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OHS alumnus sponsors entrepreneur competition

Irvin H. Harlamert, former Oakwood Municipal Court Judge and member of the OHS class of 1948, recently partnered with Oakwood High School and the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation to create the Oakwood Entrepreneurship Competition, a contest open to the school's 10th through 12th graders, challenging them to actively consider the idea of becoming an entrepreneur.

This year students will write an essay or submit a multimedia presentation on the topic *Rewards and Risks of being an Entrepreneur*. Topics will change each year, always focusing on exploring and understanding the value of entrepreneurs. Mr. Harlamert wanted to give back to the schools where he and his children received their initial education.

Students attended an orientation session on November 4th where Mr. Harlamert led a discussion about risks, rewards and the characteristics of an entrepreneur. He outlined the components of the competition and fielded questions from the students, encouraging them to think about a broad vision for being an entrepreneur. "Ten years out it would be a

huge reward for me if some of you participants become entrepreneurs after being encouraged by this competition." Awarded at a celebration in April 2010, participants will be competing for one of twelve cash prizes totaling \$4,800, donated by Mr. Harlamert.

Students participating in this contest will gain an understanding of the value of entrepreneurship in our marketplace. In addition to learning more about what it means to be an entrepreneur, students will examine the importance of leadership, strategy, culture and people. Students interested in participating should contact Mrs. Jamie Walker at the High School for competition requirements and judging rubrics.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation is grateful to Mr. Harlamert for bringing this exciting new program to Oakwood High School and helping to further the Foundation's mission of Enhancing Excellence in the Oakwood Schools. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please visit our website: www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef or contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332.



With OHS business teacher Jamie Walker looking on, Irvin Harlamert discusses new Oakwood Entrepreneurship Competition with students in school library

Holiday Decorating Contest underway

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 also receive a framed certificate of award that will be presented at an Oakwood City Council meeting in January, 2010.

Holiday of Lights celebration Dec. 13

On Sunday evening, Dec 13, the Holiday of Lights festivities will take place at Shafor Park, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Judy Cook will welcome those attending, followed by the lighting of the holiday tree. Entertainment will be provided by "the Mini Pops" as well as the

Oakwood High School Band who will be performing holiday songs and entertainment. This will be followed by a visit from Santa Claus arriving on the Oakwood fire truck. Children will be able to talk with Santa, after his arrival in the park. Hot cocoa and popcorn will be served. Also,

this year, there will be horse drawn carriage and wagon rides for the family going throughout the community to see the beautiful display of luminarias decorating and lining the streets of the community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this community event.

Luminarias on sale

Luminarias are now on sale at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. The cost is \$3.50 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10 hour burning candles. Residents may pick them up at the Community Center during regular business hours. Luminarias will be sold up until the end of the business day on Sunday the 13th or until sold out, whichever comes first. The response to this project has been tremendous and residents are encouraged to participate.

Instructions for the placement of luminaria, if placed in the right of way area or the sidewalk area is at every crack in the curb or sidewalk area, or, at approximately 5' to 7' intervals.

The 'Lighting of Oakwood' will take place on Sunday evening, Dec.

13 beginning at 6 p.m. Oakwood residents are encouraged to celebrate "community" by participating in this seasonal tradition. As a part of this event, the City of Oakwood and the Oakwood Environmental Committee will have a display of luminarias lining the boulevards on Far Hills Avenue, Shafor Boulevard, Shroyer Road as well as the city building, OCC, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park, city parks and other areas around the community. This holiday lighting event has become a tradition in an effort to brighten the entire community at the onset of the winter season. We hope all can participate and enjoy the efforts put into this project.

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It frightened her to have to deal with taxes, paying bills, and trying to figure out things like refinancing her house. All that was tough enough, but then watching her monthly income sink like a brick in the water was the last straw.

Elizabeth then opened the mail and saw the statement from her stock brokerage house. She was afraid to open it because the market had been on such a roller coaster ride. She knew her accounts were likely to be down again.

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Sure enough, when she saw the balance of her IRA and mutual fund accounts, she felt sick in the

pit of her stomach. Elizabeth had to sit down and gather herself. She stared at the unbelievable amount of money her accounts had lost, which happened to be worse than before!

She started to cry. She shouted, "I've lost over 30% of my retirement money and I'm too old to make it up. Why did I put money in this ridiculously risky market? I should have known better."

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Oakwood women to hold holiday Open House

Oakwood residents Debbie Basnett, Dana Hookassian, Robin McMacken and Jean Winham will host a holiday Open House at their business, Vintage Scout Interiors, Dec. 10-12. The interior-design studio and retail boutique is located at 60 N. Main Street (48) in Centerville.

The women will serve refreshments each day from 10 to 6 p.m.

In addition, they will share decorating ideas for the holiday season. Everything in the store also will be 20-percent off for the three days.

"We want to give our customers a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere in which to do their holiday shopping," said McMacken. "They can enjoy a glass of spiced cider, some holiday treats and stroll through the studio, which

is full of fabulous ways to make a home simply smashing for the holidays and all the parties. We have some great hostess gifts as well."

For more information, contact Vintage Scout Interiors at (937) 312-9461. Regular store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The website is www.vintagescout.com.

Personal trainer celebrating 12 years in business

David Bond, CPFT, has two things to celebrate. One, he just enrolled his 300th Oakwood client and two – is celebrating his twelfth year in business in the Kettering-Oakwood area. The fitness trainer has been a regular fixture at 1032 Shroyer Road across from Carmel's Restaurant for a number of years.

Earning an associate's degree in exercise science and a minor in psychology, Bond enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a minefield engineer clearing mines going into Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. Bond was also a strength conditioning coach for the U.S. Marines for eight years.

When he mustered out of the service, he began civilian life as a trainer with Just Results, a fitness center that used to be located at Fountain Square in Kettering. He then decided to go into business for himself, providing personal-

ized training for a small coterie of clients. The business has grown substantially over the past decade.

Bond provides a number of fitness regimens to his customers – free weights, exercise bikes, cardio exercises, elliptical trainers, plus diet and nutrition counseling.

His nutrition program includes a personal visit to a client's own kitchen where he will open up the cupboards, pantry and refrigerator and give advice on which foods are good and which should be pitched for health's sake.

For diabetics he has a program of diet and exercise that he has had much success with, combining low carbohydrate/high protein nutrition with a thorough exercise regimen three times a week. He claims he has been able to take some clients off of insulin after a month or so of exercise and proper diet.

Another strong point of Bond's conditioning program is privacy. Bond has had a number of clients who are very self-conscious for various reasons and find going to health clubs a bit intimidating. David conducts his exercise sessions one-on-one and gives each client his undivided attention during each half-hour session.

Assisting him with clients is Gary Rogers, CPFT, who has over 30 years of exercise training under his belt. The two have been kept fairly busy these past few months and a move to larger facilities at Town & Country Shopping Center is in the works by next summer.

"One client at a time" is Bond's motto with regard to his business. If a reader feels it is time to get serious about getting more fit, give him a call at 290-0300 or online at www.DavidBondPT.com.

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Savage - Denning

Mrs. Dottie Savage Kemp and Mr. Thomas Kemp of Dayton, OH, join with James Savage, of Toledo, to proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Savage to John Denning, son of Paula and Joseph Denning of Bristol, NH.

The engaged couple live in Arlington, VA, where the bride-to-be is the associate director of marketing at KPMG. The groom-to-be serves at the Department of Homeland Security as the director of external affairs in the

Office of Cybersecurity and Communications.

Ms. Savage is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and earned a Masters Degree from American University, grew-up in Oakwood, OH and attended Oakwood High School. Mr. Denning hails from Bristol, NH, graduating from the University of New Hampshire, completing his graduate work at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.

A spring wedding is planned.



John Denning and Tracy Savage

'Holiday at the Homestead' Dec. 13

Join the Oakwood Historical Society for "Holiday at the Homestead" on Sunday, Dec 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Long-Romspert Homestead, 1947 Far Hills Ave.

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Ginny Hess, Dayton's internationally recognized sculptress, said she'd be at the Air Force Academy in Colorado to attend the unveiling of her bust of **Charles E. Taylor** – the creator of the Wright Brothers first engine. “This bust (created by Ginny) is the same that is in the Smithsonian and in Le Mans, France. Charlie really gets around, doesn't he?” So does Ginny! “Just heard about **Jeanne Smith**. I've been in New Port, R.I. with my daughters.”

John Laufersweiler sent a yellowing full-page spread from the Sept. 1st, 1945 society page of the *Dayton Daily News*. It's entitled: 'Local girls off to college'. One picture shows **Betty Sotherland**, Miami Univ., **Clarabel Grier**, DePauw, **Joyce Grierson**, Denison, **Shirley Mendenhall**, Duke, **Sue Sotherland**, Miami, **Jeanne White**, Duke, **Frankie Ahlers**, DePauw, **Ann Churchman**, DePauw, and **Barbara Windston**, Univ. of California. The photos were taken around the pool of the Miami Valley Golf Club.

Another 'pool picture' was of **Mary Ann Boone**, **Jane Dallas**, and **Sue Blanch**. **Phyll Fraser** gets a 'dunking' from 'friends?'

She returns to Randolph-Macon Woman's College this fall. If only there were some way to know where all these area girls are today! Please send a note to 'Round Town' – with their married names – if you remember any of those listed above.

Milly Hubler was rushing around Dorothy Lane Market – just back from 'somewhere'. “I'm leaving for Paris in a few days to be with my daughter who's with the State Dept. there. Did you know that **Bud Allyn** is in town? He's here for some sort of business meeting. I'll tell him you said hello” Bud keeps an apartment at the Carillon.

Lotsa bridge games planned for this past week - one at **Ann Dennison's** in her terrific 'digs' on Elderwood. It was a great afternoon's game. The game planned for the next day at Dayton Country Club was 'cancelled' – due to a water main break that closed the Club's whole operation! Also last week the Club suffered terrific vandalism when someone swiped a golf cart and destroyed several 'greens'. Lets hope the vandals are caught and...

So, since they couldn't play bridge that afternoon, **Patty Ballard**

and friend went to Central Perk for lunch-and-chat that lasted alotta the afternoon. Patty finally "...had to rush cause I'm having twenty for dinner tonight! It's for 'Habitat For Humanity' – a vital board...**Dianne Graham** is our Ex. Dir. and she's dynamite--

Then Wednesday night is 'Ribs Night' at Geez. They, the ribs, are the best! **Bud Welch** was in the rib-party bunch...it was one of his first times out since his surgery – and he was in fine fettle! There were several football/and-or/basketball games going on the around the wall TV's and the place was packed with some mighty vocal fans.

Sally Coleman Crawford was here last week Sally and **John Fisher** had her over one afternoon with Sally Crawford's son **Matt** and her husband **Pete**. “I'm here to visit my sister, Pat Sheridan – and son Matt, of course.”

Sally looks just the same! She lives in Florida now. What a delight to see her again!

Marty and Fred Ohmer invited several over for Sunday night dinner. “We've got a beef roast with all the potatoes, onions, carrots,

and green beans in the roaster. It'll be a one large dinner plate serve-yourself no salad forks – though the salad may be on a separate plate. **Barb Farley** said she'd come if she could watch 'The Amazing Race' on TV at eight o'clock...said it was the final segment in the series and she's got to know which couples wins. **Dick and Dotty Cummings** said they'd play bridge while the TV show is on – so...” It was a wonderful evening of reminiscing around the table 'til ten thirty.



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Gifts

Niel Lorenz



It's here. No matter how you try to slice it or ignore it, the season for gifts is upon us. The more

philosophical persons will try to convince you that the best gift you can give is to 'be there' - at the soccer game, the wedding, the funeral, the birthday. That is all true, but you still have to make or buy something for Aunt Whatsurface. The budget for that is about \$1.45.

The reason we all have trouble with a gift is that it can say so much. It can say "I love you", "I

remember you", or "I bought this at CVS yesterday". A gift says way too much about who we are and who we are not. A relative once sent me some purple bell bottoms and a see-through top. I'm sure she meant well but obviously she didn't know me at all. That same year a friend gave me a bowling ball complete with its very own ugly plastic carrying case because she knows I

hate bowling. I loved it.

Sometimes gifts look like one thing but are really something else....like the man who, as a boy, battled dyslexia and who through sheer determination and will mastered the art of studying. He never got to watch any TV, growing up because he was too busy doing homework. One year he got a small personal television for Christmas to take back to college and to him it didn't just say "Merry Christmas", it more importantly said "you have done it...good job".

When it comes to gifts from children, all bets are off. The cheap after shave, the soap on a rope, and the hand-made pot holder are golden. When that same child chimes in "open mine, open mine" it says that they have learned the most important lesson

of all...that the joy of giving is its own special gift.

You already know that most of life's best gifts don't come in boxes. A new baby with all ten fingers and toes is a gift. A teenager home safely from the prom is a gift. A parent who dies peacefully at a ripe old age is a gift. Athletic talent, health, a wonderful voice, love, intelligence, artistic ability, friends and family are all gifts. To not see them as such is to miss some of the biggest blessings of life.

So, the season for gifts is upon us. No matter how much you appreciate all those important intangible things, you still have to come up with something appropriate for Aunt Whatsurface. You might want to check out CVS.... they have a bunch of good stuff on sale for \$1.45.

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The December concert, under the baton of guest conductor Kazem Abdullah, proved these points again. Maestro Neal Gittleman pro-

grammed a diverse and challenging evening for the orchestra, conductor and guest soloist, violinist Frank Almond.

The music moved from Baroque Haydn through Romantic Brahms to Modernist Béla Bartók. Each work was given a reading by Maestro Abdullah and performance by the artists of the Philharmonic that earned its "bravos."

In spite of his exotic name, Kazem Abdullah is a Daytonian. From 1985 to 1996, he lived in Dayton attending Van Cleve Elementary, Stivers Middle School and Col. White High. What could be more Dayton than that?

He credits his early music exposure, education and support to teachers Joyce Mitchell and Claude Thomas. Their devotion led him to Interlochen National Music Center and on to the Cincinnati Conservatory.

At barely 30, this gifted young man is decades ahead of a young conductor's career path. He works with James Levine at the Met, Plácido Domingo in Los Angeles and now conducts regularly the world over. He has conducted the São Paulo Orchestra of Brazil on tour and now heads for Paris and the Opera at the Châtelet. Charming and unassuming, he let his baton prove that his success is only beginning.

The concert opened with Haydn's "The Miracle Symphony." The spirit of the music was conveyed clearly with precision and verve. One of the highlights was the triumphant return of principal oboist Eileen Whalen from sick leave. Her solo in the andante 2nd movement signaled that she is hale and hearty.

While the Brahms' Violin Concerto ended the concert, I will describe it in the chronologic order of the music. The iconic greats, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn and Brahms, each wrote only one concerto for violin. (Yes, another youthful concerto of Mendelssohn has been discovered and is occasionally played.)

These works are monuments to music - rich, expressive and full of familiar joys. Young and handsome Frank Almond, concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony, became part of the orchestra as soloist. The solo violin seemed restrained, yet very musical.

Phrasing and orchestral conversation were excellent, but lacked some of the richness of this great work. The orchestra provided a resonant and beautiful support for the soloist.

The real climax of the evening came before intermission. Maestro Kazeem took the opulent music of Béla Bartók's *The Miraculous Mandarin* Suite into the stratosphere of mellifluous sound and remarkable inventiveness.

Bartók creates a kaleidoscope of music. Each section, every artist, is called upon to play the black dots appearing on their music pages in relationship to the black dots of every other artist.

Themes appear and disappear. Single notes from a horn or bassoon start a display from every part of the orchestra. I must laud the woodwind section, the clarinets led by John Kurokawa, flutes by Rebecca Tryon, oboes by Eileen Whalen and French horns by Robert Johnson. They established so many of the patterns making the entrancing sounds which are Bartók.

For clarity and in summation, I repeat my former statement. We have a great symphony orchestra. They live and play in an incredible symphony hall.

Soirees Musicales

Each time we attend another of Don Hageman's Soirées Musicales, it is with a feeling of nostalgia. Impresario Don has announced that this season, the 40th, will be the finale for these wonderful piano recitals.

The nostalgia turned to angst when we heard the debut of Danish pianist Jens Elvekjaer. This remarkable young man captivated the devoted audience at Shiloh Church from his very first notes.

Tall, handsome and young, his

knees just fit under the piano; his command of every note was entrancing. He began the evening with a Haydn sonata in E-flat. Smiling and reacting to his own sounds, he played the music with a delicate clarity and easily discernible underlying power.

The next work, Variations for Piano by Anton Webern, gave the spare, even sparse composition of this master of 12 tone music, a life and emotion rarely felt. In Webern, the short works require each note to resonate with a special purpose. Elvekjaer provided the startling sounds with unique warmth and meaning.

The recital continued with selections from Ravel's *Miroirs*. These reveries, so different from the Webern, were full of joyous amiability and musicality.

The printed program ended with Robert Schumann's *Carnaval*. It is a giant work of some 21 different musical vignettes. Like Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, which would follow years later, these were the composer's personality sketches of his friends.

Often, the selections seem disjointed. Under Elvekjaer's fingers, they morphed into one another with musical grace. The encore, a Schubert Impromptu, was simply exquisite expressing the essence of Schubert's genius.

I thought the audience would begin shouting to Impresario Don, "Give us another season to bring this genius back to Dayton." The audience was too polite and restrained, but the meaning was clear!



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The South Dayton Dance Theatre's 16th Annual performances of the Nutcracker Ballet will feature choreography by SDDT Artistic Director, Gigi Gardner, SDDT Founder & Associate Artistic Director Elizabeth Karns, and Co-Artistic Directors, Erin Robbins & Ashley Sass.

Guest Performers include: Michael Green, Gary D. Harris, Ruka Hatua-Saar, LaMoi Hedrington, Hershel Deondre Horner III, (all currently with DCDC), Greg Andrus, and Ian DeVine (Wright State University).

Dancing a number of roles in the ballet will be Maggie Carey, 18, who is a senior at Oakwood High School and has been with SDDT for two years. She previously trained at Pontecorvo Ballet Studios for seven years and prior



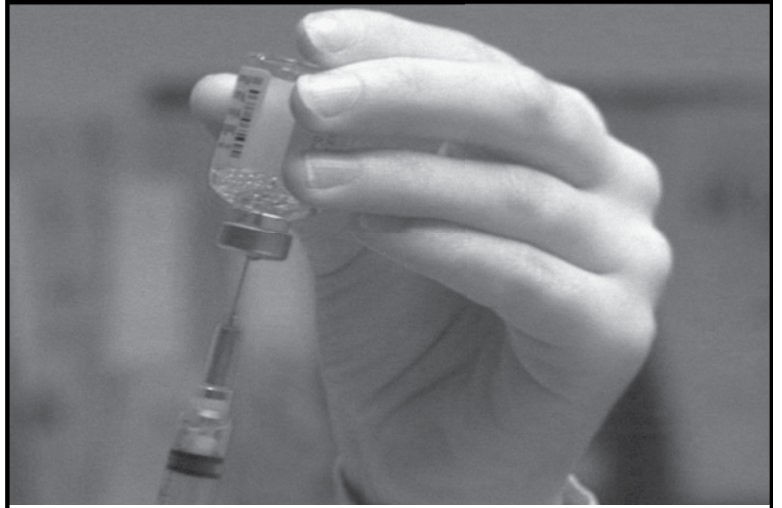
Hershel Horner and Maggie Carey

to that at SDSD for six years. This will be her fifth Nutcracker performance with the South Dayton School of Dance and she will be performing the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy, Mouse Queen,

Reed Flute, Lady, and Snowflake. Maggie has attended summer programs at the Virginia School of the Arts, Houston Ballet Academy, San Francisco Ballet School, and Boston Ballet School. She was a

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Obituary

Richard F. Zoellner

May 14, 1928 - November 22, 2009. Dick was born in Cincinnati, OH, but lived in Dayton for many years. He graduated from Oakwood High School in 1946 and from Wilmington College in 1950. He started his career with Frigidaire Company, rising through the ranks to become president of the new Frigidaire Company when GM sold to White Consolidated Industries. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; daughter, Leigh (George) Troutman; son, Gary (Winnie) Zoellner; daughter, Monica (Andy) White; and son, Louis (Sarah) Mellaci. Grandchildren are Marie, Kevin, Laura, Reece, Ison, Willis and Hazel. A service will be held in Honolulu, HI on December 28, 2009. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to a favorite charity.

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Members of the Carillon Brass include Charles Pagnard, DPO Principal Trumpet; Alan Siebert,

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A Christmas Carol at the Loft

The Human Race Theatre's own adaptation of A Christmas Carol returns to The Loft Theatre for a second year this holiday season.

All evening performances will begin at 7 p.m. to accommodate youngsters. 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.

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 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.humanracetheatre.org

St. Paul's Youth Group dance concert Dec. 11-12

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Youth Group, along with youth from the greater Dayton community, will present Madeleine L'Engle's *Dance in the Desert*, a family-friendly masked dance production based on the picture book of the same name. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Avenue in Oakwood. Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested minimum donation of \$5/person or \$20/family. Proceeds will be used for youth outreach programs.

The musical score for this adaptation includes selected dances from Camille Saint-Saëns's *Carnival of the Animals*, Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and original improvisations exploring Middle Eastern themes. Musical coordi-



nator, Betsey Hofeldt, is leading the remarkable Blackbird Quartet (Josh Halpern, Clara Hofeldt, Amy Malone, and Ellen Milligan), with guest musicians Andra Bane, Weston Davis, Mark Hofeldt, and John W. Johns. The music is perfectly selected for the spirit of the work, lending the power of great

composition to this gentle story.

This project is offered through the creative leadership of youth group members, who are leading all aspects of production. The work is staged by M. E. Labrie, and choreographed by Kristie Enns and Sofia Snyder. Masks have been designed by Jenny McCarthy, with costumes created to continue the mask design to full-body. Cast members include Harrison Davis, Nick Grilliot, Ingrid Hofeldt, Kelsey Irvin, Ally Kern, Aidan and Audrey Maney, Emily and Tyler Murphy, Mary Snider, and Samantha Swift. The tech team is led by Taylor Feeny. The art apprentice is Ellie Treese. Additional adult support includes Nedra Smolka (technical coordination), Celine and Charlie Maney, Laurie Murphy, Debby Schenk, and Molly Treese (costumes), Betsy Clymer (scenery), and Joanne McPortland (publicity).

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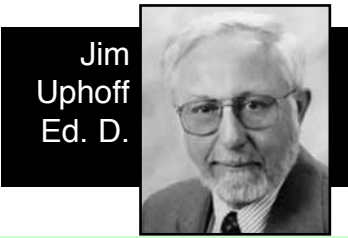


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My cousin, John Beisner from central California, sent me a thought-provoking email (author unknown to me) this past week. One of the major benefits of a good education is when each of us is able to look at any topic from a new or different perspective. Our schools work very hard to enhance critical thinking skills to enable students to make extended connections and to see beyond the obvious. I hope you will find this to be such a 'trip' for you as you consider 'connections' as a new way to look at what I AM THANKFUL FOR:

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Dayton's forecast calls for rain as the Muse Machine brings the live stage debut of the comedy acclaimed as "the best movie musical ever made" to the Victoria Theatre. *Singin' In the Rain* will open the curtain on Thursday, Jan. 14 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 17. The hysterical parody of Hollywood's transition to talking pictures features spectacular dance numbers and favorite songs, including "Make 'Em Laugh", "Good Morning", and the title track, complete with an actual storm on stage!

Rising young stars in this production include Noah Berry, a junior at Oakwood High School, Chelsea Bolger, a junior at Oakwood High School, Kaja Burke-Williams, an eighth-grader at the Miami Valley School, Keta Burke-Williams, a junior at the Miami Valley School, Alyssa Coyle, a junior at Oakwood High School, Erin Donnelly, a seventh-grader at Oakwood Junior High School, Josh Halpern, a freshman at Oakwood High School, Clara

Hofeldt, a junior at Oakwood High School, Amy Malone, a sophomore at Oakwood High School, Ellen Milligan, a junior at Oakwood High School, Rob Mitchell, a junior at Oakwood High School, Hayley Penchoff, a sophomore at Oakwood High School, Madison Reger, a junior at Oakwood High School, Tyler Rife, a senior at Oakwood High School, and Molly Woodhull, a sophomore at Oakwood High School.

Singin' In the Rain will be the 26th student musical to be produced by the Muse Machine. Tickets are on sale exclusively through Ticket Center Stage: 937-228-3630 or www.ticketcenter-stage.com. Call for show times. Patron and premium tickets are \$52 and \$38 (which includes a tax-deductible donation to the organization), adult tickets are \$29, senior tickets are \$2 off the standard adult ticket, non-Muse student tickets are \$20 and Muse student tickets are \$15.

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British Brass band benefit at OHS Dec. 10

The Ohio Valley British Brass Band will perform a benefit concert at the Oakwood High School auditorium, on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert features standards and holiday classics of the brass band repertoire. Included in the performance will be the premiere of an original composition, Britannia Fanfare and March, written by the band's conductor and music director, Mike Gallehue; a jazz arrangement of the march from L'Arlesienne entitled Three Kings Swing; and a few musical surprises throughout the evening. Featured soloist for this performance will be Oakwood High School Band Director Ron Nelson, performing the tuba solo Frosty the Snowman; and guest conductor Tad Stewart will be directing his arrangement of Fantasia on a Hymn by Praetorius.

The Ohio Valley British Brass Band is a 39-member ensemble composed of professional musicians, active and

retired music educators, students, and lay people from the Ohio Valley. Since its inception the OVBBB has played extensively throughout southwestern Ohio and northern Kentucky, including featured performances with the Cincinnati Pops and Dayton Philharmonic Orchestras.

The Oakwood High School Band will open the concert, under the direction of Ron Nelson. The concert is part of the Oakwood Band Parents Association Community Concert Series and is a fundraiser for the Oakwood Band program. In addition to supporting the high school band, proceeds support instrument purchases, enrichment programs, and the junior high and elementary school bands.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited. Advance tickets are available at the high school office. For more information, email obpapresident@yahoo.com.

St. Paul's presenting 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. Who are these mysterious beings? 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 messen-

gers, whose presence is everywhere as we prepare for Christmas.

Advent III: Sunday, December 13—The Heavenly Host: Angels in Liturgy, Music and Legend

Angels' primary reason for being (like ours) is to praise God, so it's no surprise that they're everywhere in our worship, hymnody, prayer, and calendar of saints. Today we'll identify liturgical texts attributed to

angels, and add our voices to their perpetual choir of joyful adoration.

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!

Two kid films offered at Wright Library

The Wright Library Youth Services Department will be showing three excellent movies for both teens and younger kids during the month of December. On Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 3:45 p.m., students can watch the Oscar-nominated film *Edward*

Scissorhands, starring Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* will be shown on Friday, Dec. 18 at 3:45 p.m. Grab a friend and enjoy the shows!

Popcorn will be provided at all movies. Feel free to bring your own

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Kids in the Kitchen

There are still a few spaces in the Tuesday, December 15th Kids

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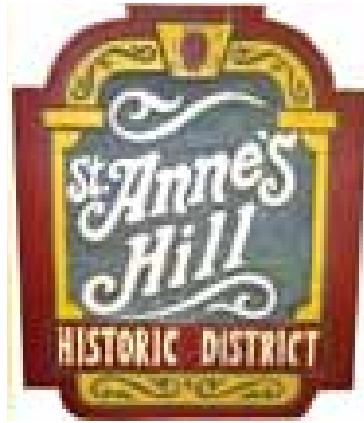
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Tours begin every half hour, starting from 4:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11; 1:30-8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12; and 1:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. Tours last approximately two to three hours, including entertainment, home tours, and dessert. Tickets this year are \$18 each, and may now be ordered online at www.stanneshill.org.

The 2009 tour will begin at the High Street Gallery, located at 48 High Street. The tour will conclude with a tour of the popular Bossler Mansion, a landmark structure built in 1869. This magnificent home is considered Dayton's best example of Second Empire architecture. Guests can snack on a classic dessert, browse Victoria's Parlor Gift Shoppe, walk by the newly renovated

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Police Report

NOVEMBER 18

Incidents
ACCIDENT: At the corner of Spirea Dr. and Shafor Blvd. – Unit #1 (Tiffany N. Corbean) was traveling eastbound on Spirea Ave., and after having the required safety stop at Shafor Blvd., proceeded into the intersection to continue straight. In so doing, Unit #1 failed to yield right of way and collided with Unit #2 (Robert Nicholas Wagner), which was traveling southbound on Shafor Blvd. Unit #1 states that Unit #2 was driving without lights on.

Incidents
ACCIDENT: At the corner of Far Hills Ave. and Harman Ave. – Unit #1 (Samantha S. Sweitzer) was traveling northbound on Far Hills Ave. in the left lane and when at Harman Ave. failed to stop within assured clear distance ahead and collided with the rear end of Unit #2 (Christina E. Davis), which was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto Harman Ave.

NOVEMBER 19

Citations
Harold Edwards, expired plates/30-day tag
Frank Lucente Jr., speeding in 20mph school zone

NOVEMBER 20

Citations
Patrice Roberts, weaving
Stephanie Rilling, expired plates/registration
Robert Byers, speeding
Candace Parker, expired plates/registration
Kimberly Payne, expired plates/registration

NOVEMBER 21

Citations
Brandy Hicks, speeding, failure to display license
Jeffrey Baker, speeding
Ruby Radon, speeding, license plates, etc.
Norma L. Foell, assured clear distance ahead
Keenen D. Lowe, speeding

Incidents
ACCIDENT: In the 2600 block of Shroyer

Rd. – Unit #1 (Norma L. Foell) was traveling northbound on Shroyer when it struck Unit #2 (Kathleen K. Archer) in the rear.

NOVEMBER 22

Citations
Jorel Gaddis, speeding
Joan Holland, speeding

NOVEMBER 23

Citations
Airton Sweatt, speeding
Edward L. Erb, expired plates

NOVEMBER 24

Citations
Marc Vandersluis, speeding
Edward D. Carter, expired plates

Incidents
BURGLARY: In the 200 block of Wiltshire Blvd. – Complainant reported that person(s) unknown cut a screen door and broken into residence. Drawers were opened and items missing included two wallets, an iPod, silver and gold game pieces, jewelry and cash.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY: In the 1200 block of Runnymede Rd. – Residents were awakened by a loud noise. Upon investigation a rear window on the first floor was found to be pried open and then pulled by force. Nothing inside the house appeared to be out of place or stolen. Outside the house a box of Esther Price candy was left on the deck near the window in question. The candy came from garage refrigerator. No suspects were found inside or out. Investigation continues.

ACCIDENT: Witness reported Unit #1 (juvenile) struck Unit 2 (Pamela Beatty) as unit 2 was parked on Telford Ave. Unit 2 was driverless and was stuck by unit 1 as the juvenile attempted to park. Unit 1 was cited in juvenile court for failure to control and leaving the scene of an accident.

NOVEMBER 25

Citations
Hollace A. Stiers, non-stop red light
Rhonda Kennedy, speeding
Margaret A. Coogan, speeding

Incidents
BURGLARY: In the 200 block of Ridgewood Ave. – Complainant reported that person(s) unknown removed a white Mac Notebook computer and GPS from residence. Sliding glass door found open at scene. College students had been in house prior to burglary. Parents upstairs at time of theft.

THEFT: In the 400 block E. Schantz – Complainant reported that person(s) unknown took a watch and change from the ashtray and cup holder of two unlocked vehicles parked in driveway. No damage.

NOVEMBER 26

Incidents
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: In the 100 block of Lookout Dr. – A suspicious vehicle was parked. Officer reported smelling strong odor of marijuana. A small green baggie was found under the seat and occupant was cited for possession.

NOVEMBER 27

Citations
Fatmire Demnika, speeding

NOVEMBER 28

Citations
Karen S. Lewis, speeding, failure to display license
Holly Jacobs-Johnson, speeding

NOVEMBER 29

Citations
Anthony B. Blakely, speeding

Incidents
THEFT: In the 00 block of Shafor Cir. – Complainant reported that person(s) unknown had entered a garage and an unlocked vehicle. Nothing was taken from the garage or car, although the car had been rifled through. Upon further investigation, several vehicles in the area were entered with items strewn about. Glove boxes, doors and trunks were left ajar. Only one car reported missing items: iPod touch, radio converter, wallet in ceramic cup.

Hit and Run – Reward

REWARD for information on a hit & run on Telford, Sunday 12/6 around 12:15pm. Man was believed to be wearing two-toned maroon jacket, parked about 4-6 slots from the handicapped accessible slot, had an elementary child and participated in Open Gym at Smith. ANY information is appreciated, Call 416-9755.

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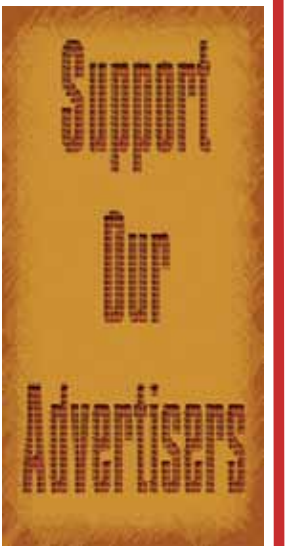
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