

# Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

Leo Moats was a great guy. A member of the Sunrise Rotary club in Circleville, when Leo was diagnosed with cancer in 1993, his fellow Rotary members spoke with him about creating a scholarship in his honor.



The idea was that the scholarship would recognize Pickaway County public school students who reflected Leo's personality.

For those who knew Leo, we remember a man who always had a smile on his face and a sincere interest with whom he was talking. He was easy-going and believed in community service.

Since 1994, Sunrise Rotary's Leo Moats Scholarship Foundation committee has been selecting one student from each Pickaway County high school as a scholarship recipient.

It is not an easy job.

Among the scholarship requirements is demonstrating school, community and church participation.

"These kids (who apply) are amazing. I don't know where they find time to do everything they do," said Leo's son, John, who oversees the foundation.

Among the activities this year's recipients have been involved in at school are National Honor Society, yearbook staff, 4-H, FFA, Key Club, marching band, concert band, jazz band, show choir, bowling, basketball, volleyball and football.

In addition to part-time jobs, the students also gave their time by volunteering at food pantries, PICCA and Nationwide Children's, and for the Special Olympics, American Red Cross, Community Care Day and church groups.

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Jillian Congrove



Holden Edmonds

On Saturday night, at Sunrise Rotary's annual Leo Moats Scholarship Dinner and Reverse Raffle, this year's students will be recognized for their many accomplishments.



McKenzie Henry



Walker Moore

Students awarded a scholarship are Jillian Congrove of Logan

Elm High School; Holden Edmonds of Westfall High School; McKenzie Henry of Circleville High School; and Walker Moore of Teays Valley High School.

Each student will be awarded a \$2,500 college scholarship.

"The annual dinner is the primary fundraiser for the scholarship and since we started in 1994 we've been able to increase the scholarship amount," John said.

With this year's awards, the foundation will have given \$157,000 in scholarships to almost 100 Pickaway County public school students to start their college careers.

"I'm so proud of how the community has supported this initiative and I think my dad would be proud, too," John said.

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