2,500.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Food pantry	\$1,500.00
McGuffey Memories Historical Society	Concrete bench pad	\$600.00
McGuffey Memories Historical Society	Gazebo roof replacement	\$600.00
Memorial Park Golf Club	Junion league program	\$2,000.00
Midwest Regional ESC	Engagement events in partnership with Simon Kenton School and Hardin County Early Intervention	\$2,000.00
Midwest Regional ESC	Developmentally appropriate materials to support children ages 3-5 who receive special education services across Hardin County	\$2,000.00
Mt Victory Community Improvement Corp	Downtown beautification	\$3,500.00

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Awarded in 2026

Mt Victory Community Improvement Corp	Port-a-John for public use	\$800.00
Mt Victory Community Improvement Corp	Tennis/pickleball court resurfacing project	\$4,000.00
Mt Victory Community Improvement Corp	Memorial Day Car Show	\$1,500.00
Mt. Victory United Methodist Church	Repair of ceiling dome	\$4,000.00
Neighborhood Center Corporation of Hardin County	Food pantry	\$3,000.00
New Hope Child Care Center	Fencing, playground equipment and mulch	\$5,000.00
Northern Hardin County Fire District	Fire safety program	\$2,000.00
Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy	Dream It, Be It (DIBI): Career Support for Girls program.	\$1,000.00
Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception	Entry upgrades	\$1,500.00
Painter Creek Grange	Refrigerator	\$2,000.00
Play For Purpose	Game Night program	\$2,000.00
Play For Purpose	Community outreach trailer	\$3,000.00
Project Linus of Hardin County	Tools and blanket materials for the benefit of children	\$600.00
Quilts for Kids NW Ohio Chapter	Fabric and batting for quilts for displaced children	\$1,000.00
Ridgemont FFA	Financial assistance to in need members for FFA State and National conventions	\$4,255.40
Ridgemont Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,200.00
Ridgemont Schools	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) programming.	\$3,900.00
Ridgeway Firefighter Association	Equipment	\$1,000.00
Ridgeway United Methodist Church	Hymnal on thumb drive and replacement of chairs	\$1,000.00
Roundhead Fire Department	Inflatable fire safety house	\$4,000.00
Roundhead McDonald Park Board	Slide replcement	\$3,000.00
Roundhead United Methodist Church	Free meals	\$700.00
Safe Haven of Hardin County	Storage unit rental	\$700.00
Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Immaculate Conception	Hygiene items	\$1,500.00
Scioto Junction Model Train Club	Caboose restoration	\$2,500.00
Silver Creek Community Church	Turn Around program to help with Hardin County Community School (Life Works) and Resilient Heights (former Northwood School)	\$1,500.00
Some of Us People (SOUP)	Food storage containers	\$800.00
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church	Bless the Backpack program	\$2,000.00
The Ohio State University, Hardin County OSU Extension	Water bottles for 4-H campers and Cloverbud Day camp participants.	\$1,500.00
The Park District Liberty Twp Hardin Co Ohio	Picnic tables	\$2,000.00
Tree Town Festival	Youth activities	\$2,500.00
United Way of Hardin County	Student leadership program	\$2,000.00
United Way of Hardin County	County high school food pantries	\$1,500.00
Upper Scioto Valley Middle School Student Council	Backpack Blessings program	\$2,000.00
Village of Ada	National Night Out event	\$1,000.00
Village of Ada Tree Commission	Removal, stump grinding and clean up of 5 trees	\$2,250.00
Village of Alger	Commemorative ceremony honoring Ray Brown	\$4,000.00

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Awarded in 2026

Village of Alger	Gazebo roof replacement	\$500.00
Village of Alger	Social Center flooring	\$2,000.00
Village of Dunkirk	Downtown decorations	\$2,500.00
Village of Dunkirk	Christmas decorations	\$3,000.00
Village of Forest	Children's activities	\$2,500.00
Village of Forest CIC	Downtown beautification	\$5,000.00
Village of Forest CIC	Tree Town Christmas Celebration	\$1,000.00
Village of Forest Park & Recreation Board	Playground equipment	\$1,500.00
Village of Patterson	Village clean up	\$400.00
Village of Patterson	Annual Soup Party and Christmas Party	\$800.00
Walnut Grove Methodist Church	AED	\$2,115.00
Walnut Grove Methodist Church	Food for Friends program	\$3,000.00
Wings Support and Recovery	Transportation improvements	\$2,500.00
Wolf Creek Center for the Arts of Hardin County	Free art activities	\$2,000.00
Scholarships		
Ada Doctors Scholarship	Ada Schools, Hardin Northern Schools & Upper Scioto Valley Schools	\$5,000.00
Dollars for Scholars	Kenton City Schools	\$2,000.00
Dudek Scholarship	Upper Scioto Valley Schools	\$2,500.00
Rushsylvania Rough Riders	Ridgemont Schools & Benjamin Logan Schools	\$2,000.00
Spath Scholarships	Upper Scioto Valley Schools	\$20,000.00
Sterling Sisters Scholarships	Various Schools	\$4,000.00
	Total Grants and Scholarship Awards for 2026	\$426,000.00

MEMORIALS TO FOUNDATION BIOGRAPHIES

ADA AREA DOCTOR COMMITTEE

In early 1985, a group of Ada area citizens recognized the need for a local physician. This resulted in the formation of the Ada Area Doctor Committee with a purpose of soliciting funds to assist in bringing a doctor into our community. After lots of discussions, ideas were presented. It was decided to send out information letters to Ada area residents. This letter explained the need and purpose of the committee's goals as well as asking for donations to fund a scholarship. This scholarship would assist in the educational costs of a medical student to finish school and then return to our area to practice.

Future meeting dates were set, inviting those interested. It was hoped that these meetings could be utilized to answer questions and clarify the need for and how this scholarship would work and be repaid by the recipient. 5,300 information letters were mailed with 157 responses from individuals, families, local groups and businesses interested in contributing to our cause. Contributions were received and by August 1985, \$20,000.00 had been donated.

The committee met to pour over the various candidates for the position. Lawrence Kuk was selected as the recipient. After all of the details were worked out and his education completed, Dr. Kuk and his family moved to Ada. He opened his practice in 1990. According to the agreement, Dr. Kuk repaid his loan to the Ada Area Doctor Committee by 1995. Dr. Kuk remains, as of this writing, a practicing physician and a contributing citizen in Ada and the surrounding counties.

Original trustees include: officers: David Houx*, chairman; Terry Keiser, vice chairman; Jack Daniels, treasurer and Sandra Neely, secretary; Wayne Fleming*, Clyde Dornbush, Mary Bowden, Jim Turner, Charles VanDyne, Rick Combs, Fred Heifner and Neulah Hays*. Bryan Marshall eventually replaced Wayne Fleming and Jack Daniels as a trustee. A huge thank you goes to Lou Lobenhofer for his expertise in getting the tax exempt status for this project.

Follow up meetings were held with the trustees and contributors to update and report funds collected and repaid. Later, discussions were held as to how this committee/fund might support another future medical professional coming to the Ada area.

In 2019 the remaining trustees: Terry Keiser, chairman; Maary Bowden, vice chair; Bryan Marshall, treasurer and Sandra Neely, secretary, along with Charles VanDyne and Dr. Lawrence Kuk met to discuss the use of the funds in the account. After much discussion the decision was made to include all the Ada Area Doctor Committee monies previously raised and interest from those funds be placed with the Hardin County Community Foundation to support the "health care related education" of a person in the Ada area. The scholarship is to be dispersed under the guidelines agreed upon with the Hardin County Community Foundation.

(*deceased)



PEG BALDWIN-MCVITTY MEMORIAL

Peggy Baldwin McVitty was born in Fairfield, Alabama. She married Mondo Baldwin on April 1, 1944 while he was serving in the US Air Force. Shortly thereafter they moved to Kenton where she lived until 1994. Peg was active in Scouting as she and Mondo had two sons, Wayne and Michael who were Eagle Scouts. She was the first woman in the area to receive Scouting's Silver Fawn award for service to Scouting. She was active in Laureate Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi where she had held every office in the local chapter, and, in 1989 received the Reverend International Award of Distinction. She was a member of the Kenton Garden Club having held all offices and served as past director of Region Two of the Ohio Association Garden Clubs. She was past president of the Hardin County Council on Aging Board of Trustees. She was the recipient of the Hardin County Senior Citizen Award in 1997. She was a member of the Keep Hardin County Beautiful Commission and had written articles for the Commission's Tricycle. She was a member of the Hardin County Ambassadors. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kenton where she was active in the United Methodist Women and had served as the first women chairperson of the Administrative Council. She was a Sunday School teacher for 48 years and a charter member of the Chancel Bell Choir. Mondo died in 1992 and in 1994 she married James McVitty and moved to the Forest area. She became active in the Forest United Methodist Church and served on the Forest Jackson Library Building Committee.

She died March 16, 2002.





ELINOR NASH BARRETT AND OLIVER WAGNER BARRETT

Both families have lived in Hardin County since the late 1800s.

Oliver (Ollie) Barrett (1925 - 2004) was born to Margaret Wagner Barrett and Ray Barrett, and graduated from Kenton Senior High School in 1943, and immediately entered the Army where he served until 1945, being awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. For many years he was associated with Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, until he joined North American Rockwell, ending his career as Director of Personnel. Activities included sports of all kinds the Masonic and Elks Lodges, and the First United Methodist Church. He died in 2004.

Elinor Nash Barrett (1927-2018) was born to Irma Hamilton Nash and William Nelson Nash, also graduated from Kenton Senior High School in 1945 and attended Bowling Green State University. Activities included the choir of the First United Methodist Church, in which she sang for over 40 years, Eastern Star, and Minerva Club.

The couple was married on February 23rd, 1947 and had two sons, Stephen and Scott, and three grandchildren.

PARL W. AND EUNICE I. BECK DESIGNATED TO HARDIN HILLS HEALTH CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Beck were long time residents of the City of Kenton and owned a farm in Pleasant township.

Mr. Beck was primarily self employed and was the owner and operator of a garage and lawn mower repair shop in Kenton.

Mrs. Beck worked many years at the Woolworth Store and at the Farmers Livestock Barn in Kenton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beck were long time members of the Walnut Grove Church in Pleasant Township.

Parl Beck died January 23, 1998 and Eunice Beck died January 30, 2006. Mrs. Beck, who spent her last few years at the Hardin Hills Health Center, was interested in benefiting the home and residents therein.



FRANK & RUTH BERLIEN

Frank Berlien was born to a pioneer family of Hardin County who believed in public service to their community and their country, as his grandfather, Peter, served his country in the Civil War and his father, George, was Hardin County Sheriff. Frank and Ruth Berlien were married in 1937 and were a couple very dedicated to their community.

During their 54 year marriage, the Berliens participated in many charitable activities with groups that included the First Methodist Church, the Masonic Brethren and the Gideon Ministry. Frank, the President of the Huntington First National Bank of Kenton, was also city councilman for a number of years. Upon retirement from Huntington, he became very active with the Gideon Ministry and with Masonic work. While serving a number of years as church treasurer, Frank was the author of several articles on the long, rich history of the church. Ruth, born near Alliance, Ohio, worked 12 years for the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Columbus. She served as church secretary in the 1940s and was a member of the United Methodist Women and Sarah Circle. During World War II, Ruth was the executive secretary for the Hardin County Red Cross.



THE BERNARD FAMILY FUND

DESIGNATED TO EDUCATION & MUSIC PROGRAMS & MARY LOU JOHNSON LIBRARY

This fund was established in 2002 by Leo J. "Barney" Bernard in memory of his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Fox Bernard and their son, Michael E. Bernard. It was created to enhance music programs in the Kenton City Schools which the Board of Education is otherwise unable to fund and to support the Mary Lou Johnson/Hardin County District Library in such amounts as the Foundation trustees determine.

Bernard is a name long associated with business and civic activities in Hardin County. Leo Bernard owned and operated the Bernard Furniture Store in Kenton from 1956 to 1974. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Kenton National Bank, Wilco Corporation and San Antonio Hospital. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks and held leadership positions with the Chamber of Commerce, American Heart Association and the Knights of Columbus. Born in 1914, Leo, known as "Barney", graduated from Kenton High School in 1932. He served in World War II, as did his brothers, Jerome and LeRoy. LeRoy was one of nine local soldiers killed in the Battle of Munda in the Pacific Theater of war in 1945. Until his death in February of 2005, Barney's lifelong love of golf and the pursuit of family history continued to occupy him as well as attending services at Immaculate Conception Church.

On June 2, 1941, Barney married Elizabeth "Betty" Fox, the daughter of Dr. D.C. and Katharine McArthur Fox. Kate Fox was a descendant of Donald McArthur who, with his son, Peter, was the first non-native American settler in Hardin County. Dr. Fox was a country doctor, farmer and businessman. Betty graduated from Kenton High School in 1932 and from the Ohio State University in 1936. She was active in church, charitable and cultural activities, including the San Antonio Hospital Guild, Catholic Ladies of Columbia, University Women's Club, Music Club, Fortnightly Literary Club, and was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Church. Betty passed away in June 2000.

Betty and Barney were the parents of five children, Daniel Fox Bernard, Michael Eugene Bernard, Mary Katharine Franzel, Marie Eleanor Sprang, and Anne Elizabeth Keller.

Mike was born in Kenton in 1946, graduating from Kenton High School in 1964. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1968, he served in the U.S. Army. Mike graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law and practiced in Kenton and Columbus. He was twice elected Hardin County Prosecutor and served this community with pride. Mike passed away in 1995 and is survived by two sons and six grandchildren.

Daniel F. Bernard graduated from Kenton High School in 1960, Iowa State University in 1964 and earned his law degree from Duke University. After serving in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps, he began the practice of law in Colorado where he made his home with his wife, Dale, and family. Highly respected in the legal and civic communities of Longmont, CO, Dan died on August 3, 2011 and is survived, their two children and six grandchildren.





FRANK & BETTY BONDI

DESIGNATED TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KIDS PROGRAM

Frank Bondi was born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the borough of Aspinwall. He served in the European Theater during World War II with the First Army from Normandy to Germany. In 1945, he returned to the States as a hospital patient assigned to the "Greenbrier" Hospital where he met an Army nurse, 2nd Lt. Betty Smith from Kenton, Ohio who would become his wife. After their marriage, they spent several years in Pittsburgh, then moved to Kenton where Frank became involved in the financial life of Hardin County. During the next 47 years, Frank served his community in many areas. He was treasurer of the Hardin County Fair when many improvements were made, including the Grange Building, the Gazebo, and the Community Building. As a member of the Kenton Board of Education, the new Senior High School and the Oaklief Elementary School were completed. As moderator of the First Baptist Church, the new First Baptist Church east of Kenton in

the Myers Addition was erected. While Frank was president of the Huntington First National Bank, the new bank building on the corner of Franklin and Main Streets was built in 1976, now known as the Liberty National Bank. Frank has been active in many fund raising activities. In 1971, the Kenton Area Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year.

Betty accepted a position as a school nurse at Mt. Victory and Ridgeway and later was staff nurse for Hardin Memorial Hospital until she retired in 1987. She continued working part time with Hardin Hospice Care until 1996. Betty was very active in many civic activities. A volunteer for the Sullivan-Johnson Museum and a member of the American Cancer Society board. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Kenton, where she held many offices. She was church clerk and was active and held offices in the Baptist Missionary Society as well as the Regional American Baptist Churches Association. Betty enjoyed reading, sewing, travel, and her role as a grandmother.

ROBERT D. AND MARTHA H. BRIGHT

Robert D. "Bob" Bright was born in Findlay in 1926 and graduated from Findlay High School in 1944, Bob served his country during World War II, enlisting in the U.S. Navy where he served in the Pacific Theatre aboard the LST 834. Following the war, Bob attended Findlay College and the Montgomery and Taylor Watchmaking School in Poplar, Missouri. Bob was a highly successful salesman and eventually formed his own marketing company. In 1949 Bob married the love of his life, Martha Helen "Marty" Bish. Marty was also a 1944 graduate of Findlay High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Bowling Green State University in 1949. Marty's first job was as an "elevator girl" in the Niles building in Findlay, Ohio and she subsequently worked as the manager of two separate law offices for the next 50 years. Bob and Marty were both active in their community and loved young people.

Not blessed with children of their own, Bob and Marty mentored many young people over the years, helping them find their way in life personally and professionally. They both loved animals. Bob was an avid horseman and dog lover. Marty loved birdwatching and she especially enjoyed her "kitties" - stray cats that she fed and adopted. They both had a special place in their heart for "strays", both four-legged and human.



A Memorial was established by the family of Dr. Louis and Roberta Black



VICTOR & VIRGINIA COLMEY

DESIGNATED TO CHILDREN & EDUCATION

Mr. and Mrs. Colmeyer were long time residents and farm owners in Blanchard Township. Mr. Colmeyer was a professional engineer having graduated from the University of Indiana in 1935 and traveled world wide primarily overseeing bridge construction, including one project in the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Colmeyer was a nurse and also traveled extensively in her hobby of

breeding, selling and showing of English Bulldogs.

Although not having any children, the Colmeys always maintained an interest in young people and their education.



FRANK & RUTH COOK

Frank N. Cook was born September 27, 1910 in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1928. He married Ruth E. Barrett who was born February 16, 1914 in Goshen Township. She graduated from Kenton High School in 1932. They were married October 16, 1932.

He worked as a mechanic and for Ohio Power before serving in the Navy from 1943 through 1946. Upon discharge from the Navy he started Cook's Garage and continued with that until 1964, when he became a Nationwide Insurance Agent.

He served on the Kenton City Council for several years and was Mayor of Kenton from 1965 thru 1975. He also served as secretary of Grove Cemetery from 1960 through 1975.

Ruth was a bookkeeper for Cook's Garage and Nationwide business. Upon their retirement in 1975, they moved to Cessna Township where Frank enjoyed farming, his boxer dog and his horses.

Ruth continued her enjoyment of raising beautiful roses and country life.

JAMES & CAROLE CRATES

Born in McComb, Ohio, Jim spent most of his life in Kenton. After graduating from Kenton High School in 1958, Jim received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Northern University in 1962 followed by receipt of a Juris Doctorate degree from the ONU Petit College of Law in 1965.

Carole (Lingrel) was born in Kenton and graduated from Kenton High School in 1961. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Bowling Green State University in 1965.



Jim and Carole married in 1965 and soon after Jim entered service in the Army as an officer with the Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1966 – 1970. This time with the JAG Corps provided the couple with new adventures as they found themselves stationed in Seoul, South Korea and in Washington, D.C. In 1968, Jim became the only attorney from Hardin County to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. After these few years away, Jim and Carole made the decision to return to their hometown to raise their children, Ashley and Britton.

Upon return to Kenton, Jim joined the law practice of Paul McKinley, Sr. and was soon elected to serve as the Hardin County Prosecutor from 1972 – 1976. Until his passing in 2011, Jim continued to practice law with Paul McKinley, Jr. He had a long and well-respected legal career and never lost his love of the law.

Jim and Carole both believed in giving back to the community where they were raised. Consequently, they joined and held leadership positions in many local organizations.

Jim served on the boards of the ONU College of Arts & Sciences, Mount Victory State Bank, and the Veterans Memorial Park District. He served as Chairman of the Hardin County Board of Elections and as a Pleasant Township Committeeman. His other memberships included: Hardin County Bar Association, Hardin County Republican Party, Kenton Elks Lodge (past Exalted Ruler), Indian Lake Moose Lodge, Lions Club, Latham Masonic Lodge, Aladdin Shrine Club, Hardin County Shrine Club, American Legion Post 198, Amvets Post 20, and a 35 year member of Wolf Creek Grange.

Carole has served on the boards of the Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County Library, Kenton's Excellence for Education Foundation, Kenton YMCA, and the Community Concert Association. Her memberships continue in the Fortnightly Literary Club, University Club, and the Hardin County Astronomy Club.

Carole would like to encourage other local families to find time to give back to their beloved community.

DR. J.C. & GRETCHEN CURTIS

Jesse C. Curtis, Jr. was born and raised in Hardin County. He graduated from Kenton High School and from Ohio State University in 1943 with a BS in Agricultural Economics. He served in World War II as a captain in Field Artillery. In 1950, he graduated from OSU with a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He returned to his home community and served as a veterinarian for 21 years with his animal hospital on East Columbus Street. Dr. Curtis then sold his practice, becoming President/CEO of Home Savings and Loan. He retired after another 21 years, having had two successful careers in his lifetime. He served as director emeritus for Home Savings. Being active in the community, he served as scoutmaster of Troop #150 of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Curtis served as Ward 2 councilman for several terms, was past president and treasurer of the Kenton Rotary Club. He was a longtime director of the Hardin County AAA serving as president and treasurer.



Gretchen Ashba Curtis was born in Hardin County, but grew up in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She was nurse manager of the Obstetrical Department at Ohio State University. Gretchen and J.C. Curtis were married January 23, 1944. After their return to Kenton, Mrs. Curtis was active in the daily operation of the Curtis Animal Hospital. Later, she became nurse manager of the Medical Unit of Hardin Memorial Hospital where she served 7 years. Mrs. Curtis was also active in the community, serving the Red Cross in nurse recruitment for 10 years. She also worked with girl and boy scouts. She served the First United Methodist Church as president of the United Methodist Women, program chairman and circle leader. She continues to be an active part of the mission work of Deborah Circle with the Annabel Ashba Fund for Mission.

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis enjoyed their many years in Hardin County.

A memorial was also established to honor the Curtis children

Children of Dr. J.C. Curtis, Jr. and Gretchen Ashba Curtis

Gretchen S. - OSU Graduate, BS in Nursing and MS in Pediatric Nursing. She also has an MS in Management from Regis University, Denver, Colorado.

Craig A. - OSU Graduate, BA in Education and MS in Public Relations and specializes in Marketing.

Lisa L. - OSU Graduate, BA in Theater and Design with an MS in Consumerism from Colorado State University.

Kent W. - Graduate of MIT with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA from Pepperdine University.



EDWARD AND DEBORAH DICK MEMORIAL FUND

DEDICATED TO HARCO INDUSTRIES CLIENTS AND
SIMON KENTON STUDENTS WITH MOBILITY ISSUES

Deborah Kay (Ehlen) Dick was born on August 18, 1949. Edward Dick was born on April 23, 1949. Both were graduates of the Kenton High School Class of 1967. They were married on May 11, 1974 in Kenton. Many were saddened by their untimely deaths just weeks apart in 2021. They were parents of Morgan (Clint) Sneary and Adam (Ashley) Dick and loving Mooshie and Papa to 4 grandchildren.

Deb was an avid and knowledgeable collector of antiques and an outstanding decorator. She was a member of the Country Connection Club and was instrumental in the formation of downtown Kenton's Square Repair which became a part of the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance. She was a kind and selfless woman. Deb had a great

sense of humor and was loyal to her community and friends. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Kenton.

Ed served in the US Navy and was a member of the famed US Navy Blue Angels. A graduate of the Pittsburgh School of Aeronautics, he later spent his career at Marathon Oil as a mechanic. He went on to work as a contractor. He enjoyed woodworking, collecting antiques, art, classical music, Notre Dame football and most of all, spending time with his family. Ed was a former member of Immaculate Conception Church in Kenton.

Even after Deb suffered a tragic illness which confined her to a wheelchair, she never lost her enthusiasm for hometown life, antiquing, shopping and enjoying the activities of her children and grandkids. Always at her side, Ed lovingly cared for her. Their children, Morgan and Adam, wish to award grants to Simon Kenton School and/or Harco Industries to assist students and clients with mobility needs through mobility infrastructure, recreational equipment or mobility devices.

SANDY DUDEK

DESIGNATED TO GRADUATES OF UPPER SCIOTO VALLEY

Sandy was born on July 4, 1952, in Wauseon, Ohio to the late Harold R. and Faye M. (Secondcost) Myers. She spent her childhood and teen years growing up on her parents small family farm in rural Archbold, Ohio.

After graduation from Archbold High School in 1970, Sandy enrolled at Kent State University and received her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education in 1974 and later earned a Master's degree in Learning Styles from Mount St. Joseph University in 1988.

In August of 1975 she married Frank Dudek. They resided and taught in the Columbus area for two years before spending the next two years teaching at Vinton County High School. In 1979, they moved to Kenton and Sandy taught at Upper Scioto Valley High School and Frank at Kenton High School. Sandy retired from Upper Scioto Valley School in June of 2010 following 32 years of teaching high school English, Advanced Composition and Creative Writing.

Sandy was passionate about teaching writing. She encouraged and inspired her students to be better writers not only as students in a high school writing course but also to prepare them to use their writing skills as a lifelong process after graduation. Sandy always took the opportunity to help others in her circle of life (prior students, family, friends, etc.) by proofreading papers, reports, and professional writings for them.

Sandy loved her church and church family, Kenton Church of the Nazarene, faithfully serving in numerous ministry and leadership roles since 1979. Those who knew Sandy were always greeted with a smile and easily engaged in conversation because of her pleasant down-to-earth personality. Along with fulfilling her family roles as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, Sandy participated in Mom's Club, University Club, and Investment Club in the community.



THOMAS BRUCE EDDY

1947-2011

Bruce Eddy, was born in Kenton, Ohio to James D. Eddy and Betty (Moore) Eddy Schroeder. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School, and worked at various Kenton businesses throughout his lifetime, retiring from the Hardin County Engineer's Department. A US Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War. Bruce was a Veterans Service Commissioner, member of VFW Post 3333 where he was a past judge advocate, Sr. Vice, a Trustee, and a Commander Pro Temp twice. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, a life member of Amvets, American Legion, and the Kenton Moose Lodge. Bruce will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his love of history, and his devotion to military and community service. The foundation thanks Bruce's family and the VFW Post for their donation to honor the memory of their loved one and comrade in arms.



THE CLAY AND ROBERTA FLINN FAMILY FUND

Gerald Clay Flinn and Roberta Ann Nash were married on Valentine's Day in 1960. Clay and Roberta were both born and raised in Kenton, Ohio, Clay was born on January 20th, 1935 and Roberta was born on January 12, 1937. Clay and Roberta graduated from Kenton High School, Clay in 1953 and Roberta in 1955 and continued their education with Clay attending Ohio State University graduating in 1959 with a degree in Civil Engineering and Surveying and Roberta graduating from Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing in 1958. Clay served his country as a member of the National Guard from 1959 to 1965. They were proud parents of 3 children, Amy Jo Okuly, Brian Clay Flinn and the Rev. Douglas Robert Flinn.

During Clay's time at Ohio State, he worked summers for the Hardin County Engineers Office and later would work for the Engineers Office from January of 1960 through March of 1991, serving as the County Engineer for the last 10 years. Aside from working at the Engineers Office, Clay was a Registered Surveyor and managed his own business from 1965 until 1981. He also worked at Golden Giant Building Systems in the late 1960's and again in the early 1990's. Clay continued his commitment to community service by serving as the Mayor of Kenton from 1991 until the time of his death in 1999. He enjoyed being a member of the Hardin County Posse, Professional Engineering Association, First United Methodist Church, Elks, Rotary and the Masonic Lodge. He was posthumously inducted into the Hardin County Hall of Fame in 1999. Many remember him doing acrobatic tricks in his airplane and flying was a hobby he enjoyed for many years.

Roberta worked almost her entire career at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton until she retired in 1992. Roberta is a 70 year member of the First United Methodist Church, 60 year member of Elizabeth Circle and Choir for 46 years. She also is a 60 plus year member of Eastern Star, Lambda CCL, Minerva Club, Kenton Garden Club, Hospital Guild, Keep Hardin County Beautiful and the Tree Commission. Roberta was awarded the Hardin County Citizen of the Year Award in 2005.

The Clay and Roberta Flinn Family Fund is dedicated to the City of Kenton and/or Historic Courthouse District for improvement projects, revitalization projects, beautification initiatives and/or downtown community events.



CHARLES & ESTA MAE MOOTS FOGLE TED C. & MARY J. FOGLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle were farmers. They owned and lived on a farm in Blanchard Township near Bridgeport.

Mr. Ted Fogle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle. He was a graduate of Oberlin College and he and his wife Mary J. owned and operated the A.E. Roby Office Supply and Printing Company in Kenton for many years.

A Memorial was established by The Mt. Victory State Bank

A Memorial was established by Home Savings & Loan Co.

A Memorial was established by Eula Doster Hirsch

A Memorial was established by the Dugan/Jacobs Family

A Memorial was established by Howard Trust - Hardin Hills Fund



DR. DEBOW & CATHERINE FREED

**A legacy of leadership,
service and giving**

DeBow Freed was born on August 26, 1925 and grew up on his family's farm near Hendersonville, Tennessee. He was elected president of his high school class, graduated and was appointed to and graduated from West Point in 1946. He did not know it at the time, but a daughter, Catherine Moore, was born on December 27, 1925 in Texas, of a prominent Army physician. Catherine and DeBow would meet while he was in the service and marry in 1949. They had a son, DeBow II, who died in 2014.

DeBow was commissioned in the Infantry. He served overseas for a total of seven years including stations in Japan, Germany, Iran, Korea, and Vietnam. He attended and taught at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA, attended the Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS and the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force base, AL. He was the chief of the nuclear branch of the Defense Atomic Support Agency at Sadia Base, Albuquerque, NM, and liaison to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory for the military service and concurrently, earned a masters' degree from the University of Kansas and a PhD in nuclear engineering at the University of New Mexico. As chief of the nuclear branch of the Defense Atomic Support Agency, Dr. Freed became the principal briefer for the military services on atomic and nuclear matters for military, congressional and other national visiting groups for three years when interest in those areas was extremely high.

He was later assigned to the West Point faculty to help modernize the physics program and initiate an academic major in nuclear engineering.

Catherine held a bachelor degree from the University of Texas, master's degree from the University of Kansas and PhD (honorary) from Ohio Northern University. She was a full partner in life and contributed greatly while Dr. Freed served. Catherine taught at the University of Kansas and New Mexico as well as near their stations. Catherine was very active in campus and community affairs and held many leadership roles that contributed greatly to the success of the institutions and communities they served. She was a lay minister in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, taught Bible study and conducted services. Catherine was on Regional Girl Scout councils, worked with the United Way and other service and charitable organizations. Dr. Freed credits Catherine for many of their opportunities to serve.

In 1987, Dr. Freed was chosen by the Army Chief of Staff and the West Point Superintendent from among 47,000 West Point graduates as the model for the study which led to the fifth purpose of a West Point cadet's education which was for each cadet "to aspire to a lifetime of service to the nation." Dr. and Mrs. Freed's commitment to military service is recognized in a room at West Point that is dedicated to them and in the book *West Point Leadership, Profiles of Courage*, which profiles 180 West Point graduates, who are characterized as having helped shape the world. The text notes the key role and unique contributions Mrs. Freed made to the institutions which prospered under their leadership and in their lifetime of service to the nation. The Freed's greatly enjoyed military service but believed they could make additional contributions in private church-related higher education as a part of their commitment to lifelong service. After 23 years of military service Dr. Freed retired from active duty and entered into private higher education as Dean at Mount Union College. Then as President of Monmouth College in Illinois and later became President of Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH and finally serving as President of the University of Findlay, Findlay, OH for a total of 32 years of college or university presidency. The Freed Family Foundation has directed the distributions of the income from their donation to the Hardin County Community Foundation to support specifically, Ohio Northern University, Village of Ada, the Ada area and Hardin, Hancock and Allen county organizations.

MARILYN GREEN

Marilyn Elliott Green was born in Zanesfield, Logan County, Ohio, where she grew up on her family farm. Marilyn also was involved in school agricultural activities and a cheer leader for the East Liberty Jay Hawks High School where she was a 1952 graduate and later took computer training from Apollo Career Center. Marilyn married in 1954 and later moved to Ada, Ohio, where they built the Ada Dairy Queen in 1957 and started a family. While managing the Dairy Queen, Marilyn later worked as a legal secretary for Charles VanDyne, an Attorney at Law in Ada, a position which she held for over 50 years. Marilyn was a member and past president of the Ada Kiwanis Club and a member of the Kenton Elks Lodge #157. She was also a member of the Ada Christmas decorations committee and the Harvest and Herb Festival Committee. Marilyn formerly attended the Ada First United Methodist Church. Marilyn was a gracious, lovely lady, always ready to extend a helping hand to anyone in need. Marilyn had a great passion for cooking and baking wonderful foods and desserts and it brought her great joy and pleasure in sharing them with her friends and neighbors. She will always be remembered as a generous and caring friend and as a loving and devoted mother to her sons Gregory and Kent.



RONALD OWEN HARE

Ronald Owen Hare, one of the five children of Frank and Alma Hare, lived in Kenton his entire life. Born in 1933, his early life on the farm developed his ethic for hard work. He carried this lesson to his adult life. Ron and one of his brothers acquired Williams Transfer, a company engaged in moving heavy equipment in and out of factories as well as moving complete buildings from one location to another. Ron sold his interest in Williams Transfer to his brother in 1976, but longed to be back in the driver's seat. In 1980, he formed Industrial Movers, Inc., and operated it until he retired in the late 1990s. His mechanical problem solving ability drew clients seeking his ability in northern Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. He oversaw moves of everything from the old equipment and file cabinets from the Courthouse when the records were computerized to huge metal forming presses at the Rockwell factory in Kenton.



He designed and manufactured an attachment which allowed his towmotors to do the work of a crane in factories where a crane could not get inside.

Most of all, Ron was a "people person". After retiring to his farm outside of Kenton, many people will remember sharing a story and cold drink while enjoying the view of his pond. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kenton, where he made sure the snow was cleared from the drives for the other church members. Most people will remember him passing through town in his GM pickups, his half chewed cigar in his mouth. But his most enjoyable moments were enjoying a sunny afternoon cruising in his 1926 Dodge.

WILLIAM D. & KRISTA S. HART

William Douglas Hart was born the youngest child of Russell Hart, Jr. and Mae Louise (Eberhart) Hart on October 25, 1949. Russell was a decorated veteran of WWII and worked as a police officer, a fireman and as a foreman at Kenton Structural and Ornamental Iron. Mae worked various jobs outside the home such as North Electric and Essex Wire. They are also the parents of Charles R. Hart and Danny Lee Hart, both of whom are deceased, and Sherry L. Lewis.

Krista S. (Holtzberger) Hart was born the oldest child of Lewis and Rosella (Susie) Holtzberger on January 19, 1957. Lewis and Susie also are the parents of Jennifer Tynan, Timothy Holtzberger and Thomas Holtzberger. Lewis farmed and drove school bus during his work life, while Susie was a homemaker and worked in a school cafeteria.

William (Bill) D. Hart graduated from Kenton Senior High School in 1967 and then graduated from Clark Technical School in 1969. After serving in the US Army from 1970 to 1973, Bill graduated from The Ohio State University in 1976. Bill then graduated from Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in 1980. On May 16, 1981, Bill and Krista were married in Kenton. They are the parents of Andrew L. Hart and Emily M. Roy. Andrew and wife Amanda in 2016 gave birth to Harrison Douglas Hart.

Krista, while working full time outside the home, attended and graduated from The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business with honors. She obtained her CPA certification and opened her own accounting office. Later she worked for various governmental agencies from which she retired. Krista enjoyed time with her children and grandson, golf, knitting, reading and of course, Mahjong.

Bill started the private practice of law in November 1980 in practice with James L. Crates and Paul N. McKinney, Jr. During that time, he also served as an assistant city law director, an assistant county prosecutor, and child support enforcement attorney. In 1991 Bill opened his solo practice law firm and also was appointed Judge of the Hardin County Municipal Court, a part time position. For a period of 14 years Bill served on the municipal court bench, until his election in 2004 to the Hardin County Common Pleas Court. He served in that position until his retirement on December 31, 2012. After retirement Bill served as a Director of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company for a few years.

Bill believed that giving back to the community was very important and therefore he gave freely of his time. His professional life led him to be involved in many community organizations such as: Hardin Memorial Hospital for ten years and serving as President for a year; Hardincare, Inc. board and President; Kenton Rotary Club; Hardin County Chapter American Heart Association; Hardin County Chapter American Cancer Society; Dollars for Scholars; Kenton Elks Lodge; Kenton Moose Lodge; Treasurer of Memorial Park Golf Club and Hardin County Sesquicentennial Committee. Professionally Bill was active in the Hardin County Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; Ohio Judicial Conference; Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association; and the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Judges. In his spare time Bill was a little league baseball, softball and soccer coach and was an assistant golf coach for his daughter's high school team.

Bill's greatest passion was always his involvement in the Hardin County Community Foundation. From being asked to help prepare the legal work to form the Foundation to serving as Vice President and then for 10 years as President. Bill worked diligently to see that the Foundation succeeded. During his 28 years of serving on the Board, Bill never considered the work a burden, but rather a privilege to be able to help Hardin County become a more vibrant and caring community.



MAX AND SHARON HEILMAN

Max Heilman was born and raised in Goshen Township. After graduation from Kenton High School, he earned his degree at The Ohio State University in ag engineering. He married Sharon Parrott, who was born in Delaware County and grew up in Hardin County. She graduated from Kenton High School and received a teaching degree at Bowling Green State University. They married December 27, 1959. They raised five children and have sixteen grandchildren.

Max was a lifelong farmer and recognized for his innovations in the swine business. He was in leadership in various statewide ag organizations. In the local community he volunteered as a member of Kenton First United Methodist Church, 4-H club advisor, Kenton school board, board member of Community First Bank, Veterans Memorial Club House Board, and Hardin County Airport Board. Flying and racing vintage Jaguars were two things he enjoyed.

Sharon was a loving mother and grandmother. Along with her family she loved her church and community. Her involvement in church included teaching Sunday school and singing in Chancel choir for over fifty years. She participated in the United Methodist Women, and Elizabeth Circle. In the community she volunteered with the Goshen Girls 4-H club, local Hospice board. Farm Bureau, state and local boards for Pork Producers and was a founding member of the Mistletoe Ball.

Max and Sharon were proud to be a part of this community and believed in giving back.



CLARENCE & MELBA JEAN (ROSZMAN) HENSEL

Clarence and Melba Jean were both born in 1930 and grew up on farms in the vicinity of Marseilles, Ohio. They became high school sweethearts at Marseilles High School with a class of 12 students, where Clarence played basketball and Melba Jean was a cheerleader. They were married on March 30, 1952, at Melba Jean's parents' home. They bought their lifelong farm in southwestern Wyandot County and started their family which included four children: Teresa (Dan) Harris, Jeryl (Scott) Kissling, Bonita (Doug) Cochran, and Rodney (Linda) Hensel. Clarence farmed and went to work at the local stone quarry, Tri-County Limestone. Together they founded Hensel Ready Mix in 1963, which is still in operation today. Clarence and Melba Jean worked side by side in the daily operations for thirty years. Clarence and Melba Jean were very active and held numerous offices in the Order of the Eastern Star, Loyal Order of Masons, Wyandot County Council of Aging Board, Farm Bureau, Grange and lifelong members of the Marseilles United Methodist Church. They loved their family, especially their eleven grandchildren and many great grandchildren, following their school music and sporting events. Clarence became known for his homemade ice cream which he shared at many family gatherings and social events. Clarence and Melba Jean passed on November 22, 2019 after being involved in an automobile accident. They are missed by their family and all who knew them. Clarence and Melba Jean were the generous donors that allowed the Foundation to purchase their permanent office space on East Franklin St. in Kenton and also have a grant fund established in their name.



OREN & MARY ALBERTA HOGAN

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP

Oren J. Hogan was born in 1902 and served 16 years with the U.S. Marine Corp. At the age of 18, he served with the Mounted Marine Detachment in Peking, China. He also served 5 years as a guard Lieutenant for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. In 1928, he married Mary Alberta Hogan who was from Hardin County. From 1946 until 1972, Oren served as the Hardin County Veterans Service Officer. Oren also served his local community by being President of Kenton City Council from 1950 to 1951 and was one of the founders of Veterans Memorial Park. He was an active member of Post 198 of the American Legion Post 3333 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lodge 157 of the Elks.



Mary Alberta Hogan graduated from Kenton High School in 1924 and from The Ohio State University in 1929. Mary also attended Miami-Jacobs Business College. From 1933 until 1974 Mary was the owner/operator of M.A. Hogan Elevator in Grant. Mary was active in the community by being involved in the local PTA, the Northwest District of Ohio PTA as the Director and was a life member of the Ohio Congress of PTA. In her spare time Mary was also active by being local President of the Tuberculosis Association and serving in the auxiliary of both the American Legion and VFW Posts of which her husband was a member.

Together the Hogans made Hardin County a better place to live and their generosity after their deaths help make the lives of current students brighter.



ALBERT & JUNE HORN

Albert H. Horn, Jr. was born October 3, 1922 in Huron County, Norwalk Ohio, to Albert H. Horn, Sr. and Ruth (Limbird) Horn. He graduated from the Tiffin Columbian High School and Tiffin University. He served with the United States Navy in the South Pacific and China during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. Upon his return to the United States, Albert became an agent with the Internal Revenue Service with offices in Toledo and Lima and then moved to Kenton to establish the IRS office in 1951.

While residing in Kenton, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge #154, the Order of the Eastern Star Latham Chapter #364, the Kenton Elks #157, served as president of the Kenton Jaycees 1964-1965. He was also a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ serving as president of their Council in 1957.

In 1957, he married June Castor, daughter of W. Murray and Dorothy (Patterson) Castor. June was born in Kenton, Ohio and was a graduate of Kenton High School and the Lima Memorial School of Nursing. She was surgery supervisor at Lima Memorial Hospital before returning to Kenton where she was employed by the Kenton Physicians Group for several years. While in Kenton she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Latham Chapter #364, Minerva Club, Kenton Music Club, and the Methodist Church chancel choir.

In 1966, Albert was transferred and the couple moved to Bryan, Ohio in May of 1967. Albert was a member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Bryan Rotary Club serving as its president 1983-1984. He served on the Board of the Community Hospitals of Williams County since 1972, a member of Zenobia Temple of Toledo and Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Toledo. Albert served on the search committee to acquire and organize a YWCA in the City of Bryan and was instrumental in establishing the Bryan Area Foundation in 1969 and served as a trustee and treasurer for that group for 19 years. June was a member of the Association for Recognizing Talented Students for the Bryan High School. She also was a member of the Bryan Fortnightly Study Club and a life member of the Community Hospitals of Williams County Auxiliary. They both were members of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Bryan, where they were active in the life of the Church.

In 1983, Albert Horn retired from the IRS and opened a private practice as a tax consultant with offices in Bryan, Ohio. Albert and June were the parents of one daughter, Jennifer, who resides in Dublin, Ohio.

THOMAS G. & HELEN (STEINER) JESTER CONSERVATION MEMORIAL

Designated for flowers, shrubs and trees in our public parks and recreation areas.

Thomas and Helen Jester were born and raised in Hardin County. Thomas was first a farmer and then turned to the landscape business where he spent almost 50 years. Helen was a homemaker and very interested in flowers and was a long time member of the Kenton Garden Club. She was also active in D.A.R. and both were lifelong members of the First United Methodist Church.



JOHN & RUBY JESTER

John F. Jester was born and raised in Hardin County, graduating from Kenton High School. For over forty years, John was a designer, manufacturer and distributor of commercial Christmas decorations. He served on the Kenton City Board of Education and also served many years as a director of the Home Savings and Loan Company. He was a veteran of World War II. He held memberships in the Masonic Lodge, Kenton Elks Lodge #157, Chamber of Commerce and supported many civic projects including the beautification of downtown Kenton. He was a member of the advisory council of the Hardin County Juvenile Court. He received the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1988. John served as President of the Foundation from 1991-2007.

Ruby A. Jester was born in Kenton and graduated from Kenton High School. After graduation she was a secretary at Frigidaire Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. From 1949 to 1962, she was a secretary for "Alaskan Artist," Fred Machetanz and his wife, Sara, the author of children's books. In 1965, she was employed in the medical records department at Hardin Memorial Hospital and retired in 1978. She was an active member of PTO and an active member of Beta Child Conservation League. She was also a volunteer at the Hardin County Historical Museums. Being long time members of St. Johns United Church of Christ, they have been involved in various areas of Church life.



JERRY D. JESTER SCHOLARSHIP 1939 - 1966

Jerry was born and raised in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School where he was a member of the track team. Jerry graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1961 with a B.A. Degree in Geology. After a year he enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to the Operations Section as a Cartographic Officer with the Alaskan Air Command in Anchorage, Alaska. Cancer cut his career short in 1966.



TERRY KEISER TREE FUND

Terry Keiser came to Ada as a student in the early 1960s from Canton Ohio. After graduating in biology, he went to graduate school. He returned to Ada as a part-time instructor and law student. In 1967, he started teaching full time and rose from the rank of instructor to full professor and professor emeritus over the years, chairing the Department of Biological Sciences for 25 years. He joined the ONU President's Office as the Director of Sustainability involving many tasks including the establishment of the 16 acre solar field. Service included 6 terms as a member on the ONU Board of Trustees. He was a member of the village council for 23 years, a founder of the Ada Tee Commission, chairman of the Ada doctors committee, an appointee of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, Ada CIC, a longtime member of the Ada Liberty EMS trustees, director

emeritus of Liberty National Bank, a member of the Hardin County Board of Health, the Elks, Kiwanis, the Dunkirk Masonic Lodge. He is a life member of the ONU Lehr Society. In 2009 Terry was honored as Ada's Distinguished Citizen.

Professionally he served as president of the Ohio Academy of Science, identified as an Ohio STEM EXEMPLAR, chairperson of the Ohio Biological Survey, national offices in the American Fisheries Society, 2017 recipient of the Herbert Osborne Award for his contributions to Ohio's natural history.

His contribution to the Hardin County Community Foundation is designated to provide monies to the Village of Ada for trimming trees in the community. He continues to serve Ada as the village Forester. Terry and his wife Chris continue to live in Ada.



KEITH & LAURA KINNEAR

Keith Kinnear was born in 1945 in Kenton, Ohio. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1963 and received a degree in business administration from Ohio University in 1967. He married Laura Tighe of Ada, Ohio. Laura earned a degree from Ohio University and served the schools of Hardin County as a speech-language pathologist throughout her career. They had two sons, Jason and Andrew.

Keith was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, earning his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator in 1970. Flying, either for business or personal reasons, would prove to be a lifelong passion.

As a business professional, Keith spent much of his career in the manufacturing industry. He enjoyed extended periods with several local businesses including Imperial Cup Corporation and InnoPlas Corporation. Building and growing businesses through the development of people was always a focus. He valued listening, asking the right questions and being available whenever needed. His dedication to Hardin County stemmed from a sense of community with its residents. Though several assignments caused him to move from the area, he always made his way back to Kenton...a place he loved to call "home". Keith was committed to serving his community. He was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Lodge #157. Throughout his lifetime, he served on a number of boards, among these were Liberty National Bank, the Hardin County YMCA, the Hardin County Airport Authority and the Hardin County Board of MRDD. Keith became a Community Foundation Board Trustee in 2007. At the time of his death in 2014, friends and family honored his service by providing this memorial fund to the organization.



KIRK & HELEN KIRKLAND

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL FOR RECREATON

Clyde W. "Kirk" Kirkland was born March 5, 1916, in Bellaire, Ohio, to Dr. C. Wallace Kirkland and Ona Jebb Kirkland. Raised in Bellaire, he was a 1940 graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a lieutenant colonel in Army ordnance during World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy, and he received a Bronze Star. He worked for the Ohio Power Company for 38 years, and retired in 1978. He was a member of Elks Lodge 157, and of the Rotary Club, and he received the Paul Harris Award.

Helen Johnson Kirkland was born February 1, 1916, in Fromberg, Montana, to Van Elbert Johnson and Helen May Linn Johnson. Raised in California, she graduated from the nursing program at French Hospital in San Francisco in 1937. She received her flight nurse training at Bowman Field, Kentucky, in 1944 and served with the 813th Air Vac U.S. Army Air Corps as a 1st Lt. flight nurse during World War II.

Kirk and Helen met at Williams Field, Arizona, in 1942, and they were married in 1945. They enjoyed traveling, and made extensive trips together throughout the United States. Later, they visited their children from Central America to Nepal. Their favorite sport throughout life was golf, and they enjoyed playing on many courses around the United States, and were active in local golf associations.

HELEN KURT

Helen Eleanor Kurt was born September 1, 1912 to parents living on a farm in Pleasant Township. She attended Dunkirk schools until her parents built a home in Kenton. She then attended Kenton Grammar School and graduated in 1930 from Kenton High School where she was an honor student. After graduation, Helen enrolled at Findlay College where she completed the secretarial course of study in 1931.

After college, Helen worked at Champion Equipment Co., later known as Philips & Davies Co. She retired in 1939 due to health problems.

She was a lifelong, faithful member of St. Johns United Church of Christ, being baptized there in 1914.

Helen was known as the lady who drove a 1951 Packard automobile into the late 1990s. She remembered a number of charitable organizations in her will.





CATHERINE LENS

1888 - 1976

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Catherine Lens taught in the Kenton City Schools for many years. She taught Latin and French and established the first French Club at Kenton High School in 1923. Catherine was a graduate of Miami University and studied special courses at The Ohio State University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. Catherine's scholarship trust was established to help students achieve the ideal that higher education was something to strive for in life, a principle that she held dear to her heart.

MAXINE AND JOHN F. LICHTY

DESIGNATED TO HARDIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

John (Pete) Lichty was born in Bucyrus, Ohio on October 31, 1917 but spent most of his life in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School and The Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned home to continue his father's insurance work until 1986. Pete was very active in his community despite contracting polio and subsequent paralysis in 1952. He was president of the little league baseball, a life member and past secretary of the Kenton Elks 157, a former secretary and life member of Ridgeway VFW, a member of the American Legion Post 198, and a 50 year member of Latham Lodge and the Scioto Chapter. He also served as a member of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for 12 years, was a former secretary and member of the Kenton Chamber of Commerce, and a member of St. John's United Church of Christ.



Maxine Lichty was born in Goshen Township on July 16, 1921. She graduated from Kenton Senior High School and Bliss College. In 1942, she married Pete Lichty and raised three children, John Peter, Patricia, and Cynthia. Maxine was also very active in the community. She was a member and former president of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Guild. Maxine also volunteered at the hospital for many years. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Minerva Club, the Elks Ladies Bridge Club, and the Memorial County Bridge Club.



CARL R. LOTZ

1927-2003

Carl R. Lotz was born August 24, 1927 in Hardin County to Henry and Mary (Willeke) Lotz. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1946. He was married to Kathryn Young who passed away September 1988. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Latham Masonic Lodge No 154 and a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of the Hardin County Shrine Club, Kenton Lions Club, Kenton Elks Lodge No 157, Hardin County Farm Bureau and Kenton Moose Lodge No 428.

Carl was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a farmer and Pleasant Township Trustee. He represented Pleasant Township on the BKP Board of Trustees and Grove Cemetery Board.

JAMES MCVITTY

James was born on May 14, 1930 in Mt. Blanchard to the late Carroll and Helen (Nesbaum) McVitty.

James was a 1948 graduate of Forest High School. He was a prominent life-long farmer and a devoted lifetime member of the Forest United Methodist Church where he served in many leadership roles and played on the church dart ball league.

James was very active throughout his life within the community having served on leadership boards and committees such as The Gideons International, Farm Bureau and was a 50 year 4-H adviser. He was a Director Emeritus of Community First Bank, Grand Lodge 50 year Mason where he received the Community Service Award and a Jackson Township Trustee for several terms.

For hobbies he enjoyed truck rides around his farm land, woodworking, fishing with his nieces and nephews and listening to music.

He married Peggy Baldwin on May 21, 1994, and she preceded him in death on March. 16, 2002, he then married JoAnn Vermillion on October 15, 2005, and she preceded him in death on January 8th, 2019.



DeWAYNE "BUD" RAMGE & VIRGINIA "JANE" RAMGE

DeWayne Ramge was born and raised on a farm in Goshen Township, Hardin County, and remained on the family farm until he retired. He met his wife, Jane Buchenroth of Bellefontaine, and they worked together to be successful in farming while raising four sons, two who have followed in their father's footsteps. Bud and Jane were lifetime members of Goshen Grange and very active and supportive of the St. John's United Church of Christ as well as other community organizations. Bud was a member of the Hardin Central School Board and also served on the Kenton City School Board. He was a director of the Kenton Savings Bank and, later, a long-time Board member of the Home Savings and Loan Company of Kenton.





ROBERT G. REED, JR.

Bob was born in Kenton, Ohio on September 21, 1936, and was reared on a farm in the Belle Center area. He graduated from Belle Center High School in 1954, where he was Valedictorian of his class. He attended The Ohio State University and received his bachelors degree in 1958. He then graduated from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1960. After graduating from law school, Bob entered the U.S. Army in 1961 where he served as a Captain and Legal Officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Upon completion of a three year active duty tour, Bob returned to his home in the Hardin County area in 1964 to engage in the practice of law, and spent the next fifty years actively engaged in that pursuit. During his time of practice, he practiced law from time to time with Mark Hanna, with whom he was associated with for many years. At various other times his legal career also associated with Attorneys Michael Bernard, James

Ansley, and John Neville. Bob Reed was respected and held in high regard by his peers, and by the members of his community. Bob Reed was quiet in demeanor, and had the reputation of being an intelligent, dignified, honest, and courteous lawyer and citizen. Bob also served his community in a quiet and very generous manner. His good deeds to the community were always done without fanfare or undue publicity. He was a faithful member of the Belle Center Presbyterian Church and Lawrence Valley Grange. Bob was a long time member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mary Lou Johnson-Hardin District Library. Bob was especially generous in his financial support of the Hardin County Community Foundation, the Hardin County Genealogical Society, the Hardin County Humane Society, and the Mary Lou Johnson Library. Bob is survived by two brothers, John E. Reed and Joseph M. Reed, and a sister, Jane M. Lay. His family can be very proud of Bob for his long and respected legal career, for the service that he gave to his country and to his community. Bob was truly a good person, and his family, the legal profession, and the community in which he resided were fortunate to have known his presence. He will be greatly missed and remembered by all.

ISABELLE REXIN

1907-2004

Isabelle Rexin was born July 12, 1907 in Hardin County to Howard and Della (Burdett) Huey. On August 28, 1933 she married Henry R. Rexin, who proceeded her in death February 1979. The Rexin's had a daughter, Mary Lou Knapp.

The Rexin's owned and operated Rexin's Furniture and Appliances in Kenton. Isabelle was a 1925 graduate of Kenton High School. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ and served on the Women's Guild and Naomi Circle at the church. She also was a member of the Culture Club and Alpha Honor Circle.



NED RICHARDS

1914 - 1996

Ned Richards was a lifelong resident of Kenton. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1932 and worked at the F.W. Woolworth store. He then owned and operated the "Corn Crib" at the corner of Detroit and Franklin Streets for many years before joining R.E. Allen Wholesale as a manager for over 25 years.

E. STUART & WINIFRED ROGERS

DESIGNATED TO YMCA

E. Stuart Rogers was born in Wood County and moved to Kenton with his parents at an early age. Graduating from Kenton High School, he entered the insurance business with his father at Rogers Nationwide Insurance. He retired after 33 years. Stuart was quite involved with the Kenton community in many areas. He was a member of the Airport Authority to help acquire an airport for Kenton and was its first manager. He was a past president of the board that helped establish the Community Improvement Corporation, Hardin County Genealogical Society and Farm Bureau Council. He was county commissioner from 1980-1984, past president of the Kenton Chamber of Commerce, director of the Hardin County Auto Club, and former president of the Ohio Northern Parents Association. Stuart received the 1981 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.



Winifred Rogers graduated from the Riverside School of Nursing of Toledo and was dedicated to helping in the development of health services for the Hardin County community. A former president of the Hardin Memorial Hospital and Riverside Methodist Hospital, and was instrumental in the leasing of the Sullivan-Johnson Museum to the county. She was a member of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Guild, Hardin Home Health board of directors, Kenton Music Club, St. John's United Church of Christ, Kenton Garden Club, Latham Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Hardin County Farm Bureau Council and a charter member of the Sullivan-Johnson Museum. She was the 1987 recipient of the community service award from the Kenton Chamber of Commerce.

THE RUSHSYLVANIA ROUGH RIDERS

The Rushsylvania Rough Riders began in the 1950s as a family friendly horse club that held horse shows in the Logan County Area. In 1962 the club purchased land outside of Rushsylvania and continued to have horse shows with various classes that could be entered by anyone interested in showing their horse. As the years passed and the horse industry began to specialize, the club began to produce only timed event shows.

The Rushsylvania Rough Riders have always felt it was important to support the youth in the area. It is with this mindset that the club decided to give two scholarships each year to Ridgemont and Benjamin Logan Schools.

HELEN A. SLACK



Helen Ann Hanawalt Slack was born 1920 in Kenton to George and Ceclia Hanawalt. After graduating high school in Kenton she moved to Columbus to join her sisters and worked for many years at the U.S. Dept of Defense Construction Supply Center. After Helen's first husband passed away she moved to Florida. When Helen was again widowed she returned to Kenton in 1989. Helen enjoyed playing bridge and golf with her friends and was an avid Notre Dame football fan. She was also an active and supportive member of Immaculate Conception Church. She read widely and followed current events closely and enjoyed talking politics. Helen spent much of her time in later years looking after her elder sisters who also returned to Kenton upon their retirement. Helen passed away at the age of 94 in August 2014 and is buried in Kenton.

BERNARD & OPAL SPONSER

Bernard Sponsler was born May 28, 1916 in Taylor Creek Township. He graduated from Belle Center High School in 1934. He married Opal Kurt, who was born May 27, 1916 in Blanchard Township. She graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1934. They were married May 9, 1942 and lived in Taylor Creek Township. Bernard and Opal were both very active in their Church teaching Sunday school classes and holding many offices. They were active in the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. She was a Past Matron and he was a Past Patron and Past Master and a 32 degree Mason. He was a Charter and active member of the Kenton Kiwanis Club serving as Lt. Governor of Division II in 1975. Bernard served on the Ridgeway and Ridgemont Boards of Education for 12 years.

He served as Hardin County Commissioner from 1976-1984. During his tenure the Simon Kenton School and Harco Industries became a reality, the County Museum was opened, the fairgrounds expanded, and the Hardin County Council on Aging was formed and the center built.

Together they farmed, raised sheep and horses, and collected antique Minneapolis Moline tractors. It was in this shared life they believed that by their tending of the soil, their work in the Church and Community they would hopefully leave the world a better place for those who follow.



RUSSELL SCHWEMER & WILLIS SCHWEMER

Willis Schwemer, born May 6, 1906 and Russell Schwemer, born October 26, 1907, were sons of Charles Schwemer and Elizabeth (Kroft) Schwemer, who were Cessna Township, Hardin County, Ohio farmers for many years. One brother, Clement, predeceased Willis and Russell.

Willis Schwemer continued to farm in Cessna Township until his death on April 6, 1986.

Russell Schwemer worked at Swift-Ohio for over 40 years.



BETTY & DAVID SCHWEMER

Betty Schwemer was born near Delphos, Ohio in 1947, the daughter of Leroy and Caroline Klaus. She had two brothers Ronald and Larry and a sister Nancy. Betty graduated from St. John's High School in Delphos and then as a Registered Nurse from the St. Rita's School of Nursing and worked at St. Rita's Hospital for approximately four years until her marriage to David on September 11, 1971. Thereafter Betty worked as an RN at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton for a few years until the birth of the two children of Betty and David, sons Mark B. Schwemer and John A. Schwemer. Betty remained at home to raise the children but later in life worked as a nurse at the Hardin County Council on Aging in Kenton. While in Kenton she was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church. Betty was a "friend" to everyone she knew, and her friends and family made possible this

Memorial after her death on July 6, 2022.

David Schwemer was born in Kenton, Ohio in 1945, the son of Carter Schwemer and Helen Schwemer. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1963, from Bowling Green State University in 1967 and from Ohio Northern University Law School in 1970. David followed his father into practice of law in Kenton and therein has served the Community in general practice for over 50 years. He also served as a Magistrate in Municipal Court and as a law director for the City of Kenton. He is a member of the Kenton Elks, Moose and Eagles and has served many years as a director at Home Savings and Loan Company. He was also an original trustee of the Hardin County Community Foundation and has served on its Board for many years. He is very proud of the growth of the foundation since its beginning.





GEORGE & PATRICIA SMITH

George F. Smith was the youngest of nine children born in Hardin County to Floyd L. and Annabelle (Hites) Smith. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1952. George had very fond memories of classmates, playing Wildcat football, hanging with friends at the Teen Canteen, and pitching for summer fast-pitch teams in the area. A few months after graduation George received his "Greetings" letter from the government and off he went to the Korean War. He served eighteen months in Korea where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Upon return from overseas duty he was transferred to the Ohio National Guard where he served for eight years and achieved the rank of Sergeant. In 1962, he joined the Kenton City Police Department where he remained for the next 16.5 years. In his later

years with Kenton Police Department he was assigned, along with other policing duties, to Kenton's downtown square where he wrote parking meter citations and managed/repaired the city's parking meters. He enjoyed getting to know people and tease with them. Folks affectionately referred to him as "Meter Maid" or sometimes "Barney Fife". Always the jokester, George enjoyed the teasing but no one was immune to the dreaded parking ticket. There is a family tale that the ground actually shook the day Officer George wrote a parking ticket to his own mother!

In 1978 George became part of the Hardin County Sheriff's Office where he performed the duties of Deputy Sheriff. A year later he was required to resign his position to allow him to run for the office of Hardin County Sheriff. He campaigned throughout the County and worked at K-Mart part-time running a floor polishing machine. George's campaign was successful, as the top vote-getter, and he was sworn in as the Hardin County Sheriff in January 1981. A few days after taking in his new responsibilities K-Mart called the Sheriff's Office. They asked if George could come and show them how to work the floor polishing machine and, always willing to help his community,...he did!!!

George served five terms as Hardin County Sheriff. He honored his campaign promises and established the Office's Canine Unit, created a Detective Bureau, and made meaningful strides against the use and sale of illegal drugs in Hardin County. George took his job very seriously and, as always, lived the Law Enforcement motto of "Protect and Serve". He particularly enjoyed mentoring young officers, three of whom went on to be elected County Sheriffs in both Hardin and Union Counties. George was a lifetime member of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and the National Sheriff's Association. In 1994 he was awarded the BSSA Medal of Honor, the NSA Medal of Valor, and received the Law Enforcement Citation from the Order of the Purple Heart for being wounded in the line of duty. Sheriff George often warmly referred to the Hardin County residents as "his people", folks who would come and go in his life and he remembered them all. He had an innate ability to make everyone feel at ease. His door was never closed to anyone and he treated them all the same. Whether it was his smile that lit up a room, or his humor and stories, you couldn't deny his presence. Simply put Sheriff George touched lives and felt privileged for the opportunity to do so. Upon his retirement in 2001 George established Wilson Personalized Footballs, a vendor sales business where he sold customized Wilson footballs mostly for high school teams and federal agencies gift shops.

George passed away in February 2022 from complications of COVID.

Patricia Lee (St. Clair) Smith was born and raised in Sandusky County, Ohio the eldest daughter of five children. She graduated from Clyde High School in 1966 and found her way to Ohio Northern University for her college education. Pat explored several areas of study before finding her niche in a Social Work major with a minor in Psychology. In 1970 Pat graduated from Ohio Northern with a BA in Social Work. She later became a Licensed Social Worker and was initiated into the Phi Alpha Social Work Honorary at Ohio Northern. Upon her graduation from ONU Pat accepted a position in the Children's Services Unit at the Hardin County Welfare Department where she completed her senior year internship. In 1982 she was named the Supervisor of the agency's Children's Service Unit. Pat left the agency in 1986 to accept a Social Services Administrator position with the Ohio Department of Human Services. Here she was responsible for monitoring the compliance of eight County Children's Services programs in Northwest Ohio. In addition she trained County Staff members on Ohio Administrative Code rules and best social work practice. Pat returned to Hardin County in 1991 when she became the Supported Living Coordinator and later the Case Manager for the Hardin County Board of MRDD. There she provided service coordination and advocacy to both disabled children and adults. Pat retired from public service in 2002 when she partnered with George as co-owner and operator of Wilson Personalized Footballs. Pat continues to live in Kenton and remains active in her community.

George and Pat married in 1973. They believe strongly in Hardin County and its many organizations which reach out to friends and neighbors. Their Memorial Fund was created to support the efforts to meet Hardin County needs. The Smith extended family includes the pride and treasures of their lives, Karin Sue and husband Rod; Kevin L. and wife Sarah; Keith Randall; Kimberly Kay; grandson Jesse Ray and wife Emily; grandson Robert Cody and wife Alexa; and three great grandchildren, Kenton Jack, Millie Rae, and Kimber Marie. George and Pat loved each other deeply and appreciated the many blessings they were given but never lost sight of "giving back" to their community.



STERLING SISTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Mary M. born April 29, 1921 and Patty A. born July 22, 1936 to Guy and Ruth (Baum) Sterling, lived their entire lives on the family farm in Hardin County. Mary was a 1939 graduate of Belle Center High School. She had hoped to be a nurse but due to a farm accident, her plans changed. She became a hospital clerical secretary at San Antonio, Hardin Memorial Hospital and retired from St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima. After retirement she served on the board of the Hardin County Red Cross and the Hardin County Bloodmobile.

Patty was a 1955 graduate of Belle Center High School. She earned a Licensed Practical Nursing Degree in 1958 and was proud to be in the first class of the Lima School of Practical Nursing.

After working at San Antonio and Hardin Memorial Hospital, she found her calling working with Dr. Jay Pfeiffer in Kenton for nearly 25 years. Mary and Patty were 7th degree members of Lawrence Valley Grange, the Hardin Memorial Hospital Guild, the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Moonlighters Hardin County Homemakers Club and the Fides Chapter of Kings Daughters of Belle Center. They both spent many years enjoying and volunteering at the Hardin County Fair as grange members and members of the Hardin County Homemakers. The Mary M. and Patricia A. Sterling Scholarship fund was established in 2022 and its purpose is to provide scholarship funds for the benefit of any student residing in Hardin County who is affiliated with Jr. Grange, 4-H, FFA, or any similar entity.

THE KENTON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CARDIAC TESTING FUND

The Kenton Athletic Boosters Cardiac Testing Fund was established in 2024 and was a project co-chaired by Sandy Lange-Pruden and Sarah Wirbel. Funds were raised from area families and businesses to benefit students that are involved in strenuous activities such as athletics, band, show choir, JROTC, etc. These funds will help the Boosters group offset expenses related to cardiac testing of students by creating a baseline screening result and or identifying possible medical issues that can be addressed before something tragic happens to a young person.

RAY & MARY (HARRIS) THOMPSON

Ray Thompson(4-22-1919 to 1-30-2004) and Mary Harris Thompson (3-9-1920 to 11-13- 2002). Ray married Mary Harris in 1941. Both were born and lived their lives in Kenton, OH where they raised their family.

Ray graduated from KHS; attended Ohio State on a football scholarship; served in the US Army in WWII and fought in the European Theater. After VE day, his unit was sent to the Pacific as part of the force scheduled to invade Japan.

Ray served the Kenton City government over five different decades. His public service started in 1954 when he was appointed as First Ward Councilman and then won 2 subsequent elections leaving office in 1959. He returned as Council President for 3 -two year terms beginning in 1964. In 1975, he was appointed as At-Large Councilman and was elected for 2 more terms. He was elected as Mayor for 2 terms from 1984 – 1991. During the 1960s, his tenure included building a new water treatment plant and in the 1980s a new fire station and municipal building. In

1975, Ray was instrumental in starting the Kenton Rescue Squad (now known as BKP) and was one of the first to take the 400 hour medical training course to provide help on emergency runs.

Ray worked as a jeweler and watch repairman at Kraus Jewelers and retired from Rockwell International in Kenton. Ray was very active in Kenton and Hardin County politics plus many civic and charitable organizations including Masonic Temple, Elks, and VFW.

Mary, as a housewife, loved to sew, crochet/handcrafts, and bake. She prepared and delivered meals to elderly in their neighborhood and supported Ray in his various community duties and civic activities. She was employed and retired from the Kenton Times.

They were members of the Epworth Methodist Church. Their work in the Church and the community was important to both of them as they always tried to improve life in Kenton.

Ray and Mary had 3 children, Sharae T. Bell (born in 1943), Connie T. Fruehan(born in 1947), and Ray Jr (Sept 1956 to Oct 1979).

Ray is a direct lineal descendent of James A. Thompson, a Patriot of the American Revolution. From 1700, each of his male ancestors served in the US military. Ray and Mary's daughters, Sharae T. Bell and Connie T. Fruehan are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 2018, the Alan and Connie (Thompson) Fruehan Endowment was established in memory of her parents to support Kenton and Hardin County civic organizations most meaningful to Ray and Mary in such amounts as the Foundation Trustees determine.





OKEY AND ETHEL VANDYNE

DESIGNATED TO COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Okey VanDyne was born in Jamestown, Ohio, on April 12, 1904. Following graduation from Jamestown High School he attended Cedarville College for two years. He then moved to Ada for the purpose of attending the Warren G. Harding College of Law at Ohio Northern University. He was a barber by trade and financed his own way through law school by working at his trade in the local barber shops in Ada. While attending law school, he met and later married Ethel Preston who was born November 12, 1907, on a farm in Marion Township in Hardin County. Following graduation and admission



to the Bar in 1931, Okey practiced law in Hardin County until his death in 1959. His son, Charles, joined him in the practice of law in 1956. Ethel VanDyne graduated from McGuffey High School and served as a legal secretary for both her husband and her son for a period of time in excess of fifty years. In addition to her secretarial skills, Ethel was well known for the excellent food dishes which she enjoyed preparing and sharing with friends. Ethel died on October 9, 2001.

THE STAMBAUGH FAMILY MEMORIAL

DESIGNATED TO YMCA

JOHN B. STAMBAUGH 1856 - 1942

John B. Stambaugh arrived in Hardin County in 1888 and after many difficult years won the struggle to establish a successful farm on the Scioto Marsh. He later became a Hardin County Commissioner, then State Representative for the area as well as the chairman of the building committee to erect the County Courthouse.

JENNINGS M. STAMBAUGH 1896 - 1982

Jennings, after serving in WWI, returned to Hardin County to manage the Stambaugh Farms. Unlike his father, Jennings shunned the political spotlight. His family and the farm were his loves, while he quietly supported many local projects and people.

Both his sons elected to return to Hardin County after serving several years overseas in WWII.

JOHN J. STAMBAUGH 1919 - 1988

John, a graduate of Ohio University, managed the Stambaugh Farms from then until his death. He was a "man of the land" and it was with great pride and joy that he was able to enlarge and modernize. A loving family man, he demanded anonymity for the many charities he supported.

RICHARD E. (DICK) STAMBAUGH 1920 -2010

Dick, a graduate of Pratte Institute in Interior Design, also came home to Hardin County. He established a furniture factory in an unneeded onion storage in McGuffey where he first made custom solid wood tables, then furniture systems tables specified by architects. His tables can be found in many public buildings throughout the United States. He is now retired.



DON W. AND BARBARA J. SPATH

DESIGNATED TO GRADUATES OF UPPER SCIOTO VALLEY

Don was born in Alger Hardin County in 1937. All younger years were spent in and around Foraker, McGuffey and Kenton. He graduated from McGuffey High School in 1955. In 1956 he married Barbara J. Glett of Jackson Center and moved to the Indian Lake area. In 1962, Don took control of Fire Safety Services, Inc. In 2002, he retired to spend time on the family farms in Logan and Shelby counties. Don passed away December 30, 2022.

Barbara was born in 1937 in Logan County and spent her younger years in and around Jackson Center. She graduated in 1955. Don and Barbara raised two sons, Steve and Scott. They also have three grandchildren.

RUTHANNA TOBEY

Ruthanna Tobey was a lifelong resident of Mt. Victory/Dudley Township where she was born June 11, 1926. Ruthanna was the daughter of Hattie (Shuster) and Charles Tobey. She was the youngest of 6 children. Her father was hoping that the sixth child would be a boy and at her birth, he declared "Well, she'll have to be my little Jake". Thus, she was known by her family and close friends as "Jake" her entire life. Her siblings were: sisters Major Mary I. Tobey (career Army nurse), E. Maxine Steinman (of Kenton), and Betty C. Tobey; her brothers, Charles H. Tobey and Lowell Shuster (a first cousin whose mother died shortly after childbirth and was raised by the Tobey's). The children were raised during the depression and Ruthanna said she had 2 dresses: one on a nail in the bedroom and one on her back. This no doubt led to her fondness as a working adult for clothes shopping for herself and others. When her sister, Mary, and both brothers left on a bus the same day to enter World War II she took up the slack to farm alongside her father.



Ruthanna lived most of her life in the village of Mt. Victory. Ruthanna could be seen around town wearing stylish work clothes-never pants for herself or female employees-or in a baseball cap and tattered clothing if she was in the midst of a project. She was a lady of contrasts who had a stern appearance, but a very soft heart.

As a high school student, she worked for the Mt. Victory Schools and the Mt. Victory State Bank. After graduation from Mt. Victory High School in 1944, Ms. Tobey was planning on attending Findlay College, having received a full scholarship. But as many of the "greatest generation" she remained in Mt. Victory caring for her ill mother and supporting her sister, Betty, who had polio as a child and required physical assistance. Ruthanna began her work life at the bank as a teller, advancing to assistant cashier and cashier before becoming President of the bank. She had many friends in the Amish community who banked with her. If children came into the bank, she always had a special sweet treat for them. She remained President of Mt. Victory State Bank until her retirement in 1995.

In 1975 Ruthanna was appointed by Governor James A. Rhodes to serve on the Ohio State Banking Board. She had the honor of being the first woman appointed to this position. During this same time, about a 20-year span, The Mt. Victory State Bank was operated by an all female team of employees.

Her sister E. Maxine Tobey Steinman lived in Kenton and Ruthanna spent much time with her nephews and nieces: Dr. Charles Steinman of Salisbury, NC, John Steinman of Kenton and Jane Steinman Kaufman of Philadelphia, PA as well as Charles R. Tobey of Battle Creek, MI and Kathy Shuster Pipkin of Ferndale, WA. She is survived by 12 great nephews and nieces and 18 great grand nephews and nieces.

Ruthanna always took pride in the Mt. Victory community and surrounding area and served as a trustee of the Hardin County Community Foundation. After 10 years of service, she retired as an Emeritus Trustee.

She enjoyed caring for her home throughout her life, with bounteous flowers overflowing the window boxes. It was her pride and joy; she found pleasure in decorating, landscaping, traveling the world, baking pies and collecting walnut period furniture. Her true joy was in her three generations of nephews and nieces. She passed away on December 21, 2019.



HOWARD (DECEASED) AND RUTH WATKINS

Howard N. Watkins Jr. was born and raised in Hardin County. He graduated from Kenton High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University. He spent six months in New Zealand as a foreign exchange student. He married Ruth Ramsey on April 26, 1959. They have three children, Brian, Mark and Alison Watkins Gill. Howard returned to Hardin County after college to be a part of the family farm. He served his country for 8 years in the Army Reserves. He was active in the community serving as a County Commissioner, Pleasant Township Trustee, The Kenton School Board, the First United Methodist Church, and Treasurer of the Memorial Park Golf Association. He was a director on the Board of Home Savings and Loan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University Lima, and served on the Board of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company. He was honored as Hardin County Citizen of the Year, selected to the Agriculture Hall of Fame, and was honored by the Hardin Memorial Park Golf Course Board.

Ruth was born in Logan County and graduated from Ridgeway High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from The Ohio State University and a Masters in Reading from Bowling Green State University. She spent 30 years teaching in Hardin County. Ruth is a founding member of University Club II, active with the First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth Circle, a member of Literary Club, and Hardin County Ambassadors. In retirement she has volunteered at Hardin Memorial Hospital and the Mazza Museum at the University of Findlay.

WILLIAM & MARY WENTZ

William was born in Hardin County to William Monroe Wentz and Edna Lark Brooks Wentz. His great grandfather Daniel Wentz came to Ohio from Germany in 1851. Great grandmother Christena in the 1850's also. Great, great grandparents Johann Ulrich Wagner & Anna Barbara Born and family came from Switzerland in 1850's also. The Brooks family tree goes back to mid 1700's in Virginia.

William served about 4 years in the U.S. Army in World War II. He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Ex P.O.W.'s and member of American Legion. After returning home he worked in construction. He & Mary were self-employed in construction contracting until retirement. They have 2 sons William Alan Wentz and James Ray Wentz. Mary was born in Hardin County to William Wells & Evaline Josephine Johnson Wells. She graduated from Kenton High School in 1941 and during the World War II years, worked at Wright Field, Dayton and Camp Atterbury Hospital, Indiana.

William & Mary were married in Indianapolis in May, 1944. After the War she worked as a Homemaker and Bookkeeper for their business, was active in Cub Scouts, Disabled American Veterans Aux. and PTA and Hospital Guild.



DR. RICHARD AND SUSAN ASHBA YOUNGPETERS

Richard (Dick) Youngpeters (1942-2012) attended Kenton Public Schools for 12 years where he was a member of the Wildcats football team, and graduated from Kenton High School in 1960. He received a BS from Otterbein University in 1964 and an MD from the University of Cincinnati. After completing his internship and residency in pediatrics with the US Navy, Dick established a pediatric practice in Cincinnati. He devoted his professional career to serving the health and medical needs of children, including those from impoverished neighborhoods.

Susan Ashba Youngpeters was born in 1943 and also attended Kenton Public Schools for 12 years, and married Dick in 1964. She supported Dick's pursuit of his career and served as an assistant in his Cincinnati office for many years. Dick and Susan had three children, Cheryl, Roger, and Christine. This memorial was established by Gretchen Ashba Curtis and her family.

Some Projects Throughout The Years



Some Projects Throughout The Years - Continued



WHAT ARE SOME GOOD REASONS FOR GIVING TO THE FOUNDATION?

1. The community where an individual has lived and prospered has a claim on a reasonable part of their substance. Without sound community life, there can be little real wealth for anyone.
2. A gift produces perpetual benefits, long after the giver is gone.
3. A gift shows concern and responsibility. Money carelessly given can become wasted, but a gift to the Foundation works with no time limit in sight.
4. A gift unites people. There are no distinctions based on the amount of the gift. All are united by a common bond of generosity and concern.
5. A gift will yield benefits for the child of tomorrow.
6. A memorial fund of \$10,000.00 or more, given by a person or group, can be designated to a particular objective. Several such memorial funds are now active in the Foundation.

ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Your attorney or tax advisor can help you here. The Foundation can also refer you to a qualified advisor. Proper handling can yield maximum tax benefits.

WHO MANAGES THE FOUNDATION?

The Trustees and members, a group of area citizens.

HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION ACCOUNT TO DONORS?

Through an annual report showing a balance sheet and disbursement of proceeds for the past 12 months. It is printed in the Kenton Times and Ada Herald and read over WKTN Radio. A full annual report is mailed to all members and is available on our website: www.hardinfoundation.org

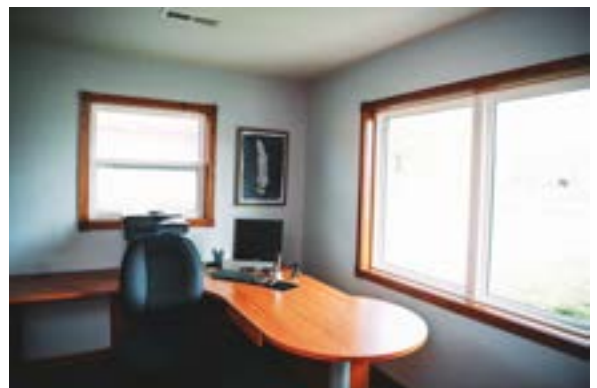
WHAT ASSETS CAN I GIVE?

Contributors have established charitable funds with the following:

- Cash
- Securities traded on major exchanges
- Closely held stock
- Real estate including residences or farm land
- Oil and gas leases
- Insurance policies
- Variations or combinations of the above

Foundation trustees will be glad to discuss proposed gifts with you. Those that cannot readily be converted to the financial benefit of charity or that carry unusual potential liability may not be accepted.

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