

CLASS NOTES



Anita (Dunbar) Rethmel '65 was included in the Ohio State Extension's "100 Women in Ohio Agriculture" at the annual Farm Science Review display in September. Anita and her husband, Donald, reside in Defiance.

Douglas Short '66 and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2014. They marked the occasion with a trip to Florida. Doug was in radio broadcasting for 20 years, and was a teacher for 22 years before retiring. Doug and Linda live in Sidney, Ohio.

Don Smith '71 was honored earlier this year with the Gold Award in the 2014 Outstanding Senior Volunteer Awards ceremony sponsored by Medical Mutual and held at The Pinnacle in Toledo. The award recognizes senior citizens who volunteer their time to help others and salutes those volunteers who act in a selfless, caring manner and are committed to enhancing the quality of the lives of those around them. Don was recognized for his volunteerism with Diabetes Youth Services, raising funds and awareness of the services provided to children living with Type 1 diabetes and their families. This is the 11th year that Don raised funds by swimming laps and raising pledges for DYS. He has raised nearly \$100,000, and his goal this year is to raise \$25,000. Don and his wife, Connie, live in Continental, Ohio.

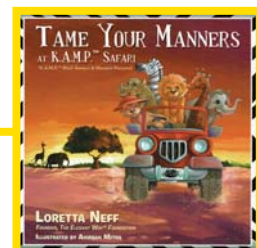
Lynn DeSherbinin '74 has recently retired from her position as Vice President of Human Resources USA, Bayer CropScience LLC. Lynn is now residing in Pittsboro, N.C. and is a member of the Defiance College Board of Trustees.

Dave Yarnell '74 recently retired from his position as reporter and photographer with the *Manistee News Advocate*, and has moved to Kalamazoo, Mich. Dave's career included 27 years in college public relations at Mount Union College, Defiance College, and West Shore Community College in Michigan. Dave also served as the executive director of the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce for five years.

Deb DeTray '76, was recently recognized by the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce for 20 years in business with her company, DeTray Investment Group. In 2004, Deb's son, Steve, joined the business and is now a full partner. Deb and her husband, Rusty, reside in Defiance.

Cindy McCann Bentancur '79 of Defiance announces the birth of her granddaughter, Adelyn Rose Scott in March. Adelyn has a brother, Emerson.

Loretta Neff Bjorklund '89 of West Palm Beach, Fla., through the Elegant Way Foundation, launched a children's book this spring, *Tame Your Manners at K.A.M.P. Safari* as a fun, meaningful and memorable way for a child to learn manners. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to charity and can be purchased online at ewbooks.org.



Robin Sowers Groves '89 participated in the Patriots Day Marathon in Boston on April 21, 2014. Robin and husband, **Michael Groves '90**, reside in Dayton, Ohio.

Shirley Hohenbrink '92 received 2014 Teacher of the Year recognition from the Defiance VFW Post 3360. Shirley is a third grade teacher at Defiance

Elementary School and has taught for 20 years. She resides in Defiance with her husband, Edward '67.

Annette (Rue) Hoeffel '99 & '10 was one of the recipients of the Four Under 40 designation, presented by the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Dinner, in recognition of outstanding leadership. Annette is director of marketing for Chief Supermarkets and is past president of DC's Alumni Varsity D, a Relay for Life team captain, and been involved in Continental and Putnam County youth soccer and basketball. She and husband, **Chris '96**, live in Continental, Ohio, with their two children.

Darline Clemens '00 opened Close to Home Childcare Center and Preschool on September 1, 2004 and has operated with the philosophy that "happy children make happy families." Clemens was recognized in September by the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce for 10 years of service to the community.

Adam and **Jackie (Broering) Homan '02** announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Jane, on March 8, 2014. Megan is welcomed into the family by brothers Evan, Isaac and Dylan. The Homans reside in Findlay, Ohio.



Chad Schindler '03 has been hired by the Antwerp Local Schools as a pre-school teacher. Chad resides in Ottawa.

Dr. Amanda Huber '04 was recently selected to receive the Sidney & Joan Pestka Post Graduate Award for Excellence in Interferon Research by the International Cytokine & Interferon Society (ICIS). Huber is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Dept. of Neurology at the University of Michigan. Following her graduation from Defiance College, Amanda attended the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, graduating in 2011. She resides in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Jeremy Ball '04 was one of the selected "Forty Under 40" award recipients by Columbus Business First last spring. The award recognizes outstanding career achievements and community service impact. Jeremy is the Director of Corporate Philanthropy & Events for Big Lots and serves on the board of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio.

Dr. Nick Neiderhouse '05 earned his educational doctorate from Bowling Green State University, with his dissertation focusing on the impact service-learning has on at-risk students. Nick is now principal in the Maumee City Schools. In June 2014, Nick was wed, and he and Raquel reside in Maumee.



Kylee VonDeylen '05 was wed to Kurtis Staup on Dec. 31, 2013 at St. Michael's on the Ridge in Defiance. The two reside in Findlay, Ohio, and Kylee is the Marketing Manager at OptiVue Vision in Toledo, Ohio.



Joe DiSalvio Jr. '06 and Tiffany Howard DeSalvio '06 announce the birth of their second child, Vincent Robert Joseph, on Feb. 13, 2014. Vincent has a sister, Gianna, age 3. The DeSalvios reside in Delaware, Ohio.

Steve Brancheau '07 is now assistant principal at Montpelier High School, where he is also varsity football coach. Steve and **Katy (Tinker) '09** live in Montpelier, Ohio, with their son, Jaxton.

Jennelle Hammer '07 married Michael Calvin on Dec. 31, 2012, and they announce the birth of a son, Duncan Scott Calvin on Feb. 12, 2014. Duncan was welcomed home by his big brother, Brent. Jennelle is a substitute teacher for the Hancock County Educational Service Center, and the Calvins reside in Rawson, Ohio.

Brandon McCann '07 was one of the recipients of the 2014 Four Under 40 recognition, presented by the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Dinner, in recognition of outstanding leadership. Brandon is the third generation of his family with ServiceMaster by McCann, where he manages approximately 70 employees. Brandon has also been a Chamber board member, past president of DC's Purple & Gold Club and on the Defiance Regional Hospital Foundation Board. He and his wife, Lindsey, reside in Defiance.

Dr. Nathan Fitton '08 and Andrea (Slattery) Fitton '09 announce the birth of their son, Brecken James, born on March 14, 2014. Nate, Andrea and Brecken reside in Grand Ledge, Mich.



Brenda Delarber '09 & '12 wed Eric Aversch on June 28, 2014 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kalida, Ohio. Brenda is an admissions counselor at Defiance College, and the couple resides in Kalida.



Stacy Nicely '09 married Larry Freshour on June 14, 2014. She is employed as a hygiene coordinator/team leader at Dental Excellence in Napoleon, and the couple resides in Stryker, Ohio.

Austin Kleman '10 and Beth Roediger were married on Aug. 9, 2014 at Sidney First United Methodist Church in Sidney, Ohio. One of Austin's groomsmen in the wedding party was **Nate Cline '10**. Austin graduated from the Ohio State University in 2014 with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Austin and Beth live in Bryan, Ohio, where he is a veterinarian at Fountain City Veterinary Hospital and Beth is a pharmacist at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers.



Jerika Hennes Ortlieb '12 is attending the Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio.

Matthew Coons '14 is now employed with HCR ManorCare in Toledo, Ohio, as a security analyst in the IT Department.

Megan (Nicholson) Coons '12 is employed at the Toledo School for the Arts as a School Counselor. Megan received her Master of Arts in school counseling from University of Toledo after graduating from DC. Megan and Matt were married Dec. 15, 2012, and reside in Toledo.

Jordan Taylor '14 is now a health education/physical education teacher with the Euclid City Schools. He resides in Trenton, Ohio.

DEATHS

Edwin 'Ted' Redlich '50
March 4, 2014 -- Hawley, Pa.

George Hornish '55
June 13, 2012 – Goshen, Ind.

Kathryn Walters Lynde '57
April 7, 2014 – Hicksville, Ohio

Rev. Larry Hopkins '61
June 17, 2014 – Lima, Ohio

Margaret 'Maggie' Hopkins Buhner '64
April 17, 2014 – Defiance, Ohio

Eleanor Weddelman Meyer '65
May 12, 2014 – Napoleon, Ohio

Bruce Moser '65
Oct. 24, 2014 – Palatine, Ill.

Beverly Rettig '71
Feb. 4, 2014 – Lafayette, Col.

John Overberg '81
Aug. 3, 2014 – Bryan, Ohio

Mary Elchinger '90
April 8, 2014 – Columbus, Ohio

Eugene 'Gene' Richmond '94
June 3, 2014 – Montpelier, Ohio

Former faculty:
Helen Archibald
March 10, 2014 – Laguna Niguel, Calif.

DR. JIMMIE LEMASTER

Former Defiance College faculty member Dr. Jimmie LeMaster, 80, died June 29 at his residence in Waco, Texas.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served four years. Upon being discharged from the Navy, LeMaster moved to Defiance where he worked at the General Motors foundry and attended classes at Defiance College. Upon graduation, he taught in local high schools before returning to his alma mater to teach in 1962, having completed a master of arts degree at Bowling Green State University. While working at Defiance College, he received his Ph.D. in English from BGSU in 1970. He taught at Defiance College for 15 years before moving his family to Waco to teach at Baylor University in 1977. When he retired from Baylor in 2006, he had taught for 47 years, including two years in Beijing, People's Republic of China. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Defiance College in 1988. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, and son, Lon; brother, Dennis; and half brother, Tom McDowell. He is survived by two daughters, Lisa and DeNae; brother, Marvin, and half brother, Richard McDowell. Memorial gifts may be made to The Wanda May LeMaster Service Award, c/o Michele Tinker, Defiance College, 701 N. Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512.

WILLIAM CHANEY

Professor Emeritus William Chaney, 93, passed away Sept. 7, at the Laurels of Defiance. Bill and Eileen were married for 69 years and resided in the Tiffin, Ohio, area until moving to the Defiance area in 1963. He was an associate professor of English and business writing at Defiance College until retirement in 1983. He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and an emeritus member of the Modern Language Association. He served as a technical sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Their children are Gary Chaney of Sherwood, Ohio; Coleen (Jim) Vincent of Omaha, Neb.; Deanna (Tim) Smith of Osseo, Mich.; and Carol (Bill) Halstead of Manotick, Ontario, Canada. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is survived by brothers, Van, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Ralph of Bedford, Texas, and a sister, Jean Ann Kelbley of Bloomville, Ohio. He was preceded in death by brothers, Dean and Jack.

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