Record Attendance at this year’s Shakespeare Festival
by Theresa Mountel, writer

The fall semester at Wayne College is an exciting time for many reasons. One of those is the Shakespeare Festival. The American Shakespeare Center (formerly Shenandoah Shakespeare’s Blackfriars’s Stage Company) included Wayne College as part of their “Piercing Eloquence” tour this year.

Nearly nine hundred people attended the performances of Taming of the Shrew and Merchant of Venice September 21st and 22nd. “The evening performance numbers are records for both evenings” Cindy Summers, Manager, Student Recruiting and Community Relations for Wayne College, said. An attendee, Lorrie Graham shared her own thoughts about the fair. “Oh, it was just wonderful,” Graham said. “The actors are so versatile and funny.”

Tech Savvy Local Offers Student Discount
by Angela Bases, editor

For Kyle Waitkunas, computers have always been his thing. In fact, he’s made his career out of being a “geek.” “I like playing around with them (computers),” Waitkunas said. “It’s a good way to keep me occupied.” Kunas Computer Repair is run out of Waitkunas’s Wooster home, and he manages the business alone. He said if business picks up, he may have to hire help. “So far it’s working out okay,” Waitkunas said.

He manages about four to five computer issues a week and he said this is just enough to keep him busy. However, it was ethics that motivated Waitkunas to open his own business in the first place. His competition includes Geeksquad—which boasts heavy prices and pushy associates. Waitkunas said it doesn’t feel fair charging a student for repair, when in fact, the cost is often high enough to purchase a new computer. And Waitkunas would certainly know what’s fair and what’s not. Not only did he spend five months started tampering with computers at the age of five? “I am affordable, dependable, and more one-on-one,” Waitkunas said. He even offers a 10% discount to Wayne College students and faculty members. Even without a discount, Waitkunas works for $35 an hour. This is pretty reasonable considering other repair businesses often charge twice this amount.

Some of his services include tune ups, hardware installation, software installation, hardware or software errors, and he will even build a computer customized for his customers. “I really want to be affordable to students on a tight budget,” Waitkunas said.

To learn more about Waitkunas, visit his website kunascomputerrepair.com.
Instructor Spotlight:
Denise Parker
by Tessa Walters

We would like to welcome Denise Parker to the Wayne College community. Dr. Parker is the new instructor for Basic Pharmacology and Medical Insurance Billing here at Wayne. She has a Masters in Business Administration and a Baccalaureate in Nursing. Mrs. Parker started her career in the healthcare field when she was twelve years old working as a candy striper. Since then she has been working in the healthcare field for a total of 42 years. Mrs. Parker has been teaching in hospitals since 1984 and recently decided to make the move to a classroom.

Mrs. Parker has been happily married to a retired neurodiologist, Craig, for 21 years and has four sons: Brian 30, Brad 28, Geoffrey 17, and Christopher 16. Along with family she has many hobbies including scrap bookoping, stamping, reading, exercising, and sailing. She has sailed across the Atlantic and South Pacific. She has also traveled many places including Kenya, Fiji Islands, Europe, Sweden, Caribbean Islands, Canary Islands, and American Samoa Islands.

When Mrs. Parker was asked what she hoped to accomplish by teaching here she stated, “I would like to give valuable lessons and information to impact students lives.” Student would like to know that Mrs. Parker includes “life” lessons within class lectures to open the door to student/teacher communication and to reach out to students using her own life experiences.

As summer fades away, the last event many look forward to is the county fair. Like the holiday season that brings eggnog and cookies, the fair is a treat that comes only once a year and also brings beloved annual events. Along with fair foods, vendors offer fair-only specials and exciting raffles. Competitions prepared for long in advance entertain the spectators and are rewarded with blue ribbons. The Wayne County Fair surely didn’t disappoint this year, with six days full of appealing events, fun rides, and affordable tickets.

Wayne County held its 158th annual County Fair September 3-13, 2007. Traditional fair events, including flag raising, horse, cow, and sheep shows, and flower judging kicked off the week’s events. Boasting to be the “foremost agricultural fair” in Ohio, the second day consisted of a baking auction, pony and draft horse hitches, a “kiddie” tractor pull, and ended with a square dance and music from Boondocks and Raindrops, which featured BJ Thomas and Billy Joe Royal.

Monday, September 10, was Wayne County Schools Day, and featured a tractor pull along with Junior Fair animal competitions. A performance from Craig Morgan ended the day. The fourth day of the fair had all of the normal competitions, including a poultry show and flower judging, along with harness racing at noon and a performance from country group SHEDaisy at night.

A friendly atmosphere surrounded the grounds the entire week, with Wednesday, September 12, consisting almost entirely of Junior Fair competitions and more harness racing. At the end of the day there were two musical performances from Phil Vassar.

The final day of the show brought auctions, a Junior Fair dog and horse show, and the last harness race. It ended with almost two hours of Demolition Derby, where several rounds of brightly spray-painted cars roared through mud inside an arena made of logs until only one could run. A sold-out grandstand cheered for their favorites, and those who couldn’t get seats got creative to see the show. Perched on the fence and the roofs of many smaller buildings, nearly the entire fairgrounds gathered to watch the affair.

The six day show brought in visitors from all over, creating acres of open fields containing rows upon rows of cars. Many folks could be seen carrying the tell-tale white Lerch’s donut box full of a dozen fresh sugar or chocolate donuts. Other fair food staples available to the hungry visitors included salt water taffy, polish sausages, fresh fries, and traditional favorites such as gyros, cotton candy and apple pies. Rows of thrill rides awaited the daring, and the yells of enjoyment tinged with fear could be heard throughout the grounds. Vendors set out creative displays to attract the passing fair-goers.

The clean grounds, excellent food, and creative events guaranteed the fair’s success. Wayne County’s 2007 fair upheld the 158 years of fair excellence with its outstanding array of vendors, displays, and events.

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Wondering where all the fun is? JOIN THE CLUB!
by Theresa Mountel, writer

No matter what your interest or expertise, Wayne College offers a club for you! From the tried and true favorites like Psychology Club and Waynessence to the newly formed Photography Club and Writers’ Club, students are finding their place among their peers.

The first meeting of the Writers’ Club displayed an impressive interest with over a dozen people attending. The fearless leaders, John Lorson, Dr. Susanna Horn and Dr. Debra Johanyak were very excited about gathering such a variety of people. All participants were eager to share their work and opinions. This club has much to offer writers no matter what their experience level is. You can contact John Lorson by emailing him at lorson@uakron.edu.

The Wayne Images Photography Club, with more than 20 members and advised by Dr. Adil Wadia, is in full swing! They are already discussing the possibility of some very exciting trips and events this semester. If you have an interest in photography, this is the place for you!

For more information, email wayneimages@uakron.edu.

Also, if you are interested in a club or organization that Wayne does not currently offer, such as a Geology Club, History Club or African-American Club, contact Jackie Ashbaugh at jackie1@uakron.edu.

The Smucker Learning Center is offering a new series of workshops students may be interested in. Check out the schedule below.

Study Smarter, Not Harder Workshops

Tuesday, October 16—How to Write a Paper Using MLA Guidelines
Learn how to correctly use the MLA writing style in papers

Tuesday, October 23—How to Write a Paper Using APA Guidelines
Learn how to correctly use the APA writing style in papers

Monday, October 30—How to Avoid Plagiarism
Correctly citing sources and how to make sure it is your own work

These workshops will provide you with valuable information you need while attending classes. If you have any questions you can contact Amanda at 330-846-9806. Seating is limited so call ahead to reserve your seat or register by logging on to www.wayne.uakron.edu/learcen. You can always stopby The Learning Center and register in person as well. Each session is being offered from 11:00-11:45 and 4:45-5:30.

Look what’s happening in The Smucker Learning Center!
by Tessa Walters

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