

# Education

## Art teacher receives SOAEA award

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Peter Berwald, Oakwood resident and Springboro High School art teacher was presented the Southwest Ohio Art Education Association's Outstanding Art Teacher Award in a ceremony held at the Cincinnati Art Museum. With Springboro High School principal Dr. Ron Malone in attendance, Peter spoke about the value of the visual arts in society as non-verbal creative expression, while poking fun at those who see teaching art as an easy

profession. In addition to offering traditional introduction to art and drawing classes, Peter teaches Digital Visual Media, a class that instructs students in the intricacies of photographic manipulation and other computer based art applications. "By incorporating lessons I've learned about technology and the business side of art into my classes, I believe my students have an edge on the job market and are more informed about art and its place in the world."

## Student named Merit semifinalist

The Miami Valley School senior Julian Ceipek, of Oakwood, was named a semifinalist by the National Merit Program and will continue to be in the running for more than \$35 million in college scholarships.

Ceipek became a semifinalist based on his performance on last year's PSAT. Semifinalists represent less than the top one percent of all high school seniors in the United States. Around 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing. About half of those students will be selected as scholarship winners in March.

More than 13 percent of seniors at The Miami Valley School were also named semifinalists by the program. Earlier this month, nearly 20 percent of the senior class received AP Scholar Awards for their performance on last year's College Board Advance



Julian Ceipek

Placement (AP) exams.

The Miami Valley School is Dayton's only independent, non-sectarian, college-preparatory school. Founded in 1964, the school is located in Washington Township and serves students from early childhood to twelfth grade from 34 surrounding communities.

## E.D. Smith Fall Festival & Pumpkin Sale Oct. 10



The E.D. Smith PTO will hold its annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Smith School (1701 Shafer Blvd). This is not your typical fall pumpkin sale . . . it is a day of merriment and family fun that includes pumpkins, corn shocks, hay bales, baked goods, and food. There will be also several craft stations to keep the little ones busy so

that mom and dad can catch up on neighborhood news. You can make a quick stop or spend the day – it is up to you. Have lunch; join in the tug-of war, sack races or other relay games. Local artist and E.D. Smith parent, Peter Berwald, will be painting pumpkins at the Festival. A story teller and pumpkin carvers will also be on hand. Watch for more updates as the Festival gets closer!

## International Walk to School Day Oct. 7

Harman and Smith Schools in Oakwood will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 7, 2009. Approximately 300 – 400 students from each school will be walking or biking to school along with friends and family.

The event will begin at 7:45 a.m. with kids, parents and community leaders walking from all areas of Oakwood. Other special activities associated with the walk include reception tables with water and high fives.

In the U.S., International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connec-



tions between families, schools and the broader community.

The event is being organized by the Physical Education teachers with support from the PTO. The intent is to promote habits of walking and biking to school, helping enhance children's health and reduce traffic congestion and pollution. There is also the celebration of Oakwood's safe walking routes and the community

spirit so evident as people meet and greet at our schools every morning. Children will also have the significant LEARNING benefit of physical activity prior to engaging in the lessons of the day. Oakwood is invited to join the "Walk / Bike Oakwood" initiative that has people moving on their own two feet. For additional local information, please contact Carol Enns any time at 689-9035.

## Speech & Debate fundraiser Oct. 7

The Oakwood Speech and Debate Team presents its first fundraiser of the year at LaRosa's on Wednesday, Oct. 7. On that day, order anytime from open until close and the Speech and Debate Team earns 20 percent of the pro-

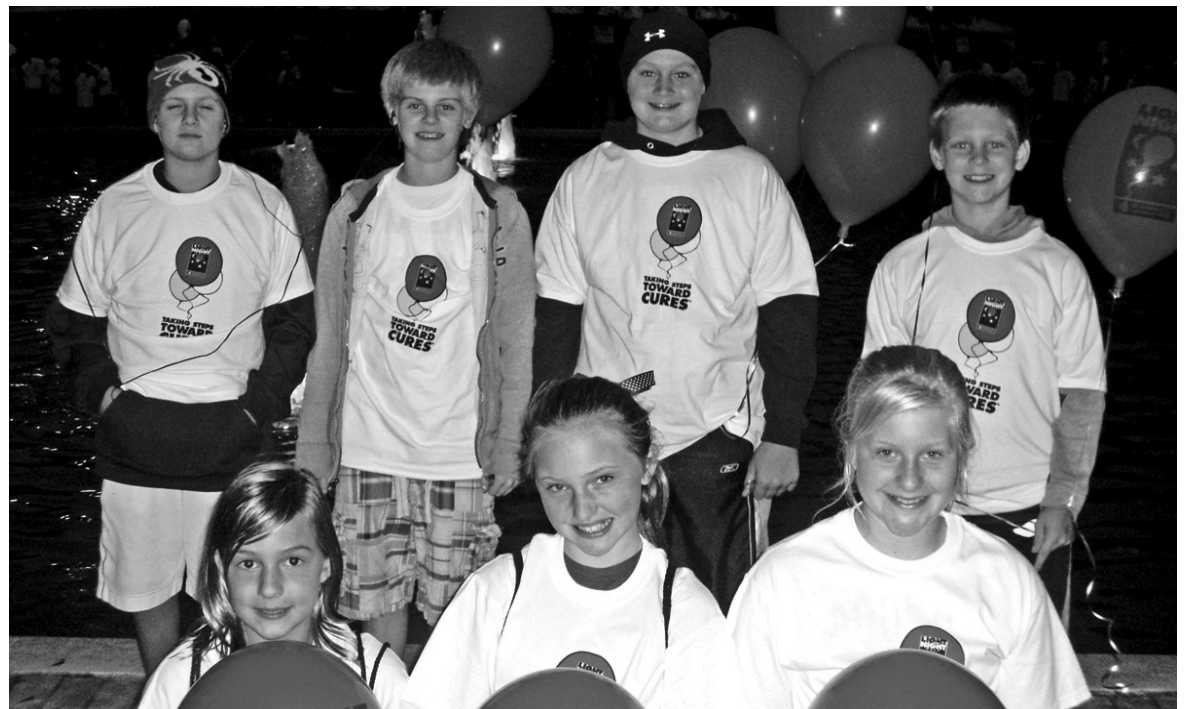
ceeds. Dine in, pick up or delivery! Please print the flier found on the Oakwood Register website (<http://www.oakwoodregister.com/>) and present the coupon printed on the right hand side with your order.

Proceeds from this team fund-

raiser help pay for tournament costs such as transportation, judges and hotels. Your support is very much appreciated!

LaRosa's is located at 2801 Wilmington Pike, just north of the Dorothy Lane intersection.

## Jr. High students 'Light the Night'



Cole Frederick, an OJHS 8th grader, led a team including his brother Chase and several other Oakwood students in a charity effort for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) "Light the Night Walk" at the Fraze Pavilion October 1st. Cole spearheaded this effort to honor his grandfather who is battling Leukemia, as well as for others affected by the disease in the Dayton area. Thanks to generous donations by family, friends and neighbors, Cole and his team raised \$800 for the LLS. Over 1,000 people participated in the walk which generated a Dayton area record of more than \$200,000 for the charity. LLS, founded in 1954, is the nation's leading voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Congratulations to Cole and his team! Light The Night Team: pictured, front row (L-R): Jill Gadd, Isabel Lovett, Jaclyn Frank; back row (L-R): Andy Mahew, Cole Frederick, Michael Hoecht, Chase Frederick; not pictured: Conor Woodie.