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Three faculty members from Wright State University's College of Liberal Arts are featured in Ohio Magazine's annual Excellence in Education Recognition Program in the December issue.

Martin Maner, professor of English, Sarah Twill, assistant professor of social work, and Donna Schlagheck, chair and professor of political science, were nominated for the honor by Wright State students and colleagues. They are among 139 faculty members from Ohio colleges and universities who Ohio Magazine calls "exemplary teachers...expert, enthusiastic and committed to their students." "Each of these professors is deserving of recognition for essential academic values such as innovation in teaching, international understanding and intellectual rigor. I am so proud of them and pleased that people across the state will have the opportunity to get to know them on the pages of Ohio Magazine," said Charles Taylor, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "It's an honor for them personally and for the college and university as well." The special issue of the magazine, which goes to 378,000 readers, will also include a story on higher education, "Head of the Class."

To suggest an Applause candidate, email editor@xeniagazette.com or editor@fairborndailyherald.com

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Xenia police officers respond to a reported armed robbery on Washington Street, where it was reported that three armed men entered the apartment residence.

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Police search for three men in attempted armed robbery

By AARON KEITH HARRIS

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XENIA — Xenia police were searching Monday evening for three men whose attempted armed robbery at a Washington Street apartment resulted in a shot being fired.

Three black males, who were known to their victims, entered 205 Washington St. about 4:23 p.m. and demanded money from an adult male victim, said Xenia Police Division Capt. Dan Donahue. Two other adults and one infant were also in the apartment.

Two of the intruders displayed handguns, Donahue said, then a struggle ensued during which a round was fired into the ceiling, injuring no one.

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Public invited to meeting about Main Street improvements

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XENIA — City officials will meet with citizens, business owners and other stakeholders Tuesday afternoon in an effort to get input on improving Xenia's main gateway corridor.

City Planner Nimfa Simpson invited the public to attend all or part of the meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Police, 258 Dayton Avenue.

"Most people when they drive through the main gateway to the city, they just don't get a good impression of

what Xenia is all about," said Simpson of the reasons for the West Main Street Enhancement Project, which is coordinated by the City of Xenia in cooperation with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Ohio Department of Transportation.

More people enter Xenia on West

Main Street than on any other street, Simpson said, but the stretch from Allison Avenue to Progress Drive is dominated by a view of private residential backyards and spaces lacking attractive landscaping and vegetative

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Base observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By MARY BETH LEHMAN

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WPAFB — The dream is alive, and it was apparent at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Club Monday afternoon.

The club played host to the 2008

Birthday Observance Luncheon honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an annual event that invites all personnel with base access to celebrate King's legacy.

The event included a musical

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Mary Beth Lehman/Greene County Dailies

The Choir from Tabernacle Baptist Church opens the MLK Observance Luncheon with a performance of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Sears to seek Office of Recorder

Eric "Ric" Sears, the owner of Sears Title and Abstract, will seek the Office of Recorder for Greene County in the Republican Primary.

Sears Title and Abstract associates with a wide range of title, real estate and closing companies in Greene County. Over the past 30 years, Eric has dealt personally with the recorders' offices in Greene County and surrounding counties on a daily basis. Through this interaction, Eric has learned first-hand that there is a need for a change in the Greene County Recorder's Office, and he wants to help institute that change. With the support of several other court officials as well as his family and business associates, Eric hopes to use his 30 years of experience to improve the functioning of the Greene County Recorder's Office.

The Office of the Recorder is an administrative position that will ben-



Sears

efit from Eric's decades of experience in title and real estate work. The office in every other county is treated as a full time working position. This position involves detailed work that requires an extensive knowledge of the law and a commitment of both time and energy. Eric has always taken pride in his family, his work habits and his knowledge of the job, and he is dedicated to devoting his skills to the benefit of the Office of the Recorder. He will be the type of recorder that the residents of Greene County deserve.

Eric obtained his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business from

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Andrea Malavich, Recreation Program Coordinator (R) accepts some cds and books from Cedarville resident, Brittany Flesch (L) for the upcoming CD, Book and Movie Swap scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at James Ranch Park in Xenia. In return for Ms. Flesch's donation, she receives a ticket to redeem the same number of items from the swap.

Swap set for Saturday

By AARON KEITH HARRIS

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XENIA — The Greene County Recreation, Parks & Cultural Arts Department has an offer for those whose CD, DVD or book collections may be overflowing.

The CD, Book & Movie Swap is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 19 at James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Road in Xenia.

"The idea came from how kids get books, DVDs and CDs for Christmas," said Russell Stine, parks department recreation director. "So this is a chance to clean out some of the items they don't watch, read or listen to anymore and give over people a chance to read them."

In order to participate, Stine said, people can drop off their gently used

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Compassionate medicine

Couple serves Africans medically, spiritually

By ELIZABETH STUDEBAKER
Feature Writer

Soon after Harry and Echo VanderWal met during their sophomore year at Pensacola Christian College they realized they both wanted to be medical missionaries, to touch the sick in the name of Jesus.

Their identical life calling evolved into love. They shared an overwhelming desire to serve Africans both medically and spiritually, prompting their transfer to Cedarville University, with a Christian

foundation and strength in its science department.

Harry learned about Swaziland from a colleague. The couple visited there for the first time in 2004 with their four sons — three year-old triplets and a two-month old baby.

They found the medical need to be great and the spiritual need even greater. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 10% of the world's population. Sixty-three percent of the HIV victims live there. Some 8,500

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Dream

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selection from the Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir, interpretive dance, live music from the Air Force Band of Flight and a catered lunch provided by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Club.

"The dream is still alive, and it's not over," Chaplain Capt. Dwayne Jones said. "There's a lot of hope that we really are coming together as one nation, one community and one military family."

Jones chaired a committee of 15 organizers for the annual luncheon. One of the primary tasks of the group was to decide who to bring in as a keynote speaker, which Jones said was not much of a decision once the group decided on Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, president of Wilberforce University.

"We know what he brings to the table," Jones said. "He's a great speaker and a former congressman. He's very dynamic, and he knows the atmosphere of diversity."

Flake said he was more than happy to oblige.

"I'm overjoyed they asked me," Flake said. "Every year I

do about seven or eight of these speeches, and I am always thankful because people are still interested. Crowds still show up, which means they know there is serious work that needs to be done to resolve the issues that keep us from being a stronger nation."

Flake said many of the speeches surrounding Martin Luther King Jr. center on his "I have a dream" speech, but he decided to take separate route, focusing on another famous speech.

"I've chosen his 'I've been to the mountaintop speech,' to give some thought as it relates to what would he say about our progress that has brought us to the promise land and how are we living in the promise land."

More than 400 people attended the luncheon, taking the time Monday not only to reflect on progress but to open the discussion about where to go next.

"I hope people get out of this that we are closer to becoming a more diverse group," Jones said. "We are united in spite of all the things that are going on, and we are transcending the color barrier."

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Wright State University, and he maintains his underwriter's license in real estate. He has been married to his wife Carol, a school teacher in Sugarcreek, for 35 years, and they have three children. His oldest daughter Erika is a speech pathologist with Greene County Educational Service Center, and she is currently working in the Sugarcreek School System. Erika lives in Beaver Creek with her husband Dan, a Greene County businessman. Eric's son Drew works as a science teacher and soccer coach at Strivers School for the Arts, and his wife Kim teaches special education in Yellow Springs at Greene County Educational Service

Center. Eric's youngest daughter, Kelley, is studying education at Ohio University, and has previously worked for the City of Beaver Creek.

Eric and his family have always taken an active role in the Greene County community, especially through education and athletics. Eric helped to develop the original PTO basketball league and he previously volunteered with the Soccer Association and Celtic Soccer programs. He has been a life-long supporter of Greene County schools. Eric Sears can be reached at SearsForRecorder@gmail.com and at: "Sears For Recorder," Thomas O'Diam, Treasurer 75 Harbert Drive Beaver Creek, Ohio 45440.

Street

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screening. The corridor also lacks entry signage that would let people know they're entering Xenia.

Several years ago the Xenia Rotary Club raised funds to install landscaping in the median of this corridor and along the north and south side of the road, a move that sparked interest to continue

improving the corridor, Simpson said.

The city has secured some funding to start the design phase of the project, which will benefit from community input at Tuesday's meeting, Simpson said.

The R. D. Zande consultant firm will have maps and drawings of the areas under discussion for participants to use, and refreshments will be provided.

Swap

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books, CDs, DVDs and VHS cassettes at one of three locations during this week. For every item dropped off, you get a voucher to pick up one item of the same type at the Saturday swap, where all items will be displayed.

Additional books or tapes may be picked up with a suggested 50-cent donation, Stine said, while additional DVDs or CDs will be available for suggested \$1 donation.

"Hopefully, the people who come out to one of our parks will get to know the park and what they're all about," Stine said.

A librarian from the Greene County Library will be on hand Saturday for story time with younger children while parents and older children

browse. CD, Book & Movie Swap drop-off locations and times:

- James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Road, Xenia
 - o Tuesday, Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - o Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - o Thursday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Road, Beaver Creek
 - o Thursday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Greene County Parks Office, 651 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia
 - o Through Thursday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Greene County Parks at 937-562-7440 or visit the web site at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks.

Africa

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Africans die every day and another 12,000 are infected. Right now, 28 million people are HIV positive. In the next five years the number may double. The whole generation from age 23 to 40 is almost gone.

The orphan population is growing daily. Fifty percent of the Swazi people are younger than 17 years or age and 50% of the children are orphans. In 2006, the VanderWals traveled thousands of miles to reach 8000 people who have little or no medical care.

Each of their patients is counseled and prayed with Through their Luke Commission, Dr. Harry and Echo, a physician's assistant, organize clinics in rural areas of Swaziland and serve the poor through donations including medical supplies, clothing, even eyeglasses. Prescription glasses are fit by a computerized auto refractor. One older man exclaimed, "Now I can see a bee pass by!" A young boy was delighted that "these glasses can see better than my eyes."

Because of the AIDS epidemic which is the highest in the world, Swaziland is desperate for help. Hospitals are overcrowded, drugs in short supply and there is a massive shortage of doctors and nurses.



Dr. Harry VanderWal treating a Swazi pediatric patient while one of his sons looks on.

The work being done by Dr. Harry and Echo VanderWal and their helpers is highly appreciated by the government of Swaziland. They're reaching the very people the government cannot reach because of the lack of vehicles, personnel and drugs.

Monthly averages for The Luke Commission bush clinics are staggering: 3753 patients treated 1437 eyeglasses distributed 1641 HIV/AIDs orphans fitted with new clothing and shoes 1531 Bibles distributed 1252 maternity and pediatric patients given new shoes and clothing 1590 decisions to receive Christ as Savior. The approximate cost each month on the ground in Africa is

\$30,000. As they prepare to leave on their sixth trip to Swaziland later in January, the VanderWals say their time in Africa has taught them much: they've learned the language and culture; what people eat and what not to drink; how to scale the mountainous roads. More than any knowledge gained, they've acquired a love and respect for the Swazi people.

"They teach us, we simply doctor them," Dr. Harry and Echo say. To learn more about the VanderWal's medical ministry, The Luke Commission, which they established to organize clinics in rural area of Swaziland and serve the poor, log onto www.lukecommission.org or call 1-866-351-1254.

Robbery

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When one of the victims said to call the police, the three suspects fled on foot, police said.


One male victim suffered minor injuries during the struggle, but did not require immediate medical treatment, police

said.

Based on interviews conducted at the scene, Xenia police began a search for the following three men: Jeffery M. Anderson, 20, five feet 10 inches tall, 200 pounds; Jarael Rausheed Brown, 23, six feet tall, 250 pounds; and Todd A.

Turner, 20, five feet six inches tall, 145 pounds.

Donahue said the suspects should be considered armed and dangerous, and he asked anyone with information on their whereabouts to call the Xenia Police Division at 372-9901.



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