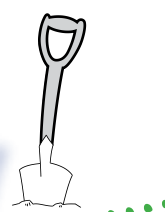


Planting The Seed.....



Sometimes life has its defining moments. Little snippets in time when you can look back and think, "It all started when..." And, that was the beginning of something great. The Pendleton Community Garden has one of those moments. It was when Tyler Gough stepped into my office and said, "Let's start a community garden."

And, so we did.

The Pendleton Community Garden is a project of the Pendleton Community Public Library. The Garden is located in front of Brown's pool in Pendleton. The land belongs to Falls Park whose Board was generous in turning over a plot of grass so that we could start a community garden. Spanning 1/4 acre, The Garden incorporates 27 plots. Local volunteers lease personal plots at no charge. They can grow whatever they like for their friends and family, provided that they tend to an adjacent plot that grows food for their neighbors in need.

On Saturday mornings, volunteer harvesters are up before the sun, picking tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, and even peanuts. There is no "middle man" here. Volunteers plant vegetables, many which are started at the local prison. To put it simply, they grow. Harvesters get fresh produce ready for a Saturday morning delivery to the Ingalls Food Pantry, located at the South Madison Christian Church. The pantry opens at 10:00 a.m., and by 9:45 the delivery has been made. What is delivered is high-quality, organic produce, fresh as it can possibly be...nothing short of what you'd find at the local farmer's market. The eggplant is so shiny, it looks like it's been waxed. The potatoes are some of the biggest you've ever seen. And, the heirloom tomatoes, in all of their varying shapes and sizes, display nearly every color of the rainbow.

Since its inaugural year in 2009, The Pendleton Community Garden has continued to thrive and expand. It's become the pride of Pendleton, and interest in the project extends well beyond the local community. This year, with the help of The South Madison Community Foundation, The United Way, and The Friends of the Pendleton Community Public Library, The Garden has expanded its philanthropic efforts. In an era of library closings and budget cuts, the Pendleton Library is launching something new, completely funded by grant money. It's an outreach effort that incorporates not only basic library services, but also the delivery of fresh produce from the

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Spring Pendleton Community Garden



Delivery of produce to the Ingalls Food Pantry



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*community garden. With the assistance of the local Township Trustees, the Pendleton Community Public Library has launched its Read 'n' Feed initiative. Read 'n' Feed consists of a modest cargo trailer, stocked with library materials, non-perishable food, and fresh, organic produce harvested from the Pendleton Community Garden. The trailer is towed by Greg Valentine, Green Township Trustee, who volunteers his time to go out once a week. Each week, the trailer makes three stops, inviting people on board to take food and check out materials from the library.*

*Read 'n' Feed made its maiden voyage on the evening of June 15th. I was there. And, even though we only had a handful of people on board, serving that first family in Markleville was one of the most rewarding moments of my career.*

*During my drive home from that first evening after working on the Read 'n' Feed trailer, I had to reflect on how we got here. I thought about all of the hard work of our volunteers. I thought about all of our generous supporters and partners. I thought about the people who really benefited from the project. And, I thought about Tyler. His great idea. His countless hours in the oppressive sun, planting...mowing...watering.... But, mostly I thought of that defining moment, three years ago, when Tyler Gough walked into my office and said, "Let's start a community garden."*

**written by Lynn Hobbs**

**Leadership Academy Alum - Class of 2008**

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# LAMC and YLA Alumni Connecting with the United Kingdom...PEACE

Written by Keith Trent, LAMC Class of 1998

In 1993, Tim Parry who was 12, and Jonathan Ball, age 3, were killed by an IRA bomb in Warrington, England. Tim's parents, Colin and Wendy, were determined that Tim's death would not be in vain so they started the Peace Center in Warrington in 1995.

Originally the Center was focused on bringing the children of England and Northern Ireland together to deal with conflict resolution without resorting to violence, the very thing that had killed their son. The Center has expanded their programs over the years to include an international clientele of both children and young adults. You can learn more about their work at [www.foundation4peace.org](http://www.foundation4peace.org).



**Photo of Collin and Anna Trent and Colin and Wendy Parry with Big Ben in the background**

As incoming president of the Anderson Rotary Club, I had the good fortune of hearing Colin Parry speak when he received the Rotary International World Understanding & Peace Award at the Rotary International convention in Osaka, Japan in June of 2004. At that time, our club was planning a bi-centennial event for November, 2004 focused around peaceful homes, schools, workplaces and communities. I invited Colin and Wendy Parry to be part of our event and they accepted.

I developed a profound respect for what Colin and Wendy have been able to accomplish after the tragic death of their son. Colin and I have remained e-mail friends since 2004. My son, Collin, a 2000 graduate of the Youth Leadership Academy, met Colin and Wendy when they were here and has become an e-mail friend to Colin, primarily due to their shared love of soccer. Since Collin's wife, Anna, needed to be in Prague for her job, they decided to celebrate their 5th anniversary with a trip to Europe including stops in London and Paris before arriving in Prague. While in London, they were able to spend a day with Colin and Wendy Parry. Needless to say, I was thrilled that my son and his wife were able to spend time with this remarkable couple.

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## Youth Leadership Camp...Learning, Leading, Challenges... **TEAMWORK**

**By: Stephanie Pritchett**  
YLA Class of 2012

When I first talked to the YLA members from last year, I did not believe it was possible to become so close to thirty-five strangers in only a single weekend. After experiencing Youth Leadership Academy camp for myself, I was surprised to find out how true it was. My weekend at YLA camp was easily the best weekend of my life. I am certain I will be able to carry the relationships I made and the lessons I learned with me throughout my entire life.



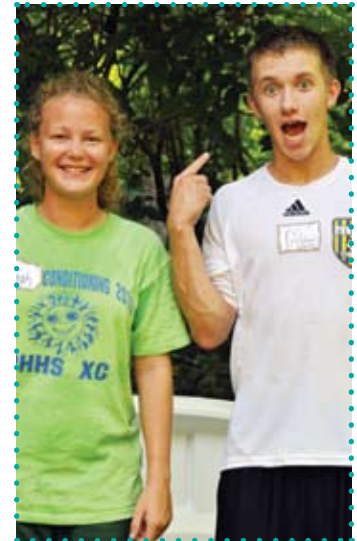
Not only did I have an amazing time at camp, I also learned a ton. The challenges we took on while working on the ropes course gave us a whole new meaning to the word "teamwork". It was imperative to work with every member of our team to accomplish the goals that were set up for us. Trust and communication were the main components to teamwork. Giving everyone a chance to have their ideas heard was one of the biggest challenges our group faced as a whole. As individuals, we all faced and overcame unique challenges. As the weekend wore on, I could see improvements our group made, individual improvements in each of my fellow members and improvements in myself. I know I can speak for every member of Youth Leadership Academy when I say that I cannot wait to help out our community with all of my new friends.

## Camp Tecumseh – YLA Testimonial YLA 2011

**By: Michael Finch**

High ropes, low ropes, times of fellowship, and times of working with new friends is what characterized my first experience in being a member of Youth Leadership Academy for Madison county. On Friday the 22nd of July, I met thirty-five new people and memorized all of their names. This came as a shocker to me because I am usually not the best with remembering peoples' names whom I have just met. Knowing these other students' names is really what set me up, I believe, to have such great weekend at Camp Tecumseh.

That Friday night my knowledge of how to have relationships with those around me and how to be a part of a team was completely redefined because of what I learned about myself and others. I learned that there are different kinds of leadership styles that don't fit the mold of a typical picture of a leader that is quick to act and is full of exuberance, but are just as valuable and equal and should not be overlooked. Having knowledge that there are different kinds of leadership styles has allowed my eyes to be opened on how to work more effectively with a group of people heading toward a common goal and vision.



Whenever I would participate in a group activity such as "The Giant's Ladder," knowing the names of the people around me allowed me to work with them in such a way that our relationship was founded on trust. I worked with a girl named Sarah, who was short in height as I was. Because of this, we had more of a difficult time reaching the crossbars of the Giant's Ladder and climbing onto them. That situation pushed us toward working as a team in close proximity with each other and depending on one another for stability. All of the various lessons in this one activity, out of the many activities that our group of thirty-six students participated in, showed me how integral of a position being a leader can be.

Overall, my weekend at Camp Tecumseh with our YLA team was amazing, challenging, and eye-opening! I learned valuable skills that I will continue to put into practice, because they are worth using. The wisdom I learned from our leaders is indispensable and I am so very thankful for the time that they invested into my life that weekend! Thank you so very much for all that you have done and will do in the future!

# Leaders Creating Future Leaders



## Makenzie Grace Wandell

**Age:** 15 months

**Favorite Food:** Mac 'n Cheese  
She knows about 70 words in sign-language.

**Mom:** Marsanne Wandell,  
Class of 2011



## Brayden Allen Flint

**Age:** 19 months

**Favorite Food:** French Fries & Chicken "Nuggies"

Braden loves going to Gymboree Play & Music class.

**Mom:** Kiersten Flint, Class of 2011



## Madalynn Nicole Gosnell

**Age:** 16 months

**Favorite Food:** Fresh Fruit  
She loves Donald Duck and playing patty-cake.

**Grandparent:** Patsy York,  
Class of 1997



## Alex & Will Ricker

**Age:** 3

**Favorite Food:**  
Anything messy  
He enjoys riding in Dad's car.

**Dad:** Quinn Ricker, Class of 2010

**Age:** 5

**Favorite Food:**  
Peanut Butter & Marshmallow sandwich.  
He likes hunting for snakes.



## Roman & Oscar Happe

**Age:** 1

**Favorite Food:**  
Anything he spies on someone else's plate  
He loves following his big brother who he idolizes.

**Mom:** Keri Happe, Class of 2011

**Age:** 3

**Favorite Food:**  
Chocolate Ice Cream  
He keeps busy finding bugs in the garden... & bringing them to mommy.



## Addison, Arabella, & Ruby Lavelle

**Addison:** Age 10

**Favorite Activity:** Building with Legos and Hunting

**Arabella:** Age 8, Favorite Food: Macaroni & Cheese

**Favorite Activity:** Swimming, Horseback Riding

**Ruby:** Age 3, Favorite Activity: Chewing Gum, Swimming & dressing up like a princess

**Dad:** Philip Lavelle, Jr.,  
Class of 1999