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Fall 2020



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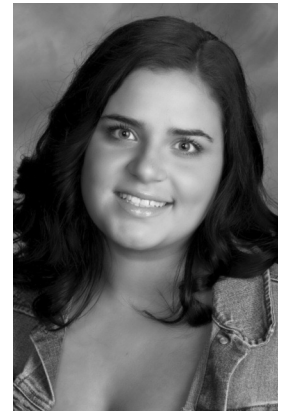
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From FBI agent and educator to physician and veterinarian, the 10 Anthony Wayne High School seniors all have different career plans.

As they head off to college, these 2020 graduates are getting a head start with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association. The seniors were chosen based on GPA, school service, volunteer efforts and a written essay about a significant ethical dilemma, experience, achievement or risk they have faced.

The recipients include:

- Tayler Common plans to study veterinarian medicine at University of Findlay or the Ohio State University. She received the Les Disher Agri-Science Scholarship, sponsored by Doris Disher.

- Chloe Rork is headed to Bowling Green State University to study criminal justice and forensics, with a plan to join the FBI. She was awarded the Public Safety Scholarship, which is funded by donations from area safety forces and municipalities.

- Emilie Gardner will study dietet-

ics at Bowling Green State University while playing soccer. She is the recipient of the Randee DeBolt Masciola Nursing/Public Health Scholarship.

- Contessa Strothers earned the Future Educator Scholarship, sponsored by Fred Dais. She is heading to Owens Community College to study deaf education.

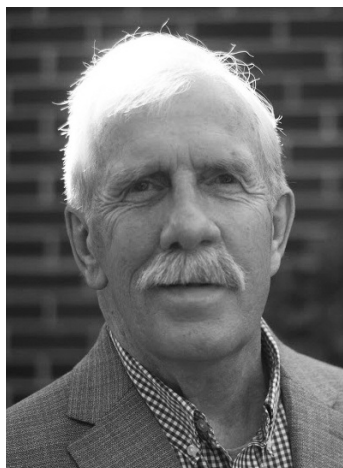
General AWAA scholarship recipients include:

- Reegan Kehres is studying animal science at University of Findlay.

- Andrew Kemmer is majoring in

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AWAA INDUCTS MEMBERS INTO HALL OF FAME



Jon McAfee



Allison Papenfuss



Louella Rupp



Sara Ryan Torres

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Five Anthony Wayne alumni and one retired teacher were selected for induction into the Anthony Wayne Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

Normally, these honorees would be recognized during the first home football game of the season. Instead, these new members will be honored alongside the 2021 Hall of Fame members next fall, said AWAA board member Kit Heintschel.

This year's honorees, listed in order of graduation date, include:

Louella Rupp graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1943.

She started working in third grade, holding down jobs that included a paper route, a laundry service, housecleaning and bookkeeping. At Whitehouse High School, Rupp played clarinet in the newly formed band and served as art editor of the school newspaper and class officer.

"I am grateful for the opportunities I had to explore new things, develop a good work ethic and learn the value of lifelong learning," she said of school.

As her daughters went to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Rupp supported their activities in school and continues to use her Generals Pass to watch great-granddaughters participate in basketball, band and track.

In her career, she worked as a bookkeeper for Toledo Trust, Whitehouse Bank – which later became Ohio Citizens Trust – and as a bookkeeper for the University of Toledo bookstore until her retirement in 1986.

For decades, she was an active member of the American Legion Post 384 Auxiliary and the Whitehouse Fireman's Auxiliary.

A lifelong member of Zion United Methodist Church, she's been involved in the council, choir, hosting Bible studies and teaching Sunday School for over 50 years. Rupp is a food pantry volunteer and secretary, tutors Whitehouse Primary students in an after-school program, cares for the church flower beds and serves on the hospitality committee. She also continues to knit sweaters for worldwide distribution to children.

A Metroparks Toledo supporter over the years, Rupp continues to work at the Blue Creek Native Seed Nursery. She also volunteers for the Whitehouse Library and is an active member of the Whitehouse Historical Society.

William H. Woods, Class of 1964, credits the Anthony Wayne High School Debate Club for guiding him toward a career in law. While he was involved in wrestling, basketball, FFA, Scholarship Team, Library Club, Antonians and Thespians and as a trainer for



William Woods



Kelly Zunkiewicz

football, it was Debate Club – which formed his junior year – that was most important.

He and his Debate Club partner, Nancy Liebrecht, had a record of 27 wins and three losses, winning the Port Clinton and first NLL Championship.

His participation in the FFA program was also beneficial, as he learned the rules of parliamentary procedure and how to run an agri-business.

"The skills that I developed and the success that our new team earned caused me to want to continue to pursue competitive academic debating at Ohio State," he said.

At the Ohio State University, he earned a bachelor of science in education in 1968 and a juris doctor from the College of Law in 1973. While at OSU, he competed in national events, winning top honors at the University of Chicago, among others.

Woods became partner at McNamara and McNamara, a Columbus law firm, in 1979 and remained there until 2015, when he resigned to become a judge of the General Division of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, which has jurisdiction over criminal felony cases and civil cases with \$15,000 or more in dispute. He is one of 17 elected judges in the busiest trial court in Ohio.

In addition to serving as a lawyer and judge, Woods has been active in the community, serving as a mentor for OSU law students, on the board of directors for Drug Safe Worthington, as legal advisor to mock trial teams and coaching girls soccer and

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boys baseball and soccer.

Sara Ryan Torres, Class of 1990, was involved in FFA, National Honor Society, Concert Choir, French Club, Ski Club, student council secretary, co-captain of the varsity mat maids and an algebra tutor while in high school. She graduated 18th out of 250 students and also earned an American FFA and State FFA degree, serving as State FFA president.

“The rigorous curriculum that I experienced at Anthony Wayne challenged me to think critically and be a problem solver,” she said, adding that caring teachers encouraged and motivated her.

Torres earned a degree in agriculture education from the Ohio State University in 1993, later obtaining a master’s degree in agricultural and extension education and an educational specialist degree in educational management and development from New Mexico State University. She is currently working on her doctor of philosophy with a major in science education from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Torres taught ag and science classes in New Mexico and was named Science Teacher of the Year for her work in elementary science. While working in Missouri as a K-12 curriculum coordinator for science and secondary health for the Columbia Public School District, she wrote a Physics First project grant.

She currently lives in Tucson, Arizona, and serves as executive director of the Arizona Science Teachers Association and as a STEM consultant for Yuma Elementary District One and the STEM-Azing Project for teachers in southern Arizona. She is also a professional consultant for School Specialty Inc.

Torres has won several leadership awards, including from the National Science Education Leadership Association. Last year, she was honored as Outstanding Alumni at New Mexico State University’s Agriculture College.

Kelly Zunkiewicz, Class of 2003, served as varsity girls basketball co-captain and volunteer camp coach in addition to National Honor Society treasurer, Youth Challenge Day mentor and volunteer math tutor at Anthony Wayne High School. Zunkiewicz was involved in Spanish Club and Young Life and was an honoree in the Governor’s Youth Art Exhibit.

After graduation, Zunkiewicz headed to Ohio Dominican University, where she graduated magna cum laude in 2007

with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education. While there, she served as varsity women’s basketball co-captain and played varsity women’s tennis. At Ohio Dominican, she was also Math and Computer Science Club president, student government president and a member of the Student Athletics Advisory Council and Nutritional Advisory Committee. She was named Ohio Dominican Outstanding Student Teacher for 2006-07.

As precalculus and AP calculus teacher, Zunkiewicz has motivated students at Earl J. Lennard High School in Ruskin, Florida, where 75 percent of the 2,000 students qualify for reduced or free lunches. She uses student autobiographies, surveys and conversations to inform her every decision, which has helped to propel her students to make astounding gains. Over a five-year period, the number of students passing the AP calculus exam has grown from 11 to 80 percent. This year, her students earned 93 percent on their winter exams, beating out every one of the other 26 schools in the county, which average 73 percent.

Zunkiewicz was named Teacher of the Year for her school, Mathematics Teacher of the Year for Hillsborough County and serves as a representative for the Measures of Effective Teaching Project for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Allison Pappenfuss, Class of 2009, was involved in varsity basketball and volleyball, National Honor Society and Challenger Club before graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

Pappenfuss ended her high school basketball career with 1,121 points and 728 rebounds, earning All-Ohio second-team honors in 2008 and All-NLL first-team honors in 2007 and 2008, serving as team captain her senior year. In volleyball, she had over 1,000 career kills and was named All-Ohio third team in 2008. She served as captain her junior year.

At Bowling Green State University, Pappenfuss was both a volleyball and basketball player while earning a bachelor’s degree in applied health science. She earned her master of public health administration in 2014.

“While athletics are an important part of any community, the message that I pass along to athletes is make sure that people remember you for the right reasons. No one will remember your stats or your awards, but what people will remember is how you said ‘hi’ to the little kids after the game, how hard you worked and how you represented the

community,” Pappenfuss said.

When her senior year basketball season was cut short due to a stress fracture, Pappenfuss had to learn how to lead without being on the floor. She struggled emotionally and physically – then learned how to get her energy out in the weight room while wearing a boot. That changed her career focus. She began working as a strength and conditioning coach at Indiana University in Bloomington, Frostburg State University in Maryland and now at BGSU, where she is assistant director of strength and conditioning with the men’s and women’s basketball and soccer programs, as well as the women’s golf and tennis strength programs.

Jon McAfee, a member of the Anthony Wayne faculty, retired in 2003 after 30 years of teaching social studies and history to grades 8-12.

A 1969 Bowsher High School graduate, McAfee earned his bachelor of science in education with a focus on social studies in 1973 from Bowling Green State University, where he was also a member of the wrestling team.

During his tenure at Anthony Wayne, McAfee also restarted the department honors program for social studies and history in addition to creating an 11th-grade advanced placement U.S. history course. As varsity wrestling coach for 15 years, he started the freshman and junior high wrestling programs as well as the mat maid program.

McAfee also taught driver’s education for the school.

While still teaching, McAfee earned his master’s degree in exercise science from the University of Toledo and was active in the community, serving as athletic director for the South Toledo Boys Club, coaching youth soccer and baseball and working with the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission to obtain affiliate National Park status from the U.S. Congress.

Since becoming a member of the AWAA, he has devoted countless hours to procuring scholarship donations, forming partnerships with community groups, updating the website and Facebook pages, increasing fundraising opportunities and serving as president and trustee.

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Any Anthony Wayne graduate can nominate someone to the Hall of Fame. Those nominations are eligible for three years. For information, visit the AWAA Facebook page.

AW Grad Chase Bachman Lands CBS Internship

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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A consumer of all things news – radio, TV, newspaper, podcasts and social media sites – Chase Bachman decided joining the *General's Gazette* staff would be a good junior year elective.

"I fell in love with it. I thought, 'I could do this the rest of my life,'" said Bachman, a 2017 Anthony Wayne graduate who is now a junior at Bowling Green State University. As a broadcast journalism major, he's honed his skills on air with BG Falcon Media and as a columnist for *The BG News*.

This summer, he got an opportunity to kick those skills up another notch as an intern with CBS News in New York City. On June 1, Bachman headed to the Big Apple, where he lived in a Manhattan College dorm and commuted to the studio to work on one of several CBS News programs.

With his focus on sports reporting, Bachman didn't think about the CBS internship program until he met CBS correspondent Nikki Battiste. She was in town last fall as guest speaker during the Toledo Press Club's Touch-stone Awards. Bachman received an award and scholarship during the event.

"I got to talking with Nikki Battiste.



Chase Bachman

She said she was impressed with my resume and asked me if I'd be interested in an internship with CBS," he said.

Of course, he said yes.

After two rounds of interviews – with detailed questions to test his knowledge of news and current events – Bachman made the cut and got the news in late January. Knowing that 13ABC reporter Michaela Marshall – a 2014 AWHHS grad – had gone through the same program, he asked for advice.

"She interned at *Good Morning Amer-*

ica. She said to just enjoy it. It will be challenging, but also one of the most fun experiences of my life," he said. "I'm going to go for it and try to be as fearless as possible and make as few mistakes as possible."

Bachman believes the experience will help him land a post-graduation job as a local broadcast sports reporter, but his long-term goal is to work as a reporter, analyst or host on a national level.

Being on TV carries the pressure to be perfect and look good, he said. To improve continually, Bachman said he watches himself on video and works at correcting things he doesn't like – such as the pace at which he talks.

As a kid, he had lessons in talking to an audience without even knowing it. His father, Scott Bachman, has served as an announcer for school sports, including at Anthony Wayne, Toledo Public Schools, Lourdes University and Owens Community College, over the years.

"Since I was 2 or 3, I was following my dad around to games. We trade ideas back and forth on how to talk in front of a microphone," he said.

This summer will be the first time Bachman has travelled to New York City. Already, he has a full list of several restaurants to check out.

"I hope I don't gain 15 pounds," he laughed.

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sports management at Bowling Green State University.

- Jala Ehrenfried will major in phar-

macy at University of Findlay.

- Mason Lyons will study actuarial science at University of Michigan.

- Jillian Mundo is studying bio-en-

gineering and pre-med at the Ohio State University.

- Audrey Herman will major in neuroscience at University of Michigan.

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Check out the updated Anthony Wayne Alumni website, awalumni.org and leave a comment on the "Get in Touch" page or make a donation on the "Donate" page.

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. Also check out our Flower Power fundraiser.

You are invited to sit in on any or all of our AW Alumni Association Board meet-

ings 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, Kit (Morris) Heintschel, Wendy Gehring, Steve Wayne, Angie Peinert Weber and Debbie Jacoby, advisor.

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www.awalumni.org

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.

AW Schools Ready To Welcome Kids Back To School - Safely

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
MIRROR REPORTER

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Hugs, high fives and handshakes are being replaced with the air hug, chicken dance, air five and foot bump.

“Little ones are used to hugging, but we have other ways to show love and support,” explained Monclova Primary School principal Betsey Murry, pointing to stickers demonstrating positive feedback alternatives that don’t involve touching.

For Murry and the other Anthony Wayne Local Schools principals, preparing for a school year that involves social distancing and masks has been an opportunity to demonstrate ingenuity and perseverance.

By the time the doors open on August 27, the physical spaces will be marked off for 6-foot separations, temperature-checking monitors will be installed at entrances and hand-sanitizing stations will be posted throughout the building. More importantly, the teachers are trained and ready to get students back to learning in a safe environment, said Fallen Timbers Middle School Principal Brian Bocian.

“The first few days, the teachers will devote a lot of time to procedural items, like masks and social distancing,” Bocian said. “We’re going to operate as normally as we would on a regular school day.”

Earlier this month, the Anthony Wayne Board of Education agreed to adhere to a plan that ties in the level of student in-school attendance with the Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public. At Level 1, yellow, all students attend in person. At Levels 2 and 3, orange and red, the hybrid schedules will be used. If the risk assessment would reach Level 4 or purple, school would be held remotely.

While many other Lucas County schools decided to start the year remotely until October 1 – as recommended by the Lucas County Health Department – the board viewed the lower numbers in the AWLS district and agreed to move forward with the hybrid schedule, in which students grouped by last names A-L and M-Z attend in-person classes two days a week.

“When the district came out with their plan last month, it answered a lot of questions,” Bocian said, or instead of getting questions about COVID-19 and safety protocols, he’s hearing more typical back-to-school questions, such as



Monclova Primary School principal Betsey Murry and second-grade teacher Jen Drennan share how “air hugs” and “foot bumps” will replace high fives and hugs this year.

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“Where is my homeroom?” or “What’s on my supply list?”

Safety is the top priority, principals agree. Earlier this week, Superintendent Dr. Jim Fritz shared with the board and the principals some background about Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, which shows physiological needs such as food, water, warmth and rest as the primary need, followed by security and safety.

“We’re meeting student safety and staff safety first. Our next priority is social and emotional support,” Murry said. “Some students will be scared. Some may have had family members with COVID. We want them to know they can feel safe here.”

The district is also following Bloom’s Taxonomy, a classification of the different objectives and skills that educators set for student learning objectives. The first step is Understand, followed by Apply, Analyze, Evaluate and Create, Bocian said, referring to a chart about Bloom’s.

“In order for students to learn and reach a higher level, they need a safe foundation,” Bocian said.

In each of the buildings, the first few days and weeks will be used to model and explain safety measures – especially as what returning students knew as normal is now much different.

At FTMS, about 60 of the 700 students have chosen to stick to online-only school, so fewer than 350 students will be inside the building on any given day, Bocian said. At Monclova Primary, an additional 60 students are studying remotely, so approximately 250 of the 550 students will be in attendance each day.

Upon entering the building, students and staff must be wearing masks and stop at a temperature check station – which looks like an iPad on a stand. Walking in the halls, students will follow directions to stay separated before arriving in classrooms.

Standing inside his corner room at FTMS, Jon Ernsthansen referred to the bulletin board, adorned with 18 mini basketball hoops signed by each one of his classes in previous years.

“I’m starting my 19th year,” the sixth-grade teacher said, pointing out other artwork from students hanging on one wall.

Like other classrooms throughout the district, the desks are grouped in units of two, separated by 6 feet. When Group A comes in on Tuesday and Wednesday, students will sit in one desk and leave their bookbags, coats and belongings on the other desk. Both desks will be sanitized before Group B arrives for Thursday and Friday instruction.

No more sounds of clanging lockers this year, Murry said, as students throughout the district will use bookbags to transport their own items, including electronic devices – of their own or loaned from the district – to avoid sharing screens with others.

Avoiding the sharing of items is a common theme. At FTMS, physical education teacher Bridget Fullerton purchased enough jump ropes so each student could have one of their own, and she’s designed a curriculum around their use. In the art room, students will carry their own markers, crayons and supplies

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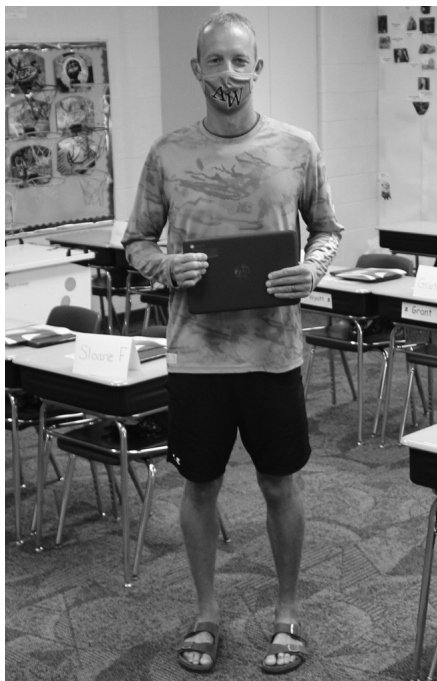
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instead of digging into a bin. In the media centers, students can preorder books, which upon return will be set aside for several days before being recirculated.

The lunchrooms have assigned tables, with seats 6 feet apart. Cafeteria aides will deliver meals to students at the tables, to prevent waiting in lines. The restrooms have signs limiting the number of students and caution tape over urinals, toilets and sinks to keep a 6-foot barrier between children. Even the outdoor area is divided into five zones, and each class will stick to a zone per week, rotating between the blacktop, grass, mulch and playground equipment, Murry said.

The outdoors will be used as much as possible, weather permitting, at all levels.

"We're fortunate to have green space at FT – so we can go outside. Teachers are no strangers to taking the class-room outdoors," Bocian said.

That outdoor setting, whether for recess or learning, will allow students to unmask at a safe distance for a while. The cafeteria and gym also provide ample space for students to take mask breaks, Murry said. Each of the Monclova students is getting a lanyard to hold onto their masks during those



Sixth-grade teacher Jon Ernsthausen stands in his Fallen Timbers Middle School classroom, ready to welcome students on August 27.

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breaks.

As teachers prepare for the first days of school, many are using the Ohio Department of Education videos urging

kids to "Mask Up. Back Up. Wash Up," but are also creating many of their own videos to introduce themselves to students and provide some answers to parents.

That's a first step in cementing relationships with students. In March, when schools closed, teachers already had time to know each student in order to better help them learn. Getting to know those students early is even more important this school year – especially if learning has to go virtual later, Bocian said.

Over the summer, Ernsthausen took time to stop and chat outdoors with each of his incoming students, get a photo and find out about their hobbies and favorite candy.

"Despite the challenges to starting up the new school year, all of the teachers are excited to see the kids. When the kids come in, it will all seem worth the extra work," Ernsthausen said.

REUNIONS

AWHS Class of 1990 to Reschedule Reunion

The Anthony Wayne Class of 1990 has postponed its 30th reunion, originally scheduled for September 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reunion will be rescheduled in 2021.

Classmates can look for updates on the AW Class of 1990 Facebook group or contact Cheryl Davis at Tc100davis@gmail.com.

Anthony Wayne Class of 1980 Postpones Reunion

The 40th reunion of the Anthony Wayne Class of 1980, scheduled for August 8, 2020, has been postponed for the safety of classmates, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organizers will announce the new date in 2021, when it has been determined. Any questions can be forwarded to Debbie Thompson at AW1980Reunion@yahoo.com.

AW 50th Reunion Postponed to September 2021

The Anthony Wayne High School Class of 1970 has postponed its 50th reunion. The new date is Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Monclova Community Center.

Check out "A WHS Class of 1970" on Facebook for all the latest information or contact Beth Willets Heinlein at bheinlein@sbcglobal.net or Karen LaRue Wiggins at t-kwiggins@bex.net.

AW Grads Head To College, Careers, Military

Anthony Wayne High School's 373 graduates of the Class of 2020 have big plans.

Of the 373 graduates, 71 percent plan to attend a four-year institution, while 11.3 percent will enroll in a two-year or professional school or apprenticeship program. The U.S. military or National Guard are next stops for 5.9 percent, while 13.1 percent are headed into the workforce.

For those planning to attend college, 288 provided information on their intended majors:

- 36 business-related majors.
- 25 engineering majors.
- 16 business marketing majors.
- 15 nursing majors.

"Our students were accepted at 131 different institutions/campuses and will be attending 61 of those schools in the fall," said high school counselor Joe Puhl, who compiles statistics each year.

This is the second year that Bowling Green State University was the No. 1 choice, with 80 students putting on the orange and brown this fall. A total of 52

students were awarded 74 different awards worth \$1,150,000. Of these awards, 60 were accepted with a four-year value of just over \$1 million.

One student, Kaylee Kahl, received BGSU's prestigious Presidential Scholars Award, which includes full tuition, and will be highly involved in leadership through the Honors College.

The University of Toledo was the second-most popular school, with 59 students planning to attend in the fall. UT awarded 67 scholarships and grants to 43 students worth \$950,000. Of those, 60 students accepted 62 awards with a four-year value of \$835,000.

Overall, 196 members of the Class of 2020 were offered 455 monetary awards and accepted 370 of them. The total value of all scholarships and grants offered is close to \$9.4 million. The amount of the awards accepted by students totaled close to \$7 million.

In addition, local groups and organizations offered 95 scholarships totaling \$115,000.

AW Grad Joins Adrian Bass Fishing Team; Competes In National Tournament

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Elliot Wielgopolski learned to fish as soon as he could walk. Now, the 17-year-old is headed to Adrian College, where he'll join the No. 3-ranked bass fishing team in the country.

"It's tough to get on the team and even tougher to get on the travel squad," said Adrian coach Seth Borton, who whittles down 100 serious recruits into just six or seven to join the team each year.

"Ever since attending Adrian's Bass Camp the summer before my freshman year, that's where I wanted to go," said Elliot of the college, which hosts bass-fishing clinics for youths each summer.

When Elliot was born, his grandpa, Dave Cook, bought him his first fishing pole. Soon they were going to area ponds on a weekly basis. In the eighth grade, the Wielgopolskis moved to Waterville, and Elliot met Caleb Dachenhaus, a 2019 AW graduate and now also a member of the Adrian bass fishing team.

In the summer of 2016, Elliot attended his first Bass Camp. Caleb joined for the following two summers and Caleb's brother, Josh, who is now a senior at AW, attended his first Bass Camp last summer. In the fall of 2016, they formed the Anthony Wayne Fishing Club, with about a dozen teen anglers going to area ponds and the river. The next step was getting kayaks and fishing in other Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan locales.

With help from their parents, Mike and Sharon Dachenhaus and Mike and Anne Wielgopolski, the teens were able to procure the gear – including rods, tackle, a boat and streamlined life vests – as well as a boat captain needed to compete in high school bass fishing tournaments.

"Elliot and Caleb were willing to jump through the hoops and overcome obstacles to make it happen," Borton said.

Overall, Elliot's record includes three top-10 finishes in nine tournaments. On June 24-26, he and Josh competed in the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) High School Fishing National Championship and World Finals on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Caleb, at



Elliot Wielgopolski, a 2020 Anthony Wayne High School graduate, signed with Adrian College to be a member of their No. 3-ranked Bass Fishing Team. In June he competed in the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) High School Fishing National Championship and World Finals on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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19, is able to serve as an adult captain of the boat for the high school tournament.

The upper Mississippi River and its hundreds of islands, channels and deep pools is an angler's paradise. Still, these three teens haven't fished those waters before and, like every tournament, they've been doing their homework – studying aerial pictures that show depths and changes in topography.

"As an angler, you gather all the puzzle pieces," Borton said. "You'll look at 20 to 30 areas and watch YouTube videos before you even get to the lake. It's a great research project wherever you go. And when you get there, you have to get out ahead of the other boats. It's not just throwing a bobber out there."

The foliage, water temperature, topography and current, as well as river tides, will all factor in. If there's a current, bait fish will come in and the bass will be more active. Fishing after a cold front is more challenging because the cold weather will cause the bass to lie low. With all that information, the anglers will choose a spot and throw out a line.

"And if that doesn't work, you try something else," Elliot said.

The knowledge gained through tournaments is essential for those getting onto Adrian's team, Borton said.

"You could be fishing in 40 degrees with 30-mph winds or 95 degrees of dead summer heat," he said. "You fish eight hours and have to get yourself in front of 50 to 250 boats. It takes passion, competitiveness and drive."

With Caleb a year ahead in the program, Elliot learned that he'll have to work hard to keep up on schoolwork while being on the road a week at a time. He plans to major in environmental science and find a career that allows him to be outdoors and involved with fishing and wildlife as much as possible.

Black Swamp Arts Festival Rescheduled for 2021

The Black Swamp Arts Festival, previously scheduled for September 11, 12 and 13 in Bowling Green, has been rescheduled for September 10, 11 and 12, 2021.

All artists who have applied will receive a full refund. For more information, visit www.blackswampfest.org.

Anthony Wayne Teachers Provide Online Learning

BY KAREN GERHARDINGER
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Nicole Kemmer and Ivy Thornton dance. Kevin O'Connor wears a different hat each day. Jennifer Drennan reads a chapter book. Michelle Nachtrab and Catherine Steinke give instructions on how to plant grass seeds.

Instead of leading in the classroom, Anthony Wayne Local Schools (AWLS) teachers are finding new ways to instruct and motivate students online.

Making the Change

"It was an abrupt shift. It wasn't just that we were going to teaching online – it was teaching online in the middle of a pandemic and all the variables with kids," said Kevin O'Connor, a high school language arts teacher.

Guided by principal Kevin Pfefferle's belief of "compassion over content," teachers at the 7-12 level especially keep in mind that teens might also be babysitting younger siblings, working an essential job, caring for a sick family member and dealing with financial stress while trying to keep up with assignments from eight different teachers.

"Their ability to stay focused on Mr. O'Connor's assignment to read a few chapters of Huckleberry Finn might be low on the priority list," he said. "For me and most of my colleagues, we cut down on the volume, not being sure what's happening on other end of the line."

The goal, said Monclova fourth-grade teacher Karen Seeger, is to make sure the content is being taught while not overwhelming students and parents.

"In order for distance learning to be engaging and successful for our students, we must find a balance," agreed Monclova third-grade teacher Jennifer Frederick.

Collaboration

Within hours of the announcement that schools would close, AWLS teachers and administrators began working together to find solutions.

"There is a great deal of collaboration happening ... within our departments and nationwide," said Fallen Timbers Middle School teacher Bethany Swift.

Seventh-grade English teacher Shawna Keener started a Facebook group, Ohio Teachers Are Better Together, for licensed Ohio teachers to share ideas with one another and parents.

"One parent posted a math question, and within minutes, six teachers jumped on and helped," Keener said. "Teachers are very innovative. There's a lot of togetherness being built."

Technology

Fortunately, for most AWLS teachers and students, Google tools such as Classroom, Chat and Hangouts were already in use. To hold meetings with parents, students and fellow teachers, many turned to Zoom and similar tools.

For many teachers, the easiest way to start was to make videos of their daily instruction. Every morning, Whitehouse Primary third-grade teachers Nicole Kemmer and Ivy Thornton get some props and do a little dance video to share with students before launching the day's lessons. Because families are home together, the teachers try to incorporate activities such as cooking dinner or dessert while using fractions, Kemmer said. Monclova kindergarten teacher Michelle Nachtrab made a video of how to plant grass seeds and make grass heads. Her kids have responded with photos of the results.

"There really are a lot of resources and options available. It's a matter of finding what meets the instructional needs of our students and what is most user-friendly," Swift said.

Some math teachers utilize Kahn Academy or Edulastic for instructional videos. High school math teacher Nick Drennan prefers to make his own videos as he teaches graphing and trigonometry. He supplements those videos with online forums and one-on-one chats with students who need a little extra help.

"I Miss My Kids"

Every teacher will echo the sentiment of "I miss my kids."

"Having that social interaction with the kids – that day-to-day facetime – is huge," Keener said.

August to November is the time when teachers get to know the students. The holidays and January are busy. February through June is the best part of teaching, Kemmer said.

"You know your kids well. They know your jokes. You have a personal connection," she said. "I miss listening to their stories, (hearing) how their day was and having lunch with the kids."

Even at the high school level, teachers feel the same way.

"I've had students say, 'I can't believe I'm saying this, but I'm missing school,'" Drennan said.

Recognizing that the kids miss each other, and their teachers, Monclova second-grade teachers have added virtual class meetings through the week, said Alyssa Lewis, Monclova second-grade teacher.

"The meetings have been the most rewarding thing because it truly shows the

importance and strength of the classroom community we've worked so hard to build all year," Lewis said.

Videos and tutorials are not the same as the classroom environment. Classroom discussions help spark new ideas or understanding of a concept and allow teachers to immediately see who is struggling to understand directions or is in need of feedback, Monclova third-grade teacher Jennifer Frederick said.

At the same time, teachers have also seen a blossoming of some students who might not feel comfortable sharing in the classroom setting. Others showcase previously unknown talents while working from home – such as the Whitehouse student who showed her skills as an artist in a commercial she made for a book club.

Parents As Teachers

Another positive: a renewed appreciation by parents, who are now thrust into a role that, for some, is outside their comfort zone.

"Some have expressed that they appreciate how diligently we are working to produce quality experiences that are accessible and manageable for all types of learners," Swift said.

Others simply ask, "How do you motivate my child?"

"Our parents know that every teacher is doing their best to tackle this online teaching format," Seeger said. "Supportive teachers, in turn, are helping with the potential frustrations of at-home learning. There was no easing into this new routine. So it is important that home and school are working together to assist students."

Many teachers understand the parent role firsthand.

"I have three daughters at home all doing schoolwork, and my wife and I are both teachers," Nick Drennan said.

Having more time with his daughters is a benefit of at-home teaching, said Drennan, who spreads work throughout the day, often getting back with students later in the evening.

"It's been wonderful. We've been cooking and doing art projects, planting seeds and learning real-life skills," noted Keener, who is helping her children, ages 5 to 18, as well as connecting with her students.

While looking forward to school getting back to "normal," every teacher agrees that this experience has honed their skills.

"We will be better, more creative teachers in the long run," Frederick said. "We have improved our teaching and technology skills and have learned more efficient ways to present material to our students."

3N Livestock Adds Feed, Pork to Monclova Road Business

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Nick Barney was 12 when his parents, Tim and Angie, established 3N Livestock – named for Nick and his brothers, Nathan and Nolan.

Nick, a 2008 Anthony Wayne High School graduate, was involved in ag science, serving as a state FFA officer after graduation and working at a family swine operation in Wauseon before returning home to take the reins of the day-to-day operation of 3N Livestock.

The Monclova Township family quickly became known for their expertise in raising quality pigs for FFA and 4-H members to take to county fairs, even housing them on their farm for youths who couldn't keep a pig at home.

Many 3N pigs have won top prizes, not just in Ohio but all across the United States. It all begins with the 70 sows, momma pigs, that live year-round at 3N. During peak birthing season, as many as 200 pigs live on the farm, awaiting sale to 4-H and FFA members for their projects. This spring though, as many of the 4-H and FFA members were hesitant to embark on a livestock project because of the uncertainty of county fairs, 3N made a pivot that Nick believes will benefit not just the farm but also the community.

The family introduced Farm to Freezer packages of pork – the other white meat. With rising meat prices and scarcity of meat at the grocery store, the packages went flying off the farm's freezer shelves – proving that pigs really can fly.

Available in a variety of prices, the packages can be customized to meet all tastes. Griller packages include Hawaiian sausage patties and bratwurst. The Family Favorites box has traditional smoked ham, pork chops and thick, smoked bacon.

"3N is proud to offer a product that is not only grown locally from birth but also has a main diet of corn, which is grown on the farm as well," said Nick, explaining that the meat is processed by Brookview Farms in Archbold and inspected and approved by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. "It's all sold with just word-of-mouth advertising to people who are looking for quality pork direct from the farm."

While the costs of pork have risen in the grocery store, Nick shared that those profits are not shared with the farmer but rather go to the rising costs of the middleman, the packer. The 3N Farm to



The Barney family, including (from left) Tim, Angie, Nick, Nolan and Chelsea Nissen, work together along with Nathan (not pictured) on 3N Livestock, a Monclova business that raises pigs for show as well as pork, and a feed store was recently added.

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Freezer program eliminates the packer in the process, he said.

With both sets of grandparents – the Barneys and the Ryans – farming in the area, Nick was involved in agriculture early on.

"We always had show pigs. Dad raised pigs with my grandpa in the early '80s, but the pork industry has changed a lot from small operations to mass production of pork, where the goal was getting a heavier pig to market the fastest," Nick explained. "We put our focus on the show pig industry, working to make a better pig through a breeding program. Our goal is to produce lean muscle and quality pork that delivers a good-looking pork chop and ham for your dinner table as well as looking pretty in the show ring."

The pigs are housed in large common areas where they are fed twice a day and have plenty of room to move around. In the winter, they eat a lot more in order to keep from getting cold.

Standing inside the former Zwyer Poultry Farm barn on Monclova Road, Nick gets grunts of recognition from some of the sows. Last year, Nick, Nathan and Nolan, along with a host of family friends, refurbished the entire barn with plans to pour cement and add water lines in order to add more pigs and cattle – for freezer beef in the near future.

Nearby is another set of barns with freezers to hold the meat for the pork packages, more pigs and another addition to the 3N lineup – the local 3N feed warehouse. With the closure of Whitehouse Grain earlier this year, 3N was able to begin providing ADM feeds, which is popular among not only horse owners

but also those who have chickens, pigs, cattle, sheep, goats and even llamas. The business also offers shavings for bedding, fly spray and other products for feeding and caring for live-stock, as well as Diamond brand dog food.

Like many farmers, Nick has a few other jobs: farming 200 acres of row crops and assisting Monclova Township entrepreneur John Curtis with his growing Innovaliner business. Nick's wife, Chelsea, is a veterinarian who not only works throughout the area but also on the farm. Nolan and Nathan stop by after their day jobs to help out with the pigs.

While the sows don't always look pretty, they do make great pork chops and pretty good show pigs, Angie said.

And yes, they are smelly and messy – but Nick doesn't mind. "I always wanted to be a farmer. There wasn't another option for me. To me, it's not work."

For information, visit www.3nlivestock.com.

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Waterville Native and AW Grad, Teacher Wraps Up 26-Year Career

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With their high-pitched voices, baby hands and innocent eyes, it's hard to stay frustrated with first-graders, admits Becky Johnson.

"They look at you and you just melt," said Johnson, who just retired after 26 years at Waterville Primary School.

First-graders also have "good little hearts," said Johnson, referring to a project-based learning exercise in which students worked together to solve hunger locally.

"When we learned how many people in our community are hungry, they were shocked," she said. The first-graders came up with a solution of planting fruits and vegetables in the school's raised beds to donate to the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry's food pantry.

"It was so empowering," she said. "It shows them that they have the strength to make a difference."

Growing up in Waterville, Johnson attended "the school by the river" and graduated from Anthony Wayne High School in 1973. It was there that she met her husband Gary, a fellow graduate. After their children, Ashley and Eric, were born, Becky decided to take her love of working with her own kids on school assignments and make it into a career.

"I didn't consider any other options," she said.

With a degree from Bowling Green State University and a teaching license, she was immediately hired into Anthony Wayne Local Schools.

"It was a dream come true," she said. Most of her career was spent teaching first grade, but it also included stints in kindergarten and second grade.

As she prepared to retire, Johnson told principal Dr. Jamie Hollinger what she loved most about teaching.

"I have loved interacting with the little ones, those daily hugs, their smiles and eagerness to learn. These children were like little sponges soaking in everything I shared. I loved being on the receiving end of their stories and earning their trust so they could blossom as children who loved



Becky Johnson, whose 26 years with Anthony Wayne Local Schools were spent teaching at Waterville Primary School, just retired. Above, she holds one of her favorite books, Owl Moon.

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learning."

Another vital part of helping kids grow is the partnership between parents and teachers.

"It was truly the two working together that made Waterville such a successful environment for student growth."

Johnson said she especially felt the parent connection during the past few months, as she was challenged by the technology needed to help her kids learn at home.

As she approached her 65th birthday, Johnson passed the baton for Evolving Minds – a nonprofit tutoring program that links up Waterville students in need of some extra help with National Honor Society members from the high school – to teacher Melissa Gottschalk.

While Johnson doesn't have any specific plans for retirement, her goal is to stay healthy and be involved.

"I want to get a feel for retirement, enjoy every sunrise and sunset, take a breath and see where I should put my time," she said. "I want to continue to make a difference. I've got to have an impact, either in mission work or volunteer work."

At First Presbyterian Church of Waterville, Johnson has been active, and Rev. Karen VanderPloeg asked her to look for

mission opportunities in the United States. Even though she'd like to help refugees in Arizona or teach at an Indian reservation in North Dakota, Becky said she's looking at needs closer to Ohio, such as rebuilding homes damaged by natural disasters.

As one of three girls, she recalls her dad announcing that all his daughters would learn how to use power tools. She helped build the family's barn on their Drummond Island property, and has installed floors and used saws, nailers and other equipment.

"I'm not the builder dude running the job, but I can follow directions and use the tools," she said. "My dad was always building us up, telling us, 'You can do whatever you want.'"

She gave that same message to her children, including Eric – a principal who recently planned a special graduation for his students at Northwood High School – and Ashley, who owns a design firm in Findlay.

Johnson and Ashley teamed up to publish *Summer Wishes*, a book about simple summertime adventures, in 2017. Johnson wrote the copy while Ashley completed the illustrations. The copy for three more seasonal-themed books is ready to go, Johnson said.

To commemorate her mom's final months in the classroom, Ashley sent a monthly floral arrangement with a quote. As Johnson stepped into her nearly-empty classroom on May 29, she noticed a new bouquet and opened the envelope.

"And so the adventure begins," Johnson read aloud with a smile.



Also retiring from Anthony Wayne Local Schools this school year were: Candy Flaggert Emch, Deb Dazell, John Dobson, Mike Hounshell, Harold Smith and Bernie McCualsky.

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Area Grocers on Overdrive to Keep Stores Clean and Stocked

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As soon as Gov. Mike DeWine issued a “stay at home” order, the parking lots of area grocery stores began filling up – again.

Since March 12, when the governor announced schools would close, area grocers have been in overdrive. With subsequent announcements about the closures of restaurant dining rooms, bars and nonessential businesses, stores have been flooded with customers seeking meat, produce, dairy, cleaning products, beer, wine and toilet paper.

“I’ve been doing this for 55 years and I’ve never seen it like this,” said Bob Sautter of Sautter’s Food Center. “I’ve never seen such a panic.”

Ground beef, breads, toilet paper and canned soups have been quick to sell at Sautter’s, where employees are working overtime to stock shelves. Within an hour, two pallets of toilet paper were cleared out.

Kunal Dawar, vice president of operations for Walt Churchill’s Markets, said “Our trucks are usually bringing in 600 to 700 cases per delivery. Now, they’re bringing in about 2,000 cases per delivery.”

As certain items – such as ground beef, canned soups, breads, cleaning products, bottled water and toilet paper – come into the store, they are just as quickly sold.



Stocking the shelves at Sautter’s Food Center in Waterville are Anthony Wayne graduates Rogan Pransky, a Bowling Green State University student, and Sam Essig, a University of Toledo student.

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With high-demand items, many grocers have asked customers to limit quantities, but Sautter acknowledges that some people might be shopping for elderly or at-risk neighbors or relatives.

The reason for some items running out is that the warehouses weren’t ready for the sudden increase in demand, both Dawar and Sautter explained.

“It takes a while for the chain to get filled up. It’s like a garden hose ... when you turn on the water, it takes a while for it to reach the end of the hose,” Sautter said.

The closure of bars and restaurants to all but carryout orders has increased the supply of meat available to grocery stores, Dawar added. Those suppliers need to sell their product to someone, and the demand is there. Without bars open or restaurants serving alcohol, the sale of beer and wine has also been on the rise.

“Whenever people are going to be home, we sell a lot of beer and wine,” Sautter said, referring to holidays and predicted snowstorms.

Monnette’s has seen record numbers of customers buying all types of fresh produce, meaning owner Marc Monnette had to scramble to find new suppliers as regulars ran low. On a normal weekend, he would sell 15 to 20 cases of potatoes. On the weekend of March 14-15, he sold 150 cases.

“Never in my life have I seen a panic like the one that started on March 12. We had record numbers that weekend,” he said.

The bottom line for grocery stores is that they’re experiencing unprecedented sales, Monnette said, but it’s also presented challenges in keeping up with demand, following ever-changing rules from the governor and conducting business in a safe manner.

Several area stores have altered their hours to give staff extra time to clean and stock when customers are not present. That’s the best time to sanitize hard surfaces, like doors, handles, restrooms and fixtures. Those early hours, before crowds have entered, are also the best time for older and immunocompromised customers to shop.

Every area grocer is hiring, and Sautter has received applications from laid-off restaurant employees and college students who are suddenly facing a long break.

“After four days at home, I decided I’d better get a job,” said Miami University student and AW grad Mikah Pransky, who joined her twin brother Rogan, also



Sean Ross, meat manager at Walt Churchill’s Market on Briarfield Boulevard, has been busy keeping the meat cases filled during the past few weeks.

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an AW grad, in working at Sautter’s.

While Monnette had a few employees take leave because of concerns about exposure to the coronavirus, searching for new staff members hasn’t been at the top of his list – because he doesn’t have time to put someone through the two weeks’ training. Those who do stay are getting paid overtime, and rightfully so, he said.

Even though stories of greedy customers taking too many packages of toilet paper or loaves of bread abound, most local grocers are noticing a spirit of community among their employees and customers.

Many are shopping for elderly or those with compromised health. Others wave and stop for conversation at a safe distance.

At the Sautter’s Sylvania store, one customer handed Bob’s brother, Jim Sautter, \$1,000 and told him to use it to pay for groceries for anyone who has lost a job.

“This is an example of people pulling together,” Bob Sautter said.

Kroger’s Zero Hunger/Zero Waste Foundation made a \$3 million commitment to its nonprofit partners Feeding America and No Kid Hungry. The funding will support local food banks and initiatives that ensure children still have access to nutritious meals. Kroger also provided \$25 to each employee for their own use.

Waterville Kroger employee Kathy Bethel put that \$25 toward assembling goodie bags to give to anyone who is homebound and in need. With donations from a few other friends, she created gift bags of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, puzzles and other items.

AW Grad Lacrosse Player Tanner Gill-Snow Plays at John Carroll

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John Carroll University lacrosse player Tanner Gill-Snow came across the game at a very young age.

“My mom (Deb) is a physical education teacher and she was going to teach it in her class, and she brought a stick home one day and I picked it up and I haven’t put it down since. I just got hooked,” Gill-Snow said.

Last year’s Northern Lakes League Player of the Year has come a long way since then.

The 2019 Anthony Wayne graduate joined three of his friends, St. John’s graduates Sam Rodgers, Chandler Bankey and Nathan Aloï as freshmen on the JCU team this year, but the team only got four games in before the season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. The three grew up playing travel lacrosse together.

Gill-Snow, a 6-foot-1 midfielder from Waterville, managed to get one shot on goal, in an 18-8 victory over Wittenberg.

“I found out from Chandler when he committed, so it sparked my interest in JCU and I visited and really liked it as well.”

“It’s definitely an up-and-coming program,” Gill-Snow added. “They have been on the rise the past few years and they’re just getting better, so all this talent they are bringing in is going to be really fun.

“The coaches want to win, they have that competitive attitude and so do I, so I can’t wait to win.”

Joe Rautenstrauch was entering his fourth season as head coach at JCU and looked to continue building on the success of the past few years.

In his first three years there, he coached the Blue Streaks to two Ohio Athletic Conference regular season titles, three tournament titles and a 27-4 record in OAC contests. The addition of Gill-Snow and the three St. John’s grads only adds to the program’s



Former Anthony Wayne lacrosse player Tanner Gill-Snow takes a shot during his senior season last year. The 2019 NLL Player of the Year now plays for John Carroll University.

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strength, he says.

Gill-Snow admits the speed of the college game is his biggest challenge.

“It’s a whole different speed, 15-minute quarters instead of 12, so it’s longer and faster,” he said. “So it’s something I have to get used to but I’m excited.”

He moved on campus August 2019, but first Gill-Snow played in the Ohio North-South Senior All-Star Game at Olentangy Orange High School last July.

Tanner Gill-Snow Leaves Legacy at Anthony Wayne

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Last year, Tanner Gill-Snow and the Anthony Wayne seniors were celebrated as the most successful class the boys lacrosse program had ever seen.

The Generals finished the season 13-

5 overall and were a perfect 4-0 in the Northern Lakes League, winning their second straight league championship.

“These seniors – this is the winningest class that Anthony Wayne has ever put out on the field in lacrosse,” said coach Ross Mellgren. “Just absolute monsters.

Gill-Snow was a two-time captain and first-team All-NLL selection. Last year at AW he started all 18 games and finished second in scoring with 43 points on 29 goals and 14 assists. He had 102 shots and a scoring percentage of .284.

Gill-Snow stood proud of the contributions his class made to AW lacrosse.

“It makes me really proud of this program and how far it has come from when I was a freshman and how everything started out,” he said.

“I think for our class as a whole, our best memory is just turning this program around and leaving a legacy that is going to be really

hard to match.”

Gill-Snow also played on AW’s NLL championship football team in 2019 as a wide receiver. Coach Ross Mellgren says that helped him develop for lacrosse, too.

“It’s just unbelievable,” he said. “He’s been just a great leader. He started as a freshman and was a little nervous back then, developed into a player by his junior year and he was elected captain by his peers.

“I think it’s that multiple-sport athlete thing where we convinced him to play football and I think that helped him out, but he meant everything to this team.

“(For) the senior class he just left, he is the heart and soul, their vocal speaker and captain two years in a row, so I can’t say enough about him. He’s a guy that any coach wants on his team, that’s for sure.

“His stats and playing on the team and doing as well as he did is nothing compared to the person he is. He’s a great kid – someone who sticks up for all the other kids on the team.”

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If you elect to support the AWHHS Alumni Association by becoming a paying member, we thank you. It is the support of the membership which will allow this organization to become useful to AWHHS alumni through newsletters, our Facebook page and our updated website. Cost is a one-time fee of \$50 for a Lifetime Membership. **Please complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to AWHHS Alumni Association) at P.O. Box 2441, Whitehouse, OH 43571-0441.**

Name (First, Maiden, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Year of Graduation _____

Nearest living relative or friend in the AW district _____

Phone _____

Please mail to: AWHHS Alumni Association, PO Box 2441, Whitehouse, OH 43571-0441.

Alumni Information

The AWHHS Alumni Association is seeking current information about former AWHHS students. Please use the space below to share what you have been doing since your graduation. Please include information about additional education, family, hobbies, community activities, etc.

Attach additional paper if necessary.