

The Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship

Ed Hasnerl is very loved and respected in the Starke County area. He has become something of a celebrity around the county due to his friendliness, his constant strive to positively influence those he meets, and his unmistakable voice on WKVI.

Ed has a long list of community involvement. He has served various positions throughout the area, including the first President of Starke United, Treasurer of the Henry F. Schricker Library Board, President of the Starke County Ministerial Alliance and the Board of Trustees of Starke Memorial Hospital, and Chairman of the Starke County Republican Central Committee from 1960 to 1966. He has also participated in various organizations, including the Starke County Developmental Foundation, Starke County Community Foundation, Community Services of Starke County, Knox Chamber of Commerce,



Starke County Historical Society, and the Gateway Committee.



Aside from his community participation, Ed has also taken his drive and moral character beyond Starke County. He was recognized as a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governors Otis Bowen and Robert Orr, and he was named Honorary Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives and Honorary Indiana Attorney General. He is also an Honorary Citizen of New York State's Tenth Congressional District, he has served on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee for President Regan and on the original Indiana Film Commission, and he has been recognized by the National 4-H Foundation for work that he has done.

Due to his desire to spread his knowledge and wisdom, Hasnerl has won many awards and congratulations, including the Henry F. Schricker "Service Before Self" Award in 1995.

Ed has also traveled around the globe, visiting Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, the Caribbean, and 49 of the nation's 50 states. His love of service and travel propelled him to become a part of mission trips to Haiti and Jamaica, during which he helped to build and repair structures for residents. Since 1995, Ed has also hosted travel adventures sponsored by WKVI for local residents throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

Ed has also been very successful in the area of business. He has owned or co-owned many businesses, including *The Leader*, *Starke County News* (of which he was also the editor), the Knox Theatre, and TeePee Restaurant. He has been a partner in Hasnerl-Brooks Productions in Santa Barbara, California; a producer of educational movies; and Executive Vice President of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Indianapolis. Ed hosted a radio program for WKVI called *Talking of Many Things*, on which he discussed stories in the news. Along with being a disc jockey, he has also served as the Pastor of the Eagle Creek Church since 1991. Most recently, Ed was named the state-appointed Starke County Historian in January of 2012.

In February of 2000, the Starke County Community Foundation announced that Ed Hasnerl and WKVI created a scholarship fund to support Starke County students interested in the study of media-related subjects. Recipients must show interest in the subject and hold at least a "C" average throughout high school.