



Rooted in 4-H

Cousins Create an Endowment to Honor a Family Tradition



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Marshall County 4-Hers Share the Gift of Birthday Celebration

For families that rely on food banks or pantries, the special tradition of celebrating a birthday with cake may not be feasible. But thanks to a Youth Engaged Service (YES) Grant from the Indiana 4-H Foundation, many families in Marshall County will now have the supplies they need for a memorable birthday celebration.

Travis Barnhart, an eight-year 4-Her, wrote an application and received a YES Grant for \$1,000 to use for making Birthday Cake Boxes. He and his fellow Marshall County Junior Leaders shopped for supplies, assembled the boxes, and delivered them to six local food pantries and one neighborhood center.

Inside each box is a foil baking pan, a cake mix, pre-made frosting, a can of lemon-lime soda (to use as a substitute for eggs, oil, and water), and instructions on how to bake the cake, plus birthday candles, plates, and a special birthday card.



Marshall County Junior Leaders gather to assemble "Birthday Cake Boxes" for local residents in need.

The Junior Leaders share, "We are immensely grateful to the Indiana 4-H Foundation for making this initiative possible. Their unwavering support has allowed us to spread smiles and create lasting memories for those who need it most. Together, we are making a difference in our community!"



YES Grants sponsored by the **Nola Gentry Charitable Trust** and **Corteva Agriscience** support quality service projects organized, budgeted, and implemented by young people in Indiana. **This story is just one of many examples of YES Grants in Action.** See the full list of YES Grant projects at www.in4h.org/grants



Marshall County 4-H youth help assemble Birthday Cake Boxes.



Each box contains supplies for a birthday celebration.



Boxes are distributed at food pantries and a community center.

Morgan County Endowment Benefits 4-H Programs

Though Chris Parker was not a 4-H member in his youth, he is no stranger to the impact 4-H has on the local community.

For 31 years, Chris served as the Purdue Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator in Morgan County, supporting 4-H initiatives in a multitude of ways. From weighing livestock to organizing soil judging competitions to speaking at club meetings, he saw three generations of members benefit from 4-H programs.

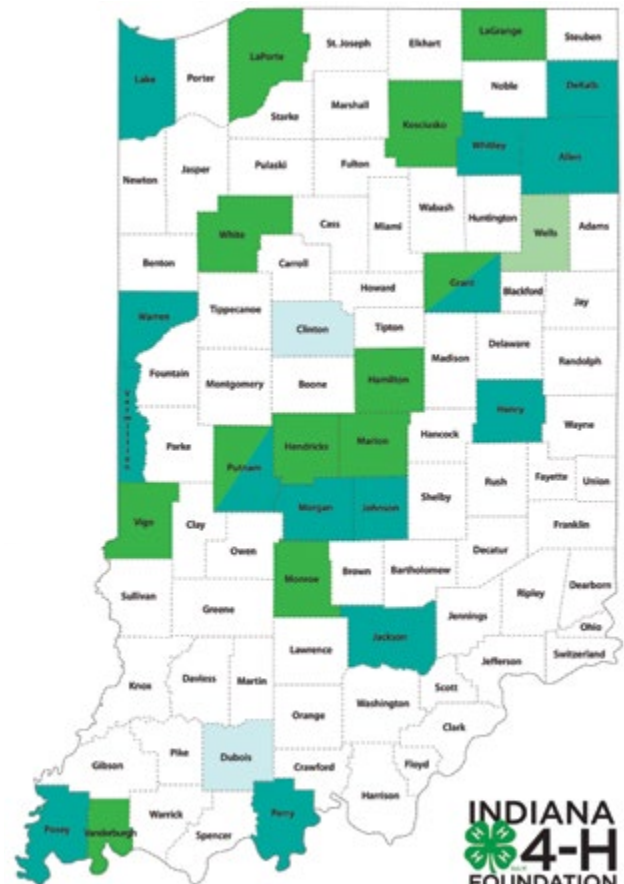
Earlier this year, Chris was inspired while reading about the newly established 4-H endowment for neighboring Putnam County. Having recently inherited a bond that will come due in August, Chris knew he wanted to use it to establish a similar endowment for Morgan County.

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Above: Chris Parker, founder of the Morgan County Endowment and retired educator

ENDOWMENTS BY COUNTY



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As a result of Chris’ generosity, all gifts made to the Morgan County Endowment will be matched up to \$10,000.

Chris retired from Purdue Extension in 2014 but continues to volunteer for 4-H programs. This past summer he took campers and their luggage to Camp Shakamak, something he has done for more than twenty years. He is excited that this generation of members, and those to come, will benefit from the income created by the endowment.

“It’s great that the County Educator will be able to do things they may not have been able to before,” Chris said, “whether it’s a paying for a field trip or starting a new program.”

To make a matching gift to the Morgan County Endowment, contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org.

A Hoosier Family Rooted in 4-H

Cousins from DeKalb County recently created an endowment to honor their family's love of 4-H — across four generations!

Earlier this year, six cousins from DeKalb County mourned the loss of their beloved grandmother Joan (Correll) Yarde.



Above: Joan and Jay Yarde on their wedding day in 1945 (all photos courtesy of the Bry-Washler-Yarde family)

the value they placed on family and community," shared Joan and Jay's grandson, Jay Bry.

And so, this June, Jay and his siblings John and Tricia Kirkpatrick (Bry), and their cousins Jeff, Jason and Josh Washler, collectively established the Yarde Memorial Endowment for DeKalb County 4-H.

"Given that our family 4-H roots now run four generations deep," Jay said, "supporting the 4-H program in DeKalb County in their memory was a natural fit."

The family 4-H legacy began in the 1930s when Jay and Joan were active members in their youth.

Joan, who the family describes as a "hard-working farm girl who was also very prim and proper," won



Joan (Correll) Yarde as a young girl

As they told stories and recalled fond memories of her, they discussed ways they could honor her, as well as their late grandfather Jay, and their mothers Connie (Bry) and Carole (Washler), who had passed years prior.

"We wanted to pay tribute to them in a way that was meaningful to our entire family, and also reflected the



Above: Jay and Joan Yarde; the Yarde family farm in DeKalb County, Indiana



several competitions in baking, clothing, and canning and often performed with her accordion.

She proudly served several leadership roles in her local club, the "Delights" of Keyser Township, and in 1944, was selected to attend 4-H Round-Up at Purdue University.

Jay showed cattle, was a member of the Corn Club, and later served as the Chairman of the Jackson Township 4-H Auction Committee as an adult.



Joan and Jay raised Connie and Carole on a farm in Jackson Township, DeKalb County. The girls were active in their clubs and were especially successful showing livestock. Later, they would both raise their families on family farms in DeKalb County.

The Bry and Washler cousins followed in their mothers' footsteps and were active in nearly every aspect of their local clubs, including serving as officers, junior leaders, and camp counselors and winning numerous awards showing livestock.

It was during this time that three generations bonded over the cousins' 4-H activities, with Jay and Joan supporting their grandchildren's 4-H activities by watching them show animals, supporting fundraisers, coming to exhibits and helping build parade floats.

"One of the fondest memories we have as a family is building elaborate floats for 4-H parades with our parents in Grandma and Grandpa Yarde's barn," shared Josh Washler. The floats often took top prize, the family recalled.

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In addition to fond memories, the cousins also share a great appreciation for the skills and values they gained from their time in 4-H.

“Our grandparents and parents modeled strong work ethics, commitment to family, and service to our community. Our participation in 4-H built upon those values, and I truly believe that foundation has played a big part in our success as individuals,” shared John Bry.

Today, Jeff Washler’s children represent the family’s fourth generation of 4-H membership in DeKalb County.

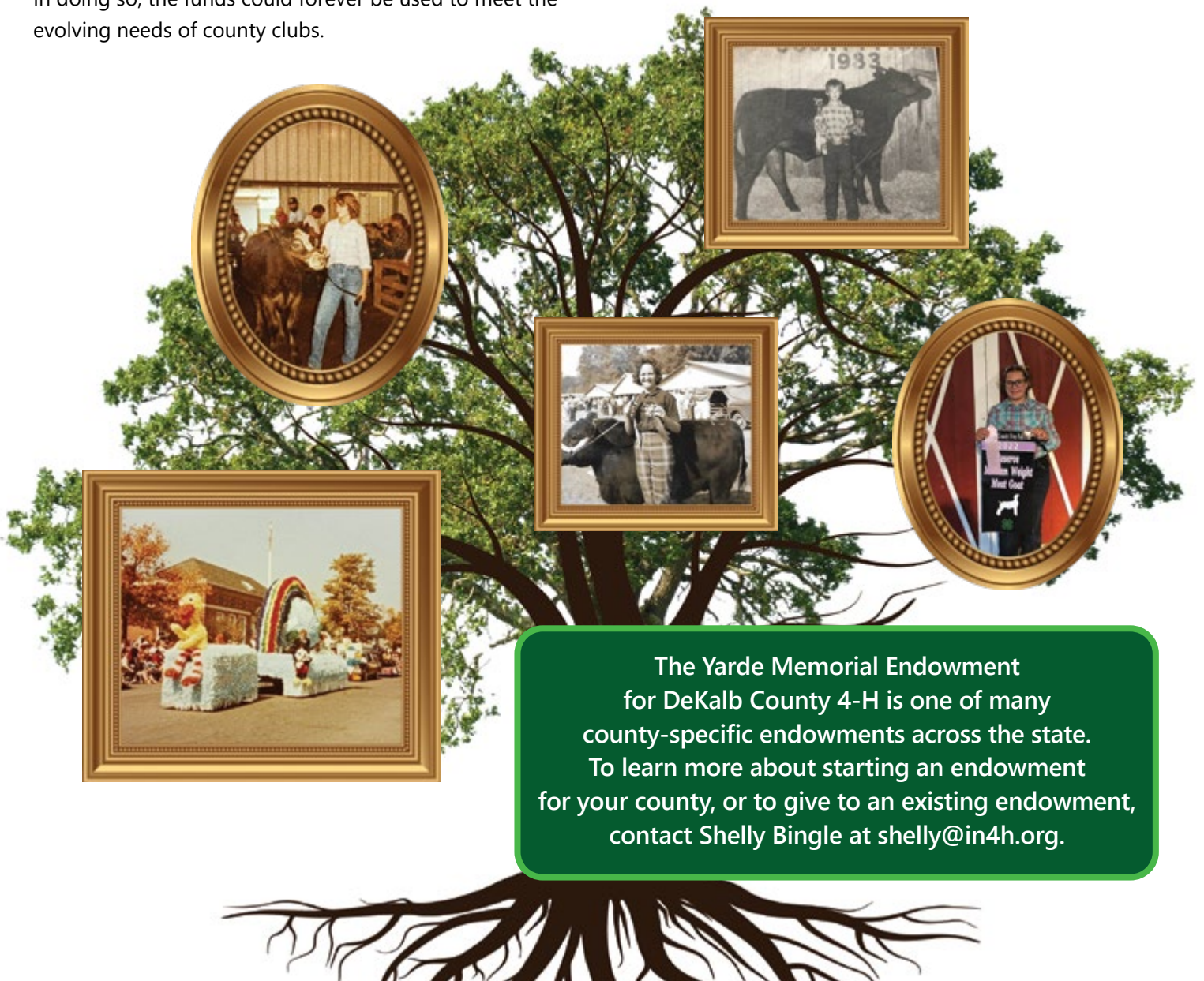
When the cousins established the endowment, they collectively chose that the income it generated should be used at the discretion of the county’s 4-H leadership. In doing so, the funds could forever be used to meet the evolving needs of county clubs.

“This gift is going to impact the youth of DeKalb County 4-H for many years to come,” said Effie Campbell, DeKalb County Extension Educator. “We are incredibly grateful to receive such a generous gift that will directly support our 4-H program!”

Though the Bry and Washler cousins are now scattered around the country, their memorial endowment ensures their 4-H roots will continue to grow.



Above:
The Bry-Washler cousins



The Yarde Memorial Endowment for DeKalb County 4-H is one of many county-specific endowments across the state. To learn more about starting an endowment for your county, or to give to an existing endowment, contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org.

NATIONAL TRIPS ENDOWMENT GIFT MATCH

4-H Trips Provide Unique Educational Experiences for Indiana Youth

For many 4-H members, the opportunity to take part in a national trip creates some of the most lasting memories of their 4-H experience.

This was the case for Dave Weidmayer, who recently provided a \$10,000 match to help establish the National 4-H Trips Endowment for Indiana 4-H members.

“I was able to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip when I was in high school,” Dave said. “It was an incredible learning opportunity and helped develop leadership skills that were invaluable in college and throughout my life.”

Currently, Indiana 4-H offers members the opportunity to attend six national trips including Citizen Washington Focus, True Leaders in Equity Institute, the National 4-H Conference, the National 4-H Congress, the National 4-H Dairy Conference, and newly launched Ignite by 4-H. Ignite is a 4-day experience that allows students to explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Wellbeing.

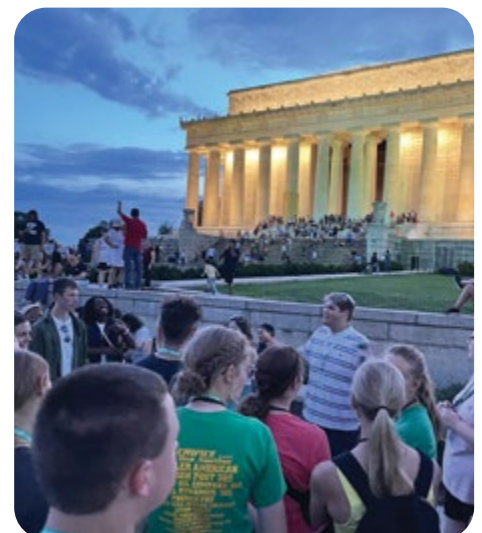
Each year around 60 Indiana 4-H members take part in a National 4-H Trip at a cost ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,800 per student. The creation of this endowment will provide income that will help offset the cost for students who may not otherwise be able to participate.

Gifts to the National 4-H Trips Endowment will be matched up to \$10,000. To help support this important opportunity and have your gift matched, contact Shelly Bingle at shelly@in4h.org or give online at www.in4h.org/ donate and include National 4-H Trips Endowment in the gift memo.



Above: Indiana 4-Hers tour Capitol Hill during Citizenship Washington Focus (2023)

Below, left to right: 4-H youth participate in Ignite by 4-H (2023); speak at the National 4-H Congress (2022), and visit national monuments during Citizenship Washington Focus (2023)





GROWING *Together*

The Indiana 4-H Foundation and Farm Credit Mid-America have developed a strong partnership to provide resources and opportunities for youth across the state. This year, Farm Credit has increased their generous gift to a total of \$60,000 in funding for four major Indiana 4-H initiatives:

State 4-H Junior Leader Conference

The State 4-H Junior Leader Conference is planned by a 14-member Junior Leader Council. While at SJLC, youth participate in various activities, including skill sessions, state park group meetings, general sessions, skits, a talent show, recreation, a banquet and dance, and the installation ceremony for the next year's Junior Leader Council. In recent years, State Junior Leader Council members have reported the highest improvements in their life skills in the areas of leadership, team-building, and planning.



Indiana Juntos 4-H Program

Juntos (pronounced "Who-n-toes") means "Together" in Spanish and works to unite community partners to provide Latino 8-12th grade students and their parents with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent youth from dropping out of school and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college. The Juntos Program brings together cohorts of youth and families to support each other for 3-5 years as they enter high school and prepare together for higher education.



Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

The Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Luncheon is a one-day opportunity intended to energize 4-H members, volunteers, and staff through education and resources focused on leadership in 4-H programming. We also recognize the achievements of the Indiana 4-H Foundation Accomplishment Scholarship recipients.

Indiana 4-H Round-Up

Indiana 4-H Round-Up is a great place to develop valuable skills, make new friends, see top-notch 4-H entertainers and much, much more. Youth live and learn in Purdue University Residence Halls and classrooms and enjoy a wide array of opportunities across campus. Youth can choose from a wide range of action-packed Career Exploration Day classes offered by various schools of study at Purdue and from organizations within the community.



Design and Innovation Studio Coming To Crawford and Switzerland Counties

Thanks to generous gifts from the Purdue Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness Center (IN-Mac) and Duke Energy Foundation, Crawford and Switzerland Counties can bring innovative technologies to people of all ages through a design and innovation studio.

IN-Mac, in partnership with Purdue University, Purdue Extension, and STEM Education Works, is investing in Purdue IN-Mac Design and Innovation Studios™ across Indiana.

The studios provide various opportunities for educators, students, and industry to discover new ways to explore design thinking, problem-solving, technology, and creative skill sets.

"These design and innovation studios are the next step for Indiana 4-H in preparing today's youth for tomorrow's workforce," said Shelly Bingle, executive director of the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

The Duke Energy Foundation is focused on strengthening and uplifting communities throughout Indiana through their Vibrant Economies initiatives. Their grant will provide laptops and tablets for the studio to teach K-12 STEM lessons and workforce development training for jobs vital to the economy.

By providing real-world access to technology like robotics, 3D printers, and a Glowforge, the two locations are developing and offering industry-education activities and curricula for



users to cultivate the next generation of high-tech thinkers and doers. The studios provide hands-on experience with additive manufacturing, robotics, coding, engineering, and science learning modules.

Crawford and Switzerland are hopefully the first of many rural counties Purdue Extension locations to offer young people and adults the ability to explore the next generation of technology and become leaders who will use knowledge to create an impact in their local communities.

We thank IN-Mac and the Duke Energy Foundation for their support.

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 INDIANA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Meet young future leaders and be inspired by their hard work. Lunch provided by a Hoosier favorite – Jonathan Byrd's catering!

WHEN:

Saturday, October 21, 2023

WHERE:

502 East: Jonathan Byrd's Events & Catering
502 East Carmel Drive in Carmel

TICKETS:

\$50 per person

RSVP INFO COMING SOON:

Keep an eye out for more details to be announced in an upcoming e-news!



*Indiana 4-H Foundation
2022 Scholarship Luncheon*

Above: 2022 Scholarship recipients pose for a group photo with emcee Rafael Sánchez



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Shelly Bingle, Executive Director



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