

DC ALUMNI class notes

The 40's

Hazel (Kimmel) Heincelman '45 and her husband, Ray, moved to a seniors' complex in Oxford, Michigan. They both participate in daily exercise programs and are healthy. Hazel and Ray are still playing golf in the summertime.

Donelda (Hickok) McWilliams '46 met recently with Senator George Voinovich in Washington, D.C. They discussed the new bipartisan Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act. Donelda served as an AARP representative. She resides in Defiance.

service. She has held the position of secretary, planned and organized meetings, and written articles for various publications about activities the council had planned. She is also a member of the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor. She resides in Defiance.

James Hale '56 and his wife, Marie, just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 11, 2008. They celebrated this special occasion with a family dinner. The Hales reside in Defiance.

William Derbyshire '64 is the current president of the Wildcat Baseball Program. He was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Baseball Association Hall of Fame in May 2008. He and his wife, Martha, reside in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Patricia (Singer) Timbrook '65 recently retired from teaching at Hicksville Local Schools after 24 years. She and her husband, Ralph, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Joe Speiser '65 has been donating blood to the American Red Cross for the past 49 years. He recently reached his goal of donating 25 gallons of blood. Joe resides in Defiance.

Caren Bush '66 and her husband, Steve, celebrated their 25th anniversary on April 15, 2008. Caren and Steve have three children and reside in Defiance.

E. Dean Beck '68 received the 2008 Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Hospital Association. The award recognizes CEOs or senior managers of Ohio Hospital Association member organizations that exemplify outstanding leadership, managerial skills, teaching skills, or service to the surrounding community. He has worked for the Fulton County Health Center for 40 years and resides in Archbold, Ohio.

Barbara (Wyse) Jones '68 recently retired from teaching at Northeastern Local Schools. For the past five years, she has served the district as a kindergarten teacher. She and her husband, David, reside in Defiance.

Faith (Meister) Smith '68 was recognized by Defiance Clinic for her service to their institution. Faith received an award for 20 years of service to the clinic. Faith and her husband, Alan, reside in Defiance.

Carol (Gisel) Short '69 recently retired from teaching at Stryker Elementary. Carol and her husband, Lonnie, reside in Archbold, Ohio.

Bonnie Bundy Bobbitt '69 was selected to carry the Olympic Torch in San Francisco as it made its way to Beijing, China. She was one of six chosen by Coca-Cola to carry the torch because of her active lifestyle and her service to her community. Bonnie is involved in the Fayette County Bicycle User Group which advocates sharing the roadway with motorists and cyclists. She and her husband, Bo, reside in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Al Moll '69 and his wife, Laurie, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 1, 2008. They were married in 1968 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon, Ohio. Al and Laurie reside in Defiance.

Robert Ludwig '69 recently retired from Marengo United Methodist Church where he served as pastor. He and his wife, Diana, moved to Grafton, Ohio.

Stuart Douglas '69 recently sold his youth hostel and retired as of November 1, 2007. During retirement, Stuart has been enjoying trips to Hawaii and white water rafting in Chile. Stuart resides in Ashland, Oregon.

The 70's

Lynn Bergman '70 retired in January from the Defiance County Airport Authority Board after 23 and a half years of service.

Patty Ann (Gerken) Michaelis '70 recently retired from Northwest State Community College. She and her husband, Arthur, reside in Defiance.

The 60's

Dr. John Mitchell '60 and his wife, Vivian, celebrated their golden anniversary on June 24, 2008. The couple was married in 1958 at the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell reside in Defiance.

Jackson Crosley '61 retired from teaching in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1996. He and his wife, Charl, own a farm outside of Chillicothe where they raise and sell Christmas trees.

Larry Zachrich '63 was recognized by Northwest State Community College for his 30 years of service to the college. He is currently the Coordinator of Experiential Learning. Larry resides in Napoleon, Ohio.

Raymond Etzler '63 recently retired from Antwerp Local Schools. He was the elementary principal for the last six years. His career spanned over 45 years. He and his wife, Colleen, reside in Van Wert, Ohio.

Donald Schmidt '63 and his wife, Lois, have welcomed their third grandchild, Eli Schmidt, in August 2007. Donald and Lois reside in Aurora, Colorado.

The 50's

Lorraine Andrews '56 was recognized by the Northwest Ohio Rivers Council for her 20 years of

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The 80's

Robert Zimny '70 retired from Geneva City Schools in 2000 and is currently working part-time at a local golf course. He and his wife, Cindy, spend the month of January in Florida. Bob and Cindy reside in Geneva, Ohio, and would like to hear from fellow DC alumni at the following e-mail address: bzimny@ncweb.com

Bruce Goodwin '71 was elected to be the Republican state representative for the 74th District by Defiance County voters. He and his wife, Marleen, reside in Defiance.

Peggy (Sibley) Scope '71 graduated from Purdue University in May 2006 with her Ph.D in Educational Administration. She has been the principal of a successful middle school for 12 years. Prior to this, she taught mathematics at Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana and Purdue University. She has been married to **Terry Scope '71** since August 29, 1970. They have one son, Michael, and reside in Gary, Indiana.

Jim Stinehelfer '72 was recently elected to the Northwestern Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees. Jim and wife **Debra (Kyser) Stinehelfer '72** reside in Edgerton, Ohio.

Terri (Swaninger) Ruyle '72 retired from Defiance City Schools after 28 years of service to the district. She taught third grade at Brickell Elementary School. She and her husband, Stephen, reside in Defiance.

Gene Eyler '72 has been selected as the Middle School Athletic Administrator of the Year for the 2007-2008 school year by the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was also chosen for the same award by the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association. Gene is the eighth grade principal at Northmont Middle School in Clayton, Ohio, and has previously served as Northmont High School's athletic administrator. He and his wife, Connie, reside in Eaton, Ohio. Their son, Michael, is a senior at Miami University, Oxford.

Wallace Snyder '72 purchased an original document drafted in 1941 declaring Holgate, Ohio, a village. Wallace donated this document to be displayed in the municipal building. Wallace is currently the mayor of Holgate, and he resides there with his wife, Darlene.

Linda (Weisgerber) Brugler '73 recently retired from Defiance City Schools after 35 years of service. She was the principal at Spencer Elementary School in Defiance. She received her 35 Years of Service award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She and her husband, S.G., reside in Defiance.

Robyn E. Small '73 has retired from Defiance City Schools after 35 years of service. She was an English teacher at Defiance Junior High School. She received her 35 Years of Service award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program held recently. Robyn resides in Defiance.

Becky (Gahr) Geiger '74 retired from Northeastern Local Schools after 24 years of service. She was a third grade teacher at the elementary school. Becky and her husband, Joe, reside in Defiance.

Christine (Hammer) Korhn '74 received a 15 Years of Service Award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She is currently an English teacher at Defiance High School. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Defiance.

Rodric Hersha '74 was recognized at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program with a 15 Years of Service award. He is a math instructor at Defiance High School. He and his wife, Pamela, reside in Defiance.

Patricia (Walden) Jason '75 retired in June 2008, ending a 31-year career at Rocky River High School, where she served as the honors college prep English teacher, academic standards curriculum advisor, and department chair. Trish and her husband, Gary, now reside in a golf community in the Phoenix area.

Dr. Robert Head III '76 was awarded the Simon Award for 2008 from the Champaign (OH) County Chamber of Commerce. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that help and improve the Urbana community. Dr. Head left his position as president of Urbana University to become the president of Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois. He and his wife, Sheryl, have three children: Robert IV, Jason, and Adrienne.

Michael Flory '77 joined CK Technologies as a cost accountant. He has over 20 years of experience in cost accounting and budget analysis. Michael resides in Defiance.

Keith Bell '78, former principal at Westerville South High School in Westerville, Ohio, has been named the District Director for Academic Affairs effective August 1, 2008. Westerville is the 10th largest school district in the state of Ohio with three high schools, four middle schools, and sixteen elementary schools. Westerville South High School was recognized by *US News and World Report* (December 2007 issue) as one of the top 400 high schools in the nation receiving a silver medal. It was also recognized by *Newsweek* (May 2008 issue) as a top school in the nation for significantly decreasing the achievement gap while increasing academic achievement. Keith will be in charge of all the high schools and middle schools. The Bell family resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Kevin F. Lewis '79 and his wife, Grace, were married on November 7, 2007. The new couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Kristie Wilkins '79 married Tom Schultheis on July 21, 2007. Her daughter, Jacqueline, graduated from Case Western Reserve University in May 2007, daughter, Natalie, graduated from Boston University in May 2008, son, Victor, attends Euclid High School, and daughter, Tessa, attends Mentor High School. Kristie and Tom reside in Mentor, Ohio.

Martha Mallott '81 was inducted into Defiance High School's Athletic Hall of Fame on May 3, 2008. She was the first female track qualifier for the Ohio state track meet from DHS, held the school record in the 880 meter run for 25 years, as well as five other track school records. At Defiance College, Martha participated in basketball, men's golf, and track and field. In 2005, Martha founded the Ohio Women's Open Championship after a very successful amateur golf career. She resides in Defiance.

Kevin Hardy '81 has been nominated for the Rhysling Award for his poem "Weightlessness" which was published in *Mythic Delirium*. The Rhysling Awards are annual awards given for the best science fiction, fantasy, or horror poem. Rhysling Award nominees are chosen by members of the Science Fiction Poetry Association. Kevin, who has published over 900 works of poetry and short stories, lives in Cygnet, Ohio, with his wife, Pat, and their daughter, Lizzie.

Carron (Daniels) Essman '81 received a 25 Years of Service award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She is currently teaching fifth grade at Defiance Junior High School. She and her husband, Donald, reside in Defiance.

Beth (Hook) Headley '82 was honored at the Northeastern Local Schools annual staff awards/appreciation banquet for her 25 years of service to the district. She and her husband, Randall, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Nanette (Spiess) Buehrer '82 is the new director of the Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Neil, and their three daughters will relocate back to Archbold, Ohio.

Jeffrey Strausbaugh '83 was elected to the juvenile and probate judge's position in the November 2008 election. He currently serves as Defiance County's Prosecutor. He and his wife, **Sue Ann (Webb) Strausbaugh '79** reside in Defiance.

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Dorothy (Peebles) Myers '83 and her husband, Calvin, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 8, 2008. The couple was married in the Gospel Tabernacle of Hicksville. Dorothy and Calvin have two children, Douglas and Nancy. They reside in Sherwood, Ohio.

Sharon Peck '83 recently retired from Wayne Trace Local School. She was an elementary teacher for the Raider district. She and her husband, Arden, reside in Oakwood, Ohio.

Tim Tobias '84 was promoted from Assistant Chief to Chief at the Defiance City Police Department. He has been with the department for 22 years. Tim and his wife, Kristy, have two children, Lindsey and Jordon. The family resides in Defiance.

Melissa (Farlee) Diemer '84 and her husband, Mitchell, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on May 28, 1983 in the First Church of God in Defiance. Melissa and Mitchell have two daughters, Ashley and Chelsea, and reside in Defiance.

Jeff Mack '84 is the new Assistant Police Chief of the Defiance City Police. He has been with the Defiance City Police for 22 years. He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Defiance.

Tom Held '85 received a 10 Years of Service award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. He is currently the technology instructor at Defiance High School. He resides in Defiance.

Dr. Martin Miller '86 recently returned from China where he attended the Third Annual Chinese Bridge Delegation. Four hundred educators from around the country were chosen to participate in this year's conference. Dr. Miller is the principal at Paulding Elementary. He and his wife, Nancy, and their children reside in Defiance.

Ted Penner '87 was recently hired as the new fiscal officer at Central Local School in Ohio. He has worked as an attorney in his own law firm since 1991, and he is also a certified public accountant. He resides in Defiance.

Patricia (Meehan) McCord '87 and her husband, Craig, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2008. They celebrated the occasion with a trip over the summer to Nellysford, Virginia, Asheville, North Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia. The McCords reside in Defiance.

Mary Slattery '88 was recognized for numerous years of service to the Rosary Altar Society. She has served as president and secretary for the organization, as well as a lay distribution lector, CCD teacher, and the Crossroads Area coordinator for the Diocese of Toledo. She also volunteers at the local senior center and is a co-chair of the Linus Slattery Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money for the Hospice Center of Defiance. Mary was named the Volunteer of the Year at the Lights of Defiance County event. She and her husband, Ed, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Julie (Schroeder) Brown '88 received a 20 Years of Service Award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She is currently the special education teacher at Defiance High School. She and her husband, Matt, reside in Defiance.

Mark Froelich '89 received third place honors for best full-page layout at the Associated Press Society of Ohio's annual newspaper competition. Mark is currently employed by *The Crescent-News* of Defiance. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Defiance.

Jenee (Cain) Seibert '89 was recognized as an Outstanding Student at Defiance College's Center for Adult and Graduate Programs and alumni association master's recognition dinner. She received her master's degree in business and organizational leadership. Jenee and her husband, Matthew, reside in Defiance.

The 90's

Jean (Armstrong) Hubbard '90 was elected to the First Defiance Financial Corporation's board of directors. She will take the position on the First Defiance Board and will also be on the board of its subsidiary, First Federal Bank of the Midwest. She resides in Defiance with her husband, Tom, and children.

Anna (Rubio) Hernandez '90 was promoted to corporate accounts manager at Duro-Last in Saginaw, Michigan. Her new responsibilities include communication with prospective customers and managing and marketing for the corporate accounts. She and her husband, George, reside in Saginaw, Michigan.

Denise (Saylor) Wright '90 is the new Noble Elementary principal in the Northeastern Local School district. She will also be responsible for part-time duties as assistant

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principal at Tinora Elementary School. Denise was previously employed as a second grade teacher at Ayersville Elementary School. She and her husband, Randy, reside in Defiance.

Scott Armev '91 was recognized as an Outstanding Student at Defiance College's Center for Adult and Graduate Programs and alumni association master's recognition dinner. He received his master's degree in business and organizational leadership. Scott and his wife, Tracy, reside in Liberty Center, Ohio.

Karen Mobley '92 was recently recognized for her community service and involvement. She started a multiple sclerosis support group seven years ago to help her son and other families find support. Karen is the Adult Basic Literacy Educator at Four County Career Center. She and her husband, Gerald, live in Defiance.

Rose (Bailey) Reinhart '92 received a \$5,000 Learning and Leadership Grant from the National Education Association. This grant will allow Antwerp Local Schools to create a school-wide plan to integrate technology into all parts of educational instruction. Recipients were chosen based on their proposed ideas and their potential for enhancing student achievement. Rose and her husband, James, reside in Antwerp, Ohio.

Lisa Crowe '92 received an award for 10 Years of Service at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She is currently teaching English at Defiance Junior High School. She and her husband, Christopher, reside in Defiance.

Andrew Bouza '93 received an award given by the International Union of Police Associations. This award recognized his commitment to his country by serving in the military, and his commitment to his community by serving as a law enforcement official. He was one of three military veterans to receive this award. Andrew and his wife, **Heidi '93**, reside in Defiance.

Karen (McDonald) Christiansen '94 retired from Northeastern Local Schools after 30 years of service. She was a third grade teacher in the elementary school. She and her husband, Ken, reside in Chicago where Karen has entered seminary at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Darlene Frania '95 recently retired from Patrick Henry Elementary after 41 years of teaching.

Brian J. Roesti '95 was recognized as an Outstanding Student at Defiance College's Center for Adult and Graduate Programs and alumni association master's recognition dinner. He received his master's degree in business and organizational leadership. Brian resides in West Unity, Ohio.

Lonnie Fleetwood '95 and wife, Jessica, would like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Sydney Marie. Sydney was born on March 3, 2008. She has one older sister, Amanda. Lonnie, Jessica, Amanda, and Sydney reside in Defiance.

Glenn McKee '95 and his wife, Brooke, are happy to announce the birth of their son Grady Douglas McKee, born on June 12, 2008 at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, Ohio. Grady weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. This is the first child for Glenn and Brooke. The family resides in Deshler, Ohio.

Brenda (Deitrick) Doster '95 and her husband, Steve, welcomed a son, Alex Eugene, into the world on June 25, 2008. Alex has two older sisters, Kaitlyn and Macy. The Doster family resides in Paulding, Ohio.

Suellen McCaulley-Byrne '95 and her husband, Kevin, would like to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Stephen Byrne. Ryan was born on May 15, 2008. The Byrne family lives in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Virginia "Ginny" Sterling '96 was recognized by the Historic Homes of Defiance for her eight years of service to the organization. Ginny was one of the charter members and has served as president for two terms. She also volunteers at the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

She and her husband, Bill, reside in Defiance.

Susan (Eberle) Shindledecker '96 and her husband, Tad, are proud to announce the birth of their third child. Dean Keith Shindledecker was born on November 15, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Emma Marlene, and big brother, Sean Carl. The Shindledecker family resides in Stryker, Ohio.

Travis Lichty '96 is the principal at Antwerp Elementary School. He was the social studies and computer literacy teacher for junior high students at Antwerp. He has also served as varsity baseball coach, assistant varsity football coach, and junior high basketball coach. Travis resides in Antwerp, Ohio.

Sherrie Herman '96 is the new third grade reading intervention instructor at Stryker Elementary School. She was previously a first grade teacher there. Sherrie and her husband reside in Bryan, Ohio.

Crystal (Nehls) Brooks '96 was recently hired by Antwerp Elementary School as a first grade teacher. Crystal and her husband, Randy, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Brian Wonderly '96 and Christine Bauer were married on December 22, 2007 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, Ohio. Brian is a junior high science teacher at Tinora Jr. High School, and Christine is a fourth grade teacher at Tinora Elementary School. They reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Kelli (McAdow) Bok '96 and her husband, Joe, would like to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Joe. Tyler was born on July 16, 2008. Tyler has an older sister, Tommi. The Bok family resides in Stryker, Ohio.

Amy (Shafer) Daeger '97 was recognized by First Federal Bank for eight years of community service. She has been on the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Connection of Northwest Ohio, and she is also active in the Junior Achievement program. She is currently the northern market retail administrator. She and her husband,

Kenny, reside in Defiance with their four children: Kameron, Courtney, Mallory, and Sadie.

Eric Gerber '97 recently opened his third location of Eric's All-American Ice Cream Factory. He has two establishments in Defiance and now one in Bryan, Ohio. Eric and his wife, Melanie, reside in Defiance.

Angela Westrick '97 and Adnan Assaf were married on April 19, 2008 at the St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Defiance. Angela is currently employed by *The Crescent-News*, and Adnan is the chef at Primo's restaurant. The couple resides in Defiance.

Amy Whitacre '97 and her husband, Greg, would like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Jadelynn Lou. Jadelynn was born on July 18, 2008. She has an older sister, Mackenna. The Whitacre family resides in Archbold, Ohio.

Seth Linebrink '97 and his wife, Melissa, would like to announce the birth of their twins, Katie and Derek. They were born on July 17, 2008. Katie and Derek have an older brother, Ethan. The Linebrink family resides in LaGrange, Ohio.

Jeff Niese '97 and his wife, Annette, celebrated 25 years of marriage on August 13, 2008. They were married in 1983 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in New Cleveland, Ohio. The couple has five children, Nathan, Jonathon, Ashleigh, Brandon, and Cameron. Jeff and his family reside in Defiance.

Hilary (Schuerger) Glanc '97 and her husband, Ken, would like to announce the birth of their third child, Lukas William. Lukas was born on July 8, 2008. Lukas has an older sister, Margaret, and an older brother, Nathaniel. The Glanc family lives in Cleveland.

Jack Palmer '98 received honorable mention for best investigative reporting at the Associated Press Society of Ohio's annual newspaper competition. He is currently employed by *The Crescent-News* of Defiance. He and his wife, Chris, reside in Defiance.

Tim Dumire '98 and his wife, Angela, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kyndra Deborah. Kyndra was born on May 3, 2008. She has an older brother, Brayden who is 2. The Dumire family resides in Defiance.

Shawn Helf '98 received the Juvenile Detention Worker of the Year award from the Ohio Juvenile Detention Services Association. He was nominated by Ohio's Juvenile Detention Center directors. He is currently sergeant at Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center near Stryker, Ohio. Shawn resides in Hicksville, Ohio.

Elizabeth Inkrott '98 and Todd Schulte were married on November 17, 2007 in Holy Family Catholic Church in New Cleveland, Ohio. Elizabeth is a financial analyst for General Motors and her husband is self-employed at Schulte Produce. The couple resides in Defiance.

Melissa Volkert '99 and Mike Pavolino were married on December 24, 2007. Melissa and her husband reside in Westerville, Ohio.

Christina (Dominique) Gerencser '99 and her husband, Jason, would like to announce the birth of their second child, Levi Thomas. Levi was born on May 24, 2008. His sister, Victoria, is two years old. The Gerencser family resides in Defiance.

William Brubaker '99 and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2008. The couple will celebrate the occasion with a trip to the Mayan Riviera, Mexico. They reside in Hamler, Ohio.

Annette (Rue) Hoeffel '99 was promoted by Chief and Rays Supermarkets to manager of marketing and advertising. Annette, and her husband, **Chris '96**, have two children, Alex and Andrew, and reside in Continental, Ohio.

Tina (McCullough) Farrington '01 was promoted to senior vice president at Tower Financial Corp. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tina joined Tower Financial in 2006 and has held the positions of private banking manager, HSA operations manager, and private banking advisor. She

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Richard Peters '00 is the new assistant principal at Defiance Junior High School. He resides in Defiance.

Jacob Strahm '00 and his wife, Jamie, would like to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Louis. Cooper was born on June 11, 2008. Cooper has an older sister, Sydney who is 12, and an older brother, Jacob who is 2. The Strahm family resides in Defiance.

Gina (Verhoff) Schnipke '00 and her husband, Mark, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Isabelle. Anna was born on July 21, 2008. She has two older brothers, Joey and Aaron. The Schnipke family resides in Leipsic, Ohio.

Stephanie (Miller) Skylar '00 was named the president and chief executive officer of Chief Super Market, Inc. She has been an executive with the company since 1996. Stephanie and her husband, Martin, have two children and reside in Lima, Ohio.

Shannon Dunson '00 and Ronald Warstler were married on August 9, 2008 at the County Line Church of God in Auburn, Indiana. Shannon is currently employed by Bryan City Schools as a teacher, and Ronald is a compliance specialist with the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne. The couple resides in Stryker, Ohio.

Tina (McCullough) Farrington '01 was promoted to senior vice president at Tower Financial Corp. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tina joined Tower Financial in 2006 and has held the positions of private banking manager, HSA operations manager, and private banking advisor. She

and her husband, Chris, reside in Defiance.

Scott Nixon '01 and his wife, Angela, would like to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter Maggie-Mae Layla. Maggie-Mae was born on June 21, 2008. The Nixon family resides in Napoleon, Ohio.

Shaun Fulk '01 and his wife, Coleen, are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Addalee Madison. Addalee was born on July 30, 2008. She has two older sisters, Haylee and Emmalee. The Fulk family resides in Stryker, Ohio.

Lori Keim '01 was recently hired at Four County Career Center as the new MH Instructor. She and her husband, Ryan, reside in Archbold, Ohio.

Randall Richard '02, '04 and **Deborah Reiner '02, '04** were married on May 17, 2008 at Zion's Lutheran Church in Defiance. Debbie recently joined Defiance College as the assistant director of marketing. The couple resides in Hamilton, Indiana.

Evie (Geisler) Walter '02 and her husband, Chris, would like to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Jay. Matthew was born on April 15, 2008. Matthew has two siblings, Grace and Jackson. Evie was recognized by Defiance City Schools with a 5 Years of Service Award. She is currently teaching third grade at Anthony Wayne Elementary. The Walter family resides in Defiance.

Travis Cooper '02 received a 5 Years of Service Award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. He is currently teaching biology at Defiance High School. He resides in Sherwood, Ohio.

Michelle (Matheny) Vitek '02 received a 5 Years of Service Award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. She is the physical education teacher for all of the elementary schools (Spencer Elementary, Brickell Elementary, Anthony Wayne Elementary, and Slocum Elementary) in Defiance, Ohio. She and her husband reside in Defiance.

Shane Brugler '02 received a 5 Years of Service award at the Defiance City Schools teacher and staff recognition program. He is currently teaching social studies at Defiance Junior High School. He resides in Defiance.

Kevin Radzik '02 and **Carrie (Wiemken) Radzik '03** would like to announce the birth of their son, Carter James. Carter was born on June 15 and has an older brother Kayden. Kevin, Carrie, Kayden, and Carter reside in Defiance.

Judith (Kimble) Wagner '02 and her husband, Stephen, would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son named Maddox J. Wagner. Maddox was born on August 24, 2007. She and Stephen were married on December 9, 2006. The Wagner family resides in Defiance.

Jackie (Broering) Homan '02 and her husband, Adam, would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Evan John. He was born on July 19, 2008 and weighed 8 pounds and eight ounces. The Homan family resides in Sylvester, Georgia.

Amanda (Bland) Bok '02 and her husband, David, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hayden Matthew. Hayden was born on July 21, 2008. Amanda, David, and Hayden reside in Defiance.

Amanda (Rosebrock) Westrick '02 and her husband, Kenny, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Mae. Haley was born on August 8, 2008. The Westrick family resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Kristi Beechy '02 and David Littrell were married on July 12, 2008. The couple resides in South Bend, Indiana.

Matt Joost '02 was recently named partner at RE/MAX Realty. He joined the company in 2002 as a top producing agent. Matt and his wife, Kierstin, have two children, Rylee and Kasen, and reside in Defiance.

Cassie (Jones) George '03 was recognized at the Defiance City Schools teacher service program. She received a 5 Years of Service Award. She is teaching first grade at Spencer Elementary in Defiance. She and her husband reside in Defiance.

D.J. Lutz '03 and his wife, Heather, would like to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Hailey. Hailey was born on June 26, 2008 and weighed seven pounds and seven ounces. The Lutz family resides in Temperance, Michigan.

Brandon Baker '03 is the new seventh grade Language Arts teacher at Ayersville Local School. He was previously a middle school teacher at St. John Lutheran School in Defiance. Brandon and his wife, Tiffany, reside in Defiance.

Julie (Spitnale) Mast '03 and her husband, George, would like to announce the birth of their son, Samuel George. Samuel was born on May 14, 2008 and weighed seven pounds 12 ounces. Julie is currently employed at Defiance City Schools as a kindergarten teacher at Anthony Wayne Elementary. George is a supervisor at LaFarge North America in Paulding, Ohio. The Mast family resides in Cecil, Ohio.

Melanie Sisco '03 and **Eric Gerber '97** were married on October 23, 2007 in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, West Indies. Melanie is employed as the commercial credit department manager at First Federal Bank, and Eric is the owner of Eric's All-American Ice Cream Factory. Melanie and Eric reside in Defiance.

Kimberly Mann '04 was recognized for her community service and volunteer work in Defiance. She has been a part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization for three years, where she is very active in recruitment and marketing. Currently, Kim is taking classes at Bowling Green State University to receive her master's degree in business. She resides in Defiance.

Kristine (Baughman) Stuart '04 is the new treasurer for the Western Buckeye ESC Governing board. She and her husband, Kevin, have 2 children. The family resides in Paulding, Ohio.

Jessica (Welch) Davis '04 received a \$5,000 Student Achievement Grant from the National Education Association to create technology-rich instruction in science, math, and language arts at Grover Hill Elementary School. Recipients were chosen based on their proposed ideas and their potential for enhancing student achievement. She and her husband, Rob, reside in Haviland, Ohio.

Kirk Jones '02 and **Tricia (Spallinger) Jones '04** would like to announce the birth of their first child, Avery Belle. Avery was born on June 6, 2008. Kirk, Tricia, and Avery reside in Sugar Hill, Georgia.

Jessica Potter '04 and **Eric Demaline** were married on June 9, 2008 at Sandals Grande Ocho Rios in Jamaica. They spent the week in Ocho Rios enjoying their honeymoon. Jessica is currently attending the University of Toledo, and her husband is pursuing his degree in nursing at Northwest State Community College. Jessica and Eric reside in Wauseon, Ohio.

Kristin Gerity '04 is officially Dr. Kristin Gerity, D.D.S. She is a 2008 graduate of the Ohio State School of Dentistry. She resides in Lima, Ohio.

Heather (Fisher) Westrick '04 and **Jason Westrick '07** would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son, named Collin Michael. He was born on June 26, 2008. The Westricks reside in Defiance.

Jodi (Koenn) Griffith '04 and her husband, Jake, would like to announce the birth of their second

child, a daughter named Jayla Rainell. Jayla was born on July 12, 2008. She has an older brother, named Jackson. The Griffith family resides in Cecil, Ohio.

Angela (McCoy) Shook '05 was promoted to corporate accountant at Defiance Metal Products in Defiance, Ohio. She and her husband, Bill, reside in Defiance.

Jason Rickenberg '05 accepted a new position at Northwest State Community College as the transfer coordinator. Jason and his wife, Sarah, reside in Defiance.

Joy (Stoller) Manz '05 was hired at Oakwood Elementary School as a preschool teacher. Joy, and her husband, Tim, reside in Haviland, Ohio.

Tracy Livensparger '05 and **Bowen Aldrich** were married on October 6, 2007 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bryan, Ohio. Tracy is currently employed as a staff accountant at New Era Ohio LLC, and Bowen is a highway technician for the Ohio Department of Transportation. The couple resides in Edon, Ohio.

Amy (Berenyi) Karacson '05 was recently hired by Hicksville Exempted Village Schools as a fourth grade teacher. Amy and her husband, John, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Jennifer Jordon '06 had her artwork entitled "Poppin' Pills" displayed at Artlink gallery in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jennifer also has artwork displayed in the Girdwood Center for Visual Arts gallery, while also doing one-man shows in local restaurants in Alaska. She is currently employed by a financial company and resides in Anchorage, Alaska.

Jennifer (Kunesh) Davis '06 is the new developmental kindergarten teacher for the Defiance City Schools district. She and her husband, J.D., reside in Evansport, Ohio.

Amy Ryan '06 and **Jeff Rohdy** were married on May 31, 2008 at the First Church of God in Defiance, Ohio. For their honeymoon, the couple enjoyed a week-long stay in Key West, Florida. Amy and Jeff reside in Defiance.

Allyson Baker '06 and **Tim Burkart** were married on July 7, 2008 at St. John Lutheran Church in Defiance. Allyson is currently a probation officer for the Defiance County Juvenile Court, and her husband is employed as a pharmacist by Blanchard Valley Hospital. The Burkarts reside in Ottawa, Ohio.

Jennifer (Kunesh) Davis '06 and her husband, J.D., would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son named Evan Stephen. Evan was born on July 23, 2008. The Davis family resides in Evansport, Ohio.

Stefan Faerber '06 and **Emily Meyer '08** were married on July 26, 2008 in Antigua, Guatemala. Stefan is currently an admissions counselor at Defiance College, and Emily is employed by the YMCA child care. The couple resides in Defiance.

Joel Wilkins '06 and **Kristyn Tooley '07** were married on July 12, 2008 at the home of the bride. Joel is currently employed as an accountant at Alpha Coating, and Kristyn is an undergraduate admissions representative for Tiffin University.

Adam Szezech '06 and **Heather Rumbaugh '07** were married on November 17, 2007 at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio. Adam is currently employed at Wildwood Athletic Club as a cycling instructor, and Heather is a quality control laboratory technician at Toledo Flour Mill. Adam and Heather reside in Maumee, Ohio.

Tyler Stork '06 and **Melissa Headley '07** were married on August 2, 2008 at the First Church of Christ in Hicksville, Ohio. Tyler is currently employed as a deputy sheriff at the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, and Melissa is employed as an administrative specialist at Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Ohio, Edgerton. The couple resides in Paulding, Ohio.

Stacy Shaffer '06 and **Matthew Frey** were married on May 3, 2008 in the First United Methodist Church in Sidney, Ohio. Stacy is currently employed at *Piqua Daily Call*, and Matthew works at Lake Loramie State Park. They reside in Sidney, Ohio.



Pierce Retires

Karen Pierce retired earlier this year from her position as Facilities Management Coordinator. Karen, who joined Defiance College in 1993, was recognized at a retirees' reception.

Matt Fleig '06 was hired by the Williams County YMCA in October 2007 to be the new Sports and Wellness Director. Previously, Matt was employed at the Wildwood Athletic Club as a personal trainer. He resides in Maumee, Ohio.

Heather Creighton '06 and John Bird were married on October 27, 2007 at the Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio. Heather received her master's degree from the University of Toledo and is currently a controller at Creighton Electric. John is a project engineer at Wauseon Machine. The couple resides in Wauseon, Ohio.

Stefan (Stu) Gliwa '07 and **Amanda Benson '07** were married on October 19, 2007. Stu and Amanda currently reside in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where Stu is on active duty with the United States Marine Corps.

Renee Steffen '07 was recognized at the Make A Difference Day Projects for 2007 by the Volunteer Connection of Ohio. She played a huge role in getting the Marietta College athletic department involved in the community service project. Renee is currently the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) Campus-Community Collaboration Leader for Marietta College.

Lindsey Harris '07 and David Stehulak were married on July 5, 2008 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Defiance. Lindsey is employed by the state auditor's office in Columbus, Ohio. Her husband is currently attending the Ohio State University majoring in mechanical engineering. The new couple resides in Westerville, Ohio.

Lisa (Meyer) Slattery '07 was recently hired by Hicksville Exempted Village Schools as a Title 1 teacher. Lisa and her husband, Greg, reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

Kacee Mossoney '08 and Antonio Cruz were married in a private ceremony on December 22, 2007 in First Baptist Church, Defiance, OH. For their honeymoon, the couple traveled to Central Asia to aid Christian missionaries with support work for the area. They had planned the trip before they were engaged and decided to make their honeymoon memorable by performing service to humanity. Kacee and Antonio reside in Defiance.

Kyle Cogswell '08 is the co-winner of Ohio's Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Award by the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Education. Kyle was also selected to present his senior capstone project at the research conference of the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Education. He resides in Montpelier, Ohio.

Erby Lopez '08 received the bronze Pilgrim Medal at DC's commencement held on May 4, 2008. He was awarded the medal for his community service to the college and the Defiance community. He received his bachelor's degree in international and global studies. Erby resides in Defiance.

Gary Allen II '08 is the new sports and fitness director at the Defiance Area YMCA. Gary's degree is in early childhood education.

Kelly (Bechtol) Hopson '08 is the new kindergarten teacher at Northeastern Local Schools. The elementary school just implemented an all-day, every-day kindergarten class. Kelly and her husband reside in Defiance.

Ashley Smith '08 is a new physical education teacher at Defiance City Schools. She will also be coaching freshman volleyball for Defiance High School. Ashley resides in Deshler, Ohio.

Carrie Cleland '08 is the new preschool teacher at Paulding Elementary School. She resides in Hicksville, Ohio.

Amanda Schaffner '08 and Steven Nofziger were married on August 2, 2008 at the home of Marvin and Karen Wampler. Amanda and Steven reside in West Unity, Ohio.

Nic Alvarez '08 was recently hired by Hicksville Exempted Village Schools as a Title 1 teacher. Nic resides in Sherwood, Ohio.

DEATHS

Inez (Paff) Creager '29
Boca Raton, FL – June 11, 2008

Harrison Aspinall, Sr. '36
Wooster, OH – September 16, 2007

Keith Q. Wheeler '49
Defiance, OH – July 13, 2008

Dr. Melvin Heideger '50
Defiance, OH – March 21, 2008

Dean Groll '52
Lexington, OH – May 15, 2008

Mildred (Fitzpatrick) Shoop '54
Vero Beach, FL – July 15, 2008

James Agler '55
Napoleon, OH – July 5, 2008

Elizabeth (Price) Hook '56
Ft. Wayne, IN – April 28, 2008

Wanda (Ferguson) Fisher '60
New Richland, MN – October 15, 2007

Ralph Cicione '63
Cuyahoga Falls, OH – April 12, 2008

Ronald Herder '63
Lakeland, FL – February 11, 2008

Richard "Dick" Ryan '63
San Antonio, TX – May 12, 2008

Dr. Merle Wagner '65
Auburn, IN – January 28, 2008

Michael Van Camp '65
Lucky, OH – October 16, 2007

Mary (Ruffer) Bauerle '68
Lincoln, NE – March 29, 2008

Alfred P. Furko '69
Archbold, OH – April 27, 2008

Joseph "Chuck" Taylor '69
Queensbury, NY – February 22, 2008

Kenneth W. Kipp '69
Holgate, OH – September 13, 2008

Stanley C. Sanders '72
Southern Pine, NC – May 5, 2008

Joan (Gordon) Bleim '73
Toledo, OH – August 30, 2007

Robert E. Stuckey '82
Oregon, OH – March 11, 2007

Sally Anne Stowell '83
Defiance, OH – March 2, 2008

Seth D. Maiden '90
Sheffield Lake, OH – August 16, 2008

Joshua L. Spieth '08
Montpelier, OH – July 22, 2008

Susan (Potter) Hickok
Saint Petersburg, FL – June 11, 2008