

# Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Newsletter

Summer 2018



## Seven Anthony Wayne Seniors Receive 2018 Alumni Association College Scholarships



The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to seven graduating seniors, including (from left) Kendall Garmann; Brianna Markowski and Nicole McMullen, who received Les Disher Alumni Scholarships; Kamilah Bakhsh, the winner of a public service/law enforcement scholarship; and Eve Sroczynski, Mikah Pransky and Nick Schneider

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The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association has awarded a record setting seven \$1,000 scholarships to the following members of the Anthony Wayne High School graduating class of 2018. There was one for public safety, two for FFA and four traditional scholarships awarded this year. The association is proud to

award these scholarships on an annual basis. They have been hard at work raising funds for the scholarships through selling 50/50 raffle tickets at all home football games, Chick-fil-A fundraisers, a wine tasting event and advertising rates for the AWAA Newsletter. The association is very thankful and appreciates

any and all contributions. If you would like to make a monetary donation it should be sent to: AWAA, Attn. Treasurer, P.O. Box 2441, Whitehouse, OH 43571-0441. All donations go directly into their Scholarship Fund and are tax deductible.

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**Kendall Garman** lives in Whitehouse. Her favorite subject was math and she enjoyed helping others who struggled with the subject. The subjects she has difficulty with are writing and speech. She has worked hard to improve. She always looked up to her teachers and has decided to follow in their footsteps. She plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan University or Spring Arbor University and major in early childhood education. Kendall has attended Camp Catch a Rainbow each summer, where she did many arts and crafts projects. She explained she would like to open a small art studio some day.

**Brianna Markowski** lives in the Swanton zip code, but in the Anthony Wayne School District. Brianna attended Penta Career Center for her junior and senior years, in the small animal care program. She plans to attend the University of Findlay studying pre-vet and veterinary science. She received one of the two FFA scholarships sponsored by Doris Disher, as a legacy from her late husband Les Disher. Brianna says, "I have always been taught by my parents that if you do good things for others, you will then receive the same treatment somewhere down the road." Therefore, she has followed their suggestion and volunteered considerable time at numerous food pantries, organizing and delivering meals and personal hygiene items to those in need.

**Nicole McMullen** was the recipient of the second FFA scholarship. She lives in Monclova and plans to attend the Ohio State University, ATI campus. She will be majoring in agri-science education. Nicole served as the president of the AW FFA chapter her senior year and

said, "This experience helped me grow as an individual and a leader." She also serves as a co-chairman of the Waterville Historical Society advisory committee and student ambassador of the Lucas County Farm Bureau. Through her involvement in FFA, she believes she can go out and spread the knowledge and correct the misconception that the FFA is only about farming.

**Kamilah Bakhsh** lives in the Swanton mailing area, but in the Anthony Wayne School District. Kamilah received the very first Public Service/Law Enforcement Scholarship, which was made possible by generous contributions from the local fire and police communities. She will be attending Indiana University with a major in criminal justice. Kamilah's volunteering activities are too many to name, just believe she is a true giver of her time. She also attended Penta Career Center in the criminal justice program. Kamilah has been a caregiver to many family members and had surgery to remove her left ovary. Through all this she preserved and said, "never back down, no matter how hard it may be."

**Eve Sroczyński** is a Waterville resident. She plans on attending the University of Toledo with the intended field of study – biochemistry with a pre-med focus. Eve has volunteered at Camp Invention, a summer camp for second, third and fourth grade students. The goal of the camp is to get children to be more creative and more involved in their own work. She also volunteered at the Waterville Library in the summer reading club, as well as volunteering at the SeaGate Food Bank. Eve also was a Junior Generals volleyball coach for four years. She also explained the disappoint-

ment of not getting much playing time on the varsity volleyball team. At the awards banquet, the coach presented her with the "Coach's Choice Award." She said, "he told me that I made the team better by remaining on the team."

**Mikah Pransky**, from Waterville, has been in the Anthony Wayne system since kindergarten. She plans to attend either Cornell University or Miami University with a major in public affairs. Mikah has been involved in Interact Club, Link Crew and Students in Action organizations. She and a friend implemented a program called Music and Memory at the local Browning Masonic Nursing Home. The program involves "using music from the best times of their lives," for the Alzheimers and dementia residents. The program has been successful in lifting many of the residents spirits. Mikah says, "I'm changing and improving their individual worlds and that is something I take great pride in."

**Nick Schneider** resides in Whitehouse. He was involved with Link Crew his junior year and Prison Ministry Christmas Initiative through the Waterville Community Church and football coach Ryan Grooms. Both experiences were very rewarding. Nick plans to attend Heidelberg University, majoring in secondary education. Nick has been very active in sports at Anthony Wayne, including varsity letters in football, wrestling and baseball. He also has volunteered time to camps for each sport all four years of high school. The camps are designed to help young athletes gain skills and meet future coaches. Nick says, "from my lowest moment to the greatest moment, I have learned that life is not going to be easy."



Louis Pawliski shows some of the Krusty Lures products that he sells wholesale to area businesses, including Maumee Bait and Tackle.



Tom Holman, a fellow 2017 Anthony Wayne graduate, ties synthetic hair to finish a lure.

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## Louis Pawliski's Krusty Lures Earns Raves from Anglers and Awards

BY KAREN  
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The spring walleye run may be over, but for Louis Pawliski, fishing is never out of season.

In between taking classes at the University of Toledo and playing hockey, the 2017 Anthony Wayne High school graduate is pouring lead, spraying sinkers and tying on hair and hooks as part of a growing business – Krusty Lures.

“The kid’s a hustler. He’ll be rich someday,” said Mario Campos, owner of Maumee Bait and Tackle. “These are professionally made, top-quality lures.”

While he was in high school, Louis was a customer at Maumee Bait and Tackle, then a part-time employee. He told Campos that he believed he could make a better lure.

“I told him, ‘Show me.’ Now I have customers who request his lures, especially hair jigs,” Campos said.

Maumee Bait and Tackle is just one of several shops that purchase wholesale from Louis, who started Krusty Lures as an Anthony Wayne-Penta FFA Chapter project.

“Without FFA, I would not have pushed to get a profit or revenue,” he said.

Earlier this June, Louis received a state award from FFA – his second in two years.

After high school, Louis planned to

play hockey while taking classes at Lake Superior University, but then he broke his knee. So he enrolled at the Ohio State University’s Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, with a plan to study turf grass management.

Then he got a call from Ted Tucker, a former Toledo Goaldiggers goaltender. He wanted to lend a hand to Louis, so he arranged for the teen to utilize space at 922 Locust Street in Toledo – the home of RQS Inc., a supplier of reclaimed packaging materials.

So Louis switched his colleges again, to the University of Toledo, where he studies entrepreneurship and small business.

After a ride up a freight elevator to the third floor of the 1915 building, the doors open to reveal Krusty Lures’ logo on a newly made room surrounded by pallets of packaging material.

Having a work address and a first-floor conference room to use for meetings is a step up from the tight quarters in his parents’ Monclova Township garage. Louis is quick to credit his father Paul for getting him started into fishing and making his own tackle at an early age – as a hobby during winter months.

Standing in the Krusty Lures shop, Louis explained that he uses three molds from his father, plus a few he’s purchased, to make all of the lures. He collects used sinkers from along the Maumee River and lead recovered from building sites and farmers. Using a propane burner with a big cast-iron pot, he melts them into one-pound bars,

cleaning out the impurities that float to the top.

“It’s environmentally friendly and saves me money,” Louis said. “I haven’t bought lead since I started in 2014.”

Once the lures are poured, he applies paint and bakes them in a toaster oven.

“I like being creative and painting,” he said, pointing to the new colors of purple and antifreeze green. “Fishermen all have favorite colors.”

Fellow AW grad Tom Holman, who is majoring in biology at UT, helps out in the shop, tying on synthetic hair and hooks with precision.

“He’s my No. 1 lure builder,” Louis said.

With the extra set of hands, Louis plans to make enough lures to follow the seasons: hair jigs to attract walleye; spinner baits and pony jigs for white bass; and soon, crank-bits for large-mouth bass. A boosted inventory will allow Louis to sell to charter boat captains, more bait and tackle shops – and possibly online. He’d also like to make high-quality fishing rods.

With the lessons he’s gained from running his own business, as well as taking classes at UT, Louis is in the process of updating his business plan.

“My goal is to be a main source of inventory and start other ventures,” he said.

But he also wants to have time to do what he enjoys: fishing.

“I’ve been fishing my whole life. I like cat-fishing, and fishing for bass and walleye,” he said.

# Construction on AW Schools Planned Throughout Summer

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER  
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When school let out for the summer, intensive work on the Anthony Wayne Local Schools buildings began with the installation of parking lots, driveways and secure entryways.

During the March 12 board of education meeting Matt Dick, director of operations, gave an update on construction.

New parking lots will be installed in front of the high school and junior high, while the parking lot at Fallen Timbers Middle School will be expanded. The traffic flow will also change, to keep buses and drop-off/pick-up areas separated.

Originally, plans called for four smaller detention ponds in front of the three schools, but the Lucas County Engineer recommends deeper ponds.

"These are not cost effective to have and they would be hard to maintain in front of the schools," Dick said.

Instead, one larger, deeper detention pond with four bays and micro-pools will be built south of Fallen Timbers Middle School.

"It will be reedy and wet most of the year," he said. "That means we'll need a fence around it to keep our students safe."

Construction of the new operations building is slated to be completed by September. That means that the operations department can move out of the Burdo Building behind the high school, allowing work to begin on high school improvements – including an auxiliary



**Construction will begin this summer on adding secure entryways for Anthony Wayne Schools. The district is reviewing all security plans and implementing additional security features.**

Rendering Courtesy of SSOE

gym, expanded cafeteria, high school office and secure entryway – this fall.

Work on Monclova and Waterville primary schools will also begin this summer. Construction of new secure entryways for the junior high and middle school are not likely to begin until after the start of the school year, Dick said.

Plans for a new Whitehouse Primary School were approved by the end of March, with construction to begin this summer.

"We hope to get that bid in May and awarded in June," Dick said. "Construction could start in June or July and be completed in a year and a half."

The board set a special meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 a.m., to approve bids for work on soccer fields, a parking lot and stormwater runoff at the central Administration Office, as well as work on the main campus parking lot and driveway work.

Renderings of plans for area school

construction are posted on the website at [www.anthonywayneschools.org](http://www.anthonywayneschools.org).

During the meeting, the board also:

- Heard Treasurer Kerri Johnson say that about 90 percent of expected revenues for the FY 2017-18, which ended June 30, have been received. February alone included \$11.2 million in real estate settlements and \$1.4 million in public utilities and personal property taxes. Expenditures are on target, at about 67 percent.

- Passed a resolution of support for military children and families.

- Approved a bus trip to DECA students to attend the national competition April 20-25 in Atlanta. The cost of the trip will be covered by Penta Career Center.

## Anthony Wayne HS 55th Reunion Announced

The 1963 class of Anthony Wayne High School will hold its 55th class reunion on Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19.

Reservations are due by Monday, July 16, to Carol Heueman. For reservation form or more information, contact Carol at [carolheueman@windstream.net](mailto:carolheueman@windstream.net) or call (419) 875-6585.

## Upcoming AWWA Fundraisers Announced

Friday, August 3, at the alumni vs. varsity soccer games, we will be selling Chick-fil-A sandwiches, bag of chips and cold bottles of water for \$5.00. Come and support the soccer teams and the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association.

Friday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m., at the Anthony Wayne vs. Whitmer scrimmage football game, we will be

selling Chick-fil-A sandwiches, bag of chips and cold bottled water for \$5.00. This is always a well attended event, so come hungry for Chick-fil-A and an Anthony Wayne victory. Then please continue to support the football team every game you possibly can. Also, plan to buy 50/50 raffle tickets at every home football game.

# Looking For Outstanding Alumni . . .

The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association is looking for nominees for future classes of the Anthony Wayne Alumni Hall of Fame. A nomination form is enclosed for your use.

- **Due March 30 of the calendar year to be considered for the fall of the same year.**
- Nominees shall come from correct submission of this form. You must be an Anthony Wayne High School Alumni to prepare a nomination form.
- There are 3 categories of Nominees: Alumni, Faculty/Staff, Community

**HOF Mission Statement:** The AW Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame was created to honor both Alumni athletes and non-athletes, as well as other individuals, who have impacted the school through their participation in academics, activities, creative arts, music, sports and/or their support of the Educational environment at Anthony Wayne High school, in addition to significant contributions and impact in their own communities, and/or in their professions.

Nominee Criteria:

**Alumni:** The Anthony Wayne graduates are expected to have distinguished themselves in academics/athletics and/or activities (i.e. band, choir, dramatics, government, etc.) and have made significant contributions in career achievements and/or community service. All alumni honorees must have been graduated from Anthony Wayne High school a minimum of ten (10) years.

**Faculty/Staff Members:** Persons nominated as Faculty/Staff members must have been employed for ten (10) years and must be retired for at least five (5) to be eligible. When considering Faculty/Staff members, the panel should look at the significant or unique contributions that he/she made to the educational environment that would separate him or her from his/her peers.

**Community Member:** In assessing the merits of community nominees, the major factor should be what contributions he/she has made that directly benefitted the Anthony Wayne Local Schools and the community which supports them.



## “HALL OF FAME” Nomination Form



Nominee Type: Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty/Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Community Member \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ or Year Retired (Faculty/Staff): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE/MAIDEN LAST

Email of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this page, please write a brief statement about the nominee and why you believe they have made a significant impact on the school, their community and/or their profession which would justify their consideration into the AW Hall of Fame. Please keep in mind the criteria above when nominating an individual, faculty or community member. Remember this nomination form will reflect on your nominee.

- A follow-up form will be sent to the nominee asking for more information regarding life and accomplishments.
- If a nominee is not selected in current year, their application will be considered again for an additional 2 years.



# Waterville-Based Castle Hill Associates Awarded \$970,000 VA Inspection Contract



**Castle Hill Associates, which includes (from left) president Priscilla Bersee, VP of operations Dave Boothe and VP of technical operations Brett Brumbaugh, was recently awarded a \$970,000 contract with the Veterans Administration. This is the largest contract so far for the three-year-old Waterville environmental consulting firm.**

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**BY KAREN GERHARDINGER**  
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As an Army staff sergeant, Priscilla Bersee was charged with leading and managing projects at bases throughout the United States.

Now, as president of Castle Hill Associates, Bersee, an AW grad, travels throughout the country to provide environmental consulting for a variety of clients – including the Air Force, National Guard, hospitals, universities and major industries.

Last month, the Waterville-based consulting firm was awarded a \$970,000 contract to inspect 125 Veterans Administration-owned buildings from Michigan to Alabama between the Mississippi River and the East Coast.

“Our staff has completed major federal restoration and remediation projects around the world. There’s not much we haven’t seen or done in the environmental industry,” Bersee said. “But this environmental due diligence contract is the largest in the firm’s short history and a dramatic win for our small firm.”

Bersee, an Anthony Wayne graduate, joined the Army in 2000, starting as a water purification specialist. She aspired to work as an environmental scientist during her 14 years in the military, but after injuring her back and becoming a service-disabled veteran, she transitioned into human resources and logistics before completing her service in 2014.

In 2015, Bersee founded Castle Hill Associates with VP of technical operations Brett Brumbaugh and VP of op-

erations Dave Boothe. Also joining the team is Janet Rozick, who has a Ph.D. in cultural history. She will provide historical cultural due diligence to projects.

While Bersee’s expertise is in occupational health and keeping workers safe around potential dangers such as asbestos-containing material and airborne and waterborne illnesses, the team brings experience ranging from engineering, industrial construction, geology and environmental contracting, she said.

One of those projects is the former General Electric plant that’s being developed into a \$350 million project in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The former industrial complex will include housing, retail and restaurants, Brumbaugh said.

Castle Hill was also part of the Batavia, New York, VA medical center renovation, providing air monitoring during the process to ensure the safety of patients and employees during the process.

“We go in, capture the data and get the information to the people who need it, and we do it in a way that disrupts the population the least,” Brumbaugh said.

Castle Hill also recently secured the city of Toledo’s Ohio Minority Business Enterprise status and state of Ohio’s Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) status.

To learn more about Castle Hill, visit [www.castlehillassociates.com](http://www.castlehillassociates.com) or contact Priscilla Bersee at (419) 708-7680 or Brett Brumbaugh at (419) 392-2011.

## 2018 Hall of Fame Appointees Selected

The AWAA Hall of Fame committee has named the 2018 class of Hall of Fame members. They are: Tony Bevaqua, class of 1950; Fred Dias, class of 1960; Nancy Franklin Yunker, class of 1967; Mike Neumeyer, class of 1988, and Chad Reed, class of 1992.

They will be presented at the home football game on Friday, August 24, 2018. These new alumni association Hall of Fame members will be inducted at a luncheon in their honor at noon on Saturday, August 25, in the high school cafeteria. Each member

will be allowed one guest, along with themselves, free admission. All other guests will be charged \$15.00 per person to attend the luncheon.

Watch for the Winter 2019 newsletter for photos and biographies of each new Hall of Fame member.

# Springer Farms Property Renamed Cannonball Prairie Metropark

*A follow-up to Metroparks/Springer Farms Story in Winter 2018 Newsletter*

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Cyclists, skaters, walkers and runners have passed the circa-1911 barn, farm fields and woods since the Wabash Cannonball Trail opened to the public in 2001.

By this fall, trail users will have a reason to stop and enjoy the Monclova Township property formerly known as Springer Farms.

On May 31, Metroparks Toledo officially renamed the 89-acre farm Cannonball Prairie Metropark. Construction crews are busy digging a 5-acre pond that will be used for fishing and boating and wildlife viewing from a boardwalk or scenic overlooks.

Last October, the Metroparks held an open house to gather feedback on plans for the property, which was purchased in 2013 with funding from the Clean Ohio Fund. Located at 9665 Monclova Road, the new park is a convenient stopping point for bicyclists along the trail, said Metroparks spokesman Scott Carpenter.

“The north fork is heavily used. A lot of people (myself included) like to ride from Fallen Timbers to Oak Openings, which is 6.5 miles,” he said. “The Cannonball Prairie Metropark is 3.9 miles from Fallen Timbers.”

Cannonball Prairie Metropark will serve as both a destination and a way station in western Lucas County.

The northern side of the park will include a parking lot with access from Monclova Road, restrooms and a walking trail. The existing barn will be turned into a usable public space at a later date, Carpenter said.

The south side of the park will include 1.49 miles of natural surface

trail, primitive camping and restored prairie and forest made possible through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

For Betty Hite, one of four daughters of the late Philip and Lorella Springer, the progress on the park has been encouraging. While she didn't want to see photos of the trees that were removed from behind the barn, she was glad to see photos of the pond work across the trail.

“What is being done there looks great,” she said. “We are thrilled to be watching the plans of the Metroparks

as they progress.”

As a child, Betty and her sisters – including Dona Scott, Sherry Neuman-Hill and Nancy Gordon-Galuzzo – enjoyed campfires in the woods, overnight stays and farm parties on the property, which her parents bought in 1958.

“In the summer, we would have a farm party and invite friends, relatives, neighbors and people important to the business to have a hog roast or potluck.

“I'm sure one day, we'll have a picnic there,” Betty said.

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## Board Rejects Bids for Work on Monclova, Waterville Schools

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The Anthony Wayne Board of Education voted in a special May 2 meeting to reject bids received for work on Waterville and Monclova primary schools.

The board also authorized treasurer Kerri Johnson to advertise for bids based on modified bid documents.

Operations director Matt Dick explained that the bids came in much higher than anticipated, and through discussions with contractors and the architect, modifications were made to plans.

At Monclova, plans call for a secure entryway, an addition with four classrooms and improved parking and traffic flow are planned.

For the Monday, May 14 regular meeting, Dick said he hopes to have

the plans for both the high school addition and new Whitehouse Primary School, so the board can approve going out to bid.

In the meantime, construction is underway on a new operations building on Centerville Street and drainage and new parking lots on Finzel Road.

The project is being paid out of \$44.2 million raised through the passage of a 2.38-mill bond issue in 2016. The funds are being used for \$5 million in capital improvements, \$10.2 million in renovations and \$29 million in new construction.

Some of the items removed from the bid packages for Waterville and Monclova schools could be handled later as general maintenance projects, said Superintendent Dr. Jim Fritz, noting that bids are coming in higher than expected.

Renderings of the new traffic flow and building projects are available at [www.anthonywayneschools.org](http://www.anthonywayneschools.org).

# The Reagan Tokes Memorial Foundation Hosts Three Fundraising Events March 9-11



**Reagan Tokes**

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To celebrate the love, legacy and light of Reagan Tokes, friends and family hosted a three-day community event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9-11, 2018.

Reagan, an Anthony Wayne graduate and Ohio State University senior, was abducted on February 8, 2017, in the Short North area of Columbus and found dead the next day in the city's Scioto Grove Metropark. She was just a month shy of her 22nd birthday and a few months away from graduating from OSU with a degree in psychology.

The Reagan Delaney Tokes Memorial Foundation will provide ongoing scholarship opportunities for students who

want to pursue the dream of a college education. To raise funds for scholarships, three events were planned:

A **Dueling Pianos and Silent Auction** event was held on Friday, March 9, from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., at The Pinnacle in Maumee. Cool2Duel pianos provided the entertainment. The event included a catered meal, cash bar and photo booth. Tickets were \$50.00 per person.

A **Tennis Tournament** was held on Saturday, March 10, from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m., at Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Maumee. A round-robin tournament and tennis drills were hosted by Shadow Valley professional tennis pros. The event included a catered meal, cash bar, photo booth and door prizes. Tickets were \$35.00 per person.

A **Self-Awareness/Self Defense Class** was held on Sunday, March 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at the Martial Arts Center at the Shops at Fallen Timbers. Taught by sempai Shelly Blanco, the class topics included situational awareness, how to avoid being a target, how and when to strike and the illusion of safety. About 88 girls and women attended the class.

For more information visit [www.rdtmf.com](http://www.rdtmf.com) or visit the foundation's Facebook page.

The Reagan Delaney Tokes Memorial Foundation's website reported another fundraiser titled "Rally for Reagan Tokes Actions Conquer Tragedy." The event was held in Grove City, Ohio, on June 7, 2018. With the funds raised, the foundation was able to donate an addi-

tional \$50,000 to the Ohio State University for a second scholarship to be awarded in her name annually in addition to the one already in place. The foundation also has set up scholarships at Anthony Wayne High School and Maumee United Methodist Church.

For more information on Reagan and Self-Awareness/Self Defense Classes go to the following links: [www.rally@rdtmf.com](http://www.rally@rdtmf.com) or <https://mailchi.mp/5c61eb9b0c0f/thank-you-for-attending-action-conquers-tragedy-sdi7-safety-prevention-awareness-self-defense-and-the-sdi7-hiit-program>



**Reagan Delaney Tokes, an Anthony Wayne graduate and OSU senior, was killed last year in Columbus. The Reagan Delaney Tokes Foundation hosted three area events to raise funds for scholarships in Reagan's memory.**

## Like and Follow Us on Facebook Anthony Wayne Alumni Association

Watch for the updated Anthony Wayne Alumni website, [awalumni.org](http://awalumni.org) coming soon.

Find the newsletter, events, hall of fame list, photos and more on the website – pass the word.

The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Trustees would like to invite you to join the Alumni Association by becoming a Lifetime Member for only \$50 by completing the form in this newsletter.

Nominate someone for the Hall of Fame by March 30 of any given year (nominations received after this

date will be considered the NEXT year) by completing the form in this newsletter.

Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets at all home football games, support wine tasting and Chick-fil-A fundraisers.

You are invited to sit in on any or all of our AW Alumni Association Board Meetings held at the Waterville Public

Library at 7 p.m. Go to our Facebook page or website to see future dates. Your trustees are Jon McAfee, Karen (LaRue) Wiggins, Stephanie Phillips, Jim Fisher, Holly (Richard) Schmidbauer, Kim (Nolder) Meridieth, Kit (Morris) Heintschel, Steve Wayne and Debbie Jacoby, advisor.

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# AW Alumni Association to Award Public Safety Scholarship

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER  
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For 30 years, Jon McAfee shared his love of history with Anthony Wayne junior high and high school students.

Now, as the newly elected president of the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association (AWAA), McAfee is reaching out to alumni and local leaders to support students in their quest to earn a two- or four-year degree.

"We usually award three or four scholarships each year to graduating students, raising money through 50/50 raffles at football games, lanyard sales, Chick-Fil-A sales and donations," McAfee said. "But we're hoping to raise enough money for two or three additional scholarships."

During recent meetings with local police and fire chiefs, the AWAA received \$1,000 to fund a new Public Safety Scholarship, which will be given to an Anthony Wayne High School student, including those attending Penta Career Center, who wants to pursue an education leading to a career in firefighting, emergency medical services or law enforcement.

Those making the scholarship possible include Monclova Township trustees, Fire Chief Kevin Bernhard and Monclova Firefighter Association president Kyle Miller; Waterville Township Police Chief Richard Bingham and Waterville Township trustees; and Whitehouse Mayor Don Atkinson, Police Chief Mark McDonough, Fire Chief Josh Hartbarger and Whitehouse Village Council.

"These people were all instrumental in helping us," McAfee said.

Since its formation in 1997 by Dick Albaugh, a teacher, coach and athletic director for 38 years with the schools, the AWAA has awarded \$33,500 in scholarships and \$6,800 for other school projects. The AWAA also awards the \$1,000 Les Disher Memorial Scholarship to an FFA stu-

dents through the financial support of his widow, Doris Disher.

"I would like to see seniors who are going into a trade or a two-year nursing program, food service or public safety have just as much of a chance as those who are going into business, engineering, computer science or med schools," McAfee said.

"These scholarships will be open to all students and not just those who intend on going to a traditional four-year college," he said.

The AWAA has about 1,000 members, and the board of trustees works to reach out through Facebook and its newsletter to seek information about graduates and to solicit donations to support the annual scholarships, McAfee said.

In addition to scholarships, the AWAA goals include better communication with graduates and sponsorship of the Anthony Wayne Alumni Hall of Fame.

"Our mission is to promote, cultivate and honor shared connections

made among Anthony Wayne alumni," said board member Jim Fisher. "The association also has a greater role of promoting the connection of the whole AW community family, both past and present."

The Hall of Fame was created to honor alumni athletes and non-athletes, as well as those who have impacted the school district. Hall of Fame winners are chosen based on their impact in their communities or professions. This includes alumni, faculty/staff and community members.

In addition to McAfee and Fisher, the AWAA board of trustees includes Charlene Hansen, Kit Heintschel, Debby Jacoby, Kim Meredieth, Stephanie Phillips, Dr. Holly Schmidbauer, Steve Wayne and Karen Wiggins. Note: Charlene Hansen officially resigned after this article was published in the Mirror.

To donate to the AWAA, send a check to P.O. Box 2441, Whitehouse, OH 43571.



**The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association board of trustees includes (from left) back row, Jon McAfee, Stephanie Phillips, Jim Fisher, Dr. Holly Schmidbauer and Steve Wayne; and front row, Kit Heintschel, Charlene Hansen and Karen Wiggins.**

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# BETH TRACEY HITE LEADS CHERRY FEST AS PARADE'S GRAND MARSHAL

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Beth Hite is a gifted piano player, a nurse, mother and wife, and a grandmother. She's also a survivor – of a near-fatal drink driving crash and a malignant brain tumor.

But Beth isn't just surviving, she's thriving and loved in the community that's been home to four generations before her, said Megan Hite, who nominated her mom as Cherry Fest grand marshal.

"I've already got a pair of red crops and a shirt with cherries on it," said Beth, who will ride in the lead car with her husband, Don, and grandson, Gavin.

That Beth can climb into a car and use a queen's wave is nothing short of a miracle, considering the 1995 crash that nearly amputated her left hand and caused internal bleeding, multiple fractures and dozens of surgeries.

A drunk driver swerved left of center and ran over her Geo Prizm on Stitt Road one sunny fall evening. Beth still remembers the first responders from Whitehouse and Monclova who came to her rescue: the late Ernie Gehrke, Bill May and a young lady named Katie, to name a few.

"These are my forever heroes," she said.

In a detailed impact statement that

she shares with those who have been picked up for drunk driving, Beth explains the horrific aftermath of that decisions by one man to drink and drive – and the toll it took on her and many others for years to come.

"Never drink and drive," she implores.

Although she was told that she would never play the piano or walk again, the 69-year-old did, and she continues to play at Hope United Methodist Church each Sunday. For more than a decade, she also was the accompanist for Anthony Wayne High School musicals from *Guys and Dolls* and *Godspell* to *Wonderland High* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

A lifelong Whitehouse resident, Beth is descended from the Stolzhus family that migrated from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the 1800s and settled in the Oak Openings area. The Coder, Strayer and Weckerly families are among her ancestors. So is Homer Noble, whose name appears on a Weckerly Road barn.

Growing up, Beth spent summers on her grandparents' farm on SR 295, picking blackberries, harvesting carrots and climbing trees on the 88 acres, along with some of the 33 children that were fostered by her grandparents, Marcella and Clarence Packer.

"My great-great-grandfather was a veterinarian in Whitehouse and he told my grandmother that he used to shave dead people at the mortuary," she said.

Beth attended Whitehouse Primary, and what is now the junior high school building, where she recalls students climbing into a dirt-floored basement during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

"We were scared of bombs," she said.

At 14, she met Don Hite and they



Beth Hite

married in 1967, the year after she graduated from Anthony Wayne High School. They have three children: Matthew, who retired from the Army after 22 years; Melissa Puppas, a BGSU graduate and stay-at-home mom, and Megan, who served in the Navy.

For 35 years, Beth has served as a licensed practical nurse, first for St. Luke's Hospital, then for ProMedica and Paramount Health Care.

Beth served on Whitehouse Village council. She was also integral in the formation of the Whitehouse Library, along with a friend and teacher Barb Smigelski. Beth is a 2013 Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Hall of Fame inductee.

In 2014, she faced another challenge: a brain tumor that Dr. Brian Hoeflinger described as "aggressive, rare and fatal." He referred her to a brain tumor specialist at the Cleveland Clinic, and on Christmas Eve 2014 she had surgery to remove it. In the hours following, she appeared to be losing the battle.

"I was going down the tubes, but God's amazing grace was there to lift me up," she said. "'Amazing Grace' is my theme and my joy. God's plan – wow."

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# I Hear Tell ... Shares Stories of Whitehouse's History, People

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Naked people in the woods, a wandering bull and a teenage graffiti artist are just a few of the stories shared in Whitehouse Historical Society's new book, *I Hear Tell ...*

"The title comes from a saying that Bud Bauman uses when he gives tours of downtown Whitehouse," said Susan Muenzer, who authored the collection of stories along with her husband, Craig Nilsson, and fellow WHS member Kathy Dollman. "Bud and so many people had stories we thought would be good to share before people forget."

In "The Water Tower," Michael Elling admits that even though he was afraid of heights, he was the one who painted "Class of A-W 1957" on the now-gone water tower in Whitehouse Park. As he ascends the steps of the tower in the story, a teenage Michael recollects a summer romance and listens to the sounds of his hometown below.

In "1930s Whitehouse From a Child's Eye View," Janis Sullivan Witte describes the businesses, people and community events of Whitehouse in the 1930s and 1940s, including her father's Lehman and Sullivan Motor Sales, where he and two others were tied up and robbed of \$50.00 by bandits.

Nilsson shares how the Bruins Sunbathing Club used 40 acres on Yawberg Road for nude picnicking, sunbathing and other outdoor sports in the 1950s and 1960s. Edith Church rented out the former Majestic Theatre on Providence Street to print and mail National Nudist Council periodicals and brochures.

Bud Bauman and his sister Yvonne Walters tell of riding bikes, playing in barns and garages, skating and playing hockey on the small quarry, and learning to swim in the large quarry.

Gale Longnecker shares how the three quarries were operated. Much of the stone was used to lay railroad beds as far west as the Mississippi River, but were also used for homes on Merritt Street and West Street.

Tom Duvendack, who was park



**Whitehouse Historical Society members (from left) Kathy Dollman, Susan Muenzer and Craig Nilsson hold copies of the new book, *I Hear Tell ...* which were available during the log home open house for Cherry Fest.**  
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manager of Oak Openings from 1975 to 2002, tells of fern fiddlehead seekers, raccoon and chinchilla releases and a man who spent the night buried up to his neck in the ground.

*I Hear Tell* contains a cross-section of Whitehouse history and first-person accounts that will give newcomers and old-timers a feel for the village's origins and personalities.

Since the publication of the book, several more stories have surfaced, Nilsson said.

"I think we've got a start on Volume 2," he said.

Copies of the paperback are available for \$15.00 from any WHS member or during log home open houses, including on Saturday during Cherry Fest.

## Waterville Historical Society Plans Events

The Waterville Historical Society announces its slate of programs for 2018, as well as the schedule for its walking tours and open houses.

Open houses are held at two historic homes: the Robbins and Sargent houses on River Road. The downtown walking tour begins at 9:00 a.m., at the Robbins House, and the uptown tour begins at noon at Wakeman Hall. These events are scheduled for the following Saturdays: July 28, August 25 and October 20.

The Robbins House at 114 S. River Road, Waterville will feature new WWI displays. On the first floor are mannequins with uniforms and a very special set of stereographic photos of both Allies and Axis soldiers. Upstairs features displays on propaganda, life

on the home front, and information on the Red Cross including a nursing uniform.

The Sargent house next door has a new display of tools that came from the Rupp Canal Store.

The Wakeman Archival Center is also open on these Saturdays for historical research. For more information, visit [www.watervillehistory.org](http://www.watervillehistory.org).

Programs include:

**Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Wakeman Cemetery** – Ghostly Encounters V by local re-enactors.

**Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Wakeman Hall** – Art Stolen by Nazis in World War II by Al Geha.

**Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Fallen Timbers Fairway Club House** – WHS Christmas Dinner.

## Copious Brewing Company to Open Next Summer in Whitehouse

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER  
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An idea is brewing to transform a Whitehouse eyesore into a community gathering space.

Kyle Keiser and Mike Sobota, both University of Toledo graduates, engineers and craft beer aficionados, plan to refurbish the old Apex building at 10820 Waterville Street and open Copious Brewing Company by Summer 2019.

“We’re not doing this because of the money, but for the fun,” said Keiser, a 2006 AW graduate. “We’re trying to get back to the original concept of breweries, which is to give people common ground to spend time together.”

Plans call for a taproom in the front and a gathering space game room in the back, with cornhole, shuffleboard and darts for patrons to play while testing out the eight regular and four seasonal brews, Sobota said.

During an April 2 Whitehouse Planning Commission meeting, Allen Kuck – a commission member who recused himself from a vote – said he is purchasing and renovating the property to rent to Keiser and Sobota for the new venture.

Built in 1954, the building was originally a Ford tractor dealership, then used as Whitehouse Industrial Company, aka Apex Design, which closed in 2004. It has only been used for storage in the years since.

The planning commission ap-



**Mike Sobota (left) and Kyle Keiser plan to open Copious Brewing Company in the old Apex building at 10820 Waterville St. in Whitehouse.** Mirror Photo by Karen Gerhardinger

proved a change of use and preliminary site plan for the building.

“When I get together with friends, we discuss how nice it would be to stay in the Anthony Wayne area instead of driving downtown and paying \$10.00 to park or worrying about driving home,” said commission member Zach Ries of the microbrewery concept. “This will encourage people to come to town and stay.”

Keiser and Sobota spent over a year working on a business plan, consulting with the owners of Black Cloister Brewing Company in downtown Toledo and Earnest Brew Works in South Toledo.

“Being engineers, we researched

this to the nth degree,” said Sobota, who has been home brewing in small batches for five years.

When it opens, Copious Brewing will have just Friday and Saturday hours ending by 11:00 p.m. and no food – although they hope to partner with some local restaurants or food trucks. As far as distribution elsewhere, the brewers say this will be minimal, as keeping up with supply for weekends will be the priority.

An exterior patio area is also planned, with an outdoor screen to shield the neighbors and a trellis to grow hops.

For information, visit [www.copiousbrewing.com](http://www.copiousbrewing.com).

## Majestic Oak Winery Hosted a Benefit Tasting

The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association hosted a wine and beer tasting at Majestic Oak Winery, 13554 Mohler Road, Grand Rapids, on Thursday, June 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Presale tickets were \$20.00; tickets were \$25.00 at the door.

Cheese, sausage and cracker platters were provided by Local Thyme,

Grounds for Thought and Sautter’s Food Center.

Anthony Wayne Alumni vocalists Maddison “Muddy” Binkley and Aaron Hertzfeld, both 2014 graduates, provided live music. A 50/50 raffle, door prize raffle and a “Chinese” auction were available. All proceeds will go toward scholarships.

It is with fun events and lots of

hard work and planning the AWAA is able to award several college scholarships each year. We do appreciate any and all involvement and contributions to help us continue providing information such as this newsletter and selecting an annual class of inductees to the AWAA Hall of Fame. Plus, providing scholarships to graduating AW seniors.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**This Summer:**

## **Celebrating John Pray's Arrival in Waterville ~ 200 Years Ago!**

The Waterville Historical Society will be opening its museum doors on Saturday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and recalling the very places connected with John Pray's early arrival in what became the community of Waterville. Special guests invited to view the exhibits in the Robbins and Sargent House museums, 114-116 S. River Road, include the hundreds of AW Alumni who still inhabit the earth! Two walking tours also will be led by the Historical Society, one meeting at Robbins House at 9:00 a.m. and the second meeting at Wakeman Hall, 401 Farnsworth Road at noon.

The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association is a great way to keep in touch with old friends, relive high school memories and continue to support Anthony Wayne High School academics and athletics via scholarships and special programs. Membership in the AW Alumni Association is open to all Anthony Wayne High School graduates. The group is actively involved in awarding annual scholarships to graduating seniors and sponsors its award-winning Hall of Fame program which honors graduates, staff members and community members who have made significant contributions to Anthony Wayne High School and the AW community.

WHS is honored to have these folks as special guests at our Saturday, July 28 open house. Also on display in the Robbins House is an interesting collection of photos and artifacts from World War I for all to appreciate. The downtown walking tour begins at 9:00 a.m. from the Robbins House; and the uptown tour starts at Wakeman Hall, 401 Farnsworth and AW Trail at noon. The Archival Research Center also is open at Wakeman Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that day.

This event is free and open to the public. Join us!

## **Free Outdoor Movie Nights Offered at Promenade Park**

ProMedica and Buckeye Broadband will offer free, outdoor family movie nights to the community this summer. The kick-off for the first outdoor movie night was on Saturday, June 23, at Promenade Park, 400 Water Street, Toledo.

The event began at 5:00 p.m. with entertainment from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., *Toy Story 3* played on the outdoor television screen. Entertainment included the newly opened interactive

water feature, face painting, characters presented by Laurel's Princess Parties, food trucks, Kona Ice and more. The water feature will be active daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Additional movie dates are: Saturday, July 28 – *Finding Dory*; Saturday, August 25 – *Peter Rabbit* and Sunday, September 23 – *Wonder*. Movie times will vary.

## **Up On the Roof Planned on Main Library Rooftop**

Up On the Roof, presented by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and Literati, will be held on Saturday, July 21, on the Main Branch Library rooftop, 325 Michigan Street, Toledo, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Attendees can dance the night away enjoying views of Toledo's downtown city lights. Touch the Sky's DJs will spin beats all night long.

Light fare will be included with each ticket. Cash bar.

The event is 21 and older. Parking is free. Advance tickets only; for tickets, visit [upontherooftoledo.eventbrite.com](http://upontherooftoledo.eventbrite.com) or call (419) 259-5199.

## **Veterans Memorial Park Fundraiser Announced**

Third Street Cigar, 20 N. Third Street, Waterville, will host a fundraiser to benefit Veterans Memorial Park in Whitehouse on Thursday, August 9, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. The evening will feature food, entertainment, a silent auction and a cash bar. Tickets are \$60.00 and can be purchased by calling Whitehouse Village Hall at (419) 877-4383.

## **Big & Rich, Rick Springfield Perform at Fulton County Fair**

The 2018 Fulton County Fair starts on Friday, August 31 and runs through Thursday, September 6. This year's grandstand entertainment includes Rick Springfield on Sunday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m., and county duo Big & Rich with opening act Caroline Kole at 7:00 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.

Festival seating for Rick Springfield is \$26.00; grandstand seats are \$23.00 and \$20.00. Big & Rich and Caroline Kole festival seating is \$36.00; grandstand seats are \$33.00 and \$30.00.

Prices do not include regular adult fair gate admission of \$5.00; children 15 and under receive free gate admission when accompanied by an adult. Parking is free. Tickets went on sale on Tuesday, July 10 at [www.fultoncountyfair.com](http://www.fultoncountyfair.com).

## **Momentum Fall Festival Set at Promenade Park**

Momentum, sponsored by ProMedica and Toledo's philanthropic community, is

a three-day festival of music and art along the riverfront in downtown Toledo. It will take place on September 13, 14 and 15 at Promenade Park.

The event celebrates the transformative vibrancy of the arts for the northwest Ohio region by supporting local artists and musicians, and inviting international creatives to perform and exhibit in Toledo.

There are two headlining concerts scheduled for the weekend: Friday night features Orquesta Akokán, a big band collective of the finest Cuban musicians both young and old. Saturday night, the Toledo Symphony will return to the stage in Promenade Park.

All Momentum events are free and open to the public. Additional information is available at [www.momentumtoledo.org](http://www.momentumtoledo.org).

## *AW Students in the News*

- **Clare Kerscher**, a 2014 AWHHS graduate and senior medical laboratory science major at the Ohio State University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester.

- **Nicholas Gillenwater**, of Whitehouse, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Heidelberg University.

- **Matthew Dick**, of Whitehouse, has been named to the dean's list for academic excellence at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

- **Taylor Buskey, Camryn Buskey and Madison Enderle**, of Waterville, and **Maddi Conway**, of Whitehouse, were named to the fall dean's list at the University of Dayton.

- **Robert Kennedy**, of Waterville, graduated from Baldwin Wallace University with a master of arts in education school leadership.

- **Nicole Wegman**, of Waterville, was named to the University of Akron's fall president's list.

- **Kathryn Schneider** was named to the fall dean's list at Bowling Green State University.

- **Faith Carroll**, of Whitehouse, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Butler University.

- **Sophia Rodgers**, of Monclova, was named to the fall dean's list a John Carroll University.

- **Michael Ellerbrock**, of Waterville, was named to the fall dean's list at John Carroll University.

- **Sophia Petros and Joshua Schwerer**, of Whitehouse, and **Jessica Winslow**, of Waterville, were named to the fall dean's list at the University of Findlay.

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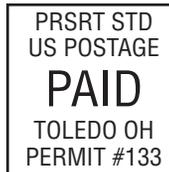


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