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What do you want for Christmas?



That eternal question was asked by Santa Claus to the young lady seated in his lap last Sunday evening during the Holiday of Lights held at Shafor Park. Families from all over Oakwood attended the festival which included caroling, a visit with Santa, horse drawn wagons and luminaria displays. More pictures are featured on page 16.

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Mayor Cook, Vice Mayor McGinnis wrap up last city council meeting

By Lance Winkler

Two longtime Oakwood City Council members with a total of 44 years on the council between them presided over their last meeting on Monday night. Mayor Judy Cook (20 years) and Vice Mayor Carlo McGinnis (24 years) bid adieu to their fellow council members and the public at the conclusion of the meeting.

"I truly think we're one of the most well-run cities in the country. It has been an honor serving on city council," said Carlo McGinnis. Mayor Cook's words recalled the various people she has worked with over the past two decades both as a city council member and as mayor. A letter was written by her and addressed to the Oakwood community. Entitled, "An Incredible Journey," the letter is featured on page four of this issue of the Oakwood Register.

Present also at the meeting in the audience were councilmembers-elect Ann Shank Hilton and Rob Stephens.

In Committee Appointments, the following citizens will start the new year on the following committees: Planning Commission – Harrison Gowdy; Board of Zoning Appeals

– Dan Dietz and Greg Lauterbach; Board of Health – Dr. Greg Ramey and Dr. Richard DeWall; Budget Review Committee – Frank Hollingsworth, Howard Boose, Fred Dudding, George Kling, Richard Stock, Brian Huelsman, Charles Rodabaugh, Rob Connelly, Vince Lewis and Charles Campbell; Property Maintenance – Polly Petricola; Tax/Water/Sewer Appeals – Jan Scheid.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch was recognized by Mayor Cook for "high ratings in all categories" on the annual city manager assessment. Mayor Cook cited Klopsch on three qualities he has demonstrated in his career with Oakwood – honesty, integrity and his work ethic.

A new effort has been inaugurated in marketing the city to prospective people who are considering moving to the city. Perry Martin, Joanne McPortland and Ted O'Conner paid a visit to present their novel new promotional piece for Oakwood. Entitled "Oakwood: The Premier Residential Community in the Dayton and Miami Valley Region," the publication is a 9" X 12" folder containing an eight-page bound booklet describing Oakwood's many amenities. There

is also a five-minute DVD introducing the city in narrative style and a website accessible as www.welcome2oakwood.com. The folder will be made available at the city desk for \$3 and an initial press run of 3000 has been printed and produced.

The Oakwood city budget for 2010 was presented and voted on unanimously. The budget for next year has been set at \$19 million. The breakdown is projected as \$13.4 million for basic government operational costs; \$2.4 million for water and sewer and \$3.2 million in debt repayments.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch more fully elucidated the state of the city's fiscal health by pointing out that the city has not had an income tax increase since 1984. Major projects for the city in 2010 include the Pointe Oakwood/Sugar Camp development, the Athletic/Recreational facility Master Plan, an update in the Municipal Court software and improved guidelines dealing with both Safety Department and Finance Department procedures.

The next formal meeting of the Oakwood City Council is Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.

Merritt, Vanderburgh say goodbye to school board

By Dawn Beigel

Oakwood Board of Education members Beth Merritt and Dr. Paul Vanderburgh bid a farewell to their colleagues and the community last night as their terms end on Dec. 31. Combined, they have served

on the board a total of 14 years, with Merritt joining in 2002 and Vanderburgh in 2003.

Board vice-president Elizabeth Reger commended their service, as well as that of Barbara Hershey who recently left the board, with a

formal presentation at the meeting.

Merritt emphasized the establishment of trust between the board and the community. "We worked hard and gained trust from the community (and) I hope you can con

See **School** on page 17

Public meeting on recreation plan Dec. 16

The city of Oakwood will conduct a public community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Oakwood Community Center. The meeting is being held to discuss work completed on the City's athletic/recreational facilities master plan.

The Master Plan is addressing Oakwood public athletic and recreation facilities and will provide guidelines for operations, maintenance

and capital improvements. It will also include a vision for the future, taking into consideration the existing facilities, as well as unmet athletic and recreational needs as identified by our citizens and city leaders. This meeting will focus on the consultant's findings thus far on obtaining community input. Residents are encouraged to attend as citizen input and involvement is an

essential part of the master plan process.

Please assist the city with the master plan by participating in this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager, Norbert Klopsch at 298-0600; Assistant City Manager, Jay Weiskircher at 298-0411; or Leisure Services Director Carol Collins at 298-0775.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The City of Oakwood's Environmental Committee will soon be judging Oakwood residences for the Holiday Decorating Awards. Each year during the holiday season, decorated Oakwood homes, multi family units and businesses are judged on the following criteria: use of natural or natural looking material, tastefulness, and originality in keeping with the winter holiday theme and curbside appearance, both during the day as

well as night time hours.

Judging will be done from Sunday, Dec. 13 through Friday, Dec. 18. Residential winners of each district as well as one multiple family unit and one business winner will be notified after the judging has taken place. Winners will appear in local newspapers. Winners will receive a framed certificate of award that will be presented at an Oakwood City Council meeting in January, 2010.

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Dr. Derek Kingston receives AF award

Dr. Derek Kingston of the Air Vehicles Directorate was presented with the Harold Brown award, the highest Air Force award given to a scientist or engineer who applies research to a problem in the field. Recipients are chosen by the Chief Scientist of the Air Force in honor of substantial improvement to the Air Force's operational effectiveness.



Dr. Derek Kingston

The current method of employing UAVs at both the strategic and tactical levels is in isolation. That is, each UAV interacts only loosely (if at all) with other UAVs. Dr. Kingston's research focuses on automation tools that allow teams of UAVs to cooperatively fulfill mission objectives; making the utility of the whole become greater than the sum of its parts. The area in which this is most immediately applicable is for ISR missions. One of the most pressing needs is the ability to safely and remotely monitor critical con-

voy routes for IED emplacement. Dr. Kingston's efforts substantially improved, at both a theoretical and practical level, technology for cooperative unmanned air vehicle (UAV) route surveillance. He developed and analytically validated an innovative algorithm that allows a team of UAVs to reach the optimal

formation for route surveillance, and applied this to an AFRL rapid reaction program to survey roads for improvised explosive device (IED) emplacement. Dr. Kingston's contributions include algorithms for path planning, sensor steering, and the application of cooperative control for efficient, robust UAV routing.

The most striking aspect of his work is that it has been designed for completely decentralized operation. This provides the UAVs with the autonomy needed to meet mission requirements even during periods of non-connectivity (communication losses), which are common in operational use. Additionally, this technology applies to a number of diverse applications such as route surveillance, forest fire or hazardous material monitoring, border patrol, and integrated base defense. His efforts add significant value to the scientific body of knowledge as well as to the capabilities of the United States Air Force.

Dr. Derek Kingston received the Harold Brown award for his work toward improving algorithms for path planning, sensor steering, and the application of cooperative control for efficient, robust UAV routing.

Dr. Kingston received his PhD in 2007 from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Brigham Young University.

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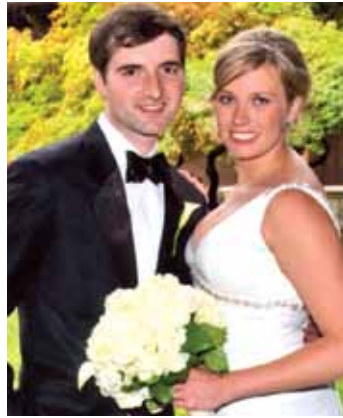
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimmich of Oakwood are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Leslie Anne, to Justin Wellington Seery, son of Mr. Lynn Seery and Ms. Georgiana C. Nye also of Oakwood. The wedding took place July 4, 2009 at The Dayton Art Institute.

Leslie is a 2000 graduate of Oakwood High School. She graduated from Miami University in 2004 and is employed by the New York City Department of Education as an eighth grade science teacher in a magnet math and

science school.

Justin also graduated in 2000 from Oakwood High School and in 2004 cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. In May 2008 he graduated from Cornell University's School of Law where he served on the Law Review. He is employed as an attorney specializing in mergers and acquisitions for the firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton in New York City.

The couple honeymooned in the Galapagos Islands and resides in Brooklyn, New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Justin Wellington Seery

Asian Arts Center donates \$1360 to Secret Smiles

The Asian Arts Center (AAC), a non-profit 501(c) (3) martial arts school in Kettering, presented a check for \$1,360, on Thursday, December 10th, to Tracy Janess, President of Secret Smiles of Dayton, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is bringing beds, cribs and bedding to children in the Dayton area who are

without.

The AAC had pledged to contribute 10 beds by Christmas, 2009, at a cost of \$136 per bed. Money was contributed by members of the AAC as part of their philosophy of community involvement and community self defense. Secret Smiles will handle the distribution of the beds and

bedding.

Oakwood folks who are AAC members as well as Secret Smiles Trustees include Stephanie Geehan, Molly Treese and President Tracy Janess. The Asian Arts Center is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) martial arts, fitness and self-defense school serving children and adults in the Miami Valley.

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From the Mayor's Desk

An Incredible Journey



Mayor
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As I complete twenty years as a member of the Oakwood City Council, including the privilege of serving eight years as Mayor, I do so with great appreciation for the city I have served. Many things have changed in the past 20 years but the core strengths of Oakwood have not. We remain a beautiful residential community with unique homes that proclaim pride of ownership and responsibility to neighbors. Our streets and sidewalks are safe, conscientiously maintained and well used. Our respect and concern for green space continues. We are a "front porch" community that enjoys friendly dialogue and communication with our neighbors. There is a distinct ambience of

welcome that is often mentioned by visitors. The extent of city services goes beyond mere labels and includes the manner in which services are delivered. For instance, to speak about "trash collection" addresses a lengthy menu of year round services not routinely included elsewhere. Our school system is the envy of most. Along with academic excellence is the inclusion of programs focused on the development of positive human qualities so essential for successful adults.

There is considerable advantage of size for Oakwood. We are small enough to give individual attention when called for and do not have growth and sprawl to compete for our resources. Our government is transparent, approachable, involved, citizen-controlled and mostly volunteer in nature. City council works as a team to establish policies that serve as guidelines for staff operating decisions. There is a myriad of opportunities established to enlist citizen participation.

The goal is to be in touch with the concerns and priorities of the community at all times and in all areas of interest. We have a quality staff of talented, skilled, and experienced people. The work environment encourages long tenure which is of great advantage to the community. We have enjoyed a history of superior city managers which continues to this day. This chief administrator is essential to continuing our success.

As I look to the future, I see all the options in place for continuing our strength and appeal. Oakwood is a mosaic of multiple pieces creating an appealing picture. Individuals reviewing our offerings may focus on different parts of the picture according to their personal priorities, but at the end of the day, it will be the whole picture that leads them to decide; "This is where I want live." Because of this, it is important that we keep all the pieces in place and well polished. It is tempting to blank out some of the pieces

as a way to reduce costs, but in so doing we would change the picture along with its total appeal. Our founding City Manager Dave Foell believed fervently that Oakwood citizens would support the cost of maintaining our community as long as they received a dollar's value for a dollar given. I believe that philosophy applies still today. Our attractive identity is unique and must stay that way in the future.

I have enjoyed great support from City Manager Norbert Klopsch and all the city staff in my years as Mayor of Oakwood. I am deeply grateful and will miss "my family" immensely. I offer great praise for their expertise and performance. City council has provided sound advice and direction as we together chartered the path for our community. Each council member brings unique skills and leadership to the discussion and debate that directs our city. Their dedication to the best interest of our citizens is the hallmark of their tenure. It has

been a privilege to be part of their team.

I end, as I always have, with our citizens - our amazing citizens. I recall so many occasions when I despaired that our community could find the common wisdom to arrive at prudent decisions. I have never been disappointed. A combination of citizen awareness, educated consideration and common sense seems always to provide the judgment to "sort things out" and come to beneficial decisions. This explains why the voice of our citizens is perpetually sought as we explore new endeavors and challenges. The strength of our community is grounded in this "bottom up" flow of authority. It belongs at the top of our list of resources. I am most appreciative of the trust and support given to me by the citizens of Oakwood - our greatest asset. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Mayor Judy Cook
City of Oakwood

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'Round Town

Oakwood's Sister City Association had their annual holiday dinner at St. Paul's last Saturday. **Lucy and Tom Baker, Charlie Campbell, and Bill McCarty** brought children. **Carol Holm** did the decorations and supervised serving dinner. **Judy Kurtz** brought beautifully wrapped packages to auction – which raised scholarship funds for student travel. **Marc Georgin, Bill & Mary Lou Meers, Lisa Singh, and Shek & Karen** talked of life in Morocco and France.

Tom Norwalk and Joan Fahringer praised the Buche de Noel cake baked by **Kirsten Halling and Peter Berwald. Linda & Ron Versic, Elizabeth Molinaro, Jacqueline Engel, and Don Prizler** all raved about the elaborate desserts created by members.

The Tuesday Chicken Group, **Fred Ohmer**, President, met for Dayton Country Club's traditional 'Chicken on Tuesday menu'. But alas, last Tuesday was DCC's Family-Children's-Christmas-Party – and the club was jam-packed!

So, the 'Chicken Nighters' headed for the Hickory House. A big sign on their door read: 'Serving 'til 9 p.m. – then we're closed for the employees Christmas party'. One table was available – and every other table was occupied by 'ousted' DCC members.

An adjacent table was occupied by **Ollie & Barbara Beardmore, Helen Hageman, Marianna Leyes, Roy & Barbara Lively, Jim McCoy & Ginny Hess.** Oh, and the 'Broasted Chicken' at the Hickory House is 'the Best'!

Also on Tuesday the Little Exchange on Park Avenue held their annual 'Junior League Sustainers Open House' – from 5:30 'til 7:30. **Jenni Roer** said in her note: "... don't miss this chance to catch up with you fellow Sustainers and holiday shopping. All proceeds benefit Dayton Children's Hospital." This Sustainer found alotta great gifts.

The Christmas Concert at Christ Episcopal Church was on Wednesday the 9th. The concert followed a lovely luncheon in the rec. center – where

the 'Waffle parties are held.

Angela Gorman was the Lyric Soprano – her voice is 'world class.' **Ray Landis** sang Baritone, **Leah Ester** was the Harpist, and **Karen Schanely & Emily VanDette** were the Flutists. Their performance of Christmas music was pure delight!

Phil & Nancy Skardon, Nancy Alway, and Joan Franks were in the large and thrilled audience.

Do & Jack Wagner's condo on Ridge Gate Road was the scene of the 'Oakwood Register's' annual Christmas party. Dinner was dynamite – by Benham's with **Becky Benham and Beaver Boyer** a.k.a. **Bill Houser** doing the 'honors'. The highlight of the evening is always the 'gift-exchange-war!' Everyone brings a gift that's thrown in the basket. Everyone has a 'number'. And as their number is called they pick-a-package from the basket. But they may not keep their gift for long – cause if the next person to 'pick' likes your present – he/she'll take that instead of 'selecting'. Threats were made, but no blood was drawn.

Lance Winkler and his sister, **Dana Winkler Whitney, Niel Lorenz, DeeDee Nagel, Thomas Girard, and Vicki Auditore** and of course, **Do Wagner**, represented this super staff.

Woman's Literary Club, founded in 1889, met for their Holiday Tea at the home of **Veronica Winwood.** Veronica's house is a treasure-trove – with not one square inch of unoccupied space for another 'treasure' to be displayed! Her place is fabulous.

The afternoon's program was on **Pearle S. Buck** (1892-1973) – a Chinese Missionary's daughter – born in China – and sent to Virginia for college at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Two Lit. Club members graduated from R-MWC – one had met her three times – at Randolph Macon and again when **Pearle Buck** spoke at our Junior League's Town Hall. **Beth Kinsaul's** paper was wonderful. **Carol Powell, Carolyn Brusman, Elizabeth Donovan and Nancy Pinard** were Hostesses. **Tracy Bieser**, president, presided.

The Thirty Niners met at Moraine Country Club last Thursday evening. **Bill Ferneding**, retiring president, introduced **Bill Kasch** – the new president. **Rodney Boren**, a founding member in '39, was dressed as Santa Claus and had his picture taken with members and their wives. Widows of former members, **Dotty Bachus, Libby Hornbeck, Millie Hubler, and Ginny Whalen** – got to sit on Santa's lap – much to his dismay.

Sonnie Kasch, Mollie Cammerer, Mary Creager, and Marge Anderson did the decorations. The much-anticipated-highlight of every Christmas party is the Christmas Carol singing – by their famous trio **Rick Ohmer Tom Maher, and Margie Anderson.**

Dayton Dance Group had their Christmas party at – where else? – Moraine Country Club. Whatta turnout! **Karl & Jan Balbach, Marion & Joe Buchanan, Tom & Mary Creager, Harry & Marty Ebeling, Bryan & Connie Epley and Tom & Nancy Gillaugh. Marilyn & John Hart, Ginny Hess, Dale & Aldene Nash, Fred & Marti Ohmer, Dr. Tom & Karen Pavey, the Quinlivans – Lorrie & Bill, Inky & Rosie Reagen, and Harold & Cherriann Requarth.**

Dr. Kent & Wendy Scholl, Charles & Anne Simms, and Sudy & Lee Wiedeke ... all of the above were dancing to the Ray Foster Band – and everyone 'Round Town' talked to agreed that Moraine's decorations were superb and the roast beef dinner was tops. **Christy Manchester & Karen Marshall** are co-presidents of Dance Group.

Post-crash rally outlook still has pitfalls

By **Steve Wenstrup**
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We have all witnessed at least one football game on television or in person where a spectator was sporting props like those pictured above! Seeing that it is time to hold the line on the field, shouts of "De-Fense" are audible throughout the arena. Likewise, if our current portfolio could shout it would be heard voicing the same proclamation.

Like in a football contest it's easier to promote a defensive stance if you have some points on the board already. The remarkable post-crash rally has reached highs and valuation levels that cause concern. While the market has advanced convincingly from the March 9th bottom, most of the economy is on government life support and it is not certain whether or not a recovery is sustainable. The real test, we believe will happen shortly when the stimulus programs, responsible for recovery in areas like autos and housing, no longer encourage spending.

The good news is the economy is on the mend due to time, the stimulus, and especially strong global economic activity. In many cases year over year economic measures should start to show growth after a full year of lower comparisons. Again the question comes to the sustainability of activity after a stimulus driven

run. Housing is likely to grow less as the first time buyer \$8000 credit expires early next year and auto sales have already suffered since the cash for clunkers program ended. The global economy is still growing but it too has been affected by large stimulus efforts by China and emerging markets. Government spending is "one thing" consumer spending is "another".

Even when times are slow U.S. consumers will consume. They will consume what is necessary but may do without certain discretionary items as they save and reign in spending during uncertain times. In accord with these actions we have been adjusting our portfolios targeting companies whose earnings carry more certainty such as consumer staple stocks versus those whose earnings are more sensitive to economic swings.

Avoiding market risk through market timing can be a difficult and dangerous strategy as many people discovered who were spooked out of the market in the ugliness of March. Emotionally it was a scary time but missing the return off the bottom penalized many investors. To avoid risk at present levels, we own many high dividend paying stocks that have not participated fully in the recovery and continue to maintain some liquidity in portfolios, preferring intermediate-investment grade bonds to cash.

Ohio Sec. of State rep to speak at DCC

Nicky Barnhill, regional liaison from the Ohio Secretary of State's office will be speaking to the Oakwood Rotary Club on Friday, Jan. 8 at 7 a.m. at the Dayton Country Club. She will be addressing

the issue of "enhancements to the Business Services Division that can help small businesses". Seating will be limited. Cost of \$10. for buffet breakfast. RSVP to Pam Goelz at (937) 285-5334.

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Scouting News

Scouts complete Eagle projects at Homestead

The Oakwood Historical Society is pleased to announce the completion of two Boy Scout Eagle projects this year. Both add to the use and value of the programs at the historical society's house museum at the Long-Romspert Homestead. Both projects were completed by scouts from Oakwood Troop 101.

Completed last spring was a major painting project involving two outbuildings: the Pump House and the Summer Kitchen. Both were in varying stages of

peeling paint, and both are now in excellent condition thanks to Peter Schweizer's Eagle Project. The Historical Society offers children's summer programs based in the summer kitchen, which is now well protected from weathering.

A new addition has been added to the area near the 1920's kitchen door. Mitch Thomas for his Eagle Project has developed a garden area, complete with white picket fence. Completed at the end of this fall's growing season, the garden will be planted in the spring,

and will grow kitchen items for use in both the existing children's programs and in new gardening programs for children next summer.

The Historical Society is honored to have been the recipient of two such excellent projects this year. Both projects involved many man-hours of volunteer labor, and required the new Eagle Scouts to do some technical research on skills they needed to conduct the projects.



Holiday Events

'Quiet Christmas' service

The lights, colors, sounds, and bustle of the holidays can be stressful under the best of circumstances. But for those who find themselves alone at this family-oriented time, or who have suffered a loss during the year, or who live with difficult memories, "Blue Christmas" is much more than a Christmas carol. Traditional church Christmas services, which might otherwise be a source of solace, too often become painful reminders of what's missing.

This year St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakwood will continue its custom of offering A Quiet Eucharist in anticipation of Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 12 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. This service, open to all, is especially designed to offer a prayerful atmosphere of peaceful

and calm reflection, with a message of hope and healing.

Other Christmas services offered at St. Paul's include the traditional Family Eucharist with Christmas Pageant (featuring children and youth of all ages) at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24; the Festal Christmas Eucharist, which will be preceded by a choral prelude featuring the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and guest musicians, at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 (the service will begin at 8 p.m.); and Christmas Day Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 25.

All members of the community are warmly invited to attend. The church is located at 33 W. Dixon Avenue. For more information, contact the Church Office at 293-1154, or visit our web site at www.stpauls-dayton.org.

St. Paul's hosts Advent & Angels

The community is invited to visit St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Sundays of Advent for a celebration of one of the "unseen" parts of God's Creation, the world of angels. How do humans perceive and encounter and interact with them? Facilitator Joanne McPortland will draw on Scripture, liturgical texts, theological writing, art, music, and literature to discover more about these heavenly messengers.

Advent IV: Sunday, December 20—*Wings of Desire: Angels in Popular Culture*. Angels have little in common with chubby winged babies or fairylike stat-

ues, but their comforting presence is everywhere in popular culture, from films to TV shows to pop music and gift-shop tchatchkes. This week we'll look at our desire for angels, as we get ready to hear once again the tidings of great joy they bring.

Each 1-hour session will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Avenue in Oakwood. For more information about this series or other events, please call St. Paul's Episcopal Church at (937) 293-1154, or visit our web site: www.stpauls-dayton.org. We look forward to seeing you!

'Blue Christmas' worship services

Perhaps the Miami Valley's most unusual church service this Christmas season is planned at Corinth Presbyterian Church, 4269 Corinth Blvd. in the Belmont neighborhood. "Blue Christmas: A worship service for difficult times" will be held Tuesday, Dec.

15 at 7 p.m. and again Saturday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. The service seeks to connect those experiencing loss or hard times with the good news that God is near to the broken-hearted. All are invited to worship and experience grace in time of trial.

At the O.C.C...

Santa's Magic Mailbox is now in the lobby of the OCC!!! Drop of your letter before Dec. 20 and Santa will return each letter personally! Be sure to include your address.

Cookies for Santa (ages 7-10, 6 &

under with adult helper) Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. Each child decorates a dozen cookies to take home for Santa. Be sure to bring a container. \$12 (M), \$18 (NM), \$24 (NR)

Cookbook Sale! Just in time

for the gift-giving season, the Oakwood cookbook, 'Talk of the Town' is on sale. For the month of December only the cookbook will sell for only \$8. Hurry in and get one for your neighbor, teacher or any other person on your list.

Holiday Shopping Bazaar at Shops of Oakwood

If you haven't browsed the shops of Oakwood on Thursdays, you're missing a special treat offered by three of Oakwood's favorite shops - Oakwood Florist, Central Perk and From Inside Out.

This Thursday, Dec. 17, and one Thursday each month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. the Oakwood Florist at 2313 Far Hills Ave., and its next door neighbor Central Perk, invites you not only to shop and browse, but also to taste wines provided by Cork and Vine, whose own-

ers, Shannon and Alex Kolodesh, live right here in Oakwood. Hors d'oeuvres are from the skilled cookmanship of none other than Central Perk's own Rosie Morgan (who incidentally is the best scone-maker this side of London).

Cross to the east side of Far Hills and a bit south to 2512 Far Hills Ave. to "From Inside Out," the shop that dazzles with everything decorative for home and patio. There, every Thursday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., owner Leslie Dixon, uncorks

the wine, unveils the cheese, along with hors d'oeuvres and invites you in to inspect the shop which is always filled with a treasure trove of unusual and artful decorative items for the home. With Christmas on the way, the holiday additions can add just the right festive look to your rooms, mantle, tables, or whatever it is you need to "Christmas up." And the friendly, helpful staff allows you free and easy browsing, glass in hand. It's definitely worth a stop on your "to do" list.

Holiday celebration for kids Dec. 19

On Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m., Wright Library will be hosting a Holiday Celebration for kids! Make

a holiday craft, decorate a cookie, and sing along with local artists Shaun and Abigail Bengson as they

lead everyone in Christmas and Hanukkah favorites. All ages are welcome. No registration necessary.

Oakwood Holiday Food Drive underway

The City of Oakwood Holiday Food Drive continues through Sunday, Dec. 20. Donations benefit

the Food Bank serving Montgomery, Greene and Preble Counties. Collection boxes will be available

at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road and the City Building, 30 Park Avenue. Share your blessings with others.

Christmas Eve at Fairhaven Church

You are invited to celebrate Christmas Eve at Fairhaven Church in Centerville. Bring the entire family for a festive celebration at 5:30

or 7:00 pm. Or at 11 pm, contemplate the meaning of the season with the traditional, candle lit, Lessons in Carols. Join the Fairhaven Church

family for Christmas Eve. 5:30, 7, or 11 p.m. Fairhaven Church, 637 E. Whipp Rd., Centerville. 434-8627. Or the web at Fairhavenchurch.org

Christmas Eve at Southminster

"Christmas Eve at the Manger," a family worship service, will be held at 5 p.m., Dec. 24, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Avenue, in Centerville.

Children are invited to come dressed as their favorite character from the Bible story of Jesus' birth. (or, they may choose to bring a favorite stuffed animal.) The chil-

dren, along with the Children's Choir, the Children's Chimes, and selected readings, will act out "The Story of Christmas." Following the service, there will be "birthday cupcakes" to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Also, a Candlelight Service at 8 p.m. and a Candlelight Communion Service at 11 p.m. will feature Pastor Eric Pasanchin and his message,

"God is Betting on You."

Childcare will be provided at the 8 p.m. service only. However, Southminster's Sanctuary Lounge offers families a comfortable space with quiet games to take children out of the sanctuary, yet still be in a service of worship.

For more information, call the church office at 433-1810.

OHS Class of '99 reunion a success

The Oakwood High School Class of 1999 had their 10th anniversary reunion during the Thanksgiving break. The get together was held at the McGinnis Center on the University of Dayton campus and a great time was had by all.



Alumni News

Kira Fenstermacher sings in X-mas Festival

Kira Fenstermacher of Oakwood, OH, participated in the 2009 St. Olaf College Christmas Festival, one of America's longest-running celebrations of Christmas. Fenstermacher, a sophomore member of the St. Olaf Choir, appeared in four performances Dec. 3 through Dec. 6.

The Sunday performance of the

2009 Christmas Festival was broadcast live to a national audience. Public television stations across the nation will broadcast a one-hour program of the 2007 Christmas Festival. The program will run on Dec. 24 at 9 p.m. and Dec. 25 at 3 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Minnesota region. Check local listings for broadcast times in your area.

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Education

Lego League team wins 3 trophies at tournament

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Brickheads Lego League team competed against twenty four teams and won three trophies at the First Lego League tournament at Sinclair: the ambassador award, robot performance, and robot programming. Comprised of five Oakwood students and one student from Xenia, the Brickheads are now headed to the STATE tournament at the Nutter Center held on Feb. 6-7. The Brickheads have been studying texting and driving as part of the Lego League "Smart Moves" transportation challenge, and they have a patent pending on their device, which will help drivers keep their eyes on the road instead of their phones.

Besides presenting their ideas to the tournament judges, the Brickheads

also traveled to Columbus to discuss their innovative solution to the office of State Senator Jon Husted. The State of Ohio is currently considering several bills to solve the texting and driving problem, so the team's visit was very timely. They also presented their ideas to the Ohio Director of Public Safety (ODPS), Cathy Collins Taylor, and members of Ohio Traffic Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Transportation, and other related department heads at the Ohio Department of Public Safety Building.

On the 90-minute drive to Columbus, the team members counted the number of distracted drivers (all types of distractions) and were surprised by the total of 400. In other research, they found that Ohio had

6,000 deaths last year caused by distracted driving. Drivers have a false sense of their ability to text while driving, but the odds of being in a car accident while texting is twice as high as a non-distracted driver. The average text message takes five seconds and a car traveling 65 mph will travel 500 feet in that time, so the potential for serious accidents is very high as confirmed by a team interview with a state trooper.

The Brickheads posted an informational video on YouTube that promotes their device and discourages texting while driving (www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHvUkmzZbws). So far the site has had 95 hits and the team hopes that they are getting the word out about the dangers of texting while driving.



Brickhead team members L-R: Nick Hensley, Henry Fulford, Ian Campbell, Andrew Hensley, Ryan Lapchynski, and Walker Berwald. Nick, Henry, Ian, and Walker are 6th graders at E.D. Smith Elementary. Andrew is a 7th grader at Oakwood Jr High, and Ryan is a 5th grader at Pathway School of Discovery. The Brickheads are coached by Vicki Campbell, Greg Flaute, and Doug Lapchynski.



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'Tinkering' in childhood an important acquired skill

Jim Uphoff Ed. D.



Two weeks ago in a Letter to Editor I asked for reader input on their own elementary-years use of various games/toys such as Tinker-Toys, erector sets, Gilbert puzzles, Legos, Lincoln Logs, etc. The few replies I received did seem to confirm the main points of a Nov. 11, 2009 in *Education Week* newspaper. The headline read, "Teaching Girls to Tinker" and was written by education expert Lisa Damour.

Damour made her key point immediately when she wrote, "Girls now surpass boys in nearly every measure of academic success...Even in high school mathematics - a subject where boys have consistently held an edge - the playing field seems, somehow, to have leveled." She then points out that 77 percent of degrees in engineering and 85 percent in computer science are earned by males! WHY is this still true is the main

question.

Among the more common answers are the lack of female role models for the girls; girls prefer those sciences that are more connected to helping others; and the 'isolated geek' stereotype that is associated with engineering and computer science is a turn-off for girls. Damour offers another possible explanation. "GIRLS DON'T TINKER!"

A major 2000 report, *Tech-Savy*, by the AAUW cited clear gender factors. It claimed that boys see computers as toys interesting in their own right while girls see them as tools for accomplishing tasks. Thus by approaching computers and mechanical devices as "toys" boys are able to "play" with them and learn how they function from the inside out.

When "tinkering" with programming, they develop an intuitive understanding in how they work.

Move back two or three generations and ask yourself whether males or females were the most likely to "take apart" or "disassemble" a radio, a blender, a lawn mover, etc. etc. Which gender was more likely to "tinker" with mechanical things? Several of



those who responded to my request were males and they said they had not done these kind of things because they were (and are) not "mechanically inclined." (Me, too, by the way!)

Damour asks, "Why don't girls tinker?" One key answer is that few adults encourage them to do so. For example even us teachers unknowingly expect boys to help us with such semi-mechanical tasks as using a stapler, the VCR, etc. When we encourage a child to TINKER, we show confidence in his/her ability to "figure it out." We thus say that this is of value but to girls we tend to emphasize that an answer is of more importance than the process for finding an answer.

Tinkering takes time! Our "test-happy" education system does not value such 'time-taking' tinkering since it much emphasizes the shorter answer given quickly. How can we, as adults, help our children, especially girls, to find the time to learn by tinkering? How can we fight the types of learning which seem to discourage girls from the fields of engineering and computer science? I would like to hear from you with your ideas!

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Obituaries

Georgann Kling Jones

a life-long Daytonian, passed away on December 8th surrounded by her children. She was 73. Despite a twenty-five year battle with Parkinson's Disease, Georgann was always energetic, generous and optimistic. Georgann was the oldest child of George and Anafred Kling of Dayton. She attended Oakwood High School and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in English language and literature. Georgann

loved to read, write, garden, cook and play games. Her bedside table always included a stack of books on her latest topics of interest whether they be Ernest Hemingway, Bonsai gardening or Indonesian rice tables. She loved her large family, valued the uniqueness in each individual and reveled in the raucous stories that arose from family gatherings. She is survived by her children: John Spurlino, Mike Spurlino, Jim Spurlino,

Jennifer Jones and Carrie Yearwood; her ten grandchildren; and her four siblings: Diane Surzano, Mike Kling, Suzy Hammons, and George Kling. She was the wife of the late David Jones. The family will have a private family service and requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation of New York. Condolences and other tributes may be sent to the family at www.routson.com.

Pamela Ledford Seidl

age 60, of Kettering, passed away early Saturday morning. She was a graduate of Fairmont West High School (Class of 67) and Wright State University. Pam was an educator at Oakwood High School. She is survived by her father, Don Ledford, her husband of 41 years, Alois "Chip" Seidl and her children Kipp and Jerri Seidl and Kristin Seidl, her granddaughter Samantha, and her granddog Macy. She was preceded in death by her

mother, Rosie Ledford and her granddog Kelsey. Pam was an avid shopper (illustrated best by her extensive shoe collection) and a gourmet cook (particularly with wine, if it made it in the food). She was surrounded by loving friends who became part of her extended family. She continued to shop and go to the movies until the day she passed. A memorial service will be held at Concordia Lutheran Church, 240 Peach Orchard Ave., Oakwood, on Thursday

December 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception at the Dayton Country Club from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The family invites you to stop by for a "drib". In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The James Cancer Center at The Ohio State University Hospital, Hospice of Dayton, or the Oakwood Foundation c/o Pam and Chip Seidl. Condolences and other tributes may be sent to the family at www.routson.com.

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Obituary

Helen Wozar

age 92, of Oakwood, Ohio, passed away Monday, December 7, 2009 in Key Largo, FL. She was a member of Oakwood Methodist Church, the Moraine Country Club, Dayton Country Club and Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL. Helen was preceded in death by her husband Louis Wozar. She is survived by daughters Beverly (Robert) Parker of Kettering,

OH, Dorothy Savage (Thomas) Kemp of Kettering, OH; grandchildren Geoffrey Louis Parker, Lisa Carlson, Tracy Savage, Steven Savage; great-grandchildren Abigail, Riley, Claire, Max Parkers; Ellie, Margot, Meg Carlson; Marcus, Ariana Savage and her sister Dorothy Schenderlein of Denver, CO. Funeral services were held Saturday, December, 12, 2009

at Woodland Mausoleum, 118 Woodland Ave, Dayton, OH. Family greeted friends before time of service at Woodland Mausoleum. The Rev. Judith A. Doran officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Children's Medical Center, One Children's Plaza, Dayton Ohio 45404. Condolences and other tributes may be sent to the family at www.routson.com.



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As a devoted supporter of underdogs, I love to hear the viola featured in a classical work. Likewise, I am a great champion of the tuba. Consequently, the Carillon Brass, principal players in the Dayton Philharmonic, are great favorites of mine. Any group with a tuba at the center has got to be great.

The holiday season is never complete without these five talented artists holding forth at the Loft Theatre. Proudly sponsored by Lee and Betsy Whitney's family trust, they spread their clarion joy to a double bill of full houses.

Beaming Lee, decked out in red and green and saddle oxfords, intro-

duced the ninth year of this event. The players, trumpeters Charles Pagnard and Alan Siebert, trombonist Timothy Anderson, French horn Robert Johnson and the superstar, tubist Timothy Northcut, are great musicians. At recitals such as this, the artists play more notes than they do at many symphony concerts – and do they love it!

The music was a joyous mixture of Christmas and classical. With wry wit, Charlie Pagnard introduced the numbers and cautioned his fellow players not to dance but concentrate on their mouthpieces.

The concert started with a tuba solo! Soon all were joining in and the sound was intoxicating. Clear, resonant and full of joy, the traditional holiday songs, often in jazzy arrangements, were perfect for the approaching festivities.

Bach made a pair of stellar appearances. The arrangements from organ works for brass quintet

were marvelous. Charlie explained that Bach wrote little music for brass – he insisted it was because John Sebastian had not met the Carillon Brass.

Well, the pair of full houses at the Loft did meet the Carillon Brass and left smiling, humming and filled with joy, coffee and doughnut holes. Concerning underdogs, my devotion does not extend to the Cincinnati Reds – they are just dogs!

Dayton Ballet's *Nutcracker*

Speaking of "don't miss" events, Dayton Ballet's annual "Nutcracker" is superb. I was able to attend a rehearsal and watched Karen Russo put her very junior charges through their paces.

The beloved ballet changes each year adding charming touches. If Tchaikovsky were alive today, he would have written *The Nutcracker* for Dayton Ballet! You can see it at the Schuster. Eight performanc-

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Last weekend, there was plenty to dance to. For several years, DCDC has combined with five churches, their choirs and their prodigious energies. Under music director Deron Bell, the huge choir belts out gospel songs becoming the perfect partner for the dancers.

An added attraction was the **See Brass** on page 12

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Arts

'Broadway Holiday' lights up Victoria

By Gary Gregory

Concert shows often use the tried-and-true formula. It goes like this: A popular singing star or group dressed in gaudy costumes perform on a large stage with scenic bells and whistles and a big band that periodically drowns out the lyrics.

These shows usually start late, run too long, and if you're lucky and leave the parking lot within a reasonable time, you may arrive home around midnight. Not so with "Broadway Holiday," the current touring show that continues through Dec. 20 at the Victoria

Theatre. The brisk two-act musical revue includes nearly 30 songs, mostly Broadway tunes featured on the White Way in the last 50 years. Holiday tunes, though slim, are sprinkled in throughout the show.

In the tradition of a musical revue, the show is anchored by Neil Berg, the talented pianist who serves as the narrator of the proceedings. A casual Berg proves to be humorous as well as informative. Kudos also to the talented musical trio consisting of a drummer, bass player and keyboardist.

Oakwood resident Ken Neufeld, the new president and CEO of the

Victoria Theatre Association, made his speaking debut Tuesday, Dec. 8, for the 2009-10 VTA Broadway Series sponsored by Miami Valley and Good Samaritan Hospitals. He characterizes the show as a "hand-crafted musical revue." Much credit to Neufeld and his staff for keeping a clear focus on the many VTA theatergoers. Although devoting much time and energy in recent months promoting the upcoming musical hit "Wicked," the VTA can take a bow with their season opener, a top-notch production.

For ticket information and reservations, call 228-3630

Brass from page 10
Centerville High School *Forte* singers. These attractive youths gave a new dimension to the traditional gospel music of the church choirs.

The DCDC Company includes DCDCII. This is hardly a second company but an additional group of fabulous dancers. Under Shonna Heckman-Matlock, they carry on the tradition of Jeraldyn

Blunden and Debbie Blunden-Diggs which is simply great dance.

The Masonic Temple Auditorium vibrated with the sounds of song and the gyrations of the dancers. Special guests included Jazz saxophonist Kirk Whalum and gospel artist Shirley Murdock. The vibration was replete with decibels of sound which almost reached the "megabel" level.

DCDC has many new faces. The stalwarts, Sheri Williams in her 36th year as a dancer, Crystal Michelle, William McClellan, G.D. Harris, and Rebecca Sparks Vargas lead the rest of the dancers with their inspiration and their own choreography.

The next months take DCDC to Michigan, Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire and Texas. Mercifully, they stop briefly in Dayton on February 27th and April 25th. These single performances should be red-letter dates on your calendar. DCDC is a don't miss experience.

WDPR/WDPG

Dayton Public Radio, WDPR/WDPG, is a great classical music station. They are also a fun bunch.

One of the latest social activities is the wine tasting at the Wine Gallery. A light dinner is hosted by the genial owners of the gallery which is about to move to 5 West Monument Avenue. They feature five wines all available for tasting and comparing.

In addition to food and wine, the gathering attracts the interesting and interested. Everyone is convivial, enjoying the wines and tasty snacks and talking music.

The music was not all talk. Chamber music accompanies all the goodies. For the December event, a string quartet from University of Dayton held forth. The young people played very well, hardly distracted by the clinking glasses.

The ensemble consisted of music students Quentin Marsh, Leonardia Hardy and Anna Bumiller on violin, viola and cello. To demonstrate the depth of the student body, engineering student David Sosa brought his talent and violin.

Dayton Public Radio has these events regularly. To learn about them, listen to the great music on 88.1 or 89.9 FM. You will get more than wine and food. Your soul will be fed, as well.

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OHS girls place 5th; boys 13th at Swimvitational

By William Kugel

The Oakwood swimming team started the season with a solid showing at the Waynesville High School's Swimvitational on the first weekend in December. With twelve girl's teams competing from as far away as Columbus and Middletown, Oakwood finished fifth. With fourteen boy's teams entered, Oakwood's boys finished 13th but had a couple of impressive individual performances.

For the girl's team, there were a number of Top Ten finishes. Senior Ellen Viereckl placed first in the 100 Freestyle and second in the 50 Freestyle. Sophomore Emily Kugel placed fourth in the 50 Backstroke and Freshman Alexa Coon placed ninth in the 50

Butterfly. Junior Caroline Turner finished first in the 50 Breaststroke. The 200 Medley Relay team of Emily Kugel, Caroline Turner, Sophomore Molly Woodhull, and Ellen Viereckl placed fourth. The 200 Backstroke Relay team of Emily Kugel, Molly Woodhull, Alexa Coon, and Ellen Viereckl finished fifth.

For the boy's team, the strongest finishes were by junior Marcus Viereckl who finished sixth in the 50 Freestyle and seventh in the 100 Freestyle. The only other OHS Top Ten finish was by Court Wille who finished 10th in the 50 Freestyle.

Also competing for the OHS girl's team were Amy Beck, Carder Gilbert, Olivia Ireland, Rachel Griep, Emily Feldmiller,

Chelsea Reeder, Grace Danis, Sophie Shepard, Ali Lamb, Annie Bartlett, Chloe Bolger, Kate Hochwalt, Margaret Thompson, Jessica Piechota, Katherine Anderson, Katelyn Taylor, Sarah Vandersluis, Kim Eldridge, Molly Rubins, Katie Foos, Erin Duning, Autumn Bruno, Samantha Smith, Taylor Morrissey, Savannah Pocisk, Grace Clemmens, Olivia Ciupak, Emily Edwards, Sarah Zabernick, Elizabeth Connelly, Maureen Newman, Jackie White, Erin Johnson, Anne Connelly, and Katie Woodie. Also competing for the OHS boy's team were Leo Schenk, Will Reese, Michael Scott, Anton Calaway, Grant Cothrel, Jack Kern, Charlie Benedict, Jeff Key, and Jack Buffington.

Exchange program seeks volleyballers

The Sports For Youth Foundation is currently accepting player applications from Canadian and American boys and girls, age 15 - 20, who are accomplished high school or club volleyball players. Applicants should also be good citizens in their school and community. The 2010 Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball

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Donate cleats for Costa Rica

Spanish students are again traveling to Costa Rica Feb 13-22, 2010. We will be visiting a local school where we will donate school supplies and soccer cleats to the Tico children. There will be a box for

donations at Zack Rodabaugh's house on 13 Wiltshire Blvd. and one at the Oakwood Community Center. Please donate your old soccer cleats, any size is helpful! Gracias por su ayuda! (Thank you for your help!)

Two wrestlers place at Invitational

The Oakwood High School wrestling team traveled to Fairmont High School last Saturday to compete in the ten team Firebird Classic Wrestling Tournament. Leading the way for the Jacks were Juniors Will LeBoeuf and Dan Pohlman.

After losing a close decision to 2008 state placer Jake Sage from Fairmont in the last pool match at 152 pounds, LeBoeuf outworked his opponent in the finals for an overtime victory and a third place finish.

Pohlman wrestled hard all day only losing a decision to the 171 pounder from Gahanna Lincoln High School in Columbus in the last pool match but battled back to record a pin in the finals to secure a third place tournament finish.

This Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m., the Jacks compete in a rare home meet and host the annual Oakwood Invitational Tournament. Please come out and enjoy some great wrestling and support our wrestlers.



Patterson Park announces 11U Baseball Awards

Patterson Park's elementary school age autumn baseball league recently concluded play and presented individual awards to its most accomplished players. In this age group there were six teams of 11 players competing since late August on its 'downstairs' fields off of Irving Avenue.

Top winners were awarded by age for each offensive category:

11 yr-olds: Will Laidler (top

Batting Average, top slugger and Most Hits), Emerson Hinzy (No. 2 Average), Ian Short (No. 3 Average, No. 2 Slug percentage) and Brandon Hall (No. 3 Slug percentage, Most 3Bs).
10 yr-olds: Donovan Martinez (top Ave, No. 2 Slug percentage, Most Hits, Most 2Bs), Brock Gorman (No. 2 Ave, top Slug percentage, Most 3Bs), Brody Dixon (No. 3 Ave, No. 3 Slug percentage).
9 yr-olds: Ryan Hall (top Ave,

top Slug percentage and Most Hits), Matthew Wagner (No. 2 Ave, No. 3 Slug percentage), Josh Rutan (No. 3 Ave), Jordan Stone (No. 2 Slug percentage, Most 2Bs).

Baseball play is now finished at Patterson Park for this year. Registration materials for next year will be available in late January. Please check our website or call any Patterson Park Board member for further information.

One of the happiest 11U teams this autumn at Patterson Park was team No. 3, "The Blue Team": (1st row, L-R) Brody Dixon, Chris Anderson, Devin Dudley, Jack Johnston and Braedon Kenbeek. (2nd row, L-R) Will Laidler, Alec Warren, Brian Stephenson, Reid Osborne and Coach Gary Stephenson. (Not pictured) Nick Hensley and Tyler McNeely.

Wanted

Sports writers for girls & boys varsity basketball

The Oakwood Register is seeking parents or students who would like to cover boys and girls varsity basketball on a weekly basis for the season. No need for play-by-play coverage – just highlights and a scoring timeline. If interested call our office at 294-2662.

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School from page 1
 "I think trust is a good word to describe it," Merritt told the board. The experience of serving on the board "was the best," she said.

"I think trust is a good word to describe it," said Vanderburgh. "It's something I think we've earned and something I hope will persist. We're very fortunate to have the best team of administration and staff."

Among other commendations, the board recognized the following:

*High school teacher Heidi Steinbrink on achieving National Board Certification, which is earned by demonstrating knowledge and skills through a series of performance-based assessments that include student work samples, video tapes, and rigorous analyses of classroom teaching and student learning.

*District nurse Sue Martin, RN, for her efforts in preparing the recent H1N1 vaccine clinics. She served as Oakwood's liaison with Dayton Montgomery County Public Health. A thanks also goes to the district nursing staff Bobbie Logan and Rhonda Wootton; building secretaries Nanci Koepke, Janet Bourne, Brenda Casterline, Dawne Roeckner and Vicki Roberts; and administrators Kathy Bartalo, Nance Bradds, Allyson Couch, Dan Weckstein, Mark Hughes, Paul Waller, Pam Taiclet, Kevin Philo and Dr. Kim Kappler Hewitt.

*Community volunteers who assisted with the H1N1 vaccine clinics: Melissa Bell, RN, Terri Caputo-Jones, RN, Dr. Bruce Hall, Cari Hopkins, Kris Horlacher, RN, Karen Keller, RN, Theresa Kern, RN, Emma Kipp, RN, Nancy Kravitz, Mary Johnson, RN, Jennifer McKinnon, RN, Donna Miles-Curry, RN, Shirley Murphy, RN, Shari Scharrer, RN, Lisa Schreck, RN, Diane Scott, RN, Lee Slicer, Dr. Ed Spitzmiller, Cindy Streidl, RN, Carleen Turner, RN, Debbie Ulrich, RN, Lorna Waters-

Tellez, RN, and Christine Wright, RN.

During the board's curricular showcase, Dr. Kim Kappler Hewitt gave an overview of the new Ohio Core graduation requirements that go into effect with the Class of 2014.

Ohio Core, which is mandated by the passing of Ohio Senate Bill 311, outlines specific curricular requirements for high school graduates in 2014. They include four units of English, four units of math, three units of social studies, three units of science, five units of electives, unit each of health and P.E., and two semesters of fine arts. According to Kappler Hewitt, a policy on credit flexibility is expected as Ohio Core evolves, and Oakwood District plans to begin implementing the requirements next school year.

"For the most part, Oakwood is already positioned for Ohio Core. We also have a communications plan (for it) between students, parents and teachers that began going out in report cards in November," said Kappler Hewitt.

For more information on Ohio Core visit www.education.ohio.gov and type "Ohio Core" in the keyword search.

High School juniors Madeline Lehrner and Adam Sobol gave the board an update on the progress of the new Principal/Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee. They said the committee has had a lot of discussion recently on a variety of topics, the most popular being that of leadership. Lehrner said there is an idea to form a leadership camp and implement special activities for incoming freshmen "so that they feel more united with their group (and) learn how to become better leaders." Such leaders will be nominated at school, and the goal is find those who are new to leadership "who could use this (experience) to build their self confidence," said

Lehrner. Among legislation, the board approved the following:

*Naming Ms. Reger as chairperson pro-tem for the January organizational meeting until the new board president is named.

*Appointing newly-elected board members Jon Barhorst and Ted Frederick to the district's Business Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

*Reappointing Beverly K. Jones-Arthur as a member of the Wright Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees for the term of Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2016.

*Adopting the course proposal for "Music History: How Rock and Roll Became Rock and Roll" at the junior high school for grades 7 and 8.

Oakwood Board of Education will hold its organizational meeting for 2010 on Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the district central office.

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NOVEMBER 29

Incidents

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NOVEMBER 30

Citations

Mohammad Alsifairi, speeding, failure to signal
Courtney Q. Moore, speeding in school zone

NOVEMBER 31

Citations

Jean-Anne E. Harbin, speeding

DECEMBER 1

Incidents

ACCIDENT: Near the intersection of Dell Park Ave. and Far Hills Ave. – Unit #2 (Matthew C. Yenn) was traveling south on Far Hills Ave. in the inside lane. Unit #2 was traveling behind Unit #1 (Judy Ksiezopolski) in the same lane. Unit #2 applied brakes for stopped traffic. Unit #1 struck Unit #2 in rear bumper. Both vehicles sustained damage. No injuries. Unit #1 was cited for failure to assure a clear distance.

Citations

Stephanie Tremblay, U-turn restricted in intersection
Meghan Sheen, speeding
Linda Burge, speeding
Michael Paul, speeding
Bob G. Collins, prohibited right turn on red
Chiu Lin, speeding
Judy Ksiezopolski, speeding, assured clear distance ahead
Ronald W. Webb, seat belt
Jane M. Greiner, speeding

DECEMBER 2

Incidents

ACCIDENT: Near the intersection of Far Hills Ave. and Aberdeen – Unit #1 (Abirami Thambipillai) was traveling northbound on Far Hills Ave. in the right hand

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Citations

Abirami Thambipillai, rules for driving in marked lanes
Karen McGinnis, stop sign
Rosalyn Bartley, expired plates
Tamako Toshio, stop sign
George Demeter, angle parking
Diane Bobo, speeding, license not on person

DECEMBER 3

Citations

Lori D. Shurte, speeding
Joseph J. Granito, speeding
Norma Jan Sproles, speeding
Molly J. Knox, speeding
Kenneth H. Hopkins, speeding
Michael L. Brown, speeding in school zone
Robert Roffey, expired plates
Timothy Tomlinson, parking 18 hours
Robert King, expired license
Marlene Pegel, speeding

DECEMBER 4

Citations

Bryan Fooks, expired plates
Andrew Phillips, expired plates
Keith Ivan, seat belt
Shane G. Carl, seat belt
Hope L. Stebelton, speeding in school zone
Patrick Whistler, speeding in school zone

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The family theme carries over for the audience. All evening performances will begin at 7 p.m. to accommodate youngsters, with the show recommended for those eight

and up. Santa will be on hand in The Loft lobby before the Tuesday, Dec. 15, performance, taking requests from children from 5:30 until 7 p.m., during which time food and beverages will be available from Citilites.

To provide even more chances for family attendance, a performance has been added at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, with adult tickets at Preview prices. And there will be a special Family Day matinee

Saturday, Dec. 26, with all tickets, adult and child, at the usual children's price of \$18.

A Christmas Carol will have a preview Dec. 10, with the official Opening Night Dec. 11. Performances will run Tuesday through Sunday through Dec. 27, with Christmas Eve and day off. Tickets are available by calling Ticket Center Stage at (937) 228-3630 or toll-free at (888) 228-3630 or via www.humanrace theatre.org

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