

Berks Say "Thank You"

LEGACY DONORS

John and Kay Berk know they made the right choice when they decided to make Tipp City their home.

As young educators, they came to the community from different areas of the state; Kay from North Central Ohio and John from the greater Dayton area. John was born in Indiana and grew up in the greater Dayton area. A graduate of the University of Dayton he came to Tipp City in 1959 and was employed by LT Ball, superintendent of Schools to teach high school social studies. Kay, a graduate of Bowling Green State University, was employed by LT Ball in 1963 to teach girls physical education and health at the junior and senior high school.

John and Kay met while teaching in Tipp and have been married for 46 years. John was employed by the schools for 38 years serving in teaching and administrative positions. Kay taught and coached GAA activities for a few years and later served as a substitute teacher while raising their children. She also was the first coach for the girls soccer program.

After retiring from Tipp City schools John worked, part time for Miami County Educational Services Center before teaching five years at Urbana University in the Department of Education.

The Burks are active in the Tipp City Senior Citizens and the Tipp City United Methodist Church. John is also a member of the Miami County Retired Teachers Association.

The Berks decided to become Legacy Donors to the Tipp City Foundation to say thanks to their community. Their children, Billy, deceased, Christopher and Lindalee were born, raised and educated in the local schools. The family participated actively in the schools, church and community. The Berks also have two grandchildren.

Part of their estate, at their passing, will go to the foundation and be used to better the community. They chose this foundation because they believe "it uses its funds well" and appropriately within the community. Foundation board mem-

bers such as Jackie Wahl have worked hard to improve needed services in the schools, community and coordination of the several funds established for specific causes, the Berks said.

"We support the community. There are a lot of people living in the community who contribute much time and effort to the improvement of the Tipp City area," the Berks said.

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