

Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Newsletter

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AW Alumni Association Awards 2017 Scholarships

The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the following members of the Anthony Wayne High School graduating class of 2017. 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 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.

Conner Buraszkeski lives in Waverly. He will be studying nursing at the University of Toledo. He says, about his intended profession in the medical field, "For me, it's about the work to help people heal, and to change people's lives even in the smallest of ways;"

Sanjay Jinka lives in Maumee, OH. He plans to attend Kent State University/Northeast Ohio Medical University 6 year BS/MD Medical Program. Sanjay says, "So, in the future, when I am a physician serving patients I may be treating their hearts, but my goal is to give them a

little piece of mine."

Ben Myers lives in Whitehouse, OH. He plans to attend The University of Toledo and study Electrical Engineering. "Because I have now seen first hand the way lives can be improved when a community comes together to accomplish a goal, I will continue to perform community service throughout my life," and

Kalie Anderson is the AW Alumni recipient of the Les Disher scholarship. Kalie lives in Whitehouse, Ohio, and plans to attend Naropa University. "Through FFA," she says, "I have learned how to effectively work with others, and how to ensure that everyone's voice is heard."

AW Graduates, Business Owners Open Whitehouse Sports Facility

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Like many parents, Andrew and Christie Nowicki pull double duty, working full time and getting their three kids to sports practice.

Now, with the opening of a new sports facility in the back half of the building they purchased last year, the Nowickis don't have to travel far – and neither do several Anthony Wayne baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer teams.

While the Nowickis started their DEWESoft operation five years ago, they moved into the 11,000-square-foot building at 10730 Logan Street in Whitehouse in early 2016. Over the past few months, the back half of the building has been transformed from an empty warehouse to a thriving space for youths of all ages to hone their skills and let out some energy.

With green turf, bright lights and versatile netting, NOW Sports Zone1 can be divided into individual lanes or opened for teams to play a variety of sports. Last week, 11u and 12u baseball teams took turns throwing, hitting, running drills and playing dodge ball.

"It was well worth the cost. The community needs this. Everyone was going elsewhere. It's close to home, so teams aren't going into Toledo or Bowling Green," Andrew said, noting that lacrosse, soccer and other teams are welcome.

Anthony Wayne High school baseball coach Mark Nell agrees. His players now use the facility to work out in the offseason along with local pro and AW graduate Deion Tansel.

While NOW Sports isn't officially open yet for public use, a calendar posted on the wall shows several nightly practices. Eventually, community members can book one-on-one time with a coach for hitting practice or to just enjoy a game of kickball with friends, Andrew said.

This isn't the Nowickis' first foray into hosting sports teams. For a few years, their barn is often filled with kids, as son Hadryn, 12, plays travel baseball and daughters Trinity, 11, and Gabriella, 9, play travel softball.

Andrew, a 1996 Anthony Wayne High



Andrew and Christie Nowicki opened Now Sports in the back half of their 10730 Logan Street building. Andrew coaches his sons 12u Anthony Wayne Junior Generals team. Pictured are (from left) front row, Hadryn Nowicki, Parker Hutson, Nate Miller, Mitchel Harder, Ian Gill, Jack Behnfeldt and Tyler Mull; and back row, coaches Andrew Nowicki, Matt Miller and Mike Nowicki.
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School graduate, played baseball and football. While in his senior year of high school, he signed up to take physics and fell in love with the subject, although his grades didn't show it, he laughed, noting that he had a case of senioritis.

Because of this, his teacher advised, "Whatever you do, don't go into physics." So he did just that, majoring in physics at the College of Wooster.

As part of the program, he wrote thesis papers his junior and senior years and was published in the *Journal of Chemical Physics* in 2001.

After graduation, Andrew married Christie Overmyer, a 1997 AW grad, and they moved to Florida, where he worked for NASA. While there, Andrew learned about data acquisition, programming, testing and robotics. This was a launch pad for many years in the data acquisition field and then opening the North American sales and marketing operation for DEWESoft, an international data acquisition company.

So, what is data acquisition?

"When a manufacturer of anything needs to check to make sure it is working

properly, they need to test it and that is where data acquisition comes in, Andrew said.

For instance, when testing a vehicle, sensors and gauges are placed at multiple points, and these readings go to a data acquisition system to be converted from analog to digital and then be displayed on a computer. DEWESoft works with some of the world's largest companies in the automotive, aerospace, industrial machinery and everything in between, such as GM to Tesla and CAT, John Deere and other large equipment manufacturers, along with companies like Whirlpool and SpaceX.

The Whitehouse office has five employees and more to come, including Andrew and Christie, who is chief financial officer. An additional five salespeople are scattered throughout the United States, and another four to five will be hired this year, he said.

For information about DEWESoft, visit www.DEWESoft.com and for more on the sports facility, see NOW Sports LLC on Facebook or email nowsportszone@gmail.com.

AW Grad Bud Bauman Leads Walk Through History On Locally Produced DVD

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AW Grad, Daryl “Bud” Bauman, has seen plenty of changes to downtown Whitehouse in his 80 years.

As one of seven children living on Providence Street next to what is now the Peinert-Dunn Funeral Home, Bud spent his formative years shooting BB guns at pigeons in the grain elevators near the park and hanging out at the closed quarry, camping and having cookouts.

“We didn’t come home until the streetlights came on,” Bud said.

In *A Historical Walking Tour of Whitehouse, Ohio*, Bud shares his recollections of the people, buildings and organizations that have filled downtown Whitehouse over the decades.

The Whitehouse Historical Society (WHS) debuted the 31-minute DVD with free admission on Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m., at the Whitehouse American Legion. Drinks and snacks were available for purchase.

For years, Bud has kept historical photos and newspaper clippings in his business, Whitehouse Motors, but only joined the WHS about a decade ago.

“He knows so much. I’m excited that he’s put this together,” said WHS president Susan Muenzer.

A few years ago, the WHS released a book, *A Walk Down Providence St. Whitehouse, Ohio From the Present to the Past*. Bud also tried to do his own film with the WHS, using a handheld camera.

“It was a disaster. The wind blew. Cars drove by. It didn’t work out. The sound was awful. “I’ve had it in mind since then,” Bud said.

Then he met Mike Vanderpool.

“I needed to work on my car. I like to talk. Bud likes to talk. We got to talking,” Mike laughs. When Bud learned of Mike’s expertise teaching visual communications and graphic design, they began working on the film.

Mike filmed Bud in the downtown area and produced the video, blending Bud’s comments with historical photos and drone footage by Anthony Wayne



Bud Bauman (center) had help from producer Mike Vanderpool (left) and drone photographer and AW grad Ryann Miller in creating *A Historical Walking Tour of Whitehouse, Ohio*, a 31-minute DVD which debuted on Thursday, March 30, at the American Legion. Admission to the screening was free.

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graduate Ryann Miller.

“It’s really interesting for me to hear how the town grew up,” Mike said. “The pictures give a sense of history that can be shared with people who are new to town and with kids, to tell about the origins of Whitehouse.”

Photos from Bud’s personal collection, the WHS and Jack Witte all help in transporting viewers back in time. For Bud, identifying these photos would be tricky, as buildings have changed.

“Sometimes you can only tell by counting the number of windows or doors,” Bud said.

As he walks viewers through history, Bud talks about everything from lunch counters and electronics stores to barbershops and churches.

The duplex behind the Pythian Castle was a church. Other churches were located next to Dave Giest Body Shop and along the north end of Providence Street.

“There were a bunch of holy people back then. We had a lot of churches in town,” he said.

The antique store on the corner once housed a lunch counter on the first floor

with rooms for rent on the second floor. Men would come to town and rent a room, then head to Kings Livery stable to rent a horse and buggy to go sell seed implements to farmers in the area.

Ruben Miller, the section foreman for the Wabash Railroad, lived across the street from the Baumans, Bud recalls.

The railroad was the hub of downtown activity. Scales were located next to General’s Ice Cream, which was once the scale house, to service farmers and businesses.

“You’d be astonished to find out that an awful lot of lumber was shipped out of Whitehouse. And huckleberries, too,” Bud said. Large, straight oaks – used as masts in sailing ships or for bridges during the turn of the century – were shipped out by train.

The video includes many details about nearly every downtown building. Bud is hoping to find photos and information about buildings that were once located on the west side of North Providence Street.

For more information on the WHS or the video, visit www.whitehouseohiohistoricalsociety.org.

AW Graduate Drake Moore Explains Meaning of Poppies

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Every Memorial Day weekend, American Legion members throughout the nation take up stations in front of gas stations, restaurants and grocery stores with red paper poppies.

Last week, as Drake Moore was driving through Whitehouse, the 2016 Anthony Wayne graduate immediately recognized Post 384 Cmdr. Wayne King.

"I gave him a call and asked him what he was doing standing outside the gas station," Moore told an audience gathered at Whitehouse Cemetery for a Memorial Day service on Monday. King, like the others, was offering red paper poppies for a donation to assist veterans.

Quoting the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moore explained that the red poppy "grows on fields where valor led, it seems to signal to the skies, that blood of heroes never dies."

Moore, who is earning his bachelor's degree in biblical studies and masters of divinity at Cedarville University, was called to speak at the Memorial Day services in Whitehouse and Waterville. He decided to research the meaning of the poppy by studying the poem by Major John McCrae, a military doctor and artillery commander in World War I. McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for a friend, Canadian Lt. Alexis Helmer, who was killed by an exploding German artillery shell during the Second Battle of Ypres in May 1915.

McCrae began the draft for the poem the evening after Helmer's burial. A French woman named Moina Michael was moved by the poem and came up



George Willets, a World War II veteran who spent 12 years in the Navy, shares a laugh with friend and guest speaker Drake Moore, a 2016 Anthony Wayne graduate who is majoring in biblical studies at Cedarville University while also earning his master of divinity.

with the idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day to honor those who had fallen in service to their country.

"As I look at this poppy, what do I see?" Moore asked.

"I see the 4,435 brave men who died fighting to free our nation from the crown. I see the 140,414 men in blue union jackets who fell in order to give freedom to all people. I see the 53,402 soldiers who passed fighting overseas in the Great War. I see the 291,557 men in uniform who died on the beaches of Normandy, elsewhere in Europe and throughout the Pacific during the second World War. I see the 33,739 who fell in Korea and the 47,434 who gave their lives in Vietnam. I see the 148 who died in the Gulf War and the thousands who have given their lives in the Middle East to preserve freedom for you and I."

Picking up two books, Moore said he always carries with him a Bible and the U.S. Constitution – reminders of freedoms that people in many other countries do not enjoy.

"God, through these men and women, has blessed me with the ability to go to school and get a job, at institutions that would be outlawed in other countries. Because of these men and women, we can organize freely, speak freely, worship freely and live freely."

Each year, the Legion hosts services in Whitehouse and Waterville, including a speaker, the Anthony Wayne Marching Generals, the laying of a wreath to honor the war dead, and a 21-gun salute.

For more information, visit Whitehouse American Legion Post 384 on Facebook.

Waterville Historical Society Announces Presentation by Jim Conrad, 1965 AW Alum

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"Remembering Waterville School" was presented by Jim Conrad, president of the Waterville Historical Society, at Browning Masonic Community on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Many vintage photos from the society's archives were featured.

After a brief review of the village and

township schools from the 1825 Old Red Ox Mill School to the old school recently torn down, Conrad's talk largely focused on the 1886 classic designed by noted architect Edward O. Fallas with its subsequent additions and renovations which served the community until 1996.

Photos of students, staff, memorabilia and structures range from the

turn of the 20th century to the site's last use as a Waterville elementary school.

A special invitation was extended to all graduates and attendees of Waterville High School, Junior High School and/or the old Elementary School. Please take any memorabilia to share, such as letter sweaters and photos to the Waterville Historical Society.

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.

Haskins Couple and AW Grad Steve Heckler Spend Retirement Helping Children and Moms

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Steve and Sue Heckler's three children are grown and out of the house, but the Haskins couple continues to make a difference in the lives of children throughout the community.

It's a sunny Friday afternoon and the retirees are perched on small chairs in Andrea Pontsler's Whitehouse Primary School reading room, smiling and encouraging second graders Eddie Brentlinger, Logan Ivy and Jayce McDaniel in a game of Scrabble.

As Learning Coaches, the Hecklers devote an hour each week to boosting literacy in two sets of students through activities and guided reading, Pontsler said.

"We get to know them really well," Sue said of the children. "They enjoy reading and they get better throughout the year."

While it's been decades since Steve graduated from Anthony Wayne High school, it was a call for volunteers at CedarCreek Church's Whitehouse campus that got the couple linked up with Pontsler.

"We knew we wanted to volunteer when we retired and our kids were older," Sue said. "We enjoy kids. This is so much fun to work with them and see them grow."

"And we can do this together," Steve added.

Their daughter struggled with reading when she was young, and together they worked with her to improve her skills. But Learning Coaches don't need any special background, as Pontsler provides detailed activities.

The Learning Coach program matches community volunteers with classrooms and individual students within Whitehouse Primary, Pontsler said. Tutors work with students on a variety of activities, including practicing math facts and playing math games, studying spelling words and

vocabulary, and listening to the students read.

The students look forward to working with the Hecklers each week, even asking for them by name, Pontsler said. The students now only get one-on-one practice in a supportive environment, but also learn how to interact with adults.

"Mr. and Mrs. Heckler's kind words, supportive nature and positive energy all help to make a meaningful impact on the students they interact with each week. Their generous giving of their time and talents are helping the students they work with climb the ladder of success. They are amazing," Pontsler said.

The Hecklers joined CedarCreek's Perrysburg campus 11 years ago, then switched to Whitehouse. Because of the large congregation, it's easier to try out a variety of volunteering opportunities without getting locked into the same project for years, Steve said.

"It's a great way to try out volunteering and find out if it's a good fit," he said. "CedarCreek has a great group of giving people."

Both have helped with the South Toledo campus soup kitchen, and Sue serves as a mentor mom for the church's MOMentum group for young mothers. Steve helped with the CARS ministry, which repairs and gives cars away to single moms, and was a

member of the "Sparkle Team," cleaning bathrooms, painting and doing maintenance on the campus.

Now he's backed off some of those duties as he's serving as a CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate – for the Wood County Court. He advocates for children who are in the court system because of neglect, dependency or abuse.

"I think it's a higher calling than cleaning toilets," he chuckled. "I think my job as a union rep groomed me for this."

A heavy equipment operator, Steve became the union rep for the IUOE Local 18 for many years. Now, instead of representing employees and negotiating on behalf of the union, he's listening to children and making recommendations based on the best interests.

"The heroin problem has had a tremendous impact," he said.

The Hecklers encourage retirees to find ways to volunteer and make a difference in the community. Even those who are not CedarCreek members can contact the church and get connected with people and organizations in need of help.

"The Hecklers' dedication to serving God, coupled with their uplifting attitude and outlook, makes them stand out as volunteers," said CedarCreek associate pastor Jason Dittus.



Volunteers Sue and Steve Heckler enjoy a game of Scrabble with (from left) Eddie Brentlinger, Logan Ivy and Jayce McDaniel at Whitehouse Primary School. Since retiring, the Hecklers have been able to travel and volunteer more, helping children and moms.

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Waterville Primary Marks 20 Years; So Do Friends Who Met In Kindergarten

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Growing up on Colonial Court, Mallory (Burkhart) Jackson watched in fascination as crews constructed the new Waterville Primary School in 1996.

"It was really cool. I watched it being built and I was excited to go to school there," Mallory said.

Recently, the "new" Waterville Primary School building became 20 years old. During a second-grade music program on Thursday, March 16, children and their families heard from former principals and teachers and board members who were involved in the construction of the school, said music teacher Leslie Lee. An iMovie created by staff members involved in the transition was shown.

While the event was only open to invited guests and second graders' family members, the demolition of the old school and the 20th anniversary of the existing building have plenty of people sharing memories.

Standing in front of walls of fashionable eyeglass frames, Mallory and Jenna (Schwind) Abbey, her co-worker at Anthony Wayne Vision Services, shared how they first met in 1996.

"We met in kindergarten and we've been friends ever since," said Jenna, who lived on South River Road, not far from the old school. Jenna recalls art and gym class, the orange and yellow bucket-style chairs in the cafeteria and the dome-shaped climbing structure on the playground.

"We spent a lot of time there," Mallory said of the playground.

I remember playing hopscotch on the playground," Jenna added.

Over winter break, everything was moved, and the last kindergarten class to start in the old building moved up the hill.

While Mallory loved the new smell and the one-floor plan at the school, the best part was that her cat Baloo would trot over at recess time for cuddles with her and her friends.



Mallory (Burkhart) Jackson and Jenna (Schwind) Abbey both work for Dr. Dan Robinson at Anthony Wayne Vision Services. The two met as kindergartners in 1996 – the same school year that Waterville Primary School moved up the hill to its new building over Christmas break.
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The old school still drew in children and adults for several years as it housed nonprofit organizations. Mallory attended Waterville Community Church, which got its start in the former school, and after-school camp held there.

Jenna and Mallory both graduated from Anthony Wayne High school in

2009. Jenna earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and Mallory earned hers from Bowling Green State University. Four years ago, they began working together at Anthony Wayne Vision Services – a business started and continued by Waterville graduates Dr. James Robinson and his son, Dr. Daniel Robinson.

Senior Sanjay Jinka Named Presidential Scholar Candidate

Anthony Wayne High School senior Sanjay Jinka has been named as a U.S. Presidential Scholar candidate.

Sanjay was one of 4,000 students chosen for his superior academic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in the school and community.

A panel of educators reviewed the submissions and selected 800 semifinalists in early April. A commission appointed by the President selected the finalists, who were announced in May. Scholars were invited to Washington, D.C., in June for the National Recognition Program, which culminates with the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

Sanjay is the son of Shobha and Ashoka Jinka.



Sanjay Jinka
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AW Grad Wins \$27,000 Showcase During The Price Is Right

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On his first trip to California, Jacob Mattoni struck gold.

The 21-year-old Waterville man won a \$27,000 showcase – including a 2017 Honda Fit, a trip to Yosemite National Park and a four-wheeler – on *The Price Is Right* on March 6.

On May 25, Jacob was finally able to tell his friends and extended family about his winnings.

“It was the hardest secret I had to keep,” said Jacob, who had attended the live game show with his girlfriend Kendall Bialecki and her family while on vacation during spring break from The University of Toledo.

From the first “Come on down!” Jacob cheered, clapped, hollered and jumped up and down in true *The Price Is Right* fashion.

Jacob and the Bialeckis, including Kendall, her parents Ken and Dawn, and sister-in-law Jayne, wore bright green “The Bialecki Family Is Priceless” T-shirts when they arrived at the Los Angeles-area studio on March 6.

Because only 300 seats were available, and the family was mid-way through the line, Ken expected to be seated in the middle of the audience.

Dawn credits the family’s enthusiasm – including Ken’s “loud” nature – with landing the Waterville family in the front row, right behind the contestants.

“We all had 30-second interviews



The Bialecki family rallied on May 25 to watch Jacob Mattoni win the showcase on *The Price Is Right*. Jacob, who attended a live show with his girlfriend Kendall Bialecki and her family, had to wait between the March 6 taping and the May 25 showing to spill the beans. Pictured are (from left) Ken and Dawn Bialecki, Jacob Mattoni, and Kendall and Jayne Bialecki.

Mirror Photo by Karen Gerhardinger

with the producer,” Dawn explained. “I think that went well, and the fact that we were all wearing these matching shirts from my friend Tracey at Shimmer Gifts.”

“When they called out our family, I predicted who they would call up,” Dawn said.

Even though Jacob’s first guess on a price, for a gaming system, was too high, he was able to later spin the wheel and get a 95 in order to win a chance to bid on the showcase.

“I was looking at the audience because I couldn’t think by myself,” Jacob said. Thankfully, he looked at his family and the audience for clues.

Ken, who travels enough to know about the costs, suggested a bid of \$24,500. That turned out to be \$21,100

too low, but when the other contestant, a high school senior, overbid, Jacob was declared the winner.

Jacob will take delivery of the gifts sometime this summer. As to whether he’ll keep the Honda Fit – which might be a little small for his 6-foot, 2-inch frame – he’s not yet sure.

A 2015 Anthony Wayne High School graduate, Jacob threw discus and was a defensive lineman for the Generals. Now, he’s a junior studying electrical engineering at U.T., where Kendall, a 2016 graduate, is focusing on pre-med. Jacob is a senior airman for the Army National Guard 180th Fighter Wing. He is the son of Jim and Renee Mattoni.

To watch the show, visit www.cbs.com.

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AW Graduate and AW Alumni Assoc. Hall of Famer Sarah Meyer Gains Lessons From Haiti

Sarah Meyer, a 2003 Anthony Wayne High School graduate, is a pediatric nurse practitioner and a University of California San Francisco Global Health Nursing Fellow.

Last March, while Meyer was fulfilling her fellowship by educating local nurses in Hinche, Haiti, an accident occurred at a local open market.

An 8,000-gallon tanker truck filled with fuel ignited while at a gas station. The resulting explosion destroyed homes and businesses. Seven people were killed and 30 others were seriously injured, many with severe burns or inhalation injuries.

Le Hospital Saint-Therese – where Sarah was serving – had never handled a mass casualty incident. Considered a low-resource facility, staff was used to operating with limited supplies, and most had never needed to treat a large number of patients with severe injuries.

Under the leadership of an acting director, the staff converted a maternity ward into a burn ward, just as people began to arrive on the backs of motos, small motorcycles that serve as taxis. (There are only a few ambulances serving the region, and no emergency medical technicians or firefighting services in Hinche).

Triage was much different as well, with the wounded asked to lie on benches formed into a circle, so staff could quickly note conditions and get information.

Meyer continued in her role as educator as she treated patients, shoulder to shoulder with her nursing students. She instructed them on how to use the Parkland formula for IV resuscitation, which is part of standard burn care in the United States. The formula multiplies the person's body weight by the total surface area burned to determine an amount and rate of fluids to give.

She also gave the staff a quick-and-dirty way to estimate the burned surface area, by considering the hand to be 1 percent of the body area. Meyer helped nurses learn to use clinical assessments to determine if a patient had a significant inhalation injury. In



Sarah Meyer

Hinche, nurses normally use basic, old or damaged pulse oximeters to measure oxygen saturation.

"We had to do a lot of clinical reasoning just by looking at patients," she said.

Because she was their teacher, her relationship with them helped the team to collaborate and treat the wounded.

"In Haitian culture, you don't question or interrupt authority and it's hard for nurses to ask a physician questions. I had a good relationship with the nurses, so they felt comfortable asking me," she said.

Her ability to speak Creole, the native language of Haiti, helped Meyer better communicate with the staff.

The team had to overcome obstacles that included a lack of essential supplies, such as oxygen tanks, as well as security and crowd control as those searching for the injured came into the hospital.

Thankfully, aid from a nearby United Nations base and the Haitian police

helped.

"Only one patient died as a result of this accident," she said with pride.

Although she completed her fellowship last summer, Meyer works as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the emergency department of Children's Hospital Los Angeles and continues her work in Haiti.

Her combined roles help her to effectively treat American patients, she said.

"I'm learning a lot about diseases like malnutrition that we don't think about much here, but do exist."

Her work in Haiti has led her to cultural understanding in the United States as well, she said.

"We have many different cultures here in California, and being able to understand how different people talk about things is important," Meyer said.

Meyer was inducted into the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

This article was rewritten with permission from Diana Austin, University of California San Francisco. The original article first appeared on the Science of Caring website in October 2016.



Anthony Wayne graduate Sarah Meyer works with nursing students at Le Hospital Saint Therese to triage victims of a tanker truck explosion last March.

Photo Courtesy of University of California San Francisco

Veterans Memorial Park Committee Seeks Information And Funding To Honor Waterville's Fallen Heroes

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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From Robert Clark Gourley, who died in 1918 in France, to Sgt. Andy Eckert, a Purple Heart recipient who died in Iraq in 2005, 11 Waterville men made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

When the Veterans Memorial Park is complete, bronze plaques containing the names of every Anthony Wayne-area resident killed in action will be displayed, said park committee member Louann Artiaga.

During the January 9 Waterville City Council meeting, Artiaga shared more about the privately funded park, which will be located on Providence Street land donated by the village of Whitehouse. The committee has raised about \$25,000 of the \$250,000 needed for the full project, which also includes educational pieces about every branch of service and recognition of first responders.

Artiaga asked for a \$5,000 donation to cover the cost of the plaques, which would honor, at a minimum, those killed in action, including:

- Robert Clark Gourley, who was the first Waterville resident killed in World War I. He enlisted in the Marines in 1917 and served in the 66th Co. 5th Regiment out of Quantico, Virginia. He was 20 when he died on June 8, 1918 during the Battle of the Marne. In 1920, the American Legion Post 463 of Waterville was formed and named in his honor. The post dropped the Gourley name after World War II, and later closed in 2009.

- Emery Christman, son of Fredrick and Lydia (Studer) Christmann was born on March 5, 1895 and died on October 30, 1918. He was the namesake for the Whitehouse American Legion Post 384, which was chartered in 1920.

- Pvt. Delvin Noward, a Waterville High School Class of 1942 graduate, enlisted in the Army in September 1944 with Co. C, 182nd Infantry Regiment. He was shipped out in February



Andy Eckert



Robert Gourley



Ralph Waffle

1945 for the Pacific Theater. He was killed on April 26 that year on Cebu Island in the Philippines.

- Pvt. Ellsworth Graf, age 23, was killed in action in Germany on November 20, 1944, within a week of being sent to the front as an infantryman with the First Army. His father, A.F. Graf, was mayor of Waterville at the time. His brother, Douglas, was a seaman first class and spent the D-Day invasion in France.

- 2nd Lt. Ralph Waffle, brother of the late Waterville librarian Lois Waffle, was drafted in February 1942 and sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to attend Officers Candidate School. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the 2nd Army 67 Armored Division and sent into Normandy on D-Day Plus 6. He was killed in action at age 28 on August 14, 1944, in St. Lo, France. His remains came back on the ship with Ellsworth Graf.

- Sgt. David Sweet, born on October 7, 1914, enlisted on March 11, 1941. His civilian occupation was a semi-skilled chauffeur and driver of bus, taxi, truck and tractor. He was killed in action in Luzon on January 12, 1945.

- Robert W. Infalt, a torpedoman's mate in the U.S. Navy, was the son of Evelyn Mae Kibbe Hussey. He was lost at sea with the submarine *USS Golet* on June 14, 1944, at age 19. The submarine was sunk near Northern Honshu, Japan.

- Navy Soundman 2nd Class Carl Leon Breneman lived with his grandfather, George Riley Potter, in Waterville before enlisting in the Navy on his 17th birthday, July 22, 1942. He was stationed at Staten Island, New York, patrolling the coastline in the *St. Augustine*. On January 6, 1944, the ship collided with a merchant vessel off Cape May, New Jersey. He was among the 67 reported killed or missing in the accident. Carl was survived by his wife, Gladys, and a 9-month-old daughter, Janice Marie.

- Army SP4 Terry Lee Hawkins died on July 14, 1969 in Vietnam.

- Army Sgt. SP4 Terence Arthur Huebner died at age 22 on June 22, 1969 in Vietnam.

- Army Sgt. Andy Eckert served two tours of duty overseas, including in Iraq, where he died in 2005. He was a 1999 Anthony Wayne graduate who left behind his wife, Tiffany and children Marlee and Myles.

Anyone with information on these or other Waterville veterans who were killed in action are encouraged to contact the Waterville Historical Society or the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. Local historians are compiling information on veterans from Waterville and Whitehouse along with Monclova, Providence and Waterville Townships, Artiaga said.

For info on the Veterans Memorial Park or to see a 3-D presentation, go to www.destinationwhitehouse.org.

Did You Know ...

• Waterville Primary School was selected as a 2017 Hall of Fame School by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators. Principal Dr. Jamie Hollinger and her staff were presented with the award, including \$1,000, on June 16, in Columbus.

• A Family Fun Night, featuring a kids' carnival and student/faculty basketball game, was held on March 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Anthony Wayne High school.

Other features included a silent auction, 50/50, AW cheerleaders, Vaeda the police dog and concessions.

Proceeds benefitted AW softball.

• The Anthony Wayne FFA Alumni organization is planning activities and fundraisers for the new school year. The purpose of the organization is to support many events and scholarships for the chapter. The AW FFA Alumni welcomes new members, volunteers and ideas. Dues are \$200 per individual for lifetime membership, \$15 per individual for annual membership and free as a volunteer with no voting rights. Annual membership dues cover August 1 through July 31. Those interested in becoming a member or volunteering should contact Vicki Ryan at (419) 865-0187 or Lonnie Perry at (419) 466-9157. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the AWHS ag room.

• In June of 2016, AW grad Clifton Vaughn was awarded Scouting's Silver Beaver Award, at the 90th Annual Scouter Recognition Dinner. It is presented upon action of a council executive board. This award is for outstanding service to youth within the council or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that council. The average tenure for Silver Beaver candidates is 10 years or longer.

• The Waterville Library is in the process of digitizing all of the AW yearbooks. This will allow anyone access to earlier yearbooks for reference or pleasure. Look up photos and info regarding sports and other extracurricular activities of former AW students and faculty.

The library is also offering Scrapbooking. You may call the Library at 419-878-3055 or go to www.toledo

library.org and click on the Locations tab, then scroll down and click on the picture of the Waterville Branch for additional information.

• Whitehouse Historical Society hosted the premier of Bud Bauman's video tour of Whitehouse at the Whitehouse American Legion on March 30. There were drinks and popcorn available through the Legion. WHS offers DVDs of the tour for purchase. A short business meeting was held after the video presentation.

Additional events include: Founders Day on July 5; Buskerfest on Saturday, September 9; Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 31, and Tree Lighting and Decoration Making on Sunday, December 3.

• The Monclova Community Center, 8115 Monclova Road, Monclova, will host a variety of events throughout 2017.

Trivia nights will be held Fridays, August 11 and November 10.

Holiday events are planned for Wednesday, October 25, "Halloween Back" and Wednesday, December 13, "Christmas Celebration."

History lectures are scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 and Sunday, October 1.

Other special events include "Mom-to-Mom sale" on Sunday, August 6; "Employee Recognition Event" on Wednesday, August 9; "Reverse Raffle" on Friday, September 15 and "Monclova Market Days," coming later summer/early fall 2017.

For more information, call (419) 861-1336 or visit www.MonclovaCommunityCenter.com.

• A SilverSneakers fitness program is now available at Hope United Methodist Church.

Studies have shown that participation in an exercise program can lower body weight, reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes, strengthen bones and muscles and improve mental health and mood.

Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome to participate.

The cost is free with your insurance benefit or \$3.00 per class without. Wear loose-fitting clothes and comfortable athletic shoes. Bring a towel and water bottle. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. The church is located at 10610 Waterville Street, Whitehouse.

4th Annual General's Heroes Recognize Individuals in Area

A few years ago, Todd Boatfield (1988 AW grad) and Sam Ansara started organizing an all-class reunion so Anthony Wayne alumni could get together for a fun summer evening. Proceeds those first few years went to Anthony Wayne Athletic Boosters. Last year, profits were given to the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce for business grants, and to the Lucas County Sheriffs Office's DART – Drug Abuse Response Team – a task force created to combat the heroin epidemic.

"Todd dedicates a ton of time, effort and resources to make this happen each year and it has grown to be a must-attend event," Sam said. "His leadership and selfless effort have gone to giving these groups resources they wouldn't have."



Todd Boatfield

Anthony Wayne Grads In The News

• **Caleb Joshua Funk**, of Waterville, earned a bachelor of business administration in management from Fort Hayes State University.

• **Courtney Bandedeen, Samantha Beebe, Christen Burkes, Lindsey Simon and Micah Ward**, of Monclova; **Dalton Brown and Lara Weidner**, of Whitehouse; **Megan Enderle**, of Waterville, and **Erica Robinson and Nicole Schnabel**, of Swanton, were all named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Kent State University.

• **Brook Duby**, of Waterville, was named to the dean's list at Capital University for the fall 2016 semester.

• **Alexis Williams**, of Swanton, was named to the dean's list of Ohio Christian University.

• **Todd Stainfield**, of Monclova, has been named to the president's honor roll for the fall 2016 semester at Oklahoma City University.

• **Renee Fultz**, of Monclova, has earned a master of arts degree, majoring in biology from Miami University through Project Dragonfly's Global Field

Program (GFP). Since being accepted to the GFP in 2014, Fultz has explored conservation and education in Baja, Namibia and Mongolia, while also conducting projects that have made a difference in the Monclova area.

• **Claire Stoll**, of Waterville, was named to the Miami University fall 2016 president's list.

• **Madeline Marie Foster**, of Whitehouse, was named to the Wofford College fall 2016 dean's list.

• **Kaylee Schneider**, of Monclova and **Taylor Buskey, Marina Mendel and Madison Enderle**, of Waterville, were named to the fall 2016 dean's list at the University of Dayton.

• **Michael Ellerbrock**, of Waterville, was named to fall 2016 dean's list at John Carroll University.

• **Bryce Flickinger**, of Monclova,

was named to the fall dean's list at Denison University.

• **Matthew Dick**, of Whitehouse, was named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's fall 2016 dean's list.

• **Alec Nowak**, a Penta Career Center student from the Anthony Wayne school district, qualified for the 2017 Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference in Columbus.

• **Matthew Hoenig**, a 2013 AW graduate, was named to the fall dean's list at Hillsdale College.

• **Benjamin Ivan**, of Whitehouse, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the fall 2016 semester at Grove City College.

• **Samantha Beebe**, of Monclova; **Meghan Draheim**, of Swanton, and **Thomas Jaeck**, of Whitehouse, are fall 2016 Kent State University graduates.

Alumni Association Scholarship Fundraisers

The AWAA has two scholarship fundraisers scheduled for this summer. We would sincerely appreciate your support of these important fund-raising efforts. We will be selling a Chick-fil-A sandwich, cold bottled water and chips for \$5.00 at both events.

The first event will be held Friday, August 4, at the Annual Alumni Soccer Games. The location will be the AW Soccer Facility at the High School. This event highlights games between the JV

and Varsity and against Alumni players. The girls games start at 3:30 p.m. and end at 6:15 p.m. and the boys games start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

The second event will be the AW vs St. Johns varsity scrimmage football game on Friday, August 18, at the AW Football Stadium, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The regular concession stands will not be providing any food or beverages by AW, so look for the AWAA Chick-fil-A canopy or possibly in the concession stand.

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2017 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees will be presented at the September 8th home football game. The annual HOF Luncheon will be held the next day, September 9, in the high school cafeteria at noon. This year's AW Alumni Hall of Fame inductees are: Dale Cordy, AW Class of 1957; Steve Wayne, AW Class of 1962; Ernie Gehrke (deceased), AW Class of 1965; Karen LaRue Wiggins, AW Class of 1970; Sue Anne Rorapough Ladd, retired art teacher; Robert Slykhuis, retired high school principal.

Reservations are required. Please contact Holly Schmidbauer at 419-466-4128 or Kit Heintschel at 419-205-8917 for details.

AW Class of 1962 Reunion

The class of '62 will be holding their 55 year reunion on September 22 and 23, 2017. There will be a Meet and Greet at the American Legion Post #384 on Friday, the 22nd, commencing at 6:00 P.M. The post's location is 6910 Providence Street. Pizzas will be provided. Drinks at your own expense.

The reunion will be Saturday, the 23rd, at **Rt. 64 Pub & Grub**, formerly

Papoos Restaurant, located at 10335 Waterville Street, Whitehouse, OH. The reunion will commence at 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., with a choice of two meats, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and beverage. A cash bar will be available. Cost per person is \$20.

For further information contact Steve Wayne at sawcaw@msn.com or 419-666-7181.

Please Note:

There seems to be some confusion concerning a commercial website, named www.alumniclass.com which offers apparel and other items for sale and the official AW Alumni website. Our website is: www.awalumni.org and has no connection to the commercial site. You may find more current info by going to our Facebook page, which is: www.facebook.com/anthonywaynealumni.

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The Anthony Wayne Alumni Association spotlights outstanding Anthony Wayne Alumni with the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association Hall of Fame. This award is designed to recognize AW graduates who, through their participation in academics, activities, liberal arts, music programs, or sports at Anthony Wayne High School, have made significant impacts or contributions to the school, community, or students. To be eligible for nomination, the candidate must meet one of the following criteria:

- * Alumni must have graduated a minimum of 10 years ago.
- * Staff members must have served a minimum of 10 years and be retired at least five (5) years.
- * Honorary nominees must have made significant voluntary contributions to the betterment of Anthony Wayne Schools.

To nominate someone, visit www.awalumni.org and click on "HOF" link to find a nomination form. Nominations are due by March 30 each year.

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