

## STATE/LOCAL

## Memorials

## Dorothy Myers



July 27, 1923 - June 9, 2009  
Dorothy Amelia Van Wert Naylor Myers died peacefully in the company of her family on June 9, 2009.

She was born in the small town of Peckville, Pennsylvania, on July 27, 1923, to parents Grace Amelia Brock Van Wert and William Benson Van Wert.

Dorothy graduated with Honors from Blakely High School in Peckville, where she also served as a Class Officer. She later earned an Associates Degree in Business Science from Scranton-Lackawanna Junior College, also with Honors for achievement. She continued her lifelong learning experiences at The Ohio State University, Bowling Green University, Malone College, and The University of Akron.

Her professional career included eleven years of service with Revco Drug Store Inc., where Dorothy served as an Administrative Assistant responsible for executive office operations. She oversaw numerous special projects including continuing education programs for more than 4,000 pharmacists.

After her retirement, Dorothy enjoyed working part-time at Kent State University Registration office, as an Enumerator for the Census Bureau, and as Editor of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Newsletter. She was also an active Member of the League of Women Voters and the Kent Environmental Council.

An avid gardener, Dorothy often gathered friends and family in her garden, where she delighted in planning seasons of colorful blooms. An adventurer at heart, Dorothy learned to ski at the age of 65 and enjoyed both cross country and downhill.

Dorothy is survived by loving husband Dr. R. Thomas Myers, and her two sons William Brock Naylor and James Alan Naylor, and three grandchildren.

The family will welcome friends and offer them the opportunity to share stories of Dorothy's life at a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, 228 Gougler Avenue. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, or to Crossroads Hospice. (RC 06-17-2009)

## John H. Weaver

John H. Weaver, 93, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Parkman, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009 at his residence. He was born March 4, 1916 in Parkman, Ohio to the late Harry and Maryann (Mast) Weaver. John was a truck mechanic and a farmer.

He is survived by his sons, Andrew (Verba) of Sarasota, John (Barbara) of Petersburg, W.Va., Harvey J. of Middlefield; daughters, Marian (Gerald) Wicks of Grand Rapids, MI, Martha Brown of Parkman, Elizabeth Martin of Middlefield, Emma (Rick) Franco of Rupert, W.Va., Sarah (Don) Cumber of Pembroke, VA; brothers, Elmer of Parkman, Mahlon (Alta) of Phoenix, AZ, Irvin (Peggy) of Colebrook, Dan (Polly) of Parkman and Andy (Betty) of Parkman;

sisters, Martha (Freeman) Kuhns of Parkman, Elizabeth Miller of Parkman; 28 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Sarah (nee Schlabach); daughters, Betty and Barbara; brothers, Pete, Elwin, and Joe; sister, Emma, daughter-in-law, Esther, and sons-in-law, Allen Brown and Sam Martin.

Calling hours are 2-4 and 6-8 PM on Thursday at Parkman Congregational Church, 18255 Main St., Parkman, Oh. 44080 where funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Friday with Rev. Ray Mullet and Rev. Dale Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Overlook Cemetery in Parkman. Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 8382 Center St., Garrettsville, Oh. 44231 have been entrusted with local arrangements.

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## 2-year sentence for break-in

A Mogadore man was sentenced to two years in prison for breaking into a neighbor's home.

Brian Alleshouse, 34, of 1694 Swartz Road, was sentenced June 8 on a charge of aggravated burglary, a second-degree felony, that occurred in October 2008.

He pleaded guilty on March 19.

In addition to two years in prison, Alleshouse was ordered to pay \$750 plus court costs.

"When you force your way into someone's house, it is a burglary, said Portage County Prosecutor Victor Viguicci.

University in the textiles and clothing program.

Campbell has received numerous awards for his wearable, digital, textile art in regional, national and international exhibitions.

He graduated from the University of California at Davis with both a bachelor's degree in environmental design with an emphasis in visual communication and textile arts in 1994 and a master's degree in textile arts and costume design in 1996.

in marijuana, a fourth-degree felony, in January, but changed his plea before Portage County Common Pleas Court Judge Laurie Pittman on Friday.

Portage County Prosecutor Victor Viguicci said the charge was upgraded to a fourth-degree felony because of the restaurant's proximity to Holden Elementary School.

will resume on July 6.

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## ELYRIA

Teen sentenced to 23 years  
Killed mother and wounded father over video games

Associated Press

ELYRIA — A northeast Ohio teen who shot and killed his mother and wounded his minister father was sentenced Tuesday to 23 years to life in prison for crimes rooted in his obsession with video games with violent themes.

Daniel Petric, 17, who could have gotten life without parole, shook his head slightly, sniffled and held back tears but sat down without saying a word when given the chance by Lorain County Common Pleas Judge James Burge.

Petric's eyes were red from crying when his father, Mark Petric, asked the judge to be lenient and said his son regrets killing his mother and reminds his father often that he is glad his father

survived.

As for his mother, Daniel Petric's frequent comment is "Dad, I miss mom. I miss mom," the father said.

"He still does not understand why he did something so terrible," Mark Petric told the judge.

The prosecution disputed the contention that Petric had shown remorse for the crimes and asked for the maximum sentence.

Besides his father, Petric's sister, grandfather and other family members attended the hearing in Elyria, about 20 miles southwest of Cleveland. Some wiped away tears.

Petric was convicted of shooting his parents in October 2007 after they took the game "Halo 3" away from him. The judge, who heard the case without a jury, said at the time of the verdict that

the teen was so obsessed over a video game that he may have believed that, like the characters in the game, death wasn't real.

The defense claimed his age and addiction to the game made him less responsible.

In the video game "Halo 3," players shoot alien monsters that have taken over the Earth.

Mark Petric, speaking for the family, said a sentence short of life without parole would give his son a second chance.

"He has severe regret and remorse and guilt," said Mark Petric, who has visited his son weekly in jail and speaks with him by phone several times a week.

"I see the pain and guilt in his eyes," he said as his son, his head bowed, cried quietly.

## STANTON STUDENT HONORED

Author Terry Trueman congratulates Stanton Middle School student Samantha Causey, who won the journalism writing contest at the 22nd Anniversary Reading and Writing Festival recently held at Kent State University. The award recognizes the best student essay written about a selected festival book. Sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact, the Reading and Writing Festival provides activities to stimulate student reading and increase the level of student writing and other skills. Guest author Terry Trueman spoke with students at the annual event, which drew more than 250 middle school students from the compact and other school districts. Festival planning committee members include Peggy Henry, teacher at Stanton Middle School in Kent.



## RAVENNA

## Nine years for sexual imposition charge

A Ravenna man was sentenced to nine years in prison for three counts of gross sexual imposition involving a girl under the age of 13.

Scott Straw, 30, of 549 E. Lake Street, was sentenced June 8 to three years for each third-degree felo-

ny charge by Judge Lorie Pittman in Portage County Common Pleas Court.

Straw was arrested by the Portage County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 21 after the victim disclosed the incidents, which occurred between January 2004 and

July 2006, said Portage County Prosecutor Victor Viguicci.

He pleaded guilty May 8.

Straw will be labeled a Tier 3 sex offender, meaning he will need to register for life, Viguicci said.

## Hiram

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said she recognizes the importance of also increasing faculty and staff with quality educators to adequately serve students.

"We're going to have to have enough faculty to instruct the student body," she said. "We want to nurture curiosity in liberal arts students. We want them to go out and find questions, then go out and find their own answers."

Her official title is dean of academic affairs and dean of faculty. Among her responsibilities will be overseeing faculty and staff.

Among her goals is to create an advanced faculty evaluation model in order to maintain the quality of the staff, she said.

"With this faculty, everyone is committed to doing their best for Hiram College," she said. "We have the best of both worlds here — senior, experienced faculty. And then you've got the young kids coming in with all their energy. I like to think I have a foot in both of those camps."

Hiram President Tom Chema said he was impressed with Torsney's track record in data-driven strategic planning and her experience in academic affairs.

"She impressed the people who met her during the search process, and the Board of Trustees communicated how much they look forward to working with her in the future."

A native of Youngstown, Torsney earned her B.A. from

Allegheny College with majors in English and French, her M.A. in English from Louisiana State University and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida. She has 25 years of experience in university-level teaching and has published numerous books and articles.

With strong connections to Allegheny, Torsney said she understands the value of a liberal arts education for undergraduate students in an intimate learning environment.

And she likens her experience thus far to that of her alma mater.

"Hiram is a lot like Allegheny — smaller classes, beautiful campus, committed alumni and innovative programs," Torsney said, adding that she was immediately impressed with the diverse student body. "The attraction was to return to a smaller, more intimate liberal arts college — an intimate atmosphere for learning."

But she said she is trading in her Allegheny and WVU apparel to pull for her new team — the Hiram Terriers.

"I feel like I'm home," she said. "I recognize the rhythm of the seasons and the shape of the leaves on the trees. It feels very much like home."

## Jarvis

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"I'm proud of what I do," she said. "I'm proud of the men and women I serve with because they show phenomenal amounts of dedication to their family and their country."

Jarvis said her time in Iraq made her thankful for the simple comforts of home, including her bathtub.

"When you are living in a tent, when you don't have the ability to see your family, when you don't have Christmas or Thanksgiving or the opportunity to exercise the simple freedom of going to the grocery store, you appreciate everything that you have," she said.

Jarvis did get to bring one piece of home with her to Iraq though. She shared the skies with her fiancé, who also is a pilot in her battalion. Jarvis credits her fiancé's presence and the unity of her fellow soldiers for making the deployment

## NEOUCOM

## Professor honored by Ohio group

ROOTSTOWN — Michelle L. Cudnik, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Northeastern Ohio Colleges of Medicine



Cudnik

and Pharmacy, received the Ohio Health-System Pharmacist of the Year Award from the Ohio Health-System Pharmacist Association at the organization's annual meeting held in Columbus.

The OSHP Pharmacist of the Year Award recognizes a health-system pharmacist who is of high integrity, has high professional ideals and exemplifies the practice of health-system pharmacy at its best.

Cudnik, a founding faculty member of the College of Pharmacy, holds a shared position as the clinical lead pharmacist in Summa Health System's Internal Medicine Center. She also holds an appointment in the College of Medicine's Department of Internal Medicine.

bearable.

"The men and women who are there for such selfless reasons come together in less than perfect situations and maintain that high moral," she said. "That's what's amazing."

Jarvis said support from the people at home also attributed to their high spirits. She knew her family was nervous about her deployment, but Jarvis said they have always been supportive of her military decisions.

"There is something I've always told my kids about supporting them 100 percent as long as its not illegal, immoral or dangerous," Huth said. "She kind of crossed the line with the dangerous."

For now, Jarvis plans to return to her marketing job, but will continue to serve and fly.

"There's a sense of freedom you don't understand unless you're up in the air like that," she said. "There's nothing in the Army I'd rather do than fly helicopters."

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## KSU

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statement.

For the past four years, Campbell has been directing research and coordinating the running of the Centre for Advanced Textiles at The Glasgow School of Art in the United Kingdom. Prior to that, Campbell served as a professor at Iowa State

## Drugs

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thru window at the South Water Street restaurant to prepare marijuana for his other customers in the restroom.

Cobbin originally pleaded not guilty to trafficking

## District library to close July 4

All branches and offices of the Portage County District Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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