

Kristy Woodford Named Principal At AHS

In October 2020, Kristy Keller Woodford was named Principal of Alliance High School to begin in January 2021. Stepping into the position, she becomes the first female Principal in Alliance High School history and currently, the only female High School Principal in Stark County. Mrs. Woodford said, "I am excited and proud to take on this position. Personally I feel it is a great opportunity to lead a building in the school district where both my grandfather and mother taught."

Mrs. Woodford came to Alliance City Schools in 2014 as an Assistant Principal at AHS and was elevated to Associate Principal in 2016. She graduated from Southeast High School, earned her Bachelor's degree at Mount Union and her Master's at Akron University. She began her career teaching Math at Canton Timken High School in 1998. Kristy has family ties to Alliance, as her grandfather, William Keller, taught Science at Stanton in the 1960's and 70's, and her mother, Mildred Hall Keller, graduated from AHS in 1963 and taught Math at Stanton from 1967 to 1970.

Mrs. Woodford is married to Matt; they live in Deerfield and have two grown children, Kelly Woodford and Nick & Samantha Woodford. Daughter-in-law, Samantha, is a teacher's aide at Parkway Learning and Development Center in the Alliance City School system.



Kristy Keller Woodford

During 2020, the status was anything but normal in the Alliance City School System, or for any of us! The COVID-19 pandemic made headlines and was at the forefront of nearly everyone's concern, but school business had to continue with more than twenty-five hundred students (grades K-12) returning to classes last fall.

New ACS Superintendent Rob Gress was hired in July 2020, replacing Jeff Talbert who became (Continued on page 3)

LOSSES IN THE AHS FAMILY

Jim Obney '51 died October 15, 2020. Jim served as a Teacher and Guidance Counselor at Stanton and State Street for more than thirty years, retiring in 1986. He was elected to the AHS Foundation Board of Trustees in 1984, serving until 2004 when he retired again, relocating to Florida. In those early years, Jim was a major factor in establishing the AHS Foundation alumni data base. He handled tracking the donation lists and from Florida, continued to consult concerning the data base.

Jim is survived by his wife Nora Cavanaugh Obney '52, daughter Mary Obney Freihofer, a substitute teacher in Tampa, Florida, Dr. Jim Obney a cardio-vascular surgeon in Canal Winchester, Ohio, and five grandchildren. **Chris Blaser '91** died November 29, 2020 at the age of 47. He graduated from Mount Union in 1996 with a degree in Computer Science. He was self-employed as a website designer.

Chris volunteered in the design and publication of the AHS Foundation newsletter, along with his brother Scott '93, since 2009. He also created the AHS Foundation website presentation of the AHS Athletic Hall of Fame information.

Chris is survived by his wife Stacy Blake Blaser, mother Karen Corbi Blaser '64, brother Scott '93 and sister Rebecca Blaser Grinch '98. Chris' contributions, innovations and expertise to the AHS Foundation will be missed!

| AHS Class Reunion plans for 2021 | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Class | Date | Place | Contact Information | | |
| 1956 | August 2021 | 65th Reunion (still hoping for | Joan Cracknell Trautman | | |
| | - C | 2021) Dates, Times, Places | jat1038@neo.rr.com | | |
| | | will follow | | | |
| | Monthly breakfasts | 3rd Tues - 9:00 am at Pancho's | | | |
| | | (not meeting as of March 2021) | | | |
| 1958 | 2021 cancelled | | Sandy Oswalt Good 330-821-0056 | | |
| | | (Thinking about 2022?) | ahs58sg@neo.rr.com | | |
| 1960 | 2022 | Discussion on hold for possible | | | |
| | | 2022 Birthday Party | meclark1942@roadrunner.com | | |
| 1961 | Cancel 2021 | | Rick & Carol Bourne - 4car2b@gmail.com | | |
| 1968 | 2021 (none) | To be rescheduled (look to | Debbie Carr Martin 330-428-2893 or | | |
| | | 2022 - Sebring Mansion?) | martin.deborah470@gmail.com | | |
| 1970 | Cancel 2021 | New plans for 2022 Reunion / | Patty Sassaman Zwick | | |
| | | BD Party - when solidified, | ahs1970reunion@gmail.com | | |
| 1051 | | classmates will be notified | | | |
| 1971 | Fri, July 9, 2021 | Mixer (plans are in-the-works) | Carey Toalston 330-232-0856 | | |
| | G + I 1 10 2021 | (Still hopeful!) | careytoalston@gmail.com | | |
| | Sat, July 10, 2021 | 50th reunion Alliance Elks 6:00 | | | |
| | | to 10:00 pm (Buffet catered | | | |
| | | by Jeff Walker) cash bar | | | |
| 1975 | Fri, Aug 6, 2021 | (will accept donations) Mixer at Chives Grille 6:00 | Janis Taylor Williams 419-565-2225 | | |
| 1975 | rn, Aug 0, 2021 | 46th Reunion | janis 1.williams@gmail.com | | |
| | Sat, Aug 7, 2021 | Dinner Dance at Elks | Bob Sherwood 925-766-1111 | | |
| | Sat, Aug 7, 2021 | Cocktails 5:00, Dinner 6:00 | rsherwood@sherwoodelectric.com | | |
| | | \$25.00 per person | Tsher wood@sher woodereethe.com | | |
| 1980 | | (No information available) | | | |
| 1986 | 2021 | Plans are still 'pendng' for 2021 | Kirk Miller - Kmille15@columbus.rr.com | | |
| 1900 | | (No information available) | | | |
| | Late summer 2021 | Discussion is ongoing for a | Nathan Weibush '95 - nweibush@gmail.com | | |
| 1996 | | combined celebration | Phil Fultz '96 - pfultz@gmail.com | | |
| | | (Classes of 1995 & 1996) | | | |
| | Check Facebook | www.facebook.com/AHS-class- | -of-1996-109907455750751 | | |
| 2000 to | 2016 | (No information available) | | | |
| | | ion about reunion plans, birthday | | | |
| go to the AHS Foundation website at www.ahsalumnifoundation.org | | | | | |
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NEED AHS GRADUATE MAILING ADDRESSES

The AHS Foundation data base includes nearly 24,000 Alliance High graduates and friends, and approximately 11,000 U S Postal mailing addresses. If you are willing to help locate missing mailing addresses for AHS graduates, we will appreciate it.

During this 'out of the ordinary' year of 2020, we have identified over 6,000 graduates that are not receiving the newsletter because the only information that we have is 'ADDRESS UNKNOWN.'

Those missing an address are grouped by graduation year. If you would be willing to research some of these missing addresses, please contact us. We will provide a list of missing graduates. Graduation year's in need of investigation begin in the 1930's and continue through the present.

Individually, each of you can help by verifying that we have the proper address for you and your family members. If adult children are no longer at your address, check with them and if they are not receiving the newsletter you (or each of them) may contact us by email, or go to the AHS Foundation website (www.ahsalumnifoundation.org) 'MORE TAB' and provide the proper mailing address, name (include maiden name) and graduation year.

Please contact the AHS Foundation at email: ahsalum@alliancecityschools.org and let us know that you are willing to help. $\overrightarrow{}$

ELVIN J WILSON-DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP EARNED



Robert "Tommy" Gress

The 2020 Elvin J Wilson-Duke University Scholarship was presented to Robert 'Tommy" Gress. Tommy entered Duke University last fall with plans to major in Classical Languages. While at AHS he was a four year member of Key Club, the Cross Country team, the Jetsetters, the Marching Band, the Orchestra and the Swimming team (earning All-Ohio honors in swimming as part of the 400 meter relay team). He was a member of National Honor Society for two years..

For the Academic Recognition Awards ceremony, Tommy chose his high school counselor, Tennille Jones-Lewis, as his 'Honored Educator,' saying; "Mrs. Lewis has helped me make sense of an often nonsensical and panic-inducing schedule. She has been around my whole life, and has always been willing to help me out when I needed it, even if all I wanted was just to talk."

Tommy reports that his first year at Duke has been an enjoyable experience, despite changes and restrictions required due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Arrival in Durham, North Carolina, last August included 'little fanfare.' Freshman orientation was limited to a virtual presentation, without the live, in-person activities, tours and gatherings, aimed at easing the student's transition to college life. Duke University enrollment is just over 15,000, with approximately 6,500

undergraduates. All but one of Tommy's fall classes was on line, with the same for his scheduling for the second semester. Duke's policy since last fall has been for only freshman and sophomores to be on-campus.

The University had an extended Semester/Holiday break, so Tommy was able to return to Alliance and celebrate with his family and Alliance area friends. He is back in Durham where he has made new friends, is receiving an excellent education and despite the challenges, "couldn't be happier."

In 1999, this scholarship was established by Gary Wilson '58 in memory of his father, Elvin J Wilson '35, with the cooperation of Duke University. Recipients must meet Duke's stringent entrance requirements. Tommy is the fourteenth AHS graduate to receive an Elvin J. Wilson-Duke University Scholarship.

AHS PRINCIPAL (CONTINUED)

superintendent at Canton City Schools. Mr. Gress was selected from more than a dozen candidates. He worked in the Alliance City School System from 2002 to 2018 before a two year stint in the Stow-Munroe Falls School System. While in Alliance Mr. Gress held positions as a Principal, Director of Secondary Education, Technical Education Director and Assistant Superintendent.

At Mr. Gress' hiring, School Board president for 2021, Bill Koch '67 commented, "Rob Gress lives in the district, he knows the district, he knows the people that are here and he knows the vision that has been established..."

In other changes to the ACS Administrative team, Michelle Muniz Balderson '87 has become Director of Elementary Education, Wendy Hubbard is Principal of the Alliance Elementary School at Rockhill, Greg Gemberling '78 is Dean of Students at AHS, Beth Starrett is the new Director of Career Programs (to include the Alliance Career Center and Career Tech) and Shawn Jackson will serve as Director of Secondary Education for Alliance Middle School and Alliance High School.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME QUEEN CONTEST CANCELLED

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Celebration Committee has announced that the Queen Pageant has been cancelled.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Queen Pageant has run consecutively since it began in 1965. The pageant was canceled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee stated that interest of contestants and spectators had waned in recent years.



INFORMATION FOR AHS CLASS OF 2021

With the cancellation of the Career Fair last fall, several efforts are being made to get information to 2021 graduating seniors to help them plan for their next step after high school (Enrolled, Employed or Enlisted).

The staff at AHS has scheduled spring Zoom meetings with various colleges, presenting videos from colleges, and setting up a training session to help seniors fill out scholarship applications.

In an effort to involve parents more in this next step in life, a new application has been developed called: "**Parent Square**" to make application and meeting information more available to parents and guardians.

BALANCE FOR FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AHS FOUNDATION

| | 12-31-20 | 12-31-19 | 12-31-18 |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| AHS Foundation Gen'l Scholarship Fund | \$ 1,059,199 | \$ 949,938 | \$ 786,216 |
| Megan Adelman Scholarship | 18,134 | 16,938 | 15,932 |
| Gary L. Andreani Scholarship | 30,237 | 28,281 | 26,620 |
| William & Mary Lou Baker | 83,988 | 77,844 | 72,886 |
| Carli/Cowan Scholarship | 27,905 | 25,806 | 24,066 |
| Class of 1963 Scholarship | 32,094 | 28,189 | 25,950 |
| Class of 1965 Scholarship | 41,852 | 37,437 | 33,883 |
| Coastal Pet/Stout Family Scholarship | 84,168 | 54,318 | 25,000 |
| Days of Glory Scholarship | 33,479 | 31,742 | 29,543 |
| F. Kermit Donaldson Scholarship | 31,615 | 29,629 | 27,769 |
| Donna Clayton Floyd Scholarship | 82,112 | 76,159 | 62,016 |
| Furcolow Football Scholarship | 41,935 | 37,016 | 34,112 |
| Edwin & Ruth Gibson Scholarship | 36,327 | 33,938 | 30,937 |
| Eugene L. Haidet Scholarship | 28,874 | 26,988 | 25,414 |
| R. G. Hamrick Scholarship | 10,278 | 10,834 | 11,379 |
| John & Roene Klusch Scholarship | 1,198,867 | 1,117,300 | 1,054,333 |
| Mel Knowlton Scholarship | 177, 497 | 162,552 | 151,950 |
| Jim Lear Scholarship | 29,435 | 16,405 | 14,878 |
| Dave & Goldie Mainwaring Scholarship | 80,577 | 75,559 | 70,879 |
| Dorothea & Owen McCoy Scholarship | 14,471 | 13,394 | 12,661 |
| Margaret Peach Scholarship | 43,718 | 40,649 | 38,055 |
| Christopher Penny Scholarship | 28,442 | 26,609 | 25,311 |
| Pietrocola Family Scholarship | 37,835 | 33,485 | 30,881 |
| Ray & Eva Mae Peters Reighart Scholarship | 117,159 | 107,346 | 98,011 |
| Beverly Robertson Yeagley Scholarship | 36,517 | 34,068 | 31,917 |
| Rockhill PTO Scholarship | 16,413 | 15,263 | 14,293 |
| Byron & Isabel Saffell Scholarship | 180,175 | 165,854 | 154,974 |
| Brett Streza Scholarship | 94,796 | 80,536 | 65,134 |
| Theresa Utterback Family Scholarship | 88,226 | 78,378 | 74,515 |
| Thomas A Mangino Chapter-Vietnam Vets | 33,511 | 31,250 | 27,990 |
| TOTAL | \$3,819,836 | \$3,463,705 | \$3,097,505 🛪 |

1930-1949

GRADUATES REVISITED

Thank you to the family of **Thelma Schultz Greiner '34** for their donation of memorabilia from the Class of 1934 reunion celebrations. (pictures from 1934, 1954, 1974, 1979 and 1984).

Marge Niuman Breckner '35 was 103 years old on August 30, 2020. Marge lives in Cardington, Ohio.

Jane Wilson Bennett '38 sends Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 from Uvalde, Texas.

Virginia Rogers '46 donated a 1946 Chronicle to the AHS Foundation collection. Thank you Virginia! (If you are in need of a specific graduation year Chronicle, let us know. If we have duplicates, the AHS Foundation will be glad to share with you.)

Cressie Wharton Hoopes '49 lives in Salem, Ohio. She is retired after seventy years as an organist and pianist. Cressie sends her 'best wishes,' to all her classmates.

1950-1959

Rolland 'Mick' Amos '50 published his second book of poetry in 2020, "JUNK POETRY II." It is available at Rodman Public Library.

Ron Feller '53 'wishes the best' for all his classmates of 1953. **Stan & Roberta Dixson Staten '55/'57** have been married for more than 60 years. They are both retired, living in California. (Stan says, "We are hiding out from the damn virus!").

Joan Cracknell Trautman '56 lives in Randolph, Ohio. She retired from the Financial Aid Office of Kent State University in 2006. Joan is the mother of five children, grandmother of thirteen and great grandmother of four. She is looking forward to 2021 and getting back to normal, as much as possible!

Nancy Buttermore Coman '57 lives in New Jersey. She still works full-time, selling children's toys, traveling Delaware and New Jersey representing 100 toy lines to small toy & gift stores.

Robert Shanks '57 lives in Orlando, Florida. He is retired after twenty-six years service at Walt Disney World.

Margaret Phillips Gupta '57 lives in Portsmouth, Virginia. She enjoys reading the newsletter and appreciates the efforts made to keep AHS graduates connected.

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GRADUATES REVISITED (CONTINUED)

Phyllis Mayer-Dunlap '58 sends greetings from Utah to the class of 1958 Phyllis' husband retired last year after fifty-three years as an anesthetist. They had planned to travel, Hawaii included, but staying home and safe seemed better than the alternative.

Bruce & Nancy Stiffler Feller '59/'56 are retired, living in South Cairo, New York.

Roy 'Skeeter' Allen '59 sends his 'Best Wishes' to the many friends and coaches from high school days.

Elsa Jane Craven Ferris '59 is enjoying life in California as a retired elementary teacher. Her sister, Eileen '61, risked a plane ride last summer. They "ventured out locally" to Henry Cowell Redwoods and Big Sur, along the coast. "Everything was very local and careful (COVID-19)."

1960-1969

Mary Phillips Sparks '60 was saddened that her class reunion had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She sends her "hello" to all her classmates and hopes that there will be a gathering in two years when they will all be "you know what." **Al Paone '60** lives in Mesa, Arizona.

Al is still a recruiter for New England Life and Philadelphia American insurance companies.

Jim Furcolow '61 remembers his class as the largest at AHS and a "class act."

Sue Freshley McMillen '63 has lived in Connecticut since 1968. Both Sue and her husband are retired. Sue as an R.N. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Donald R Harrell '64 earned his Bachelor of Music at Miami University in 1968, a Masters in Music Education at University of Michigan in 1971 and a Masters of Music Performance at Eastern Michigan University in 1980. Donald went on to be a Band and Choir Director/Math Teacher in Lincoln Consolidated Schools in Ypsilanti,

Michigan, for thirty years, then was Sales Manager for Kanstul Musical Instruments for four years. He is now retired and living in Fullerton, California.

Tom & Barbara Hanks Richmond '64/'66 still live in Alliance. They reminded us of the many years in the 1960's when Barbara's father. Charles F Hanks, Jr, sang the National Anthem at the high school football games.

Randy Stonesifer '65 is enjoying retirement from his position as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Lafayette College. He is relieved that he does not have to teach remotely under COVIC-19 restrictions. Randy recently completed a Pennsylvania section, backpacking the Appalachian Trail.

Stephanie Utterback Benore sent a note from her home in Georgia. "My Grandma (Theresa) Utterback was one in a million. I love how her legacy lives on through the AHS (Continued on page 9)

AHS ALUMNI CONTINUE TO HELP GRADUATES

The AHS Foundation administered funds have grown steadily since our beginnings in 1986, when a dormant fund was re-activated with a balance of approximately \$6,000.00. Donations, dues and memorial gifts have created a legacy in which all Aviators should take pride. Individual gifts are received from AHS graduates of the 1930's through classes in the twenty-first century.

Initially established, the AHS Foundation General Scholarship Fund continues to grow through the individual generosity of ninety plus years of AHS graduates. Additionally, families and friends have chosen to remember loved ones by establishing Named Scholarship Funds.

This year, despite the difficult economic times, the AHS Foundation, with the help of many individual donors, will award more than \$100,000.00 in scholarships for the fifth consecutive year to deserving AHS graduating seniors.

The principal expenditure of the AHS Foundation, aside from scholarships awarded, is the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter. All donations are used to grow the principal of the funds and only the interest and dividends are used in awarding the annual scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on five primary criteria: academic achievement, extra curricular school activities, teacher recommendations, financial need and community service. Certain Named Scholarship Funds include additional areas of consideration.

The board of the AHS Foundation is an all volunteer organization. We appreciate your support of AHS graduates and these scholarships. 🛪

AHS FOUNDATION Officers And Trustees Are Elected

AHS Foundation officers elected to a one year term for 2021 are: President Patrick Heddleston '82, Vice President Joe Zelasko '51, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Knowles '87, Treasurer Sandy Oswalt Good '58 and Secretary Sally Ailes '82,

AHS graduates elected to three year terms as members of the Board of Trustees beginning with 2021 are: Good , Judge Andrew Zumbar '85. Dan Griffith '95, Sarah Morris Brown '61 and Todd Ruggles '06

Other Board members, in the middle of their terms, are: Heddleston, Zelasko, Knowles, Ailes. Jody Newman Koenigseker '68, Judge Robert Lavery '69, Dick Diser '63, Chad Morris '01 and Dave Wolpert '65. 🛪

ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Many AHS Distinguished Alumni were selected prior to the reestablishment of the AHS Foundation and the publishing of this newsletter. We continue our series of highlighting the achievements that qualified those graduates who have been honored as Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni. In this issue is Major General Paul Yount '26, inducted as a Charter Member in 1967.

Go to the AHS Alumni Foundation website: www.ahsalumnifoundation.org to view a complete listing of honorees. Click on each name to read about their individual accomplishments.



Major General Paul Fralley Yount

Major General Paul Yount Graduated 1926; Inducted 1967

Major General Paul Frailey Yount of the United States Army ranked first in his Class of 1930 as a West Point Cadet and received his C.E. from Cornell University in 1933.

Maj. General Yount was responsible for the construction and completion of all railroads in Iran and Iraq in 1941 and 1942. He was subsequently transferred to the China-Burma-India Theater where he earned distinction with his ability to resolve logistical problems under extremely difficult conditions. In 1944 he was promoted to brigadier general.

He served as Chief of Transportation, Department of the Army from 1953 to

1958. During that period, Maj. General Yount presented many speeches and lectures at various institutions including the Army War College and the Armed Forces Staff College. Those presentations are available through the Online Computer Library Center's (OCLC) website worldcat.org.

Maj. General Yount's military decorations include a Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters for service during World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War and two Legion of Merit medals.

After retiring from the military in 1959, he became one of the most highly respected men in transportation circles and is a consultant to the Commanding General of the United States Army Material Command at the Pentagon.

Maj. General Yount is married to Elizabeth Reybold, whose father was a Lt. General and brother graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in the class of 1935. They have one daughter named Margaret Yount Robinson.

<u>Biographical update</u>: Maj. Gen. Paul F. Yount passed away on November 28, 1984 in Indiana, Pa. at age 75, following a long illness. His spouse, Elizabeth, passed away on March 17, 1992 at age 82. They are buried together in the United States Military Academy Post Cemetery at West Point.

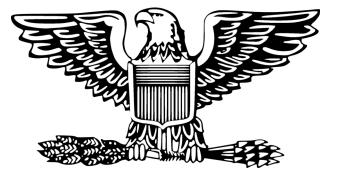


Brig. Gen. Paul F. Yount, acting chief of transportation in 1953, prior to being promoted to major general (source: charsbrokenbranches.com)

Their daughter, Margaret, passed away in 2013. Maj. General Yount and Elizabeth are survived by their son-inlaw, Lt. Col. Willard Robinson, five grandchildren with three spouses, eight great-grandchildren with one spouse, and one great-great grandson.



Excerpt from The Mightiest Army by Col. Karl Detzer, General Staff Corps, U.S. Army 1945: "There was Brigadier General Paul F. Yount, who had made the Iranian State Railway one of the most efficient in the world. He was called out to Burma late in 1943 and he broke the bottleneck on the railroad there and hauled more tonnage than our most enthusiastic predictions had set as a maximum. (source: amazon.com and cbitheater.com)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ALLIANCE AND AHS

University of Mount Union expands its Medical Classroom space

The University of Mount Union began sub-leasing the former Stark State College satellite facility at 1725 S. Arch Ave. in Alliance. This 10,000 sq ft building was constructed in 2015 by Aultman Alliance Community Hospital.

Mount Union will use the facility as a general academic building with a concentration on its allied health programs, including the department of nursing and graduate programs in physician assistant studies and physical therapy.

Stark State's enrollment at the Alliance campus has declined due to more students taking classes on-line or at the main campus. $\overrightarrow{}$

University of Mount Union Spring 2021 Football

The Ohio Athletic Conference will sponsor spring football in 2021, with a five game season, scheduled on Friday nights. The conference will split into two divisionsthe East with Mount Union, Baldwin Wallace, John Carroll, Marietta and Muskingum and the West with Capital, Heidelberg, Ohio Northern, Otterbein and Wilmington. The first four games will be versus each team's division. The fifth will be a cross-over game between divisions: first vs first, second vs second, etc.

There will be no Football Division Three Playoffs. The OAC has established a "No-Fan" policy at athletic events until March 1, 2021. OAC Institution Presidents will re-evaluate the feasibility of fan attendance at that time.

Mount Union is scheduled to start Friday, March 12 versus Muskingum at Zanesville High School field due to a new stadium being constructed on the Muskingum campus.

All Mount Union home football games are slated to be televised on WVIM-TV in Canton and streamed online.

Alliance Women's Club Sold

The Alliance Women's Club, at the corner of South Union Avenue and West Broadway Street, was sold at auction in late in 2020. During a meeting in September, members had voted to sell the historic brick mansion, built in 1907 and purchased by the Alliance Women's Club in 1922 for \$21,500.00. Current Club President, Dottie Callender, was on hand for the auction which sold for \$150,000.00. Membership had declined from over 400 to less than 100, making the sale necessary.

The three story building has many leaded glass windows, multiple chandeliers, a commercial kitchen, a formal dining room and a sixty vehicle parking lot. After expenses, the proceeds will be placed in a foundation, with former Women's Club members helping to determine how the money will be spent throughout the community.

AHS Football last fall

Alliance High School football had a difficult season in 2020. Among disruptions for practice and training, they were forced to cancel the Niles game, at the last moment, replace Chardon with Bedford in week three and often were not sure of the Friday night game, even on Thursday afternoon. The Aviators finished the season at 2 wins and 8 losses. One of these losses was in the OHSAA Play-offs against Hubbard. (In Ohio, all teams were scheduled for the Play-offs, if defeated, they returned to their regular season schedule.)

Brandon Alexander was named 2nd Team All-Ohio, and 1st Team Eastern Buckeye Conference. Braidyn Hartsoe earned 1st Team EBC and Andrew Datz 2nd Team.

OAC Football Coach of the Year Award renamed in Honor of Larry Kehres

Beginning for the 2021 season, the Ohio Athletic Conference will award the Larry Kehres Football Coach of the Year Award to a conference football coach. Larry Kehres worked at Mount Union for 46 years (1974-2020) and was head football coach for 27 of those years building one of the most successful football programs in college football history.

- Kehres' teams won 23 OAC Championships
- Completed 21 undefeated regular seasons
- Won 11 NCAA Division III National Championships
- Kehres' lifetime .929 winning percentage leads all levels of college football
- His record as a head coach is: 332 wins, 24 losses and 3 ties
- He was OAC Coach of the Year six times
 - Larry Kehres was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2017 (his first year of eligibility)

PATHFINDER AWARDS PRESENTED

Alliance High School alumni were scheduled to be recognized as "Trailblazers for Student Success," during an 'on-line' awards ceremony in March. The award highlights citizens who have helped and inspired local minority students, and all students, to establish and achieve their life goals.

Pathfinder Award recipients for 2021 are:

Recipient

- * Sheila Johnson Cherry '69
- * Jocelyn Palmer Dabney '72
- * Mildred Grimes Gurley '61
- * Joe Zelasko, Jr. '51

Award category

Citizenship/Government Education Humanitarian Education

Donations of \$25 or more (through February 15, 2021)

Squadron Commander (\$2,500 or greater) Jim & Kathy Stout Phyllis Novy'60

Top Gun (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Eleanor Muffly Wimpfheimer '53 Sarah Morris Brown '61 Brent Fatzinger '86

Pilot

(\$500 to \$999) Valerie Vanaman '61 Bart Stuchell '80 Will & Marci Slaggy Tolerton '85/88

Aviator (\$250 to \$499)

AHS Class of 1955 John L Andress '62 Larry J Warren '62 Richard Baylor '73 Roy Clunk '74 Patrick Heddleston '82

Navigator (\$100 to \$249)

Martha & Chuck McClaugherty Violet Bica Ross '41-Ja Jacqueline Luginbuhl Adams '47 Paul Thomas '48 Devona Waugaman Coy '50 Dr Edward & Helen Wright Farnham '50/49 Richard Galehouse '51 Judy King Douglas '51 Charles & Beverly Henderson '51/50 Myron & Shelley Stewart Grossman '51/51 Mary Ann Hopkins Hagan '55 Joyce Hoffman Thorpe '56 Lucille Girardini Polverine '56 James Flood '56 Novella Polinori Hartung '56 Carole Smith Baierl '57 Edward D Priselac '58 Larry Mosby '61 Donald & Marsha Steen Shoffstall '61/61 Glenn & Lois Kindig Rupp '61/63 Stanley J Stewart '62 Barbara Reed Slaine '62 Mark S Fraraccio '64 Susan Hamilton Clancy '64 Robert B Harriman '64

Manny & Pamela Peterson Haupt '64/69 Jean Hays '65 William & Susan Berlin Gallina '65/66 Norma DeStephen Longinie '66 Joyce Rice Stoudt '66 Robert Coleman '67 Allen E Fox '67 William L Koch '67 Debbie Carr Martin '68 Robert G Lavery '69 Richard T Trieff '70 Jan Hahlen Muller '71 Dan Dwyer '71 Tom & Janis Taylor Williams '72/75 David Saus '73 Keith Brown '73 Jack Madison '73 Richard & Susan Messenheimer Schuller '73/74 Sheree Tucker Pearson '75 Ronald House Jr '76 Bruce & Susan Hunt Bowman '78/81 Jeff Harrison '81 Elaine Iwano Dondoyano '82 Saundra Goldman '82 Dr Traci Noll Carte '82 Sally Ailes '82 Mike & Amelia Stone Johanson '82/81 Heather Martin Castleman '89 Mitch & Lisa Tanner Trummer '90/87 Duncan Brown '93 Heather Tatsch Lowers '96 Phillip Fultz '96 Adam Bruderly '97 Chad Morris '01 Jack Recchiuti '18 Tommy Gress '20

Airman

(\$25 to \$99)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ALLIANCE AND AHS (CONTINUED)

2020 TOP GUN Wrestling Tournament Cancelled

Alliance Athletic Director **Mike Schott '86** announced in late October that the 2021 Top Gun Wrestling Tournament previously scheduled for January 15-16, 2021, has been cancelled for concerns related to the COVID-19 virus. He stated that the "Planning for Top Gun is a year-round thing...and they could not wait until the last minute." The dates for Top Gun in 2022 are January 14-15, 2022.



AHS Golf last fall

Blake Hood '22 continued his winning ways on the links, finishing as Medalist in the Eastern Buckeye Conference and the Stark County Tournament. He tied for eighteenth in the District tournament. Blake was voted to the first team for the Eastern Buckeye Conference and 'Golfer of the Year.'

Other Alliance golfers earning All League honors were: Matthew Eversdyke '21, 2nd team; Brennan Bell '22, 2nd team; and Ty Young '22, Honorable Mention.

EBC Girl's Golf had: Anna Eversdyke '24, 2nd team; Allenna Bertram '22, Honorable Mention; and Emma Huff '22, Honorable Mention.

GRADUATES REVISITED (CONTINUED)

Foundation Scholarship... especially today (December 4, 2020) on what would have been her 100th birthday."

1970-1979

Debbie Jackson Thornton '70 is a Podiatrist in North Olmstead, Ohio, and also with the Cleveland Clinic.

Susan Shuster Ochs '74 graduated from Mount Union in 1978. She now lives in Cincinnati.

Dr. Lora O'Donnell Wyss '78 is a Professor of Nursing at Malone University

Kevin Zumbar '79 is a retired U S Navy, Captain. Kevin lives in Alexandria, Virginia and is a civilian employee for the U S Navy.

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1980-1989

Michael Snider '84 lives in California. He was recently upgraded to a '737 Captain' flying for Delta Airlines. The Snider's "Best Friend" Riley, a West Highland Terrier, died last June.

Heather Martin Castleman '89 lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is Senior Director of Strategy and Marketing for Trelleborg Sealing Solutions.

1990-2021

Stacie Weimer '05 was named new Executive Director of the Alliance YWCA last September. She graduated from Akron University with a degree in Political Science and earned her MBA from Walsh University, working most recently with the Stark

County Catholic Schools at Regina Coeli campus and Saint Thomas Aquinas as an enrollment specialist. Stacie lives in Alliance with her husband Matt and children Aja and Ayrabella.

Evan & Clohe Roller McMillen '15/'16 are recent college graduates, Clohe from Arizona State University with a Bachelor in Educational Leadership and Evan from Kent State University with his Bachelor of Science.

Gavin Bruni '21 has signed a National letter of intent to continue his Academic and athletic career at The Ohio State University. The left-hander will major in Business Management and hopes to pitch and play a field position for Ohio State.

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