Bridges of Hope

By Helen V. Meyers, Executive Director
Orrville Area United Way

so that fewer families find themselves without enough money to pay for the basic needs of life. It is the mission of Move the Mountain Leadership Center to inspire and equip communities to reduce and eventually end poverty. Circles are designed to build enough relationships across socioeconomic class lines in communities to cause social and public policy changes that will reduce and even someday, end poverty. Move the Mountain began testing this strategy in 1999, and there are now fifty active and emerging Circles initiatives.

Welcome to an exciting adventure into the world of being an ally. There is much for all of us to learn, as allies on circles, as members of a community of circles, and as advocates for a social movement to end unnecessary poverty in our nation.

That’s why I started this journey. I believe, like Scott Miller, that we can end poverty. Think about it. I do, all the time. Tonight was my first training session for our county’s version of circles, Bridges of Hope.

We introduced ourselves, and then the fun began. We learned that in order to be a good ally for the circle leader – the head of the family wanting to move out of poverty - we need to know and understand what it’s like to live in poverty. What is often missing is that group of friends you can call for help anytime and you know they will respond.

We participated in a discussion exercise titled “Isolation”:

Imagine that it is Saturday night. The other adults in your household are gone for the weekend on a backcountry camping trip and are unreachable by phone. You are either home alone or with young children if you have them. In the middle of the night, you awake to the smell of smoke and realize that your home is on fire. You evacuate yourself, pets, and children if applicable. As you are standing outside your home burning down, what do you do?

And we listed our steps, which were many. Call 911, run to a neighbor for help, call my minister, next day replace, find housing with a friend or stay in a hotel which our insurance company would probably cover, etc., etc.

Now imagine the same scenario, except, you have no friends or family to call and you have no money or credit cards. What do you do?

I wrote ‘cry and hope, and wish for friends.’

That’s what Bridge of Hope provides for the circle leaders – friends. No money exchanges hands and there are rules to keep, but I have a feeling I’ll do at least as much receiving as giving. Time to walk the talk!

To be continued in the next edition of the Wayne Mirror.

United Way Awards Scholarship

The University of Akron Wayne College recently announced that Melanie Spence, a Wayne College student, has been chosen to receive the Orrville Area United Way’s Michael J. Manges Memorial Scholarship.

Melanie is majoring in social work with hopes of becoming a juvenile counselor. When asked what the scholarship means to her she said, “Thanks to United Way, I am one step closer to this goal. Thank you again for your generosity and support.”

Michael J. Manges was a tireless volunteer for the Orrville Area United Way. When he was killed in an automobile accident in 1993, friends, family and co-workers sent donations to United Way in his memory. The United Way Board of Directors continues to fund these awards to celebrate the living legacy of a large-hearted man who gave of himself without reserve.

Prior to 2009, two $200 book scholarships were given each year to graduating high school seniors in Orrville and Dalton. Cognizant of the growing need for social workers, the United Way board changed the policy to award $500 each year to a University of Akron’s Wayne College student pursuing a degree in social work.

Orrville Library Fall Lecture Series

Submitted by Orrville Public Library

The Orrville Public Library’s annual Fall Lecture Series concludes on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. with Barry Romich of the Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network. He will present some exciting tips and trends in renewable energy sources, as well as a close look at why this information is so critical to use.

WCSEN is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to the promotion and support of sustainable energy practices and polices in Wayne County.

The focus of WCSEN is on building awareness, educating the public, and offering resources to assist individuals and organizations in their sustainable energy efforts. Changing how we generate and use energy now will create a better world for future generations.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Library at 330-683-1065.
Touchdown! Mocktails Mixologists Score Another Win

By Corinda Putt, Staff Writer

This year’s Mocktails event theme, football, was easily recognizable as participants entered the ballroom hallway of the Student Life Building on October 21, 2009. A first stop for many was the Pittsburgh Steelers den, where Wayne Mirror Advisor/Writer Theresa Mountel wore a foam finger, clanked a cowbell and initiated an occasional call for the “wave” down the hallway as shepherded students to a taste of Wayne Mirror’s m o c k t a i l (a n a l c o h o l i c cocktail)—the “Defensive Lime-Man.”

Students may have experienced a sense of cognitive dissonance as they approached the “Psych Superbowl!” table, hosted by the Psychology Club. Their table was constructed as a still from a scene of their inventive game, “Psych Superbowl”—complete with grand stands full of marker-drawn fans, famed Superbowl”—complete the look of Green Bay Packers attire—cheese head hat and all—while he served voters “Global Green’s” “Environmental Elixir” along with cheese cubes, green and black licorice and grapes.

Best Theme: The Nursing Club won the votes for Best Theme. With Ohio State football balloons floating above, and what must have been every piece of Ohio State paraphernalia owned jointly between the numerous members below, this club’s theme could be spotted from the adjacent building! Lots of energy radiated from the Nursing Club members as they actively encouraged passersby to join in the festivities and the opportunity to taste their “Buckeye Blitz”—a light and slushy sweet lemon mocktail.

Best Drink: Finally, the award for Best Drink went to the Student Senate! The Senate’s “Hail Mary” deservedly won the majority vote of our Wayne College voters on their smoothly blended frozen orange mocktail.

Wayne College is one of many campuses across the U.S. that hosts a Mocktails event in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Week. The purpose of the event is to inform college students of the dangers and consequences associated with alcohol consumption, as well as to promote responsible drinking.

Wayne College Teacher Recognized

Dr. Adil M. Wadia

Orville, Ohio, Aug. 13, 2009 – Dr. Adil M. Wadia, assistant professor of geology at The University of Akron Wayne College, recently was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London.

The Geological Society of London was founded in 1807. It is the United Kingdom’s national society for geoscience, and the oldest geological society in the world. It provides a wide range of professional and scientific support to approximately 9,500 Fellows.

The Geological Society is a leader in Earth science publishing and is renowned for its cutting-edge science meetings. It provides a forum in which Earth scientists from a broad spectrum of disciplines and environments can exchange ideas, and the Society communicates geoscience issues to government, media, educators and the broader public.

“If feel fortunate to have been elected to the society and it is a great honor,” says Wadia. Wadia began teaching at Wayne College in 2005 and his courses include Earth Science, Dinosaurs and Geology of Ohio, among others. In addition to teaching, Wadia is active on college committees and in the community. He frequently gives geology presentations at area schools, at Heartland Point in Orrville and for area Boy Scout troops.

Wadia earned a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in geology from St. Xavier’s College (University of Bombay) in 1992 and 1994, respectively. He earned a second master of arts in geology and doctorate in physical philosophy in physical geography from Indiana State University in 1998 and 2004, respectively.

Salute to American Women Luncheon

Submitted by Orrville Public Library

The Orrville Public Library Friends will hold their annual “Salute to American Women” luncheon on Thursday, November 19 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 155 W. Main St. Orrville. Lunch will be served promptly at noon. This year’s guest will be Linda Wilson, from Ohio Women in History. She will portray Phoebe Ann Oakley Mozee, otherwise known as Annie Oakley. Annie was born in Patterson Township, Darke County, Ohio, on August 13, 1860. This amazing woman overcame poverty, prejudice, and physical setbacks to become a star in Buffalo Bill Cody’s Wild West Show for seventeen years.

Annie Oakley’s motto was, “Aim at a high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, nor the second, and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting, for only practice will make you perfect. Finally, you’ll hit the Bull’s Eye of Success.”

To hear and see this incredible woman, contact Kary Shonk, 330-682-4101; Joyce Winget, 330-683-0210; or Orrville Public Library, 330-683-1065 for information or reservations. Tickets are $25 each and will only be available until Monday, November 9.

With Humble Apologies

By Nicole Hall, Editor

Recently the Wayne Mirror staff annulled its first introductory meeting to be held in the Student Life Building on October 21, 2009. You showed up, and were the first one there, you walked into a dark room where the lights came on automatically as if to say, “Hello! Welcome to SLB-119!” You may have quickly realized that perhaps you were in the wrong room, or maybe got the time or date wrong. Please accept my humble apologies. You got everything right, but I was fighting off the flu. It came on so suddenly that there wasn’t time to post a cancellation.

If you are interested in participating, we are still looking for students, staff and faculty to join the Wayne Mirror staff. Please send a note of interest to Nicole Hall at nh2@zips.uakron.edu or Theresa Mountel at tm57@uakron.edu.
The Survivors
By Theresa Mountel

This summer was a mild one, but there were a group of children ready just in case it got wild. The members of the Wayne Mirror collected various items such as small decks of playing cards, play dough, pencils, balloons and craft items. Also included were emergency number cards that can be filled out so children would have emergency contact information in one place.

In assembly-line style, recycled juice containers were filled with these fun items and like magic, Summer Survival Kits were born! Almost sixty of these kits were distributed to the children participating in the summer program at Knight’s Field in Wooster conducted by the Wooster YMCA.

A Grand Pre-Opening

It came Monday afternoon. It was short and simple but that text message turned a typical terrible day (Aren’t all Mondays?) into a good one. I was sooo close, the challenge is on.” My only question was, “When is my deadline?”

I had until Thursday, I was immediately filled with positive anxiety which immediately filled with total panic. What do I write about? The Indians? Nope, their season is done and it was one I think we would not be one of those articles or two. The Browns? No for a least another month. The boys’ mother is a proud staff member, her husband is seven and a half years so there aren’t any kids were born! Almost sixty of these kits were distributed to the children participating in the summer program at Knight’s Field in Wooster conducted by the Wooster YMCA.

The Student Senate Goes To Prison

Contributed by: Gino DeVirgo

The moon hid her face behind the clouds, looking away as we stood huddled against the night, fidgeting in nervous anticipation and trying not to be unnerved by screams of primal terror, which the hollowing wind quickly swept away. The chained stone prison seemed to belittle us with its menacing size, iron bars and steeped roofs, but we stood fast…

Luckily for the student senate, our incarceration was voluntary and only of short duration! Our team building outing to The Mansfield Reformatory on Oct. 10 was a shrieking success, and a great time was had by all. The building, used in the filming of the “Shawshank Redemption,” is steeped in a history of suffering, tragic accidents, prisoner cruelty and suicide.

Rumored to be haunted by a former warden and his wife, it provides the perfect “backdrop” for ghost stories with its dark corners, peeling paint, endless rows of miniscule cells and cramped quarters. Senate members and their families enjoyed the shared experience, shirking our way through the historical prison, and then laughing at ourselves after safely escaping through the exit with Jason Vorhees’ roaring chainsaw still echoing in our ears.

Jackie Ashbaugh, Student Senate Advisor, added, “Not only did this outing accomplish our team building goals, but went way beyond even my expectations. We had a group of 14 people total, which included family members of many of the senators. So this actually turned into a family event too and served to enforce our bonds as a group. The kids were awesome. Of course they were the ones doing all the screaming and the monsters really picked-up on this, so you could say we exercised our lungs that night too.”

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Faculty Focus

Dr. Paul Weinstein, professor of history at The University of Akron Wayne College, will be the first speaker in the college’s new Faculty Focus series. Weinstein will present “Confucius in the Passing Lane,” which will highlight his recent teaching experience at Henan University in kaifeng, China.

Weinstein spent the past spring semester in China. He was the first University of Akron professor to teach a full semester course at Henan University, the University’s Confucius Institute sponsor. The Confucius Institute represents a major milestone in the relationship between UA and China’s Henan University, with which the UA has had a student exchange program for the past decade. The Chinese government created Confucius Institutes in 2004 to develop intercultural understanding worldwide. Funded with support from the People’s Republic of China, UA’s Confucius Institute is one of only three in Ohio, 42 in the country and 260 in the world.

The Faculty Focus will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Wayne College auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The Wayne College Faculty Focus is a new series that will highlight a faculty member each semester.

“This series connects our faculty with the community to share their expertise and their experiences, both within and outside their teaching disciplines,” says Wayne College Dean Jack Kristofco. “Whether it’s developing new curricula and teaching strategies, writing books and articles, running marathons, working with Congress or teaching a term in China, our faculty members are engaged and enthusiastic, and they have much to offer. I spoke with Dr. Weinstein shortly after he returned from China and found his excitement about the experience to be truly remarkable. His time at Henan University was a great learning opportunity for both him and his students there. I know his presentation will be interesting and informative.”

The spring semester Faculty Focus will feature Dr. Daniel Deckler discussing his work in Washington, D.C., as an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Congressional Fellow.

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Head counselor, Tracey Slayer presents Summer Survival Kit to camper, Eric.
Newest Faces

Dr. Dimitria Gatzia
comes to Wayne from Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York. She earned her B.A. from the University’s Akron campus prior to joining Wayne. Gatzia earned a B.A. from UCLA and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

Dr. Heather Howley
comes to Wayne from Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York. She is the new full-time assistant professor of communication. She earned a B.A. from Youngstown State University and her M.S. and Ph. D. from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Dr. Karen Larwin
comes to Wayne from the University’s Akron campus. She is the new full-time assistant professor of statistics. She will be teaching various statistics courses offered at Wayne. Larwin received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Dr. John Roncone
comes to Wayne from Brown Mackie College where he was chair of the department of allied health. He is the new full-time assistant professor of physical education. He will be teaching courses in physical education and health and wellness. Roncone also taught as a part-time instructor at Wayne for several years.

Sarah Jane Morrow
resides in Wayne, Holmes County. She was a published writer who recognizes at the Writers Point, in the Wayne College region. This year marks the tenth annual Student Writing Awards competition for area high school and Wayne College students. The competition typically draws between 400 and 500 entries from as many as 30 high schools. High school and college students may submit entries in the categories of poetry, short story and personal essay.

Wayne College Writing Competition

The University of Akron Wayne College is accepting entries for its writing awards until Friday, Dec. 11. The college holds three competitions: Student Writing Awards, Regional Writing Awards and Writer of the Year. The competitions are part of a larger effort to encourage and recognize excellence in creative writing at Wayne College and in the Wayne College region. This year marks the tenth annual Student Writing Awards competition for area high school and Wayne College students. The competition typically draws between 400 and 500 entries from as many as 30 high schools. High school and college students may submit entries in the categories of poetry, short story and personal essay.

The Regional Writing Awards were added in 2007 for writers from the general public who are 18 and older. Regional writers may submit original works in three categories: poetry, short story and nonfiction (essay, memoir, etc.). Submissions for the Regional Writing Awards must be the writer’s original work, not previously published, and be submitted with an entry form and $5 entry fee. The Writer of the Year Award recognizes excellence and achievement by a published writer who resides in Wayne, Holmes or Medina counties. The achievement may be for a lifetime of work or for a recent success. The nominees may be writers of poetry, short stories, nonfiction, newspaper, magazine or novels. A published writer may be nominated or may self-nominate for this honor, which includes a distinctive award and a $500 cash prize. Last year’s winner was Joanne Lehman from Apple Creek. Lehman was recognized for her body of work, which includes poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction.

Deadline for submissions for all awards is 4 p.m., Dec. 11. There will be up to three cash prizes, $100 for first place, $75 for second place and $50 for third, in each category and at each level. High school students will compete at the high school level, Wayne students will compete against Wayne students, and regional writers will compete against regional writers. Winners will be notified in March 2010 and will be recognized at the Writers Workshop and Awards on April 10, 2010.

Submission and nomination forms are available at area libraries, bookstores, Heartland Point, in the Wayne College Smucker Learning Center.

Warm up America

Submitted by
Orville Public Library

Warm Up America crafters have had a wonderful beginning to their crafting year, with 50 afghans being delivered during the months of September and October. Six volunteers delivered the afghans to area agencies for distribution to those in need. The crafters were surprised at their September meeting to have Paul Locker from The Daily Record in attendance.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Meeting in Orrville Public Library’s lower level meeting room, beginning or experienced knitters and crocheters are always welcome. There will be no meetings in December.

Yarn donations may be dropped off at the Library, 230 North Main Street, Orrville, during regular library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information contact the Library at 330-683-1065.

The National Gallery of Writing

by Theresa Mountel

The National Gallery of Writing is where you can contribute any type of writing composition that matters to you. Why? Because we, as a nation, are writing like never before—through text messages and IMs, with video cameras and cell phones, and, yes, even with traditional pen and paper. Whether it is done in a notebook or on a blog, writing in its many forms, has become daily practice for millions of Americans. This is a great way to explore and celebrate the integral role writing has in each of our lives.

The National Gallery of Writing is open for submissions. We encourage everyone to submit a piece of writing! The entire Wayne College community is invited! Go to http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/59112 to participate!

Prison continued

Ashbaugh added, “We have a great group of students this year in the Student Senate Organization and most of them are new members, as well as new freshmen. In order to be productive and successful in our role as the Student Senators, we needed to break down barriers and allow the members to get to know one another on a more personal level. In order for the senators to bond together effectively, they needed to feel comfortable around each other. The more they know and appreciate each other as people, as well as contributors to the organization, the better they will work together. After we completed our tour of the haunted prison, we got together at Tumbleweed’s in Wooster to discuss our experience. This was a great opportunity to share what we had experienced; what members liked and disliked; and, most importantly, how they felt while participating. My hopes for this academic school year, is for the students to feel more motivated in achieving our mission as Student Senators and have a positive learning experience that they will last a life time. This event was so successful, we plan to continue these outings on a monthly basis.”
Wadsworth: Condos for rent, 1.5 bath, attached garage, appliances included, gas heat, central air, great condition, prime area-minutes from the highway, lawn work furnished, snow removal in winter months, no pets, 2 bedroom $805, 3 bedroom $890 per month. 330-334-0545.

Rittman: For sale brand new 3 bdrm/2 bath ranch, foyer entry w/granite flooring, vaulted great room w/fireplace, Oak cabinetry, granite countertops. Vaulted master BR, walk-in closet w/storage shelves, glamour bath w/double sinks. Full basement, oversized 2-car garage, 1st floor laundry, $169,900 330-289-8350.

Your articles are wanted! Write for the Wayne Mirror! Contact Editor, Niki, at nh2@zips.uakron.edu

WANTED: your classifieds for this section in the next edition of the Wayne Mirror! Email them to wayneclassifieds@uakron.edu.
Wayne Warrior Basketball 2009-2010

Wayne Warriors 2009/2010 Men’s Basketball Schedule

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A Grand Pre-Opening continued

the short journey down to the field that everyone
has left it before we get the
chance to join in. The
only person remaining
is what looks to be one of
the coaches carrying a couple
of footballs. “Are we still
allowed on?” I ask the
man. “Sure!” he replies
as he tosses me one of
the footballs. Standing at
the goal line I catch the ball
and tell Eric to go out for
a pass. He runs about 5
yards and turns to me and I
toss it straight to him. I was
standing there waiting for the
return toss, but E-Dog
had thought of his own.
He took off running...he’s
to the twenty, the thirty, he
crosses midfield showing
no signs of stopping or
even slowing down. The
ten, five, four, three, two,
one...TOUCHDOWN!!!
He may have
touched many passes while
standing in the middle of
the end zone. He may have
spent more time chasing
like rubber seeing I had not
thrown a football in many
years, but he didn’t seem to
mind. Finally, it was time
to go, but before we did, I
wanted to try and recreate
one of his favorite
sports moments
in his short life. Even though I am
a lifelong Browns
fan, I told him to
head to the corner
like Santonio
Holmes did in the
Super Bowl. (The
rest of the family
is devoted Steelers
fans.) Because
I am 6 foot, 8
inches tall, I may
resemble Big Ben
Roethlisberger,
but my arm
will NEVER be
mistaken for his.
So from about
the 12 yard line,
I lofted the ball
towards the back
of the end zone.
As soon as the ball
left my hand, I
knew it was going
too far right. But
I watched as
B-Train lumbered
towards that back corner,
reached out for the ball, and
still somehow managed to
look down and make sure
his feet were still inbounds.
TOUCHDOWN!!! While
it may not be a viral video
or replayed on ESPN
for years to come, it was
special none the less.
Take it from a
man who has attended
hundreds of professional
sporting events, including
the Brickyard 400 at
Indianapolis Speedway,
two World Series games,
and an AFC Championship
game, no memory will top
the 20 minutes I spent with
B-Train and E-Dog on
Summa Field-Infocision
Stadium. Thank you boys!

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