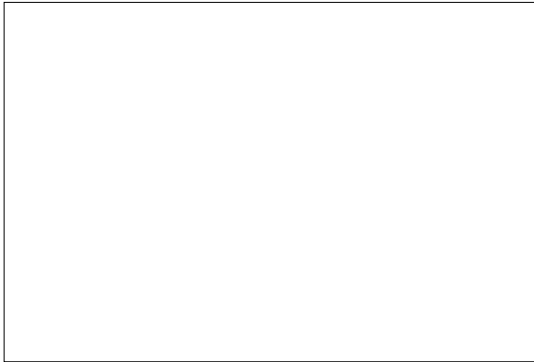




Long-Time HOPE Trustees Retire

The Board of Trustees of the HOPE Foundation announces the retirements of two of the original trustees of the Foundation. Gary Brown and Jean Louise Thieme were recognized at a recent meeting for their many contributions. The HOPE Foundation was founded in 1987 at which time both Brown and Thieme were named as two of the initial trustees. Having served 17 years, they have seen the organization grow from its inception to a Darke Co. foundation now worth over \$1.2



Gary Brown and Jean Louise Thieme after being honored by the H.O.P.E. Foundation of Darke County for their 17 years of service.

million dollars. They have seen the initial vision realized with many students and organizations being the recipients of the interest generated from these funds. They have been invaluable in Helping Other People Excel (H.O.P.E).

Gary Brown, a partner in the law firm of Marchal & Brown, continues to be an active community citizen. A member of Kiwanis and President of C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates), he was initially appointed as Chairman of the Bequest Committee of the HOPE Foundation, which was assigned the task of designing the first brochure about HOPE to be disseminated throughout Darke County. In 1988, Gary was elected President of the Board of Trustees for a two year term. As the Foundation grew, and a Publicity Committee was established, Gary was appointed to serve as the Chairman. This Committee revised the original brochure and initiated the semi-annual newsletter. As an attorney, he contributed his expertise in redrafting the Foundation's Constitution and By-laws.

Jean Louise Thieme brought to the Board administrative experience in a number of community organizations, including the Family Health Services and the Darke County Center for the Arts (DCCA). She was the first Executive Director for Family Health Service and the first Executive Director for the Darke County Center for the Arts. In the latter role she developed the Artists Series, the Arts-in-Education program and was instrumental in establishing the Darke County Endowment for the Arts. During her tenure, the Memorial Hall Restoration Committee of DCCA spearheaded the restoration and renovation of the Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall.

Within the HOPE Foundation, Jean Louise established the Jean Louise Thieme Children's Theatre Fund, which distributes income annually to assure that Darke County children will have the opportunity to experience professional theatre. She has been a persistent voice for the broadening of the Foundation's mission from an emphasis on scholarships to one of a true community foundation with multiple opportunities for giving back to the community and philanthropy in general.

The HOPE Foundation of Darke County is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Darke Co. We help donors meet their charitable objectives, and we help nonprofit organizations provide the services and programs so essential to our community. For further information on the HOPE Foundation, contact President, John Montgomery, 548-4915.

HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVES HOPE FOUNDATION FUNDS

This year marks the sixth year that the Darke Co. Humane Society will receive funds provided by the Beth Bolen Warner bequest to the HOPE Foundation of Darke Co. Mrs. Warner gave a



Receiving this year's disbursement of over \$6000 is Donna Clark and Georgia Wills, Humane Society Board members from Rodney Oda, HOPE Foundation Treasurer. An adoptable kitten and dog look on.

HOPE Foundation of Darke County 2003 Scholarship Recipients

ANSONIA AREA JAYCEES

Jennifer Lyme

VELMA & MERLIN APPLGATE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Denise Kramer

PAULINE WINBIGLER BALES TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

Erica Arnett

PAULINE BALES FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica McEldowney

BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

TBA

TIM BEST & RONNIE KREITZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tracy Moody

IRENE BOLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mindy Brunk

JOYCE BRUNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lois Knapke

DARKE COUNTY BANKERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan Bateman

MR. & MRS. HOWARD (EVA) FISHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Erica Arnett

Lindsey Wombold

Jennifer Canan

Aaron Huber

Shaun Gessler

Jonathan Bateman

Elizabeth Whitehead

Megan Frey

KENNETH H. & VIRGINIA M. FLORY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Cody Pappaw

Allison Brakefield

Brad O'Dell

Erin Cline

Lindsey Wombold

Abigail Sandwisch

Emily Strayer

Matthew Jones

GALEN & BLANCHE FOURMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Laura Hoying

VIRGINIA NISCHWITZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

James Halderman

KENNETH J. GIBBONEY SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Canan

GREENVILLE NATIONAL BANK

Jennifer Lyme

FRED MILTENBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Katie Campbell

NORTON FAMILY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan Bateman

J.C. & ALICE SCHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

Beth Harrod

Amanda Jo Barga

EDWIN, MAC, & MARQUERITE STOLTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Shaun Gessler

TOWNE SQUARES QUILT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Joyce Kremer

J. HOWARD TRUMP ART SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Fuller

UNITED WAY/TROUTWINE ESTATE

James Halderman

PAUL D. & HELEN C. WARNER MEMORIAL FUND

Leah Witers

David Neff

LORI MICHELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

Kathryne Stephenson

MATT WUEBKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Craig Stammen

VIDEO OF HOPE

The HOPE Foundation videos have now been placed in libraries throughout Darke County to make information about HOPE more accessible to the public.

The locally produced video is now in libraries in Greenville, Arcanum, Versailles, and New Madison. It provides a wonderful visual explanation of the benefits the HOPE Foundation provides to Darke County residents. The video is 20 minutes in length and provides information about scholarships, funding for non-profit organizations, assistance in planned giving, and other related topics.

The video was directed by Diane Kaiser. The production company was Jerry Pence of Pence Videography. Speakers are also available to accompany the video for civic organizations throughout the County. Contact the Publicity Committee Chariperson, Eileen Litchfield @ 937.547.0092 or elitchfield@woh.rr.com.

Humane Society Cont.

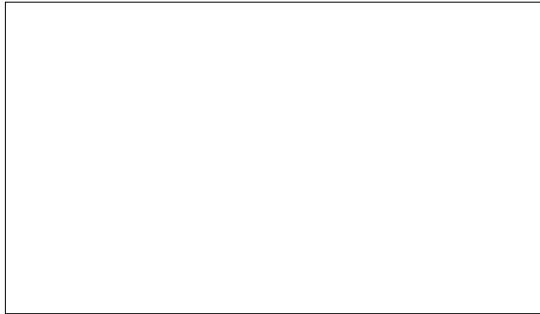
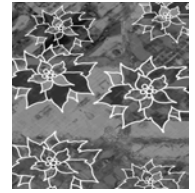
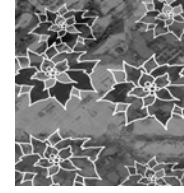
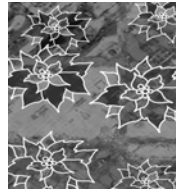
portion of her estate to the HOPE Foundation to manage, with the interest earned to be distributed each year to the Darke Co. Humane Society for whatever purpose the Humane Society should decide. The over \$6000 check will be used to defray the cost of operations.

Prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals and the education of our community on proper care of their animals is the purpose of the Darke Co. Humane Society. Incorporated in December 1953, the Society is an all volunteer organization.

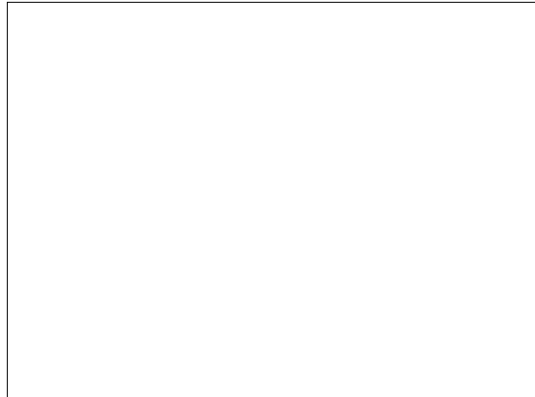
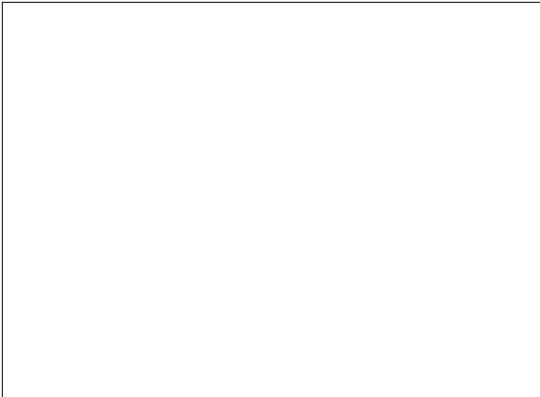
Mrs. Warner, born in Union City, IN and resided in the Darke Co. area her entire life. She was married to Glenn Warner, who formerly served as the Clerk of Courts for Darke County for 24 years. She served as the organist at the Presbyterian Church. In her later years, she was especially interested in the welfare of pets and animals, including her long-time pet cat.

A shelter for animals in their care and office space was established in March, 1997 at 7053 Sr. Rt. 49 North. The volunteers stressed that all their animals are vet tested for good health and physical condition before being adopted. They also stressed that this is a "no kill" shelter, no euthanasia is practiced there.

2003 HOPE Recipients of Scholarships



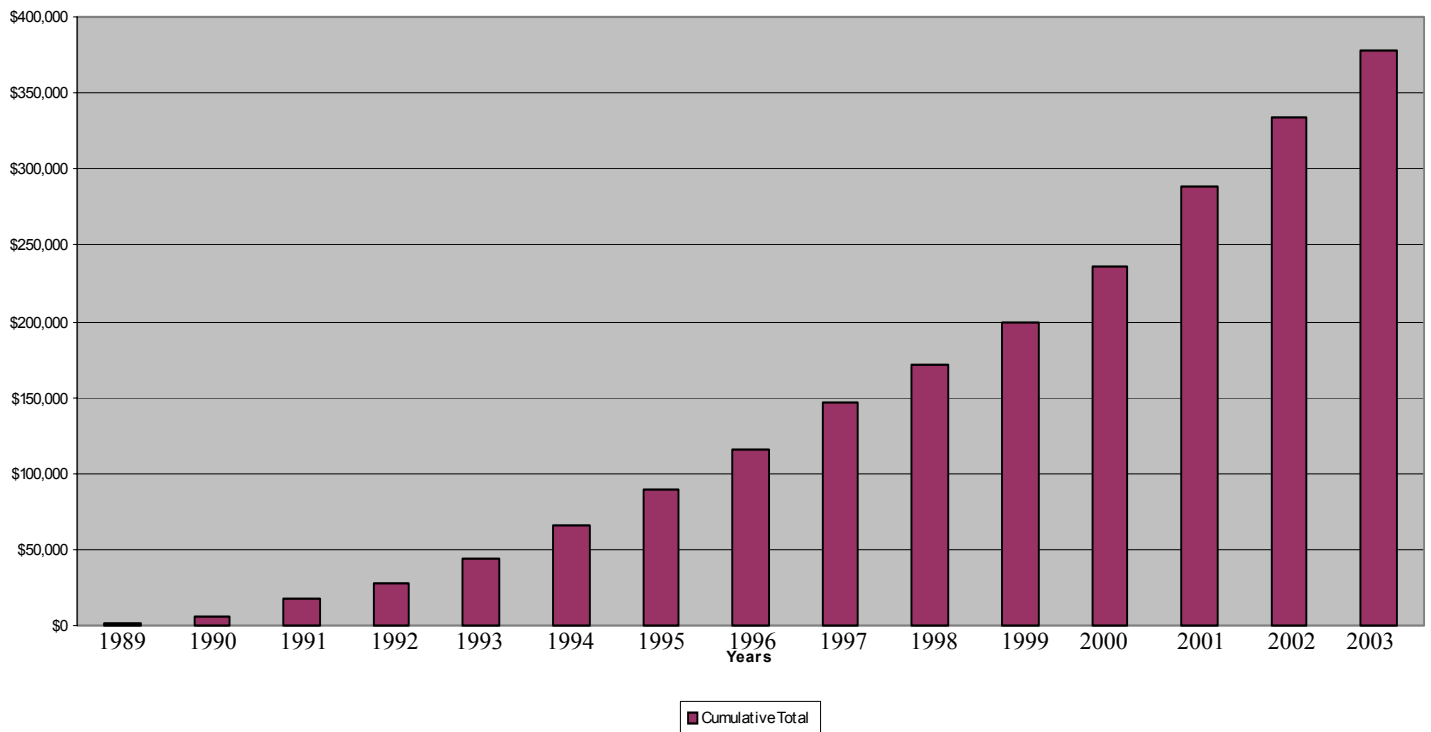
(L to R) Cody Poppaw, Allison C. Brakefield, Brad O'Dell, Erin M. Cline, Erica Arnett, Denise Kramer, Tracy Moody, Beth Harrod, Jessica McEldowney, Jennifer Lyme, Lindsey Wombold, Katie Campbell, Mathew Jones, Jennifer Canan, Laura Fuller, James Halderman, Leah Witters, David Neff, Shaun Gessler, Laura Hoying, Jonathan Bateman, Mindy Brunk, Elizabeth Whitehead, Craig Stammen, Joyce Kremer and Megan Frey. Not pictured: Amanda Jo Barga, Abigail Sandwisch, Emily Strayer and Aaron Huber.



LORI MICHELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP
 Pictured (L to R) are John Montgomery, President of the HOPE Foundation, Mary Williams, Recipient Kathrynne Stephenson and Bruce Williams.

JOYCE BRUNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
 Pictured (L to R) are John Montgomery, HOPE Foundation President, Theresa Hall and Kathy O'Dell from the Darke Co. Nurses' Association, Lois Knapke, recipient of the scholarship, Anthony Bruns, Scholarship sponsor, Martha Brown, also of the Nurses' Association and Tim Booher, HOPE Trustee.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED





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