

Inside the Foundation



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BRYAN AREA
Foundation

Making A Splash

October 19, 2021

Bethany Hamilton 7 pm

Bryan Arts & Ed Building
325 W. High Street
Bryan, Ohio

The Bryan Area Foundation is committed to "Making a Splash" this fall with several "water themed" programs. This is in fulfillment of our mission and strategic plan to proactively enhance, build, serve, and give to our community and its members now, and for years to come.

The first initiative took place on Tuesday, August 17th, when PJ Fleck, Head Coach of the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers Football team, and author of the best-selling book, *Row the Boat*, spoke to the administrators and educators of Bryan City Schools. *The presentation and training materials were made possible by a grant from the Bryan Area Foundation.* Coach Fleck shared his message regarding the use of enthusiasm and optimism to engage others and create positive outcomes via webinar. Post training, each BCS staff member received a copy of the *Row the Boat*

book as a guide for implementing the principles learned in the classroom.

Keeping with the water theme, and destined to make a big splash, Bethany Hamilton, professional surfer, famous for returning to the sport as a national champion after losing her arm in a shark attack, is coming to Bryan October 19th. Famous for saying, "I don't need easy, I just need possible...."

FREE EVENT

Open to the Public

Hamilton will share her message about developing a mindset to overcome any obstacle. Bethany will share her message during the day to students and educators, and in the evening, she'll share her message with the community at the A&E auditorium. Both events are free to attendees thanks to a grant from the John C. Markey Charitable Fund of the Bryan

Area Foundation, and through generous donations made by **Altenloh, Brinck & Co,** and **CHWC (Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers.)** Additionally, to coincide with the event, CAHF (Community Advocates for Healthy Families) will be hosting a family movie event on Sunday, October 3rd, showcasing "Soul Surfer" the autobiographical movie based on Bethany Hamilton's shark attack and return to surfing.

Finally, in keeping with our "making a splash" theme, Project 2020's Interactive Fountain project is slated for completion this fall. You can find updates on this exciting project in Chair Mike Shaffer's comments on page 2.

As always, we thank you for your support of the Bryan Area Foundation, and we hope you'll join us on October 19th to be inspired by speaker Bethany Hamilton!

Event Sponsors



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Message from our Chairman



It has been wonderful to see so many people enjoying activities in our community this summer. What a stark contrast to a year ago!

The Bryan Area Foundation Leadership Team continues to work on implementing items in its strategic planning objectives which includes stimulating new projects to bring further life to the community. I hope some of you have had the opportunity to enjoy concerts in the amphitheater. I have, and am pleased we have such a beautiful facility in our parks. Unfortunately, the adjacent interactive fountain project has experienced unforeseen delays due to supply chain issues, weather issues, and now permitting issues. The project is still scheduled to be completed this year and I anticipate it will be enjoyed this fall.

I encourage everyone to take part in activities we have available in our community and continue to make Bryan a warm place to live and gather.



Michael A. Shaffer

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Chairman of the Board



In Memory

The Bryan Area Foundation and the Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation are saddened by the passing of long-time foundation members, Al Horn, Nancy Merillat, and Duane King. We are thankful for their service; they all will be greatly missed.



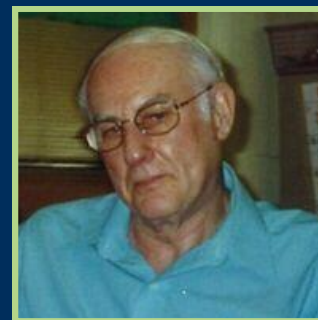
Albert H. Horn

Al joined the Bryan Area Foundation in 1983. We will always be grateful for Al's contribution in helping to establish the Foundation and serving as the BAF Treasurer from 1985-2004. Al passed away on August 5, 2021 at the age of 98.



Nancy K. Merillat

Nancy joined the Bryan Area Foundation in 1984 and served on the Development Committee. Nancy always had a smile, encouraging words and was eager to volunteer for any project. Nancy passed away on August 11, 2021 at the age of 79.



Duane E. King

Duane was a member of the Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation and served in many capacities. Duane passed away on February 11, 2021 at the age of 83.

Continuing Education Scholarships



Scholarship Awards



Best of luck Tye!



The Harlan and Ernestine Spangler Continuing Education Scholarship is presented annually to adults who are returning to school to complete their education.

Kirk Vashaw, fund representative (R), presents Tyecyn Towns with the Harlan and Ernestine Spangler Scholarship for \$2,000. Tyecyn is majoring in education at Western Governors University.



The Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship is presented annually to a student who has completed at least one year of college and is working to support their college education.

Mary Thaman, donor, presents Aidan Muehlfeld with the Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship for \$1,000. Aidan is attending Trine University and majoring in civil engineering.



Good luck Aidan!



The Robert F. Flightner Law Enforcement Scholarship is presented annually for the training and education of law enforcement officers in Williams County.

Scholarship winners are Austin Batt and Justin Coffman. Austin received \$4,000 and is attending the University of Toledo, majoring in criminal justice. Justin Coffman received \$1,000 and will attend Ohio Peace Officer Training for an instructional skills course.

Pictured (L to R)) Austin Batt, Justin Coffman, and Amy Miller, Bryan Area Foundation President/CEO.



Congratulations Austin and Justin!



Community Grants

Grant Application Deadlines!



September 30
for consideration in December

December 29
for consideration in March

March 31
for consideration in June

June 30
for consideration in September

Grant applications and instructions can be found at www.bryanareafoundation.org under the GRANTS tab.

Amy Miller
President/CEO



Grants Available

Over \$369,000 Available for Community Grants!

The Bryan Area Foundation is excited to announce that over **\$369,000** is available in grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects that benefit Williams County residents!

Community grants allow the Foundation to address the most urgent needs of the community.

Grants are made possible from the investment earnings on our 169 established community funds.



Amy is happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the grant application process or to set up a fund.

Call Amy Miller at 419-633-1156 or email amiller@bryanareafoundation.org

Field of Interest Grant



Field of Interest Funds

Pictured from left is Amy Miller, BAF President/CEO and Shane Brace, a member of the advocacy group Voices of the People and an employee of Chief Supermarket.



Coming Soon....Caroline's Carts!

The Williams County Board of DD recently received a Founders Grant of \$2,400 from the Bryan Area Foundation to purchase two Caroline's Carts. Caroline's Carts were created for special need individuals and provides caregivers an option to transport individuals through the store while shopping. Soon the carts will be available at Chief Supermarket in Bryan and Miller's New Market in Montpelier.

Thanks to the Ralph A. and Helen C. Miller Memorial Autism Fund, a Field of Interest Fund, for making this grant possible!

Williams County Board of DD



\$2,401 Grant



Alzheimer's
or
Autism



Agriculture



Animal Welfare



Bryan
Beautification



Bryan City
School



Forestry



Scouting

Field of Interest Funds Connect People With Their Passions!

This year over \$52,000 is available for grants from our Field of Interest Funds for nonprofit organizations. Field of Interest Funds are established by donors to support a specific cause. Currently we have Field of Interest Funds that support Alzheimer's, Autism, Agriculture, Animal Welfare, Bryan Beautification, Bryan Schools, Forestry, and Scouting.



\$12,000
OPDYCKE PARK
DISC GOLF

Williams County Parks

Disc Golf Course at Opdycke Park



\$12,000 Grant

Disc Golf Basics

1. Retrieve a score card and view the map of the course.
2. Locate #1 sign post and the cement tee pad.
3. Throw discs towards the basket.
4. Advance toward the baskets as a team.



The Bryan Area Foundation awarded a grant of \$12,000 to the Williams County Parks to develop an 18-Hole Disc Golf Course at Opdycke Park. Opdycke Park is located at the intersection of county roads 16 and J, north of Hillside Country Living Nursing Home. Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer, along with the Williams County Park Board managed the construction of the course. The Opdycke course was designed by Stan Tipton, and county workers and local disc golf volunteers also contributed to this project.

Disc Golf is played like traditional golf, but with golf discs instead of balls and clubs. One throw (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown and when a penalty is incurred. The goal is to play each hole in the fewest strokes possible. The player with the lowest total strokes for the entire course wins. Disc golf is a convenient way to get exercise while having fun, and is a great activity for the whole family.



Assembling baskets



Grading for the course



PDGA Basket

See you at Opdycke Park!



Cement pads are poured and set



Hole # sign post and tee shown with cement pad

Montpelier Area Foundation



MAF
Community
Grants

Williams County Sheriff Office



\$1,350 Grant



The Williams County Sheriff's Office received a grant of \$1,350 from the Montpelier Area Foundation to purchase bullet resistant vests. Pictured is Sheriff Tom Kochert and Rachael Sostoi, from the Montpelier Area Foundation.

Mentors for Williams County



\$2,706 Grant

Mentors for Williams County received a grant from the Montpelier Area Foundation for \$2,706 to purchase CSR software. This new software will help streamline the matching process for mentors and mentees.



Pictured from Mentors for Williams County (L to R) is Ashley Epling, A.J. Nowaczyk, and Jacob Willey.



Nozzlemen Ohio Chapter 1

\$2,000 Grant



A \$2,000 grant was awarded to Nozzlemen Ohio Chapter 1 for a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb to be held on September 11th at the Williams County Fair.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb events are a tribute to the 343 firefighters who gave their lives during the tragic events at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



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The Foundation can help you support your charitable interests by offering several fund options: a community fund, designated fund, scholarship fund or a field-of-interest fund. The law prohibits QCD's to a donor advised fund.

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care about will continue to be supported
beyond your lifetime.*

To learn more, please contact Amy Miller at 419-633-1156 or email amiller@bryanareafoundation.org.