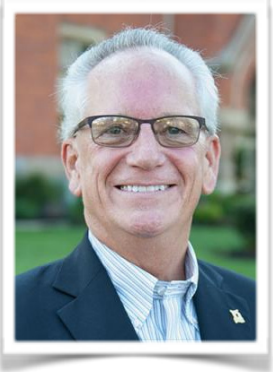


SUMMER 2023



WCCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRED

The Wyandot County Community Foundation Board of Directors is excited to announce James (Jim) E. Minehart Jr. as its first Executive Director. Jim will work part-time developing and implementing programs that meet the Strategic Plan goals of the Board. His leadership experience, excellent communication skills, and philanthropy background will be assets to build community partnerships for the growth of the Foundation.

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JOSEPH D. SHEAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Ellen Sheaffer and her sons Benjamin and Zachary created this scholarship(s) to honor the life of Joseph D. Sheaffer (Joe) who was a member of the Upper Sandusky High School class of 1987. Joe was a four-year letter winner in basketball and track, vice president of his class, member of the National Honor Society and vice president of FFA where he earned his state degree. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1991 with a degree in agricultural engineering and was a lifelong farmer in Wyandot County. He was passionate about the things he believed in: athletics, education and farming. The scholarship(s) will be awarded annually to graduating senior(s) planning to attend an accredited two or four year post-secondary institution of his/her choice. Preference will be given to applicants who share their interest and/or involvement in 3 of the following:

1. Planning to attend The Ohio State University
2. Majoring in either agriculture or engineering
3. Earned a varsity letter in basketball or track
4. Earned an FFA chapter degree and or membership in the National Honor Society



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... **MINEHART CONTINUED**

Jim is the son of James E. and Lois G. Minehart of Lancaster Ohio. While growing up, education was always important to Jim as were involvement in sports, church and scouting. Jim was blessed to be able to talk to anyone, a gift that would build relationships with donors to accomplish much through philanthropy. After graduation from Lancaster High School in 1971, Jim earned a college degree from Otterbein University. In 1976 he married Carol Cole. They are proud parents of three children, Jeremiah (JJ), Sarah and Christina. Jim and Carol's move to Upper Sandusky in 1977 was to start the Wyandot County Alcohol and Drug Program. In June of 1980, Jim joined United Church Homes, as the Director of Planned Giving and later was promoted to Vice-President of Gift Planning Services. While employed at UCH, Jim was responsible for raising dollars for annual, capital and endowment campaigns. There, he discovered his passion for unlocking donor's philanthropic dreams.

Jim recently retired from Heidelberg University. During his 15 year tenure, he focused on major gifts and planned giving which had a significant impact on the overall success of reaching key campaign goals of the University. He led successful campaigns for Hoernemann Stadium and Strike up the Bands, while playing a key role in the successful \$77 M for the Academic Comprehensive Campaign for Excellence. Tragically, their daughter Christina died in October of 2001, at the age of 15, as a sophomore at Upper Sandusky High School. To help carry on her memory and legacy, a Christina L. Minehart Scholarship was established with the Wyandot County Community Foundation. An initial major gift secured the funding that has provided scholarships for over 20 Upper Sandusky High School graduates. Jim said, "We believe in the mission of the WCCF, and our plan is to award scholarships into the future, as we have included the WCCF scholarship fund in our estate plan."

Where are they now?

ABBY THIEL'S SCHOLARSHIP STORY

BY ELLEN SHEAFFER



A 2019 Upper Sandusky High School graduate, Abby Thiel is a two-time recipient of the Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship. She attended The Ohio State University and graduated in May 2023 with a bachelor of science degree in Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability (EEDS), with Honors Research Distinction. In addition, she minored in Geographic Information Science (GIS) and City and Regional Planning. This major was the perfect blend between her interests in the natural environment, sustainability, and the social sciences.

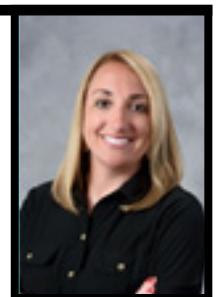
While at Ohio State, she was a member of the Time for Change Week planning committee. This is an organization that coordinates the university's annual sustainability week during spring semester. She also participated in the European Cities and Sustainable Urban Planning Practices education study abroad program, a 24-day program that gave her the opportunity to travel to, and study in Munich, Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, and Copenhagen. Additionally, she worked as an undergraduate research assistant for the Blueprint Columbus program, which focuses on researching

the performance of rain gardens and was awarded a Distinguished Senior Award from the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. She is thankful for having been a recipient of the Wyandot County Community Foundation Scholarship. "Through the support I received from this scholarship, I was able to get more heavily involved in a wide variety of activities that supplemented my academic coursework. I was able to take full advantage of my time at Ohio State and I believe that the knowledge, skills, and experiences I gained as a student have prepared me to be someone who can make a positive impact in my community." Abby is the daughter of Bob and Bonnie Thiel and is currently working as an Administrative and Outreach Assistant for the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship was established in 2010 for graduating high school seniors residing in Wyandot County, Ohio who are planning to enroll as full-time undergraduate students at an accredited postsecondary institution of their choice. Students are selected based on academic achievements, scholastic aptitude, and leadership characteristics. Recipients may apply for a one-time renewal provided the applicant shows progress toward their degree.

ASHLEY YOAKAM JOINS GREATER TOLEDO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Wyandot County Community Foundation (WCCF) welcomes Ashley Yoakam, a new Philanthropic Services Officer for the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Ashley will work directly with WCCF fund holders and those who desire to start a new fund. Ashley resides in Toledo with her husband Joshua and their daughter, Harper. In her spare time, Ashley enjoys tending to her flowers and garden, taking family walks through the neighborhood and visiting local playgrounds with their daughter and dog, Ranger. Ashley, born and raised in Marblehead, Ohio, graduated with her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on Marketing and Professional Sales from the University of Toledo in 2011.



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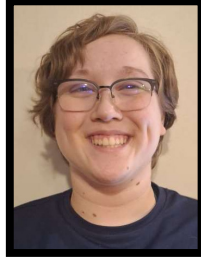
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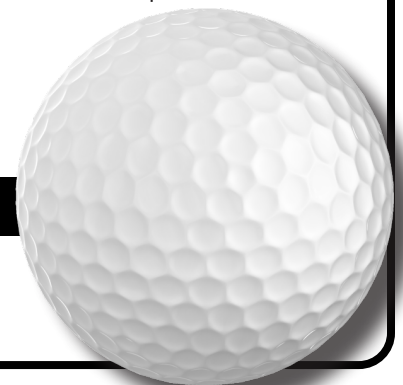
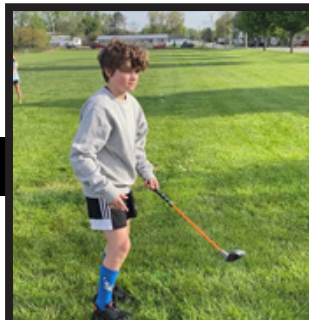
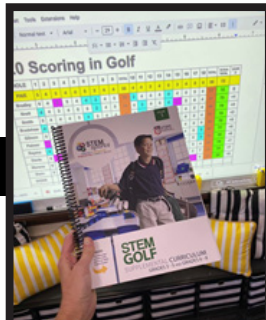
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A WCCF Grant enabled Team Newell students at Upper Sandusky Middle School to learn important STEM concepts while experiencing the joy of playing golf. The curriculum covered various topics, such as the impact of the Earth's rotation on the atmosphere and hydrosphere and how climate affects golf courses and their grass. Students explored the principles of gravity and gravitational force, particularly how they applied to objects like golf balls that were directed downward. Additionally, students gained knowledge about distance, potential energy, and swing radius by practicing swinging a club at different angles and speeds. They also delved into the composition of golf balls, uncovering the significance of the "dimples" and how they affected the flight and spin of the ball. The grant funding was instrumental in providing the necessary resources, equipment, and training to implement the STEM Golf program effectively. Students had access to outstanding golf equipment from the curriculum partner, PGA TOUR Tee-Up, which enhanced their learning experience and allowed them to truly engage with the sport. They experienced the joy of learning while playing, without even realizing they were learning important STEM skills. This experiential approach was incredibly effective in capturing their interest and fostering their understanding of STEM concepts.





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