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Cedarville U graduation set Saturday

By Emily Finlay
For Greene County News

CEDARVILLE — Cedarville University will hold its 119th commencement at 10 a.m. May 2 in the Doden Field House.

Thomas White, president of the university, will give the commencement message, following one of Cedarville's traditions.

"Dr. White will continue the tradition that started under, I don't know if it was Jeremiah or Dr. Dixon, but traditionally, the president spoke at commencement, so we're continuing that," said Mark Weinstein, executive director of public relations.

The graduating class has 745 students, 702 undergraduate and 43 graduate students. The graduate students have completed masters degrees in ministry, business administration (MBA), education and science in nursing. Next year's graduating class will include the first class of pharmacy students to graduate from the university.

Lori Huckaby has served as the class of 2015 advisor for three years and said she has seen the class grow through the years.

"I have just really watched, especially my class council, really watched them grow over the three years and just mature in how they face decisions, how they handle life," she said.

Huckaby said the graduating class is very socially aware and is constantly raising funds for different needs they see.

"They're a very giving group of kids," she said. "Despite paying for college at the same time, they're very aware of what's around them and the needs around them. I've just appreciated their spirit, their giving spirit."

Among the graduating undergraduate students, Weinstein said, is Cedarville's first Fulbright Scholar, Katie Goehring. Goehring, from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is graduating with a degree in Christian ministries and then going to Germany

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Greene County gives



Greene County Public Library Executive Director Karl Colón was the event's keynote speaker.

Charitable giving celebrated at annual meeting

By Nathan Pilling
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FAIRBORN — More than \$17,000 in charitable funds were distributed at the Greene County Community Foundation (Greene Giving) lunch meeting Thursday. Additionally, the philanthropic organization reported providing an additional \$1.7 million in grants, scholarships and chari-

"As the director of the library for all 160,000 people in Greene County, I do have the privilege of speaking for the community at times. I thought today on behalf of the Greene County community, I want to deliver a simple message: I want to thank you for being our neighbor."

— Karl Colón,
Greene County Public Library executive director

table services throughout the county in 2014. Greene Giving is a

charitable organization which encourages giving in the county, as well

as receives gifts from individuals, families, businesses, other foundations and civic organizations in the area and distributes those funds to deserving causes.

Dozens of individuals and organizations were recognized and honored at the annual event, including educators Kirsten Johnson, high

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Wright State graduates Saturday

By Anna Dembowski
For Greene County News

FAIRBORN — Wright State University's commencement ceremony will be held May 2, celebrating the graduation of 2,138 students who University President David Hopkins said have exemplified perseverance.

"What I admire most about this graduating class is the perseverance and discipline that so many of our students harnessed when it came to juggling school, work, and for some of them, parenting," Hopkins said in a statement.

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William H. Melvin, 94 of Bowersville
Charlotte A. Moore, 87 of Fairborn
Carolyn Neff, 67 of Xenia
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Annual Sugar Maple festival a sweet sensation

Greene County News Report

BELBROOK — Bellbrook hosted its 37th Annual Sugar Maple Festival April 24-26 and rain didn't dampen the fun or attendance for the thousands that came out.

Dr. Seuss was this year's theme honoring the works of children's favor-



Sugar Maple Festival brought out thousands of people to enjoy all the festivities and food downtown Bellbrook.

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Bike helmets to be given away for safety week

For Greene County News

COLUMBUS — Around 9,300 bicycle helmets will be going to children across Ohio thanks to a partnership between the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). ODOT is contributing \$25,000 to the campaign with the Ohio AAP kicking in another \$14,000.

The effort is part of the

Ohio AAP's "Put a Lid on It! Bike Helmet Safety Awareness" campaign in conjunction with Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Week May 2-10.

"We are incredibly grateful for ODOT's support of our Put a Lid on It campaign, and look forward to this partnership," said Melissa Wervev Arnold, Executive Director for the Ohio AAP.

"With ODOT's support, we will be able to supply three times as many bike

helmets to children than we did last year."

At an event in Columbus, Yay Bikes and CoGo Bike Share joined ODOT and Ohio AAP to distribute bike helmets to local organizations across the state and provided training sessions for biking education, including how to properly fit children with bike helmets.

A combination of efforts is necessary to effectively increase helmet usage rates among

Ohio children including raising awareness of the benefits, encouraging model behavior among adults, distributing bike helmets to Ohio children and advocating for supportive public policies.

"Spring is here and children getting out to enjoy the great outdoors on their bikes. We want them to be as safe as possible by having the right equipment," said ODOT Director Jerry Wray. "We're happy to be a part-

ner in this effort to get helmets to children who may not otherwise have easy access to them."

As part of Ohio's transportation system, the state has 4,207 miles of bike routes and trails, including the Ohio to Erie Trail which connects Cincinnati and Cleveland. Since 2008, ODOT has invested \$60 million into the Safe Routes to School program which builds sidewalks and improves street crossings

and encourages children to walk or bike to school safely.

To learn more about Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Week, visit the Put A Lid On It Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bikehelmetssafety or the Chapter website at www.ohioaap.org. To learn more about the Ohio SRTS program visit: www.dot.state.oh.us/saf-routes

Content provided by Ohio Department of Transportation.

CU grads excel on CPA exam

For Greene County News

CEDARVILLE — Cedarville University accounting graduates continue to perform exceptionally well on the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. According to results from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), Cedarville University students

secured a 77 percent pass rate on their first attempt.

The pass rate is significantly higher than the 50 percent national pass rate. According to NASBA, Cedarville ranks seventh among all small college/universities in the nation and number 25 among 776 universities nationwide putting Cedarville graduates into the top 4% of

all accounting programs nationwide.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment by our recent graduates, and it shows our students are well prepared for the exam and a career in accounting," said Anne Rich, associate professor of accounting.

The CPA exam consists of four sections that amount to 14 hours of testing. Candidates

must pass the exam to qualify for licensure as CPAs.

Cedarville's CPA pass rate is impressive enough, but the National Association of Colleges and Employers' recent survey of graduates also shows that 100% of accounting graduates from Cedarville are now employed.

Content provided by Cedarville University.

County residents among Cedarville University grads

For Greene County News

CEDARVILLE — Cedarville University announced its list of Greene County residents that will graduate on Saturday, May 2. The following students are recognized:

Beavercreek — Jason Carnegis, BA worship and Johanna Raquet, BM keyboard pedagogy music performance.

Bellbrook — Rachel Collins, BA applied communication and Kevin Madden, BA mathematics bible presemnary.

Cedarville — Rebecca Aviles, BS social work; Ryan Biddinger, BA accounting finance; Abby Brown BSN nursing; Ashtyn Bush, BS social work; Mackenzie Carter, BSN nursing; Alex DeLange, BA comprehensive communication; Elisabeth Elliott, BA industrial and innovative design; Elizabeth Entner, BA accounting; David Gayer, BSN nursing; Kelly Gilbert, BA broadcasting and digital media; Michelle Gilbert, BA liberal arts; Kurt Gruenberg, BA ath-

letic training; Kelly Huston, BS pharmaceutical science; Joel Hutchison, BSME mech engineering; Ella Kinsinger, BSN nursing; Thomas Lewis, BSME mech engineering; Elisabeth Linnell, BSN nursing; Sarah Winey, BS pharmaceutical science; Anna Zavodney, BA applied communication; Hannah Stroud-Lusk, BS BS-exercise science; Brian Ray, BA broadcasting and digital media.

Fairborn — Lauren Haines, BS pharmaceutical science and Courtnie Spain, BA information systems.

Kenia — Joseph Franklin, BSME mech engineering; Carissa Leitch, BSN nursing; Sarah Lusk, BA Bible comprehensive; Luke Weaver, BSN nursing; Lindsay Mailloux, BS pharmaceutical science; Taylor Phillips, BA linguistics; Samuel Rice, BA geosciences.

Yellow Springs — Daniel Mullins, BA American studies and Sarah Mullins, BSN nursing.

Story courtesy of Cedarville University.

Hardy Boys filling up schedule

Greene County News Report

JAMESTOWN — Singers Jakob and Nathan Hardy — aka The Hardy Boys — performed at the FFA state convention talent show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds Thursday.

That's just a start of what is sure to be a busy spring and summer for the Greeneview High School siblings who sing at churches throughout the area. They will be singing in Teens Offering Praise Flight, a Christian teen talent show May 2 and will perform at the Coming



Submitted photo

Greene County residents Jakob and Nathan Hardy will be performing throughout the area this spring and summer.

Together May 22 and at the Rebecca House in Springfield June 26. Already to their credit

is a first-place finish in an Ohio church talent show which earned them the right to perform in another talent show at Lee University in Tennessee in August.

They won the 16-and-older age group at the 2014 Greene County Fair talent show and were invited to audition to The Voice, but were not able to make it due to a surgery in the family. They still plan on trying out for the popular television show.

Jakob Hardy, 17, plans to attend Wilmington College next year and major in agribusiness.

Greene County P&T hosting bio-blitz

Greene County News Report

BEAVERCREEK — Greene County Parks & Trails will host its first Russ Nature Reserve Bio-Blitz as staff naturalists, volunteers and participants seek out the native neighbors that call

the park site their home.

Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Road, Beavercreek, is the park agency's newest park. The 'blitzes' will be held from 7-10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, and focus on birds; from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, June

20, flowering plants; 8-10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, wildlife and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, insects.

Participants do not need to be experts and can stop by for all, some or part of any the scheduled times. The

event is free with donations accepted. For more information, call Greene County Parks & Trails at 937-562-6440, email jbowman@co.greene.oh.us or visit www.gcparkstrails.com.

Story courtesy of Greene County Parks & Trails.

WSU grad

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degrees. Fifty-six students will receive associate degrees, 1,340 students will receive bachelor degrees, 706 students will receive master's degrees, and 44 students will receive doctoral degrees at Saturday's ceremony.

John Janning, a Dayton engineer and inventor, will receive an honorary doctorate. Janning perfected the liquid crystal display (LCD) and invented the thermal printer and a Christmas tree light string that stays lit if an individual bulb burns out.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. May 2, and the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Wright State Nutter Center. Tickets are not required for attendance.

Anna Dembowski is a freelance writer for Greene County News.

XENIA POLICE REPORTS

Greene County News report

April 15

3:35 p.m. — Property Damage Crash 1700 block of West Park Square.

3:38 p.m. — Noise Complaint 1700 block of Deer Creek Drive.

4:11 p.m. — Weapons/Shots Fired North Detroit Street and Omalee Drive.

5:13 p.m. — Assault 70 block of Hospitality Drive.

6:14 p.m. — Suspicious Person 100 block of Miami Avenue.

7:44 p.m. — Domestic Violence 900 block of Stewart Avenue.

8:53 p.m. — Criminal Damaging 400 block of Stelton Road.

8:57 p.m. — Property Damage Crash 1100 block of Reid Avenue.

9:21 p.m. — Unwanted Subject 400 block of Cincinnati Avenue.

April 16

1:56 a.m. — Suspicious Person 100 block of East Church Street.

2:13 a.m. — Alarm

at a Business/Bank 50 block of Washington Street.

2:52 a.m. — Animal Complaint 1200 block of Frost Circle.

5:37 a.m. — Alarm at a Business/Bank 1400 block of Upper Bellbrook Road.

8:48 a.m. — Theft 100 block of North Detroit Street.

9:13 a.m. — Assault 1600 block of North Detroit Street.

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11:08 a.m. — Hit/Skip Crash 500 block of Dayton Avenue.

11:28 a.m. — Domestic Violence 1900 block of Lakeview Drive.

12:15 p.m. — Weapons/Shots Fired 300 block of East Third Street.

2:12 p.m. — Alarm at a Business/Bank 100 block of North Detroit Street.

2:59 p.m. — Neighbor Problem 1300 block of Massachusetts Drive.

3:18 p.m. — Domestic Violence 1300 block of Omard Drive.

3:28 p.m. — Unwanted Subject 200 block of Xenia Towne Square.

4:03 p.m. — Fraud/Forgery 600 block of Buckskin Trail.

4:12 p.m. — Suspicious Vehicle 1700 block of Deer Creek Drive.

4:12 p.m. — 911 Hang Up 1000 block of East Main Street.

4:32 p.m. — Juvenile Complaint 800 block of Colorado Drive.

4:44 p.m. — Harassment 1900 block of Iowa Drive.

5:55 p.m. — Juvenile Complaint Colorado Drive and Upper Bellbrook Road.

6:14 p.m. — Trespassing 100 block of Massie Drive.

6:42 p.m. — Intoxicated Subject Ormsby Drive and Lake Street.

7:33 p.m. — Fraud/Forgery 100 block of Home Avenue.

9:21 p.m. — Fight 700 block of East Main Street.

9:33 p.m. — Suspicious Vehicle Ottawa Drive and West Second Street.

9:40 p.m. — Disturbance 1500 block of Greene Lake Drive.

11:07 p.m. — Unwanted Subject 200 block of West Main Street.

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Greene County News report compiled by Scott Halasz.

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for a year of study.

During the ceremony, 10 students will receive awards for academic achievements. Two students, who will be announced at commencement, will be presented with the President's Trophy, the highest award for a graduating senior. Eight students will receive Faculty Scholarship Awards.

These students — Christian Caroll, Joella Gerber, Andrew Gutberlet, Knapel Johnson, Jennifer Shanel, Abby Sherman, Kelsey Weir and David Yoder — are graduating with per-

fect grade point averages.

The ceremony will also include an invocation by Lorne Scharnberg, chairman of the board of trustees; a welcome address by Thomas Corman, vice president for academics; Huckaby will give a prayer of dedication; and Chancellor Paul Dixon, former president, will give the closing benediction. Graduating senior and senior class president Phil Hord will present the senior class gift during the ceremony.

Though commencement is typically an event for family and friends, Weinstein said, the event is open to the public as seats are available.

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